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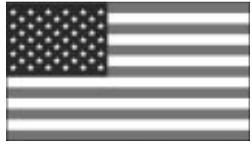
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## Chairman Announces Progress Against Drugs, Gangs

LEADING EDGE JOURNALISM

### Red Lake Chairman Jourdain Outlines Aggressive Proactive Multi-Band Plan at Second Annual Summit on Drugs and Gangs at Red Lake

RED LAKE -- With Red Lake authorities citing the 2007 busts of the "Pablo" (Martinez-Miranda) cocaine ring (at least 28 persons were arrested) as substantially limiting the flow of this deadly poison onto the Red Lake Nation (Red Lake Officer Pat Graves: "I think anytime you get a substantial bust like that, it helps law enforcement. . . . We have seen a decrease in the drug problem . . ."); Floyd "Buck" Jourdain Jr., the charismatic and well-visioned Chairman of the Red Lake Nation, unveiled to its citizens and the world, what the Red Lake Nation, as well as other Native American bands of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, and First Nation (Canadian) bands, have done, collectively, to rid themselves of this problem, and progress made; in his moving address at the 2nd annual Summit on Drugs and Gangs, held Feb. 14th and 15th, 2008, at the Red Lake Humanities Center, adjacent to the Red Lake Casino.

It was a cold day February 14th, when the Chairman opened the summit, but neither the 10 degree cold, nor some of the authorities scheduled to be there being a bit late due to having to respond to an

emergency, kept people from turning out and filling the floor seats, and overflowing into the bleachers. The two-day summit designed to severely cramp the style of drug pushers and gang recruiters, was coordinated in conjunction with the Minnesota Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA), the U.S. Dept. of Justice, and other law enforcement, medical, and educational agencies.

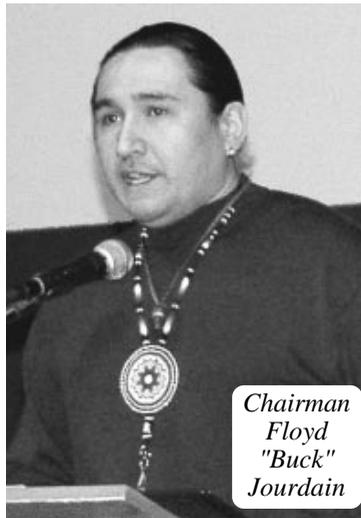
Presentations included a comprehensive delineation of gang activities, with graphic visuals, by Minneapolis officers, Sgt. William Blake, and Robert Thunder; informative sessions with other law enforcement officers; community meetings and panel discussions, detailed information on methamphetamine, cocaine, and the Tribal Courts, and testimony from medical professionals as to the effects of drugs and how to counter addiction. Opening drum songs were provided, each day, by the Battle River Drum Group, and the Invocation, Feb. 14th, by Mr. Larry Stillday, Tribal Elder. The award-winning Hip-Hop group, *Red Nation* provided music attuned to the likes of young people there.

**Quiet Thunder.** Following the Invocation and the opening drum, Chairman Jourdain, masterfully, but with his soft-spoken, "plain folks straight-talk" rapport, uncanny for someone of his stature but for which he is known, took the podium, and issued powerful words that would fall hard upon anyone who was contemplating drug or gang activity on the Red Lake Nation; condensed and concise, within his short impromptu and unscripted, but fact-filled, talk:

"I tried to write a speech this morning but, . . .

"We have some people who are responding to an emergency right now, so some of the people who wanted to be here will be in a little bit later.

"I want to start this morning, first of all, by thanking the drum group and thanking our Spiritual Elder, Larry Stillday, for doing the opening ceremony; and make



Chairman Floyd "Buck" Jourdain

some acknowledgments as to some of the organizers here who make this event possible. *This is the second one!* Last year, we were really pleased with the turnout and the way things went and what followed after we had our sessions here last year.

"I'd like to thank the organizers. First of all, I'd like to thank the Red Lake Tribal Council and all of the members for supporting these type of events on the Red Lake Reservation, Chemical Health Programs work very hard to see that this summit is happening again this year, Project Safe Neighborhoods, Alice Benais, the Dept. of Public Safety, the Red Lake Schools, the Red Lake Youth Council, Red Lake Gaming and the Red Lake Casino for hosting this event; I know I'm going to be missing somebody, I apologize for that, but also I'd like to thank the Mpls. Police Dept., and Fox Valley [Technical College] for graciously accepting our invitation and come back and facilitate the summit this year." (loud applause)

"I'm also proud to announce that at this year's Summit will be a 'youth-track' this year. That was one of the things that was suggested under the sessions last year and also [by] the Red Lake Schools; they were limited in what they could do in attending last year's, so we wanted to make sure that we reached out to the youth and talked to them and got their voices heard; because we had 'break-out' sessions and stuff that happened last year, and the School was kind of bringing over classes whenever they could to participate, but *this year* they said 'we'd like to do something'. So we're really fortunate to have with (Cont'd, "Chairman," page 12)

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## Corruption Erupts in E. Gull Lake

LEADING EDGE JOURNALISM

EAST GULL LAKE -- A shroud of mystery surrounds the firing of 14-year East Gull Lake Wastewater Super, Randy Ramsdell, and city officials are tighter than a clamshell on the issue.

**The Players. Maureen K. Cirks** is the extremely beautiful blonde *City Administrator* for East Gull Lake. Routinely, the City Administrator is the person charged with doing day-to-day bookkeeping, billing city charges (like water, etc.), and paying bills for the City. Married into an influential Nevis family, Maureen Cirks had, for many years, been the City Clerk for the City of Nevis, Minn., where she, and the *Deputy City Clerk* that she had requested (this is for a city of 364 people) exacted salaries that amounted, each year, to about \$142 for every man, woman, and child in Nevis.

Following the Minnesota State Auditor finding several irregularities in Nevis's books, (see *State Auditor Cites Irregularities At Nevis, NH* of 3/23/02, at [northernherald.com](http://northernherald.com)), Mrs. Cirks moved on to a town with a higher tax base. She landed in East Gull Lake.

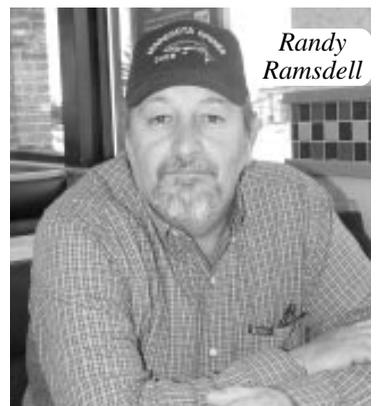
Other E. Gull Lake city officials mentioned herein include:

**Brenda Thomes - Deputy Clerk-Treasurer** (essentially an assistant/sidekick to the Administrator)

**Mayor-Dave Kavanaugh**, who also owns Kavanaugh's Resort in E. Gull Lake.

**City Councilor (1 of 4) - Marty Carlson**, also owner of MG Carlson Construction, Baxter.

**Randy Ramsdell** had been the E. Gull Lake Wastewater Superintendent for almost 15 years, until his surprise firing at a 3/20/07 meeting of the 3-member "wastewater committee", attended by Cirks, and committee members Kavanaugh, Carlson, and Ike Halliwill. Although, on inquiry, City Attorney Tom Fitzpatrick would say that the firing was



Randy Ramsdell

"ratified" by the full Council at their regular meeting 4/3/07, council minutes (<http://www.eastgulllake.govoffice.com>) disclose that the Council was only informed that Ramsdell was "no longer employed" by the City as of 3/20/07. The question was never put before the Council.

**A legal question** exists as to whether the termination by the wastewater committee, rather than the full council, was lawful; as M.S. 412.111 empowers the *Council*, in the absence of a *City Manager* (not the same as *Administrator*), to make these decisions. M.S. 412.621 allows statutory cities to establish a public utilities commission, but only in an advisory capacity, not to discharge the powers of the Council.

**City Attorney Tom Fitzpatrick** has adamantly maintained that the firing was lawful and proper. But neither Fitzpatrick, nor Cirks, will allow the inspection of the minutes of that 3/20/07 wastewater committee meeting, and *Northern Herald's* request for same was refused. It may be because they don't exist; Ramsdell said that although Cirks was there, "there was no minutes being taken at this meeting, she [Cirks] was just sitting at the desk back there, looking at us."

At the 03/20/07 meeting, **Jim** (Cont'd, "E. Gull Lake," p. 10)

### Corrections

(no, not even we are without sin)

• The name of the owner of **The Hawg Pen** cycle shop, Grand Rapids, is **Steve Storrs** (NH of 01/21/08, p. 3)

• The article (in NH of 01/21/08, p. 3), *Ridgeview Apts., Bemidji Has Tenant Arrested After Unlawful Eviction Attempt* was in error as to the name of the apartment complex. It is, correctly, the **Ridgeway Court Apartments**, at 2800 Ridgeway Ave., NW., Bemidji (follow-up on p. 11, this issue).

• The new Thrift Store (photos on p. 5 of NH of 01/21/08) was misstated as being at the Emmaville Store. Properly, the photos were taken, and the new thrift store is located, at the **Woodland Convenience Store, at Lake George, Minnesota** (photos/article, p. 8, this issue)

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## Beltrami County Changes No-Insurance Towing Policy But Towing for No-Insurance Still Not Authorized By State Law

BEMIDJI -- For many years, when a vehicle has been stopped by a deputy, and the driver is without proof of insurance, the vehicle has been routinely towed and impounded. Now, there's another option.

Now, we don't expect that anyone reading this paper is dumb enough to drive without insurance, but they might want to tell their less educated friends about this.

As well as putting the vehicle at risk of collision loss, when a person is cited for no-insurance, when he gets to court, he can expect the judge, who will have no sympathy for this, to assess a *hefty* fine (like \$500-\$1,000), cut the offender's driver's license and vehicle registration into little pieces, and maybe order the driver beheaded, depending on the judge's mood that day.

OK, this may be a small exaggeration, but not much. As one can see, it's not cost-effective to drive without insurance.

But what is of concern here is the disposition of the stopped vehicle. For many years, it has been policy, in Beltrami County, to have the vehicle towed and impounded. (There may not be authority for this, see *post*.)

Beltrami County is fortunate enough to have a well-trained and experienced Sheriff who wears a "white hat". When Sheriff Phil Hodapp came into office, he "inherited" the pre-existing towing policy. *Northern Herald* recently had reason to inquire on the policy, however, and when Sheriff Hodapp looked into it, he found it inequitable because, although he saw a need to get the car off of the road until insured,

that could be accomplished as well by a less expensive private tow, rather than a police-ordered tow and impoundment.

So as of May 5th, 2008, Hodapp had the policy changed so that if a vehicle is stopped, and found without proof of insurance, the driver may now call for a private tow to his residence or a "place of safety".

Sheriff Hodapp said that if one is stopped and cited as they enter their own driveway, they may be allowed to leave the car there after citing. Also, if the vehicle being stopped comes to rest on private property (like the parking lot of a store), rather than on the street, then the citing officer may allow it to remain there, as long as it's with the consent of the owner of the property. But if it's stopped on the street, the driver can't then drive it into a nearby parking lot - that would be unlawful operation of the vehicle.

And if they're pulled over, say, on a public street, the car will be towed, even if it would be legal to leave the car parked on the street. The driver's new option to use a private tow is generally much less expensive than a deputy-ordered tow.

Further, with a deputy-ordered tow, the impound yard is instructed not to release the vehicle (and accrue storage charges) until proof of insurance is presented. (The vehicle may be released without proof of insurance if towed out of the impound yard by a licensed towing company, but not on a trailer or car carrier pulled by the owner, even if in an insured vehicle.)

The Beltrami County change is a step in the right direction, however, **there does not appear to be Minnesota statutory authority** for requiring vehicles without proof of insurance to be immediately towed.

The Law. Minnesota Statutes (M.S.)  
(Continued, "Toad," page 10)



## Hackensack Residents Air Complaints

Below left, Hackensack residents



and business owners packed Council Chambers and overflowed the room, down the hallway, and out into the driveway and parking lot, as Duluth attorney Tom Murtha, at top left, makes an argument for action by the Council to investigate and resolve concerns regarding their new Police Chief, Joe Hastings, shown right. At top, the Hackensack patrol vehicle.

**HACKENSACK** -- The City of Hackensack is one of the premier summer places to be in Northern Minnesota. Located on scenic Birch Lake, there's almost always something going on, and the town is very hospitable and welcoming to all who come there. And they want to keep it that way.

In a heated meeting April 7th, 2008, that rendered the City Council Chambers standing room only - really, there wasn't even that - Hackensack residents and businesspeople brought their concerns about the law enforcement style of their new Police Chief, Joe Hastings, before the Council.

**What happened.** For about 17 years, Police Chief Mel Rateike had been *the law* in Hackensack. Kind of an Andy Taylor type, over the years he'd developed a style of tough law enforcement when necessary, tempered with the wisdom to know when it was, and when it wasn't. At one time he even participated in busting a meth house, along with Cass Co. deputies and others. Rateike always and foremost kept the peace in this friendly and welcoming, and busy, summertime showcase community.

That isn't always an easy job in a smaller city where, although all intend the best, different groups of people can have markedly different opinions on just how things should be done. But in Rateike's term, the biggest citizens' complaint against the Chief was that there wasn't enough of him.

In time, Chief Rateike retired and Hackensack had to find a new lawman. In 2007 they hired present Chief Joe Hastings.

It's as if, in Mayberry, Sheriff Andy Taylor retired, and Barney came in. Both are trained and skilled law officers, but with decidedly different styles of enforcement.

Hwy. 371 runs through Hackensack. With Chief Hastings cracking down on motorists who fail to slow down (the in-city speed limit is 30) some business owners now complain that the city is becoming known as a speed trap, and that's hurting business during economic times that are tough anyway. A Hackensack restaurant owner said, "Economically speaking, . . . there's *pull factors* and *leakage*, and we're not getting the pull from surrounding . . . communities like we used to. . . . Customers are choosing to go elsewhere . . . because

of an overzealous police officer. We're even losing our own hometown customers - that's called "leakage". Our customers are leaking out into the other communities . . . due to the negligence of our city councilmen [in not] responding to the community concern."

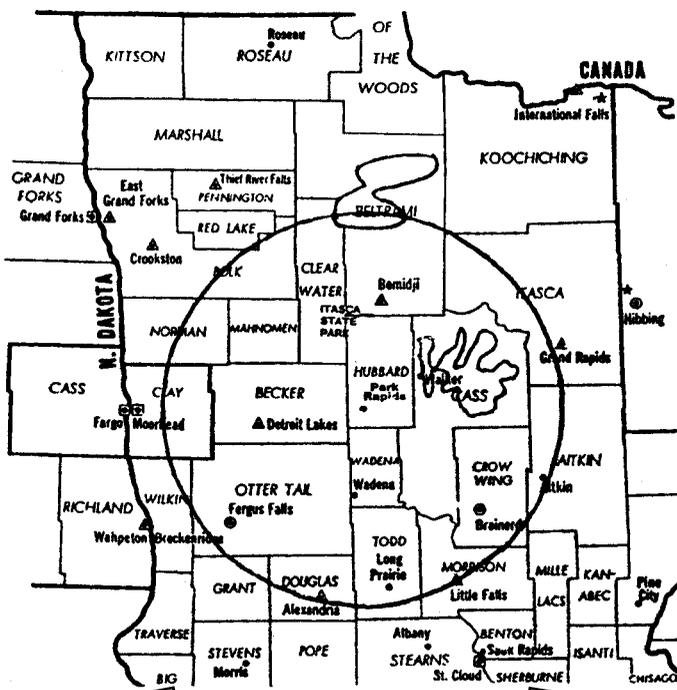
"Both officers [Hastings, and former Chief Rateike] do their job . . . it's *how* they do their job. Mel [Rateike] was a very personable people person. He did a very fine job, communicating and being part of the community. [Hastings] . . . doesn't want to be part of our community and is rude and arrogant to the people he has contact with," the restaurateur said, adding, "we're a family-owned business. We are not against law enforcement; we need to have police in town for criminals and stuff, but we don't need to pick on and badger the common hard-working visitor or resident."

The concerns of this business owner, and the many others who packed the hall, were addressed by attorney Tom Murtha, from Duluth, whom the residents and businesspeople had hired. He told the Hackensack City Council that he had been hired because the individual citizens had been rebuffed and intimidated when they had tried, individually, to present their concerns and complaints to the City.

Murtha said, "Communication has broken down. I've talked to about . . . 70 people [in a city of about 300]; they're all saying the same things about one law enforcement officer, and I think that warrants an investigation on the part of this City Council. . . . Obviously, something's going on here and it's really hurting you guys as a community . . . You're the City Council, the buck does stop with you guys. . . . I'd ask that you conduct an investigation . . . I don't want this to be some type of lynch mob . . . I want you to do it based on the facts, and you get to the facts by talking to the people that have the complaints . . . giving them a forum where they can talk to you about what's actually happening, and then give law enforcement an opportunity to respond to that. Or better yet, at the same time, provide law enforcement and the people that are complaining an opportunity (Cont'd, "Hackensack Council," p. 8)

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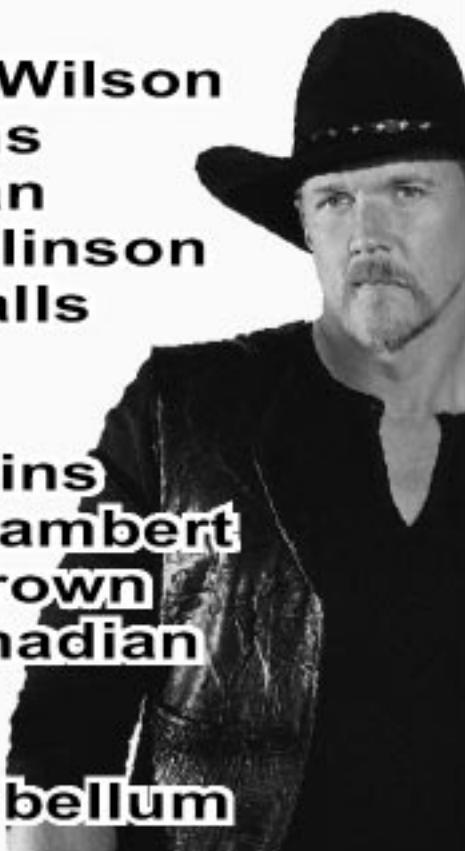
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## EDITORIALS - OPINION

### Your VCR/DVD Will Soon Be Unusable

The Bush administration has rendered millions of people's VCRs and DVDs obsolete. A lot of people have gotten converters, to use when the federal digital TV mandate goes into effect February, 2009; but what many don't realize is what that will do to their VCR.

Here's the scoop. If you have a non-digital VCR & TV, you won't be able to watch one program while recording another. That's because the "converter" only tunes one channel at a time.

But worse, your VCR can no longer be programmed to record multiple programs. That's because it will only receive the channel set on the converter box - it can no longer change channels to record another show.

Most people who record their

TV viewing will have to purchase new VCR/DVDs, which is maybe what the Bush administration, and it's FCC, had in mind.

Years ago, TV was supposedly deregulated with a "hands off" federal position. But that only applied as regards letting the stations bombard you with four minutes of commercials at a time, and hours of crappy (similar to a favorite Las Vegas dice game) informercials where entertaining broadcasting used to be. The "hands off" policy didn't stop the federal government from causing Americans to have to buy millions of dollars worth of new equipment just to continue watching TV. So goes the Bush administration. Profitable for business, while shafting the average American.

It's unfortunate that the Democrats, with the whole country to search, somehow couldn't come up with a single good candidate (were Hillary and Obama really the best they could do?), but that's how it is, with Democrats and Republicans.

must admit that I thoroughly enjoy reading your articles as well.

It is very laudable to know someone as yourself is not afraid to tackle reality head on, giving others a fresh perspective on some things that would otherwise not be touched by the mainstream media. Your humor and articulate insight is very appreciated by my brother and myself. Thanks again, and please keep up the exemplary journalism!

-- a subscriber from Southern Minnesota

### Letters to the Editor

#### READERS TOOT OUR HORN

I just wanted to thank you for sending my brother . . . the last edition of your paper in the mail. I sat down and read it aloud to him, as he lost his ability to read after his stroke in 1996.

I can honestly tell you that your paper elicits many laughs from him (myself included) and sparks his interest in learning more about the "stuff" up there in God's country. I

#### SS DISABILITY - TODAY'S NOUVEAU RICHE

## How To Live Well Without Working

In their late 40s now, a married couple lives on the outskirts of Bemidji in a newer home, with whirlpool bath, on a large open lot. Both drive newer cars.

While many families can't afford it, she raised her kids as a stay-at-home-mom. She doesn't like to work, not even to cook, so they can be seen feeding the kids at restaurants almost every day. For a time, one kid refused to eat anything much except McDonalds® french fries; so rather than apply some discipline and guidance, they could be found running out at all hours of the day or night to the drive-in whenever he got hungry.

And in these economically-troubled times, the family still enjoys many things middle-class working people don't. Things like \$50 pay per view sports events on

TV, all of the newest toys for the kids (some of whom have been arrested from time to time), including \$400 game sets, as well as alcohol and tobacco for the underaged ones.

Sometimes they fly to The Bahamas, or sometimes, with all of the kids, to Orlando. And every now and then, though in town, the couple takes a weekend at one of the local \$100+ a night luxury hotels, "just to get away."

In afternoons, around town, the wife can frequently be found at \$4 a cup coffee shops, and Bemidji's fashion stores. And sometimes they use their money to "help" a friend on food stamps (actually, a card, now) by, illegally, letting the friend buy their groceries and then giving her the cash.

Independently wealthy? Nope, just "depressed". Both claim to suffer from "depression", a doctor



Photo by The Lady Steele

signed off on it, and for many years, SS Disability has paid about \$700 a month to each of the husband and wife, plus \$300 for each of their 3 kids (with different last names). About \$27,600 a year for not working. How could anyone be "depressed" with that?

**More.** This "income" is tax-free, of course, and they don't pay the \$2,111 that would be withheld for Social Security and Medicare taxes, for a worker earning that amount.

SS disability is structured so a recipient can work part-time without affecting benefits. In years when the husband and/or wife want to work part-time, if they earn \$11,750 between them, they still have no income tax, but the federal government kicks in another \$4,716, and the state, \$1,175. as *Earned Income Credit* and *Working Family Credit* tax "refunds".

This totals \$45,241 annual income, for doing \$11,750 worth of part-time work. Is this the way to go, or what ?!?! If we figure in the SS & Medicare taxes that weren't withheld, it is roughly equal to earnings of \$47,352! And there's no *income* tax on any of it.

But there's one more thing. The husband claims that his depression stems from military service. So they get about another \$4,800 a year in veterans' benefits. This puts them well over \$50,000 earnings equivalent. In an area where State Rep Moe recently said, ". . . the average family income barely cracks \$30,000 and people work a couple of jobs to get even that . . ."

Veterans, of course, put their lives on the line for America, and they deserve the benefits they get, and then some. No argument there. But it would seem that the other programs should take each other into account (or total household income) in determining benefits. With people getting paid over \$50,000, for \$11,750 worth of part-time work, where *working* couples barely make \$30,000; something's gotta be wrong with this picture.

The couple doesn't pay for medical insurance. Even with this amount of money, medical assistance pays their medical bills, including many emergency room services (one kid had hypochondriac tendencies) when they don't want to wait 'til the doctor is in, like normal people who have to pay for it, would.

They both *could* work, and have worked, when they wanted a little more to spend. The wife was a housekeeper for the some of the many hotels & motels that are

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**LAPORTE --** With a pool table conveniently turned to a buffet table, (the pockets could hold the silverware) there was plenty of food for all at Popple Bar's Pot Luck dinner, on their Customer Appreciation Day, May 3rd, 2008



**WALKER --** Just fiddlin' around. Louisiana master fiddler Curtis Coubello plays fiddle behind-the-back Aug. 18th, 2007 at Cajunfest at the Northern Lights Casino. Walker Coubello is expected back (call casino to be sure) for the 2008 Cajunfest, August 21st-24th.

always looking for help, and the husband was doing part-time custodial work for a major retailer, until he called his supervisor a female canine. Supervisors don't like that; but then, when you're getting almost \$28,000 a year from Social Security anyway, *keeping* a job may not be so important.

A few years ago, a person could get SS disability by claiming to be an alcoholic. Fortunately, a stop was put to that. Now, with

Social Security as financially strapped as it is, it may be time to have a hard look at some of its other excesses and loopholes.

In the meantime, if the economy gets one down, and they get tired of working full-time for a diminishing return, while a number of others who don't, live like royalty; well, one might just want to go to a doctor and tell him they've become "depressed".

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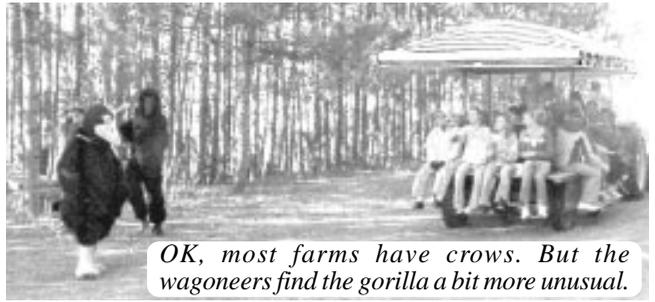
## Pumpkin Party at Carters!

PARK RAPIDS -- Every October, Mr. Russell Carter throws open his Farm Market on weekends for real farm fun! There are good things to buy of course, including the last crop of tomatoes (sometimes at clearance prices!), fall gourds, the Halloween pumpkin, about as large as one wants it, and lots of other stuff *fresh from Mr. Carter's farm!* And there's fun for all ages with the Pumpkin Launcher, the Maize Maze, Crow Shoot, Treasure Hunt, Tales in the Teepee, the cow Milking Contest, Hay Wagon Ride, performances by a guitar playing Gorilla and banjo picking scarecrow, and much more! October is when the fresh cider is pressed, and guests can enjoy a hot cup inside, as well as other free refreshments. These shots are from the Oct. 27, 2007 event. Carter's Farm Market: Hwy 34 E, Park Rapids, 218-732-4979



The Maize Maze - it looks easy from here, but then we're shooting from above with zoom - those gals have been in there quite a while. They seem to be enjoying it, though.

"...he put her in a pumpkin shell...." These real pumpkin boats have to be replaced with newly carved ones during the month.

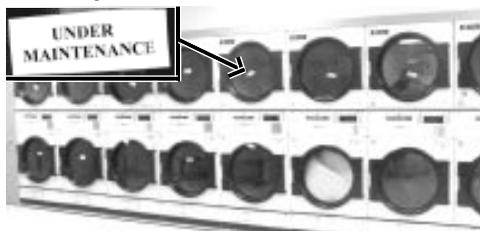


OK, most farms have crows. But the wagoners find the gorilla a bit more unusual.

Customers at the Maytag Laundry and Tanning Center, by the Ace Hardware, in Bemidji, got an unpleasant surprise in early 2008, as they found almost all of the dryers (below) to have "under maintenance" tags on them; and customers

A sign told patrons that they'd begin making repairs January 28th, 2008, but these pics were taken on March 7th; the Maytag repairman must have been busier than the TV commercials would lead one to believe. We found many upset customers there, "I've been here almost 3 hours now," said one who had waited for a supposedly working (untagged) dryer, but then, she said, "it turned cold."

Although, when interviewed, the laundramat attendant said that policy was to give refunds, at least one customer was told by the floozie in charge that they weren't giving refunds if



reported that even some of the few that weren't marked weren't heating. We certainly hope their tanning beds work better than this.

the dryer didn't heat. "They told me that . . . I would not get a refund if my clothes didn't dry, because they weren't guaranteeing anybody's clothes to dry that night," she said.

When Northern Herald investigated the incident, the attendant, who looked to be a BSU bimbo, wouldn't comment on it, and refused to tell us the name of the manager!

Below, a customer displays a garment that she'd washed in the machines there, but the washing machine left soap powder on her clothes (circled).



## Consumer Corner

Readers are invited to submit consumer complaints or compliments to this column, and to our Auto Service Forum. Send info c/o this paper, P.O. Box 1535, Bemidji, MN 56619

## What Pet Owners Should Know About Risks of Vaccinating

Minnesota law requires that cats and dogs receive rabies shots. These are thought by many to be routine; but they are not necessarily without danger to the animal.

Although rabies is generally fatal in both animals and humans, cases of human contraction of rabies in the U.S. are now extremely rare.

Feline Distemper is an insidious disease which is highly contagious and usually fatal to the animal, but not transmittable to humans. The premises where the animal was kept may remain infected for a year or more, and new animals brought into them will often contract the disease and die.

In a recent incident in Bemidji, what was to have been a routine 5 minute vaccination for rabies and distemper turned into a catastrophe as the animal, a cat, went into shock immediately after the vaccine was given; its pupils dilated, and it collapsed on the examining table. The cat likely would have died then and there had cortisone and adrenaline shots not been immediately administered. The animal remained ill and had to be tended for a day thereafter.

Although the veterinarian said that such a reaction to the vaccine is rare, apparently, it can and does happen, and should be considered when deciding to vaccinate. The vet involved did not know whether it was the rabies, or the distemper vaccine, that caused the problem.

Pet owners who do decide to have their animals vaccinated should allow for plenty of time, that day, in case of complications. Although now domesticated,

animals still do best in the wild - in the habitat for which Providence created them. The less we humans do, generally, the better for them; and like with humans, going to the doctor can often be the most unnatural, dangerous, and unhealthy thing that can happen to them.

Finally, we remind pet owners that human, not animal, population is what poses the greatest risk to the environment, and is at the base of every environmental concern from global warming to the annihilation of the rain forests, to air, water, and oceanic pollution, to overfishing (90% of the big fish are gone, as well as most of the whales), to depletion of fossil fuels.

Overpopulation is also a cause of war, and, of course, famine and starvation; and it causes people to be more vulnerable to natural disasters and epidemics.

Unchecked, human overpopulation will greatly diminish the quality of life of the next generations. In short, by simple human overpopulation, we are killing most everything on this planet, and we are killing ourselves.

So, where it's legal, why not spay or neuter your children today? This is much more of a priority than anything you might do with your pets. If your kids find they like it, then maybe it would be OK for your pets too; but again, animals seem to do best in their natural state, as Providence created them. Anything we do to intervene is generally detrimental; if He meant for them to have more or less of anything, He would have made them that way.

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### 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.

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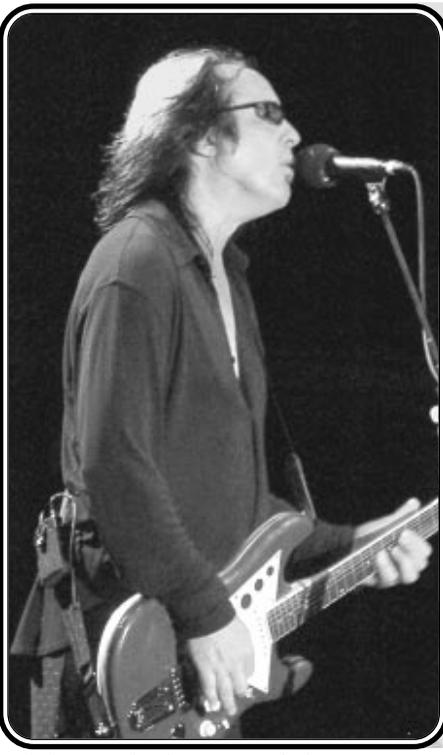
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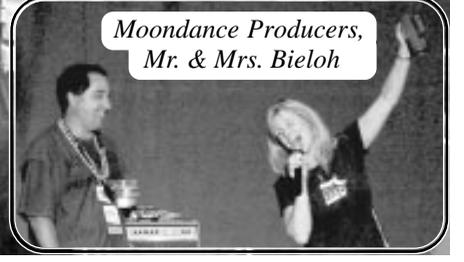
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# The Magic Of MOONDANCE!



Above, Willard Ahrens passes out beads. He's shown with Bernie Schumacher of KDKK radio, and her daughter, Tavia.



Moondance Producers, Mr. & Mrs. Bieloh

Below, onlookers crowd the stage as Superstar Todd Rundgren, above, performs with his new band, The New Cars, (at right) at Moondance 16, July 14th, 2007.



The New Cars on the Moondance Main Stage, from left, Elliot Easton - guitar, vocals; Kasim Sulton - bass, vocals; Prairie Prince - drums; Greg Hawkes - keyboards, saxophone; and at top left, Todd Rundgren ("til I saw the light in your eyes") on vocals and guitar.

**WALKER** -- If the economy was bringing people down, you wouldn't have known it here. This is where, for 5 days of the year, adults can come to play, relax, and enjoy, and for this brief time, leave the problems of the office and world behind. It's an annual oasis where people come to camp, bask in the sun, sip frozen Southern Comfort drinks, eat the good moon food, shop unique vendors that may not be back the next year, and just basically have fun!

Moondance 2007 (Sweet 16) opened July 11th with what appeared to be the biggest first day

(a Wednesday) ever. With good weather, by the time Tesla came on the Main Stage at 9 pm, the lawn chair area was filled - an ocean of people - wall to wall - from the Main Stage all the way back to the line of vendor booths on the west.

Said Moondancer Scott Morrissey, from Glenwood, BBQing at his site in the South Campground, "It's the best Moondance Jam ever!"

**Moon food.** There are a lot of really great and unique food vendors at Moondance. Gyros, Elk steak sandwiches, too many to mention all, and it's hard to sample everything in the 4 days. And

some of the best moon food can (Cont'd, "Sound Of America," page 13)

## MOONDANCE MARKETPLACE Food & Fun !!



Below, Sandy, Rita, and Chrissy, seated in the backstage viewing area of the new Lazy Moon Bar, point to their favourite stars, as they arrive.



At left, Teri, from Grand Forks, tries the bar stool racers, brought by WSA Bar Stool Racing (763-559-7206). WSA puts on races in bar parking lots, and sometimes on the street, and provides the racers and other equipment. Above, a Moondancer tries on sunglasses at The Rhinestone Cowgirl booth, while at top, Don Magnuson, of Battle Lake, sells beer belts (circled). At right, Mitchell, of Bemidji and

## The Many Corners of Moondance



Patrolling on ATV is Mike Diekmann, of the Cass Co. Sheriff's Office, one of about 200 officers and private security hired for each Jam to make sure that everyone can have a good time!



## The MIPs

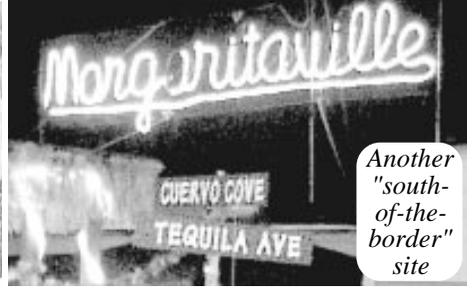
These are the Most Important Persons at Moondance.



They're the guys that you really couldn't have a Moondance without. At left, Wayne Johnson, and Rex Jones, of Port-Able John, of Bemidji, prepare to tend the backstage biffy.

## The Campgrounds

Half the fun is in the campgrounds, and some Moondancers go all out on their sites. Neon lights (below) and everything! Van and Lisa Williams, of Brainerd, took campsite awards in both 2006 and 2007 for their site in the North General campground that had it's own waterfall. Yep, a waterfall!



Another "south-of-the-border" site



At left, Bryan from St. Cloud & Senta, from Manitoba. Bryan says that the on-premises MDJ Saloon offers the "best of both worlds" with a place to sit, a direct view of the Main Stage, and the best place on the grounds to dance.

Matt Stein, from Warroad, at their campsite, Camp Wannarock built by Evan Parkhouse, Warroad.





# It's Back To Hack 2008!

Each January brings people back to Hackensack, Minn., and it brings Northlanders the big Back-To-Hack winter festival with all its fun and goings-on!

This year's fest, January 25th - 27th opened Friday night with the annual huge community bonfire (it's made from (Text continues, "Back To Hack," p. 10)



After coming in off the cold Birch Lake Ice, there's nothing like a hot bowl of chili! And it was here, with all the fixins, at the American Legion Chili Feed! Enjoying their chili, clockwise from top left, Todd Brooke, of Hackensack, likes onions & cheese on his chili, and said it was, "Top notch . . .

It doesn't get any better than that!"; "Excellent chili," said Robert Harrison, of Stoney Lake; and Tom Barnum of Blackwater Lake. Serving, at the Legion, was Kayla Johnson of Hackensack.

Above, Jordan Anderson, from Lindstrom, Minn., took two of the many trophies with top speed of the day of 160.1 mph with a 1420 Union Bay motor; and said "The track was excellent this year!"

## Viva Rock Vegas! - The Snowflake Queen Pageant



MC, Jake Howard

Amidst talk that the annual all-male Snowflake Queen Pageant was getting too risqué; for this, the eighth, year, the Snowflake Committee decided on couples. But if the wives in this bedrock-style

contest kinda look a tad mannish, and the husbands look a bit feminine, well, it's not your eyes. With a packed hall (left), each year, this pageant raises thousands of dollars for Hackensack Fire & Rescue. And one never knows where Elvis will show up.



Above, Pebbles Gotrocked & Bam Bam Thank-You-Mam



From left, Betty Dida Rubble & Barney Rub-A-Little, and Wilma Stonehole & Freddie Gravel-Crack.



Not a gal you'd want to mess with, when Cindy Cressy goes out "clubbing" it means something totally different than the usual. Above

left, Mrs. Cressy auctions off the "Viva Rock Vegas" club. At right, winners Tony Endreson, of Wendell, Minn., and air car builder Gordon Ford (rightmost), of Hackensack, won the club with a \$250 donation to Hackensack Fire & Rescue. At top inset, the two real queens of the pageant, each year, Mrs. Cressy, who coordinates the effort of the many pageant volunteers, and costume maker, Alice MacQueen. Cressy and her husband, Ken, operate North Country Tire & Service, in Hackensack, of course.

Music by The Haz Beenz



Left, MC Jake Howard moderates as the contestants play The Newlywed Game. A question: Was your last romance session shorter, or longer, than average?

Bam Bam: "It must have been longer than average because she fell asleep before I was done!"

Crowning Glory. Left, last year's winner, Tan-Ya-Hyde, makes her final walk, and crowns Pebbles and Bam Bam!

Right, it's rumoured that co-winner, Pebbles Gotrocked, is actually Jay Cline, dancing at 2nd inset from left. But we don't know. Cline is a rather strait-laced guy - a banker, you know - so we're not sure that he'd do this even for the Fire Dept. Of course, money is flammable! At leftmost inset, co-winner, Bam Bam Thank-You-Mam.

After the pageant, the Snowflake Dance.



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**Hackensack Council from page 2**

to communicate with each other, so that we can actually have a system that works and we have a community that's proud of their law enforcement instead of a community, right now, where we have a lot of rumour and innuendo going around and allegations that they're being intimidated, they're being harassed, and they're afraid. No community should feel like that -- it shouldn't happen."

A councilman suggested although people had voiced verbal concerns, there had been a lack of formal written complaints; although at least one has been filed.

Following discussion by the Council, Hackensack City Attorney Ted Mellby spoke, saying, "... based upon the number of people here, I gather that there are some specific complaints. We would like to see those complaints and we would like to see them in writing. I will guarantee you there will be no intimidation; we will welcome whatever the complaint is.

"Specificity is something that we have to have," and Mr. Mellby said that the complaints would be private and confidential. Mellby recommended the opening of a 30-day period for the submission of the written complaints, which would then be thoroughly investigated in a private meeting of the City Council (closed meetings are allowable in personnel complaint matters). Although the Council did not formally vote on the suggestion, it seemed to be in agreement.

At their later May 5th meeting, the Council established that the complaint period would be extended to 45 days, and would run 'til May

21st; and the Hackensack City Clerk confirmed that complaints will still be taken after that date, but the ones occurring on or before May 21st will be amassed for consideration at the Council's initial inquiry. All complaints must be submitted directly to the City of Hackensack, in writing, on an official Hackensack form obtainable at City Hall. The Clerk also said that the City had hired a private investigator to independently investigate the complaints.

After the April 7th meeting, Councilman Curley Franzwa confirmed that the Council would take the complaints seriously, and then hold a meeting to investigate the complaints.

In the April 7th session, City Councilman Ron Johnston had tried to belittle the current concern of the townspeople by analogizing Chief Rateike's term to "17 years with no discipline," and the town was just reacting to the change; but after the meeting, local business leader Cindy Cressy said, "I don't believe that there wasn't law enforcement the last 17 years . . . that's kind of incorrect; it was an entirely different type of law enforcement; I think Mel [Rateike] was great. I'm just glad to see that it looks like they're going to investigate into some of these allegations and I think that's all people are looking for."

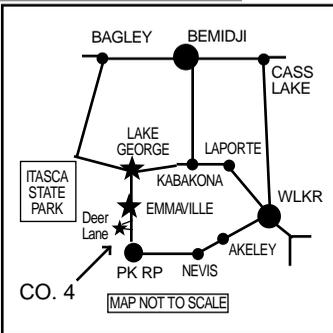
In law enforcement work since 1997, Hackensack Police Chief Joe Hastings came to Hackensack in 2007 after part time work in Silver Lake, Gaylord, and Henderson. Prior to that he was police chief for the City of Stewart. While he was there, Stewart disbanded its police department and, instead, contracted with the County Sheriff.

As to citizens' concerns that the spirit of the law was being foregone, he said, "I would obviously disagree with that, I think it's a matter of perception." Hastings attributed some of the hostility toward him as fostered by "runaway rumours . . . I've heard things about me that aren't true and

(Cont'd, "Council," page 9)

**GOING DOWN COUNTY RD. 4**

Hubbard Co. 4, otherwise known as the Lake George Road or the Emmaville Freeway, is the wooded, scenic route that runs the 20 miles between Lake George and Park Rapids, with lots to see and do on the way! An easy drive from, or on the way to Itasca State Park, visitors will find picnicking, ambience, and splendor on the shores of Lake George; and finds at these area merchants.



**New Thrift Store at LAKE GEORGE!**

LAKE GEORGE -- A whole lot of clothing, books, and appliances, and a little bit of most everything else, can now be found at the new **Woodland Convenience Store thrift store**. If your toddler is getting himself ready for the Effie Rodeo this year, you can even find him a pair of tiny boots (inset) here!



**Population Explodes At Emmaville!**

EMMAVILLE -- In early 2008, the Emmaville population catapulted - 150% - to 6.

Emmavillites were welcoming of their new neighbours, of course; still, amidst concerns for future urban sprawl, people saying that they just didn't want it to get like L.A. around there, and fears of forced annexation in Dorset, townspeople began to consider a proactive plan of controlled city expansion.

**~ ~ A Northern Herald Restaurant Review ~ ~ Breakfast at Emmaville!**

★★★★ Driving south on Co. 4 from 71/200, one passes picturesque Lake George, and after another 10 miles of scenic woodland, in winter, flocked white and reminiscent of a picture postcard, arrives at the country store and cafe that's the center of Emmaville. Here, on both Sat. and Sun. a good, filling, AYCE buffet breakfast can be enjoyed in woodland splendor, all four seasons, from 8 to Noon. It's just the thing before a day of snowmoing, fishing, or just sightseeing and relaxing.

In cabinesque ambience, the buffet featured Toast of France with fruit compote, hot cakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, scratch biscuits (made right there) and gravy, bacon, ham, and sausage; as well as some delightful and delicious apple-cinnamon muffins. The sausage patties were full flavoured, with a hint of maple. The bacon was cooked just right, crisp but not hard, the ham was

Then the two newcomers left, and the population restabilized at 4.

The most popular shopping emporium and eating place in town, the **Emmaville Store and Cafe**, is under new management. The store, right on the Emmaville Freeway (Co. Rd. 4), now offers cappuccino and specialty coffees to enjoy there, or to go, as well as most everything (even video rentals) a person might need. It is one of the best places to buy gas in the area - prices have often been a few cents below the Park Rapids rate, and it also offers

camping, a motel in the woods, and a woodside tavern with draught beer.

**Going Hollywood.** The Cafe features AYCEs M-Th (see *Rest. Guide*, p. 9), and may inaugurate a weekly Karaoke night this summer, so aspiring American idols can polish their talent.

June 7th was a festive weekend this year as Emmaville celebrated the 30th Anniversary of the 1978 Emmaville Hoo-Rah.

The Emmaville Store & Cafe - it's still THE PLACE to shop, dine, and relax in Emmaville, and just about everyone in Emmaville does!

At right, a diner takes another piece of the Toast of France from the sumptuous buffet. It was served that day with a delicious hot cinnamon-apple compote.

Below, Mike & Brenda Studebaker came to Emmaville from Fargo. Was it everything they expected? "Even more so," said Mike, who's been here many times and he said the new owners were "carrying on a great tradition." Said Brenda, "I think it's great!"

At lower right, by the chili pot with ladle, is beautiful new owner Kathy Courtney. She took over the store and cafe Jan. 1st, 2008.



tender with a well-cured taste, the sausage gravy for the biscuits was spicy and flavourful, and the hash browns were the diced homestyle, and tasted like homemade. The

hotcakes were light and fluffy and not overdone, and also went well with the spiced compote with lots of real apple slices. All in all, an excellent meal for \$6.95.

**Some Real Buys at Deer Lane!**

JUST S. OF EMMAVILLE -- **Deer Lane Hidden Treasures** is a wonderland for antique and bargain hunters. A consignment store where many area people bring their good, but no longer needed



Managers Frank & Mavis Trenholm

heirlooms, books and records, appliances, furniture, jewelry, knives, gifts, crafts and much more. And the prices! From genuine marble antique tables for \$25 (the top alone is worth more than that) to Mr. Coffee at \$3; from glassware and sofas to Elvis, you'll find it at Deer Lane, just off of the Emmaville Freeway (Co. Rd. 4) about a mile S. of Emmaville (watch for the "Deer Lane" signs on the W. side of the road). Summer hours are Wed. - Sat. 9 to 6, and Sun. Noon-6 218-732-8187

A small sampling of the many buys at Deer Lane. Above left, wood and brass desks with captain's chairs. Above right, antique marble tables. Right, oil lamps (converted to electric) and trivets.



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**Pizza and Wings at Mad Dog's!**

★★★★ (Q3, 1/2\$, 1/2+) **Mad Dog Pizza & Restaurant, Grand Rapids** is in the same building as Madden's Dutch Room bar at 702 4th St. NW (218-326-2445), so one can eat pizza and enjoy a favourite beverage and a game of pool or darts. Because it's a restaurant, teenagers can play pool too during certain hours, but, of course, they can't drink.



Above, a pound of Buffalo Wings at \$6.50 could be a meal in itself; or feed the whole family with 5 lbs. for \$17.



On the day of the rating, Mad Dog's daily specials were a ham steak dinner for \$7.95 and also prime rib sandwich for \$7.95; 12" pizzas start at \$10, but we were hungry as a big dog, so ordered the 14" *Big Dog* pizza, with sausage, pepperoni, beef, Canadian bacon, mushrooms, onions, and green peppers; and some buffalo wings to start with.

The wings were delectable. Fresh, perfectly cooked, and good tasting. The



~~ A Northern Herald Restaurant Review ~~  
**Friday Walleye Feed At Dottie's!**

★★★★ (Q3, \$) **Dottie's Hometown Cafe, 324 NE 4th St., Grand Rapids** (218-327-1400). Rated: Friday AYCE walleye feed.

When you finish your big portion of fried Canadian Walleye, they'll just drop the hook again, and refill your plate, 'til you're done. At \$9.95, it's a pretty good deal for those who like good fish, and a lot of it. It's served with soup or salad, veggie du jour, choice of potato, a roll, and tartar sauce.

We found the service to be very quick. The salad was basic lettuce & tomato, attractively garnished with cheddar cheese - crisp, fresh & tasty.

The fish was clean, fresh, tender and delicious in its delicate bread-ing; and perfectly complement-



ed by the tangy tartar sauce. This is the Northland's prize game fish at its finest, but they're real filets, so one does have to watch for tiny bones.

Following the feed, a slice of



blackberry pie, made by Dottie's mother from her own home recipe, was the perfect finale. Dottie's features many other home-style pies, and other AYCE specials 7 days a week.

**Council from page 8**

some of [it is] malicious gossip." "I'm just doing my job," Hastings said, "I've been hired as a police officer for this city and I've been asked to slow the traffic down on highway 371, and I've used a lot of discretion in doing that. The honest truth is, I give far more warnings than I do traffic citations; but I have a job to do and I will do that job. And if somebody is speeding excessively through town, they're probably gonna get a ticket."

To allegations that Hastings has given tickets for just a few mph over the limit, he said that generally, there is a "grace" zone, and he's never given a ticket for, say, 3 mph over the limit, as some have charged. "Technically, it is speeding, but you do have to allow [for] things [like] speedometer [calibration], tire size and whatnot; how careless is the person being, that sort of thing. . . ."

Hastings said that he recently stopped someone for going through the center of town at 61 mph in a 30 mph zone "and it turned into a felony drug arrest on top of that."

"I pretty much have a rule," he said, "and if you're going 11 miles per hour over the limit, it's an automatic - you're gonna get a citation. . . . but, if you're even going 7 miles per hour over the limit, through the center of town, through the crosswalk, I'm probably gonna stop you and have a talk with you, and you may or may not get a ticket, depending on your attitude."

Regarding the recent controversy, Hastings said, "I would encourage people not to feel intimidated or be afraid to talk to me, 'cause I'm always open to anybody that wants to talk to me, whatever their concern is. . . . I would love to dispel rumours against me, 'cause it gets nasty . . . it can get very malicious. . . . It's not only hurting me, it's hurting the community in a way because there are people who are actually afraid of me because of these rumours; and I would love a chance to dispel some of these rumours."

**The big picture.** He added, "I know there's been a lot of complaints that business is down in the area, and it's easy to put the blame on proactive law enforcement; and I've heard "overpolicing" a lot. . . . I've been very lenient as far as enforcing traffic; I mean, I could be hitting it a lot harder than I am. But still, we've seen some slowdown in the speeds through town, which is important. But I think there's a lot of other factors people need to take into account about why business might be down. We might even be in the midst of a recession, that's being talked about a lot. The price of gas is skyrocketing. Then we've had a couple of changes in Minnesota law. For one, there's no smoking now in public establishments [which has reduced patronage]. . . . We've seen a change in the DWI law . . . so I think people are being a lot more careful [about drinking, and so drinking less]. Plus we've seen a lot of these *Safe and Sober* campaigns and I think they're starting to have an effect, and it's a positive thing, 'cause we don't want people out on the roads putting our friends and family in jeopardy because they're drunk."

Hastings continued, "We're in the wintertime, and I think in the next couple of weeks it's gonna start to pick up and get a lot more lively here and the business is gonna pick up all over. . . . It's to find a scapegoat, and when you do that, everybody's attention focuses on this one person, 'He's the reason, or this is the reason, for our poor business - our problems,' and I think we need to be a little more mature sometimes and look at the whole picture."

(Cont'd, "The Complaints," p. 14)

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**WALKER AREA**

★★★★ (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, \$13.99; Tu: Steamed shrimp, \$17.99; Wed: Ribs & chicken, \$13.99; Th: Alaskan snow crab - market price; Golden Deep Fried Chicken \$11.99; Fri: Fish Fry, \$8.59, w/soup & salad bar \$12.54; Sat: Steamed shrimp, \$17.99 Open 7 days a week, Mon.-Sat. at 4:30 pm, Sun at 11:30 am. 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) **Lucette's Pizza & Pub, Hackensack.** Lucette's Calzone is exquisite. Her very excellent pizza is made with the finest fresh ingredients. Recommended: Paul's Deluxe. It's big enough and good enough for Paul Bunyan himself! Full bar with many draft beers including their specialty: the almost black Lucette's Lager; and imported wines, including Italian and Romanian. Also: Mama Lucette's Take 'n Bake pizza. Happy hour 4-6. Daily specials including Two-For Tuesday! Summer Karaoke - call for dates! Coming this summer: Outdoor seating (and smoking) area! 201 Hwy 371 S, 218-675-7777

★★★★★ (Q3 \$+) **River House, Hackensack.** Daily AYCE specials served home-style: M: Ribs, \$15.99; Tu: Chef's choice special, or Deep fried chicken, \$12.99; W: Steamed peel 'n eat shrimp, \$16.99; Th: Baked chicken, \$12.99; F: Fish fry, \$12.99; Sa: Deep fried chicken and BBQ rib buffet \$16.99; Su: Roast turkey, \$12.99 **Also**, gourmet special dinners (not AYCE): Th, F, Sa: Certified Black Angus Prime rib, 12 oz. \$18.99, 17 oz. \$20.99; F, Sa: Bone-in pork prime, 12 oz. \$15.99, 17 oz. \$17.99 All dinners, including AYCEs, include their lavish salad bar and popover or dinner roll. Full bar. Dine to live piano on weekends. 222 Highway 371, 218-675-6200

★★★★ (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. \$7.25, seniors \$6.25 Sat. and Sun., 8a - 1p. 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

**EMMAVILLE**

★★★★ (Q3, 1/2\$, 1/2+) **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, 8 am - Noon, Saturday and Sunday buffet which features scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, bacon, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, Toast of France with fruit compote, hotcakes & syrup, fruit muffin du jour and/or pastries; \$6.95. Specialty coffees and cappuccino available. Summer dinner AYCEs, \$7.95: M-German, Tu-Tacos, Wed-BBQ, Th-Italian night. Daily breakfast & lunch specials. Draught beer on tap. Cafe hours (winter): 7 a.m. - 3 p.m.; (summer): 7 a.m. - 9 p.m. On the Emmaville Freeway (also known as Co. Rd. 4 or the Lake George road), at Rd. 24, midway between Lake George and Park Rapids. 218-732-4858

**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. This is the only pizza restaurant in the Nisswa-Pequot Lakes area that remained hospitable to smokers and non-smokers, alike, until the Minnesota smoking law banned it. 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**

★★★★ (Q3, \$) **Super Buffet, Bemidji.** Outstanding AYCE buffet every day for lunch and dinner at great prices (and buffet price includes 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. 2450 Paul Bunyan Dr. NW (on the west side of town). Call for AYCE buffet price. 218-751-7085

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**Back To Hack** from page 7

whole trees), with free wiener roast & hot chocolate, parade and fireworks, and then, to wind out the evening, family karaoke and a stand-up comedy show. Saturday brought radar runs on Birch Lake, and a treasure hunt for both kids and adults. Said Jeff Burks, who's a Director on the Chamber of Commerce, and operator of nearby Woman Lake Lodge, "All ages - there's adults' maps and kids' maps. We had some nice little pocket tools - leatherman-type things . . . We had a family of eight come in . . . finding their prizes, they all seemed very happy!"

The Hackensack Chamber is what makes Back-To-Hack happen, along with a lot of people in the community pitching in to help. The Lions Club provides insurance

for the radar runs on the lake.

Saturday also saw the chili feed at the American Legion, HALO tournament (this is *not* a competition where particularly good kids try to toss their halos over a post), and a free movie matinee at the Bear Pause Theatre (the only indoor theatre for about a 50 mile radius). And Saturday night, of course, the most notorious beauty pageant going, that each year packs the Fire Hall, *The Snowflake Queen!* (pics, p. 7) There are lots of chairs, but still, you gotta come an hour early if you want a good seat! Following the pageant was the Snowflake Dance, with live music provided by the Haz Beenz. Sunday was Breakfast at the Community Bldg., raffle drawing for many prizes, including a 5.5 hp snowblower, and ice racing (cars) on Birch Lake.

**Toad** from page 2

169.041 (available online) is the Minnesota general towing statute, and specifies the circumstances under which police or deputies (*anywhere* in Minnesota) may order or require vehicles towed (no insurance, alone, isn't one of them).

The statute appears to be preemptive (overrides local rules and ordinances in Minnesota), and actually, in Subd. 3, to *prohibit immediate police towing* of the vehicle for no-insurance alone.

Under this statute, the vehicle should not be immediately ordered towed or required to be towed if, when being stopped by police, it comes to rest legally parked on a street, or pulled over on a roadway siding, unless blocking traffic. Generally, it may not be towed for at least four hours - long enough for the owner to insure it, or come back with a rented trailer or car carrier, or arrange for some other tow, and lawfully remove it. (But stopped vehicles may not be left upon, and may be immediately towed from the right-of-way of a *controlled access highway* (e.g. I-94, any Interstate or similar freeway with on/off ramps).)

As to vehicles which are impounded by police for no-insurance, although it would be illegal to operate the vehicle on the street without insurance, there appears to be no legal authority allowing the impound yard to refuse to release the vehicle if sought to be removed by any tow (licensed towing company or just someone who owned a tow truck), trailer, or 2-wheeled car carrier

(these can be rented).

**M.S. 169.041 Subd. 7 provides that the owner or driver of an improperly towed vehicle is entitled to recover from the towing authority (generally the city or county) two times his costs, including costs of recovering the vehicle, and including time spent and transportation costs.**

**What to do.** Again, we do not advise anyone to drive without insurance. It's dangerous and stupid, and will be *heavily* fined, and can result in suspension of driver's license and vehicle registration. But if one is being stopped, and does not have proof of insurance on them, they may avoid possible tow costs by bringing the car to a stop as soon as can be safely done, and preferably (in this order) 1) in their own driveway; 2) in a private parking lot, or a friend's driveway, where they may be allowed by the property owner to leave the vehicle; 3) in a legal parking space on the street; or 4) on a roadway (but not freeway) siding. If the vehicle is then ordered or required to be towed, in violation of M.S. 169.041, a written claim should be made to the city, county, etc. that ordered or required the tow.

**A good idea.** Despite strong enforcement of the law, some people still drive without insurance. *No-fault* doesn't protect *your vehicle* if one of them hits you. But for just a few dollars more, *collision* coverage does.

*Nothing in this article should be taken as legal advice. We are not attorneys, so we are only allowed to give the illegal kind. For legal interpretation of any statute, and application to a specific situation, readers are advised to consult an attorney.*

**Rendezvous at White Oak!**

DEER RIVER -- Anyone who thinks Minnesota history can't be fun obviously hasn't been to the White Oak Rendezvous.

This is where, about 6 miles N of Deer River, the White Oak Society, a non-profit historical organization, recreates a turn-of-the-eighteenth century fur post, and the goings-on, trades, crafts, and activities that happened on it and centered around it.

During the year, some of the camps and activities are just for members, but the first full weekend in August they throw open their stockade gates so the public can attend the Rendezvous; and at family-affordable prices.

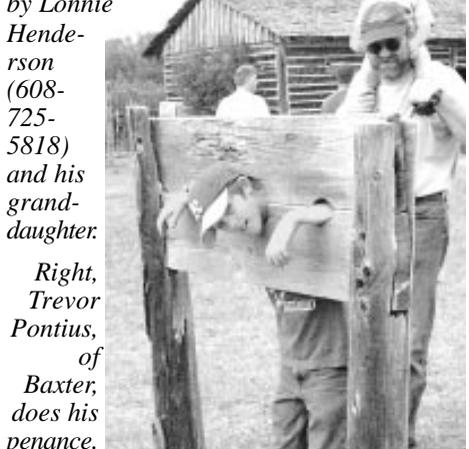
In addition to replicating history for themselves and the public, White Oak is also a learning centre which, since the early 90s, has hosted kids from schools all over the

state at its spring *School Days* program where, for a day, the kids don't just hear about history - they can live it.

The photos seen here are from the Rendezvous August 4th, 2007; the 2008 event will be August 1st - 3rd. Info: (218) 246-9393 or <http://www.whiteoak.org>



*Trader's Row offers unique foods and handcrafts, such as these very attractive wood and brass tool/tackle boxes handmade by Lonnie Henderson*



*Right, Trevor Pontius, of Baxter, does his penance.*



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**E. Gull Lake** fr p. 1

Thomes, husband of Deputy Clerk Brenda Thomes, was installed as Ramsdell's replacement. A source close to the story confided that Jim Thomes, who is also the Wastewater Super for the nearby City of Lake Shore, is a "very good friend" of E. Gull Lake Mayor Kavanaugh. Said the source, Kavanaugh had planned to just give the job to Thomes, but "[the E. Gull Lake] system is totally different than any other city in the area; it's much more complex. So, when they got rid of Randy and gave the job to Jim, Jim was *not capable* of doing it, and had to leave [within two weeks]."

By the 4/3/07 full Council meeting, it was explained to the Council that Jim Thomes was just the interim replacement, and Cirks recommended there, that Jim Thomes participate in the selection of the new Wastewater Super. Joel Jasmer was eventually picked for the position.

**"No good deed goes unpunished." -- Clare Boothe Luce** Under the new wastewater organization, actually, *three* people are now employed to do the job which had been done by Ramsdell alone, on what Ramsdell's wife described as a 24/7 basis. A sewer backs up, someone's gotta go out there. For almost 15 yrs., for E. Gull Lake, Ramsdell was the only someone who could. Said Randy Ramsdell, "I've worked 7 days a week since day one, on call 24 hours a day. I come out all hours of the night, weekends; every holiday I worked, up until the day I left." Because of this, in past years, Ramsdell has worked through what would be vacation periods, but does not believe that he has been fully compensated for pay in lieu of vacation. There is also a question as to whether he has been fully compensated for accrued sick pay. He said that E. Gull Lake doesn't have an employee policy manual; but that he was told at a meeting of the (former) Council that he would accrue unused sick pay.

Mrs. Cirks rendered to Ramsdell a final pay stub, but it doesn't make mathematical sense (it was examined by your Editor, Adam Steele, C.P.A.). And neither Cirks, nor Fitzpatrick, will disclose the accounting for, and derivation of, the seemingly random amounts shown on that pay stub.

In a letter from the E. Gull Lake City Council, Ramsdell was promised severance pay, but on a form submitted by Cirks to the Minn. Unemployment Insurance Dept., where it asked whether he received severance pay, the "no" box was checked.

Ramsdell can't even ascertain what hourly wage he was paid. "We're trying to figure it out by the paperwork she [Cirks] sent Randy, but none of it makes sense and none of it comes out to equal what he thought he was getting per hour. Every paycheck was different and none of these

reports [detailed pay stubs] are equalling what we think it ought to," Mrs. Ramsdell said.

E. Gull Lake generally evaluates all city employees' performance at the beginning of each year for pay adjustments. But Ramsdell said that, unlike the other employees, he hasn't had an evaluation for several years, at least not since 2005.

The Wastewater Super is an "at will" position. But Ramsdell said he had no indication, beforehand, that his termination would be considered, nor any notice of dissatisfaction with his work; and said that, over his near 15-year stint, he's received various commendations and pay increases from the Council.

"I guess I don't quite understand what happened," said Ramsdell. On only immediate notice from Cirks to be there, "they called me in for a wastewater meeting and let me go; that was it, no reason, no nothing."

Ramsdell has also stated that toward the end, he had been harassed, on the job, by city officials. For example, one day, reportedly, Councilor Marty Carlson saw Ramsdell coming out of City Hall with a cup of coffee in his hand, and told Cirks, within the earshot of another employee, that if he was seen getting coffee again, he was to be fired. Asked if this was standard city policy, another city employee said, "No, we . . . have a coffee pot, and we all drink coffee, all day long, at will."

According to a source, Cirks also chastised Ramsdell for communicating with a former City Councilor and told him that if he communicated with that person again, Ramsdell's job would be in jeopardy.

Ramsdell said, "I still have tools there," at the City wastewater dept. garage, that the City has not yet returned.

**How East Gull Lake spends their money.** Mrs. Ramsdell explained that the day Randy was fired, their son, Chris, went to pick up a ladder from the City garage, and Marty Carlson confronted him and said that the garage was all locked down for the day. When Chris protested, and asked him to unlock it so he could retrieve the ladder, Carlson said, "Well, I'll give you \$100 for the ladder," and, rather than simply unlock the garage, and without the acquiescence of any other Council member, Carlson directed Cirks to write a City check for \$100.

In payroll matters regarding other employees, there is evidence that when back benefits have been claimed by employees, rather than determining the amounts in question, Cirks, who is charged with the City's payroll responsibility, has failed to pay the benefits timely, and failed to even compute the amounts due, and instead, on inquiry, directed *the employees* to figure out those amounts.



*Instruction for kids and adults, in throwing a tomahawk, was provided by Wes Walberg.*



*Curtis & Loretta, of Minneapolis, entertain on the grounds.*



*At right, smoke billows as Laurie Southerton, of Blaine, partakes in the women's competition on the black powder range.*

**Koochiching Co. Shaft's Horse Rescuer**

LOMAN, MN -- In an area where a lot of people like to horse around, bona-fide *horse rescue* operations are important; but there are getting to be fewer of them.

A *horse rescue* is an organization, usually non-profit, which takes in horses that are impounded, often due to neglect, and cares for them to get them back on their feet. Sometimes horses are almost dead when impounded. It sometimes requires expensive special feed, veterinary services,

and 24/7 care to do bring them back to being as "healthy as a horse." And then there's always the security factor - the horse's owner may drive by frequently trying to illegally take back the horse, or to take issue with the rescuer. Additionally, the horses must be tested for serious, or contagious equine diseases, and sometimes quarantined and/or vaccinated. And then there's the matter of insurance and other costs the  
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The attendance at the annual Deer River Soup & Chili Cookoff, Feb. 22nd, 2008, was so heavy, they ran out of chili early! The event at the High School raised about \$800 for the school endowment fund, and Campus Life. Above, at left, Brad Box, of Deer River, serves up Northern Star Cooperative's entry of Garden Vegetable Soup, a tasty and spicy brew that, while not technically a chili, definitely seemed to have some hot peppers in it. At right, Lance Schjenken, of Deer River, displays the Campus Life chili, a smoky mesquite-style infusion made with home farm-raised beef sirloin, and lots of beans; and which took the traveling trophy this year, unseating the past two years' champion who wasn't there (it was speculated that he didn't want to give up the trophy). At center, gorgeous blonde Angie Williams, also of Deer River, samples the chili. So how is it? "Very Good!" she said.

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Cindy accepts 2nd Place award for the Clark station



Cheri Holker, leftmost, takes 3rd



Left, Jami Markle came from Eagan to take 1st place in the 6-dog rec class in the dogsled race, and shows his awards. He did the 29 mile course in 2 hrs., 47 min. At inset, coming in from the 10 below cold, he enjoys his chili, "It's delicious, I'm on my sixth cup, I think, and hopefully I can make it though a couple more before I pick [which chili to vote for.]"

**It's Chili Again at Remer!**



The fire hall was packed for the AYCE chili cookoff, but it was hard to taste them ALL.



Mmmm, That's good chili!

Judging was strictly "people's choice"; and the 17 entries were blind-labeled with just a letter (A-Q see inset) for judging, so it wouldn't turn into a popularity contest.

REMER -- Missing a year in 2007, the annual chili cookoff and dogsled races were back at Remer this year. Feb. 9th, 2008 was the day to again watch the Mid-Minnesota 150 dog sled race come in, and enjoy, and judge, AYCE chili, for \$5, (\$1 for water, but coffee was free) at Remer. The chilis were all different, and

Right, the Woodland Bank chefs took 1st Prize. Shown are Karen Damjanovich, Terri Williams, Renee Lehmann, Miriam Perra.



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all good. Some had kielbasa or sausage, some had jalapeno, or black olives, and one tasted like it was cooked with wine. Many were elaborately presented with condiments, Fritos, etc.

The big winner was Woodland Bank (of Remer's) entry - chili "K". Exactly what went into it is a proprietary secret - wouldn't want the competition like Wells Fargo to learn this. It was a hearty and meaty brew with a lot of good chili flavour, with a lot of big pieces of tomato, and a hint of celery; and it was very well presented with garnish of fritos, carrot & celery sticks, sour cream, etc., for all to enjoy with it. Spicier than most entries, it had just the right amount of "heat".

The Chili Cookoff and AYCE feed, and dogsled races, at Remer! Mark your 2009 calendar for (usually) the 2nd Sat. of February. (For confirmation of 2009 event and date, contact the Remer Chamber of Commerce).

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rescue facility must bear. For these reasons, the costs of horse rescue are substantially higher than just routine stable boarding.

Rescues in Minnesota typically charge \$35-38 per day per horse, and at that, a Polk County rescuer said "you're just [barely] making it." And horse rescues are sometimes caught up between the services their County requires of them, and what the County will pay for those services. That's why there are getting to be fewer rescues - now only a handful throughout Minnesota.

Minnesota Statutes (M.S.) Sec. 343.12 authorizes the Sheriff to impound mistreated animals and deliver them for proper care. But, in the case of horses, if there isn't a horse rescue available, the Sheriff has no place to take the animal. That's why horse rescues are important. Glen Wright bought his spread in Loman,

about 25 miles west of International Falls, in 1985, raising horses, cattle, sheep, and other livestock; and he established the Dancing Sky Ranch, a guest ranch, about 2003. In 2007, he established the non-profit *Lost Path Stables* to do horse rescue, and for other charitable purposes including helping disadvantaged children and young adults with equine-assisted therapy; and providing horse shows, bonfires and pig roasts, and other activities for the community.

And in spring, 2007, Lost Path Stables notified Koochiching County that it was available for horse rescue.

The Koochiching Co. Sheriff and other county authorities have been invited to comment on what follows, but they have refused to speak to the press on these matters.

Per Mr. Wright, in early May, 2007, the Koochiching Co. Sheriff's Office seized three mistreated horses from one Glenn Ostman. The horses were first taken to a

regular boarding (not rescue) facility, but apparently as it could not address the special needs of rescued horses, was unprepared for Ostman's drive-bys, and could not provide the needed security, that boarder had asked that the Sheriff remove the horses after only a few days. So, Wright said, "on May 12, I received a phone call from Undersheriff Brian Jesperson asking if we could take three horses in for care" pending court action as to their disposition.

The Sheriff made no inquiry at that time as to the cost to the county for caring for the horses (M.S. 343.23 states that these costs, "shall be paid by the county treasurer from the general fund of the county.")

Wright agreed to take the horses, one stallion and two mares, and picked them up that day. Wright said, "when the horses were first picked up, they were about two weeks from death." Upon their arrival at Lost Path Stables, the horses were wormed, their feet

were trimmed (by a farrier), and they were put on a specialized high nutrition diet. Wright determined that they had not previously had a complete veterinary exam, so had them checked by the vet.

70 days later, on July 20, 2007, the Court at International Falls, by Judge Charles H. LeDuc, verbally ordered that Ostman could retake custody of his horses upon payment (to the County) of 1,209.96, but the Judge issued no written documentation of this. (Glenn Ostman v. Koochiching Co. Sheriff, case no 36-CV-07-273)

When, on July 24th, Ostman telephoned Wright to pick up the horses, Wright informed him that, legally, Wright would need documentation from the Court allowing him to release the horses, and arrangements from the County for payment of the full charges, which were substantially more than the amount the Court had ordered Ostman (Continued, "Horse Cents," page 14)

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**LEADING EDGE JOURNALISM - FOLLOW UP**

For the complete initial report, see *Ridgeway Apts., Bemidji Has Tenant Arrested After Unlawful Eviction Attempt*, in *Northern Herald* of 1/21/08 at northernherald.com

**Bemidji Ridgeway Apts. Tenant Forced To Plead Guilty Frame To Attain Eviction Suspected**

BEMIDJI -- In fall 2007, Randy Bostick was living at Ridgeway Court Apts., at 2800 Ridgeway Ave. NW, Bemidji, when the window of his vehicle was broken.

Reportedly, the Ridgeway caretaker, "Carlos", was playing ball by the parked cars at the time, and another tenant saw him throw the ball that struck the window of Bostick's vehicle.

When Bostick went out to take pictures of the scene, the caretaker became enraged; and using a master key, entered the apartment rented by Bostick and Lorraine Hundley; and per Lorraine, said, "I'm going to get you evicted."

They shortly heard from *Neta Property Management*, in Fargo, which manages Ridgeway Apartments. Without any lawful eviction proceedings, Bostick was told that he had to move out immediately; that if he was in the apartment he'd be arrested by Bemidji police for trespassing. Neta gave as a reason that Miss Hundley had him removed from the lease.

Bostick and Hundley, both disabled individuals, had been together for 13 years, and Hundley adamantly denies ever having asked that Bostick be off the lease. Further, Bostick claimed that he was on the lease as a primary lessor, so couldn't have been removed without his consent.

And after Bostick contacted Neta to find out why he couldn't return to his apartment, Neta threatened to have Bostick arrested for, allegedly, having made terroristic threats. (In the course of investigating the unlawful eviction, *Northern Herald* monitored one such telephone call - no such terroristic threats were made. Bostick only threatened legal action against Neta.)

By January, 2008, Neta had served eviction papers; Bostick and Hundley were to appear in court Jan. 16th. When they did, Bostick was arrested for terrorism (the alleged telephone threats).

Neta had the charges filed at

Fargo, so Bostick was briefly held, without bail, at the Beltrami County jail, and then transported to the Cass County (ND) jail at Fargo, where bail was set at \$5,000. He remained there for several weeks until he could post bail, and then returned to Bemidji, pending trial.

Bostick, who has maintained from the start that he made no threats, other than to take legal action, and had requested a polygraph test (that request was refused), was due to appear in court again at Fargo on April 18th, 2008, but his car, at that time, was not drivable, and Bostick didn't have a way to get from Bemidji to Fargo that day. He was informed by his public defender that further continuance was impossible, and that if he wasn't there, a warrant would issue and he'd be arrested again.

But he was offered a "plea bargain". If he'd plead guilty to a lesser charge of *misdemeanor harassment*, he wouldn't have to appear in Fargo. Reluctantly, Bostick informed his public defender, as of April 17th, that he'd have to accept that deal.

Bostick said that while being held at the jail in Fargo, he was denied his diabetes medication for 17 days, and fears that he may have suffered internal damage.

And also, that while he was in jail, the Ridgeway caretaker entered his apartment and took his televisions, and musical equipment that Bostick estimates at \$18,000.

The televisions, but not the equipment, were later returned.

Neta Property Management, at Fargo, has refused to comment on the matter.

**Neta/Ridgeway - still making trouble.** Miss Hundley said, in May, 2008, that since the eviction, Neta properties has made a claim against her for \$6,000 for alleged "damage" to the Ridgeway Court apartment. Presently with Mr. Bostick at his residence, Miss Hundley said that the record of that claim on her credit report would prevent her from renting another apartment.

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us this week, also, some of Indian Country's biggest and brightest stars from the hip-hop genre to come here. They're not only artists who perform, they're also pow-wow people who travel circuits, singing and dancing; but they use their music, their blend of entertainment to carry a message to Indian Country. So it's more than just singing and dance and song; they also carry a message here of hope, encouragement, and also to help the youth in their struggle against suicide, drugs, gangs, and all those kinds of issues, so we always want to make sure that we have substance to whatever it is that we bring to our community.

"We're really excited about Happy Frejo, a very talented young lady who's been here at our Youth Conference before - she travels the United States and Canada performing, sending her message to young women and young men about suicide prevention, and also she's a very excellent role model; we're happy to have her. Also, *Red Nation* is hip-hop aboriginal award-winners for best art being hip-hop in Canada; they also do drug and gang prevention seminars and education; they'll be with us here, also; so, I'd like to thank the Red Lake Nation Youth Council members for recommending that we get these performers this year."

**Progress Delineated.** "I'd like to kinda summarize a little bit of what happened after last year [s Summit]. We said we don't want to walk away from this, and then just, two months out or a month out from the next Summit, start scrambling to - to try to get things done; you know, it's usually not a good thing. And, I don't like meetings, I really don't like to attend a lot of meetings; I like to go into a meeting and come out of it with an action plan, have some sort of results. I don't like to just go to things and then next year we do it again; and we haven't really done anything in the course of the time in between.

"So, I'm really happy that over the course of the last year there's been a lot of work that has happened; a lot of positive things have taken place as a result of this Summit; and there's been a lot of people out there who have, on a consistent basis, tried to address the issue of gangs and drugs and alcohol and all of the addictions that we encounter with our tribal nations."

**Joint Plan Invoked.** "When we went to [NCAI conference] last year, Treasurer Seki and myself, we met with other tribal leaders there; and it was established there that in Indian country, there was a plague of crack cocaine, methamphetamine, violence, drugs, gangs. Some of the Indian nations were really suffering tremendous loss - addictions - and it was established there that we needed to take a look at three component areas. One of them was *prevention*, another one was *law enforcement*, and the third was *treatment*. How were we going to address these issues in Indian country?"

"So, we basically said all the tribes [in America] and the First Nations of Canada need to go back and prioritize, and try to find out how we can address these three areas. And that was reaffirmed when we had the Summit last year - a lot of those same things came out . . .

"What I liked about it is when we had the break-out sessions there was also Council people here who actively were involved in those sessions, listened to the voice of the people. And things differ, from each district; Little Rock, to Ponemah was different; they had different issues. Just like Leech Lake has similar issues, but

then they vary from tribe to tribe. "So over the course of the year, the schools here have stepped up their efforts at prevention, [and] education. What I'd really like to mention, also, is that we have two tribal employees who work for our Chemical Health Program who are also School Board members. One of them is Tom Barrett, who's the Director of our Chemical Health Program, and Keith Defoe, who also works for our drug program here on the reservation; so that it's good to have people working within the school district who have experience in treatment and addressing these issues on a daily basis ... it's really an advantage for us.

"So the schools have worked to - in the classroom with the teachers - push more curriculums, get drug education out there, let the younger kids know what type of things they're going to be confronted with. And you see it in the school, the kids bring things home, you see it in their classrooms when you go into the classroom and visit with them; so it's good to see that that drug education, a preventative measure, is starting to increase.

"We had a poster campaign that happened here over the New Year's Celebration. And I'll have those available - I think Chemical Health might have some more of those. We had a 24-hour sobriety campaign that happened during New Year's that was really successful; a lot of interest, and just to get the prevention education out there.

"The . . . [community safety movements were] . . . very active last year; Project Safe Neighborhoods; a lot of meetings consistently; going out to the community. The elders, in particular, like these meetings because they're kept abreast of what's going on with Public Safety. Because they have concerns out there, I think I shared last year, an elderly lady told me that 'I'm kind of afraid . . . [evening] . . . times. I used to keep my door open and relatives would come over and knock;' she said, 'now I see people digging around - my husband is deceased now, I live alone - and I see these people digging around in my garage, or trying to get the car up there. Now, I don't know who they are, so now I lock my doors at night; and I don't answer [the doors]. [Unless] somebody calls me and tells me they're coming over - but other than that,' she said, 'I'm scared, you know, I'm scared; it's changed around here.'

"This is not something that we're accustomed to. And what we gathered from that is that there's people out there creeping around, trying to, I suppose, come up with something that they could sell or something like that. So these community meetings afford the community members an opportunity to come out and address those issues.

"Public Safety has delivered reports to the tribal governing body whenever we ask them. We're really appreciative of that - letting us know what's going on out in the community - so we're really pushing hard on *prevention*. We've also joined on with . . . [an initiative] . . . with NCAI; [Ernie Stevens Jr.]'s involved in that and also . . . [a new] . . . anti-meth campaign for the reservation here in March. . . .

"Law Enforcement - this was a big one last year - and Public Safety. What we did, as a tribe, is we went out and we recruited, and we advertised, and we tried to find the best possible law enforcement personnel that we could to address these issues in our community. Rather than go out and just look for police officers, we looked for police officers that had expertise

in task force agreements, drug task force, MOUs [memorandum of understandings], people who had experience working addressing gang and drug issues in their communities. We're very fortunate to be able to hire a Public Safety Director who had that experience. Bill Brunelle is our new Public Safety Director; along with Kelly Brunelle, and also Gina Benson, our new Police Captain. They're all Native people who have tackled these issues in Indian country and we're very, very happy and fortunate that they add a lot to our community. And it also shows, they're *community* policing and they're involved in the community and connect with the community; that has been missing for quite some time. We needed improvements, but we're starting to see those results now.

"Also, the community has stated last year, when the Tribal Council addressed the community in the State of the Band, that one of the things that the community wanted to see was an increased crackdown on the drug trafficking and the drug dealing on the reservation. We have done that. We've worked on these issues. They've been uncomfortable issues to address; but the Red Lake Band has *put their foot down*, and are holding people *accountable* for the drug trafficking and the drug dealing on this reservation. It had to be done; it *has* to be done; it *has to continue* on a consistent basis; but as protectors of all our community we have to provide the public safety for our children, for our future generations, for those elders who are afraid out there, we have to address these issues. So, it's not a very popular thing to do -- I personally, as the tribal Chairman, have been confronted at times by people out there in the community who feel that we're being intrusive, or their rights are being violated, and you hear all of these things; but the fact of the matter remains: all we are trying to do is to keep our community safe and to reduce and eliminate drugs, trafficking, and all of the uncomfortable social ills that come along with that. So we're going to continue to do that from a governmental and a law enforcement standpoint."

[widespread audience applause]

"Also, one of the things that we've talked about [in] law enforcement [and] prevention: we would like to explore this year - the Tribal Secretary has raised this issue with the Tribal Council - in order to curb the illegal flow of drugs, gangs, people who are invading on our tribal lands - doing an assessment of feasibility of whether or not the Red Lake Band would like to reintroduce a passport system here on the reservation. Because people . . . come and go, through our borders; and we have a hard time tracking them; we have people on this reservation that have no business being on this reservation; and, it's not uncommon to us - we've been exercising Homeland Security and protecting our borders since 1492! So it's about time for the Red Lake Band to start to use our sovereignty in a good way, and to start looking at how we are going to curb and monitor people who come into our tribal lands.

"We have given the blessing to our law enforcement officers to look at suspicious vehicles, activity. And this increased after we lost two young children here about a year ago on the reservation. For a while, we were concerned that they may have been abducted. So we were leaving no stone unturned; any people here on the reservation who are suspicious - suspicious vehicles - same thing

that happens to us in the Indian border towns - you know, when we'd see a Minnesota plate, we would, if they looked suspicious - not every plate, but if they looked suspicious - we'd stop them and ask them if their business was here. And that's something that needs to happen, because as a tribe we have to really look out for one another; make sure that our communities are safe.

"We implemented a curfew system last year. Those of you, I'll give away my age here, who are old enough to remember that every day at noon and at ten o'clock the old siren used to go off. We knew it was lunchtime - [we could] take our break now. The ones who are in Bemidji couldn't hear it. . . . At noon, and at ten o'clock, consistently every night, the siren would sound. And this is to get the children off the streets at ten o'clock. After a while you'd become accustomed to *knowing*, [as a parent] 'where are my children'; [from a child's perspective] 'where's everybody at, geez, it's ten o'clock now, I should probably start making my way home. If I don't do that, I might be cited for curfew violation; or it's time to get home now, I have to get to school tomorrow.' And I remember that, when I was a youth, on the reservation, at ten o'clock the siren would go off and I'd say, 'oh, geez, I gotta get outta here and get home or do whatever' and, you know, we were really mindful of that because after ten o'clock, if you were walking on the road, if you were out and about, then the police would stop by and say, 'Hey, where are you supposed to be - aren't you supposed to make your way home now? It's getting late. What are you doing out so late?' You know, sometimes we'd run into the woods 'til they [the police] went by and all that kind of fun stuff, but, it was established then that there was a time for you to get home.

"One of the things that we had complaints about [at] one of the Project Safe Neighborhood meetings in Ponemah, was that there was a youth wandering the streets at all hours of the night. And I say, 'well, how are we going to get our youth in, then? How are we - they shouldn't be out and about late at night like that.' So, we're also discussing that - how do we put that program in place in the Ponemah community as well and help to enhance our Community Watch? . . . There's been discussion and planning in the communities about the Community Watch. And sometimes it can be - people are a little hesitant. You know, geez, [echoing concerns] 'I go out in the community and I see something going on; if I report this, will there be any sort of backlash against me? Will anybody retaliate against me?', 'How are we going to do this? - Are we going to mark our cars or are we just going to walk through the streets . . .' But, it's a responsibility that people have taken upon themselves to commit to; they say, 'look, you know, we want to protect ourselves and our community so we want to step up and start reporting some of these things that are happening in our community.'

[*Graffiti* is important because it is the way gangs communicate with each other to establish turf, build rivalries that often become violent, or instigate criminal activity. -- Ed.]

"You know, the *AMERICORPS* program's been very helpful this past year in covering up gang graffiti in the community. One of the things - we had a person come up to the Red Lake schools here and do a talk on gang prevention and gang activity. And one of the comments I heard from a community member was, 'geez, there's gang graffiti all over this

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community. Everywhere you look there's gang graffiti!' And the guy said, 'You know what, I took a little tour of the reservation here, and I don't see any.' [the first guy replies] 'Well, didn't you see it? It's all over the buildings, it's all over the garage in town, it's all over the street signs.' He [the second speaker] said, 'You know what I saw? I saw an attempt by a community to put their foot down and *not allow* this graffiti in their community. I see these gang signs covered up - everywhere I go - maybe I'm missing something, but it looks like somebody is out there covering this gang graffiti up - as soon as it comes up, they're taking it down. And that's what needs to happen; that is telling me that this community is *doing something* about gang graffiti. I go to other communities, I come back there next year, the same graffiti's still up, and more, everywhere. But Red Lake is addressing it - they may not be *replacing* the signs, because they couldn't . . . [afford to, immediately] . . . , but you're addressing it [by painting over it immediately].'

"And that's a good thing; because I've been to other places where people just accept it. When you let graffiti stay there, even for one day, then you're accepting that; you're allowing that to happen. It needs to be covered up *immediately*. So we've tried to do that the best we can. The Americorps program and their volunteers have gone out in the community to cover up graffiti and do it as fast as they can; but the school, also, tries to do this as quickly as they possibly can. Their custodians, janitors, and also our Public Safety Department has also even sent officers out there in the community to try to cover up the graffiti. We're still in the works of trying to find out how to establish an actual anti-graffiti program, and we will eventually work towards that. It's *extremely expensive* to replace these signs - these street signs [that get vandalized by graffiti] - I remember one time our Roads dept. went out there [and] did about \$16,000 worth of work, putting up new signs, and doing all this work; *then*, about a week later, the graffiti was back, everywhere, from way out by Clearwater, all the way to the . . . Point; Redby Center, all over the place, every district. So, you know, we want to continue to address this.

"Well, I'm just about winding down. I don't want to share *all* the good news. I know Alice Benais is here; she's going to be addressing some time today and tomorrow, and she's also going to give an update, a summary of what happened over the course of the past year. So I would like to, again, thank everybody here. You know, I'd like to commend *all* of the people who did this work. It's a tremendous effort. You know, behind the scenes. . . . Brian Lussier is my assistant. He reports to me and lets me know how the meetings are going; and just, the coordination that it takes, and the resources and the effort that's put forth by all the people who made today possible; I can't say enough about how appreciative we are as a Tribal Council, a government entity, for these kind of things to take place. I won't take any more of your time, I hope we have a great conference; again, it's great to see all of you here, and Mi-gwitch, very much.

[thunderous applause]

"Have you ever wondered why an expectant mother has a shower, when it's the father who gets soaked?"

**With a Grain of Sand . . .**

At a Bemidji bar, a guy is talking to the BSU coed on the barstool next to him. He points to a not-too-bad looking guy seated nearby . . . .  
 Guy (to coed): "If that guy gave you a wedding present of a million dollars, would you marry him?"  
 Coed: A million dollars? Yeah, I probably would.  
 Guy: How about some fast romance in my car for ten?  
 Coed: What do you think I am ?!?!  
 Guy: We've pretty much established that; right now, we're working on a price.

*With a Grain of Sand is humour and satire. It should not be confused with our real news, which is less believable and funnier. -- Ed.*

**Upcoming Summer Events worth going to**

- Every Tues, 6/10-8/26 Kids' Fishing Contest at Hackensack City Pier
- June 19-21, Country Fest at Walker
- July 5, Ind. Day Celebration, Laporte
- July 6-8, Sweetheart Days at Hackensack
- July 9-12, Moondance at Walker
- July 19-20, Minnesota Music at Forest History Ctr., Grand Rapids
- July 19, BBQ & Dance, Hackensack Fire Hall
- July 19, Pig Roast at Backus Legion
- July 25-27, North Star Rodeo at Effie

- Aug. 8-10, Clearwater Co. Fair at Bagley-Free-this is the **one** to go to!
- Aug. 1-3, White Oak Rendezvous at Deer River
- In August - Laporte Centennial at Laporte
- Aug. 9, Corn Fest at Backus
- Aug. 8-9, Remer Harvest Days at Remer
- August 10, 4p-7p Birdwatching at Forest History Ctr., Grand Rapids
- August 16, Noon -3p Wild Food Walk-Forest History Ctr., Grand Rapids
- Sept. 6, Hubbard Sheriff's Posse Outing BBQ, Lk George
- Aug. 30, Hobo Day at Boy River
- Sept. 26-28, Nat'l Chainsaw Carving Invitational at Hackensack

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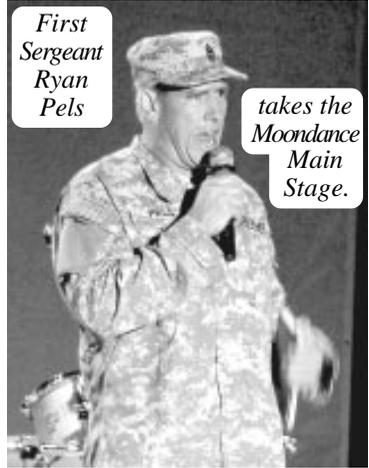


**If You're Planning To Come To Bemidji This Summer, our best advice is Don't!**

When the oblivion of MNDOT gets combined with the idiocy of the Bemidji City Council, amazing things happen. Unless one's time is worthless, or one really wants to spend a good part of their vacation sweating in their car, they might want to avoid this, this summer. Here we see a traffic lineup, which can extend a half mile or more, before the detour point. And it's not even rush hour yet. It's daily, and it'll be all summer long. It seems someone decided to resurface Paul Bunyan Drive, the principal North-South artery through Bemidji, and the only street access to town from the south. Now, PB Drive didn't really need it - it's in much better shape than many Twin Cities roads. And, rather than do it in lanes or sections, the whole two mile stretch north from 2nd St. was closed for this needless waste of money.

Traffic is detoured through downtown to Irvine Ave. on the other side of downtown, but rather than streamline the detour, the City left up its 4-way stops at almost every downtown corner along the way, so the procession has to inchworm its way to Irvine Ave. creating these massive pileups even before getting to the detour. And to make it more fun, the City blocked a right turn lane on 2nd St., so even traffic turning out of the logjam has to wait in it to do so. There's no visible reason for this detail - it must have been just for fun. With the current detour on 5th St., we don't even want to think about what it will be like on lakefront event weekends; and parking for them, in the blistering heat, will be insufferable.

Aside from its corruption, overpriced lodging, no-smoking, an extra 1/2% sales tax, and getting one's stuff stolen, Bemidji doesn't have much to attract visitors anyway, except for the Wal-Mart, one of the few decent businesses in town. Best advice, for those staying in real northern vacation spots - you know, the ones that are hospitable and cater to vacationers, rather than try to inconvenience them as much as possible - places like nearby Walker, Hackensack, Cass Lake, Lake George or Blackduck; is to take the 71 bypass (freeway) around Bemidji. The last Bemidji exit on the north side will let you off right at Wal-Mart. One can get all their stuff (you find it All at the Mart of Wal!), and then jump back on the freeway and get back to heaven, leaving Bemidji, and all of its junk, crime, and hassle in the rear view mirror.



Above, at Moondance, Dan Hudalla, actually was a POW, who, after 19 days, escaped! Captured in Vietnam, "we figured we were going to be dead anyway, so we decided to run - it was the only chance we had . . . I made it, they didn't." Hudalla was able to make his way to a nearby group of U.S. Marines.



Just like home. Sean McGuire of Deerwood, on left, and Rick Nelson, covered their site with camo netting to resemble what they lived in when on duty. Sean's wife couldn't be at Moondance, as she was just on her way back from Iraq. Mr. & Mrs. McGuire both serve in the US Army, 34th ID. Camped with them was Army veteran Bob Beckstrom; Nelson and Beckstrom now work for the University of Nebraska, at Lincoln.

**Sound Of America from page 6**

now be found at the new Lazy Moon bar and restaurant, right behind the Main Stage, where all Moondancers are invited to sit on the screened deck and watch their favourite acts arrive and set up, or enjoy the rustic wood ambience inside. It's sit-down dining at it's best, at reasonable prices, and the food is unbelievably good. During Moondance, the Lazy Moon featured a daily Bloody Mary breakfast buffet.

The Lady Steele, a former restaurant chef herself, critiqued the Lazy Moon's big Annie Oakley sandwich, "it was 6 oz. of chicken . . . the bacon was placed inside [the chicken filet] for a nice tangy flavour, . . . well cooked, everything was presented nicely, the tomato was fresh . . . the lettuce was crisp and green, and it was just wonderful, all

the way around. . . . Top notch!"

One of the things that sets Moondance apart from other fests is its record for safety and good management. That's because it's always been a family operation, with the Bielohs on premises all the time to ensure quality, and the security of all of their guests. Like Moondance itself, the Lazy Moon is a Bieloh family operation. Mrs. Bieloh, herself, can often be found working in the kitchen, personally ensuring that the quality, like everything else they do, is Moondance Class all the way!

Moondance Security Manager Mike Diekmann, of the Cass Co. Sheriff's Office, explained that security at Moondance "has been outstanding," and due to the nature of Moondancers, "it's pretty low-maintenance, actually." He

explained the things they do to make Moondance available to everyone, even those with limited mobility. "We have handicapped parking, we have golf carts [and] vehicles that help people get from point A to point B because the grounds are so big; and we try to accommodate them in the best way that we can," he

From Sioux Falls, SD, Daniel & Tiffany Van Steenwyk, and from Detroit Lakes, Michelle Skramstad & Melanie Schur



said.

**Spirit of America.** Saturday, the biggest Moondance day, featured a special presentation in honour of America's proud men stationed abroad. The Jumbotron carried photos, submitted by their families, of Northern Minnesota's fighting men abroad, as Army Reserve First Sergeant Ryan Pels discussed, on the Main Stage, some of the impediments faced by military families even after the soldier's tour of duty, and the hurdles of readjustment of returning vets. He sang Lee Greenwood's "Proud to be an American" from the Main Stage.

All in all, 20 bands appeared on the Main Stage, including *The Moody Blues, Rick Springfield, Todd Rundgren & The New Cars, REO Speedwagon, Tesla, Def Leppard, Cheap Trick, Big Head Todd and The Monsters, The Fixx, Toto, Mountain Ash, Jackyl, Loverboy, Bella Diva, Kansas, Ali Gray, Rick Derringer, and ThundHerStruck.* Smashmouth was scheduled to appear, but didn't show, so *Bomshell*, which had appeared at Country Fest, and *Soul Asylum*, made surprise appearances, instead.

Additionally, over the four days, the MDJ Saloon stage featured the *Cal Ecker Band, El Diablo, Black Valentine, Bella Diva, Rock Bottom, Sisters Attic, Red Dot Garage, The Minnesota Whiskey Pigzz, Chain Lightning, Eddie Rickert & Blue Voodoo, Rugburn, Tim Casey & the Martyrs, ThundHerStruck, the Haz Beenz, The Bad Animals, and Gemini.*

**New Country Fest Parking; Moondance Midnight Buffet**

With the 2008 Moondance Country Fest, and Moondance Jam just around the corner, and due to the enormous Country Fest attendance last year, this year there will be new parking for Country Fest, at the front of the Moondance Fairgrounds, just off Hwy 200 (where the premium parking for the Jam is). The North Campground will no longer be used for Fest parking. Also, there will be free parking in the Northern Lights Casino lot (Hwy 371 & 200) with convenient continuous shuttles to the Fest grounds. As always, for the Jam, there will be parking in the Casino lot with shuttles, and the Casino plans to again offer a **midnight buffet** for returning Moondancers, and others.

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DragonFlaire proprietress, Care Halverson, with art sketch.



Right, Wendy's in Brainerd celebrated their 25th Anniversary week, Feb. 24th, - March 4th, 2008; with Wendy!

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system. A letter from Ostman's attorney, Steven Nelson, to Phil Miller, confirms that "undoubtedly, Mr. Wright needs a court order before the horses are released." Nelson notified Miller of this as early as July 24th, and when nothing had been done a month later, on August 24th, 2007, Nelson sent Miller another letter, accompanied by a proposed Order, allowing release of the horses; and requested that Miller "walk it over to the Court and see if the Judge will sign it."

As of that time, Wright's Lost Path Stables, having received no authorization to release the horses, continued to care for them.

On Sept. 11th, Koochiching

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Co. Sheriff Brian Youso telephoned Wright, and notified him that Youso had finally received the release Order from the judge. He made arrangements to deliver the Order, dated August 30th, 2007, to Wright later that day; but Ostman didn't come to pick up the horses until Sept. 18th.

All in all, Lost Path Stables had cared for the horses for 130 days. Similar to other rescues, Lost Path charges \$35 per horse, per day.

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Lost Path had sent an interim bill to the Sheriff on July 26th, 2007, with an explanation that costs include veterinary and other outside expenses, mileage, and their standard daily rate of \$35 per day per horse.

Not having received payment, Wright delivered a second billing on August 27th, for the period 5/12-8/26 (107 days), including itemized charges to date for 30 miles transportation (of the horses): \$52.50; veterinary costs: \$172.00; farrier: \$105.00 wormer: \$38.85; and 107 days board & care: \$11,235.00

In late 2007, Lost Path Stables received a payment of only \$1,209.96 - after expenses, about \$2.16 per day per horse. The balance of approximately \$12,808.39 has not been paid to this date.

Wright made a claim to the

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Koochiching Co. Board for the amounts still owed, but he was notified that the Board refused to pay it based on advice from Co. Atty. Miller. He is now considering a lawsuit against the County to collect the sum.

**Aftermath.** In spring, 2008, Wright observed that livestock were again being mistreated on the Ostman property. He said that the cattle were starving, that he and State Humane Agent Wade Hansen observed at least 3 dead, and the horses didn't have potable water. But when Wright and Hansen notified Sheriff Youso and Undersheriff Jespersen, they refused to investigate.

Although M.S. 343.23 provides that the County may recover their impoundment costs from the owner of the horses if he is found guilty of cruelty to animals, the liability of the County for those full costs is separately established by that statute, and is not contingent upon the amount the owner is ultimately ordered to pay. So the ruling on July 20th that Ostman pay the County \$1,209.96 did not limit Lost Path's charges to that amount. Lost Path was entitled to the reasonable charges that they would bill the County, and the amount of those charges has not been adjudicated. This is particularly so as neither Lost Path Stables, nor Wright, were parties to the action heard July 20th, which was solely between Ostman and the Koochiching Co. Sheriff.

Nothing herein constitutes, or should be taken as legal advice. For legal advice, an attorney should be insulted. -- Ed.

## Horse Cents fr p. 11

to pay. "If I released those horses that were under my care for the County, without legal documentation, what would have happened to me?" Wright said.

Wright called Koochiching County Attorney Phil Miller, and left a message, but the call was not returned.

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## The Complaints from p. 9

But the complaints that have come in paint a different picture. And to aggravate the situation, Hackensack's investigator has already notified several of the many people who filed complaints against Chief Hastings that their matters have been cleared - that the Chief didn't violate any regulation - **without the investigator ever having contacted the complainants.**

Some of the complaints have been eye-opening. It has appeared to many that Hastings has been keeping an eye on Lucette's Bar at

night, and sometimes follows people when they leave. Per one complainant, in fall 2007, shortly after midnight, he and three vacationing friends left Lucette's in the same vehicle. Chief Hastings followed them for about half a mile to Co. 5 at 371. After they'd crossed 371, the officer turned on his lights.

He said that he'd pulled them over because their muffler sounded loud (this was the first and only time this has ever been mentioned to the driver). Hastings gave the driver a breathalyzer test, which he passed. Dissatisfied with the results, Hastings

made him blow the breathalyzer two more times; he passed both times. But Hastings, nonetheless, then told the occupants of the vehicle that he didn't want them driving that night. That they'd have to leave the vehicle on the roadside and walk, in the middle of the night, on a backroad, the two miles or so to the driver's home; which they did.

In another incident, Timothy Henze, 39, his wife, and their two children, were vacationing in Hackensack in August, 2007.

Per Henze, they were just coming back from the weekly kids' fishing contest at the Hackensack pier. Officer Hastings stopped the Henze's vehicle, claiming that Mr. Henze, driving, had passed someone on the right. Henze states that this was patently untrue. Hastings wrote out a ticket; when Henze told him he didn't pass anyone on the right, Hastings became enraged, accused him of tailgating, and issued another ticket for that.

Henze said that he knew he hadn't passed anyone on the right, or tailgated, so the next day, he went to Hackensack City Hall to see if there was a video camera in the police car that might have recorded what happened. Officer Hastings was there, and Henze said that Hastings told him that, "If I didn't drop this, I'd be looking at the inside of a jail cell."

Henze had to make two trips from Sauk Rapids to appear in court on the tickets. But Chief Hastings didn't show up to testify, so the tickets were finally dismissed.

Said Henze, "The City Council has not shown me that I can feel safe in this community." Henze filed a complaint, but, like the others who have done so, he has not been contacted by the investigator.

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## Ask the Tax Guy

by Adam Steele, Certified Public Accountant

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## "Tax Refunds" Available For "Nonfilers" This Year

**But You've Got To File A Short Form To Get It**

Due to the Economic Stimulus Act of 2008, millions of people, nationwide, who are not usually required to file a tax return, will be due a "refund". But to get it, they must file an abbreviated Form 1040A for tax year 2007. This will include people on Social Security, including Social Security Disability (but not SSI), Railroad Retirement, Veterans' benefits, Non-taxable combat pay, and low-income wage-earners and self-employed people who are not usually required to file.

Of course, the "refund" (actually an Economic Stimulus payment (ESP)) which will be sent out starting in May (and separately from the regular tax refund check), is also available for most regular tax filers, and will be automatic when they file their returns (they'll get \$300 to \$1200+). So the following discussion is primarily for those without *taxable income*, who otherwise wouldn't have to file, but should file to get their payment.

**Eligibility.** To be eligible for the refund, an individual or married couple must have at least \$3,000 in qualifying income from:

- Wages and/or self-employment
- Social Security (including SS Disability, but not SSI)
- certain Railroad retirement
- certain Veterans benefits; and
- Non-taxable combat pay

- You may not be someone else's dependent.
- You must have a Social Security Number (SSN).

- But if a spouse is ineligible due to dependency or lack of SSN; or their refunds are withheld, the other spouse may still be able to get an ESP on a separate return.

**Due dates and absolute deadline.** The IRS encourages everybody to file by April 15th. But if you're filing only for your payment (ESP), there's no penalty

for filing late and, per IRS, you have until **October 15th, 2008** to file the return. Returns filed after that date may not be processed by the end of the year, and, due to the wording of the present law, unlike regular tax refunds, IRS cannot issue any ESPs after Dec. 31st, 2008. To be sure, file well before Oct. 15th, and certainly *by* that date.

*Amended returns are accepted for adjustment of the ESP. Persons who are due the ESP, but fail to file a 2007 return, may claim it as a refundable credit on their 2008 return, if they still qualify in 2008.*

**Amount of payment.** The amount of the basic payment for persons without taxable income is \$300 per individual, or \$600 on a joint return.

**Bush likes breeding** Additionally, as current tax law supports breeding and overpopulating the country (which, actually, is a cause of our economic woes, so, as an economic package, this is kind of self-defeating), the ESP will include an additional \$300 for every qualifying dependent (must be 16 yrs. or under as of 12/31/07) claimed on the tax return.

**Special instructions.** In completing form 1040A, the following should be noted *for those filing only for the ESP and not otherwise required to file a return:*

- In the margin at the very top of the return, write "STIMULUS PAYMENT" in big letters.
- You need only complete the name, address and SSN area, and **Lines 1-6 (filing status and exemptions), 7, 14a, and 40b** of the return. The rest of the 1040A may be left blank. If you want direct deposit of your ESP, also complete line 44b, c, & d.
- If you have a *small amount of self-employment, partnership, or farm income*, multiply your *net*

profit by 92.35%, and, if this number is less than \$400, include this number in **Line 7** (wages) of form 1040A. *Caution:* if this number is \$400 or more, you *must* file a long form, and schedule SE.

- Include, on **line 14a**, your Social Security benefits (from Box 5 of your form SSA-1099), *and also* your veterans disability compensation, disability pension and survivor benefits, *and* the social security equivalent portion of *tier 1* railroad retirement benefits (from Box 5 of your form RRB-1099).
- If you have combat pay, enter your nontaxable combat pay (box 12 of your W-2 with code Q) on **line 40b**.

Complete IRS instructions on this, including a downloadable Form 1040A, are available at [northernherald.com](http://northernherald.com)

Further specific info and answers to frequently asked questions are available at <http://www.irs.gov/irs/article/0,,id=177937,00.html> and <http://www.irs.gov/newsroom/article/0,,id=179181,00.html>

**File it, fast and free, on your computer!** IRS also offers free online tax preparation software and free electronic filing for people who are submitting a return solely to receive their Economic Stimulus Payment (ESP). To do it online, go to <http://www.irs.gov/efile/lists/0,,id=179739,00.html>

### TAX SAVING TIP

## If You Have a 401(k), IRA or Other Retirement Plan

Over the years, conventional wisdom has been for married couples to file jointly. But the Retirement Savings Contribution Credit (line 53 of Form 1040) changed all that.

**For married couples, where the income of lesser earning spouse is less than \$26,001**, and that spouse had a retirement plan, they may be able to save money by filing separately, because a larger retirement savings credit may be available. For details, see IRS Form 8880, and its instructions. In some cases, however, filing separately may raise the total federal and Minnesota state tax. To be sure, the complete tax return must be figured both ways, and compared.

**Where the retirement savings credit is barred on a joint return** due to one spouse having taken

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**Question:** How about retired people, people on fixed incomes, veterans, and low-income wage-earners - Can they get Very Expensive Tax Service?

**Answer:** Yes! In fairness to all, now, most everyone can have Very Expensive Tax Service!

### THIS YEAR MILLIONS ARE DUE A FEDERAL PAYMENT

**BUT YOU'VE GOT TO FILE A SHORT TAX RETURN TO GET IT EVEN if you're not otherwise required to file.**

**This will apply to**

- **RETIRED persons on SOCIAL SECURITY**, including nursing home residents
- **those receiving VETERANS' BENEFITS**
- **and Low Income Workers who don't otherwise file a return.**

**WHO'S ELIGIBLE?** Persons are eligible if they received a total of at least \$3,000 in 2007 from one or more of the following sources: •Social Security •Railroad Retirement, •Vets' Compensation (including survivors' benefits), •Non-taxable Combat Pay, •Wages, Salaries & Tips, and •Self-employment, Partnership, and Farm earnings; and • who have a valid Social Security Number, and • are not anyone else's dependent.

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### ECONOMIC STIMULUS PAYMENT RETURN

for those otherwise not required to file

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These days, due to policy complexities, more and more people are having trouble making valid insurance claims and getting a fair settlement. We are not attorneys (we make an honest living), so we cannot represent you in court or give legal advice. But most claims don't require litigation; we have helped people evaluate and submit their insurance claims and reach a fair settlement with the insurer. We can assist in matters of understanding your coverage, valuations, proper documentation, and negotiations with the insurer to arrive at a proper settlement. In many cases, it's just a matter of preparing and documenting the claim so that the insurer's accountants can understand it, and helping to ensure that the claim includes all covered items at proper value.

Our fees for this service are payable at time of service, and, like our other work, will be estimated at your initial appointment before any chargeable work is performed. They are not cheap. They may be almost as much as you pay your plumber, if it's not a weekend. In some cases, though, these claim preparation fees are reimbursable to you from the insurance company, and if applicable, we include them in the final amount to be claimed.

retirement plan withdrawals, it may still be available to the other spouse on a separate return.

**Filing status may not be changed** from joint to separate after the due date for the return (generally, April 15th) has passed.

**Proactively (planning for next year)**, where both spouses have the option of elective deferrals to a retirement plan (or can make an IRA contribution), and at least one spouse's income is below \$26,001; it may be more advantageous for the larger retirement contribution to be made by the lesser earning spouse. Again, to be sure of specific savings, the tax return projection must be

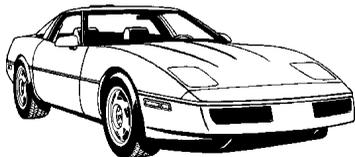
computed all ways and compared.

**IRAs at half-price or better.**

If the lesser earning spouse (or a single person) has income of \$15,500 or less, an IRA, 401(k) or other qualified retirement plan contribution can increase the tax refund by over 50% of what was contributed, up to the amount of tax on that income.

**Having your cake and eating it, too.** For a person earning \$15,000, an \$800 IRA contribution could increase the federal refund by \$480, and the Minnesota by \$42, so they'd get \$522 of their \$800 IRA contribution back almost immediately, and still have \$800 in their IRA.

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EFFIE -- There are a lot of rodeos in the world. But pigs will fly before this writer would go to one indoors, in air conditioning. That's not how *RODEO* is supposed to be.

It's supposed to be the way they do it every year, come rain or shine, at Effie, at the longest running traditional rules, open, rodeo; in the same location, and under the same management - that of the cattlemen of Minnesota's North Star Ranch.

And that's what brings the best cowboys from all over the U.S. and Canada back here every year to compete under the big sky.

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It's best to get to this rodeo a little early, as, although they print

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As always, free camping will be available right on the North Star grounds, but campers are advised to bring their own drinking water as there's no well in the campground.

## RODEO

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