

# LOCALNEWS



Scott Olsen grills hot dogs in the Backus Community Center parking lot on Tuesday.

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## New bus

Arrowhead Transit welcomes people to its meet and greet on Tuesday at the Backus Community Center parking lot. The event was a chance for the agency to show off its newest bus, to increase community knowledge of the bus service, and to increase ridership.



## Next-gen consoles already selling out

Microsoft's Xbox One and Sony's PS4 have been flying off the digital shelves, even though both of the systems don't come out until later this year.

How is this possible? Some retailers offer pre-orders on these consoles. How this works is the customer pays for the console ahead of time, and the retailer ships the console to you on the day of its release. It's a pretty nice system. The retailer gets the money ahead of time, and the customer ensures the availability of a console, with no time delay or stress of having to go to the store.

Pre-orders for the next-gen consoles have been selling out. Best Buy is no longer accepting pre-orders for the Xbox One, GameStop sold out of the PS4, and Amazon halted the sales of both.

Amazon reported record pre-orders for the consoles earlier this month, with 2,500 orders of the consoles taking place each minute.

My advice is to pick up a pre-order while you still can. All the retailers may be guaranteed more shipments of consoles for more pre-orders, but it is still not certain. None of the popular retailers may receive more consoles because of the already massive shipments of them that will take place on launch day.



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If you are a parent who wants to buy one for the holidays, I would recommend pre-ordering. Sure, you may have to hide the gift for a solid month, but it's better than not having one at all.

If you have been looking at the Xbox One, go to GameStop, and if you have had your eye on the PS4, check out Best Buy's site. If things are selling out with just the pre-orders, just imagine how difficult it will be to get your hands on a console when they release during the holiday season.

Time will tell if new shipments of consoles arrive, and even then, will they be sold out quicker than the first? My thoughts are that they probably will. These two consoles don't even launch until at least another four months. Will there be any left for the rest of us to get our hands on?

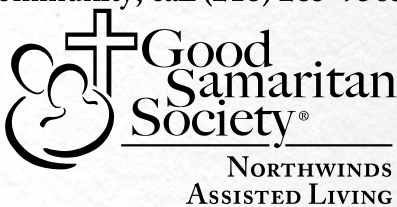
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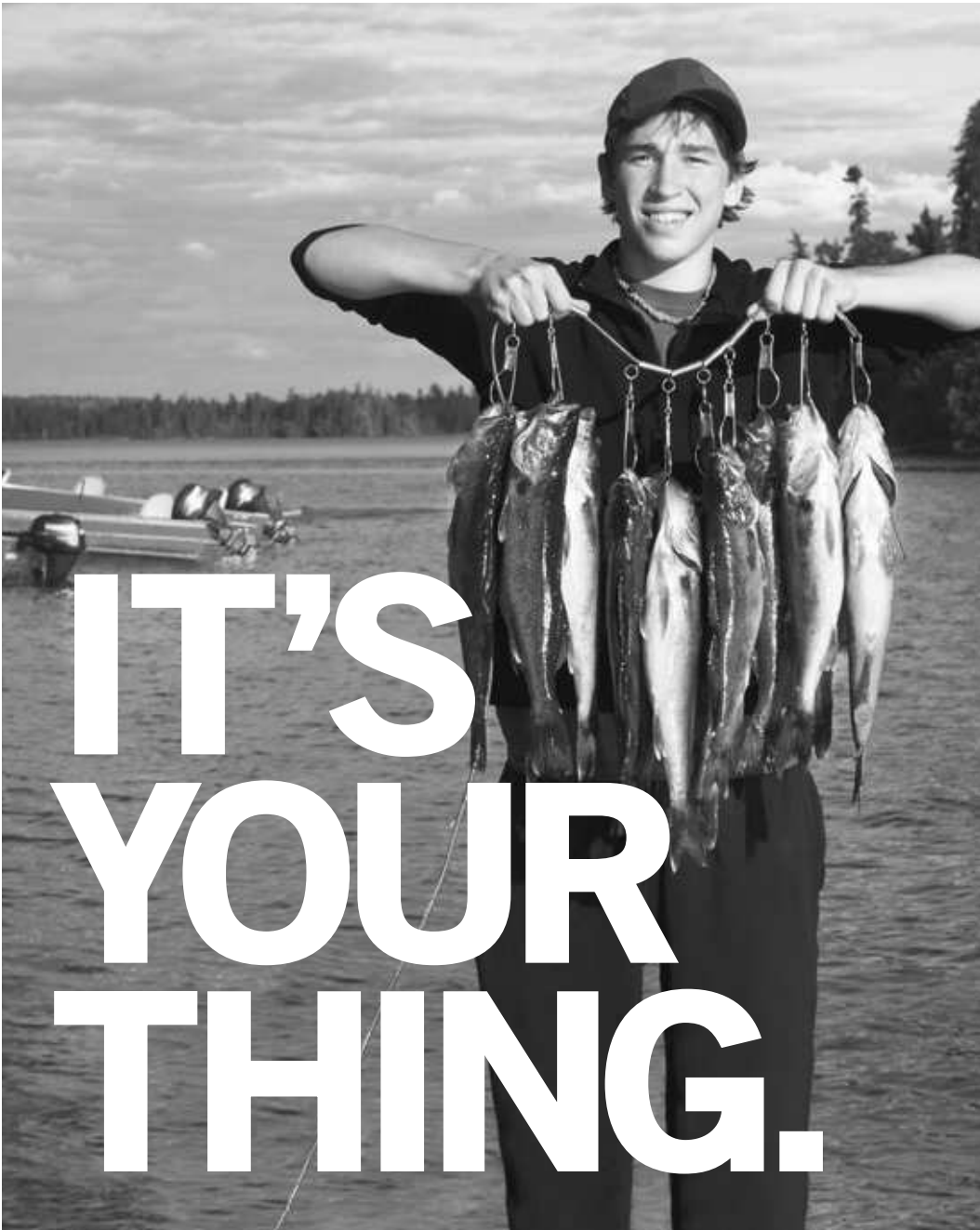
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