

LOCALNEWS

GETTIN’ NOSY



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Mike Thiele shot this photo of a young buck and a chipmunk’s nose-to-nose encounter.

RANIER DAYS

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community yard sale, open to anyone to sell items. The festival will also include a beer garden and a tropical drink tiki bar at the Ranier Liquor Store.

Visitors to the summer festival can see the Little Free Library, a book donation and collection hub, in the area. Visitors can donate or borrow books from the station. The Pooch Parade is at noon, and more dogs are needed to show what they have, a half an hour before the main parade

Acoustic Smoke, a folk, rock, and blues band from Bemidji, will play at the fest for the first time at 7 p.m.

on Friday on the Lakeside Deck. They will be followed by the Ranier Rainy Lake Sunset at 8 p.m. There will also be a street dance that night on Duluth Street.

Music from the Rainy Lake Orchestra, Acoustic Smoke, and Ice Box Radio Theater will follow the parade on the boardwalk. Open mic is 4 p.m. to dusk on the deck at Woody’s Pub. The event invites anyone to bring their instruments and play music.

Attendees can dance the night away with the beautiful sunset in the background. Ranier Rainy Lake Sunset will end the day at 8 p.m. to 1 a.m., right after the street dance at the Ranier Liquor Store from 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Rainy Lake Conservancy hosts annual meeting Aug. 11

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Year-round and seasonal residents interested in maintaining the natural beauty of area lake waters are invited to attend a Rainy Lake Conservancy presentation at 2 p.m. Aug. 11 at La Place Rendez-Vous in Fort Frances.

The presentation is expected to focus on the new Rainy/ Lake of the Woods Watershed Board, formed recently by the International Joint Commission to oversee area water quality. Board member Lee Grim, an International Falls resident who has much knowledge of Rainy Lake, will

present using visuals and answer questions from the audience.

The new watershed board is comprised of 20 members, consisting of an equal number of Canadian and American residents. Watershed board members will advise on everything from the opening of the dam gates, measurement of harmful algal blooms, control of aquatic invasive species to prevention of sulfides and heavy metal leaching.

The IJC has helped manage water levels for the Lake of the Woods and Rainy River watershed since 1912 when it launched a major

study of pollution of Boundary Waters Canoe Area and reviewed an application for a dam at Kettle Falls. Establishment of the new board, however, will streamline effectiveness by combining former smaller boards.

The public is invited to attend the presentation at 2 p.m. and the meeting which is scheduled to begin at 3 p.m.. Those who decide to stay for the second portion will learn about what the Conservancy has achieved throughout the year and upcoming goals.

ABOUT THE RAINY LAKE CONSERVANCY
Based out of Fort Frances,

the Rainy Lake Conservancy is an organization partnering with many other organizations on several projects. Members collect water quality data, promote good shoreline practice, support environmental research, and liaison with area mining officials to meet environmental safeguards. The primary focus, however, is to protect the wilderness character of Rainy Lake by facilitating conservation agreements on private land and educating members and the public on good lakeshore stewardship.

For more information, contact Dale Callaghan at 807-632-4051.

Minnesota reports first West Nile virus case of 2013

Use mosquito repellents at dusk and dawn

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The first human case of West Nile virus disease in 2013 has been reported in a Minnesota resident. The Murray County man became ill with West Nile fever earlier this month and is recovering. State health officials are urging Minnesotans to protect themselves from mosquitoes.

West Nile virus is a potentially life-threatening disease and Minnesotans should protect themselves by routinely using mosquito repellents and taking other simple precautions against mosquito bites, Minnesota Department of Health officials said in a news release.

David Neitzel, an MDH epidemiologist specializing in diseases carried by mosquitoes, said that we have now

entered the high risk season for WNV which continues through early autumn. “The species of mosquito that transmits the virus to humans is most abundant in July and August. Mosquito repellents used during outdoor activities at dusk and dawn can prevent this potentially severe disease.”

About 1 out of 150 people bitten by a WNV-infected mosquito will develop central nervous system disease—encephalitis or meningitis. Approximately 10 percent of people with this severe form of infection die from their illness, and survivors can suffer from long-term nervous system problems. Fortunately, most people bitten by infected mosquitoes develop West Nile fever, the less severe form of disease, or fight off the virus without any symptoms, the release said.

Illness from WNV can occur in residents throughout Minnesota and among all age groups. However, WNV

More information

For more information, visit www.health.state.mn.us.

effective at providing protection against mosquito bites.

■ Permethrin is a strong repellent and will kill mosquitoes that come into contact with treated clothing. Repellents containing permethrin are applied to clothing (not skin). Treated clothing can be worn after the repellent dries.

■ Additional options include repellents containing picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, or IR3535.

■ For maximum effectiveness and safety, all mosquito repellents should be used according to label directions.

Other important steps to prevent mosquito bites and potential illness from WNV include:

■ Minimize outdoor activities at dusk and dawn, as this is prime feeding time for WNV-carrying mosquitoes. If you go outside at these times, take precautions even if mosquito numbers seem low; it only takes one bite from an infected mosquito to transmit the virus.

9th Annual International Falls Bass Championship

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The International Falls Bass Championship is Minnesota’s Premier Bass Tournament

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with a unique 2-2-2 format: 2-person teams, 2-days of fishing, on 2-bodies of water taking full advantage of great fishing on both Rainy Lake and Rainy River.

\$30,000 Total Prize Money

“Under the Tent” Live Weigh-Ins at Smokey Bear Park Friday & Saturday starting at 4 p.m.

IFBC KID’S FISHING TOURNAMENT Saturday, Aug. 24 8 am - 10:30 am Ages 3-12
11:00 am Awards at Smokey Bear Park
3 PRIZE CATEGORIES: AGE 3-5, 6-9, 10-12. One adult must accompany child.
Please contact Carol Schultz for more information or register at the main ticket booth.

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