

# Happy 65th Anniversary

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# LOCALNEWS



CONTRIBUTED PHOTOS

An industrial technology student at Rainy River Community College volunteers at the Borderland Humane Society last week. Students cut holes in the cat cages to allow the animals more freedom roam.

## Hands-on learning

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Last week, Rainy River Community College students went to newly-opened Borderland Humane Society to measure and make a materials list of everything needed to cut holes in the cat cages to allow the cats to roam back and forth.

The project took a little teamwork. While two students cut holes and sanded them down to be smooth, other students cut PVC pipe to fit the holes. The pipe is expected to be installed this week.

According to an RRCC official, Mike Turenne, RRCC foundation board member, contacted the



The experience at the humane society gave students some hands-on learning, while helping out the newly-opened facility.

college to find out if the industrial maintenance class could do some community volunteer work modifying these cat cages.

Mike Koski, who teaches the class, thought it would be a great way for the college and his class to give back.

## Grover: ‘Change can be good’

### Congress could change standardized testing requirements

BY EMILY GEDDE  
Staff Writer

Discussions about changing standardized testing in schools are swirling around the Legislature, and one local administrator said change can be a good thing.

Changes to the No Child Left Behind law are being considered by a Republican-controlled U.S. Senate. The law signed by President George W. Bush in 2002 requires states to test students on reading and math proficiency.

International Falls schools Superintendent Kevin Grover told The Journal this week change has its pros and cons, but overall is necessary to keep up with the way students are learning.

“We are teaching things differently today than we did 10, 20, 30 years ago,” Gro-

ver said, noting Minnesota received a waiver from the NCLB law in 2012. “There are a variety of suggestions coming out and it’s hard to say where it’ll all end...Things could change at the state and federal level.”

Grover said finding an assessment tool that works for everyone for standardized testing can be challenging. “We need to measure student achievement,” he said. “The trick is finding a fair tool to measure that achievement that works for every district in the state or county.”

Scores for tests taken in the spring of 2014 showed the Falls district landed above the state average in its math scores; reading and science fell below the rest of the state average mark. And this year as teachers prepare for the spring tests, Grover said they will focus on math should the tests continue to be required.



Kevin Grover

“I wouldn’t be surprised if tweaks are made at the state and federal level,” he said. “Like anything, we need to look at how we’re doing and there needs to be a way of monitoring.”

A bill introduced in the U.S. Senate would eliminate annual testing requirements in favor of what’s called grade span testing, which would still monitor progress and how the system is doing, but it would be done over time.

“We need to find where kids are struggling and suggest the best practices for them,” Grover said.

One way staff at Falls schools have considered data is through the district’s new early-out schedule. Grover said at both schools, data is being looked at, and discussions are occurring on what’s working and what isn’t.

“I think early outs are going to help us in the long run,” Grover said, adding whenever a group collaborates, good things happen. “I hope we see drastic changes instantly, but I am a realist and I know these things take time.”

## National gas price average to hit \$1.99

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Average retail gasoline prices in Minnesota have fallen 1.6 cents in the past week, averaging \$1.94 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 2,856 gas outlets in Minnesota. This compares with the national average that has decreased 2.3 cents in the last week to \$2.02 per gallon, according to gasoline price website MinnesotaGasPrices.com.

Regular gas prices in International Falls, according to the site, ranged from \$1.87 to \$2.19 this week.

Including the change in gas prices in Minnesota

during the past week, prices Sunday were 127.8 cents per gallon lower compared to the same day one year ago and are 24.8 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 27.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 125.8 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

“Welcome back, \$1.99. This is the week that we’ll see the return to a national average of \$1.99 per gallon, but motorists shouldn’t expect it to last very long. Refineries have been processing less crude oil and thus producing less gasoline, which will contribute to a

soft bottoming out of the national average before a small recovery back in the very low \$2’s,” said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy. “And while this year will still feature far lower prices than last year, we’ll be subject to a seasonal lift in gasoline prices as refineries slow production to do maintenance and to make the progressive switch over to cleaner burning summer gasoline. Last year’s lift began the second week of February and saw the upward trend last until the beginning of May, during which, the national average saw a rise of 35 cents a gallon.”

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# ELEMENTARY MENU

Menu for Gr. 6-12 can be found at [www.isd361.k12.mn.us](http://www.isd361.k12.mn.us)

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
<b>2 Breakfast</b> Waffles w/Syrup Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Pig in a Blanket Potato Wedges Broccoli w/Cheese Jello w/Fruit Fruit Choices	<b>3 Breakfast</b> Bagel w/toppings Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Pattie on a Bun Romaine Lettuce/ Tomato Slice Steamed Carrots Fruit Choices	<b>4 Breakfast</b> Bacon Scramble Breakfast Pizza Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garden Spinach Salad Garlic Breadstick Fruit Choices	<b>5 Breakfast</b> Pancakes w/syrup Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Taco Soup Chips & Black Bean Salsa Refried Beans Fruit Choices	<b>6 Breakfast</b> Cinni Minis Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Drumstick Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Wheat Roll & Jelly Fruit Choices
<b>9 Breakfast</b> Trix Yogurt w/Nutrigrain Bar Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Hamburger w/Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Rice Crispy Bar Fruit Choices	<b>10 Breakfast</b> Tony's Sausage Breakfast Pizza Or WG Cereal <b>Lunch</b> Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Fresh Broccoli Fruit Choices	<b>11 Breakfast</b> Yogurt Sundae/Graham Squares Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Assorted Deli Sandwiches Baked Beans Celery & Cucumber Sticks Snickerdoodle cookie Fruit Choices	<b>12 Breakfast</b> Apple Frudel/Cheese Stick Or WG Cereal <b>Lunch</b> Cheese Pizza Slice Green Beans Baby Carrots & Dip Fruit Choices	<b>13 Breakfast</b> Mini French Toast Sticks Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Macaroni & Cheese/Meatballs Peas Fresh Veggie Cup Dinner Roll & Jelly Fruit Choices
<b>16 Breakfast</b>	<b>17 Breakfast</b> Pancake & Sausage on a Stick OR WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Hard Shell Taco Shredded Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans WG Tortilla Chips w/Black Bean & Corn Salsa Fruit Choices	<b>18 Breakfast</b> Breakfast Pizza OR WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Cheese Pizza Slice Tossed Romaine Salad Steamed Carrots Fruit Choices	<b>19 Breakfast</b> Pumpkin Choc. Chip Muffin w/ hard-boiled egg or WG Cereal <b>Lunch</b> Italian Dunkers Green Pepper Strips & Fresh Baby Carrots Chocolate Brownie Fruit Choices	<b>20 Breakfast</b> Breakfast Bake w/Salsa & Toast OR WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Fish Pattie on a Bun Oven French Fries Green Beans Fruit Choices
<b>23 Breakfast</b> Yogurt Choice w/Toast Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Corn Dog Lettuce & Tomato Salad Whole Kernel Corn Chips & Salsa Fruit Choices	<b>24 Breakfast</b> French Toast Sticks Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Stromboli Garden Spinach Salad Fresh Carrots Fruit Choices	<b>25 Breakfast</b> Egg & Cheese Biscuit Sandwich Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> BBQ Beef on a Bun Sweet Potato Puffs Baked Beans Fruit Choices	<b>26 Breakfast</b> Cereal Bar & String Cheese Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Turkey & Cheese Hoagie Leaf Lettuce & Tomato Slice Oven French Fries Fruit Choices	<b>27 Breakfast</b> Mini Maple Pancakes & Sausage Or WG Cereal Choice <b>Lunch</b> Fish Nuggets Mashed Potatoes Steamed Broccoli WW Roll & Jelly Fruit Choices

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