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Going fast for fun and a cause

IVSC speed run for cancer Feb. 15

BY LAUREL BEAGER
Editor

Just how fast can that sled go? Area riders have the chance to find out Feb. 15 at the International Voyageurs Snowmobile Club's annual Falls International Speed Run Against Cancer on Rainy Lake ice in front of the Thunderbird Lodge.

Club president Jim Bigler said the fundraiser helps local residents with the costs of transportation for cancer treatments in Duluth or the Twin Cities and other places.

Registration starts at noon and speed runs will take place from 1 to 4 p.m. that Saturday.

"Whether you're a racer or just want to see how fast your sled will go, come and join us for a good cause," urges Bigler.

Bigler said the radar run for charity, in its sixth year, started a bit by chance.

"The radar machine was donated to the club," he said. "At the time we accepted the donation we weren't really sure what we would use it for but knew we would find a use."

It was around that same time a long-time IVSC Board member, John Slatinski, was transporting his son, Rick, out of the community for his needed dialysis treatment, said Bigler.

During that time, the local news was featuring



FILE PHOTO

This speedster was one of about 100 snowmobile enthusiasts who took part in the 2013 speed run. The International Falls Voyageurs Snowmobile Club started the event after receiving this radar machine, which are common on city streets.

stories about the hardship on area residents forced to drive more than 100 miles one way for dialysis services. A local effort to bring dialysis services to the community was also making headlines, as was the Community Cancer Walk, which helps provide gas cards to defray the travel costs for cancer patients requiring treatment outside the community.

"After some creative brainstorming, we decided a radar run to help support the effort started by (former county commissioner) Chuck Lepper to raise funds for local dialysis service would be the perfect cause and use for the machine," said Bigler.

He said the next chal-

lenge was finding a place to hold the speed run.

"I am not even kidding when I say we thought main street would be perfect," Bigler said. "This was quickly shot down as insane so we headed to the lake and partnered with Thunderbird Lodge, a long standing associate member of the club and MnUSA." MnUSA stands for Minnesota United Snowmobile Association, organized in 1978 to protect, preserve and promote the sport of snowmobiling statewide through legislation and programs.

Bigler said the first run was conducted in honor of Rick Slatinski and money raised was added to the donations held by Koochi-

ching County toward establishing a local dialysis center.

Since that first run, each event has supported a local charity and returned to the ice at the Thunderbird Lodge. But Bigler said its the riders that test the speeds of their machines that make the donations.

"Supporting a local charity is the goal here," said Bigler. "The International Voyageurs Snowmobile Club radar run for cancer has been our passion the past four years. This local charity, the Community Cancer Walk, provides cancer patients with gas cards to help with expenses. We will continue with the support of all that attend — they make it happen."

WSI climbs to 94

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The winter severity index for the International Falls area was 94 on Wednesday, reports Larry Petersen, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources area wildlife supervisor.

The WSI was 56 last year at this date, and 17 two years ago.

The average WSI for this date is about 58, notes Peterson. The harshest winter in the mid-1990s had an index of 116 on this date.

The snow depth is around 18-24 inches in the International Falls vicinity. The deeper snow can be found south and east of here, reports Petersen.

The winter severity index is a standardized number used by the DNR when considering impacts of the winter on deer. It is calculated using temperature and snow depth in the period from Nov. 1 through April 30 or whenever winter ends. Every day the daily low temperature is zero or below is one point, and every day the snow depth is 15 inches or deeper in an open aspen woods is one point. The points are added each week until winter ends.



Larry Petersen

CO REPORT

02-03-2014

District 5 — Eveleth area

■ CO Darrin Kittelson (International Falls) reports snowmobile activity in the area increasing and the ice fishing on Rainy Lake slowing with little success. A snowmobile safety class was attended in Littlefork. Enforcement action for the week involved excessive snowmobile speed.

■ CO Brad Schultz (Cook) reports the cold weather continues and not much outdoor activity going on. A few snowmobiles were observed, however the operators said that they were not putting many miles on due the cold. There is some local concern

about the health of the deer herd due to the extreme cold and deep snow.

■ CO Don Bozovsky (Hibbing) worked snowmobiles, a complaint of fish house litter, continued follow up on several snowmobile violations committed by one snowmobiler, and on snowmobile and equipment maintenance.

■ CO Matt Frericks (Virginia) investigated reports of dogs chasing deer. Dog owners are reminded that it is a dog's natural instinct to chase and dog owners are responsible for their dog's actions if their pets are seen chasing or killing deer. Area snowmobile trails are in excellent condition.

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\$10/ticket
Only 1,000 Tickets Available

Drawing will take place
Saturday, March 1
9:00pm, Aquinas Hall

Tickets available at the Parish Office, Forestland Sales & Service and Espresso Lane.
Proceeds from this raffle will assist with the costs of Parish roof repairs.
Tickets donated by TruStar Federal Credit Union
Need not be present to win.
Winner responsible for any applicable taxes or fees.
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We wish to thank all those who congratulated us on our
60th Wedding Anniversary
Those who sent cards, called or e-mailed us, those that came to our party and helped us celebrate, despite the weather... and,
Especially, our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren for a wonderful party, great food, decorations, corsages and the quilt. A special thanks to Lanny and Joe who played and sang, to Rhonda for a candle.
May God richly Bless you all!
Jack and Joeleen Kennedy

ORDINANCE #955
AN ORDINANCE ACCEPTING LOW BID IN THE AMOUNT OF \$250,000.00 AND AWARDING CONTRACT TO UP NORTH BUILDER'S, INC., 3181 HWY 53, PO BOX 156, INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MN 56649 FOR THE CITY OF INTERNATIONAL FALLS ANIMAL SHELTER PROJECT
The City Council of the City of International Falls, Minnesota, does ordain as follows:
SECTION I. The advertisement for bids for the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment for the City of International Falls Animal Shelter Project has been published, and all other acts required by law performed, and that in reply thereto, bids were received and, after due consideration, the City Council deemed the low bid of Up North Builder's, Inc., 3181 Hwy 53, PO Box 156, International Falls, MN 56649, in the amount of \$250,000.00 being the most favorable bid, and said bid was duly accepted subject to passing of this Ordinance.
SECTION II. The Mayor and City Administrator are hereby authorized to enter into contract with Up North Builder's Inc., 3181 Hwy 53, PO Box 156, International Falls, MN 56649 for the furnishing of all labor, materials and equipment for the City of International Falls Animal Shelter Project in accordance with approved specifications, and the filing of a performance bond for the faithful performance of this contract, said low bid being on file in the Office of the City Administrator.
SECTION III. This Ordinance shall be in effect after publication.
Passed its first reading this 21st day of January 2014.
Passed its second and final reading this 3rd day of February 2014.

Robert W. Anderson, Mayor
Attest:
Betty Bergstrom, Interim City Administrator
Published: Saturday, February 8, 2014

**RAINY LAKE SPORTFISHING CLUB'S 29TH ANNUAL FAMILY ICE FISHING DERBY & RAFFLE**

Saturday, February 22nd • 1-4pm
SAND BAY AREA - MAIN ENTRANCE: RAINY LAKE MARINE

YOU MUST HAVE \$10.00 RAFFLE TICKET TO ENTER DERBY AREA.
Children under 16 will receive a FREE Hot Dog ticket, must be accompanied by an adult to get the hot dog.
All proceeds go toward the improvement of local fisheries, scholarships and kid's fishing pond. **2013 Licenses VALID** for this Event. No lines in the water until **1:00 p.m.!** Bring your auger... help a neighbor!
CASH PRIZES
\$10 Raffle Ticket Required
1st - \$5,000
2nd - \$2,000, 3rd - \$1,000 plus Many More!


NOTICE: RULES FOR 2014

- All fish must be caught in the derby area.
- 4 different fish Categories: Walleye/Sauger, Burbot, Northern & Alternative Species
- Each fish category will have a 1, 2, 3 placing.
- Fish prizes donated by: Hardees, Farmers Insurance - Ronna Mackay, Loons Nest, Rainy Lake One Stop, Rainy Lake Spirits, Sportsmens Service
- You may enter 1 fish per category, at which time you will receive a ticket. After the derby is completed, a random drawing will be held for all tickets given out.

SLOT SIZE ENFORCED
★ Remember that you may not keep walleyes in Rainy Lake 17" to 28" and they will not be accepted for the Draw!
Need not be present to win prizes. License # 36010

LIONS CLUB FOOD WAGON WILL BE SERVING ALL DAY
\$10.00 RAFFLE TICKETS AVAILABLE AT:

- Outdoorsman's Headquarters • Sportsmens Service • Loons Nest
- Rainy Lake 1 Stop • Forestland • Randy's • Mels Corner Service • Littlefork Promersbergers Corner • Big Falls & Various Locations throughout Borderland

ORDINANCE NO. 10, 5th SERIES
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CITY CODE CHAPTER 5 ENTITLED "LIQUOR, WINE AND BEER LICENSING AND REGULATION" BY AMENDING SECTION 5-23 "HOURS OF SALE" TO ALLOW 10:00 A.M. SUNDAY SALES
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INTERNATIONAL FALLS, MINNESOTA DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1. City Code Section 5-23 entitled "HOURS OF SALE" is amended to read as follows:
No sale of beer shall be made between the hours of 1:00 o'clock a.m. and 8:00 o'clock a.m. on any weekday, Monday through Saturday, inclusive. Neither shall any sale be made on any Sunday between the hours of 1:00 o'clock a.m. and 10:00 a.m.
Section 2. After adoption, signing and attestation, this Ordinance shall be published once in the official newspaper of the City and shall be in effect thirty (30) days after the date following such publication.

Robert W. Anderson, Mayor
Attest:
Betty Bergstrom, Interim City Administrator
Passed its first reading this 21st day of January 2014.
Passed its second reading this 3rd day of February 2014.
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