

# COMMUNITY

## A LOOK AT BORDERLAND

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### STATE CAPITOL VISIT



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Sen. Majority Leader Tom Bakk met with students from Indus Elementary School April 11. The fourth and fifth graders traveled to St. Paul as part of their class trip to the Minnesota State Capitol. Bakk represents Koochiching, Lake, Cook and portions of St. Louis counties. Students taking part in the trip and greeted by Bakk included, front row — Kinsey Seegert, Katrina Horton, Stevie Johnson, Nissa Thomas, Chase Steinbach, Colin Leahy, Mia Stenberg, Glenn Dawson and Bakk; middle row — Jennifer Whitfield, Jacob Hasbargen, RayAnna Wolden, Jerrell Banner, Riley Ridgewell; and back row — Brian Pearson, KK Banner, Krissa Grover, Alicia Kelly, Irish Malapitan and Makayla Sellen.

### Think of a monarch butterfly and smile

Given the great number of Monarchs (up to 100 million) that gather to migrate each fall, it is hard to imagine them facing a threat of extinction. Monarchs travel further than all other tropical butterflies, up to 3,000 miles. They are the only butterfly to make such a long two-way migration every year. They fly in masses and often to the exact same trees. They make the trip only once. It is their children's children that return south the following fall. Monarchs cannot survive long, cold winters. Monarchs west of the Rocky Mountains travel to small groves of trees along the California coast. Those east of the Rocky Mountains fly farther south to forests high in the mountains of Mexico. The monarchs migration is driven by seasonal change. Day length and temperature changes influence their movement.

When the late summer and early fall monarchs emerge from their pupae, or chrysalides, they are biologically and behaviorally different from those emerging earlier. The shorter days and cooler air of late summer triggers change. In Minnesota this occurs around the end of August. The monarchs won't mate or lay eggs until the following spring. They are preparing for their strenuous flight. Because they are cold-blooded, they cannot fly in cold weather. Scientists have many questions concerning the long flights and homing to foreign destinations. Human activities have diminished the natural habitat of all butterflies. Use of herbicides and pesticides directly impacts plants that butterflies and other pollinators need for survival.

One thing we can do to assist them is to plant a butterfly garden. These colorful gardens can use native plants, making maintenance easier. Include plants that flower throughout the season to provide nectar and color spring through fall. Milkweed is necessary for monarch larvae to feed. A healthy butterfly garden will look "eaten." Butterflies pay less attention to people than



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birds so you can sit nearby and watch. If you wear bright colors they may even mistake you for a nectar source and visit you up close. I used information gathered from <http://www.monarchwatch.org>. It lists plants, pollinators, and much other useful information.

On April 22, 2014, the Arboretum in Chanhassen, Minn., celebrates Earth Day with a program from 1 to 5 p.m. featuring the latest information on the decline of the pollinator populations.

From May 17 through Aug. 17, the Arboretum is featuring "Butterflies: Beauty in Flight." The Conservatory will be filled with live butterflies native to Minnesota as well as common plants that sustain these pollinators. Search the title, "Butterflies: Beauty in Flight," to reach a site with specific information about cost, time, and location.

Butterflies are so beautiful; I hope we see them thrive in the years to come.

Watch for further information on butterflies, bees and other pollinators and how we can do our part to help these lovely creatures. Master Gardeners will be providing other information through articles and other means. We will inform you of our efforts through this column.

Check with the University of Minnesota Extension website <http://www.extension.umn.edu/garden/> for more information on all pollinators, on gardening, and other horticultural topics.

**Local Master Gardeners will again be answering your questions on home horticulture. Call 218-444-7916, leave your name, number, and question and you will get a call.**

## MnDOT updates 511 traveler information features

### Redesign improves usability

#### MNDOT STAFF REPORT

Minnesota's 511 traveler information system that gives up-to-date information on weather-related road conditions and maintenance and construction projects now has an improved high bandwidth site, giving users more continuity and usability with the service,

according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The 511 system, available online at [511mn.org](http://511mn.org) or by phone at 511, helps motorists make better travel decisions. It offers both voice response and touch-tone options to request road-specific information.

"The enhanced 511 site

will make it easier for motorists to find out information about events that may affect their travel — whether it's road construction, weather or traffic incidents. Motorists can also sign up for text alerts and emails for their customized routes," said Brian Kary, MnDOT freeway operations engineer.

The new 511 features include viewing traffic camera images in an album, allowing users to scroll from one camera to the next along their route. Also, when users click on an incident, it will be brought up in an album view with a description and map. The background images fade

out. In addition, pages are now auto-refreshed when new information arrives that affect the current map view.

"The new site was rolled out in Minnesota and two other states recently and all went very well," said Kelly Braunig, MnDOT 511 coordinator.

Minnesota was one of the first states in the country to introduce 511 in 2002. The high bandwidth was added in 2009. The free mobile app was launched in July 2013; since then, there have been more than 98,000 downloads of the app.

MnDOT's 511 traveler information service is available at [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org).

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**Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>**  
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### THE JAPANESE MENTALITY IN THE PACIFIC WAR

### "WORLD WAR II PRESENTATION"

Rainy River Community College Theater  
Thursday, April 24, 2014  
6:30 pm - 8:00 pm  
Refreshments at 6:00 pm  
**FREE - NO COST**

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