

LOCALNEWS

Jaksa announces candidacy

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

International Falls West Ward City Councilor Cynthia Jaksa announced this week she will seek reelection to the position.

Jaksa filed for the office Wednesday at the Falls Municipal Building. Jaksa has held the position since 2008, when she was appointed to fill a vacancy on the council. She was later elected in a special election for that position. She was reelected in 2010.

Jaksa outlined her reasons for seeking reelection in a statement sent to The Journal.

“Working together, we can build our city into a vibrant and exciting economic center,” she wrote. “We have evolved from a lumber camp into a manufacturing and transportation center and we have just started to develop our economic might.”

She pointed to “the three Ts – timber, transportation and tourism, and with the right local policies, all of us can benefit.”

Jaksa said the the city’s tax base must grow in order to grow the city. To do that, means increasing demand for housing and jobs.

A city economic develop-

ment agency was created to focus on bringing jobs into the city, she said. “For the T in transportation, we are developing a transportation site to attract logistic companies here for warehousing and shipping. For the T in tourism, we have developed riverfront and are seeking further opportunities. Our lease of the riverfront to the national park will provide cash for the city, reducing the burden to local taxpayers. For the T in timber, we are working to expand the use of our wood basket and thus create new jobs with new uses for wood fiber.”

She also notes that the city has joined APEX, a regional economic development agency that has strategies for the development of new uses for wood fiber. “Through this connection and others, we are working to bring new opportunities to International Falls,” she wrote.

Jaksa said as the gold mines in Canada come on line, local businesses and



Cynthia Jaksa

entrepreneurs will have opportunities to supply materials and services.

“To help business, we need to form strong partnerships with the Fort Frances council through shared events and also shared initiatives,” she stated. “Further, we need to develop cross-border sharing of resources. Together with Fort Frances and Ranier, the city of International Falls can be viewed as a subregional center that encompasses 20,000 people.”

She pointed to the effort with the Fort Frances City Council to develop access to Canadian dialysis services for American patients. “Success will lead to further shared medical services,” she said.

Jaksa pledged to continue to seek economic development and to add a housing development.

“Many of the older neighborhoods have vacant lots,” she wrote. “With planning, grants and employment of local housing developers, these lots pose an opportunity for new housing. Because we have an aging population, we can develop senior friendly housing – low maintenance, one-level living with wheel chair access.”



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Keith Winger and the Classic Country Band will be featured at the Koochiching County Fair in Northome.

Mark your calendars: Fair set for Aug. 8-10

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The fair is coming to town.

The Koochiching County Fair at the fairgrounds in Northome is set for Aug. 8-10 and features several returning favorites and new additions to the schedule of events. Fair gates open in Northome at 9 a.m. Aug. 8 with free rummage sale space on the grounds all day, a picnic lunch, kickball tournament, spaghetti dinner and a talent show in the evening.

Saturday’s events include the sinkhole scramble, a two-mile and five-kilometer walk/run for all ages — plus a stroller scrambler division, a parade in Northome at 1 p.m., an ATV mud run at the fairgrounds be-

ginning at 3 p.m., a ham dinner, and following the grandstand show at 7 p.m., a “spectacular” fireworks display at dusk, according to a release.

Keith Winger and The Classic Country Band will be the featured grandstand event at 7 p.m. Aug. 9 at the fair, according to the release.

Sunday’s highlight is a horse competition show with the Northwoods Saddle Club from Effie. The event is open to everyone.

Family events and activities take place all day Aug. 10 with laser tag, bocce ball, a medallion hunt, miniature golf, bingo, races and a variety of competitions.

Reentertainment Rides and Amusements will be set up on the grounds all weekend. Food stands

More information

For more information, call the fair office at 218-897-5205 or visit [www.http://ci.northome.mn.us](http://ci.northome.mn.us).

and game concessions will also be available for fair goers.

Exhibit entries and competitions of garden produce and flowers are open to all county residents. An amateur photography contest with a variety of categories plus “three photos that tell a story” has three age divisions.

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Trap shooting club facilities can grow through DNR grant program

DNR STAFF REPORT

Minnesota shooting clubs that would like to develop or rehabilitate trap-shooting facilities open for public use can apply for funds through a new Department of Natural Resources grant program.

The Minnesota Legislature authorized more than \$2 million for matching grants to recreational shooting clubs for developing or rehabilitating trap shooting sports facilities for public use, with an emphasis on enhancing youth participation opportunities. As part of that program, the DNR created an expedited small trap range grants program to provide grants from \$2,500 to \$25,000 for eligible projects, which must be matched 1:1 up to a total project cost of \$50,000. A general grant

program for larger projects will be announced later this year.

Applications for the expedited small grants program are now open at the link listed below. The application deadline is 5 p.m. Monday, Sept. 1. Those selected for funding will be notified in September.

“This new program aims to increase opportunities for youth trap shooters, youth trap teams and adult shooters,” said Chuck Niska, DNR shooting range program coordinator. “Ideally we’d like to see many applications submitted this summer, range work completed this fall and expanded opportunities around the state next spring.”

The development of the program follows a significant rise in youth trap shooting, especially by high

school students who are part of a statewide league.

“Existing trap ranges sometimes struggle to meet demand,” Niska said. “Our hope is that these grants will enable facilities to add additional trap fields, upgrade equipment or make other improvements that enable more people to participate in this popular activity.”

Each grant recipient is required to equally match the amount of funds the DNR awards them.

A total of \$500,000 is available for this first phase of the grants. In the near future, the DNR will announce details of the general grant program for larger trap shooting facility projects exceeding \$50,000.

Grant application packets are available at www.mndnr.gov/grants/recreation.

DNR QUESTION OF THE WEEK

Q: If I purchase a hunting or fishing license on the DNR website, do I need to keep a printed copy with me out in the field?

A: If you’re using a home computer, you can print most licenses and need to keep a copy with

you when participating in the activity. In cases where the license has a tag, the license will be mailed to you, and you must have the license in possession.

Licenses purchased on a mobile device are issued in electronic format, and

you can choose to receive an email and/or text message that serves as your license. In that case, you must carry your mobile device or a printed copy of this email or text message to show proof of license.

Steve Michaels, licensing program director

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RANIER DAZE SUMMER FESTIVAL

Friday August 8, 2014 Saturday August 9, 2014

7:00 pm
ICE BOX RADIO THEATRE
Ranier Community Building

8:00 pm
John Streiff-King Of The Road
Entertainment
Ranier Muni

Saturday, August 9
8am-11am
PANCAKE BREAKFAST
Fundraiser at Community Building
Sponsored by County Market

PARADE
12 pm Pooch BYODog
MAIN PARADE TO FOLLOW
Contact Berta 218-286-3382
Floats/Entries Wanted

MUSIC
Following parade
RAINY LAKE ORCHESTRA
ON THE BOARDWALK

1 pm-4 pm
VNP North Canoe Rides
SPRUCE STREET DOCK
FINSTAD AUTO-MARINE SHOP TOURS
CLASSIC BOATS ON THE BAY
ANTIQUE BOAT MODELS
HISTORIC PHOTOS
CLASSIC CARS IN THE PARK
KID'S BARREL TRAIN RIDES

Adult Games
• Egg Toss • Frozen Knickers and More!
RUGRAT CORNER across from Ranier Park
Saturday 10-Noon, 1:30-8 pm

5:15 pm
Treasure Hunt
FREE Park

Little FREE Library
Book Donation & Collection
Book Signings,
Facepainting, Original Art,
Community Yard Sales

11am
BEER GARDEN & Tropical Drink TIKI BAR
Ranier Muni

3 pm
Lawn Mower Drag Races
Duluth Street
Ted 218-240-5972

8 pm
John Streiff-King Of The Road
Entertainment
Ranier Muni
Canadian Fireworks-Dusk
Come Join Us ▶
QUESTIONS? 218-286-3343

CORN DOGS, CHEESE CURDS, COTTON CANDY, ICED COFFEES, PIZZA, SMOOTHIES, ICE CREAM FLOATS, BBQ SANDWICHES, HOT DOGS, WINGS

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Koochiching County Planning and Zoning Commission relative to the following item **on Thursday, August 14, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the County Board Room, Koochiching County Courthouse, International Falls, Minnesota.

A Conditional Use Permit application submitted by **Anderson Brothers Construction Company** in order to set-up and operate a temporary portable asphalt plant on an approximate 5-acre site to be used in conjunction with the State Hwy 11 road construction project. The plant will be located on the Johnson property immediately west of County Road 10 and adjacent to State Hwy 11. The parcel where it will be located is described as the NESE & SESE, Sec. 32, Twp 70N, Rge 26W, Koochiching County, Minnesota.

All interested parties are invited to attend the said hearing to be heard. If more information is desired, please contact the Koochiching County Environmental Services, ph.(218)283-1158.

July 28, 2014

Dale Olson
Zoning Administrator
Koochiching County

This is Northwoods Eating

Breakfast Specials

Mon.-Sat. \$6.29 • Sunday \$7.29

Mon.	Big Moose Skillet with hashbrowns
Tues.	Breakfast Sandwich with hashbrowns
Wed.	French Toast w/eggs & sausage or bacon
Thurs.	Blueberry Pancakes w/eggs & sausage or bacon
Fri.	Biscuits & Gravy w/eggs & hashbrowns
Sat.	Cinnamon Swirl French Toast with ham & eggs
Sun.	Blueberry Cream Cheese Crepes with eggs & ham

Dinner Specials

Mon.	Half Chicken Dinner	\$10.99
Tues.	Full Rack of BBQ Ribs	\$17.99
Wed.	Pan Fried Walleye	\$14.99
Thurs.	Mozzarella Girasole w/Marinara Sauce	\$10.99
Fri.	Fishermen's Catch	\$16.99
Sat.	Rib Eye Steak	\$17.99
Sun.	Chicken Kiev	\$11.99

Dinners include choice of potato & salad. Choice of soup for \$1.00

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