

Good luck anglers at the the 10th annual International Falls Bass Championship



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New pastor sets goals for church, school

The Rev. Ben Hadrich hopes to bring fifth and sixth grade back to St. Thomas School 'ASAP'

BY EMILY GEDDE
Staff Writer

When the Rev. Ben Hadrich was told he would serve as the head pastor of the St. Thomas Aquinas and St. Columban Catholic parishes, he jumped at the chance.

The 30-year-old avid outdoorsman from McGregor, Minn. had been to International Falls before and was anxious to make it his home.

"I went to college in Duluth, so

as far as winters go – I get it," he said with a laugh.

Hadrich stepped into the new role July 16, replacing the Rev. Kris McKusky, who relocated to Moose Lake. A month into the position, Hadrich said he is liking it so far.

"The Lord runs the show and I keep the ship going," he said. "I'm very excited to be here...I've received nothing but welcome and support."

For two years, Hadrich served as an assistant pastor in Duluth

and said, ideally, someone his age would want more experience as an assistant, however, several other congregations in the area have priests around his age.

"My two best friends are in Virginia and Cook now," he said. "We're all a tight group."

Hadrich graduated from St.



Rev. Ben Hadrich

Scholastica in 2006 with a degree in teaching high school math. In 2012, he graduated from seminary school with a master degree in theology and divinity from two schools within the University of St. Thomas.

"My No. 1 goal is to lead everyone on their way to Jesus," he said. "Everything I do, I want to bring others closer to God."

Other goals

Coming from an education background, Hadrich said aside from day-to-day duties as a pastor,

he will also focus his energy on the success of the school.

And that goal couldn't come at a better time.

In January, St. Thomas School officials announced the elimination of grades 5-8 during the 2014-15 school year, which begins Sept. 2. The move was an effort to ensure future stability of the school that is suffering from a declining enrollment.

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STAFF PHOTO BY EMILY GEDDE

Sarah Ribey, 11, kicks off the 2014 Teen Idol contest at the International Falls Bass Championship Thursday under the big tent at Smokey Bear Park. Ribey performed "The Lucky One," by Taylor Swift.

BASS TIME

The 10th annual International Falls Bass Championship kicked off Thursday afternoon with crafters, food vendors and talent competitions under the big tent.

Even with the rain, members of the community gathered at Smokey Bear Park to grab a corn dog and watch local talent for the end-of-summer event.



STAFF PHOTO BY SPENSER BICKETT

Lefty's Tent and Party Rental employees pound in stakes for the International Falls Bass Championship entertainment tent at Smokey Bear Park Wednesday.



STAFF PHOTO BY EMILY GEDDE

Longtime IFBC emcee Paul Nevanen entertains crowds Thursday.

Familiar face serves as RRCC provost

BY SPENSER BICKETT
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Rainy River Community College will be starting the academic year with a new provost.

Carol Helland will take the lead at RRCC while she also serves as the provost for Mesabi Range College, another Northeast Higher Education District school. She served as interim provost at MRC last year and was appointed the permanent provost there in June, she said.



Carol Helland

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Law requires permit for antlers from road-kill deer

Local man says he wants others to be aware

BY LAUREL BEAGER
Editor

It's commonplace in Borderland to see antlers hanging in people's homes and hunting shacks.

Most of the time, these antlers are shed naturally by deer and found by people. Other times, the antlers belong to a buck legally harvested during Minnesota's whitetail deer hunting season.

But an International Falls man who pleaded guilty to a state game violation wants people to know they can't take the antlers off a road-killed deer without a permit.

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