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ENTERTAINMENT

LOCAL TALENT

Breakdancing, a duet and other talents took the stage under the big tent at Smokey Bear Park last Thursday for the Casting Call talent show. Performers for the annual International Falls Bass Championship event were down this year, but the talent, organizers said, was as good as ever. JP Roquet of Cloquet took home the first-place

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prize as well as the people's choice award, Wendy Sue Pedginski received second place and Nikki Rom placed third.



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JP Roquet's performance of an original song, "One of One," earned him first place and the people's choice award in last week's Casting Call talent show. This was the Cloquet native's first time competing in the annual International Falls Bass Championship event.



Wendy Sue Pedginski belts out "Hallelujah," by Alexandra Burke. The Casting Call performance earned Pedginski second place.

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Football-themed carnival set for Sept. 6

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Backus Community Center will host a football-themed carnival Sept. 6 to raise money for the Green Acres playground as part of the Pennies for Play project. The carnival will take place at the Backus parking lot from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the carnival will be held inside the Backus building. The community is welcome to participate in the family-friendly event that will feature games, face painting, food and a purple and gold extreme fan costume contest,

according to a release. All money raised will go towards the Pennies for Play project, which is collecting donations to refurbish a 20-year-old play structure at Green Acres Park on Sixth Avenue East between 16th and 17th Streets. The project, sponsored by Backus Community Center, began last October, when Stewart's Super One Foods partnered with Backus collecting more than \$1,100 from product sales, the release said. The campaign will continue until the goal of \$30,000 has been raised. Carnival attendees are encouraged to dress in purple

and gold, Bronco or Minnesota Vikings apparel, and enter to win a prize for the best costume. Carnival grand Marshall is International Falls native, Frank Youso, an original member of the Minnesota Vikings inaugural team of 1961. Youso played in the "Greatest Game Ever Played," the 1958 NFL Championship game between the New York Giants, for which Youso played, and the Baltimore Colts. The event will feature football-themed carnival games and activities aimed at children of all ages. Concessions will be available.

Tickets will be sold at the door for food and games. The silent auction of Minnesota Vikings autographed items will be wrapped up at 1 p.m. with items being awarded to the highest bidder. Items being auctioned are a Teddy Bridgewater signed football, a Randall McDaniel signed mini-helmet, and signed photos of Adrian Peterson, Everson Griffen and Randall McDaniel. For more information, to be a collection point or to donate, contact Robin Bjorkquist at Backus Community Center, 218-285-7225 or email backusoffice@backusab.org.

NOTICE

The City of International Falls Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at the hour of 5:30 P.M., in the Council Chambers – Municipal Building, 600 Fourth Street, International Falls, MN 56649 – on the application of Shannon's Inc., Alton Shannon, President, 1919 Main Avenue, International Falls, MN 56649 for an amendment/rezoning of Lots 23, 24, & 25 Block 1, Plat of Fairview Addition to Koochiching, Parcel ID # 92-114-01230 to M-1B.

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'Cartooning in the Digital Age'

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Start the school year off with an opportunity to learn about cartooning in the digital age. Officials at the International Falls Public Library will host "Cartooning in the Digital Age" with cartoonist Bill Barnes from 6-8 p.m. Sept. 3 at the library. Making comic strips might just be the funnest job in the world, a release said, and thanks to the Internet, it's easier than ever to put your publish them on the web and maybe make some money, too. The first hour, dedicated to

"The Basics of Cartooning," is a fast and fun workshop for middle schoolers through adult, covering every step in creating a comic strip: creating memorable characters, writing dialog, lettering, pencilling, inking, and coloring, the release said. The second hour, "The Technology and Business of Cartooning," is oriented towards mature teens and adults. Barnes will describe how he uses computers to create and publish comic strips to the Internet, and describes how he makes money doing it.

**Bill Barnes**

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