

# LOCALNEWS

## ‘Voice of the watershed,’ Grim recognized by IJC

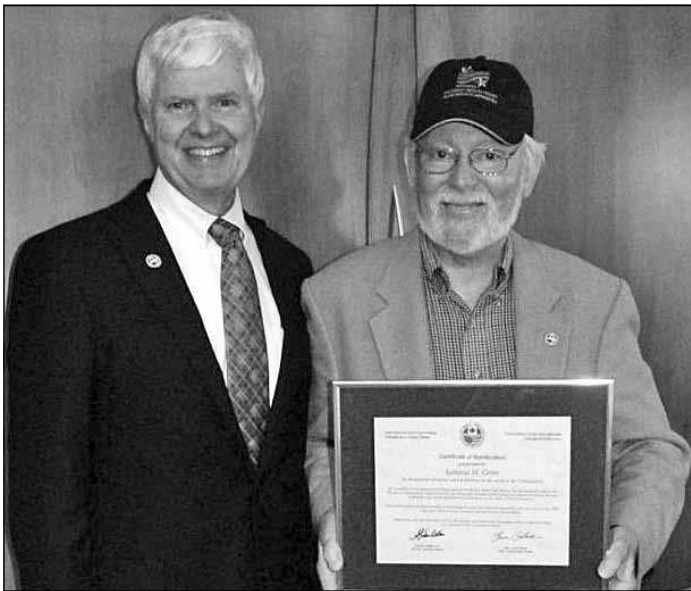
JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The International Joint Commission recently recognized departing board members, among them Borderland’s own Lee Grim.

A report by the IJC said the members of boards play an important role in the IJC’s work.

“The numerous boards that report to the IJC are our feet on the ground in watersheds along the Canadian-U.S. boundary,” said an internal report. “The IJC would like to recognize several board members who (are) passing on their duties and retiring this year, leaving a legacy of volunteer service and expertise. They have our gratitude.”

Grim has been a familiar face in the Rainy-Lake of the Woods watershed for decades. Grim, of Interna-



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**Lee Grim, right, with International Joint Commissioner Rich Moy during the IJC’s fall semi-annual meeting in October.**

tional Falls, was appointed to the former Rainy Lake Board of Control in 2003,

pointed as a public member in an IJC effort to add more local representation to the board. His involvement has been vital, and helped foster the establishment of a new Rainy-Lake of the Woods Watershed Board in 2013, which includes six public members along with Tribal, First Nation, and Metis representatives,” the report said.

Grim, a former research biologist at Voyageurs National Park in Minnesota and a biology instructor at Rainy River Community College, also has been the voice of the watershed, said the report.

“He’s given weekly radio updates on water levels and board activities. Those efforts were especially helpful during record flooding in the spring of 2014,” the IJC noted.

## PET TREE PREPPED



STAFF PHOTO BY LAUREL BEAGER

**Journal Advertising Sales Representatives Kelsea Davis and Wyatt Wimmer ready the pet tree at The Journal/North Star Publishing to accept donations for needy pets in the community. Each year, dozens of generous people drop off food, toys, treats and other pet accessories, which are provided in January to the Falls Hunger Coalition. The tree is sponsored by the Borderland Humane Society and The Journal/North Star Publishing. Last year, area residents donated 835 pounds of items to the cause.**

## Help Social Security help the homeless

BY RHONDA WHITENACK  
AND JIM CZECHOWICZ  
SSA Public Affairs office  
Bloomington and St Paul

National Homeless Persons’ Memorial Day is Dec. 21. Since 1990, on or near the first day of winter and the longest night of the year, the National Coalition for the Homeless brings attention to and seeks compassion for the homeless who have died because they didn’t have a warm, safe place to sleep.

Even as the recovery works its way through the entire economy, no one is immune to potentially be-

ing homeless.

People in the community — colleagues and family members, military veterans, and friends — might be too proud to ask for help. Too often, homelessness ends in tragedy.

Social Security provides services to the homeless. Services may be viewed at [www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness). Those who are homeless can apply for benefits and, if eligible, benefits can be deposited directly into a personal banking account, a Direct Express debit bank card, or another electronic ac-

count. Benefits may also be mailed to a third party, or if necessary, a representative payee can receive the funds.

Social Security also collaborates with other agencies to help the homeless. At [www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness/colaborations.htm](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness/colaborations.htm), those interested can read more about the Health Care for the Homeless program that provides grants to a network of local public and non-profit private organizations.

Social Security also participates in the Federal Interagency Reentry

Council, as well as the Projects for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness program. PATH helps people with serious mental health issues or people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness.

Every day, and especially Dec. 21, remember those living without a place to call home. Homelessness is a complicated and emotional issue, but brothers and sisters — friends and family — can be helped to access the safety net that Social Security provides.

Visit [www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness](http://www.socialsecurity.gov/homelessness) to learn more.

**FIND DEALS**  
in  
**The Journal Classifieds**



# International Delights For every appetite! Now featured at City Drug

**From Canada:**  
Monet Original Water Crackers

**From Holland:**  
Fort Knox Dark Chocolate Gold Bars

**From Poland:**  
Berry Allure Figs enveloped in Belgian Chocolate

**From Germany:**  
Rittersport Chocolate Bars  
Coffee and Hazelnut  
Caramelized Almond

**From Sweden:**  
Dalecarlia Milk Chocolate Dalla Horse filled with Dalecarlian Caramel Truffle  
10 individually wrapped pieces

**Lars’ Own**  
Swedish Ginger Snaps  
Wild Swedish Lingonberries

**Daim** Crunch Caramel Candy Bars

**From the USA:**  
Sweet Jubilee Chocolate covered Christmas Tree Fudge  
Vanilla Bean  
Double Chocolate  
Peanut Butter Cream

**Annie B’s Handmade Caramels**  
Cooked in copper pots!  
Original • Sea Salt • Assorted

**From Minnesota:**  
The Cocoa Company  
Salted Caramel Gourmet Hot Cocoa  
Original Gourmet Hot Cocoa

**Golden Fig**  
Chocolate Balsamic Vinegar  
Cranberry White Balsamic Vinegar

**Timber Sweet**  
Maple Almonds  
Maple Peanuts

**Lakeside Gourmet Jams**  
Wild Blueberry - Jalapeño Pepper  
Raspberry - Roasted Red Pepper  
Blackberry - Jalapeño Pepper

Book Signing  
with Mary Casanova!  
Friday, Dec. 12th,  
11am-1pm

## City Drug

[www.citydrugstore.com](http://www.citydrugstore.com)  
314 3rd St., Int’l Falls, MN  
Mon.-Sat. 8am-6pm  
**283-3061**

**BOOTLEGGERS FUEL AND LIQUOR**  
401 3rd Ave • 283-9148

Join Us for a  
*Holiday Wine Tasting*

**Saturday, December 12th from 1-4pm**  
With Scott Lindman of Paustis

### WINE LIST

Santa Rita 120 750 ml 5 varietals \$6.99	
“New” Crusher 750 ml 5 varietals \$10.50	
Our Daily Red 750 ml \$7.75	
Relax 750 ml Riesling and Pink \$9.50	
Darkhorse 750 ml 4 varietals \$7.50	

**SALE PRICES WED., DEC. 10 - TUES., DEC. 16**

<b>Wiser</b> 1.75 <b>\$17<sup>99</sup></b>	<b>Smirnoff Vodka</b> 1.75 <b>\$16<sup>99</sup></b>
<h3>BEER LIST</h3>	
<b>Milwaukee Best Light</b> 24 cans <b>\$12<sup>49</sup></b>	<b>Keystone Light</b> 24 cans <b>\$13<sup>99</sup></b>
<p><b>Everyday low price!</b></p> <p>on Bud, Bud Light and Michelob Golden Draft Light 24 cans \$17.97 and Busch Light 24 cans \$15.49</p>	