

LOCALNEWS

Expert hopeful gas prices could drop

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Average retail gasoline prices in Minnesota have fallen 5.5 cents in the past week, averaging \$3.49 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,856 gas outlets in Minnesota. This compares with the national average that has decreased 1.4 cents in the last week to \$3.64 per gallon, according to gasoline price website MinnesotaGasPrices.com.

Regular gasoline prices in International Falls, according to the site, ranged from \$3.39 to \$3.48. Prices for midgrade fuel were listed at \$3.79 per gallon, premium prices came in at \$4.05 per gallon and diesel fuel ranged from \$4.09 to \$4.25 per gallon.

Including the change in gas prices in Minnesota during the past week, prices Sunday were 9.7 cents per gallon lower compared to the same day one year ago and are 2.4 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 9.2 cents during the last month and stands 13.4 cents per gallon higher than this day one year ago.

"Finally, the news motorists have been waiting for- it appears that at least for now, the national average has peaked," said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. "Since February 7, gasoline prices have been on an upward trajectory in a majority of the U.S., and at least for now, prices have broken that upward trend and have stabilized. This is great news, as it likely means in the next couple weeks that gasoline prices will begin seeing more downward momentum. By Memorial Day, if there aren't major refinery kinks that develop, we could see the national average dropping into the \$3.50s, or perhaps even lower," DeHaan said.

GasBuddy.com is a tool to help motorists save money at the pump by collecting gas price data and displaying it on websites and on a free smartphone app that has been downloaded over 37 million times. The site operates MinnesotaGasPrices.com and more than 250 similar websites that track gasoline prices at more than 140,000 gasoline stations in the United States and Canada.

Quilts, skills on display

BY LAUREL BEAGER
Editor

Ari Schrock, 2, looked up at the huge quilt made by his mother, Katie Schrock. "I can see so many mistakes," said Katie Schrock, grimacing a bit as she stood back to take in the quilt.

But for non-quilters, there were no mistakes apparent in any of the estimated 100 quilts on display Saturday at the 9th annual Whispering Pines Quilt Show at Evangelical Covenant Church in International Falls.

The unique and creative quilts drew many people from the community — some who came for inspiration and some who came just to look. But all who attended helped the event raise money and food items for the Falls Hunger Coalition.

The annual event serves to showcase the skills of area quilters. It features quilts in several categories and some made by kids. Some quilts were in competition, while others were simply for display, and some of the quilts were considered "wearable art." A sewing class at Falls High School also took part in quilting for the show. The Whispering Pines Quilt Guild includes about 35 members, but is open to others who attend seasonally.

Schrock's quilt has a history of its own. She said she started making the quilt about 10 years ago, but set it aside as she became busy having children and attending nursing school.

"I found it in a box last summer," she said, explain-

ing she'd thought the quilt had been lost in moves from residence to residence.

She said she has more time now and finished the quilt, which features squares of pine trees with deer tracks that appear to be walking across the quilt.

Hand quilting takes a lot of work, but is fun and relaxing and brings a sense of accomplishment, she said. Her conclusions were echoed by several guild members, who also said quilting is addictive once started.

The guild donates many quilts each year, including baby quilts to Rainy Lake Medical Center hospital campus, Quilts of Comfort to cancer patients, and Quilts of Valor to soldiers, the members said.

This year, the members took part in a "tree challenge" in which a pattern of a tree was provided, and then cut in fourths, with one piece kept and the other three pieces swapped among members to be crafted and added to their original piece.

Meanwhile, awards were presented in each of the categories. Large quilts: first place — Katie Valentine; second place — Leanna Hasbargen; third place — Linda Servis. Medium quilts: first place — Valentine; second place — Valentine; third place — Louise Dion. Small quilts: first place, Valentine; second place — Hasbargen; third place — Carol Smith. Wearable art: first place — Diana Antanies; second place — Judy Pierce; third place — Mary Bacon.



STAFF PHOTOS BY LAUREL BEAGER

Ari Schrock, 2, turns to look at his mom, Katie, after looking with his father, Stan, at the quilt made by Katie. Her quilt was among about 100 displayed at the Whispering Pines Quilt Show Saturday at Evangelical Covenant Church.



Show goers noted the features in a quilt displayed Saturday. Marcia Ohlquist won the "Guess That Block" was tied with Sheri DeGagne and Rose Theise.

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Calling All Quilters.....

Indus School Quilt Show

Tuesday, May 13th

5 to 7 pm

Indus School Library

Also:

"Small craft fair

"Baked Potato Supper: 4:30 – 6:30 pm

"SPRING MUSIC CONCERT: 7 pm

Please call Karen Anderson at 634-2425 or 285-3479 if you have a quilt to share!

TEAM IAN

Will be holding a benefit dinner and Dance for Ian Klemetsen. Ian is receiving Chemotherapy and Radiation for a brain tumor that was removed at the Mayo Clinic in March

BENEFIT DINNER: Saturday, May 10th 3:00pm at The Junction

BENEFIT DANCE: 9:00pm - 1:00am with the Klemetsen Band! **50/50 DRAW!**

RAFFLE PRIZE DRAWINGS!

All money raised will help with medical costs, travel expenses and personal expenses. TEAM IAN is partnered with Thrivent Financial

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Visit us – www.backusab.org or Facebook – Backus AB

May 7.....Backus Volunteers Luncheon – 12:00 Noon

May 12.....Borealis Bards – Free Acting Workshop

Kids ages 6 to 15 – 5:00 – 6:00 pm

Adults age 16 and up – 6:30 – 8:00 pm

May 14.....Koochiching Aging Options – 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Free Presentation – Your Assets-Your Choices

May 15.....Koochiching Aging Options 7:00 – 8:00 pm

Free Presentation – ACT on Alzheimers

May 18.....Lorie Line Concert – 3:00 pm

May 21.....Koochiching Aging Options – 1:30 – 3:30 pm

Free Presentation – Living at Home Longer

May 23.....Passport to Cooking – 6:30 – 8:30 pm

Chefs James & Lisa Shipley – Italian Creme Cake

May 26.....Backus Office and Kids Club closed – Memorial Day

May 30.....Maddie Simons Award Ceremony – 6:00 – 8:00 pm

Arrowhead Regional Arts Council Honors John Faith

June 17-19Senior LinkAge Line – Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging

Volunteers Training Class 9:30 am – 4:00 pm

At Backus Community Center Conference Rooms 1 & 2

Pre-registration required by June 3

Community Café – Tuesdays & Thursdays • 5:30 – 6:00 pm • FREE

June 2-August 29Summer Food Program – Free Meals – Ages 1 - 18

Served 11:45 am – 1:15 pm Monday – Friday

Open Gym – Free – 11:30 am – 1:30 pm – Monday – Friday

COMMUNITY MARKET:

Starts June 7 – Backus 3rd Street Parking Lot

Wednesdays: 4:00 – 6:30 pm • Saturdays 9:00 am – Noon

SUMMER ARTS WEEK – June 9 – 14

Prairie Fire Theater – Arts Classes

SAVE THE DATE:

RIVERFEST – JULY 5, 2014

Irvin N. Anderson Amphitheater – on the Riverfront

BACKUS Community Center

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How do you know something that is not there?

People who are not able to hear high frequency sounds do not hear what they are missing. They do not hear some bird songs. They do not hear the turn signal beep. They may remember hearing the bird songs and the beeps. Then again, hearing loss is usually so subtle that those memories have faded away.

Family and friends will notice a problem with hearing long before the person suspects a problem. The primary complaint will be that people are mumbling. Conversations when in a noisy settings will also be difficult to sort out. People deny problems hearing because they do cannot hear what they are missing. How do you know what is not there?

The best way to determine the hearing abilities and to identify areas of hearing that need have compensation is with a comprehensive hearing evaluation. The goal in the rehabilitation process is to provide the person with the ability to hear sounds within the speech range in order to restore effective communication.

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Thursdays, May 8, 15, 22 & 29

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