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Students tour Falls homes



Jordan Pearson of Island View Realty helps Indus students learn about housing choices through a tour of homes.

INDUS SCHOOL REPORT

The Indus High School Consumer Education class recently toured three houses of various price ranges in the International Falls area to learn more about housing choices. Jordan Pearson of Island View Realty accompanied the students and explained to them the pros and cons of choosing and buying a house. He discussed with them the various reasons why a house may or may

not sell and how to use a house as an investment. Pearson also introduced them to terms used when purchasing a house, such as earnest money, contingency agreement, etc. Later in the day, students visited with Mike Katrin of Edward Jones to learn about income and growth investments and planning ahead for one's goals. They took a risk assessment and learned about starting to invest early in life.



Indus sixth graders and their teacher, Sara Wendt, pose in front of the big MINNESOTA sign at the Minnesota History Center.

Indus School students learn about Minnesota

INDUS SCHOOL REPORT

Indus School sixth graders recently returned from their annual trip to the Twin Cities May 1-2, exploring places they have been learning about in their Minnesota history projects. The students were joined by Northome School fifth graders for a combined venture. Sixth grader Tiana Carlin thought it was "The best trip ever."

Accompanied by Indus teacher Sara Wendt, Northome teacher Shane Swang, several chaperones, and bus driver and "ultimate tour guide" Soren Olesen, the students participated in a walking tour of the State Capitol, where they met with Minnesota Rep. David Dill and Sen. Tom Bakk. The classes also toured St. Paul's Cathedral, where, noted Emma Morgan, "The paintings were amazing." After a picnic lunch, they were off to the Minnesota History Center for museum exhibits, hands-on experiences and multimedia presentations. This part of the trip was the favorite for Danielle Erickson, who liked that "it let us see examples of what we have been learning about in class." The students returned home late Friday evening.

New bill gives students better college costs estimates

SEN. AL FRANKEN STAFF REPORT

With college growing increasingly unaffordable and student loan debt continuing to rise, U.S. Sens. Al Franken, D-Minn., and Chuck Grassley, R-Iowa, have introduced a bipartisan bill to give students and families a better estimate of college costs before they apply for schools. The bill would also help ensure that prospective students don't fail to apply to certain schools that they think are too expensive. The legislation would

Senators' legislation would make calculators that compare the cost of college more user-friendly

improve the effectiveness of and access to net price calculators — tools that provide students with early, individualized estimates of higher education costs and financial aid figures before they decide where to apply — by requiring schools to put their calculators on webpages where students and families are likely to look for cost and admis-

sions information. The Net Price Calculator Improvement Act of 2014 would also authorize the Department of Education to develop a "universal calculator" that lets students answer a standard set of financial and academic questions to get cost estimates from many schools so they can better compare costs across institutions.

"Minnesotans are finding it more and more difficult to pay for college, and that's why I'm working so hard on this issue," said Sen. Franken. "Part of the problem is that students often don't have a clear picture of how much their education is going to actually cost them, and often don't fully understand what schools they can and cannot afford. Our bipartisan bill will provide students and their families with a better estimate of what they

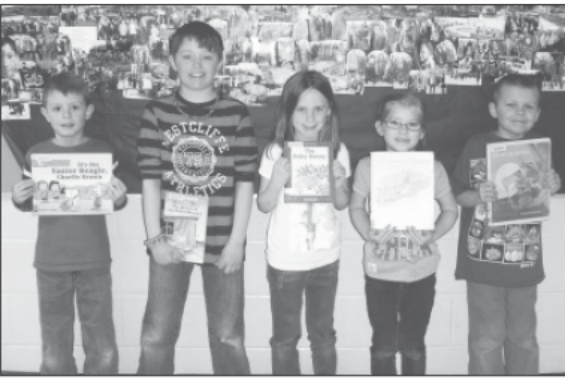
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WEE BIRTHDAY BOOKSHELF CLUB



West End Elementary School Birthday Bookshelf Club members for April, May and June are Joe Talmage, Anna Windels, Christian Nelson, Bradyn Dremmel and Erin Moseman.

FES BIRTHDAY BOOKSHELF CLUB



Falls Elementary School April Birthday Bookshelf Club members are Landan Snyder, Cohlton Schultz, Pahtynn Glennie, Cayden Taschuk and Skylar Murray.



Senate Majority Leader Tom Bakk and Representative David Dill met with fifth and sixth graders from Indus Elementary School in the Minnesota State Capitol Rotunda May 2. The students met with their legislators after a tour of the Capitol building where they learned about the legislative process. Sen. Bakk and Rep. Dill represent Koochiching, Cook, Lake, and portions of St. Louis counties.

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Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Koochiching County Board of Adjustment relative to the following item's on **Thursday, May 29, 2014 at 4:30 p.m.** in the County Board Room, Koochiching County Courthouse, International Falls, Minnesota.

A variance application received by **James Hartje** requesting a deviation from the maximum twenty-five percent impervious lot coverage requirement in order to construct a 20 x 28ft addition onto the existing approximate 28x32ft detached garage. The parcel is located along County Road 117 (Birch Point) and is described as part of Lot 23 and all of Lots 24, 25, Block 2, Plat of Birch Point and Lot 21, Auditor's Plat 4, Sec. 29, Twp 71N, Rge 23W, Koochiching County, Minnesota.

A variance application received by **Patrick Langel** requesting a deviation from the required 50ft setback from the ordinary high water level (OHWL) of Rainy Lake in order to construct a 12 x 12ft screen porch addition onto the existing cabin. The proposed screen porch will be located approximately 28ft from the OHWL. The parcel is located along County Road 117 and is described as Lot 1 & part of Lot 2, Block 2, Plat of Birch Point and Lot 22, Auditor's Plat 4, Sec. 29, Twp 71N, Rge 23W, 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.

May 12, 2014

Dale Olson
Zoning Administrator
Koochiching County

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