

OUTDOORS

CALL OF THE WILD

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From the left, Annika Amdahl; Cory Netland, facilitator; Connor Ward; Spencer Jessen; Tayler Hebner; and Gary Harala, assistant to the director.

Borderland students attend camp

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Several local students were among nearly 150 students who attended the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp, known as Camp RYLA, at the University of Minnesota, Crookston campus.

Each camper is sponsored by a local Rotary club; this year 57 Rotary International Clubs from District

5580 sponsored students.

Local students sponsored by the International Falls Rotary Club included Annika Amdahl, Connor Ward, Tayler Hebner, and Spencer Jessen.

Most of the students that participated in the camp will be high school seniors in 2014-2015 Camp RYLA's mission is to provide outstanding high school students with a variety of edu-

cational and recreational activities. These activities provide numerous opportunities for leadership and team building, and are designed to expand, improve, and refine the participants' leadership skills.

The students stay in the residence halls on campus during this week-long program. Information about camp RYLA is available at www.district5580ryla.org

NEWBIES



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Two days off the floating bog nest in Echo Bay, Kabetogama, three chicks, though one appears to have blended with its parent, swim as Alan Burchell snaps their photo. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website reports that parents often carry chicks on their backs to keep them safe from fish and turtle predators. Young loons don't fly until they are more than two months old.

Baudette man pleads guilty to hunting charges

DNR STAFF REPORT

A Baudette man faces heavy fines, jail time and revocation of his hunting privileges following an investigation for illegal bear and deer activities by the Department of Natural Resources.

Keith R. Slick, 33, was sentenced July 9 in Lake of the Woods County Court on numerous counts including felony fleeing in a motor vehicle, gross misdemeanor second degree DWI, gross misdemeanor transporting a big game animal, lending/borrowing a bear license, two counts of taking/possessing an over-limit of bear

and one count of failing to register a bear.

Sentencing included 90 days in jail, 30 days electronic home monitoring and 120 hours of community service.

Fine and restitution for the violations totaled \$2,090. The court reported that \$11,000 in fines and fees and a one year jail sentence were stayed pending successful completion of probation. Conditions of probation include no firearms possession or drinking for three years.

Slick's hunting privileges have also been revoked for three years. Big game violations normally carry a three-year revocation; but

given the severity and magnitude of the crimes Slick's big game, small game, and trapping privileges were revoked.

A forfeited rifle and bow used in the commission of the crimes will be sold at a state auction later this year.

State Conservation Officer Robert Gorecki who investigated the case hopes the fines, jail time, and revocation of hunting privileges serve as a deterrent for others.

Anyone witnessing a fish or wildlife violation is encouraged to contact the 24-hour, toll-free Turn In Poachers (TIP) hotline at 800-652-9093. Cell phone users can dial #TIP.

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OPEN FORUM

PROPOSED UNIFIED LAND USE (ZONING) ORDINANCE

AUGUST 4, 2014 @ 6:30 PM

RANIER COMMUNITY BUILDING

The City Council of Ranier will hold an Open Forum on the City of Ranier's proposed Unified Land Use (Zoning) Ordinance on August 4, 2014 @ 6:30 PM at the Ranier Community Hall.

The purpose of this Open Forum is to provide information and receive public input on the proposed Unified Land Use (Zoning) Ordinance prior to its implementation. Representatives from Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC) will be on-site to facilitate the discussions. All persons interested are encouraged to attend the Open Forum to offer their comments. Written comments are welcomed and encouraged and can be submitted at the Open Forum or to City of Ranier, PO Box 186, Ranier, MN 56668 or e-mailed to cityofranier@frontiernet.net.

A COPY OF THE DRAFT UNIFIED LAND USE ORDINANCE CAN BE VIEWED @ www.raniermn.govoffice2.com