

LOCALNEWS

CROSSING ARMS COMING



STAFF PHOTO

It appears that crossing arms are set to be placed at the Canadian National Railway crossing in Ranier soon. The crossing signals appear to be in place with the crossing arms yet to be added. CN staff began working on the signal Friday, according to local reports.

Bull moose head seized from International Falls residence

Case could bring charges against U.S. resident

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A bull moose head was seized from an International Falls residence in an Ontario game violation.

Clifford Loveday, Fort Frances, pleaded guilty and was fined \$1,700 by Ontario courts for failing to report acquisition of a game carcass and unlawfully transporting wildlife, according to a Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources news release.

The court heard that in 2013 MNR and Forestry conservation officers received information that Loveday and a U.S. resident had unlawfully hunted a bull moose near Graves Road, north of Fort Frances.

A lengthy joint investigation with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and U.S. Customs and Border Protection ensued, said the news release.

The investigation revealed that on Oct. 10, 2012, Loveday pressured an acquaintance, who holds First Nation Treaty status, to help him retrieve the moose and apply for a big game export permit.

The moose was exported to

a taxidermist in International Falls. The mounted bull moose head was seized from an International Falls residence and forfeited to the crown.

Related charges against the U.S. resident are before the courts.

Justice of the Peace Pat Clysdale-Cornell heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Fort Frances, on Oct. 24, 2014.

To report a natural resources violation, call the MNRF TIPS line at 1-877-847-7667 toll-free any time or contact your local ministry office during regular business hours. You can also call Crime Stoppers anonymously at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477).

Give to the Max Day benefits local causes

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Thousands of Minnesotan will give money to nonprofits and schools across the state Thursday on what has been deemed Give to the Max Day.

Several organizations with Borderland connections will benefit from donations given on Give to the Max Day.

Donations can be made by going to the website at <https://givemn.org/> where donors can look at listings of causes by category, name or location. Donations can also be made to k-12 schools and colleges and universities at the website.

The website only lists nonprofits gathered from the Internal Revenue Service records, according to news re-

ports. Those organizations have provided information on their mission, programs and finances. Churches and schools on the website are listed from other sources.

A minimum donation of \$10 is required and donors can use a credit or debit card.

Information about the donor can be provided or donors can remain anonymous.

In many cases, donations can be doubled on Give to the Max Day via the website give.mn.org. Organizations and foundations often make matching funds available. Check the website by searching “available matching grants.”

In addition, a donation often makes the organization eligible for other grants.

VNP camping reservation program opens Saturday

VNP STAFF REPORT

Camping reservations are now required for all tent campsites within Voyageurs National Park, staff remind park visitors.

The park is currently in the low use season, which is from Sep. 16 through May 14, when there is a \$10 charge for the use of www.recreation.gov but no fee for the site.

Visitors to Voyageurs National Park must have a reservation and permit, in hand, prior to entering and tent camping in the park.

The park’s high use season, from May 15 through Sept. 15, requires a tent camping reservation and permit, in hand, for any tent campsite within the park. Fees apply.

Visitors may go to www.recreation.gov to make a reservation starting at 9 a.m. Saturday for the 2015 high use season.

If a visitor would like to tent camp

the day they enter the park, a reservation must be made in advance.

Recreation.gov does not reserve same day reservations. Questions may be asked at visitor centers, but reservations are highly encouraged in advance. The park is working on installing self-help kiosks at visitor centers for the summer season.

Visitors may make reservations by going online at www.recreation.gov or by calling the National Call Center at 877-444-6777. Reminder: Ask for “Permits & Wilderness,” not “Camping.”

Fall/winter visitor center hours

Rainy Lake Visitor Center

- Open: 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Saturdays; after Jan. 2, winter hours are until 4:30 p.m.
- Closed: Sundays and Mondays

Kabetogama Lake Visitor Center

- Closed for the season.
- Ash River Visitor Center
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Boise Paper employees award safety funds

Environmental employees presented \$2,450 in safety funds to local food pantries and senior service providers in October.

Boise Paper, A Division of Packaging Corporation of America, set aside the funds in recognition of employee safety. Employees distributed the monies to the Falls Hunger Coalition, Salvation Army, Koochiching Aging Options and Koochiching Senior Center.

“We are happy that our Safety Charitable Giving Program helps many deserving organizations in our community and I thank the environmental employees for leading safety improvement efforts in the mill,” says Bert Brown, International Falls mill manager. “In addition to consistently achieving 100 percent participation in safety, they have worked an incredible six plus years without a safety incident.”

For the past several years, monies have been set aside to assist organizations in Koochiching County based on employee safety participation. Those interested in information about the program are encouraged to call 218.285.5312.

L-R: Boise employees Luke Mason, Jason Lindquist, Darwin Hiebert, Shad Tilander, Koochiching Senior Center representative Tom Wagner, Boise employee Joel Wicklund, Koochiching Aging Options coordinator Doug Skrief, Boise employees Dave Reimer, Tammy Lucek, Mary Neagbor, and Dave Hultman, and Barr Engineering employee Sarah Ettestad.

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