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Falls High School engineering students Jesse Rosten, left, and Cory Netland watch as Max Marcotte takes a swing Tuesday on the mini-golf course hole they designed. Max's classmate, Joey Talmage, looks on.

mini GOLF LESSONS

Another project for the Falls High School engineering class is in the books after being tested earlier this week.

The class split into 10 groups to design and build mini-golf course holes that were played by fifth graders in Marc Glowack's class Tuesday.

According to Timm Ringhofer, co-instructor of the engineering class, students were required to design the holes to include two obstacles and needed to resemble a local landmark.

Among the designs chosen by students were ones that resembled Boise, the lift bridge at Ranier, ice fishing and Smokey Bear Park.



Anthony Correiastruggles to complete a hole in the course designed to resemble the lift bridge at Ranier.



Razie Nelson smiles as she completes one of the holes in the 10-hole mini-golf course.

Finding a place for peat

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The Koochiching County Board Tuesday set a date for a decision point about further development of the Pine Island horticultural peat bog northwest of Big Falls.

Yves Gauthier, of Quebec-based Berger Horticultural Products, told the board the market for peat is shrinking, so the company is exploring partnering with another company to share operation of the site.

So far, the project has been a cooperative effort between Berger, Koochiching County, and the University of Minnesota Duluth's Natural Resources Research Institute.

Berger staff are now exploring a partnership with Annapolis Valley Peat Moss of Nova Scotia in development of the site, Gauthier said. A plan to that end may be completed and presented to the board in July or August. If an agreement with Annapolis Valley can't be reached, he said, there are four or five other companies Berger would look to partner with that share its same values.

"If we cannot make it by ourselves at that time, in this very short window, so let's do it with somebody else," Gauthier said. "If we cannot do it, let somebody else do it."

Annapolis Valley had previously approached county officials looking for a similar peat site for commercial harvest, board Chairman Rob Ecklund said. That may indicate interest in a partnership with Berger on the current site, he said. The county couldn't find another site to meet the needs of Annapolis Valley because many of the peat

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March comes to an end, but what about winter?

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In and out like a lion?

That's how some people in Borderland perceived March.

With persistent cold temperatures and record-breaking snowfalls, the end of March will be welcomed by many. But the real question is when will winter end?

Despite a thick layer of ice caused by the cold temperatures, the deadline to remove fish houses from Minnesota-Canada border waters is Monday. After Monday, shelters may remain on the ice between midnight and one hour before sunrise only when occupied or attended, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Ice roads within Voyageurs National Park have been closed because recent snow storms dropped heavy snow causing

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