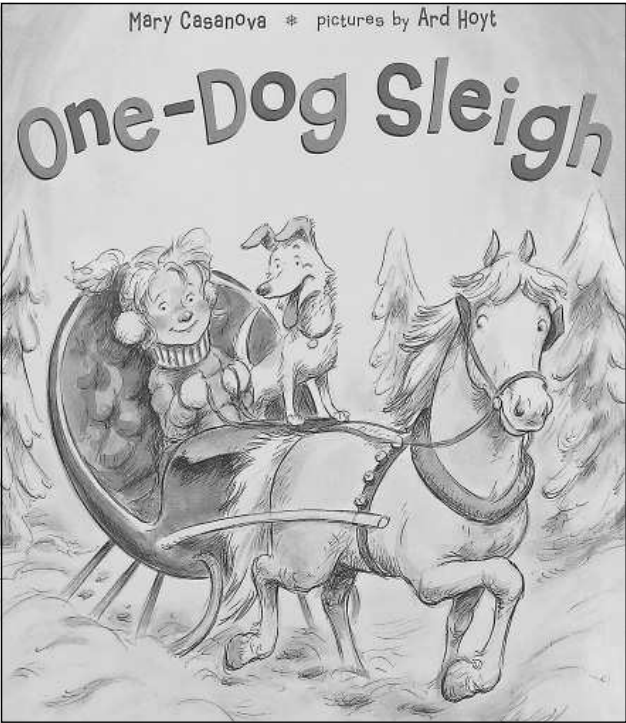


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JUST IN TIME FOR WINTER



Ten years after the publication of Mary Casanova and Ard Hoyt's "One-Dog Canoe," the collaborators bring back the same girl and her dog for a wintry sequel, "One-Dog Sleigh." Like its predecessor, this story features the girl and dog on a ride for two, this time through the woods in a cozy red sleigh, but just like before, one animal after another dives in making it a snug fit for everyone. Casanova said since she wrote "One Dog Canoe," she and her husband, Charlie, have added horses to their lives. "In the winter we hitch up Charlie's horse, Midnight, to a sleigh we've renovated. When we go through the wintry woods, our dogs often ask to join in," she said. The author will host a book signing for "One-Dog Sleigh" from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nov. 14 at City Drug, where the book is currently available. It is also available locally at Ronnings and The Coffee Landing Cafe.

Backus concert series continues Nov. 7

Randy Noojin will perform; provide outreach to schools

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Hard Travelin' with Woody, a solo show with music written and performed by actor/playwright Randy Noojin, will make its way to the Backus Community Center auditorium at 7 p.m. Nov. 7. According to a release, Hard Travelin' with Woody began its national tour soon after it became a critical hit at its premiere at Fring-

eNYC 2011. Noojin's show channels folk singer, activist Woody Guthrie, who is playing for a union meeting of striking mine workers in 1940. The show is packed with Woody's wit, humor and more than a dozen of his greatest songs. The Huffington Post says, "Noojin delivers one of the delights of the fest ... solid, entertaining work

that should travel far and wide in these hard times, just like Guthrie himself." Noojin has acted in hundreds of plays regionally and has appeared on several television programs. He has also played Hank Williams in numerous productions. Admission for the Nov. 7 show, which is part of the Backus Concert Series, is \$12 for adults; \$6 for students; and \$25 for families.

Tickets are available in advance at City Drug and Betty's in Fort Frances. They will also be available at the door the night of the performance. Backus will host a pre-concert "Top the Tater" dinner from 5 to 6:30 p.m. The cost is \$6. In addition to the Nov. 7 show, Noojin will also conduct outreach programs in schools around Koochiching County during the week.

Al Roker Entertainment in search of local talent

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

While millions of Americans see Al Roker every morning on the "Today" television show, less people are aware that for many years he's operated a successful independent production company, Al Roker Entertainment, that is casting for people in the area to potentially star in their own show. Al Roker Entertainment is now casting for new documentary TV shows and wants to hear from people who love the idea of starring in their own television

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Hard Travelin' with Woody (Guthrie)
Randy Noojin - One-Man Show

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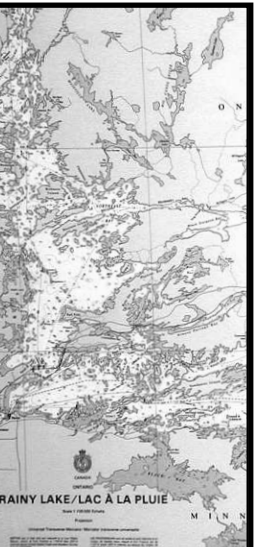
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