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Growth in size, complexity spurs new hire

TRUSTAR STAFF REPORT

TruStar Federal Credit Union of International Falls has added Ryan Brisbin to its staff as the information systems and programming specialist.

Brisbin, who most recently worked at Boise Inc. as an information technology mill administrator, is a Duluth native who has lived in International Falls for much of the past 16 years.

In his new position at TruStar, Brisbin will be charged with managing, updating and maintaining Symitar, the credit union's core banking system. He also will work on teams sharing responsibility for enhancing the credit union's growing roster of electronic services and working to bol-

ster critical cyber security systems.

“Ryan will be an outstanding addition to our International Falls-based corporate staff,” said Chief Executive Officer and President Dale L. Johnson. “Ryan's extensive experience in all facets of information technology, from workstation troubleshooting and optimization to networks and security, aligns well with TruStar's needs as we work to enhance and secure our services to our members.”

Born and raised in Duluth, Brisbin attended Duluth schools before graduating



Ryan Brisbin

from Duluth Central High School in 1993. He attended Lake Superior College, graduating with an associate's degree in computer programming in 1996. After college, Brisbin accepted a position with Computer World of Duluth. In 1997, Brisbin moved to International Falls for the first time to work at Boise as an IT contractor before returning to Duluth as an IT employee of Lakehead Pipeline and then Maurice's.

In November, 2000, Brisbin returned to International Falls and Boise Cascade as a user support specialist. At Boise, Brisbin then worked through a series of progressively more responsible positions, including IS engineer and senior IS engineer before his most recent

promotion in June, 2009.

In the mill administrator position, Brisbin was responsible for troubleshooting several network programs, including Farmware, the Business and Process Control Network, and Sharepoint, at various locations across the country. He also served as the International Falls location cyber security officer and as the only location member of the corporate Cyber Security Awareness Team.

Brisbin's previous experience most directly related to the financial industry was as the lead administrator for the Electronic Data Interchange which managed all of the mill's financial transactions, including payroll and accounts payable.

At TruStar, Brisbin joins

an IT Department which includes Nate Moseman, the credit union's network and computer systems administrator; and summer intern Jeffrey Klow. The department is managed by Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Communication Sherri Mannausau.

Brisbin says he knows that his first priority will be in keeping TruStar's increasingly complex technology profile operating 24/7, and in providing the preventative maintenance which makes that happen. In today's world, “There is no such thing as banking hours,” Brisbin concedes. Beyond that, Brisbin adds that he enjoys “working on new things and finding better technology to solve existing problems.”

“I am excited about my new position, and looking forward to getting started,” Brisbin concluded. He will begin working at his new position on Monday.

Brisbin, and his wife, Kristi, are interested in boating, hunting and fishing. Two more of his many hobbies include wood work and home brewing.

TruStar Federal Credit Union is a member-owned financial cooperative dedicated to providing quality banking and insurance products to 13,725 members. With assets in excess of \$171 million, TruStar is headquartered in International Falls and serves a growing base of members with additional locations in Big Falls, Menahga, Park Rapids, Bemidji and Littlefork.

Verizon to give away backpacks

BY ERIC MATHEWS
Staff Intern

As a part of a large scale giveaway to the community, Verizon will give away 100 backpacks at its store on Third Street.

The event will start at 9 a.m. Aug. 3

“We are really excited about giving back to the community,” said Sevon Simon, a manager at the Verizon store in International Falls.

The store will also have free school supplies included with the backpacks,

with things such as glue sticks, notebooks, pencils, and more.

The local Verizon event is part of a nationwide giveaway at Verizon's 300 store locations across the country. The company plans to give away 60,000 backpacks.

“Families are encouraged to come down, and bring the kids to choose which color of backpack they want,” said Simon. “All of the backpacks are filled with school supplies that even some high school kids might find useful.”

RLMC lab receives accreditation

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Rainy Lake Medical Center laboratory has received accreditation from the College of American Pathologists, based on results of a recent on-site inspection.

The inspection was conducted as part of the CAP's Accreditation Programs, according to a news release

by CAP.

The facility's director, Roberta L. Zimmerman, was advised of the national recognition and congratulated for the excellence of the services being provided, the release said.

RLMC Laboratory is one of more than 7,000 CAP-accredited facilities worldwide.

The U.S. federal government recognizes the CAP Laboratory Accreditation Program, begun in the early 1960s, as being equal to or more stringent than the government's own inspection program, according to CAP, states the news release.

During the CAP accreditation process, designed to

ensure the highest standard of care for all laboratory patients, inspectors examine the laboratory's records and quality control of procedures for the preceding two years. CAP inspectors also examine laboratory staff qualifications, equipment, facilities, safety program and record, and overall management.

Motel changes name to Knights Inn

The motel located on Riverview Boulevard previously called Budget Host Inn now has a new name.

The new name — Knights Inn — was chosen because of its shorter length. The last name cost too much to

maintain for advertising and other reasons, said owner Kbal Birk.

“Nothing else about the

motel has changed except for the name.” said Birk.

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