

# Patrolling by bike

BY LAUREL BEAGER  
Editor

Borderland residents are accustomed to seeing driving around the area white and green vehicles containing behind dark, protective glass, the local Border Patrol agents with U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

But some of the agents will use pedal power this summer as they do their duties.

Derek Mason, agent in charge at International Falls, said Border Patrol has been using bikes to patrol the southern border of the United States for about 20 years and it's provided significant dividends towards operations.

Agents on bicycles are more easily and effectively able to interact with the community than when they are within their vehicles, he said.

"We're a little more approachable on a bike," he said.

Using bikes in the course of their work has a list of benefits, said Mason.

"It's eco-friendly — powered by two legs, we can better connect with the community, get a little exercise and at the same time it saves gas," he said of bike patrol. "It's really a win-win. It's a nice community relations tool for us to use."

A 40-hour long certification



Border Patrol agents ride the bike path along Highway 11 East last week during bike patrol training.

course was completed last week at the U.S. Customs and Border Patrol station on Highway 11 East and commemorated with a photograph of agents standing with their bikes in front of the building.

During the course, agents learned bike safety, maintenance, and law enforcement tactics, said Mason.

Locally, the bike patrol will be balanced with the marine patrol, he said. The large distances between sites in Borderland may force agents to use vehicles to get to some sites, where they will then hop on bikes to patrol. He said people

should see bike patrol agents in areas along the Rainy River, through the local communities and out toward the resorts.

"Anywhere we have a border nexus, there will be a bike rack," he said. For example, agents will drive a vehicle from International Falls to Crane Lake, and then "ride and see what they see" by bike, he said.

The local bike training included two Duluth agents, who will assist the Duluth Police Department this weekend during Grandma's Marathon, which draws thousands of people to the



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Agents take part in a training course last week in preparation to patrol by bike.

downtown area of that city.

"They'll try it," he said. "If it works for them, they'll have bikes of their own next season."

The bike patrol is part of an effort by Border Patrol to better connect with the communities agents are stationed, he said.

"It's been a long time coming," he said, noting he's been in the community 13 years. "I still have some issues getting to know people and being accepted in the community."

Local Border Patrol agents often assist Koochiching County and International Falls law enforcement

efforts "as much as we can and as much as they need," he said.

"We want people to see us," he said. "Now (on bikes) people can come talk to us, and see we're every day guys, like the folks in uniform locally."

Mason said the bike patrol allows agents to get closer to a community and become more accepted, while at the same time using the bikes as a tool for their work.

Should the bike patrol not provide the benefits expected for the northern border, the bikes can easily be redeployed to other places, he said.

# Ranier City Council approves building use

BY SPENSER BICKETT  
Staff Writer

**RANIER**-The Ranier City Council Monday night approved the use of the Ranier Community Building for a summer community orchestra program in August.

The Rainy Lake Community Orchestra will host a youth and adult string musician workshop Aug. 10-15,

at the Ranier Community Building. The musicians will practice from Aug. 10-14, and then perform a free concert at 7 p.m., Aug. 15 at the community building.

According to a letter submitted to the council by the organization, this will be the 36th summer it has held the workshop, and has been held in Ranier for more than 25 years. In the past, the

group has received help from the city of Ranier, the Ranier Recreation Club, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Moose Club, Independent School District 361, Rainy River Community College, and others to put on the concert.

Marcia Bringedahl told the council the orchestra loves the atmosphere in Ranier, and the concert draws

a large crowd from all over.

"We love it in Ranier," Bringedahl said. "The people come from all over, and are really appreciative of the facilities here."

The concert practice also won't interfere with the annual Ranier Days celebration Aug. 8-9, Bringedahl said. It also won't conflict with the Aug. 12 primary election, she said.

In other business, Mayor Dennis Wagner said the city had advertised for proposals for a new roof for the Ranier Community Building, yet the proposals the city's received haven't included a color for the shingles. Wagner said a slate gray or slate blue color would look best, in his opinion.

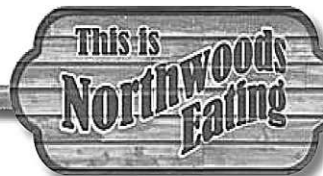
"I think it's important to keep the integrity of the

building," Wagner said. "This 1939 building was built by the Works Progress Administration."

Councilor Tony Cole said historically the roof has been either green or blue, but he couldn't remember which color it was. The council decided to let Cole look at samples and come back with a color decision at a future meeting.



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**PAUL & KAREN BERGSTROM'S**  
*50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*  
Saturday, June 21  
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At the  
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**Breakfast Specials**  
**Mon.-Sat. \$6.29 • Sunday \$7.29**


Mon.	Big Moose Skillet with hashbrowns	
Tues.	Breakfast Sandwich with hashbrowns	
Wed.	French Toast w/eggs & sausage or bacon	
Thurs.	Blueberry Pancakes w/eggs & sausage or bacon	
Fri.	Biscuits & Gravy w/eggs & hashbrowns	
Sat.	Cinnamon Swirl French Toast with ham & eggs	
Sun.	Blueberry Cream Cheese Crepes with eggs & ham	

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Mon.	Half Chicken Dinner	\$10.99
Tues.	Full Rack of BBQ Ribs	\$17.99
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Thurs.	Mozzarella Girasole w/Marinara Sauce	\$10.99
Fri.	Fishermen's Catch	\$16.99
Sat.	Rib Eye Steak	\$17.99
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## PUBLIC NOTICE

### Advertisement for Roofing Proposals City of Ranier Community Building Ranier, MN City of Ranier

Itemized proposals will be accepted for the furnishing of all equipment, tools, materials, skills, labor and all else necessary for removing existing roofing material, repairing and/or replacing any damaged roof boards, ice/water shields, flashing, ridge and soffit venting and re-shingling the Ranier Community Building. Shingles will be 250 lb. per roofing square asphalt/fiberglass composite. The proposals must be itemized to include materials, project clean-up and debris removal. Quotes will be accepted until 5:00 pm on June 23, 2014. City of Ranier office 218-286-3311.

## INVITATION FOR BIDS

Bids will be received for the remodeling of the WOODLAND PARK APARTMENTS COMMUNITY ROOM 2014. The project is located at 1200 Riverside Drive, International Falls, MN 56649. The contract will be with OWNER. The Owner's representative will be Kim Nuthak. PLANS WILL BE AVAILABLE BEGINNING FRIDAY JUNE 20, 2014 from the office of the Architect.

Bids will be **RECEIVED UNTIL 2:00 P.M. (Local time) Thursday, July 10, 2014** at the Office of the Owner. Faxed or emailed bids will be allowed and preferred. **The BID OPENING WILL TAKE PLACE Publicly. BIDS WILL BE AWARDED WITHIN 14 DAYS.** Written proposals will be received, in duplicate, on Contractor's standard proposal forms.

Bids shall be accompanied by a bidder's bond, certified check, or cashier's check in a sum equal to five percent (5%) of the total amount of the bid, conditioned that if the contractor's bid be accepted and the contract awarded to him, within ten days after notice of award will execute and effect a contract in accordance with the terms of his bond. Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations until bid opening time: OWNER's Office and at Lucachick Architecture, Inc., 481 Mag Seven Court, Suite #9, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601-0219, Phone: (218) 759-2305, Fax: (218) 759-0407.

Plans may be obtained by bidders only for their personal use from the office of the Architect/Engineer upon receipt of a refundable deposit check of \$25.00 per set. Requests for plans by mail must be accompanied by a \$10 non-refundable deposit to cover expenses. Make all deposit & expense checks payable to: THE OWNER.

Plans and specifications shall be returned to the Architect ***IN COMPLETE SETS*** within ten (10) days after contract award **FOR RETURN OF DEPOSIT**. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be issued. All bids shall be in accordance with Bidding Documents prepared by Lucachick Architecture Inc., 481 Mag Seven Court, Suite #9, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601 and the consultants listed. Bidders must carry Minnesota Worker's Compensation insurance and conform to all governing laws of the State of Minnesota. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informalities in bidding, and to **award the contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in the discretion of the OWNER, their interest will be best served thereby. THE OWNER REQUIRES THAT ALL BIDS BE FIRM FOR FORTY-FIVE (45) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF BID OPENING. ANY BID WITHDRAWN IN THAT TIME PERIOD WILL SACRIFICE THE BID SECURITY.**

FOR THE OWNER: Woodland Park Apartments  
End of Invitation to Bid

## AGENDA

### City of International Falls – Special City Council Meeting 4:30 P.M., Monday, June 23, 2014 Council Chamber, 600 Fourth Street

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**  
**CALL TO ORDER**  
**ROLL CALL**  
**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Second reading and approval of Contract Ordinance for the 19th Street Improvement Project - 2014 (Council action - motion).
2. Show, Camping, and Parade licenses/approvals for the proposed 2014 No Borders Rally in International Falls, July 9 – 12th sponsored by the Christian Motorcyclists Association, Minnesota (CMA) (Council action - motion).

**ADJOURNMENT**

The City of International Falls complies with the Americans with Disability Act. Individuals with disabilities requiring special aids should contact the City Administrator, 600 Fourth Street, International Falls, MN, 56649, 218-283-9484, at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

## What advances in technology have been made in hearing aids?

The most recent advance is the introduction of hearing aids that are compatible with selected smart phones. These hearing aids allow the user to hear the sound from the phone directly in the hearing aids. There is an app for altering the sound characteristics of the hearing aids for specific locations and automatically returning to the settings the next time you are in that location.

Most hearing aids now exchange data from ear to ear. If the wind is buffeting one side, the microphone could be turned off and the hearing aid can get sound input from the non-buffed side. A phone can be answered and sound can also be sent to the ear on the other side. The hearing aids can use the 4 microphones to determine the direction of the speech signal and both hearing aids can be coordinated to enhance the reception of the targeted speech.

Hearing aids do not have to be bulky beige chunks in the ear. There are small instruments that have a thin tubes to deliver the sound into the ears. We also have a wide range of colors to either blend into the hair or to make a fashion statement.

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