

LEISURE

FUN IN BORDERLAND

The Journal welcomes ideas for stories about people in our community who have interesting pastimes or hobbies.  
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Christian Hufnagle, 11, puts the finishing touches on a piano Saturday at Backus Community Center.

Painting party

About 60 people joined together Saturday morning to paint pianos for the Ranier Keys to the City program. Art mentorship was provided to children by members of the Northland Art Society. The three pianos painted on Saturday will be placed at Ranier Park, the dock at the Spruce Street landing and at City Beach starting the first week in June. The fourth piano was donated by the Ranier Recreation Club to the City of International Falls and it will be painted by the Backus Summer Arts program and will be placed in International Falls later this summer. Beginning June 4, free weekly piano lessons will be offered at the Ranier Park piano from 10-11 a.m.



Tess Amidon, 5, paints a piano for Ranier Park.



Angelica Hoopingarner-Hale paints a piano that will be displayed at City Beach this summer.

Acrylic painting workshop offered in Baudette

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Professional artist, Don Houseman will teach an acrylic painting workshop June 6-8 at the Lake of the Woods School art room in Baudette, beginning at 6 p.m. June 6. To kick off the weekend, the artist will give a lecture on the basics of self publishing a children's book, followed by classes resuming at 8 a.m. June 7. Classes will run until 3:30 p.m. June 7 and from noon to 3:30 p.m. June 8. Classes cost \$25, which includes most supplies needed for the entire weekend. Houseman is from Tenstrike, where he operates a professional studio and

business, Stuff on Paper. He was an art educator for more than 34 years and has published a series of children's books. He is a member of Artists of Studio 10 in Bemidji. The class is open to anyone ages 9 and up. They are limited to 15 spots and will be selected on a first-come, first-served basis. According to a release, this workshop will be a "fabulous skills-building opportunity" for students to learn about Houseman's methods and techniques in order to produce their own original creative works. Students can use a subject of their choice including landscape, buildings, waterscape, portrait

or still life. Topics will also include research and composition. The students will create their own painting with assisted support. This activity is made possible, in part, by a grant provided by the Region 2 Arts Council through an appropriation from the Minnesota State Legislature with money from the state's general fund. Registration deadline is May 30. To register for the class call 218-634-1561 or email studio@wiktel.com, and mail a check for \$25 payable to the Lake of the Woods Art Guild, P.O. Box 46, Baudette, MN 56623. Include your name, address, phone, and email address.

Summer arts at Backus

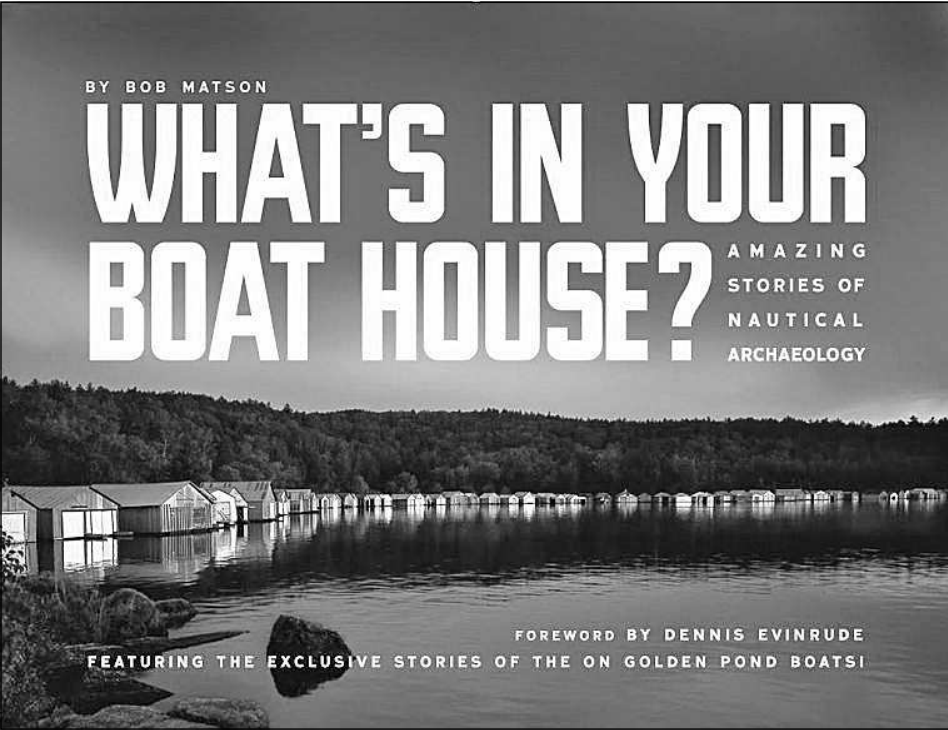
JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Calling all young actors and actresses. The Summer Arts Program is set to return to Backus Community Center June 9-14, highlighting a performance from the Prairie Fire Children's Theater. Led by professional actors, Borderland's young theater enthusiasts ages 7-18 will have the opportunity to perform in "Sleeping Beauty." According to a release, every student who auditions will have a part in the production that takes the stage at 7 p.m. June 14. The community is welcome to attend. Rehearsals are scheduled to run from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., June 9-13. According to a release, Prairie Fire Theater's "Sleeping Beauty" is an action-packed production with "something for everyone." "You are sure to have

a great time rehearsing and performing with the professional resident actors from the Prairie Fire Children's Theater Company," the release said. "Come for the play or stay for the day and participate in our art program, too." Young artists In addition to the play, a variety of classes are being offered during the week, including modern art, watercolor, life drawing, weird science, drawing and design, modeling and sculpting, creative writing, storytelling and skits, fashion, garden art, and singing and songwriting. Classes are scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon, or 1 to 3 p.m., June 9-13. Students who have completed kindergarten and up are eligible to attend. Home-schooled students must have completed the 5-6-year-old curriculum in order to attend. Like the play performance, at the end of the

week, an art exhibit will be on display in the Backus dining room and classrooms 101 and 102 at 5 p.m. June 14. Registration forms are available at the Backus office or online at www.backusab.org. Parents must return signed forms and fees to the Backus office by May 30. No late registrations will be accepted. The cost is \$55 for the Prairie Fire Theater and/or \$25 per art class. This activity is funded partly by the Otto Bremer Foundation. Scholarships are available from the Otto Bremer Foundation and the Henry and Virginia Sweatt Family Fund. Lunch is provided free of charge to all participants through the Backus Summer Food Service Program, sponsored by the Minnesota Department of Education. For more information, call the Backus office at 285-7225.

BOAT HOUSE TALES



Author Bob Matson has been asking people what's in their boat house for years. Now, in his recently-released book, is a collection of stories he's heard including family history, restorations and full-circle tales. The stories are combined with photos of pleasure craft in barns and garages, along with where they really belong - on the water. Matson lives on a remote lake near Ely with his dog, Walleye. A signed copy of "What's In Your Boat House" is available at www.matsonmotors.com.

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How do you know something that is not there?

People who are not able to hear high frequency sounds do not hear what they are missing. They do not hear some bird songs. They do not hear the turn signal beep. They may remember hearing the bird songs and the beeps. Then again, hearing loss is usually so subtle that those memories have faded away. Family and friends will notice a problem with hearing long before the person suspects a problem. The primary complaint will be that people are mumbling. Conversations when in a noisy settings will also be difficult to sort out. People deny problems hearing because they do cannot hear what they are missing. How do you know what is not there? The best way to determine the hearing abilities and to identify areas of hearing that need have compensation is with a comprehensive hearing evaluation. The goal in the rehabilitation process is to provide the person with the ability to hear sounds within the speech range in order to restore effective communication. We are here to serve your communication needs by offering comprehensive hearing evaluations and quality hearing aids. Call to schedule your appointment for better hearing.

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May 8, 15, 22 & 29  
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The Koochiching Economic Development Authority and the Small Business Development Center thank all of the volunteers and teachers that participated in the Junior Achievement Program. Junior Achievement offers financial literacy, college and career readiness and entrepreneurship education to K-12 students. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers and teachers we were able to reach over 900 students. It couldn't have been done without you!

<b>Volunteers</b> Kyra Briggs Wendy Reiners Dixie Kalstad Missy Crandall Jessica Crosby Frannie Ducharme RaeAnne Conat Lindsay Wallender Jenell Feller LeeAnn Meer Tony and Lisa Palm Jenna Votaw Randi Wherley Eric Strand Jenny Herman Dave Cronin John Winkel Keith Boelk Darwin Josylyn Stacy Frederickson Dave Serrano Sherie Wright	Mickie Olson John Cann Dean Cowman Paul Nevanen Amy Amundsen Dan Griffith Dave Sandstrom Julie Bartkowski Jared Shermoen Shane Talley Michelle Hebner Doug Skrief Stephanie Heinle	Jeannie Little Lisa West Marcy Nemic Paul Hjelte Liz Johnson Harmony Lennox Kevin Erickson Katie Anderson Beth Shermoen Dawn Schindeldecker Deana Lorenson Kim McDonald Ryan Puncocar John Sandberg Josh Koenig Don Rolando Onida Kocinski
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**Teachers**  
Molly Pavleck  
Laura Hayward  
Shelby Dowty  
Brittany Bolstad  
Lisa Auron  
Terry Mason  
Heather Eble  
Luke Zika  
Jill Katrin

**Staff**  
Tim Everson  
Missy Tate  
All of the support staff

**Junior Achievement**  
**AMERICA'S SBDC MINNESOTA**

**SUMMER ARTS AT BACKUS**  
Monday, June 9 – Saturday, June 14  
**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION---MAY 30, 2014**  
**NO LATE REGISTRATIONS**  
**PRAIRIE FIRE THEATRE CHILDREN'S PRODUCTION**  
**"SLEEPING BEAUTY"**  
Ages: 7 – 18 • Cost: \$55.00  
Rehearsals – Monday - Friday 8:30 am – 12:30 pm  
\*\*Performance - Saturday at 7:00 pm  
Backus Auditorium  
**ART CLASSES**  
Ages: Kindergarten and Up  
Cost: \$25.00 per class • Classes: Monday – Friday  
10:00 am – Noon and 1:00 – 3:00 pm  
\*\*Art Exhibit – Saturday 5:00 pm – Dining Room  
\*\*Class Performances – Saturday 5:00 pm – Room 101/102  
Lunch is provided (Monday – Friday) 12:00 – 1:00 pm  
Registration forms available at Backus Community Center, local area schools or on the web site www.backusab.org  
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