

LIFESTYLES

SHARE YOUR STORY

The Journal welcomes ideas for stories about people in our community who have gotten married, graduated, joined the military, etc.
Call the Journal at 285-7411

Jugglin' guy at Backus Friday

Sean Emery, Funny Guy Jugglin' Stuff, is a free program being sponsored by the Arrowhead Library System and International Falls Public Library and funded by money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund on Friday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m., at Backus Auditorium.

No one works a crowd like Sean Emery! Simply put, Sean has a lot of fun, and you will too! With his talent and uncanny ability to read people, Sean will scoop up your audience and embrace them with his circus skills, comedy, and showmanship.

Professionally trained with the Ringling Brothers and Barnum and Bailey, Sean truly is one of the most in-demand entertainers from county fairs to Radio City Music Hall, festivals, theaters, cabarets, and even the White House. Enjoy his sparkling wit, amazing juggling, unicycling and physical comedy. A master of improv; Sean is a one man comedy and variety show entertaining audiences of all ages.

The Edible Car contest is this Saturday, Feb. 22, at 10:30 a.m. Come create, race and eat your marvelous creation.



Diane
ADAMS

@ YOUR LIBRARY

The library will provide a variety of edible products for creating cars, but families are welcome to bring anything they think they would need. No registration required.

Winter doldrums got you down, got your kids down? Come to the library and check out some exciting fiction to chase away those blues.

What would you do if a robot was terrorizing your neighborhood? *The Winter of the Robots* by Kurtis Scaletta is set in north Minneapolis and features four unlikely heroes. Jim, his little sister and Dmitri have spotted the robot. Adults don't seem to believe them, except the crazy guy who ends up dead. So they along with Oliver and Rocky set out to build a robot to conquer the ones terrorizing their neighborhood. Kurtis Scaletta lives in Minneapolis and has

written a couple other thrillers as well. Come discover a new author.

Could you survive a tsunami? Test your wits and skills in *I Survived the Japanese Tsunami, 2011* by Lauren Tarshis. This fictional account describes the devastation and disaster through the eyes of a young boy visiting his father's family far from home. Could you do as well as he did?

More scary, thrilling stories to keep you awake at night. *When the Lights Go Out* by Max Elliot Anderson is a riveting story about Peyton, Gill and Dave on a new army base in the middle of nowhere. They decide to train like Rangers and soon find themselves trying to stop a terrorist plot.

R.L. Stine, the master of children's horror fiction has a new series in "Goosebumps Most Wanted." *How I Met My Monster* is about Noah, excited that a new kid in school is also his neighbor, but there is something strange about the kid.

Discover Tech will only be at the library for about three more weeks. If you haven't had a chance to stop by and enjoy this incredible exhibit, please don't wait. You don't want to miss this opportunity.

PET OF THE WEEK

Here he is folks — the pup you all have been waiting for! Meet "Maverick." One-year-old, Labrador cross. About 50 pounds, neutered and up-to-date on shots. He is in foster care currently working on house manners and how to simply be a well-mannered pup. He loves going for walks, loves to run and play with kids. Full of energy that will leave you giggling for hours. Maverick is looking for a family that will play ball, teach him tricks and how to have fun. Take him with on trips and fun-filled outings. He is not a pup you would want to leave behind. He wants a family that wants him as much as he wants



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them. If you are looking for a great family dog, come and inquire about Mav.

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ROYAL RESIDENTS



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Littlefork Medical Center hosted a party for residents Thursday, at which Betty Pullar was crowned queen and Einar Sundin king. Musical entertainment for the event was provided Arnie Baumchen and Conley Anderson.

Calling it a career

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Three women who had been fixtures of Rainy Lake Medical Center for a combined 74 years retired in January.

Lois Mann, medical records practitioner; JoDell Doucette, radiology supervisor; and Cathy Christensen, medical laboratory scientist, all retired in January.

Mann was a member of the health information team at RLMC for 18 years. She was dedicated to ensuring correct documentation of customer's medical records, and was committed to RLMC's mission of providing the best possible service, according to a release. Her retirement plans include travelling to warmer states in the winter and spending time with family and friends.

Doucette was an RLMC employee for 28 years. She served as the backbone of the radiology department for many years, using her vast knowledge to solve many problems and answer many



Lois Mann



JoDell
Doucette



Cathy
Christensen

questions, according to a release. Doucette's smile and laugh will be remembered and missed by her co-workers as well as her patients, according to a release.

Christensen worked in the RLMC laboratory for 28 years, and her expertise in microbiology, blood banking, the laboratory QA program, and the computer systems will be missed, according to a release. She also filled in as laboratory manager when needed.

ASK A TROOPER

Is winter driving worse than summer driving?

BY SGT. CURT S. MOWERS
Minnesota State Patrol

Q.: I would be very interested to know if winter driving is really worse than summer? It seems like we hear a lot more about crashes in the winter time, but I suppose it may or may not be true. Thanks for talking about this topic.

A.: Well, you are not alone if you think that winter driving is worse. According to a survey sponsored by the Center for Excellence in Rural Safety at the U of

M's Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, about 83 percent of Americans consider winter to be the most dangerous season for driving on rural roadways.

About eight percent of Americans believe summer is the most dangerous time; about four percent say spring and four percent think fall.

Actually, while we do have a lot of vehicles off the road in the winter and a lot of fender bender crashes, winter — at least in Minnesota — lacks in comparison to the amount

of fatalities, and serious injuries and crashes that our summer produces. This is largely due to the fact that motorists typically travel at higher speeds in June, July and August when the weather is nice and the roads are in better condition. There are a host of other factors as well, but high speed seems to be prevalent. In the winter, we see vehicles being driven too fast for conditions, also a speed-related component, but the speeds are lower overall compared to summer.

A lot of drivers tend to blame the road authorities and the weather for the winter crashes, when in fact it is the human driver error that is responsible. We all need to take personal responsibility for our own actions behind the wheel. We all need to realize that driving a motor vehicle can be one of the most dangerous things we do on a daily basis and we need to be paying strict attention to our driving, especially in adverse weather situations.

Thanks for asking.

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