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# Ronald G. Brackin, 74

Ronald G. Brackin, age 74, of Coon Rapids, Minn., died Monday, April 7, 2014.

He was preceded in death by his son, Ronald Jr.; sister, Joan; brother, George; and parents.

He is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Mary; children, Dawn (Mark), Tim (Christie), Tammy (Chad) and Rhonda (Mark); 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings, Harvey (Ruby), Amy, Louise, Judy (Jim) and Kenny (Mickie); also by many loving relatives and friends.

He was with International Union of Operating Engineers 49ers for 30-plus years.

A memorial service was conducted at 11 a.m. Friday, April 11, with visitation one hour prior, at Gearhart Funeral Home, 11275 Foley Blvd. NW, Coon Rapids.

Private interment will be at Forest Hill Cemetery, International Falls, Minn. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

[www.GearhartFuneralHome.com](http://www.GearhartFuneralHome.com); 763-755-6300.

# Linda (Snow) Paper

Linda (Snow) Paper, born Dec. 4, 1945 in Syracuse N.Y., died April 6, 2014.

She earned an associate degree in nursing and a bachelor's degree in sociology.

She is preceded in death by her husband, who died in 1999.

She is survived by her son, Kyle Paper and grandson, Benjamin Thomas Paper.

Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Sunday, April 13, at the Bob Walls Memorial Union Hall.

# ROADS

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Plans call for Highway 11 East to be overlaid in 2015, he said.

In addition, a center-turn lane will be constructed at County Highway 155, east of International Falls, at the

Voyageurs National Park Headquarters.

The plan also calls for the removal of a concrete divider at the turn into Ranier, he said.

The on ramp to Highway 11 from Ranier is expected to be removed and right turn and left turn lanes added there, he said.

# COUNCIL

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tives of the city council and county board. The city and county provide matching funds to the airport operations.

The city administrator, in presenting the report, said the discussion should be considered very initial, as the financing of an estimated \$1 million local share is a dynamic and

fluid process. That means the city and county would each provide \$500,000 toward the project, with other money expected to be provided through a state bonding request. Local officials have asked the state to contribute to the project with \$3 million in bonding funds.

Anderson briefly outlined options from which the city's local share could come, including: cash reserve funds; municipal

# ICE OUT

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and start enjoying those awesome sunsets from my deck at my cabin," Wickstrom said.

Olson went even further back into the record book, she said, to come up with her guess of May 23, which would set the record for latest ice out date. She said she'll be ready to brag if she's right, and her love of numbers led to her guess.

"I wanted a record-breaking date and my reasoning for May 23 is numbers," Olson said. "I love numbers and May 23 is written 052314. Numbers 0-5 are used and only once."

Bookending Wickstrom and Olson's guesses were Mark Rooney and Rachel Hasbargen-Glowack, who picked May 22 and May 24, respectively.

Rooney said he consulted with his wife, Pam, for his guess. She looked through past records, and found historically cold winters had ice out days similar to May 22, he said, so that's the date he went with. He also said he got a new used boat last fall, two days before it snowed. Because he's waiting to use his new boat for the first time, he'll now have to wait even longer.

Though the overall reason for why he chose May 22 has nothing to do with him, he said.

"My main reason is my wife chose that day," Rooney said. "I have a wise friend named Willie. Willie has taught me the 'happy wife, happy life, philosophy of life. I know this will make her happy.'"

Hasbargen-Glowack's guess of May 24 would also set the record for latest ice out date.

"Due to the extreme cold, there's still tons of ice," she said. "Between that and all the snow, there's plenty of melting that needs to happen before we see water again."

Tom West was more hopeful than his col-

leagues, and selected May 13 as the ice out day, which is his sister's birthday. He also asked if Warren Buffet was involved in this pool, referencing the investor's \$1 billion offer for the perfect NCAA March Madness bracket this spring.

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Rainy Lake Ice Out			
1930 - May 3	1952 - May 4	1974 - May 11	1996 - May 18
1931 - May 5	1953 - May 4	1975 - May 10	1997 - May 5
1932 - May 7	1954 - May 14	1976 - April 18	1998 - April 13
1933 - May 6	1955 - April 23	1977 - May 3	1999 - May 1
1934 - May 6	1956 - May 11	1978 - May 10	2000 - April 22
1935 - May 8	1957 - May 7	1979 - May 12	2001 - May 1
1936 - May 13	1958 - April 22	1980 - May 2	2002 - May 4
1937 - May 7	1959 - May 6	1981 - April 29	2003 - May 5
1938 - May 3	1960 - May 16	1982 - May 7	2004 - May 1
1939 - May 5	1961 - May 8	1983 - May 1	2005 - April 23
1940 - May 10	1962 - May 7	1984 - April 28	2006 - April 16
1941 - April 25	1963 - April 30	1985 - April 30	2007 - May 4
1942 - April 25	1964 - May 6	1986 - April 23	2008 - May 14
1943 - May 4	1965 - May 7	1987 - April 18	2009 - April 29
1944 - May 11	1966 - May 15	1988 - May 6	2010 - April 10
1945 - April 23	1967 - May 5	1989 - May 6	2011 - May 3
1946 - April 22	1968 - May 6	1990 - April 29	■ 2012 - April 6
1947 - May 11	1969 - April 28	1991 - April 27	2013 - May 16
1948 - May 6	1970 - May 9	1992 - May 7	■ Earliest ice-out date.
1949 - April 28	1971 - May 2	1993 - April 30	
1950 - May 22	1972 - May 16	1994 - May 8	
1951 - May 9	1973 - April 23	1995 - May 2	
Kabetogama Lake Ice out			
1952 - April 28	1968 - April 29	1984 - April 24	2000 - April 20
1953 - April 30	1969 - April 25	1985 - April 28	2001 - May 1
1954 - May 4	1970 - May 6	1986 - April 18	2002 - April 30
1955 - April 20	1971 - April 30	1987 - April 17	2003 - May 1
1956 - May 9	1972 - May 12	1988 - May 2	2004 - April 28
1957 - May 2	1973 - April 21	1989 - May 6	2005 - April 20
1958 - April 17	1974 - May 9	1990 - April 26	2006 - April 16
1959 - April 30	1975 - May 8	1991 - April 25	2007 - April 30
1960 - May 10	1976 - April 18	1992 - May 5	2008 - May 9
1961 - May 6	1977 - May 1	1993 - April 29	2009 - April 29
1962 - May 4	1978 - May 5	1994 - April 25	2010 - April 4
1963 - April 28	1979 - May 10	1995 - April 27	2011 - April 30
1964 - May 3	1980 - April 28	1996 - May 18	■ 2012 - March 31
1965 - May 5	1981 - April 18	1997 - April 29	2013 - May 14
1966 - May 14	1982 - May 5	1998 - April 13	■ Earliest ice-out date.
1967 - April 25	1983 - April 26	1999 - April 30	

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3-6. The colder than average winter also featured a lot of snow insulating the ice, she said.

"I found conflicting long-term predictions for April weather, but I'm hopeful that the warmer-than-average prediction will be the correct one, leading to a slightly earlier-than-average ice out date," Sjerven said.

She'd also like the ice out day to happen early, she said, so she can take classes out for labs in the

field.

"I would really like for my Biology class to be able to do some labs outside this spring, which we didn't get to do last year," Sjerven said.

Despite West's hope of a billion-dollar payout, the only thing at stake are bragging rights. Though with the guessing game turning into a friendly competition between colleagues, bragging rights might be worth quite a bit in the long run.

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