

LOCALNEWS

TREATS FOR OUR FURRY FRIENDS



STAFF PHOTO BY EMILY GEDDE

Kelsea Davis, The Journal customer service specialist, places a bag of dog food below the The Journal Christmas tree Tuesday. Donations of pet food and supplies can be dropped off at The Journal from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday until Dec. 31. All donations will be delivered to the Borderland Humane Society to help homeless and in-need animals during the holiday season.

Casting call for reality series scheduled

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Committee Films, a Minneapolis-based production company that develops television for Discovery, History, Nat Geo and Travel Channel, is seeking to cast local characters to interact with the stars of an upcoming reality series about life in northern Minnesota. The show will follow a handful of people as it highlights the sorts of things that the rest of the nation can't believe actually happens up here. Whether insulating a deer stand, setting up an ice house, or carving ice sculptures with a chainsaw, Committee Films wants to showcase the people who exemplify life in the frigid Midwest, but do it with fearlessness flair.

"We're looking for people that run small businesses or engage in uniquely Minnesota winter activities to introduce our main characters to," states a release from Committee Films. "Personality and chemistry with our main cast are key. If you or anyone you know fits the bill of being a unique character that embraces the winter in ways that the rest of the country can't even imagine, we'd love to briefly interview you on Dec. 17 or 18th at Woody's Pub in Ranier."

Interviews will last about five minutes and be scheduled from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 17, and 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 19.

People interested should email their name, contact phone number and top

three choices for day and time within the above interview windows. "If you want to grab our attention, include a short description of what you love best about Minnesota winters up north," adds the release.

Send emails to ifallscasting@gmail.com. A confirmation email with a designated time will be sent.

"For those of you interested in participating but are unavailable those days, we'd love for you to upload a brief video clip of yourself answering a set list of questions," states Committee Films. "We'll email you detailed instructions on how to do this upon request. Please email your request to ifallscasting@gmail.com and include the word 'upload' in the message body."

Local gas prices down to \$2.93

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Average retail gasoline prices in Minnesota have fallen 5.5 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.99 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,856 gas outlets in Minnesota. This compares with the national average that has decreased 0.7 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.24 per gallon, according to gasoline price website MinnesotaGasPrices.com.

Regular gas prices in International Falls, according to the site, ranged from \$2.93 to \$3.14. Local prices for mid-grade, premium

and diesel fuel were not listed on the site.

Including the change in gas prices in Minnesota during the past week, prices Sunday were 20.6 cents per gallon lower compared to the same day one year ago and are 5.9 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has increased 3.9 cents during the last month and stands 10.4 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"The National Weather Service says this week begins with much of California under a hard freeze warning and separate storm systems tracking across the Great Lakes region and from the Gulf Coast to the northeast, bringing snow, sleet and freezing rain from the Lower Mississippi River Valley northeastward to New England," said Gregg Laskoski, senior petroleum analyst, GasBuddy. "Under conditions like that, consumer demand usually declines and that often results in a nominal decrease in retail gas prices. That may be what lies ahead this week."

GasBuddy operates MinnesotaGasPrices.com and over 250 similar websites that track gasoline prices at more than 140,000 gasoline stations in the United States and Canada.

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