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Katie Valentine, Tom's mom, said she held the eaglet's hand as it was banded in memory of her son with her family.

## EAGLE WILL SOAR WITH BAND FOR VALENTINE

Eaglet banded in recognition of fallen SEAL

BY LAUREL BEAGER  
Editor

A bald eagle from Voyageurs National Park flies free with a United States Fish and Wildlife Service band #0709-04619 in memory of Tom Valentine.



Thomas John Valentine

It's a simple statement on a plaque presented by U.S. Congressman Rick Nolan Thursday to Valentine's parents, Jack and Katie Valentine, in celebration of the life of the U.S. Navy SEAL Team Six member who died in active duty in 2008. Special Warfare Operator Senior Chief Tom Valentine, who was born in International Falls, died at age 37 during parachute training exercises in Arizona. He was highly decorated, earning three Bronze Stars for valor among many other awards, and had deployed several times to Iraq and Afghanistan after enlisting in the U.S. Navy in 1989.



**Eagle to A7 >** The eaglet banded in memory of Tom Valentine looks down from its nest.

## Lodging tax helps promote tourism

Collection often requires education of governments, lodging establishments

BY LAUREL BEAGER  
Editor

With notification that some area lodging establishments are not collecting a local lodging tax intended to help promote tourism in the area, Borderland's Convention and Visitor Bureau director said there may be a need for education about the tax. The 3-percent tax on lodging costs is collected by the establishment and passed onto the local government in which it is located, explained CVB Director Pete Schultz. The local government is allowed to keep 5 percent of the tax for administration and remits the other 95 percent of the tax to the CVB. On average, the lodging tax generates about \$153,000 annually, said Schultz. The idea for the tax was introduced in 1988 by Tim Anderson, who at that time was associated with the Falls Motel, said Schultz.

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## County board finalizes sandbag removal

BY SPENSER BICKETT  
Staff Writer

The Koochiching County Board Tuesday approved a bid for sandbag removal, as a final step of the clean up after area flooding this summer. According to information from county Environmental Services Director Dale Olson, there were 300,000 sandbags that were distributed throughout the county, and only a few thousand remain. They were concentrated in three areas: Rainy Lake, Pelland Junction, and Loman.

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