

OUTDOORS



Call of the loon

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

In some places this spring, Minnesota's state birds were driven from nests by biting bugs and flooding. But these Borderland loons appear to have survived the challenges of spring. Mike Thiele captured these photos of an adult loon on a nest, and a loon floating near Rainy Lake's Bald Rock Point. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources noted the common loon has four calls. The tremolo, which sounds a bit



like maniacal laughter, is an aggressive call. The wail is a long, drawn-out sound. The hoot, a shorter call, is used to communicate among parents and young. The yodel is sounded by male loons guarding their territory. Together the male

and female build a nest out of reeds and grasses on the edge of the water. They take turns incubating the one to two eggs the female lays. After 28 to 30 days blackish brown chicks emerge from the eggs, soon ready for a swim. One of the ways

parents care for their young is to carry them on their backs to keep them safe from fish and turtle predators. Young loons don't fly until they are more than two months old. Loons don't begin breeding until they are 3 or 4 years old.

MnDOT expands online bicycle route-finding tool statewide

Cyclopath map helps bicyclists find, rate best routes

MNDOT STAFF REPORT

Bicyclists planning routes throughout the state can now use an editable, interactive online map called Cyclopath to help customize their trips, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation. Cyclopath is designed to find bicycle routes using ratings from other bicyclists. Originally launched in 2008 in the Twin Cities, the tool is now available statewide. Bicyclists can select the type of route they prefer, including routes that favor trails and bike lanes, routes with the highest user ratings or with the shortest distance between two points. Bicyclists keep the map up-to-date by entering personal "bikeability" ratings and

sharing information about travel experiences and road conditions. This shared data improves information for other bicyclists. Cyclopath also contains MnDOT's complete road network and most of its trails. As new bicycle infrastructure gets added, bicyclists can edit the map to reflect changes to the bicycle network as soon as they happen.

The map is available for desktop computers at <http://cycloplan.cyclopath.org>. Android users can download an app from the website. "As the bicycle network expands, we hope to see good information from the people who use it," said Tim Mitchell, state bicycle and pedestrian coordinator. "Cyclopath information for the Twin Cities is very complete and in-

cludes most bike trails and facilities. We encourage bicyclists to add trails and edit roads to show bike lanes and facilities in Greater Minnesota. This has the potential to be a great asset to the state." MnDOT developed Cyclopath in partnership with the University of Minnesota and the Metropolitan Council. For more information, go to <http://cyclopath.org>.

Dear family and friends of Jean Walls,

Thank you all for your kindness and comfort as we recently said goodbye to our Mother, Grandmother, Great-grandmother, and Great-great grandmother. Jean was a strong woman of faith and had been looking forward to reuniting with her sons Danny, Tom, and Bernie, her husband "Stub", and many other loved ones who had journeyed on before her. Although it was hard to say goodbye, we take comfort in knowing she is "home" and at peace with the Lord. Your cards, phone calls, and gifts of food, flowers and memorials were truly appreciated and we thank you all so very much for your support during our time of sorrow.

Over the course of her nearly 90 years on this earth, Jean saved every card, letter, and photo she ever received and carefully clipped out every newspaper article and photo of everyone she knew ... a true testament of how much she loved and treasured each and every one of you.

With much love and appreciation,
The family of Jean Anola Walls

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WASCHKE FAMILY GM CENTER WELCOMES JOHN STREIFF TO ITS SALES STAFF.

John was born and raised in International Falls, and is excited to start his new journey here with Waschke Family GM Center. John brings several years of sales experience with him since starting at his parents floral shop, Streiff Floral, in 1992. In 2006 John and his wife Tami purchased the Junction Bar until its sale in 2011, and still operates his own Karaoke/DJ business called King of the Road Entertainment. Together John and his wife Tami have two children, Kyla and Dylan. The family enjoys spending their free time out at Ash Trail, where they enjoy relaxing and entertaining with friends. John looks forward to a long future with Waschke Family GM Center, and is anticipating meeting again with old friends and gaining new ones along the way.

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