

LOCALNEWS

History event to gather memories

Information to be used in ‘history trail guide’

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Grocery stores past and present will be the theme of the second History Café, an initiative of the AGE to age program of International Falls. The intergenerational event to gather stories will be held at 5:30 p.m. Thursday at the Coffee Landing Café.

“We are inviting young and old to share memories of favorite grocery stores,” said Rachel Amdahl, coordinator of the local AGE to age program. Information gathered at the history cafes will help in the publishing of a history trail guide for visitors and community members, Amdahl explained.

“We decided to start our history trail project by collecting people’s favorite memories of buildings, businesses, and activities,” explained Douglas Skrief, co-chair of the history trail committee. “Our first café in January was all about restaurants. Those who attended had a great time reminiscing and learning. We’re excited to gather information about groceries.”

The history trail project is an initiative of the International Falls AGE to age program.

“AGE to age: bringing the generations together” is an



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Rauscher’s Meat Market, now the Coffee Landing Café, will be the location of the second History Café story sharing on Thursday, part of the “AGE to age” history trail project. This photo, circa 1916-20, shows Leopoldine Rauscher, looking out from inside the store, as Nicholas Rauscher, Joseph Rauscher Sr. and an unknown man stand outside.

award-winning member of the “KIDS PLUS” family of activities of the Northland Foundation. Launched in the fall of 2008, AGE to age enables elders, adults, and youth to explore how their generations are both alike and different.

Each AGE to age community develops an action plan that joins generations in projects to improve their community. According to the Northland Foundation, 10 AGE to age sites were established between 2008

and 2012.

In 2013, International Falls joined this intergenerational initiative and identified a community garden and a guided history trail as priority projects. Last summer the program launched the community garden located on Third Street near the International Falls Public Library.

The second history trail event, the History Café II, will be held at the one-time home of the landmark Rauscher Brothers’ Grocery

Store, now the Coffee Landing Café at 444 Third St.

Those who attend the History Café will be asked to talk about grocery stores through the years. The event begins at 5:30 p.m. Amdahl explained that there will be soup and sandwiches as long as they last.

“We especially would like to see young people who can share how they see grocery stores today and elders who can tell about establishments long gone,” Amdahl said.

Taxpayers urged to file now

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Minnesota taxpayers who have not yet filed are being urged to do so now by the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

The advice issued Wednesday in a news release is aimed at the more than 1 million taxpayers who have not yet filed. Now, they can file with forms and software that include the new tax law changes passed on March 21.

“Many thousands of Minnesotans will benefit from the tax cuts that were passed by the Legislature just over one week ago,” said Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton in a news release. “I urge Minnesotans to file their taxes now, and claim all the tax cuts and credits for which they are eligible.”

Revenue Commissioner Myron Frans said staff completed an update a day earlier than expected while working closely with the private sector.”

Taxpayers are reminded to file on or before the April 15 deadline, unless they seek an extension from the Internal Revenue Service.

All Department of Revenue-certified tax software providers have updated their software to reflect the new tax law changes. Updated tax forms and schedules can also be found on the Minnesota Department of Revenue website. The department advises taxpayers using desktop tax software on their personal computers to accept and install updates from their software provider so they are filing with the most up-to-date software.

Taxpayers who have changed addresses since their last filing should notify the department of their new address so refunds and correspondence from the department reach the correct destination.

About 300,000 taxpayers qualify for the new 2013 middle class tax breaks. These

changes match the Minnesota tax forms more closely with federal forms and rules. If properly claiming these deductions on the federal return, they will be included in determining the Minnesota income tax. View a list of the benefits at the department’s website to see if they apply.

If a return has already been filed, the department will review it. If a taxpayer qualifies for a new deduction or credits, one of three things will happen after the department’s review:

- Returns will be adjusted and taxpayers will receive a letter explaining the adjustment and refund will be sent.

- More information will be requested to adjust a return, if possible. A letter will be sent explaining the adjustment and refund will be sent.

- If the department cannot adjust a return, it will notify taxpayers that they will need to file an amended return to get the benefits of these tax law changes.

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I want to thank all my family and friends for their prayers, calls, cards and visits during my rehab at Lakeshore for my back and ankle surgeries. Special thanks to my son Larry and Vicki for their calls every day and watching over my home. My niece DeAnn Paulson in Duluth for her unconditional TLC, much love is sent her way. To my cousin Bonnie Frahm who kept my home up with unending chores, I could not have been away for so long without her help. I thank Shelly Morin and Falls Veterinary Clinic for taking care of my Polly for two months. A Special thank you to Pastor Steve Olson and Sue Olson for their visits. My prayers are with you all. May God Bless You.

Darl Samuelson

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