

ENTERTAINMENT

Lake Superior ice caves prove popular again

BAYFIELD, Wis. (AP) — The ice caves in northwestern Wisconsin are proving very popular again this year. The caves on Lake Superior near the Apostle Islands attracted more than 11,000 people last weekend. Julie Van Stappen, chief of planning and resource management for the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore, says more than 7,000 people visited on opening day Saturday and 4,200 on Sunday. Park service officials had warned visitors there is a lot of glare ice and had recommended people use crampons and use ski poles. The ice caves drew more than 138,000 tourists last year as the deep freeze made the caves accessible to pedestrians for the first time in nearly five years. The park system charged a \$5 fee this year for visitors age 16 and older.

Como Zoo has new baby gorilla

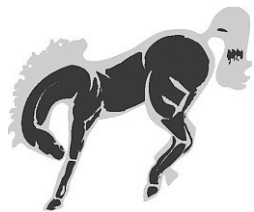
ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Como Zoo in St. Paul has a new baby western lowland gorilla. The female gorilla was born at about five pounds in the evening of Feb. 22 to first-time mother Dara. Zoo officials say while bonding wasn't an issue for the pair, officials did need to go in and give the baby fluids because nursing was a problem. Soon after the pair reunited, the baby started nursing regularly but staff continues to monitor them. The new baby is named Arlene after the late Arlene Scheunemann, a zoo volunteer and board member who helped establish the docent program. The two gorillas will likely make their public debut later this month.

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adopt Resolution No. 05-15 approving transfers, payment of claims and accounts payable. Motion seconded by Councilor Briggs. Mayor Anderson requested that item 101-40110-4330, Subscription and Memberships for Annual Dues for the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC), be handled as a separate item. Motion carried unanimously to adopt Resolution No. 05-15 with item 101-40110-4330 to be handled separately for discussion. Mayor Anderson discussed that he was opposed to paying \$10,454 for the annual dues for the CGMC with the belief that it is a duplicate service along with the League of Minnesota Cities services. Councilor Jaksa disagreed stating how important it is to have skilled lobbyists through the CGMC to speak for the City. Councilor Briggs agreed with Councilor Jaksa. Councilor Kalar stated that we need a group that represents rural Minnesota. MOTION by Councilor Briggs to renew the subscription and membership for the CGMC. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa. Motion carried 4-1 with Councilors Briggs, Kalar, Droba, and Jaksa voting "yea" and Mayor Anderson voting "nay." Eric Johnson of the International Voyageurs Snowmobile Club was present to give an update on the 2015 MNUSA Winter Rendezvous that will be held Feb. 12 - 15, 2015. He stated that he is expecting it to bring 250 - 350 people into the city with most events being held at the Americinn. Councilor Jaksa and Councilor Briggs thanked Mr. Johnson for all of his hard work and effort. None. MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve additional expenditure (\$4,515.65) for City share of purchase of Electric Zamboni and approve Mighty Ducks Grant Agreement with Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission. Motion seconded by Councilor Briggs and carried unanimously. MOTION by Councilor Droba to approve Sustainable Management proposal from the Minnesota Rural Water Association, dated November 2, 2014, to develop an action plan. City Administrator Anderson stated that he is going to ask the Minnesota Rural Water Association to assist the City in developing a Let Water Run Policy. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously. MOTION by Councilor Briggs to approve the Mayor's appointment of Robert F. Thompson to a 3-year term on the North Koochiching Area Sanitary District. January 2015 - December 2017. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba. Brian McBride addressed the Council stating that he worked for five days trying to create a petition based on law and timing, and that he also had to prepare a summons to be served on the Mayor which was paid out of his pocket. Discussion ensued. Councilor Jaksa questioned that, if there are people who want to serve, then why aren't they getting reappointed. Councilor Briggs stated that the question is the appointment of Mr. Thompson and we should only be discussing Mr. Thompson's character, ability, and integrity to fill that position. Councilor Kalar commented that we have someone who wants to be reappointed, so if he's willing and hasn't done anything wrong, he should be reappointed. Bob Rapaway commented from the audience stating that they are finishing up the construction project and he is concerned that there will be too many new people who don't know the history of the project. Doug Dault also commented from the audience on the great job that Brian McBride has done, and asked the Council to please take into consideration that Mr. McBride has a lot of experience in waste water treatment. Motion carried 3-2 with Mayor Anderson and Councilors Briggs and Droba voting "yea" and Councilors Kalar and Jaksa voting "nay." MOTION by Councilor Briggs to place a nomination of Councilor Jaksa to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission (ARDC). Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously. Mayor Anderson stated that he is continuing to work on appointing a Health Officer and hopes to have one appointed at the next City Council meeting on February 2, 2015. MOTION by Councilor Droba to approve the consent agenda as presented: 1. Year 2015 license renewal for Coffee Landing Café-restaurant. Motion seconded by Councilor Briggs and carried unanimously. MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to approve Mayoral Proclamation - National Stalking Awareness Month, January 2015. Motion seconded by Councilor Kalar and carried unanimously. MOTION by Councilor Jaksa to adopt Resolution No. 06-15 approving application and exempt permit for the International Falls Lions Club to sell raffle tickets, with the drawing to be held July 4, 2015 at Smokey Bear Park, International Falls, MN. Motion seconded by Councilor Briggs and carried unanimously. MOTION by Councilor Briggs to approve year 2015 license renewal for Citizens for Backus/AB, Inc., dba Backus Community Center for restaurant, wine on-sale, and 3.2 on-sale w/restaurant licenses. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba and carried unanimously. MOTION by Councilor Kalar to approve 3-year Labor Agreement between the City of International Falls, Minnesota and Woodworkers Lodge W-33, IMAAW, AFL-CIO, for the Police Department. Motion seconded by Councilor Droba. Councilor Jaksa stated that it was her understanding that the approval of the Labor Agreements for the Police Department and the Firefighter Engineers and Paramedics were going to be withheld until the February 2nd Council Meeting. City Administrator recommended withholding action on these items until February 2nd to give the Union an opportunity to review the proposed language. Councilor Kalar withdrew his MOTION and Councilor Droba withdrew his second, and both items will be placed on the agenda for the February 2, 2015 City Council Meeting. MOTION by Councilor Briggs to approve declaration of 2010 Ambulance, 10-01, as surplus equipment for trade-in and approve purchase of 2015 Type III Ford/Horton Ambulance - Custom Unit #533 from Premier Specialty Vehicles with monies budgeted in Fund 201, Capital Outlay Auto. Motion seconded by Councilor Jaksa and carried unanimously. City Administrator Anderson shared with the Council members that he received an email from Faye Whitbeck from the Chamber stating that she was thankful and astounded by the beauty of the fireworks display at the Ice Box Days Celebration. None. None. None. Councilor Kalar thanked Fire Chief Mannausau and the Fire Department for their help at the Law Enforcement Center when there was another carbon monoxide incident. Mayor Anderson stated that State Representative David Dill and State Senator Tom Bakke were both present at the County Board Meeting this morning. Mayor Anderson's primary issue he sees is with wetlands and economic development and he mentioned those to the state officials. Mayor Anderson also stated that he did an interview with the Weather Channel on Saturday in regards to Ice Box Days. He stated there were 268 participants in the race and it was a nice Ice Box Days Celebration. Councilor Droba commented and thanked the City crew on all of their help with the Ice Box Days Celebration. Police Chief Musich thanked the officers and other agencies that provided a safe environment for all the racers. Councilor Briggs stated that what the Police Department, Fire Department, and all the City workers do is outstanding. Councilor Jaksa informed the Council that she will be attending a meeting in the Twin Cities on January 28th for the CGMC. None. Mayor Robert W. Anderson adjourned the meeting at 5:53 P.M. Robert W. Anderson, Mayor

ATTEST: Kenneth R. Anderson, City Administrator

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF KOOCHICHING Estate of: Wallace John Kucera, Jr. A/K/A Wallace Kucera, Jr. Decedent DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION NINTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 36-PR-15-144 NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 9, 2015, at 2:30 (p.m.), a hearing will be held in this Court at International Falls, Minnesota for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Wayne Nels Kucera, whose address is 3359 County Road 130, International Falls, MN 56649 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration. Any objection to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, and sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the Estate. Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred. Date: 2/26, 2015 /s/ Charles H. LeDuc Judge Date: 2/26, 2015 /s/ Sharen Bowman, Deputy Court Administrator (COURT SEAL) Attorney for Personal Representative Lyndon F. Larsen, #60318 438 Third Street International Falls, MN 56649 218-285-7434 The Journal March 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015 Classified Ads for IFalls Journal, call 218-285-7411