

# LIFESTYLES

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# Reading is an essential life skill

Reading! It is for life. Like riding a bike, once you learn, you know how, with practice comes improvement, just like everything else in life. Reading also opens doors. If you know how to read you can then read to learn whether that learning occurs from material in a book, on a screen or in the classroom. Reading is an essential skill in life and it is easiest to learn when your brain is wired to learn it and that means infants need to be exposed to reading from very early. I am not talking about teaching your infant



Diane  
ADAMS

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to read, I am saying that every infant needs to be read to from their very earliest days (even before they are born.)

The infant brain is building connections at a higher rate in its first few years and hearing a human read to them builds those connections that will enable them to learn to read themselves much easier than kids who haven't been read aloud books. Reading books aloud to young children also helps build vocabulary, another key piece in learning to read. Vocabulary is obtained in pre-readers by hearing words spoken to them, yet our spoken vocabulary to young children is generally

fairly limited, we just don't talk about enough things to build an adequate vocabulary for them to have enough words to be able to easily learn to read. That is where reading comes in handy, reading aloud a variety of books to young children exposes them to words that just don't come up in everyday conversations. And reading the same book over, if it is a favorite title reinforces those words, so don't fret if a child wants the same book read every day for a month or even ten times a day for a while. Young children are

intuitive learners, they know what they need to learn, allow them to help determine what they learn. Young children don't have to sit still while you read to them either. If you are reading at bed time, then the reading can be to help relax them, but if you are reading in the middle of the day, let them play while you read. They can build with blocks, draw a picture or other quiet activity. This multi-tasking can be very important for many young learners. Their bodies need to be moving for their brains to be absorbing literacy

skills. Ask questions about what they heard you read and you'll be amazed how much they heard. The library wants to help encourage everyone to read aloud to our youngest citizens. "Reading Ready" is our new program for any child prior to entering kindergarten. We have reading logs to be filled out as books are read to a child. Every time 250 books are recorded the child can pick out a free book, up until they enter kindergarten. Stop by the library and pick up a log for the young children in your life and read together.

## PET OF THE WEEK



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Here I am! I am what you were looking for. My name is "Elsa" and I was told you are looking for a kitten that is great with kids, has house manners, affectionate, playful and will listen when spoken to and that includes if no one else will, I am here for you. If you wait, you will miss your chance to bring me home so call quickly as my good looks and personality will surely get me adopted quickly. I am spayed and up-to-date on shots. Waiting for you. — Sincerely, *Elsa*  
For more information, visit the website at [www.borderlandhumanesociety.org](http://www.borderlandhumanesociety.org) or call 218-324-2313 or 283-9276.

## ROTARY GUESTS



Members of the Koochiching County United Way board were guests of Kathy Hultman, second from right, at a recent meeting of the International Falls Rotary Club. From left, Betsy Zaren, UW board member, Julie Ehrman, UW board chair, and Nancy Rognerud, UW board member, spoke about the fundraiser, Power of the Purse.

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# LOOKINGBACK

### 25 YEARS AGO

The International Falls School Board recently accepted the resignation of playground supervisor Shelly Monrean. Friends and relatives are cordially invited to the 50th wedding anniversary open house for George and Oveda Brantal to be held at the Joe Doris residence on Saturday, Nov. 18, 1 to 4 p.m.  
**40 YEARS AGO**  
Sheila Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Hart, 126 Riverview Boulevard,

is among the 24 students at the College of St. Benedict who have been named to the newly-formed Chapel Choir. Mr. and Mrs. William G. Gray of Browns Corner announce the birth of a son today in Littlefork Hospital. The infant has been named Jason Dean and he weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces. A boy was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Jay Mitchell.  
**50 YEARS AGO**  
Fifteen-year-old Arthur Mark bagged a 15-point

buck while hunting with his father in the Linford area. Dick Peterson, 17, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Peterson, shot his first deer this season, a big buck, and "it was the biggest thrill of his life," says Frank. St. Thomas School Grade 4 "A" Honor Roll — Brian Hart, Mary Veranth, Susan Whitbeck. Mrs. Jim Doris, 605 11th St., entertained at a birthday party from 3 to 5 o'clock Saturday afternoon in honor of her daughter, Bonnie, who was 9 years old.  
**60 YEARS AGO**  
Dale Williams, CM/3, and Robert Williams, SA, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Williams, 622 12th Ave., are spending furloughs with their parents and friends. Cpl. Donald Walls arrived home to spend a 30-day rotation leave with his wife and relatives. Teresa Lindholm, South International Falls, celebrated her seventh birthday Sunday with a party attended by 14 friends.

Vernon McMicken, the border city's fire chief, is wearing a new navy blue uniform these days. He acquired the outfit at the suggestion of the city councilmen who said they believed the chief should be in uniform as he goes about his official duties.  
**70 YEARS AGO**  
Mr. and Mrs. Edward Holmberg announce the birth of a daughter, Mary Katherine, today at the Littlefork Hospital. Mrs. Morris Cline, Camp

Kabetogama, underwent an emergency appendectomy at La Verendre Hospital, Fort Frances. The homecoming of Petty Officer Walter Fosnight, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Fosnight, after three years in the Pacific War Theater and other battle fronts, also marked the first reunion of the Fosnight family in 15 years. Two brothers, Clyde Misner of Calgary, Alberta, and Irvin Misner of the city, are enjoying their first visit in 22 years.

### NOTICE OF COUNTY TIMBER AUCTION SALE ON KOOCHICHING COUNTY TAX-FORFEITED LANDS

INTERMEDIATE AUCTION SALE  
10:00 AM  
Wednesday, November 19, 2014

REGULAR AUCTION SALE  
Immediately following Intermediate Auction  
Wednesday, November 19, 2014

RAINY RIVER COMMUNITY COLLEGE THEATER  
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*I would like to thank family, friends and neighbors for the cards, gifts, food, visits, flowers, shopping trips and all the support I received going thru this difficult time. I am doing much better now. Thank you and God Bless!*

**Darlene Clark**

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