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Local guide to be inducted into fishing hall of fame

Well-known, long-time fishing guide Woody Woods to be recognized

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Borderland fishing guide Barry “Woody” Woods got a surprise in the mail last week. He opened an envelope containing a letter informing him he will be inducted into the Fresh Water Fishing

Hall of Fame for 2014. “It kind of surprised me,” Woods said this week. “I am still trying to get my arms around it. It’s very humbling. I think about the many old-school guides that are deserving that have been on the lake, like Butch Lessard and a host of others, most of whom

are dead, but some are still alive.” Woods’ name will be added to a list of prestigious people involved in a variety of aspects of the fishing industry, including another local angler, Larry Bollig, who was inducted in 2010 in the legendary communicator category.

From one Hall of Famer to another, Bollig said Woods is very deserving of the recognition. “I know guiding, and Woods epitomizes good guiding,” said Bollig. “I am very happy for him.”

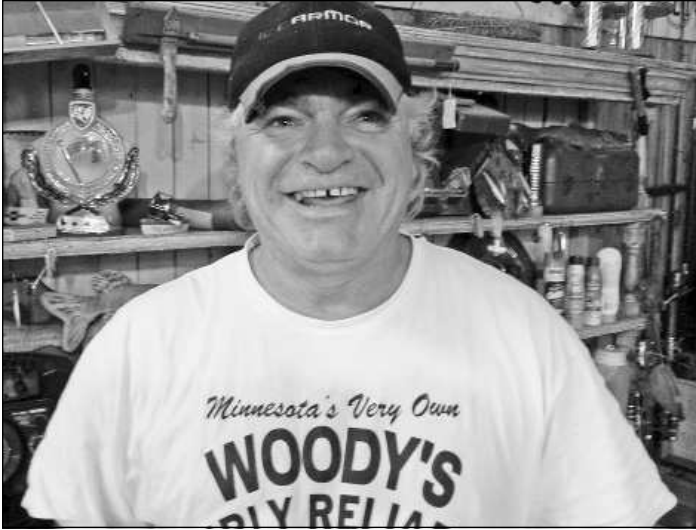
Woods will be inducted in March. He was informed of the recognition in a letter from Emmett A. Brown, Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame executive director, who wrote “It goes without saying that this honor recognizes you for your contribution, dedication and service to the fresh water sportfishing industry. With this, your pioneering spirit will always be remembered.” Brown could not be reached for comment in time for this edition.

The Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame is the international headquarters for education, recognition and promotion of fresh water sportfishing, according to its website. The museum is located in Hayward, Wis., and is known for featuring a large statue of a muskie.

Individuals and organizations are recognized for outstanding achievements in fishing, science, education, conservation, communications, technology, or other areas related to freshwater sportfishing. More information, and a list of previous inductees, can be found <http://www.freshwater-fishing.org>.

Woods said he was provided a list of the members of the awards selection committee, made up of people from across the nation. He said his nomination, the writer of whom is to be held confidential, was accompanied by a letter from veteran outdoors writer, television and radio personality Ron Schara, also a member of the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame and the Minnesota Hall of Fame.

In previous years, inductees were recognized in different categories, such as



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Barry “Woody” Woods will be inducted into the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame in March.

legendary guides, anglers and communicators. Staff at the Fresh Water Fishing Hall of Fame told The Journal Thursday this year the categories have been eliminated to honor all inductees.

Meanwhile, Woods, known as a media darling among many outdoor news outlets, has been guiding since his first trip at age 13.

“So I guess that’s 40-plus years as a guide,” he said. “I moved away for short period of time, but I always seem to come back to this and I guess this is what I like to do.”

Woods estimates he spends nearly 200 days on open and hard water, guiding people through scenery that’s enough to draw many visitors, and to world-class fishing opportunities that brings many back time after time.

He’s got a few open water trips left this month and a couple in November, he said. After the boat is tucked away for the winter, he pulls out the ice fishing gear and enters the next busy guiding season.

“It’s not an easy way to make a living, not a big-money thing, but I like it and I like meeting people and it’s always fun.”

Guiding is not just about catching fish, he said. Anyone who has fished with Woods knows talking, laughing and learning about the

history of the lake area is a big part of the experience.

But Woods said the stories he hears from the people he guides about their lives and experiences, as well as about their trip to Borderland, is a part of his enjoyment. “It’s like taking a trip without ever leaving the farm,” he said. “They do other stuff and talk about that and everything in between.”

While marketing promotions often show fishing guides experiencing sunny skies, warm temperatures and calm waters, that’s not always the case for Borderland guides.

“I wish it was,” Woods said of the above described weather. “You know damn well that if there are 30 mph winds from the east and it’s raining, you’ll have a trip,” he said. “And if it’s 75 degrees out and calm, it’s questionable whether you will have a trip.”

As Woods reflected on the recognition, he reiterated his feelings about fellow guides.

“There are plenty of people from this area that are deserving of such an award, past and present, and I feel fortunate and humbled that I am going to be inducted,” he said. “It’s about as good as it gets in the fishing guide business. And that’s my life’s work.”

DNR seeks applications for spending oversight committees

DNR STAFF REPORT

Minnesotans who would like to serve on committees that review how the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources spends game and fish fund dollars should submit an application by Oct. 25.

The DNR is seeking at least 12 to 14 people to serve on the Fisheries Oversight and Wildlife Oversight committees. Appointees will be responsible for reviewing the agency’s annual Game and Fish Fund report in detail and, following discus-

sions with agency leaders and others, write a report on the findings of this review. About half of the current members’ terms expire Dec. 14, and are subject to this open application.

Though not well known, Minnesota’s Game and Fish Fund is the fiscal foundation for much of the state’s core natural resource management functions. Upwards of \$95 million a year is deposited into this fund from hunting and fishing license sales, a sales tax on lottery tickets, and other sources

of revenue, including a reimbursement based on a federal excise tax on certain hunting, fishing and boating equipment. The dollars that flow into this fund pay for the fish, wildlife, enforcement and ecological management that support 48,000 jobs in Minnesota’s outdoor recreation and hospitality business.

Interested applicants can learn more by reviewing past Game and Fish Fund reports.

Applications will be accepted online.

Independent School District #361

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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Monday, October 21, 2013

Falls High School Library

5:00 p.m.

SCHOOL BOARD LABOR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING: 4:00 P.M. WEE LIBRARY.

PRELIMINARIES:

1.0

CALL TO ORDER: 5:00 p.m.

2.0

ROLL CALL

Gordon Dault _____Darrell Wagner _____

Michelle Hebner _____Dena Wenberg _____

Michael Holden _____Nordy Nelson _____

Willi Kostiuik _____

3.0

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

4.0

PREVIEW & APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Moved _____ Second _____ carried/failed

5.0

OPEN FORUM

5.1

Introduction of student school board member; Cory Netland

5.2

September Students of the Month: Rylea Walls and Cory Netland

5.3

October Students of the Month: Jenesa Casareto and Wyatt Ulrich

5.4

Recognition of Missy Walls and Rachel Amdahl for Early Childhood Grant of \$25,000.

5.5

Post-Secondary Students regarding weighted grades proposal.

5.6

Public Open Forum

6.0

Approve the minutes from the regular meeting of September 16, 2013. Moved _____ Second _____ carried/failed

7.0

Approve the bills due and payable amounting to \$426,045.37. Moved _____ Second _____ carried/failed

OLD BUSINESS:

8.0

Hear a report by Beth Shermoen on legislation and progress on bullying policy. A referral form will be presented with request for adoption. Moved _____ Second _____ to adopt bullying referral form. carried/failed

9.0

Review and consideration of weighted grade proposal presented at the September meeting with implementation second semester of the 2013-14 school year. Moved _____ Second _____ to adopt weighted grade proposal. carried/failed

NEW BUSINESS:

10.0

Presentation from Jennifer Wendels, Blue Ribbon Panel Member, on proposal to utilize a consulting firm to address long-range planning for the district. Moved _____, Second _____ to approve hire of consulting firm. carried/failed _____

11.0

Direct Board Finance Committee or Committee of the Whole to meet with Superintendent for review of cost adjustment proposals including office rearrangement, secretarial time, student activities, building monitoring, etc. Moved _____, Second _____ carried/failed

12.0

Approve the hire of a Human Resource Consultant in the amount of \$1500-\$2000 for training on procedures under the human resource umbrella. Moved _____, Second _____ carried/failed

13.0

Program Consent: Moved _____ Second _____ carried/failed

13.1

Accept donations in the amount of \$10,577.29

9/11/13 Birthday club in honor of Gail Rasmussen; Project Read

80.00

10/3/13 First Lutheran Church Women; Project Read

100.00

9/17/13 Basketball boosters; FHS Basketball HUDL software

600.00

9/17/13 Hockey boosters; FHS Hockey HUDL software

266.00

9/25/13 Falls Education Foundation; Purple Pride

6714.22

9/26/13 Track Boosters; FHS track

508.48

9/26/13 Richard McBride; Bronco Hall of Fame

20.00

10/1/13 Target Red Card; Falls Elementary School

537.71

10/1/13 Target Red Card; Falls High School

750.88

10/15/13 Boise; Falls Elementary general education

1000.00

Total

10577.29

13.2

Adopt the Assurance of Compliance with State and Federal Law prohibiting Discrimination for 2013-14.

13.3

Approve the application for participation in the MSHSL Foundation Grant for 2013-14.

13.4

Approve a request from the fifth grade teachers for participation in a 2013-14 fundraiser to support the annual class trip to the Forest History Center in Grand Rapids.

14.0

Personnel Consent: Moved _____ Second _____ carried/failed

14.1

Accept the resignation of Pam Sauve as an Educational Support Professional effective September 27, 2013.

14.2

Approve the hire of Nick Kaviuk as a .50 FTE custodian effective October 7, 2013 and in accord with the Master Agreement between ISD 361 and Local 510.

14.3

Approve the hire of Jay Boyle as an Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach for the 2013-14 season and in accord with Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD #361 and Local 331.

14.4

Approve the hire of Eric Olson as an Assistant Boys' Hockey Coach for the 2013-14 season and in accord with Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD #361 and Local 331.

14.5

Approve the hire of Kelly Blair as the Head Boys/Girls Golf Coach for the 2014 season and in accord with Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD #361 and Local 331.

14.6

Approve the hire of Steve Johnson as the Assistant Boys/Girls Golf Coach for the 2014 season and in accord with Schedule "C" of the Master Agreement between ISD #361 and Local 331.

14.7

Approve a request from Kristie LaVigne for eight weeks maternity leave under FMLA beginning approximately December 23, 2013 through February 18, 2104.

REPORTS AND INFORMATION:

15.0

Administrative Reports:

15.1

Melissa Tate, FES/WEE Principal

15.2

Tim Everson, FHS Principal

15.3

Nordy Nelson, Superintendent

15.3.1

On-line payments/processing fee

16.0

Committee Reports:

16.1

Superintendent Review: Under MN Statute 13D.04 the School Board of Independent School District 361 will review their evaluation and performance of Superintendent Nordy Nelson, an employee, who is subject to the Board's authority. Superintendent Nelson will have the option to close or keep the meeting open to the public.

CLOSE THE MEETING:

17.0

Close the meeting at _____ p.m. to discuss negotiations strategy for negotiations with Local 331. Moved _____ Second _____ carried/failed

REOPEN MEETING AND SUBSEQUENT ADJOURNMENT: Reopen and adjourn the meeting at _____ p.m. Moved _____ Second _____ carried/failed

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