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Audience members at the Koochiching Senior Center clap along with old time music Thursday.

## Music and more

The high temperature was well below zero at noon Thursday, but the that didn't keep the Koochiching Senior Center from playing host to a full house for its monthly big dinner. Don Hughes warmed the crowd by performing old time music on his accordion, which prompted some of the audience to clap along.



Accordionist Don Hughes performed Thursday at the Koochiching Senior Center's lunch.

## CVB gets marketing boost

City, county OK funding to target south central states

BY LAUREL BEAGER  
Editor

Residents of south central states will hear and see more about Borderland with a targeted marketing campaign that got a boost in funding this week.

The area Convention and Visitors Bureau will have additional marketing money this year with contributions approved this week by the International Falls City Council and Koochiching County Board.

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## Rep. Dill encourages grassroots effort

BY EMILY GEDDE  
Staff Writer

With the new year underway, the Falls School Board is nearing crunch time on what cost adjustments must be made for the district, which will see a loss of about \$500,000 as a result of declining enrollment.

Board members Tuesday adopted a resolution directing administration to make recommendations for reductions in programs and positions to offset the money it will lose in state funding with the loss of about 70 students since last spring.

Minnesota Rep. David Dill, DFL-Crane Lake, told the board he understands the drop in enrollment takes a huge chunk out of the district's funding.

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## Bid for pet shelter awarded

BY LAUREL BEAGER  
Editor

Abandoned and lost pets requiring the care of the Borderland Humane Society will soon have a new place to call their temporary home with the awarding of a contract to construct a new shelter at a new site.

The International Falls City Council Tuesday accepted the low bid of \$250,000 from Up North Builders of International Falls. Construction is expected to be complete in August.

Councilors said while some peo-

ple may believe the cost to be high for a pet shelter in the community, it is a one-time investment that meets state requirements and will last 40 to 50 years into the future.

In addition, the council said the building will be owned by the city, and outlined contributions that will help pay for the construction. The city and Koochiching County will each provide \$80,000; \$50,000 up front and \$30,000 in forgivable loans. The Borderland Humane Society will contribute \$50,000 and the North Koochiching Sanitary Sewer Board \$10,000.

Designs and other specifica-

tions for the building were donated by Lucachick Architecture Inc., with other design work donated by Martin Mechanical Design Inc., Fargo, N.D., Jones A.E., Clearbrook, and J.B. Electrical Design, Coon Rapids. Materials used for the building will allow it to be expanded for future needs.

The shelter will be constructed on a frontage road just west of the Menard's lumber yard. The tax-forfeited property was provided by county.

Designs of the building include a

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The existing shelter is located in the middle of construction at the community's sewer treatment plant.

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