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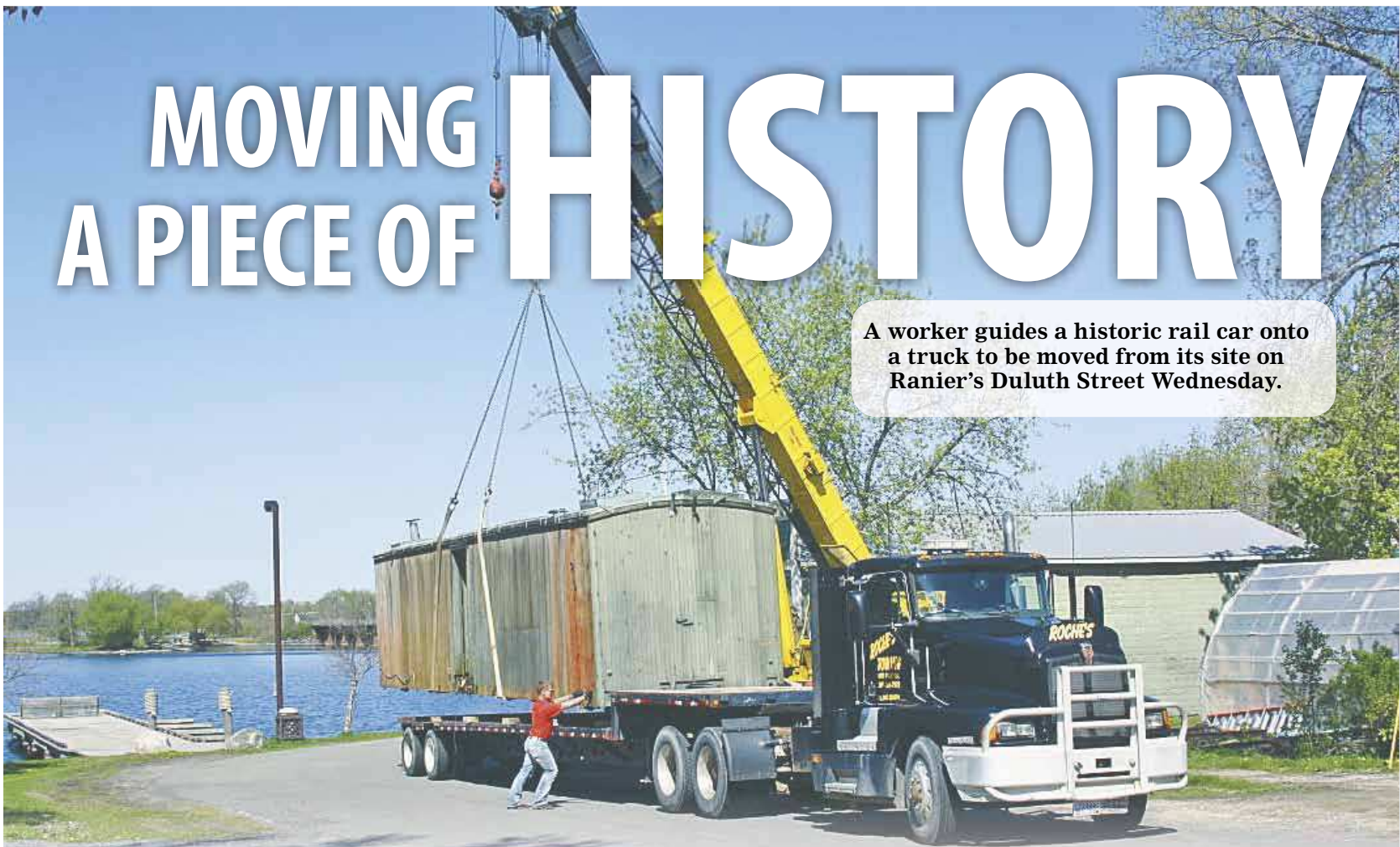


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MOVING A PIECE OF HISTORY

A worker guides a historic rail car onto a truck to be moved from its site on Ranier's Duluth Street Wednesday.

Historic rail car moved to new site

BY LAUREL BEAGER
Editor

RANIER — A historic rail car got a new home Wednesday. A crane lifted the Prohibition-era rail car onto a semi-truck flatbed and carried it from where it has sat since the mid-1980s on Duluth Street to down the road and around the corner to Oak Street.

The action drew the attention of several residents, including canine Maisy Pearl Swendsen, who watched as the crane slowly lifted the car that once transported fish from Ranier to the Twin Cities and other markets.

"This is Minnesota at its best," said Thomas Hall as workers with Pelland-Swenson & Associates and Roche's Towing secured the car with straps and chains in preparation for the lift and haul.

"It's the land of Paul Bunyan and nothing is too big to move," he said.

As the car was slowly lifted, some held their breath hoping it would not break apart. And it did not.

The car has sat at the residence Hall once shared with his father, Ted, since the mid-1980s.

Hall suggested a headline for this story: "Good citizen saves relic of Ranier history."

And he knows a little more than most about headlines as his father published The Rainy Lake Chronicle from its roots



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The truck hauls the car toward the Ranier rail crossing.

in Ranier for many years.

The rail car, known as an ice car, was used to ship ice crates of fish from the Rainy Lake fisheries to the markets in St. Paul and Chicago, Hall said.

"Of course, it's a Prohibition-era car so we have to assume some of those crates weren't fish," he said. "Some of them were Canadian whiskey on its way to market."

Hall has sold the residence on Duluth Street and he needed a place to move the car. He said it got a lot of interest on Facebook, but no one was willing to step up to the plate.

Some Ranier residents asked city officials to consider taking ownership of the car, but the need to move quickly allowed no time for city officials to plan, he said.

That's when Phil Paulbeck showed up and offered to place the car at his property on Oak Street, Hall said.



History to A7 ➤ Thomas Hall watches as the car is hauled away.

What does Memorial Day mean to you?

BY WHITNEY JACKSON
Staff Intern

When some people think of Memorial Day, they may think of it simply as a day off from work or a time to go fishing.

For others, the meaning of Memorial Day is easy to answer, as they recall fallen family members or close friends who gave up their lives for this nation's freedoms.

For the Briggs family, Memorial Day is about honoring the men and women who gave their lives in service to the United States.

Brian Briggs has for the past 30 years spent his Memorial Day weekend as part of color guard of the Veterans Foreign Wars Post 2948 and American Legion. He has participated with his fellow veterans in the local services held in honor of fallen U.S. soldiers.

Briggs is among many Borderland residents who have served in the military. He joined the U.S. Air Force in January 1974 and spent the next four years in the service. He also served in the National Guard.

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CITY COUNCIL

City to serve as regional CAT

BY LAUREL BEAGER
Editor

International Falls will soon serve as the host of a regional Chemical Assessment Team that will serve the northwest corner of Minnesota.

The International Falls City Council Monday approved establishing the team that will operate within the Falls Fire Department.

The city was asked by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety to consider serving as the regional CAT. Boise Paper, a Packaging Corporation of America company, will be invited to participate in the team.

The team will be made up of members of the Falls Fire/Rescue/EMS service.

CATs assist local officials at the scene of a hazardous materials incident and recommend the best means of controlling the hazard

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