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Gracie Bahr, right, was presented a crown by Ben Humbert during Wednesday's mock grand march. Several students raised money for Bahr, who was recently diagnosed with Hodgkin's Lymphoma.

RALLYING TOGETHER

BY EMILY GEDDE  
Staff Writer

Katie Hamers' secondary English classroom was temporarily transformed into a dressing room Wednesday with formal dresses of every color flying everywhere.

Although it wasn't female students zipping up the gowns, it was boys of all grade levels squeezing into the sequin ensembles for a good cause.



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Jackson Vollum, left, is spun around by Jordan Tilander during Wednesday's mock grand march.

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President-elect of the Northeast Higher Education District Bill Maki, right, meets with International Falls Mayor Bob Anderson at an introduction event at Rainy River Community College Wednesday.

New NEHED head meets RRCC

BY SPENSER BICKETT  
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Bill Maki's official welcome to International Falls Wednesday morning came in the form of an addition to the lapel of his suit jacket.

After shaking hands and greeting International Falls Mayor Bob Anderson, the mayor presented Maki with a lapel pin featuring the crest of International Falls.

Maki thanked Anderson, and proceeded to remove the plastic wrap from the pin and affix it to his lapel, signalling his official welcome to the area.

Maki was at Rainy River Community College to introduce himself as president-elect of the Northeast Higher Education District. He takes over the position on July 1, and follows outgoing president Sue Collins.

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Northeast Higher Education District president-elect Bill Maki, left, will be the third president in the district's history when he takes over July 1.

Rainy Lake rid of its ice

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The ice is out on Rainy Lake, and just in time for the fishing opener on May 9.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources declared the ice out on Rainy Lake on Tuesday, April 28.

The date falls in line with the historical trend of ice out days on Rainy Lake. Dating back to 1930, the ice has typically gone out on Rainy Lake in the last week of April or the first week of May.

Factors like spring tempera-

tures, ice thickness and the type of winter determine when the ice goes out. The ice is considered out on the first day a boat can travel from Rainy Lake's Island View to Kettle Falls without being impeded by ice.

The Journal's annual competition of community members prognosticating and selecting an ice out prediction this year featured area bartenders. Two bartenders selected April 28, the exact date, and might want to try their luck with the lottery.

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Detour to begin on Wednesday

BY EMILY GEDDE  
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More logging trucks will be making their way through International Falls starting next week.

A complete reconstruction of County Highway 332 begins Wednesday, and will create a detour up to Sixth Avenue near Smokey Bear Park.

"We tested the route with a loaded logging truck and I think it'll go alright," said Koochi-

ching County Engineer Joe Sutherland.

The \$5.84 million project, which is expected to close the road until Sept. 1, is something that has been on the county's radar for several years, Sutherland said. It will include rebuilding the road and reconstructing the curb and gutter.

"Right now, it's a mess," he said. "It's time to fix it up."

Logging traffic heading east-bound on Highway 11 in search of the Boise scales, will take a

right on Sixth Avenue, then a left onto Fourth Street and another right onto Highway 332 toward the scales. Sutherland said about eight routes were considered and this seemed to be the best fit.

"We're encouraging the designated route because we think it is best suited to handle additional traffic," he said.

In addition to the reroute, Highway 332's closure will also create temporary no parking

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