

# BUSINESS

## Long-time nurses retire from RLMC

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Rainy Lake Medical Center recently celebrated the retirement of three long-time nurses who will be making the transition to retired life. Registered nurses Karen Bruyere, John Gavin, and Bonnie Atchison combined for 90 years of service at RLMC, and a release said their skills and camaraderie in the nursing staff will be greatly missed.

Bruyere served on the

RLMC nursing staff for 35 years, and a release said her knowledge and experience in the nursing profession made her a valued mentor to her fellow nurses. Gavin worked at RLMC for 28 years, and a release said his coworkers de-



Karen Bruyere



Bonnie Atchison



John Gavin

scribed him as a delight to work with, and had a great way with patients. Retired life will see him enjoying

his cabin and fishing, a release said. Atchison served in a variety of RLMC nursing departments since 1987, including surgery, where she worked as a registered nurse in admit, recovery, surgery, and sterile processing. A release said she was actively involved in the Minnesota Nurses Association and the labor/management team, and her nursing skills, amicable nature, and sense of humor won't be forgotten.

## State chamber names interim president

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Bill Blazar has been named the interim president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce by its board of directors. Blazar fills the vacancy left by David Olson, who died July 16. Blazar joined the chamber staff in 1992 and most

recently served as its senior vice president of public affairs and business development. The board is expected to discuss and adopt a search process at its annual planning retreat in August, said a news release. "The Minnesota Chamber is strong in spite of the devastating loss of its

longtime president, David Olson," Jeff DeYoung, chairman of the Minnesota Chamber Board, said in a release. "Its vision and strategies are clear thanks to an engaged board of directors and dedicated staff, both of which have been built over many years." The Minnesota Cham-

ber is the state's largest business advocacy organization representing 2,300 businesses of all types and sizes across the state.



Bill Blazar

## Air travel prices continue to climb higher

NEW YORK (AP)—Travelers, prepare to pay more for your flight. The average roundtrip ticket within the U.S., including taxes, reached \$509.15 in the first six months of this year, up nearly \$14 from the same period last year. Domestic airfare continues to outpace inflation, rising 2.7 percent compared to the 2.1 percent gain in the Consumer Price Index.

Airfare has gone up 10.7 percent in the past five years — after adjusting for inflation — according to an Associated Press analysis of data from the Airlines Reporting Corp., which processes ticket transactions for airlines and more than 9,400 travel agencies, including websites such as Expedia and Orbitz. The formula for rising fares seems simple, but it eluded the airlines for years: Match the supply of seats to passenger demand. "Airlines have reduced the number of seats while more people want to fly because of the economic recovery. All this leads to higher airfares," said Chuck Thackston, manag-

ing director of data and analytics at Airlines Reporting Corp. "This trend in airfares is likely to continue for the near future, as the economy continues to grow." These days, fares only capture part of the cost of flying. Many passengers pay extra to check their luggage, typically \$50 roundtrip for the first bag and \$70 for the second one. But bag fees haven't changed much in the past few years. Now, the airlines are increasingly enticing passengers to pay for fast-track security lines, early boarding, additional legroom and other extras that can add from \$9 to \$299 to the cost of a flight. So, for example, a \$300 ticket can balloon to \$450 on some airlines if you check two bags and pay \$30 for a little more room to stretch your legs.

And travelers aren't finding much relief after landing. The average nightly price of a hotel room in the U.S. during the first half of this year was \$113.80, according to travel research company STR. That's up \$4.47, or 4 percent, from the

same period in 2013. Most people are traveling for work. And when the economy is strong, they do more flying. Data released by the government last week shows that economic growth bounced back after a brutal winter, businesses are creating jobs at a steady pace and consumer spending is on the rise. The Global Business Travel Association predicts that worldwide business travel will grow 6.9 percent this year to a record \$1.18 trillion. The United States is the business largest travel market, with travelers spending \$274 billion last year, a 4.5-percent increase over 2012. Baggage fees and some others were introduced in 2008 to offset losses from

rising fuel prices. However, this year airlines are actually paying less for fuel — \$2.96 a gallon so far, 7.2 percent less than last year, when adjusted for inflation. Passengers aren't seeing any of those savings. One reason is that airlines no longer need to entice fliers with lower fares. There are simply fewer choices today. A wave of consolidation that started in 2008 has left four U.S. airlines — American Airlines, Delta Air Lines, Southwest Airlines and United Airlines — controlling more than 80 percent of the domestic air-travel market. Discount airlines such as Allegiant Air and Spirit Airlines have grown at breakneck speed but still carry a tiny fraction of overall passengers.



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**Anna LePage & Travis Mann**  
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September 13, 2014

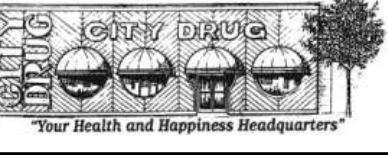
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**Koochiching County**  
SP 036-707-001 (CSAH 107), Minn. Proj. No. HPPH H141(001), Aggregate Base, Bit'm. Surface, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer  
BID OPENING DATE: Thursday September 4, 2014 at 2:00 pm, local time

**NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS:** Sealed proposals will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Koochiching County, Int'l. Falls, Minnesota until **Thursday September 4, 2014 at 2:00 pm** at the office of the County Auditor/Treasurer in the Koochiching County Courthouse 715 4<sup>th</sup> Street Int'l. Falls, Minnesota 56649 at which time they will be opened and read publicly for the following

**Project Designation:** SP 036-707-001 (CSAH 107), Minn. Proj. No. HPPH H141(001), Aggregate Base, Bit'm. Surface, Curb & Gutter, Storm Sewer

**Project Location:** On CSAH 107 between T.H. 71 and CSAH 2 in Int'l Falls, Total Length – 1.05 Miles

**Major Project Quantities include:**  
-- 25,038 CY of Common Excavation (P)  
-- 5,189 Linear Feet of Storm Sewer  
-- 6,600 Tons of Bituminous  
-- 24,778 SY of Geotextile Fabric  
-- 18,464 Tons of Aggregate Base Class 5 (MOD.)

**Final Completion Date:** October 15, 2015

**Proposals, Plans and Specifications are available at:**  
Koochiching County Highway Department  
715 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Int'l. Falls, MN 56449

**Cost for Plans:** Cost of one set of plans and proposals is \$75 (Minnesota State Sales Tax Included). There is no cost for electronic plans and specs, they are at <https://egram.co.koochiching.mn.us> or phone (218) 283-1186 or email to [joe.sutherland@co.koochiching.mn.us](mailto:joe.sutherland@co.koochiching.mn.us).

**Bidder's Bond:** Bids must be accompanied by a certified check or bidder's bond made payable to the Treasurer of Koochiching County in an amount not less than 5% of the total bid.

Bid shall be plainly marked on the exterior of the containing envelope: "CSAH 107, Letting Date, September 4, 2014."

Minimum wage rates to be paid by the Contractors have been predetermined and are subject to the Work Hours Act of 1962, P.L. 87-581 and implementing regulations.

**READ CAREFULLY THE WAGE SCALES AND DIVISION A OF THE SPECIAL PROVISIONS AS THEY AFFECT THIS/THESE PROJECT/PROJECTS**

The Minnesota Department of Transportation hereby notifies all bidders: in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (Act), as amended and Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Subtitle A Part 21, Non-discrimination in Federally-assisted programs of the Department of Transportation, it will affirmatively assure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded maximum opportunity to participate and/or to submit bids in response to this invitation, and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, disability, age, religion, sex or national origin in consideration for an award;

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"It is hereby agreed between the parties that this agency will require affirmative action requirements be met by contractors in relation to Minnesota Statute 363A.36 and Minnesota Rules 5000.3600. Failure by a contractor to implement an affirmative action plan or make a good faith effort shall result in revocation of its certificate or revocation of the contract (Minnesota Statute 363A.36, Subd. 2 and 3)."

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The Koochiching County Board reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein, and to award the contract in the best interests of Koochiching County.

Dated at International Falls, Minnesota .....**July 31, 2014.**

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