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A sixth-grade Si from “Duck Dynasty” meets the King, Elvis Presley, at the care center Thursday.

## A Halloween for all ages

Ghouls, princesses, TV characters, zombies, and spies descended upon the Good Samaritan Society — International Falls Thursday for a special Halloween event.

The characters in question were sixth graders from West End Elementary, and they came to the care center to show off for a costume contest. The students’ costumes were judged on scariest, most creative, and most beautiful, among others.

The residents also got into the act, showing the love for dressing up on Halloween doesn’t diminish as you grow older. There were witches, graduates, convicts, and old-time movie stars. The King, Elvis Presley, even made an appearance.



Two sixth graders show their costumes Thursday at the care center during a costume contest.



Sixth graders from West End Elementary show off their Halloween costumes Thursday during a costume contest at the care center.

## Serving the world, a world away

BY SPENSER BICKETT  
Staff Writer

With the Affordable Care Act putting access to health care on Americans’ minds, it’s easy to forget there are places in the world where doctors and nurses are scarce. One local nurse traveled to this area last summer to provide medical care to those who badly needed it.

Lisa Bacon traveled to Zambia from June 20 to July 2 through Nurses for Africa, a nonprofit organization that brings nurses and medical professionals from the U.S. to serve the needs of those in developing nations. The 13-day trip featured two days of travel at the beginning and end, with nine days of service in Zambia.

Simply reaching the community they served was arduous, and featured a six hour bus ride north from the capital, Lusaka, Bacon said. Each of the seven volunteers had to take two suitcases, one for their luggage and one filled with donations and supplies. With seven volunteers and 14 suitcases, the ride was quite cozy, Bacon said.

“Seven girls, 14 pieces of luggage, two drivers, on a very rough-riding, small bus,” Bacon said. “I guess the worst part of the trip was the bus ride.”

Despite the rocky start, the experience of helping and interacting with the people was wonderful, Bacon said. They spent two days holding a clinic at the local school, where people lined up out the door and down the road to get help. They did malaria testing and treated fevers, colds, and burns, which were frequent because of the reliance on open fires for cooking, she said.

The lack of access to reliable medicine was a major difference between working here and working in Zambia, Bacon said.

“Working here we have organized medicine, access to prescriptions, access to doctors,” she said. “There, they don’t. They do, but it’s quite a feat if you don’t have the money.”

Realizing the extensive access we have to the things we need was a humbling experience, Bacon said. The people she helped didn’t know what they didn’t have, and were just happy to see the volunteers. In the cases where they couldn’t offer medical help, she

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## Welcoming community plays role in cold weather testing success

BY EMILY GEDDE  
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Winters in International Falls may be cold, but it’s the warm reception the community gives to its visitors that keeps them coming back year after year.

At least that’s Paul Nevanen’s theory on why the area has been so successful in cold weather testing. Nevanen, the director of the Koochiching Economic Development Authority, which manages the cold weather testing facility located near the Falls International Airport, said the best way

to measure the effectiveness of the cold weather testing industry in Borderland is customers keep coming back.

“I came on board in 2001 and some of the relationships we built with folks back then has really stuck and a handful of them are still here,” Nevanen said.

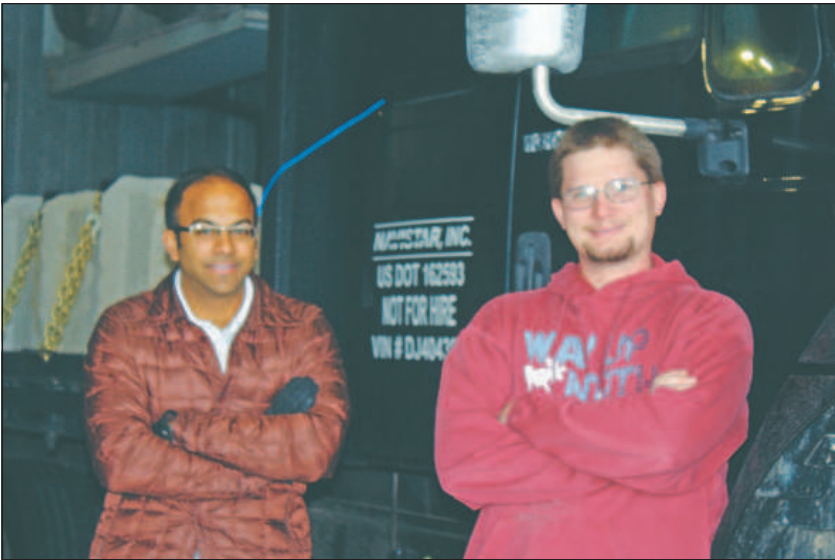
And some relationships testers have with the community are a little more unique.

Spencer Pearson, a 2006 Rainy River Community College and Falls High School graduate, is a product development engineer for International Trucks, which oper-

ates under its parent company, Navistar, based in Lisle, Ill., a suburb of Chicago. The company utilizes one of the two cold boxes at the cold weather testing facility at the Falls International Airport and this is Pearson’s second testing season in his hometown.

“We love the facility here because of the temperature control,” Pearson said of the cold box. “Compared to the other cold boxes there are (in the country), this facility has phenomenal temperature control.”

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Nick Mukkada, left, and Spencer Pearson, pose by a Navistar truck parked in a cold box at the cold weather testing facility in International Falls. The engineers are in Borderland to study how effective the truck operates in colder climates.

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