

# EDUCATION

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## UWNEMN recognizes Silvers with award

UWNEMN REPORT

The closing line on Mike Silvers' email is the following quote from Martha Washington, "I've learned from experience that the greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our dispositions and not on our circumstances."

People who know Silvers know his disposition is always guiding him toward happiness, said a news release from the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota. "Humble, kind and generous, Silvers is a dedicated volunteer and an all-around great person," said the release.

Over the past year, Silvers has volunteered his time for United Way of Northeastern Minnesota's Buddy Backpack program, which provides backpacks filled with nonperishable, nutritious meal kits to children at risk of going hungry over the weekends.

Because of his exemplary efforts with the Buddy Backpack program this year, UWNEMN recognized Silvers with a Life-saver Award, announced at the organization's annual dinner and campaign celebration March 27.

The program was introduced by UWNEMN in Koochiching County last year, with Second Harvest North Central Food Bank delivering the meal kits. This year, however, Second Harvest decided to discontinue creating meal kits for Buddy Backpacks.

It focused instead on the snack packs for kids. UWNEMN officials decided to order, pack and distribute all of the program's meal kits to children on the Iron Range as well as Koochiching County for the



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Mike Silvers unloading Buddy Backpack food boxes.

2013-14 school year – with a total of 740 children receiving the food each weekend as they head home from school.

This number includes 120 that were served in Koochiching County representing International Falls, Northome, Littlefork-Big Falls and Indus schools, as well as KOOTASCA Head Start.

Food kits are packed at the Chisholm City Hall warehouse, donated to UWNEMN by the city of Chisholm. To get the food kits to Koochiching County, Minnesota Industries offered to donate the delivery once per month, said the release.

Each month when the food arrives, Silvers is there and waiting to unload the Minnesota Industries truck and hit the road to de-

liver food kits to each of the participating communities.

Silvers has greatly enjoyed delivering the food across the county to help children in need, said the release. However, as he was delivering the food, it dawned on him that he may never get to see the direct impact of the program and his efforts.

Then one day, he was picking up his niece and noticed a child emerge from the school with a familiar food bag in hand. The child opened the bag and his face lit up after looking in and viewing the Buddy Backpack meal kit inside. UWNEMN reported that seeing this warmed Silvers' heart, knowing the true impact that this program has on each participating child and on Koochiching County.

## Nolan welcomes artists to enter competition

CONGRESSMAN RICK NOLAN  
STAFF REPORT

Congressman Rick Nolan welcomes all high school artists living in Minnesota's 8th District to submit entries to the 2014 Congressional Art Competition.

Each spring, the Congressional Institute sponsors a nationwide high school visual art competi-

tion to recognize and encourage artistic talent in all 435 congressional districts.

Ten pieces of art will be named "Best in District," and one of those 10 will be selected as "Best in Show" to be displayed in the U.S. Capitol for one year. "Best in District" winners will be displayed in Nolan's district offices for visitors and staff to enjoy them as well.

The winning artist and a companion will receive a pair of tickets to fly from Minnesota to Washington for the unveiling.

Students interested in participating can visit [nolan.house.gov/services/art-competition](http://nolan.house.gov/services/art-competition) or call Nolan's Duluth office at 218-464-5095. All participant paperwork and accompanying works of art must be submitted by May 19.



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"Rusty Goat," aka the Indus Bluegrass Club, performs "Shortnin' Bread."

## Indus School hosts annual talent show

INDUS SCHOOL REPORT

Twenty-one acts signed up for the Annual Student Council Talent Show at Indus April 8.

The talent show was one of several events scheduled for the evening, including the Scholastic Book Fair, the annual science fair, a hugely successful burrito bar sponsored by the Education First Tour Group, and shamrock shakes served up by the Student Council.

Featuring students from grade two and up, as well as Principal Michael Underwood, the talent show featured a variety of piano, instrumental, and vocal tunes.

Piano students of Stephanie Schiro who performed were Yili Schiro, Brea and Tessa Hasbargen, Annie Schiro, Austin Hasbargen, Nissa Thomas, Abrianna Hasbargen, Kyle Schiro, and Sofia and Holger Olesen.

Student vocalists who took the spotlight were Go-



English teacher Wade Sutton plays guitar as his daughter Eithne sings "Too-Ra-Loo-Ra-Loo-Ral."

sha Kolesnikov, Alexis Dawson, Eithne Sutton, Emma Morgan, Mary Cay Barry, Anastasia Noyes, Kinsey Seegert, Danielle Erickson, Tiana Carlin, Alicia Kelly and Alyssya Mathis.

In addition, the Indus Bluegrass Club, with a new moniker of "Rusty Goat," played a "Shortnin' Bread" instrumental. An ensemble including Underwood on guitar, Holger Olesen on piano, and Nathan Lewis on drums, played "Clocks" by Coldplay. Underwood also performed a

Beatles tune, "We Can Work It Out," at the conclusion of the program.

Science fair projects from elementary and middle school grades were displayed in the media center area during the evening. The projects were judged by high school science students. Winning first place (blue) ribbons for middle school were Madison Frank, eighth grader, for her "Gummy Bear Experiment," and Kyle Schiro, seventh grader, for his "UV vs. Dark" project.

## EDUCATION BRIEF

### Adams named to BU dean's list

Rachel Adams, of International Falls, was named to the fall 2013 dean's list

at Biola University, La Mirada, Calif.

Biola students are placed on the dean's list to honor those with a grade point average of 3.6 or higher while enrolled in

12 or more credit units and whose cumulative grade point average is at least a 3.2.

For more information, visit [www.biola.edu](http://www.biola.edu).

## Summary of Ordinance No. 152 City of Ranier Water System, Rates and Fees

An ordinance providing for the operation, control, maintenance and rules and regulations of the City of Ranier Water System, providing for the installation of water meters and service connections, and establishing the rates for the use of water and the collection enforcement thereof in the City of Ranier, Minnesota.

Ordinance No. 152 repeals City of Ranier Ordinance numbers 61, 69, 74, 76, 77, 91, 94, 100, 102, 108, 111, 124, 127, 130, 131, 132, 134, 142 and 144 pertaining to the City of Ranier Water System and its Water Rates.

- Section I: **Definitions**  
Section II: **Service Connections:** This section addresses connecting to the water system.  
Section III: **Service Lines:** Addresses specifications of service lines connecting to the water system and repairs thereto.  
Section IV: **Water Meters:** Addresses the use of water meters to measure water usage.  
Section V: **Fire Hydrants:** Addresses the keeping of fire hydrants.  
Section VI: **Water Rates and Fee Schedule:** As attached in Appendix A.  
Section VII: **Accounts:** Addressing water accounts and billing.  
Section VII: **Delinquent Accounts:** Addresses procedures used for delinquent accounts.  
Section IX: **Certification for Collection of Accounts with Taxes:** Addresses procedures used for levying a tax lien for non-payment of accounts.  
Section X: **Right to Discontinue Service:** Addresses the right to discontinue water service in specific situations.  
Section XI: **Households with Military Personnel:** Addresses Minnesota law regarding military personnel who have been actively deployed.  
Section XII: **Inspection and Right of Entry:** Addresses the rights to enter property for purposes of this Ordinance.  
Section XIII: **Unlawful Acts:** Addresses unlawful acts in regards to the water system.  
Section XIV: **Reservation of Rights:** Allows the council to adjust rates or amend this Ordinance  
Section XV: **Effective Date:** This Ordinance shall be effective June 1, 2014

### APPENDIX A – WATER RATES AND FEE SCHEDULE

Usage - Minimum Base Fee	\$31.39	per month (includes first 2000 gallons usage)
Usage - Consumption Rate	\$8.78	per 1,000 gallons (after first 2000 gallons usage)
Monthly Escrow Fee	\$3.50	for Repair & Replacement
Annual Fee for water testing	\$6.36	February only
Late Fee	\$25.00	incurred on the 15th of the month

A COMPLETE COPY OF THIS ORDINANCE IS AVAILABLE FOR VIEWING AT THE RANIER CITY OFFICE.



## Toenail Care

NEW! At the Rainy Lake Rural Health Clinic  
(located at the Hospital Campus)

**Beginning April 29th!**  
Every Tuesday 9:00 am - 11:00 am

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