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### AGENDA

**City Council**  
**Monday, August 19, 2013 • 4:30 P.M.**  
**Council Chamber**

**CALL TO ORDER**  
**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**  
**ROLL CALL**

**MINUTES**  
• Approve minutes of the Monday, August 5, 2013 regular City Council meeting  
• Approve minutes of the Wednesday, August 7, 2013 special City Council meeting

**SPECIAL ACTION CLAIMS**

**TRANSFERS**

To:	From:	
1. City of Intl Falls - Fund #101 General Fund	City of Intl Falls - Fund #601 Water/Sewer Admin Costs	\$15,952.00
2. City of Intl Falls - Fund #401 Permanent Improvements	City of Intl Falls - Fund #601 Water/Sewer Sanitary Sewer Projects	\$16,668.00
3. City of Intl Falls - Fund #403 Reserve for Capital Outlay	City of Intl Falls - Fund #601 Water/Sewer	\$15,271.25

**REGULAR CLAIMS**  
• Regular Claims

**AUDIENCE**

**OPENING BIDS AND/OR QUOTES**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**CONSENT AGENDA**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Establish special project fund to track revenues/expenditures of the T.E.D. Grant as recommended by the city's auditor
2. Request MnDOT approval to close Hwy 11 (3<sup>rd</sup> Street) from 6<sup>th</sup> Ave – 8<sup>th</sup> Ave, Monday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2013 for the Community Labor Day Picnic
3. Resolution # \_\_#13 requesting State Representative David Dill and State Senator Tom Bakk submit a bill in the 2014 Session of Legislature for \$3M Bonding monies for the Falls International Airport
4. MN Power Energy Efficiency Account – PowerGrant Pilot Program Opportunity 2012
5. Positively Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development “Shovel Ready” Certification
6. Human Resources Committee: recommendation to hire full-time patrolman
7. Any other business

**PUBLIC HEARING**

**REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATOR, ATTORNEY, AND DEPARTMENT HEADS**

**REPORTS OF MAYOR, COUNCIL COMMITTEES, BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS**

**AUDIENCE – 2<sup>nd</sup> CALL**

**CORRESPONDENCE**

- International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission meeting minutes – June 26, 2013
- Falls International Airport Enplanement Record – January - July 2013
- Koochiching Economic Development Authority – June 26, 2013
- North Koochiching Area Sanitary District meeting minutes – July 15, 2013
- Arrowhead Regional Development Commission – July 30, 2013

**REMINDERS**  
\*\*Next regular Council meeting is Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 4:30 PM  
\*\*Note: Date changed due to Labor Day holiday

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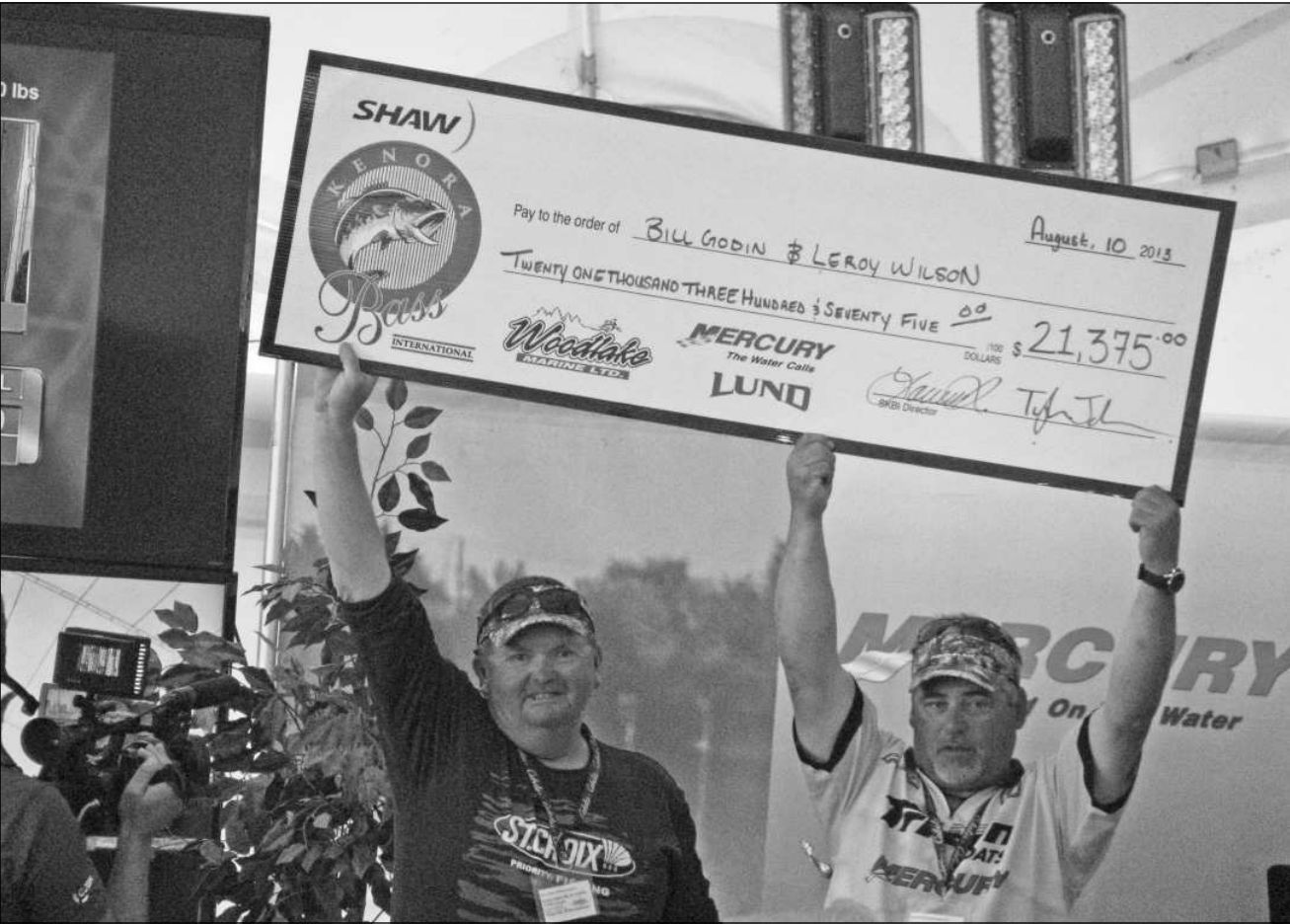
# OUTDOORS

## CALL OF THE WILD

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## BILL GODIN, LEROY WILSON



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

International Falls resident Leroy Wilson, right, and his partner Bill Godin of Devlin, Ontario, hoist a big check after winning the Kenora Bass International Aug. 10. The pair weighed in 51.50 pounds of bass to win the event. Wilson will fish the International Falls Bass Championship later this month with partner Larry Keep of the Falls.

## Uptick in conifer mortality is drought-related

BY JANA ALBERS  
DNR NW Region forest health specialist

We’ve all noticed it, here and there, a few more mature conifers than usual have died in the last couple of years. Is this related to our recent droughts? Yes, definitely. Eight of the past 11 years have been very dry during the summer and fall, plunging many forested ar-

eas of the state into severe drought.

Conifers growing along the edge of lakes, wetlands and ditches have been victims of fluctuating water tables over the past few years. When water is overly abundant, root systems are flooded for weeks and the root system loses its lowermost roots. Prolonged flooding prunes off the lower roots. Then, when water is scarce, these root systems don’t extend down far enough to reach the low water table. With too much or too little water, tree health and vigor suffers as photosynthesis shuts down and reserved

sugars and starches are used up. In a few droughty growing seasons, these trees, especially balsam firs and white and black spruces, die of starvation.


The situation is similar for red, white and jack pines except that root death due to fluctuating water tables is not involved. Photosynthesis was shut down for days and weeks during droughty growing seasons in the past decade. To make up for this, trees used up their reserved sugars and starches in order to remain alive. Critically, they couldn’t resupply their reserves in the following years because these years

were also droughty. Eventually, reserves were drawn down too far and they also died of starvation.

Now the good news. For most of Minnesota, the 2013 spring and early summer have been wonderful for tree growth and the restoration of sugar and starch reserves. We could definitely use a few more years just like this to completely resupply reserves and tree vigor.

For more information on forest health, contact Albers at 218-327-4234, jana.albers@state.mn.us or visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/treecare/forest\_health/.

Happy 7<sup>th</sup> Birthday  
**Kaeden Rostie**




Love Mom & Dad

**We would like to thank** everyone for the cards, e-mails, phone calls and Borderland Humane Society memorials in the memory of Gladys Bartholomew.

Thank you to everyone that showed their respect at her memorial. We would also like to thank those who cared for and visited with Gladys.

Also, thank you Leif Larson at Green Larson for your help and support.


**Judy and Dick Soger.**



**Gladys Bartholomew**  
August 5, 1923 - August 6, 2013

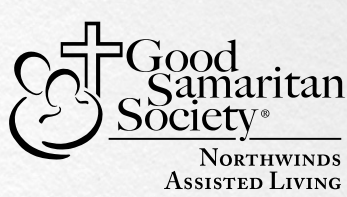
Thank you to our children, Terri and Tom, and grandchildren, Penny and Mike, for our 80<sup>th</sup> birthday party.

Love,  
Dad & Mom Snare




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