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No surprises in wolf, deer seasons

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Editor

The results of the northern deer and wolf seasons now underway are showing no surprises to an area resource manager.

The northwest zone is about halfway through to its target harvest of wolves, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

The wolf season in the northwest zone closes once the 73-wolf harvest goal is reached or when the season closes Nov. 24 — whichever comes first, said Larry Petersen, DNR area wildlife supervisor in International Falls.

Peterson said the season appears to be on track to reaching its goal; as of Thursday, 38 wolves had been shot.

Petersen said he's inspected one wolf and his colleague in Orr has inspected two. He said he anticipates having more wolves brought in for inspection as the season continues.

Hunters are encouraged to check with the DNR website to find out if the season

has ended earlier than Nov. 24, also the end of the northern firearms deer season.

Hunters must register all wolves by 10 p.m. the day of harvest in order for the DNR to monitor zone-specific harvest levels.

Registration is available via:

- Telephone at 888-706-6367.
- Online using a computer web browser or compatible smartphone at [mndnr.gov/gameregistration](http://mndnr.gov/gameregistration).
- In person at an authorized big game registration station.

Animals must be tagged per the instructions printed on a hunter's wolf license and site tag. Do not field dress. Radio collars and ear tags must be retained and turned into DNR at the time of carcass and pelt inspection, which occurs after the season in a particular wolf zone closes. Hunters must skin the animal before bringing in for inspection. Pelt and carcass must be brought to inspection. Hunters may not party hunt for wolves; possess the site tag of another wolf hunter or trapper; or use a dog or

a horse to take a wolf while hunting or trapping.

Petersen said DNR inspectors are not taking kidney and liver samples this year, but continue to take a tooth for aging and the reproductive tracts from females to provide information on reproduction.

In addition, he said DNR inspectors assess the general condition of the wolf and said last year mange showed up on varying degrees.

"With just three animals we looked at this year, they looked good, but that's just a small number," he said.

Mange is a parasite that can infect canids — fox, coyotes and dogs. Petersen said the concern about mange is that the animal will rub its fur off and die from exposure to the very cold temperatures expected in the winter months. He said some wolves harvested last year had little patches of fur that had been rubbed off, while others had lost just about all their fur.

The target harvest has been reduced for this year's wolf season, he said, based on population estimates that showed fewer animals.

DEER SEASON

Petersen said it's no surprise to him that the deer harvest in permit areas in Koochiching County — 103 to the west and 108 to the east — are down compared to last year at this time. He said 103 is down 16 percent and 108 is down 19 percent.

"But who knows how at the end of the season it will compare to last year," he said. "We're down because we have fewer deer — that's the principal reason."

Petersen said fewer antlerless permits were offered this year in 103 in an effort to reduce harvest and build the population, which he said is likely a factor in the reduced harvest.

In addition, he said windy and snowy weather on opening weekend may have kept deer from moving and blocked visibility for hunters.

Petersen said he, too, hopes to join the ranks of hunters as the season continues. And, he said, he'd offer more information in an end-of-the-season wrap-up with The Journal.

SUCCESSFUL HUNT



CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

**Former Journal Sports Editor Jim Johnson was successful this deer hunting season. He sends this report: "Check it out! Heckuva an opening morning in the Johnson swamp between Princeton and Cambridge. Three 8-pointers by noon. I took down the two big ones and my buddy's brother in law hunting with us for the first time shot the smaller 8-pointer from my stand while I was standing over my 2nd kill texting people. Not a very smart deer to come out in the open swamp 30 yards from me while I'm standing over his deceased buddy. Just another reminder not to mess with me. Our best opening morning ever in Princeton. Hope all is well up there. 8 degrees this morning down here when I woke up – thought of you guys."**

A tundra swan was shot by a Baudette man. It is a misdemeanor to shoot a nongame migratory bird.



Hunter charged after shooting tundra swan

DNR STAFF REPORT

A Baudette man faces fines and restitution of \$375 for shooting and killing a tundra swan in Lake of the Woods County Oct. 23.

Steven L. Theis, 26, was charged with shooting a nongame migratory bird, a misdemeanor.

A Minnesota Department of Natural Resources con-

servation officer received a Turn in Poachers (TIP) call that a swan had been shot by two individuals duck hunting in a boat on Four Mile Bay of Lake of the Woods.

When the men returned to shore, they were told by CNR Capt. Jim Dunn that there had been a complaint that they had shot a swan, and he asked them where the swan was located.

This admitted to shooting the swan and later throwing it into the weeds when he learned that swans are a federally protected species and not legal to shoot.

"He explained to me that the swan, that he thought it was a snow goose, had landed about 100 yards from his duck decoys," said Dunn. "He honked at it a couple of times on his goose call, and the swan took off from the water and flew directly at him and swung around his end of the boat. As it did so, he shot it."

This said he recovered the swan and asked a person if a snow goose is bigger than a Canada goose. The person replied no, and told him to get rid of it so he threw the bird into the grass. Conservation officers recovered the swan inside a weed bed the following day.

Every fall, DNR officials warn waterfowl hunters to avoid mistakenly shooting federally protected swans. Notices are printed in Minnesota's waterfowl hunting regulations and warning signs are posted on some lakes frequented by swans.

Despite those admonitions, a handful of swans still are shot each year.

"There's really no excuse for shooting one," Dunn said, "because Minnesota hunters won't encounter any other waterfowl as large as a trumpeter or tundra swan, two of the largest waterfowl in the world."

Tundra swans weigh 16 to 23 pounds, are 52 to 58 inches long with wingspans up to 5.5 feet and a long neck.

Snow geese, in comparison, are smaller than the familiar Canada geese that populate the state. They average 25 to 31 inches long and weigh only 6 or 7 pounds.

"It's like comparing a Volkswagen to a Cadillac," Dunn said.

Also, tundra swans are all white with a black bill, while snow geese have distinct jet black tips on their wings and a pink bill.

Anyone witnessing a fish or wildlife violation is encouraged to contact the 24-hour, toll-free Turn In Poachers (TIP) hotline at 800-652-9093. Cell phone users can dial #TIP.

**AGENDA**

**City Council**  
**Monday, November 18, 2013**  
**4:30 P.M.**  
**Council Chamber**

**CALL TO ORDER**

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG**

**ROLL CALL**

**MINUTES**

- Approve minutes of the Monday, November 4, 2013 regular City Council meeting
- Approve minutes of the Tuesday, November 12, 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**

- Year 2014 license renewals: D & S Pizza, Inc., dba Domino's Pizza, restaurant Duty Free Americas, gasoline pumps Icebox Investments LLC, dba Dairy Queen-Intl Falls, restaurant Katrina Holden, massage individual license Keep Enterprises, Inc., dba Pizza Barn, restaurant Mr. Faith Sound & Light, Inc., dance permit, and theater Sjoblom Landscape & Nursery, Inc., snowplow

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Appointment of Mary Jo Winkle to complete open term on Library Board- due to resignation of Ms. Emily Whitbeck
2. Liability Coverage Waiver- League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust
3. Resolution # -13 – Airport Marketing Grant
4. Chamber of Commerce request for fireworks during Icebox Days- January 18, 2014
5. Minnesota Transportation Alliance – dues
6. Approve expenditure for newspaper and radio advertisement to citizens regarding safe access for water department, gas department, and post office employees
7. Accept the quote from Adam McIntyre to patch and paint the public area and staircase of city hall
8. Approve/allow necessary expenses for Councilor Jaksa to attend the Midwest Economic Development Association annual conference – December 8-10, 2013
9. Approval to spend up to 2,500 of the 138,500 set aside to match Federal Economic Development Administrators grant for partnering with Koochiching County and others on development of a website for the Economic Response Teams
10. Year 2014 license renewal – C & J Smith LLC, dba The Viking Bar, 3.2 off-sale, pool table, cigarette, off-sale, on-sale, restaurant, and Sunday liquor license
11. Year 2014 license renewal – Jespersen Frostbite Fuels, Inc., dba Bootlegger J's, 3.2 off-sale, cigarette, gasoline pumps, off-sale, and restaurant
12. Year 2014 license renewal – Keep Enterprises, Inc., dba Forestland Sales & Service, cigarette, and gasoline pump license
13. Year 2014 license renewal – Koerter's Inc, dba Koerter's Amoco/Car Wash, cigarette, and gasoline pump license
14. Year 2014 license renewal – Menard Inc., dba Menards #3507, fireworks license
15. 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**

- North Koochiching Area Sanitary District meeting minutes – October 7, 2013

**REMINDERS**

- Next regular Council meeting is Monday, December 2, 2013 at 4:30 PM

The City of International Falls complies with the ADA. Individuals with disabilities requiring special aids should contact the City Administrator, 600 Fourth Street, International Falls, MN, 56649, 218-283-9484, 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting.

**Advanced Minnesota and Rainy River Community College Welding Course Schedule**

**Introduction to SMAW Welding (Stick Welding) (80-hours)**  
This course is to introduce the student to the fundamentals of welding, which will focus on various types of welding processes, welding machines, metallurgy and electrode selection. Students have the opportunity to develop their individual welding technique in the lab.  
Day: Wednesday and Thursday (December) Wednesday (January-March)  
Dates: 12/4, 12/5, 12/11, 12/12, 12/18, 12/19, 1/15/14, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19, 2/26  
Time: 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.  
Location: RRCC, Industrial Technology Classroom and Lab  
Instructor: Tom Glomske  
**Total: \$1390.97**  
**Blueprint Reading and Sketching (32-hours)**  
This course provides the foundations of blueprint reading and the importance in industry, as well as how to communicate ideas through the use of sketching.  
Day: Thursday  
Dates: 1/16/14, 1/23, 1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27  
Time: 4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.  
Location: RRCC, Industrial Technology Classroom  
Instructor: Tom Glomske  
**Total: \$436.25**  
**Advanced Welding (80-hours)**  
This course applies advance skill development of all aspects of welding including pressure vessel and branch and header welds. This course is based on training for entry level welder.  
Days: Wednesday and Thursday  
Dates: 3/12/14, 3/13, 3/19, 3/20, 3/26, 3/27, 4/2, 4/3, 4/9, 4/10, 4/16, 4/17, 4/23, 4/24  
Time: 4:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.  
Location: RRCC, Industrial Technology Classroom and Lab  
Instructor: Tom Glomske  
**Total: \$1390.90**  
**Welding Unlimited Bridge/Bend Test**  
A weld is completed on 1" thickness mild steel in the required position/s. (Normally, a vertical position and an overhead position) Bend coupons are extracted from the weld test and a side bend is applied to determine the soundness of the weld. If the weld test applicant is successful, they become qualified to weld mild steel from 1/8" thickness (minimum) up to an unlimited thickness.  
Day: Friday  
Date: 4/25/14  
Time: 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.  
Location: RRCC, Industrial Technology Lab  
Instructor: Mike O'Donnell  
**Total: \$865.97**  
**Low Pressure Boiler (8-hours)**  
2014 is specifically designed for maintenance personnel in plants, facilities, and commercial buildings. The course will cover topics such as: safe operation and maintenance of low pressure boilers, Minnesota Boiler Licensure requirements, how to troubleshoot basic boiler problems before they become boiler failures.

**A Low Pressure Boiler informational meeting is scheduled for 6:00 PM on Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at RRCC.**

Friday, February 7, 2014 (4:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.)  
Saturday, February 8, 2014 (8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.)  
Test: TBA  
Location: RRCC, Industrial Technology Classroom  
Instructor: William Parker  
**Tuition: \$195.00**  
**State Examination Fee: \$50.00** (Candidates will complete an Individual Engineer License to reserve a seat for the exam.)

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Carol (218)735-6131 or Tammy (218) 735-6130, Office of Job Training staff at the Minnesota Workforce Center, for potential funds available through the dislocated worker program.

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