

LOCALNEWS

LURKING LYNX



Darren Wallen shared this photo of a Canada lynx taken by his friend at Fourth Avenue East and 24th Street March 16. He estimated the lynx weighed about 80 pounds and appeared to be interested in nearby deer. Wallen said he stood between deer and the lynx for about 12 minutes in an attempt to keep the lynx from attacking the deer. Other International Falls residents have also reported seeing a lynx within the city limits. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources website says the Canada lynx is a rare wildcat in Minnesota, and is most likely to occur just after the population of their main prey, snowshoe hare, crashes in Canada. The lynx has large “snowshoe” like feet that enable it to walk on top of deep, soft, snow. Adults weigh from 20 to 44 pounds. Snowshoe hares are the main prey, but birds and small mammals are also eaten. Lynx do not occur where snowshoe hares are absent. Lynx have also been observed scavenging roadkill.

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Gas prices see narrow increase

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Average retail gasoline prices in Minnesota have fallen 5.8 cents in the past week, averaging \$3.51 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy’s daily survey of 2,856 gas outlets in Minnesota. This compares with the national average that has not moved in the last week to \$3.51 per gallon, according to gasoline price website MinnesotaGasPrices.com.

Regular gasoline prices in International Falls, according to the site, ranged from \$3.49 to \$3.69. Local prices for premium fuel were listed at \$3.99 per gallon and diesel fuel ranged from \$4.25 to \$4.39. Prices for midgrade fuel were not

listed on the site.

Including the change in gas prices in Minnesota during the past week, prices Sunday were 7.7 cents per gallon lower compared to the same day one year ago and are 5.2 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 10.2 cents during the last month and stands 13 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

“As I expected, the panic at the pump slowed considerably in the last week, with the national barely grinding out an increase in the last week,” said GasBuddy.com Senior Petroleum Analyst Patrick DeHaan. “A cooling in oil prices during the previous week heavily influenced last week’s

quieter increase. While oil prices haven’t moved much higher, we are starting to see more chatter about refinery incidents as more of them finish maintenance and get back online, and this can lead to spikes in gasoline prices if several refineries see unexpected outages or longer than normal return to production times, so motorists should be vigilant that while I don’t expect prices across the nation to spike significantly, it’s a risk that’s on the table,” DeHaan said.

GasBuddy operates MinnesotaGasPrices.com and over 250 similar websites that track gasoline prices at more than 140,000 gasoline stations in the United States and Canada.

Herzig takes flight

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Manny Herzig, long-time Falls High School teacher, resident of Ranier and avid outdoorsman, recently returned from a vacation stay in San Salvador, El Salvador.

Herzig accompanied his daughter Linda Jones and her husband Gary, of Chilton, Wis., to visit his granddaughter Holly Jones, who has resided for several years in San Salvador. She operates a restaurant and is working toward a masters degree in environmental management.

The group took in the sights including the beaches of the Pacific Ocean, hiking one of the five volcanoes in the country as well as swimming in a 600-foot deep crater lake. A coffee farm was toured and the cuisine of the country experienced.

The highlight of the trip, members of the group reported through former Falls resident Mary Friendt, was a canopy tour, also known as a zip line. Herzig soared above the treetops and waterways. On completing the tour, the guides asked him his age and he responded that he was 83. They informed him that the previous record was held by a 74-year-old. Herzig chuckled and seemed to enjoy the fact that he now holds a standing record in San Salvador, El Salvador.



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