

Early Childhood Family Education's

Family Fishing Event




at the Rod Smith Memorial Fishing Pond
(near Rainy Lake One Stop)

Thursday, May 21, 2015
6:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Bring your fishing poles and life jackets for the kids. Corn bait will be provided.

PBJ Rounds, goldfish crackers, watermelon & juice boxes will be served on site.

Cost: \$5/family



For all families of children ages birth to 5 years. (Older siblings welcome!) Sportfishing Club Members will be on hand to assist and give pointers. Community Ed. 283-2571, ext. 186.

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Special thanks to Super One, TruInsurance, & Solutions Insurance Agencies for helping to make this event possible.

EDUCATION

Indus students take part in e-mentoring

BY EMILY KRISKE
Indus Herald Staff Report

The Indus School Consumer Education class has been emailing employees of Marvin Windows through a mentoring program offered by BestPrep, a company that brings together business and education communities, and the Minnesota Workforce Center.

According to Lois Lewis, Indus Family and Consumer Sciences teacher, each week for seven weeks, students email their mentors about topics chosen by their teacher from a list of guided questions, trying to learn more about different careers. “E-mentoring was a unique way to connect students with adult role models to learn about possible futures,” Lewis says.

The Consumer Education class took a field trip May 1 to Marvin Windows to meet their e-mentors and learn more about how Marvin’s works and what kind of education the jobs there require. They toured the museum, met their mentors, and two students made short presentations about the benefits of e-mentoring.

March 25 was the first day of classroom e-mentoring; the starting topic was “Introductions with College/ Career Experience.” Students introduced themselves and explained about their school day, what they want to go to college for, and asked about the staff members’ jobs.

The April 1 topic was “Problem Solving.” Students explained their processes of getting through



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Students tour Marvin Windows museum to learn about the company and job opportunities.

a problem and how to solve one. Marvin’s staff members were asked how their jobs required problem solving.

“Strengths and Weaknesses” was April 8. The class shared three strengths and three weaknesses about themselves and what they can do to change or work with those factors. They asked Marvin staff members what their strengths and weaknesses are and how their job helps them work with, overcome, or change their strengths and weaknesses.

“Managing Time” was the subject April 15. Students wrote down how they spend their time and how they manage their time

when they have a lot to do. They ask their e-mentors how their jobs require them to keep a schedule and how their time is split between their job and personal lives.

“Workplace Diversity” was the topic for April 22. Students asked about how the staff members interact with people of different ethnic backgrounds in their workplace. Students also discussed how they get along with people who are unlike them and with people of diverse ethnic backgrounds.

The e-mentoring topic for May 6 was “Tech Careers.” Students told their e-mentors what type of career they are thinking of and why.

They asked the staff about tech careers at Marvin’s and what skills you are required to have.

May 13 was the last day of e-mentoring, writing about “Interpreting and Displaying Data.” Students discussed different math topics and what graph to use with the data. They asked how the e-mentor uses data with their job, what graphs they use, and then said “Good-bye.”

The Indus students have been using this e-mentoring time to figure out more about where they would like their lives to go and how they are going to reach their goals.

AGENDA

City of International Falls - City Council Regular Meeting
4:30 P.M., Monday, May 18, 2015
Council Chamber, 600 Fourth Street

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

APPROVE AGENDA WITH ANY ADDITIONS/DELETIONS TO THE AGENDA (only by unanimous consent).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- Minutes of the May 4, 2015 Regular City Council meeting (Council action-motion)
- Minutes of the May 4, 2015 City Council/IFEDA joint closed session (Council action-motion)

PAYMENT OF CLAIMS AND APPROVAL FOR PAYMENT OF ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

- Adopt Resolution No. __-15, Approving Transfers, Payment of Claims and Accounts Payable (Council action-motion)

AUDIENCE – OPEN FORUM

(The Open Forum is an opportunity for the audience to address the City Council on any matter not listed on the agenda. Please limit your comments to five minutes.)

PUBLIC HEARINGS

OPENING BIDS (AND/OR QUOTES)

- Approve purchase of an HP Designjet T120 large format printer, ink, and equipment stand for \$1,267 (Council action-motion)

OLD BUSINESS

- Second and Final Reading of Contract Ordinance with Bowman Asphalt Products, Inc. for 2015 Street Improvement Projects (Council action-motion)

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda allows the City Council to take action on routine matters by one motion that shall not be debated and shall be adopted by unanimous vote of those present. Any individual council member may remove an item from the Consent Agenda for discussion on the regular agenda (Council action – motion).

NEW BUSINESS

- Age to Age Garden Club request to plant trees at the Community Garden Site - Rachel Amdahl (Council action-motion)
- Evangelical Covenant Church Youth Group request to use Smokey Bear Park for a fundraising event Sunday, June 14, 2015 and Monday, June 15, 2015 - Mary Ciriacy (Council action-motion)
- Approve establishment of a Chemical Assessment Team (CAT) operating within the International Falls Fire Department at the request of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety and invite Boise Paper/PCA participation (Council action-motion)
- Approve the Budget and Finance Committee recommendation to 1) allocate up to \$143,278 towards funding half the local match for a public/private infrastructure project to extend a rail siding to Bergstrom Wood Products and Rainy Lake Oil, and 2) accept property ownership of rail siding property purchased by KEDA (Council action-motion)
- Resolution No. __-15, Resolution Approving Co-sponsorship of Business Development Infrastructure Application to the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development related to the Rail Siding Project (Council action-motion)
- Resolution# __-15 Approve application for a 1 to 4 day Temporary On-sale Liquor License for the Rotary Club of International Falls at Smokey Bear Park on July 3 - 4, 2015 (Council action-motion)
- Resolution# __-15 Public Employees Retirement Association Police Officer Declaration for Part-time Patrol Officer Griffin P. Offerdahl (Council action-motion)
- Resolution# __-15 Public Employees Retirement Association Police Officer Declaration for Part-time Patrol Officer Zakary T. Vork (Council action-motion)
- Resolution# __-15 in support of the Great Northern Transmission Line and the route proposed by Minnesota Power (Council action-motion)
- Approve purchase of five mobile radios from the Koochiching County Sheriff's Department for \$3,424.75 each for Police Department vehicles (Council action-motion)
- Approve increase in hourly wage rate for temporary, summer employees (Council action-motion)
- Approve evaluation committee recommendation to appoint Lisa Mortenson as a full-time Paramedic (Council action-motion)
- 2015 Minnesota Small Cities Development Program grant approval - \$628,677 for single-family rental housing rehabilitation, duplex rental housing rehabilitation, and commercial building rehabilitation (Council information)
- Consider North Koochiching Area Sanitary District request to return \$10,000 contribution for animal holding facility (Council action-motion)
- Any other business.

REPORTS OF ALL BOARDS, COMMITTEES AND DEPARTMENT HEADS

- Reports of the Administrator, Attorney, and Department Heads a
- Reports of the Mayor, Council Committees, Boards and Commissions a.

AUDIENCE – OPEN FORUM

CORRESPONDENCE

- March 10, 2015 – Chamber of Commerce meeting minutes
- March 25, 2015 – International Falls-Koochiching County Airport Commission meeting minutes
- April 15, 2015 – International Falls Recreation Commission meeting minutes
- April 23, 2015 – Chamber of Commerce meeting minutes
- May 7, 2015 – MN Department of Health Memorandum – U.S. Department of Health Recommendation for Fluoride in Drinking Water

REMINDERS

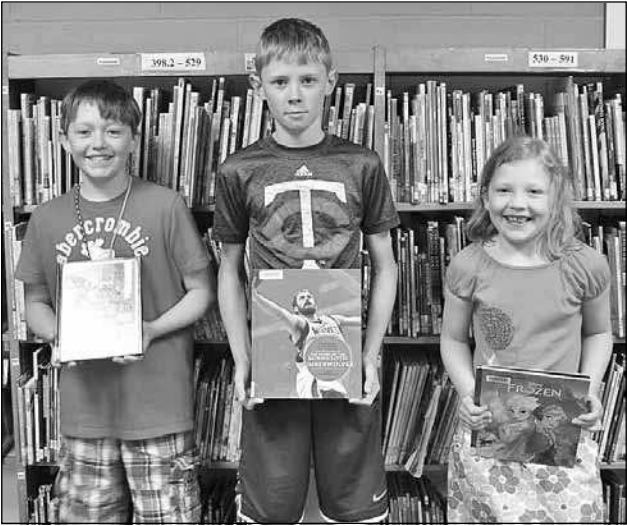
- Next regular City Council meeting is at 4:30 P.M., Monday, June 1, 2015

ADJOURNMENT

Note: Matters inappropriate for consideration at the meeting or not in the order specified shall not be considered except 1) with the unanimous consent of the members of the City Council, or 2) scheduled public hearings or bid lettings, but not before the time stated in the notice.

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BIRTHDAY BOOKSHELF



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Falls Elementary School April Birthday Bookshelf Club members are Cohlton Schultz, Jett Tomczak and Cheznee Skrier. Missing is Gabriel Swenson.

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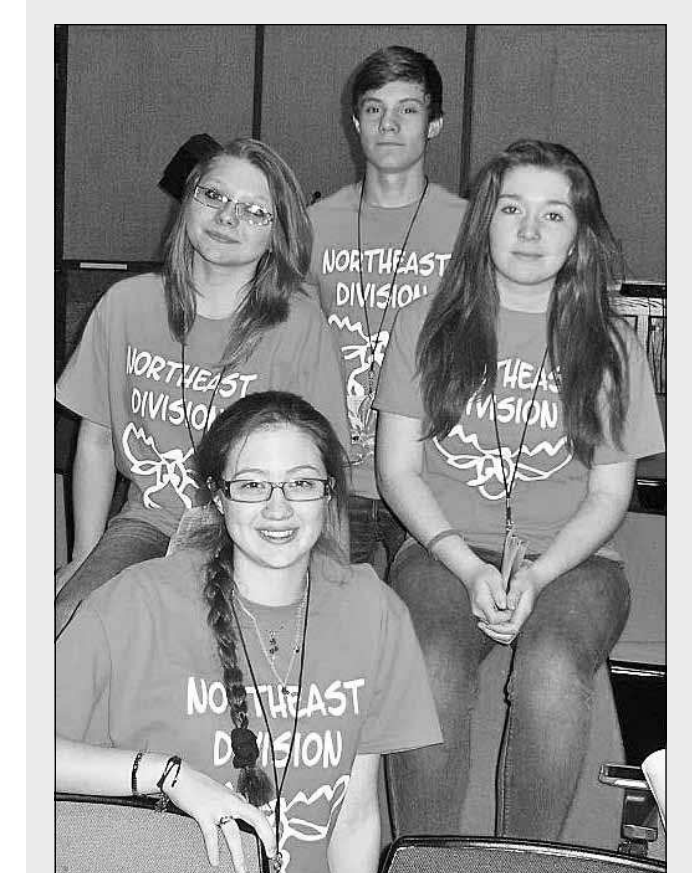


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Alexandra Knoff, Casey Larson, Holger Olesen and Chanaya Wheelock sport their NED T-shirts at the Minnesota State Student Council Convention.

Indus students attend leadership convention

INDUS SCHOOL REPORT

We got NED, yeah yeah, we got NED. What is NED? It is the North East Division of Student Councils in Minnesota.

Members of the Indus Student Council — Alex Knoff, Casey Larson, Chanaya Wheelock and Holger Olesen — attended the Minnesota State Leadership Convention April 11 in Becker, along with about 400 other students statewide, including many representing the north-east division.

Together, they listened to keynote speakers Sara Nilles and Houston Kraft talk about leadership, tackled “hot topics” such as, fundraising, prom planning, graduation requirements, school spirit issues, electronic policies, bullying and student council accountability.

They also chanted cheers representing their division at the general session, and attended idea-sparking roundtables. And, they fit in time for dodge ball, dances, a formal banquet and a hypnotist.

Upon returning, the Student Council members planned and conducted a free “teacher appreciation” car wash to demonstrate their leadership spirit.