

LOCALNEWS

L-BF ALL SCHOOL REUNION

Veteran teacher to serve as parade grand marshal

L-BF All-School Reunion planned for June 25-27

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Long-time Littlefork teacher Mildred Bloomquist will serve as grand marshal in the parade planned as part of the celebration of the Littlefork-Big Falls All School Reunion in June.

Bloomquist taught school in Littlefork for 33 years and has lived in the community for 70 years, reports Dale Peterson, a member of the L-BF Reunion Committee.

With June just around the corner, members of the committee continue to meet regularly to finalize details of the all-school event planned for June 25-27.

Reports from seven committees — addresses, advertising, assembly, finance, games and activities, parade and registration, were presented at a March 17 meeting, Peterson said.

The general assembly is set for Friday evening and will be headed up by Doug Henrickson as emcee. Keynote speaker at the general assembly will be Chris Bachmeier, ISD 362 superintendent.

“It is rumored that Car-

nac, along with his sidekick, will make an appearance at the assembly,” noted Peterson, referring to “Carnac the Magnificent” a recurring comedic role played by Johnny Carson on The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson.

Prior to and during the assembly, videos of “yesteryear” will be shown, Peterson reported. During the evening, 10 cash prizes will be awarded to people in attendance.

Meanwhile, Peterson said the committee reports indicate registration mailers will be ready for distribution late this month. The mailers will provide all the necessary information for people who plan to attend. The mailer will allow people to preregister for the event and order memorabilia. It will also include a three-day schedule of events as well as lodging opportunities in the area, and a sign-up form for the 5K run/walk.

Adult games will consist of a “3 on 3” basketball tournament and a softball tournament headed up by Marc Bloomquist. To participate,

contact Bloomquist at 218-766-6680.

Kiddie games will be conducted at the Margaret Laurin Memorial Park, notes Peterson.

Organizations and businesses interested in placing a float in the park should contact Brian Lindvall, parade chairman. Collector cars are also welcome in the parade, noted Peterson.

Each evening of the reunion will offer musical performances by Pat Porter, Preston Hoy and the Steele River Band.

Peterson urged people who wish to attend the L-BF All School Reunion to pre-register and order memorabilia early to avoid congestion and long lines during the reunion.

“In order to obtain memorabilia you must pre-order it,” according to Peterson. “There will be no orders taken during the reunion and the same goes for those participating in the 5K run/walk that want t-shirts. You can register during the reunion for the 5K, but you will not receive a t-shirt”

Musical showcase set for Sunday

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The sixth annual Borderland Musical Showcase featuring area musicians is set to begin at 3 p.m. Sunday at Backus Community Center.

Sponsored by Tuesday Musicale and Backus Community Center, a variety of vocal and instrumental numbers will be on the program.

A news release said borderland students will per-

form as well as former Tuesday Musicale music camp scholarship recipients and local musicians. Instrumental groups and soloists will be heard, several accompanied and directed by local Tuesday Musicale and Backus committee members who have arranged this evening concert have been assisted by local music teachers Michelle Boelk, Tamara Koenig and John Faith, International Falls;

Aron Bohnert, Littlefork; and Stacey Ottemann, Indus.

The public is invited to attend the free-will offering event. Any proceeds collected during the evening will benefit a music camp scholarship program given by Tuesday Musicale and Backus Community Center.

This activity is made possible in part with funds from the Northland Foundation.

Burning restrictions take effect this week

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The Department of Natural Resources will restrict debris burning in many northwestern, southern and central Minnesota counties this week, beginning Wednesday, and in other parts of the state beginning in April.

Burning restrictions mean the state will not allow the open burning of brush or yard waste. Debris burning is especially dangerous during April and May when most wildfires occur in Minnesota.

Spring burning restrictions coincide with increasing fire potential throughout much of the

state due to the early snow melt and dry fuels like grass and leaves. With the snow gone, exposed dead grass and brush can light easily and fires can spread quickly. Restrictions last until sufficient green vegetation forms, normally from four to six weeks.

“The spring fire restrictions have resulted in a dramatic decrease in both the number and size of accidental fires,” said Ron Stoffel, DNR wildfire suppression supervisor.

Counties can be quickly added to the restrictions list during dry, windy days when fires could easily burn out of control. Therefore, residents are

encouraged to visit www.dnr.state.mn.us/forestry/fire/firerating_restrictions.html or call their local forestry office to obtain up-to-date information on fire danger and burning restrictions.

In addition, many local counties and municipalities have specific burning regulations or restrictions. Check with local authorities to obtain proper permits before burning.

The burning restrictions do not apply to campfires; they are still allowed. Clear an area around the campfire, watch it continuously and make sure it is out and cold to the touch before leaving.

Gas trends rely on refinery issues

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Average retail gasoline prices in Minnesota have fallen 8.5 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$2.30 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 \$2.42 per gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com.

Local prices

Gas prices around International Falls Monday ranged from \$2.39 per gallon to \$2.44 per gallon, according to the website.

Including the change in gas prices in Minnesota during the past week, prices Sunday were 122.1 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and are 6.5 cents per gallon higher than

a month ago. The national average has increased 12.1 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 110.6 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

“Gasoline trends are all over the place, depending on where in the country motorists are,” said Patrick DeHaan, GasBuddy senior petroleum analyst. “While much of the country saw prices drift lower, two distinct regions saw the opposite. The Great Lakes saw prices spike as refinery issues plague the region, following in the steps of what happened at the pump in the West several weeks ago. Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio and Wisconsin saw the largest moves- increases of more than a dime. The Rockies region also saw increases, yet much milder than what was hitting motorists in the Great Lakes.

California led declining states, falling double digits per gallon, as refinery issues have at least for the time being been dealt with.”

When pressed about what lies ahead, DeHaan said, “the coming week shows nothing guaranteed but uncertainty, as refiners begin finishing maintenance season, boosting production, and beginning to draw down on oil inventories that are setting records. This recipe will likely bring the lowest summer gasoline prices since 2010, but the short term outlook may vary based on region, with West Coast locales seeing falling prices, Rockies and Plains states will see slight increases or stability, with Gulf and East Coast regions seeing mild declines. Price trends in the Great Lakes will hinge on refinery issues being resolved.”

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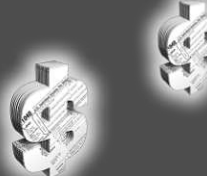
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INVITATION FOR BIDS – updated March 24th, 2015
(See Statement Regarding Pre-Construction Meeting in ALL CAPS and ITALICS)

General Contractor Bids for the **TRUSTAR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION 2015 BUILDING ADDITION IN I. FALLS, MN.** will be received until 2:00 p.m. (CST) Thursday, April 16th, 2015 at the office of the Owner in Int'l Falls, at which time they will be privately opened by the Owner. Written proposals will be received, in duplicate, from GENERAL CONTRACTORS for a Stipulated Sum single source contract.

A PRE-CONSTRUCTION MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 5:30 P.M. ON WEDNESDAY APRIL 8th, 2015 AT THE TRUSTAR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION IN I. FALLS. ATTENDANCE IS MANDATORY IN ORDER TO SUBMIT A BID ON THE PROJECT, UNLESS OTHER ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE IN ADVANCE WITH APPROVAL BY THE OWNER.

Proposals shall be submitted on exact copies of the proposal forms in the specifications. All bids should be accompanied by a Bid Security in the form of a certified check or Bid Bond in the amount of 5% of the total bid. A Payment and Performance Bond for 100% of the contract amount will be required for the project. DAVIS BACON WAGE RATES will be in effect and are attached hereto for the General Contractor and all subcontracts related to the construction of the project. Union Workers will be utilized to the greatest extent possible. ALL PROPOSALS ARE REQUIRED TO BE SUBMITTED BREAKING OUT LABOR & MATERIAL, due to the tax exempt status of the Owner, TruStar Federal Credit Union, with documentation attached.

Bidding Documents may be examined at the following locations until bid opening time: ARCHITECT - Lucachick Architecture, Inc., 481 Mag Seven Court SW, Suite #9, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601-0219, Phone: (218) 759-2305, Fax: (218) 759-0407.

Bids received from Bidders who are not recorded as having received the Bidding Documents will not be opened. Only Full sets of Plans and specifications will be distributed. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be issued. They may be obtained by bidders only for their personal use from the office of the Architect/Engineer upon receipt of a refundable deposit check of \$100 per set. Requests for plans by mail must be accompanied by a \$10 non-refundable deposit to cover expenses. Plans can also be downloaded electronically via PDF file format from the Architect. Make all deposit & expense checks payable to: TruStar Federal Credit Union – I. Falls 2015. Plans and specifications shall be returned to the Architect within ten (10) days after contract award to be eligible for a refund of the deposit All bids shall be in accordance with Bidding Documents prepared by Lucachick Architecture Inc., 481 Mag Seven Court SW, Suite #9, Bemidji, Minnesota 56601 and the consultant team listed in the specifications.

Bidders must carry Minnesota Worker's Compensation insurance and conform to all governing laws of the State of Minnesota.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids or parts thereof, to waive any informalities in bidding, and to award the contract to other than the lowest bidder if, in the discretion of the Owner, the interest of the Owner will be best served thereby. **THE OWNER REQUIRES THAT ALL BIDS BE FIRM FOR THIRTY (30) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF BID OPENING. ANY BID WITHDRAWN IN THAT TIME PERIOD WILL SACRIFICE THE BID SECURITY.**

FOR THE OWNER: TRUSTAR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION – International Falls, Minnesota
BY: Lucachick Architecture, Inc.
End of Invitation to Bid

CITY OF LITTLEFORK, MINNESOTA		
BALANCE SHEET		
MUNICIPAL LIQUOR FUND		
12/31/2014		
ASSETS		2014
CURRENT ASSETS		
Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	62,131.00
Trade Accounts Receivable - Net	\$	1,094.00
Inventories	\$	29,638.00
Prepaid Items	\$	421.00
Total Current Assets	\$	93,284.00
NONCURRENT ASSETS		
Capital Assets		
Land	\$	17,851
Buildings	\$	191,220
Machinery and Equipment	\$	65,608
Total Capital Assets	\$	274,679
Less Accumulated Depreciation	\$	(184,711)
Total Noncurrent Assets	\$	89,968
Total Assets	\$	183,252
LIABILITIES AND NET POSITION		
CURRENT LIABILITIES		
Accounts Payable	\$	4,042
Compensated Absences - Due within One Year	\$	3,336
Total Current Liabilities	\$	7,378
NET POSITION		
Net Investment in Capital Assets	\$	89,968
Unrestricted	\$	85,906
Total Net Position	\$	175,874
Total Liabilities and net Position	\$	183,252
CITY OF LITTLEFORK, MINNESOTA		
MUNICIPAL LIQUOR FUND		
STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENSES, AND CHANGES IN FUND NET POSITION		
FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2014		
OPERATING REVENUES		2014
Sales and Charges for Services	AMOUNT	
Cost of Sales	\$	390,815
Gross Profit	\$	(227,262)
Gross Profit as % of Sales		163,553
		41.85%
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Wages and Benefits	\$	129,929
Maintenance	\$	1,112
Utilities	\$	18,132
Supplies	\$	11,443
Insurance	\$	6,382
Depreciation	\$	9,224
Miscellaneous	\$	7,628
Total Operating Expenses	\$	185,180
OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)	\$	(21,627)
NONOPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)		
Miscellaneous - Nonoperating	\$	2,819
Interest Revenue	\$	398
Total Nonoperating Revenues (Expenses)	\$	3,217
Income (Loss) before Transfers and Capital Contributions	\$	(18,410)
Transfers In	\$	-
CHANGE IN NET POSITION	\$	(18,410)
Net Position - Beginning of Year	\$	194,284
NET POSITION - END OF YEAR	\$	175,874

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Koochiching County Planning and Zoning Commission relative to the following item **on Thursday, April 9, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.** in the County Board Room, Koochiching County Courthouse, International Falls, Minnesota.

A conditional use permit application submitted by **Hammerlund Construction, Inc.** in order to set-up a portable crusher on Ewald's property for use in recycling existing asphalt from the County Rd 332 road construction project. The parcel is located approx 1/4 mile east of the junction of County Rd 2 North & County Rd 332 along the south side of County Rd 332 and is described as the N 1/2 of the SW 1/4 less the east 160ft and less the west 198ft, Sec. 15, Twp 70N, Rge 24W, Koochiching County, Minnesota.

All interested parties are invited to attend the said hearing to be heard. If more information is desired, please contact the Koochiching County Environmental Services, ph.(218)283-1158.

March 24, 2015

Dale Olson
Zoning Administrator
Koochiching County