

WALK

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not ask for a card because they don't think they need financial help. But everyone who is diagnosed with cancer in Borderland must travel for some need and travel is an expense that can add up, Mayer said. "It's not a financial thing at all," she said.

As groups headed down to walk around the ice arena, Mayer said the walk has gained some loyal participants. The Dock Party Girls have walked each year, she said, and the Falls High School Volleyball Team has joined the effort and in Friday's cold, rainy weather collected donations in a door-to-door evening walk.

Bronco volleyball coach Erin Shikowski said the volleyball team was happy to be involved. "We're here to help out," she said.

Avid runner Tony Oveson said the Community Cancer Walk collects money for a good community cause. "Running is what I like to do, so I try to get as many of the runners over here as possible," he said. "Anytime you have something that really helps the community, the community should try to support it."

Sherri Mannausau said family and friends have experienced cancer, with many of them being survivors. "Team Trustar is here today, and we've had a few coworkers who have survived cancer," she said.

Joining with coworkers or friends to form a team makes the walk more fun and valuable, she said. "It's the camaraderie and it shows that we care for each other," she said.

Organizers know money is tight in the community, but the walk not only helps to raise money to buy local gas cards, but awareness of the gas card program, said Mayer.

"It's about raising the funds and also about getting together, getting some exercise and raising awareness," said Mayer.

Maggie McBride, one of The Dock Party Girls, spoke for the group after they posed for a team photo.



STAFF PHOTO BY LAUREL BEAGER

Walkers of all ages took part in Saturday's Community Cancer Walk, but they all had the same reason for walking — to help raise money to purchase local gas cards for any Borderland resident being treated for cancer.

"One of our Dock Party Girls had breast cancer," said McBride of what prompted their participation. "So we're all very supportive of this in the community. Some of our moms, some of our sisters, friends — we're concerned for the whole community."

Assisting local people with gas cards is important, she said. "All the money stays here and it helps people because there is so much driving involved," she said.

Sporting a yellow scarf,

Julie Johnson said she survived rectal cancer nine years ago and wears a colostomy. "And I am doing fine," she said. "It's just a really important community thing. We support our people with cancer because they have to go out of town. There is no financial anything. If you have cancer we're going to help because we care."

Cancer treatment drew Johnson to Hibbing 28 times, she said. "That gas back and forth adds up, and we're not desperate," she said. "But it

would have helped. I think it's a really good program."

Granddaughter Aubrey Pavleck made it a family affair by walking with Johnson.

Julie Jaksa said the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota has agreed to handle the financial issues of the walk. And Mayer said that fundraising packets will be available at the RLMC Chemotherapy Department for the next walk to assist people who want to seek pledges for donations.

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properties have been abandoned and utilities have been shut off.

Meanwhile, Shermoen said without correction of the city's concerns, the property owners are to have the structure removed from the property within 60 days of being served. Should those actions not be taken by the property owners, Shermoen said a lawsuit in district court is initiated by the city with the order. Should a judge approve the city's order, the city proceeds with demolition with the cost or razing the structure the responsibility of the property owner. Should the property owners contest the order, they have 20 days to object after service. A trial could be set with a judge deciding if the city's determination of the structures being hazardous is correct.

Councilor Cynthia Jaksa asked Meyers how many other structures in the city could be considered hazardous and planned for future demolition.

"There are more abandoned homes out there than people think," Meyers said. "I think this is a start."

In other business, the council heard about expansion plans from Dale Johnson, CEO and president of TruStar Federal Credit Union. Johnson described a major renovation and expansion planned for the existing downtown office to accommodate the addition of at least 12 new full-time positions in the Falls location. The almost 8,000-square-foot addition will extend over all three floors of the existing building.

Johnson said the credit union began with \$25 in 1960 and now has \$180 million in assets and 43 people employed in the Falls office.

The expansion was made possible by double-digit growth even during the recent recession, he said. TruStar now has offices in Littlefork, Bemidji,

Park Rapids, Menahga, and with the expansion, Detroit Lakes.

Shovels are expected to dig in to the expansion at the end of May and bids be let in April, Johnson said.

When the expansion is complete in April 2016, he said 57-60 employees would be working in the Falls headquarters, with 73 employees across the expanded footprint of TruStar.

Councilors credited some of TruStar's success to Johnson's vision for the future and thanked him for his leadership at the credit union as well as in the community.

Falls Mayor Bob Anderson called the expansion great news and said other businesses may be bolstered by the financial institution's commitment to the future. Anderson also credited the work of the employees, offices and board of directors for the credit union's success.

Councilor Gail Rognertud, who serves as the president of the city's Economic Development Authority, said the investment speaks well of the credit union's commitment to the community and its success.

"We'll do our best not to let you down," Johnson said.

A credit union is a member-owned cooperative, benefiting its members and the communities in which they operate, Johnson said.

"There are no stockholders reaping the benefits," Johnson said.

Johnson asked the community to be patient during construction as the area may become congested with traffic.

Also Monday, the council referred back to the Legislation and Land Use Committee a proposal to conduct a first reading of an amendment to the code of ordinances regarding council procedure at meetings.

Councilors said the proposal was unclear about whether a majority or unanimous vote would be needed to add or delete items from the agenda at the beginning of meetings.

Zion Lutheran Church Women

HARVEST BAZAAR

Tuesday, October 14, 2014
4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

SUPPER -- Free Will Offering

Bake Sale, Crafts, Treasures
Cards, Napkins

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October 11.....	Chess Tournament – Dining Room – 3:00 – 5:00 pm
October 14.....	New to Medicare Class – Senior Linkage Line 10:00 am – Noon
October 18	Borealis Bards – 4 One-Act Plays – 7:00 pm
October 23	Top the Tater Dinner – 5:00 – 6:30 pm Sponsor – Border State Bank
October 23	Border Concert Association – Jaime Paul – 7:00 pm
October 25	Backus Performing Arts Series Ragamala Dance "Sacred Earth" – 7:00 pm
October 28	Ask the Candidates – Local Candidate Forum 6:00 pm
October 31	Halloween Treat Street and Haunted House 4:00 – 6:00 pm
Community Cafe	Tuesdays and Thursdays Free Meals 5:30 6:00 pm

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BOREALIS BARDS – AN EVENING OF ONE-ACT PLAYS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

7:00 PM – BACKUS AUDITORIUM

TICKETS AT THE DOOR

Adult - \$12⁰⁰ • Student - \$6⁰⁰ • Family - \$25⁰⁰

BACKUS PERFORMING ARTS SERIES

7:00 PM – BACKUS AUDITORIUM

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25

Ragamala Dance "Sacred Earth" Indian Diaspora Dance

Single Admission Tickets

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- Falls Senior High School Graduate-1984
- Vermilion Community College Graduate- 1986 (A.A. Natural Resources Law Enforcement)
- Hibbing Community College Graduate- 1986 (Law Enforcement Skills Program)
- Hired Koochiching County Boat/ Water Patrol- Summer 1986/1987

- Hired Full-Time International Falls Police Dept.- 1991
- D.A.R.E. Officer, K-9 Officer with International Falls Police Dept.
- Past President LELS #105 Local Union
- Hired Chief Deputy with Koochiching County Sheriff's Office- 2007 (Successfully Investigated minor crimes to Murder)
- Appointed Sheriff Koochiching County- 2012
- Emergency Manager Koochiching County (Incident Commander of June 2014 flood operations)
- Graduate of the National Sherri's Institute- 2013
- Past President International Falls Little League
- Youth Hockey Coach- International Falls
- Recreation Football Coach- International Falls
- International Falls Little League Baseball and Softball Coach
- CEO'S in the classroom presenter- 8th grade classes
- Past Board Member of Friends Against Abuse and Sunrise Center
- 27 years Law Enforcement Experience

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