

# LOCALNEWS

## ROCKING THE VOTE



STAFF PHOTO BY SPENSER BICKETT  
**Bob Davidson votes during Minnesota's primary election Tuesday at Bob Walls Memorial Union Hall. Primary election results can be found in Saturday's edition of The Journal.**

## Northland Foundation funds KAO with grant

The Northland Foundation has awarded a \$40,000 grant to Koochiching Aging Options to support its services to Koochiching County's older adults and their families.

The grant, made possible in part with financial support from Essentia Health, is to be used over the next two years for general support of the organization and its mission to enhance the independence, dignity and health of the county's older residents.

"This is great news, not only for Koochiching Aging Options but also for programming aimed at older residents of the county," said Susan Congrave, chairman of the organization's board of directors.

Grant funds will help the organization deliver information and assistance to those facing the challenges of growing older along with their families and those planning for their later years. Funds will support such programs as the Koochiching Caregiver Consultant Program, Senior Companion Program, Senior Wheels and Groceries to You!.

"We are very pleased to be again a recipient of significant support from the Northland Foundation," said Douglas Skrief, executive director of Koochiching Aging Options. "The foundation's decision confirms our mission and the efforts we have made to serve the county. These funds allow us to do an even better job."

Created in 1986 by The McKnight Foundation, the Northland Foundation is a diverse organization involved in grant making, business lending, and a variety of other initiatives to assist the children, families, older adults, businesses, and communities of northeastern Minnesota. Since 1986, it has awarded more than 3,400 grants totaling over \$28 million to nonprofit organizations in the region.

Essentia Health is a long-time Northland Foundation partner in supporting the health and well being of children, youth, families, and older adults in northeastern Minnesota.

Koochiching Aging Options, which was incorporated in 2009, was also recently invited to participate in the capacity building Rural Aging Initiative of the Northland Foundation. To reach Koochiching Aging Options call 283-7030 or visit [KoochichingAgingOptions.org](http://KoochichingAgingOptions.org).

## DISTRICT COURT

The following people have been sentenced for aggravated misdemeanor or felony crimes in Koochiching County District Court.

**Travis P. Bright, 23,** International Falls, was sentenced June 20 for gross misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol.

He was sentenced to one year jail and \$4,125 fine and fees. All but 10 days jail and all the fine and fees were stayed on court conditions

and he was placed on two years supervised probation. He was ordered to serve 64 hours with the Sentence to Serve program and ordered to complete a chemical assessment. He was ordered not to consume or possess alcohol or drugs and may not enter places where it is being sold. He must submit to random tests and searches.

**Cody Christensen, 42,** International Falls, was sentenced July 21 for gross

misdemeanor game and fish violation — take, possess big game out of season.

He was sentenced to one year jail and \$3,700 fine and fees. The jail time and all but \$800 were stayed on court conditions and he was placed on three years probation. He may not hunt large or small game in Minnesota for five years.

**Jacob R. Joy, 23,** St. Cloud, was sentenced July 29 for gross misdemeanor

driving while intoxicated.

He was sentenced to one year jail and \$4,125 fine and fees. The jail time and all but \$2,125 were stayed on court conditions. He was ordered to provide 80 hours community service and to follow the recommendations of a chemical dependency evaluation. He was ordered not to use or possess alcohol and drugs and may not enter places where it is being sold.

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*Truck will be in the Parking Lot next to Family Dollar on Highway 53*

**June 11 | July 9 | August 13 • 5:00—7:00 PM**

Bring your bike, skateboard, inline roller skates ... and your family to

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- Summer Shakespeare
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- Yoga
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- Stories 6:00 pm
- Bike Adjustment
- Basketball

- Street Chess
- Disc Golf
- Street Puppets
- Unusual Wheels
- Bike Tune Ups
- Planking Contest
- And more!

**4:00-6:30 pm** Backus Community Market  
**5:00-6:00 pm** Healthy Meal is served at Backus Dining Room

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