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OfficeMax asks all recreationalists to avoid the Moonlight Rock landfill and use approved open public recreation areas instead. OfficeMax has posted “Private Property” signs along the property perimeter to indicate boundaries and help direct public access away from the closed landfill site.

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LOCALNEWS

DISTRICT COURT

The following people have recently been convicted of aggravated misdemeanor or



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felony crimes in Koochiching County District Court. The information is provided by court staff.

Olaf H. Beckman, 46, Cook, was sentenced Feb. 9 for felony theft by check.

He was sentenced to 25 months at the Minnesota Correctional Facility, St. Cloud, \$100 fine and fees and \$4,435 restitution.

Victor P. Reller, 21, Littlefork, was sentenced Feb. 9 for felony terroristic threats.

He was sentenced to 15 months at the Minnesota Correctional Facility, St. Cloud, and a \$75 fee. The prison time was stayed and he was ordered to serve 60 days jail. He was placed on supervised probation for seven years and must serve 80 hours with the Sentence to Serve program. He must follow recommendations of a domestic abuse evaluation and may have no contact with the victim. He must provide a DNA sample to the state and may not use alcohol or controlled substances. He may not enter bars or liquor stores or attend social gatherings where alcohol is being used or served. He must submit to random tests and searches.

Nicholas J.R. Anderson, 19, International Falls, was sentenced Feb. 9 for gross misdemeanor third-degree driving while impaired.

He was sentenced to one year jail and \$3,700 fine

and fees. All but 10 days and \$1,700 was stayed on court conditions and he was placed on three years probation to the court. He was ordered to serve 24 hours with the Sentence to Serve program and complete recommendations of an assessment. He was ordered not to consume alcohol or controlled substances and may not enter bars, liquor stores or social gatherings where alcohol is used or served. He must submit to random tests and searches.

Patrick B. Lucek, 45, International Falls, was sentenced Jan. 30 for gross misdemeanor interfere with an emergency call.

He was sentenced to pay \$3,100 fine and fees, with all but \$200 stayed on court conditions. He was placed on three years supervised probation and ordered to follow the recommendations of a domestic abuse evaluation and chemical assessment. He must submit to random tests and searches and serve 40 hours with the Sentence to Serve program.

Cody M. Cravens, 22, International Falls, was sentenced Feb. 9 for gross misdemeanor furnish alcohol to underage person.

He was sentenced to \$3,175 fine and fees, with all but \$325 stayed on court conditions. He was placed on two years supervised probation and ordered to serve 24 hours with the Sen-

tence to Serve program. He must complete a chemical assessment and may not use alcohol or controlled substance. He must submit to random tests and searches.

Raymond S. Porter Jr., 18, International Falls, was sentenced Feb. 9 to gross misdemeanor third-degree criminal damage to property.

He was given a stay of adjudication and placed on supervised probation for three years. He was sentenced to pay \$150 court fees and \$1,997 restitution. He was ordered to write a letter of apology to the victim. He must complete a program and serve 24 hours with the Sentence to Serve program.

Melissa L. Glowack, 34, International Falls, was sentenced Feb. 9 to gross misdemeanor third-degree driving under the influence.

She was sentenced to one year jail and \$3,200 fine and fees. All but 30 days and \$1,200 was stayed on court conditions and she was placed on three years supervised probation. She was ordered to follow the recommendations of a chemical assessment and may not consume alcohol or drugs or enter bars, liquor stores and gatherings where alcohol is served or consumed. She must serve 64 hours with the Sentence to Serve program and submit to random searches and tests.

FALSE ALARM



STAFF PHOTO BY LAUREL BEAGER

Firefighters searched Falls Elementary School at about 3 p.m. Wednesday after an alarm sounded as students were preparing to leave for the day. The Falls Fire Department and Falls Elementary School officials said the false alarm is likely being caused by faulty equipment. District Superintendent Kevin Grover said Thursday students were told to be prepared to leave school should the alarm again sound to allow officials to search for the malfunction. The cause of the alarm is still undetermined.

Average gas prices see largest increase since July 2013

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Average retail gasoline prices in Minnesota have risen 17 cents in the past week, averaging \$2.16 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,856 gas outlets in Minnesota. This compares with the national average that has increased 12.6 cents in the last week to \$2.17 per gallon, according to gasoline price website MinnesotaGasPrices.com.

Regular gas prices in International Falls, according to the site, ranged from \$2.07 to \$2.19 per gallon this week. Diesel fuel averaged \$2.89 per gallon, the site said.

Including the change in gas prices in Minnesota during the past week, prices Sunday were 105.6 cents per gallon lower compared to the same day one year ago and are 20.9 cents per gallon higher than a month ago. The national average has increased 1.7 cents per gallon during the last month

and stands 110.7 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago.

"This past week gasoline prices saw the largest weekly incline since July, 2013. While the pace of increases will slow in the week ahead, we're looking at continued gas price increases over the next few weeks," said Patrick DeHaan, senior petroleum analyst with GasBuddy. "Oil prices have risen, contributing to the higher prices, but also worrisome are the refinery strikes initiated over the last week that have oil companies scrambling to keep refineries online. Just yesterday, more strikes hit refineries in the Midwest, and while the strikes are not currently a contributor to higher gasoline prices, should there come a time when the strikes cause less production of refined fuels, motorists can expect spikes. But while gasoline prices have rebounded, diesel consumers have not seen the

massive spikes that their gasoline counterparts have. In fact, diesel prices will likely continue to slowly drift lower."

In the last week, the percentage of gas stations selling under \$2 per gallon has shrunk by a large margin: a week ago, more than half of all gas stations were under \$2 gallon, but now just 27 percent are selling under \$2 per gallon. Similarly, the number of stations charging over \$2.25 per gallon has risen from 17 percent a week ago to 31 percent currently.

GasBuddy.com is a tool to help motorists save money at the pump by collecting gas price data and displaying it on websites and on a free smartphone app that has been downloaded over 37 million times. The site operates MinnesotaGasPrices.com and more than 250 similar websites that track gasoline prices at more than 140,000 gasoline stations in the United States and Canada.