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Mr. Pete made a difference

The idea of ‘teaching outside the box’ was celebrated

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Almost 200 people came together Oct. 11 to support a teaching concept practiced by long-time International Falls teacher and coach Mike Peterson.

The idea of “teaching outside the box” and Peterson’s teaching legacy was celebrated at the first Mr. Pete Foundation Legacy Awards Dinner and Silent Auction.

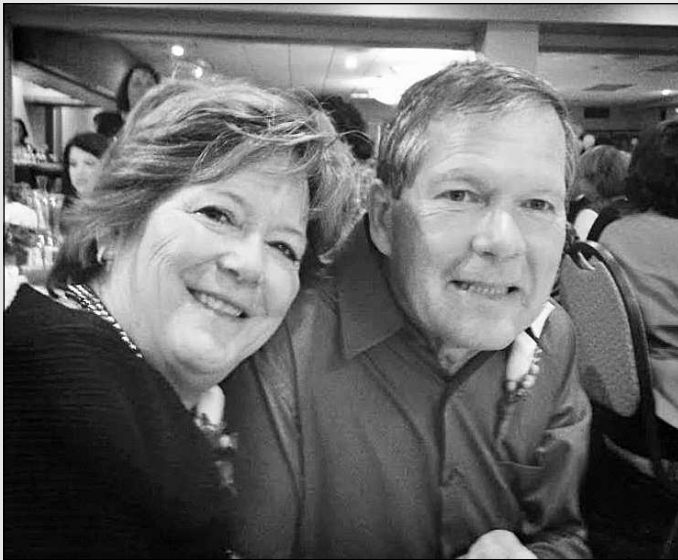
The foundation, launched in June, was established to provide grants for teachers who want to use innovative practices

in their classroom.

Peterson was named the first Legacy Award winner by the foundation. Peterson’s dedication to the profession of teaching and his ability to connect with students on a personal basis were noted as contributing to the legacy.

The evening began with a silent auction that featured more than 100 donated items ranging from paintings to children’s items, from hockey tickets and jerseys to a houseboat trip donated by Rainy Lake Houseboats.

More than \$10,000 in donations for the foundation were collected through the



Renee and Mike Peterson at the first Mr. Pete Foundation Legacy Awards Dinner and Silent Auction.

silent auction. Sponsorships from Boise Paper, Minnesota Power, Gopher Sport, and others, along with other activities at the auction, helped the evening tip the scale at more than \$20,000 in proceeds.

The evening included remarks by Falls Superintendent Kevin Grover; Melissa Andersen Kuskie,

a former student in Peterson’s fourth grade class; Gina Peterson Skopinski, Peterson’s youngest daughter; and host Kim Sundin Oppelt.

Fundraisers throughout the night included a wine grab and heads or tails game.

A feature of the evening was a tournament of “the



“Light game” tournament winners were all members of Peterson’s 1988-89 fourth grade class: Melissa Andersen Kuskie, Molly Johnson Pavleck, Jason McBride and Angela Anderson Noyes.

light game,” a frequently-played math game in Peterson’s classes.

Skopinski concluded the awards ceremony with a message to her father.

“You are our hero,” she said. “You always have been and you always will be. We are overflowing with pride for your legacy and the person you have

always been on the inside and we hope you go to bed tonight knowing, without a shadow of a doubt, that you made a difference.”

The Mr. Pete Foundation, co-founded by Oppelt and Skopinski, is now accepting applications for funding. Teachers may apply for grants at www.mrpETFoundation.org.

EDUCATION BRIEFS

Blair member of BSU golf team

Kelly Blair, International Falls, is a member of the Bemidji State University women’s golf team for the 2014-2015 season.

She is a junior majoring in elementary education.

Local students in BSU Honors Program

Judah Chezick, International Falls, and Tyler House, Ray, are among students enrolled in the Bemidji State University Honors Program.

The program provides students a supportive, intellectually challenging environment that features team-taught interdisciplinary courses in a dynamic, rigorous curriculum, according to a release.

A senior, Chezick’s major is business administration and House, a junior, is majoring in geography.

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PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Koochiching County Zoning Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be conducted by the Koochiching County Board of Commissioners relative to proposed amendments to the 1975 Koochiching County Zoning Ordinance.

The proposal is to eliminate verbiage in Section 4.52, Subsection (6), Parts (a), (b) and (c), pertaining to Quarrying, Mining and Gravel Operations that were in existence prior to the adoption of the ordinance in 1975.

The Public Hearing will be held in the Koochiching County Board Room, Koochiching County Courthouse, 715 4th St., International Falls, MN 56649. Time and date of the hearing will be 11:00 a.m. on November 4, 2014.

For a copy of the existing verbiage contact the Koochiching County Environmental Services Department in the Koochiching County Courthouse. Anyone unable to attend the Hearing may submit written comments to the above mentioned office until 4:00 p.m. on November 3, 2014.

For more information please contact Environmental Services at 218-283-1157.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Koochiching County

Canister site Attendant service

Koochiching County is seeking proposals for Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Canister Site attendants for the County’s rural canister sites. The following canister sites are available for bid. The canister site bids are for a two year duration.

Big Falls	Birchdale
Littlefork	Loman
Mizpah	Ray
Silverdale	

Sealed proposals will be accepted at the Koochiching County Auditor’s Office until 4:30 p.m. November 14, 2014. Submitted RFP’s must be labeled “Canister Site Attendant Proposal”.

For a complete “Request for Proposal” packet, please contact the Koochiching County Environmental Services Department located in the County Courthouse or call 218-283-1157.

ENDORSED BY KOOCHICHING COUNTY LABOR ASSEMBLY

- 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 Sherrif’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
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Sat.	Cinnamon Swirl French Toast with ham & eggs
Sun.	Blueberry Cream Cheese Crepes with eggs & ham

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