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Bait shop reports
Laura Besch, manager of Rainy Lake One Stop and The Loon's Nest, said Saturday's warm, sunny weather did the stores' business a favor.

"The weather got people out and moving," she said. While bait sales were "decent," Besch said she heard few reports of fish being caught.

"I think a lot of people were doing some dock fishing," she said. "Sales were pretty equal to what we experienced on last year's opener."

Still, the weekend is good practice for the upcoming busy season.

"It helps us get our feet wet and prepare for the summer," she concluded.

South of the Falls, Phil Hart, owner of The Gateway Store in Kabetogama, echoed some of Besch's comments.

"There was enough fishable water, people just had to be creative," he said.

Thursday's wind and rain drove chunks of ice into

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Kevin Peterson
DNR fisheries supervisor

a few of the area's more popular landings, causing them to close until Sunday or Monday.

"Some of the main ramps were iced in," he said. "A lot of people were fishing off the docks and shorelines, and I hear they did quite well."

The store's business was about two-thirds of what it should have been opening weekend, Hart said, adding bait sales also fell short.

"We were expecting business to be down," he said. "We did sell a lot of accessories and our sale numbers were pretty damn good."

Regardless of iced-in ramps and slower sales, Hart said Saturday's weather couldn't damper anyone's mood.

"When it's 70 degrees and sunny, you can't help but be

in a good mood," he said. 2014 at a glance

Judging from the Department of Natural Resource's fish monitoring efforts, Peterson said he anticipates 2014 to be a good for angling success on Rainy Lake.

"The walleye population is strong," he said. "There are a lot fish of different sizes to be caught. Anglers will have no problem catching keeping-sized fish for a meal, as well as bigger fish in the protected slot."

Right now, anglers are likely to have the best luck in some of Rainy Lake's open bays or anywhere with a current.

"The walleyes are in the midst of their annual spawning run right now," Peterson explained. "They aren't going to be found far from their spawning areas. Rivers that flow into Rainy, rocky shorelines, and Black Bay are all excellent spots for early spring fishing for a number of species."

Overall, Peterson said he predicts this season will receive two thumbs up for its fishing.

"Fishing is always good," he said. "It's the catching that varies from day to day."

COUNTY

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Commissioner Wayne Skoe represents District 5, which includes Big Falls. He said citizens were telling him the creation of the new taxing district was "a bitter pill to swallow," but seemed to accept it was going to be passed.

With some residents falling into both taxing districts, Skoe said a rebate plan like the one Pavleck proposed would make it easier on his constituents. Skoe said he also wanted to confirm that the amount of the loan can't increase in the future, and that the resolution contains language saying the district will dissolve in 10 years.

Koochiching County Administration Director Teresa Briggs said the process for dissolving a taxing district involves actions a county board needs to take

in the future that can't be included in the original resolution.

"Those are the steps to dissolve it, so we can't actually state in here that it's dissolved, because you have to follow the law in order to dissolve," Briggs said.

Briggs said the resolution can state the intent to dissolve the taxing district, however, steps must be taken in the future to dissolve it.

The resolution needs to be passed in order to pay for the critical improvements at the LMC, Pavleck said. However, the people living in both taxing districts should know the county board is looking to provide them with some relief, he said.

"If we're going to pass this resolution, I would like those people to at least know we're looking at some way to give them relief from being double taxed," Pavleck said.

In other business, the board approved a resolution containing the plan to combine the county Department of Health and Department of Community Services into a single county Department of Health and Human Services.

The new position of Health and Human Services director will be filled by current Community Services Director Terry Murray, and the position of public health supervisor will be filled by current Public Health Supervisor Nancy Lee.

LOOKINGBACK

25 YEARS AGO

Todd Arthur Ojala, son of Arthur and Loretta Ojala of 112 Riverview Blvd., was named to the University of Minnesota's College of Liberal Arts dean's list.

Falls Mayor Jack Murray will throw out the first ball to officially launch the 1989 Falls Little League schedule Monday night. Falls native Jerry Jensen has put in some long hours over the past 12 months in an effort to form a Little League organization in the Falls.

40 YEARS AGO

The International Falls School Board recently accepted the resignations of elementary teachers Marguerite Johnson and Mabel Anderson.

Private First Class Lawrence L'Heureux, 19, son of Mr. and Mrs. William L. L'Heureux of the Falls, was recently home on leave prior to his assignment with

the United States Army in Europe.

SN Dennis E. Jonson, his wife, Rhonda, and infant son, Chad Allan, left to return to Charleston, S.C., where he is stationed and serving aboard the nuclear submarine, the USS Sand Lavea.

50 YEARS AGO

Miss Janet Gail Nyberg, 1623 Second Ave., a junior student at Wheaton College, Illinois, is among the 120 students who are participating in geology field trips to the Wisconsin Dells.

A girl was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Brackin; 7 pounds, 4 1/2 ounces, Dawn Lynette.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Shortreed, 1124 Second St. E., Fort Frances, announce the engagement of their eldest daughter, Darlene Lorraine, to Leonard Brian Tomczak, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Tomczak of

South International Falls.

Eugene Kjellgren has been hired to teach junior high school science.

60 YEARS AGO

Jim Glowack is captain-elect of the 1954 Bronco grid team.

A daughter was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Heikkala, 1214 Main Ave.; weight, 6 pounds, 8 ounces.

New officers of Brownie Troop 158 are: President, Vickie Constantine; secretary, Mary Lou Graves; treasurer, Ina Mae Hall; scribe, Karla Harrison.

Mrs. Clarence Aasen was honored at a stork shower at the John Aasen home, 616 Seventh St.

70 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Tom Wagness has returned from the cities with a complete line of blooming plants for Mother's Day. She is located at the Sam Gilbertson Root house.

RELAY

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"I got something called a port in my chest...it was something that I could eat and drink out of," he said. "I was in the hospital for about one year when I finally got better and wasn't sick anymore."

Tate said she wanted to have children who were cancer survivors speak to students to show them cancer can happen to anyone at any age.

"Hearing Katie Briggs and Trygg Hemstad speak to the students was very moving," she said. "I think it is important that (students) are able to identify with someone their same age and able to

make a connection with students their age."

In addition, the principal said she felt it was important to get students involved with the event and hear real-life stories because of the education and awareness about cancer it brings.

"Cancer doesn't discriminate in who or when it bares it's ugly head," she said. "The more aware and knowledgeable that we can make students the more powerful they can be if they're ever put in that situation — whether it is dealing with a personal diagnosis or someone who has been diagnosed that is close to them."

Throughout the week, students competed

against other classes in a penny war to see what class could raise the most money. They were also given the option to wear a hat in exchange for a \$1 donation. Throughout the week, Tate said the group raised \$2,811 in the fight against cancer.

"The event was both humbling and inspiring," Tate concluded. "I felt very proud of the students that they had raised that much money in just a week. I also was happy to see the community coming in to support us in our effort to give back...We have had many positive comments within the community regarding the event. We plan to make this an annual event."

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