

LIFESTYLES

SHARE YOUR STORY

The Journal welcomes ideas for stories about people in our community who have gotten married, graduated, joined the military, etc.

Call the Journal at 285-7411

Share dreams, passions at the library

It is the middle of Teen Tech Week and we have a challenge for you (and not just the teens). You can do it! Don't just be a consumer of digital content, create your own content and share it with the world. Create and share with the library community (via our blog or Facebook page) your creations.

Each creation you share on our Facebook (International Falls Public Library) page, blog, email to us or fill out entry form in library, will be entered into a contest for prizes. We have gift certificates to Kmart, Coffee Landing Cafe, Espresso Lane and Ben Franklin along with a solar robot kit. All Tech Week challenge entries are due by Monday, March 17. Let the library help you explore a variety of tools that can allow you to both consume and create.

I am posting suggestions for tools and things to



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@ YOUR LIBRARY

create on our website, blog and Facebook page each day this week. Check one of those places for a new tool or creation idea each day. Join the fun and contribute your piece to the world.

The St. Paul City Librarian Kit Hadley recently wrote an editorial for the Star Tribune in which she talked about the library today and how it has never really been about the books or even information, but about learning. My favorite part

of the editorial is: "The point of access to books and information, after all, is not access per se; it is what we do with information that helps us learn, create, prosper, self-govern and have fun. Our basic service is not books or information access, but rather learning, discovery and exchange. Your public library is the center of your community's learning network."

The International Falls Public Library wants to be part of your learning network, so whether you are a student at a physical school, learning online, want to tackle a new hobby or just want to figure out how to repair your snowmobile, we want to help. Come share your dreams and passions with us or let us help you discover a new dream.

Several people have been quoted as saying "the day you stop learning is the day you begin dying." So learn

something new today and figure out something to learn tomorrow.

We are also interested in hearing from people interested and willing to share their passions with others. Do you love to carve? Do you love to garden? Do you tie flies? Are you willing to share your knowledge and secrets with others? Come talk with us and we'd love to set up a time when people can come and learn something new from someone else, whatever the thing is. Let's create the best community we can, sharing our skills with one another.

Library hours are Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Wednesday, noon to 8; Thursday and Friday, 10 to 6; and Saturday, 10 to 3. Junior Room hours are Monday, Thursday and Friday, 10 to 6; Tuesday, 10 to 8; Wednesday, noon to 6; and Saturday, 10 to 3.

PET OF THE WEEK



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Note from the foster parent: I am the lucky guy who is fostering "Mickey." He was formerly known as "Maverick" but that name did not suit his personality at all. He just wants to please. Totally housebroken and knows the difference between a chew toy and what is off limits. Tons of energy but is really becoming very good in the house. A little prone to jumping up but he is still a pup and figuring it out. Knows "come" and "sit" and we are working on "stay" and

"down." He is really smart. If you are active, this is one great dog. Leash manners are coming along. Still pulling when we first start off, see another dog or something that is highly smellable, but it is definitely improving. Will work on loose leash walking before we get to "heel." Neutered and up-to-date on shots. Ready to go.

For more information, visit the website at www.borderlandhumanesociety.org or call 218-324-2313 or 283-9276.

ABOUT LOCAL FOLKS

Bokovoy named 2013 Civil Servant of the Year

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

A former International Falls resident, Angela Bokovoy, loan specialist in Baxter, has been selected as the 2013 Civil Servant of the Year for the United States Department of Agriculture Rural Development of Minnesota.

Bokovoy will be honored and recognized at the 37th Annual Federal Civil Servants of the Year Luncheon May 2 at the Crown Plaza Hotel, St. Paul.

According to a news release, "Bokovoy started her career in 2004 at the Department of Veterans Affairs. She joined USDA Rural Development in 2007 as a loan specialist in Single Family Housing programs.

Bokovoy exemplifies what it means to be a true civil servant. In 2013, her work ethic and abilities resulted in about 450 loans and grants being made to low-income households across the state.

Bokovoy is a team player

who goes out of her way to assist coworkers, and she is committed to community outreach. She did outstanding work marketing Rural Development housing programs by participating in Home Buyer Education classes, meeting with partners, and representing the agency at outreach events.

Her outreach efforts were particularly effective in reaching groups traditionally underserved by federal housing programs. Bokovoy's USDA peers and rural Minnesotans are lucky to have her."

Bokovoy, the daughter of Mike and Jill Katrin of the Falls, graduated from Falls High School in 2000, Rainy River Community College in 2001 and Minnesota State-Mankato in 2003.

She is married to Dan Bokovoy, a 1999 graduate of FHS and son of Lamont and JoAnn Bokovoy of the Falls.

The Bokovoy's reside and work in Bemidji, and have two daughters — Abby, 4 years old, and Emma, 2,



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RLMC Auxiliary meets

BY MARGUERITE DAVISON

President Sonia Wegge presided at the March 4 meeting of the Rainy Lake Medical Center Auxiliary. She led in the prayer for hospital auxiliaries.

Hospital liaison Kelly Millerbernd was present and gave her report.

The Feb. 27 sloppy joe feed was very successful and well received. Proceeds from the event will be used to benefit a high school student who will be entering a health-related field of study. Applications are available at the high school.

Gift shop chairperson Helen Billig reported that many new items, including angel pins, scarves, and spring items, have been received at the shop.

Legislative Days is April 9 at the Capitol.

Arrangements are being made for the annual spring luncheon to take place in April. The community baby shower is planned for May.

Attendance prizes were awarded to Carol Lagoo and Marguerite Davison.

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the auxiliary will be April 1 at the hospital campus.

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at the Viking Bar

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6-8 pm. Wed. Mar. 19

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AGENDA:

- Brainstorming: Name Our International Festival!
- Peace Pull Update
- Riverfest 2014 Update
- Dragon Boat Race Update
- Medical NAFTA- Exciting Efforts
- National Geographic/Heart of the Continent Project Update

RSVP:

INTERNATIONAL FALLS CHAMBER: 283-9400

FORT FRANCES CHAMBER: 274-5773

\$9 DINNER BUFFET: RSVP the Falls or Fort Chamber.

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