

# LOCALNEWS

## BRINGING DOWN THE HOUSE



STAFF PHOTO BY SPENSER BICKETT

A city of International Falls crew works to demolish a building near Eleventh Avenue and Sixth Street Friday. City Building Inspector Kelly Meyers said the building was demolished as part of a program the city offers in which residents can apply to have their buildings demolished for free. Meyers said the city demolished 25-26 buildings this year as part of the program. People can still apply to have their buildings demolished, he said, by filling out an application through the city.

## Report: Minnesota gas prices see largest drop

### JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

Average retail gasoline prices in Minnesota have fallen 12.9 cents per gallon in the past week, averaging \$3.02 per gallon Sunday, according to GasBuddy's daily survey of 2,856 gas outlets in Minnesota. This compares with the national average that has fallen 6 cents per gallon in the last week to \$3.21 per gallon, according to gasoline price website GasBuddy.com. MinnesotaGasPrices.com reported prices Monday ranging from \$2.91 per gallon to \$2.99 per gallon at International Falls stations. Including the change in gas prices in Minnesota during the past week, prices Sunday were 27.8 cents per gallon lower than the same day one year ago and

are 25.4 cents per gallon lower than a month ago. The national average has decreased 18 cents per gallon during the last month and stands 12.8 cents per gallon lower than this day one year ago, said GasBuddy.com. "What an impressive week it has been for watching the decline in gasoline prices across the country," said GasBuddy.com analyst Patrick DeHaan. "I don't think I've seen such big drops in retail prices collectively since the recession of 2009. Last week, every single state saw its average gas price decline. The smallest decline in state averages in the lower 48 states was a 5-cent decline in West Virginia. You know... its been a pretty good week when you can say the smallest average state decline was a nickel in a week."

Meanwhile, the largest drop was in Minnesota's average, which saw a 16-cent decline. "Perhaps most incredibly, the number of stations in the U.S. selling under \$3 per gallon amounted to almost 25 percent of all stations (Sunday)," said DeHaan in a release. "Last Monday, that number was just 6.6 percent. That means currently 30,000 gas stations in the U.S. are charging less than \$3 per gallon. And perhaps the best news for motorists is that we have more decreases coming — some states could see their lowest prices since late 2010 over the next month." GasBuddy operates MinnesotaGasPrices.com and over 250 similar websites that track gasoline prices at over 140,000 gasoline stations in the United States and Canada.

## DISTRICT COURT

The following people have been sentenced for aggravated misdemeanor or felony crimes in Koochiching County District Court. The information is provided to The Journal by court staff. **Billie J. Severt**, 30, International Falls, was sentenced Oct. 2 for felony second degree drugs — sale — cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine within 90-day period. She was sentenced to 57 months at the Minnesota Correctional Facility, St. Cloud, which was stayed on court conditions. She was ordered to serve 30 days jail and pay \$650 fine and fees. She was placed on five years supervised probation and ordered not to use alcohol or drugs and may not enter bars or liquor stores, or attend social gatherings where alcohol is being served or used. She may have no contact with people associated with illegal drugs or using alcohol. She must submit to random tests and searches. **Peter M. Scanlan**, 53, Northome, was sentenced Sept. 29 for gross misdemeanor driving while intoxicated — refuse to submit to test. He was sentenced to one year jail and \$3,125 fine and fees. All but \$1,000 and 10 days were stayed on court conditions and he was placed on three years probation to the court. He must follow the recommendations of an assessment and may not use alcohol or enter places where it is sold. He must submit to random tests. **Samuel Zherdetsky**, 28, Minnetonka, was sentenced Sept. 29 for gross misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to one

year jail and \$1,525 fine and fees. All but 10 days and \$625 were stayed on court conditions and he was placed on two years probation to the court. He was ordered to follow the recommendations of an evaluation and may not use alcohol or drugs or enter places where it is being sold. He must serve 40 hours community work service. **Steven Bassett**, 51, Littlefork, was sentenced Sept. 29 for gross misdemeanor game and fish — hunting, transport illegal big game. He was sentenced to one year jail and \$250 fine and fees. The jail time and all but \$150 were stayed on court conditions and he was placed on three years probation to the court. He was ordered to serve 32 hours community work service. **Lisa A. Andrusco**, 51, International Falls, was sentenced Sept. 29 for gross misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. She was sentenced to one year jail and \$3,700 fine and fees. All but 20 days and \$750 were stayed on court conditions and she was placed on three years supervised probation. She was ordered to complete aftercare program and may not use drugs or alcohol or enter places where it is sold or used. **Bruce W. Hanson**, 64, International Falls, was sentenced Sept. 8 for gross misdemeanor driving while intoxicated — refuse to submit to test. He was sentenced to 60 days jail and \$3,125 fine and fees. All but \$1,325 was stayed on court conditions and he was placed on three years supervised probation. He was ordered to serve 80 hours with the Sentence to Serve program and must submit to random tests and searches. He must complete

a chemical assessment and may not use alcohol or drugs and may not enter bars or liquor stores. **David L. Osse**, 29, International Falls, was sentenced Aug. 11 for gross misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to one year jail and placed on two years supervised probation. All but 30 days of the jail time was stayed on court conditions. **Trace F. Bartlett**, 41, International Falls, was sentenced Oct. 7 for gross misdemeanor driving while intoxicated — refuse to submit to test. He was sentenced to one year jail and \$3,125 fine and fees. All but 90 days jail and \$1,325 was stayed on court conditions and he was placed on three years supervised probation. The jail time is to be served concurrent with time served in St. Louis County. He was ordered to serve 120 hours community work service and may not enter bars, liquor stores, or social gatherings where alcohol is served or consumed and may not use alcohol or drugs. He must submit to random tests and searches and complete a chemical assessment. **Brian R. Vondrka**, 50, Birchdale, was sentenced Sept. 29 for gross misdemeanor driving while intoxicated. He was sentenced to 90 days jail and \$1,375 fine and fees. The jail time and all but \$625 was stayed on court conditions and he was placed on one year supervised probation. He was ordered to complete aftercare and may not use alcohol or enter bars or liquor stores. He must submit to random tests and serve 32 hours community work service.

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GET OUT  
YOUR PLAIDS.

The Logging Camp  
Christmas Fundraiser for  
Koochiching Aging Options  
is coming December 5.

SAVE THE DATE!

Koochiching  
Aging Options

**Borderland's Favorite Pizza**  
**THE BIGGEST BURGERS AROUND**  
**283-2222**  
*Or Try Other Foods on Our Full Menu!*  
*Chamber Dollars Gladly Accepted Here!*

**LIVE MUSIC ON SUNDAYS** 4:30 to 8:30 p.m.  
with Patty O'Porter  
**Texas Holdem Thurs., Fri & Sat Nights!**

**BORDER BAR PIZZA PARLOR**  
283-2222 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave. & 5<sup>th</sup> St. • I. Falls  
Mon-Thur 11am-10pm • Fri & Sat 11am-11pm • Sun 11am-9pm

# Happy Birthday

October 17<sup>th</sup>  
Scott Lindvall

# Welcome Ruby

9-22-14

Proud parents  
Mike and Emily Gedde

Proud big sister  
Rena

# Fall Fashion Sale

**Pick-A-Leaf Discounts**  
**15%, 20% or 25% SAVINGS!**

Silver JEANS CO. • Izod • Royal Robbins  
Erin London • Savane • Multiples  
Unionbay • Buffalo • Haggar • Karissa & Me  
& many new brands!

**October 15 • 16 • 17 • 18**

Includes Clearance Items!!  
Take more off the sale price.

Mason's on Main

STOREWIDE SALE!

339 3rd St. Int'l Falls, MN  
283-9750

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# The Community Cancer Walk

## Thanks You

# For Your Awesome Support Of The Gas Card Program

## It Is Greatly Appreciated!

**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 Sherri'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- 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes
- Past Board Member of Friends Against Abuse and Sunrise Center
- 27 years Law Enforcement Experience

VOTE NOV. 4th!

ELECT

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**BRIAN JESPERSEN**  
KOOCHICHING COUNTY SHERIFF  
Paid for by the committee to keep Brian Jespersen Sheriff  
Teresa Waller Treasurer