

EDUCATION

FACS students take field trip

FHS REPORT

Falls High School eighth grade Family and Consumer Science classes, taught by Marva Fairchild, took a recent field trip to Top That! by Loni, a business owned by Loni Bright.

Bright demonstrated various projects she works on for customers, including boat covers, cushions, as well as upholstering furniture, by using heavy duty sewing machines that sew through canvas and leather.

Bright explained to students how to find the best quality vinyl and leathers, demonstrated how she develops project patterns, and how the industrial sewing machines work. She showed students many examples of the variety of projects she has done.

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Pictured with Loni Bright at the sewing machine are students from one of the Family and Consumer Science classes.

she designed various costumes for Smokey Bear, as well as other projects she

has accomplished at her business.

Bright's business, which

started in her home, is now located in the Rainy Lake One Stop building.

Student participates in spring break trip

International Falls resident Madeline Kennedy spent spring break serving others through James Madison University's Alternative Spring Break Program.

Kennedy, a junior anthropology major, traveled to Quetzaltenango, Guatemala to volunteer with Entremundos.

The student-led ASB trips took place March 7-14. Each trip focused on a social issue, such as homelessness, resettlement, environmentalism or community wellness, in a specific region.

Almost 300 students embarked on 23 spring break trips around the country

and world. The students spent the week living simply, focused on service in their destination community but also on teamwork and reflection within their group.

Entremundos, or “between worlds,” is a non-profit grassroots organization that connects local

non-profits with volunteer groups. JMU students worked on projects focused on reforestation, stove building for Mayan families and playground building.

For information about JMU's award winning Alternative Break Program, visit www.jmu.edu/abn.

Scholastic Book Fair a success at Indus

INDUS SCHOOL REPORT

During March 16-20, the Indus Scholastic Book Fair was happening. The spring theme was "Book Fair Under the Sea: Explore an Ocean of Books," featuring ocean-themed decorations, including a shark photo booth.

Many parents and grandparents visited the book fair during various events held during the week, including the Grand Event (Grandparents' Day) March 17. Grandparents were also treated to lunch, a PBIS Rally, Accelerated Reader and Active Schools presentations, and classroom visits.

The Scholastic Book Fair

is held twice annually to raise money and to encourage students and their families to read.

Janet Hasbargen, library aide, explained, "With the money we raise from the book fair, we are able to purchase books for the school library. Having access to a variety of new books motivates students to read more. Any money raised by the book fair, I would call a success."

And a success it was. The book fair was held in the library and was open extended hours during the week for after school events.

Books sold at the book fair ranged from preschool to around an eighth grade



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Gracie, Tessa and Brea Hasbargen, along with grandparents Joe and Mary Fults, have fun with Clark the Shark on Grandparents' Day at Indus School.

level. There were also bookmarks, giant pencils, “puppet on a stick,” posters, and

much more. People also took pictures with a photo prop of Clark the Shark.

Community Working

Community Forums and Open House.

Community pride. Community energy. Community vision. Come be part of it. Join RLMC CEO Dan Odegaard and Board Chair Susan Congrave for one of two Community Forums. They'll update you on all things RLMC and take Q&A. And please join us for an Open House as we cut the ribbon and celebrate the opening of our beautiful new state-of-the-art clinic.

Community Forum

Tuesday, April 7th
In the Backus Community Center, Rooms 101 & 102
Session 1: 10:00 am – 11:00 am | Session 2: 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm
Refreshments will be served

Open House

Thursday, April 9th
At the new Rainy Lake Clinic
2:00 pm (Ribbon Cutting) – 7:00 pm
Refreshments and snacks, giveaways, tours, and meet the providers

