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October: The termination of one-third of the Boise Inc. paper mill's workforce was completed last week as the company shut down I2 and I4 paper machines and the off-machine coater.

Another year in the books: 2013 in review

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

JANUARY

■ Carl Muggli, accused of using a 17-foot totem pole to kill his wife, Linda Muggli, on Nov. 26, 2010, pleads guilty to unintentional murder charges.

■ Local mushers compete in first-ever Gichigami Express. Keith Aili, of Ray, takes third in the event.

■ Good Samaritan Society – International Falls, counts down to opening of new facility on Keenan Drive.

■ The Travel Channel's "Edge of America" program makes its way to International Falls to film Icebox Days festivities.

■ Carl Muggli is sentenced to 15 years in prison, the maximum penalty under sentencing guidelines for felony second-degree unintentional murder.

FEBRUARY

■ The U.S. Postal Service announces it will eliminate Saturday mail as a cost-saving effort.

■ The International Falls City Council rejects a request for an off-sale liquor license by Super One Foods Liquor, doing business as County Market Liquor.

■ After seven months, Falls Superintendent Nurdy Nelson announces resignation.

■ Organizers deem the Rainy Lake Sportfishing Club's

28th annual Family Ice Fishing Derby and Raffle a success.

MARCH

■ Boise Inc., International Falls' largest private employer, announces record annual sales for 2012 at \$2.56 billion.

■ After three deployments, Rodney Spry returns home to his family.

■ Rainy Lake Medical Center and Essentia Health continue discussing full integration.

■ The International Falls Economic Development Authority approves final documents to close on the \$179,159 purchase of 77 acres from Boise Inc. along Koochiching County Highway 155.

■ The International Falls Council reverses its decision and approves an off-sale liquor license request by Super One Foods Liquor, doing business as County Market Liquor.

APRIL

■ International Falls falls short of earning The Weather Channel's "Toughest Weather City." The Falls, for the second year in a row, lost to Fargo.

■ Two local businesses – Swanky Sweet Pea and Wagner Construction – receive prestigious Joel Labovitz Entrepreneurial Success Awards.

■ Punky Stadum is named The International Falls Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year.

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January: A semi-truck partially hangs from a truck dump at Boise Inc's chip plant on Minnesota Highway 11. Drivers are not in the cab of the truck when the vehicle is placed on the lift. Engineers were able to lower the ramp in order for a crane to remove the truck later the same night it slipped.

July: A group of the Multiple Sclerosis Society's The Ride Across Minnesota cyclists leave International Falls early Monday morning. The about 800 bikers traveled 81 miles through Littlefork to Orr during the first leg of the five-day trek.



June: Lindsey Goulet, a local Free Little Library steward, stocks the library at Ranier Community Building with books that she hopes will be enjoyed by everyone regardless of age.



City may seek more wetland credits

BY LAUREL BEAGER
Editor

The International Falls Economic Development Commission may seek additional wetland credits on property in Lake of the Woods County.

The EDA Commission Monday heard a report from consultant Dave Serrano, Arro of the North Surveying, about the costs involved in gaining the credits.

Serrano said it would cost the EDA less if he were pursuing two properties in Lake of the Woods County for credits at the same time. He said the process to complete the applications could be handled simultaneously, with the process expected to take about 18 months and from 30 to 40 hours of his time, at about \$100 per hour.

The EDA now has a purchase agreement for property located in Lake of the Woods County, which could provide 35 credits.

In addition, city officials are considering purchasing 360 acres in LofW County that would provide an additional 45 credits. The property is now owned by Molpus Timber Management and could cost \$190,000 to \$200,000, Commissioner Bob Anderson said at an earlier meeting.

Wetland to A5 ➤

Two new laws increase awareness

New laws involve chemical spills, radon testing

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Two laws approved during the 2013 legislative session that take effect Wednesday could provide more information to Borderland area residents.

Summaries of all laws passed by the 2013 Legislature are available online from nonpartisan House Public Information Services at <http://www.house.mn/hinfo/Newlaws2013-0.asp>.

After Wednesday, a new law will increase local community awareness of chemical spills.

Now, the state emergency response center or a firefighting or law enforcement organization must be notified when a reportable quantity of a hazardous or extremely hazardous substance is released or spilled. There is no requirement to notify local jurisdictions.

A new law, sponsored by Rep. Dan Schoen, DFL-St. Paul Park,

Laws to A5 ➤