

LOCALNEWS

Food drive drives donations

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Two local organizations took part in a month-long statewide food drive to restock almost 300 food shelves across Minnesota. Border State Bank and the Falls Hunger Coalition both served as drop-off points for Minnesota FoodShare's March Campaign, which involves thousands of community groups, schools, companies, and congregations running local food drives to aid in the cause. Border State Bank's theme for the food drive was "Be the hero, fight hunger," which it's used the past two years, marketing director Allison Harder said. This food drive is just one of multiple fundraisers the bank participates in during the year, but this particular fundraiser is "one of their babies," she said. Falls Hunger Coalition Executive Director Nancy Anderson said it set a goal of 50,000 combined pounds of food and dollars of donations. As of Thursday, its collected 3,505 pounds of

food and \$32,100 in donations, she said, but have yet to receive the donations from local partners like Border State Bank. The campaign runs through April 3, so there's still time left to give, she said. Donating food or money during the March campaign is important, Anderson said, because it directly relates to the funding the coalition receives from Minnesota FoodShare. It's not a direct match, she said, but the more raised, the larger the portion of the Minnesota FoodShare funding it receives. "We work hard throughout the year to get donations, but there's a big push in March," she said. Solicited donations like grants don't count toward the Falls Hunger Coalition's March total, Anderson said. But one reason the group's money donations are so high is thanks to an unexpected donation. Sen. Tom Bakk's December "Stock the Shelves" fundraiser in St. Paul raised money for Arrowhead Region foodshelves and the coalition's check for

a little more than \$10,000 from the event came this month, she said. "We were fortunate that check just happened to come this month," Anderson said. "Normally it's neck and neck, but this year we got a wonderful boost." With food shelf use rising and overall donations on the decline, Anderson said this March campaign is a big push gong into the summer, when people become more busy and may not donate as much. "Everything we raise stays here, all the funding and food stays here," she said. "We serve the whole county." Serving the whole county means distributing more than 11,000 pounds of food every month, Anderson said. The number of people the food shelf serves varies depends on the month, she said, but ranges between 190-250 people. "We're always very grateful to be able to say we're a community organization, with neighbor helping neighbor," Anderson said.

LENDING A HAND



STAFF PHOTO

International Falls residents traveling the downtown area Wednesday may have wondered why the city's bucket truck was working on a sign at Border Bar, as passersby reported to The Journal. City Street Commissioner Dennis Jonson said the city rents the truck to Kantor Electric when it cannot find another means to access signs, electric workings and lights. Jonson said the city charges Kantor Electric an hourly rate for use of the truck and the city only rents the truck to Kantor Electric.

Winter severity index is 172

JOURNAL STAFF REPORT

The winter severity index for the International Falls area was 172 on Wednesday, reports Larry Petersen, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources area wildlife manager in International Falls. It was 129 last year at this date, and 42 two years ago. The WSI was 161 last week, according to Petersen. The average WSI for this

date is about 112. Borderland's harshest winter in the mid 1990's had an index of 186 on this date. The snow depth is around 28-34 inches in the International Falls vicinity, reported Petersen. The winter severity index



Larry Petersen

is a standardized number the DNR uses when considering impacts of the winter on deer. It is calculated using temperature and snow depth in the period from Nov. 1 through April 30 or whenever winter ends. Every day the daily low temperature is zero or below is one point, and every day the snow depth is 15 inches or deeper in an open aspen woods is one point. The points are added each week until winter ends.

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• Milk
• Juice
• Fruit
And a choice of one of the following:
• Yogurt/Nutrigrain Bar
• Cereal/Nutrigrain/Toast
• Entree:
1st: Excellent Egg Taco w/Salsa, Yogurt Cup, Pineapple Chunks
2nd: Aloha Muffin Square, Cereal & Grapes
3rd: Star Spangled Pancakes, Sausage
4th: Bagel with Toppings, Fresh Orange
7th: Breakfast Pita w/Salsa, Hash Browns, Kiwi
8th: Cereal Bar, String Cheese, Citrus Fruit Cup
9th: French Toast Strips, Strawberries & Bananas
10th: Donut, Cheese, Fruit, Juice, Milk
11th: Donut, Cheese, Fruit, Juice, Milk
14th: Western Omelet Quesadilla w/Salsa, Potato Rounds, Fresh Pear
15th: Scrumptious Coffecake, Sunrise Smoothie, Graham Crackers
16th: Biscuit & Gravy, Apricots
17th: Oatmeal Breakfast Round, Banana
21st: Waffles w/Syrup, Sausage Links, Mandarin Oranges
22nd: Breakfast Sundae, Raisins
23rd: Breakfast Cheese Pizza, Fresh Mixed Fruit Cup
24th: Breakfast Bake w/Tomato Salsa, Toast, Fruit
25th: Pumpkin Chocolate Chip Muffin, Cereal, Orange
28th: Pancake on a Stick w/Syrup, Tri-Tater
29th: Quick Blueberry Bubble Bread, Sliced Peaches
30th: Biscuit Breakfast Sandwich, Rosy Applesauce
Offer-vs-Serve is designed to decrease plate waste and reduce food cost while maintain nutritional integrity of the lunch. Students are offered five required food items: meat/meat alternate, milk, grains/breads, fruits, vegetables. Students are required to select three of the five items with one of the items being either the fruit or vegetable component.

ISD 361—APRIL 2014
LUNCH MENU

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Lunch Prices Elementary \$2.00 Secondary \$2.10 Reduced \$40 Adult \$3.50	1 Pork Rib on a Bun w/ Lettuce & Tomato Tri-Tater Tots Green Beans Fresh Kiwi Apple Crisp Fruit Choice Milk	2 Lasagna Garden Spinach Salad Breadstick Apple Wedges Tomato Wedges Fruit Choice Milk	3 Baked Chicken Drumstick Savory Rice Corn Fresh Broccoli Roll Fruit Choice Milk	4 Sloppy Joe Tortilla Chips Sweet Potato Puffs Baked Beans Fresh Grapes Fruit Choice Milk
7 Chicken Wrap Romaine & Tomato Mix Spanish Rice Steamed Carrots Tropical Fruit Sauce Fruit Choice Milk	8 Pig in a Blanket Potato Wedges Broccoli w/Cheese Fresh Apple Jello Fruit Choice Milk	9 Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce Garden Spinach Salad Seasoned Peas (9-12) French Garlic Bread (9-12) Fresh Grapes Fruit Choice Milk	10 Taco Salad Tortilla Chips & Salsa Refried Beans Cinnamon Puff Pineapple Tidbits Fruit Choice Milk	11 Chicken & Noodles Mashed Potatoes Green Beans Wheat Roll & Jelly Orange Wedges Fruit Choice Milk
14 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes/Gravy Fresh Broccoli Wheat Roll & Jelly (6-12) Strawberries/Bananas Fruit Choice Milk	15 Hamburger on a Bun Lettuce & Tomato Sweet Potato Fries Fruit Cocktail Rice Krispy Bar Fruit Choice Milk	16 Macaroni & Cheese Meat Balls Seasoned Peas Fresh Baby Carrots Whole Wheat Bread & Jelly Apple Wedges	17 Baked Ham Two Potato Mash Green Beans Angel Biscuit & Jelly Fresh Kiwi Fruit Choice Milk	18 NO SCHOOL
21 Pepperoni Pizza Tossed Salad w/Romaine Garlic Bread Stick w/Marinara Sauce Fresh Banana Fruit Choice Milk	22 Hot Ham & Cheese On a Bun Potato Wedges Fresh Broccoli Fresh Grapes Chocolate Chip Cookie	23 Taco Burger on Bun Lettuce & Tomato Refried Beans Black Bean & Corn Salsa w/ Tortilla Chips Sliced Pears Fruit Choice Milk	24 Italian Pasta Bake Green pepper Strips & Fresh Baby Carrots Whole Wheat Bread & Jelly (9-12) Applesauce Brownie Fruit Choice Milk	25 Chicken Pattie Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Green Beans Wheat Roll & Jelly Orange Wedges Fruit Choice Milk
28 Beef & Cheese Burrito Romaine & Tomato Mexican Corn Salsa & Tortilla Chips Apple Wedges Fruit Choice	29 Stromboli Garden Spinach Salad Fresh Carrots Fresh Strawberries Fruit Choice Milk	30 BBQ Beef on a Bun Sweet Potato Puffs Baked Beans Orange Smiles Oatmeal Cookie Fruit Choice Milk	DONUTS WITH DAD APRIL 10-11 7:15—8:30 A.M. FALLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COST: \$2.00	

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