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## CEO Report

*Good afternoon Member-Owners of North Itasca!*

I know I shouldn't have done it, but I caught myself yelling at a maple tree yesterday on my way home. There was one branch hanging toward Highway 38 that was bright ruby red. It's too early to start thinking about fall let alone winter. I'm crossing my fingers we have a nice, long fall this year. Time to get out and enjoy the beauty of the seasons and the last deep breath before ol' man winter comes back to town.

Our Board and I just got back from the Energy Issues Summit. This is one of my favorite meetings of the year. The content is always outstanding, and we are represented by almost every electrical cooperative across

Minnesota. This meeting is named perfectly, we talk about and learn about energy issues we are facing or will be facing soon. Minnesota Rural Electric Association arranges the content and presentations for us, and they do a great job.

Going to this meeting feels like you are at the base of a mountain, and you know the difficult days climbing are ahead of you. On the other hand, I was at a table filled with our directors, the large conference room was full of directors, CEOs, and staff from across Minnesota. We are not alone; we will climb this mountain together with the other 44 electric cooperatives from Minnesota.

We heard from energy professionals across



Brad Dolinski, CEO

industries while we were at the conference. Energy & Environmental Research Center's Chief Research Officer was there to tell us about the exciting work happening in North Dakota. These are the folks looking for the next big thing. They are looking to make huge leaps in energy while improving the environment. They work with and for all of us in the energy industry and are very close to home in Grand Forks.

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## Member Services Update

by Drew Francisco

*Hello again everyone!*

Summer is fading way too fast. I hope all of you have gotten out and enjoyed the amazing weather we have had. I have spent a lot of frustrating time on the golf course in my free time; not improving and can't wait to play again!

Over the last month I have been around the great areas North Itasca Electric serves, meeting and trying my best to help membership by providing insight on potential energy saving measures and preventative maintenance homeowners can add to the honey do list.

I thought it'd be a good idea to share some of the things I would be looking for if I were to come do an evaluation. In a perfect Member to p.2>



## Fall Round Up grant application deadline Sept. 30

Thanks to the generosity of the Members of North Itasca Electric Co-op., the Board of Trustees for Operation Round-Up will be able to distribute grants to various communities and organizations in the area. The deadline for grant applications is Friday, Sept. 30, 2024 at 3:30 p.m.

Each month, participating members

round up their electric bills to the next highest dollar amount. The extra cents are put in the North Itasca Electric Cooperative Community Trust which is headed by a volunteer community board separate from the cooperative. Twice a year this board meets and reviews applications for grants.

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## Spotlight on Resorts: Anchor Inn Resort



Heather and Monte Chapman

by Sally Sedgwick

The most amazing thing about owning a resort? The relationships you build, said Heather Chapman. "It's amazing how you become such good friends in one week; it's like hosting extended family."

"It's fun to be here with people who are on vacation, and we're part of that vacation," she added. Community support, said Heather, has also been wonderful.

Two years ago, Heather and her

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## Spotlight on Resorts: North Star Lake Resort



Ada, Mike, Rachael and Caden Felske

by Sally Sedgwick

Traveling south on the National Scenic Byway from Marcell, the clear waters and

forested shoreline of North Star Lake are an iconic sight. On the north end of the lake, those waters surround North Star Lake Resort on three sides.

This January the resort found new owners, Mike and Rachael Felske. Both Veterans, Mike with 20 years in the Army and Rachael with 12 years in the National Guard, they had decided to try a new lifestyle that they had thoroughly enjoyed as

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We got a splash of legal advice from Pemberton Law. When laws change at the Capitol, how does an employer get to the bottom of what needs to change? Thankfully we have the Energy Issues Summit and MREA. They help me to sort through the pile of information regarding employment law. Reading bills and eventually laws that are passed yearly can be daunting. Understanding the language of the bills can be right on the brink of frustrating. Pemberton is one of the firms that help to sort through the legal language; they deliver presentations to our group a couple times a year depending on

changes at the Capitol. I've seen them quite a bit in the past two years.

One large point of discussion centered around Net Metering. Net metering is used when Member-Owners have a generating system like wind or solar and sell energy back to the cooperative.

Net metering in Minnesota has been around for forty years. Minnesota was the first state to adopt net metering. Many things have changed in the past forty years. We need to look to improve and modernize the net metering laws at the Capitol. Without changes there is a cross subsidy that happens between those who invest in solar projects and those who have not. If our entire system is mandated to be 100% carbon free by 2040, we should not be paying more for one kilowatt vs another. We need to address the subsidy, so all members are treated equally.

These were just the subjects that happened before lunch on the first day. We were in meetings learning together and sharing our experiences for three days. Politics is always a big discussion during this meeting. We hear from political analysis experts, what they expect to see for energy policy and how the numbers suggest elections will turn out. I'm a firm believer, it's anyone's guess how elections will land. No matter how they end up, we look forward to getting to know our new Representatives on all sides of the aisle. Electrical Cooperatives were born in politics, we remain a voice for safe, reliable, affordable power for the Member-Owners we serve back home.

*By your side! Miigwech*

*Brad*

## Member Services

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world, purchasing and installing high efficiency equipment would be great! But it's not always possible with personal budget constraints or other aspects taking priority. Your home's energy efficiency can improve by doing some low to no cost maintenance.

The first place I look is up. What are the lighting sources? Are there LED lights installed in your home? What about the porch light you leave on like most of us do; is that LED?

For example, my porch light bulb was a 60-watt incandescent bulb left on for 24 hours a day because I'm forgetful. 60-watts in a 24-hour period is equal to 1.44 kilowatt-hours. If I leave my porch light on 24 hours a day for 7 days, my energy usage would go up by 10.08 kilowatt-hours. 10.08 multiplied by your energy rate (0.13) is equal to \$1.31. If I change that to a 7-watt LED bulb, in the same scenario I'd be spending \$0.15. Doesn't seem like much, but add 15 bulbs to that and your usage starts to climb without realizing it. Some of the newer bulbs are expensive, but we do offer rebates on bulbs when you change them out!

Another thing I am looking for is the condition of the furnace. It may be an older unit that runs great, but a few things can make your furnace run longer to meet your desired set point.

How often do you change your furnace filter? Is one time a year enough? Bigger homes with more air flow may need to be changed more frequently; add some pets to the mix and the filter gets dirty more often.

Another thing to look at is visible connections. There could be air loss around the duct work



Drew Francisco

needing some attention. Add some vent tape to keep air flow moving to the conditioned areas of the home. The outdoor condenser is often forgotten about but heavily relied on with the humid summer days. Keeping the coils clean, providing proper air flow, will keep the unit running more efficiently.

Refrigerator coils should also be cleaned. Grab a vacuum and get all the dust bunnies out of there; You might even find some hidden gems under there that your kids "lost."

We all want our homes to smell good. But have you ever thought about the usage your "fall colors" wax warmer is costing you to run? Most of the units have a 20-to-25-watt bulb inside to melt the wax; little amounts of usage add up!

As I've mentioned before, I am here to help. If you as members have any questions or want some input on anything related to energy efficiency, please reach out! I'm more than happy to help in any way possible.

I hope the next month brings more good weather and all of you get to enjoy it.

*Until next time!*

*Drew Francisco*

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# Highlights from the Board Room

NORTH ITASCA ELECTRIC CO-OP., INC.  
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING  
July 25, 2024

**Start time: 10:20 a.m.**

**End time: 12:12 p.m.**

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was held at the office and electronically through Zoom on July 25, 2024.

**Directors present:** J. White, W. Waller, L. Kongsjord, J. Kilian, T. Christensen, M. Rahier, T. Kallio, L. Salmela and R. Bain.

**Also Present:** CEO Brad Dolinski, Tina Danielson, Andy Shaw, Drew Francisco and Gina Vickerman.

**Absent:** Daryl Pederson.

**Start Regular Board Meeting: 10:21 a.m.**

- o Pledge of allegiance was recited.
- o A motion was made to adopt the agenda. Seconded; motion carried. A motion was made to consent agenda. Seconded; motion carried.
- o A safety discussion was held on how we need to allow extra time to let our vehicle windows clear before driving and also clean the inside to reduce glare.
- o Tina reviewed the June Operating Reports. A motion was made to accept the Operating Reports as they were presented. Seconded; motion passed.
- o A motion was made to approve an E3 loan. Seconded; motion passed. A motion was made to approve the termination of Crow Wing Cooperative with GRE. Seconded; motion carried.
- o Line Department report. 1st Aid and CPR training for everyone including the office on July 30, 2024. There are two Federal grant opportunities we've been working on. There have been 10 new services this month. ROW clearing is still in the Bowstring and Sand Lake areas. They will be starting County Rd 35 later this summer.
- o Drew gave his Members Service report. He met with members for home evaluations and met with 2 resorts and 1 business.
- o Tina gave the Office Report.
- o Brad gave the CEO report. He worked with CEDA to support them for a grant in Bigfork that would go towards an electric vehicle charger specifically for UTV/ATV use. Attending NRECA Region 5 & 6 meetings September 16th – 18th will be L. Salmela, M. Rahier, T. Christensen and B. Dolinski. He and L. Kongsjord attended the GRE planning session and transmission was a big discussion.
- Wes Waller gave the MREA report. He is amazed at the positive support the MREA building project is receiving.
- Lloyd gave the GRE report.
- A motion was made to adjourn. Seconded; motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 12:12 p.m.



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## LET'S TALK ENERGY TRANSITION

The Just Transition Taskforce will be hosting Community Town Halls to provide information about our work and gain valuable insights and ideas from members of six different communities in Itasca County about energy transition and what is being done to get prepared! We will host these sessions over two series of three townhalls.

### SEPTEMBER SERIES

- **Nashwauk City Hall**
  - o Sept. 25th, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM
- **Itasca County Family YMCA**
  - o Sept. 26th, 2024 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM
- **Deer River High School Commons**
  - o Sept. 26th, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

### OCTOBER SERIES

- **Cohasset Community Center**
  - o Oct. 15th, 2024 | 4:30 - 6:30 PM
- **Bigfork City Hall**
  - o Oct. 16th, 2024 | 12:00 - 2:00 PM
- **S.Lake LIC Community Center**
  - o Oct. 16th, 2024 | 5:30 - 7:30 PM

**EVERYONE WELCOME**



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## ENERGY EFFICIENCY TIP OF THE MONTH

Now is the time to schedule annual maintenance for your home's heating system. During fall months, HVAC technicians are typically less busy, making this an excellent time for maintenance and any necessary repairs before the winter months.

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## Great River Energy, Form Energy break ground on first-of-its-kind multi-day energy storage project

A significant leap in energy technology was marked as Great River Energy and Form Energy broke ground on the first-of-its-kind 1.5 megawatt (MW) multi-day energy storage project in Cambridge, Minnesota.

The Cambridge Energy Storage Project represents a groundbreaking partnership between Great River Energy and Form Energy, aimed at addressing one of the most critical challenges in the energy sector: reliable, long-term energy storage. The pilot project will deploy Form Energy's cutting-edge iron-air battery technology, capable of storing energy for up to 100 hours — far exceeding the capabilities of traditional lithium-ion batteries.

"We are excited to break ground on this project with Form Energy," said Cole Funseth, Great River Energy's manager of generation engineering. "We

hope this pilot project will help us lead the way towards multi-day storage and potential expansion in the future."

The installation of the technology will be conducted by Minnesota-based Mortenson as the engineering, procurement and construction partner. The multi-day batteries are expected to revolutionize how energy is stored and dispatched. By storing excess energy generated during periods of high production and releasing it during peak demand or low renewable energy output, the system will enhance grid stability and reliability.

This project marks the first commercial deployment of Form Energy's iron-air battery technology, positioning it as a potential game-changer for the energy industry. RJ Johnson, senior vice president of commercial operations at Form Energy, commented

on the milestone, stating, "Breaking ground on our first commercial deployment of iron-air battery systems is a major milestone for Form Energy. We are immensely grateful to Great River Energy for their ongoing partnership and collaboration."

The multi-day energy storage system will be manufactured at Form Energy's Form Factory 1 in Weirton, West Virginia, and is expected to be operational by late 2025. Following its completion, Great River Energy will conduct a multi-year study to evaluate the system's performance and its potential for broader deployment.

## Fall Round Up grants

Any organization in the North Itasca Electric service area is eligible to apply for a grant from the trust. Examples of grants would be funding for fire department equipment, youth and school programs, arts and education, senior citizen groups and other community programs and projects. Grants will generally be made to nonprofit, civic or community-based organizations that demonstrate a commitment to enhance

the quality of life in the region.

Application forms along with instructions can be obtained by calling the office at 218-743-3131 or 1-800-762-4048, by e-mail to [andrewf@nieci.com](mailto:andrewf@nieci.com), online at [www.northitascaelectric.com](http://www.northitascaelectric.com), by contacting your North Itasca Electric Co-op. Inc., Director or by contacting one of the Trust Board Members listed below.

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## Raising awareness of electric cooperative career paths: Seeking a new generation of skilled labor

Over the next 10 years, one-third of skilled trades professionals will retire and leave the workforce at a faster rate than younger workers can replace them

To maintain a safe and reliable electric system while tackling the energy challenges ahead, Great River Energy has set out to inform young people about the wealth of career opportunities in the electric industry, and specifically with electric co-ops

"Careers with electric cooperatives are meaningful, rewarding and available in communities all across Minnesota," said GRE Vice President and Chief Corporate and Member Services Officer Lisa Orpen. "Careers with co-ops allow young people to work for a cause and organization that supports their family, friends and neighbors."

GRE and its member-owners not only face the challenge of replacing retiring employees, but they must also find people with the skills to advance the energy transition. The adoption of renewable energy and grid modernization are introducing new and important career paths.

"Best of all, many cooperative careers do not require four-year degrees, allowing young people to start their careers sooner," Orpen said.

Facing these challenges, Great River Energy and its member-owners are taking a proactive approach to building

and supporting technical careers through its "Powerful Potential" program.

Powerful Potential is designed to educate high school students about careers in the electric industry and provide avenues for hands-on opportunities.

In late June, GRE welcomed 50 high school students to its first Cooperative Careers Camp. The all-day event provided attendees with a taste of Great River Energy's field technician and operations careers, many of which utilize skills that can be learned at a trade school or through an apprenticeship or training program.



GRE Vice President and Chief Transmission Officer Priti Patel addressed the camp, detailing Great River Energy's reputation as a leader in the electric industry. According to Patel, Great River Energy regularly hires passionate, driven, service-oriented, strategic thinkers to bring their skills and ideas to the team.

Powerful Potential aims to match recent and future high school graduates with training programs that nurture skills and interests and inspire young people to help their communities.

Camp attendees visited the Powerful Potential booth, where they could ask career-related questions and receive additional resources as they continue to explore their future career options.

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## EPA's Power Plant Rule threatens electric reliability

As a consumer-member of North Itasca Electric Co-op, keeping the lights on at a cost you can afford is the focal point of everything we do. Transparency is one of our core values, so in addition to sharing co-op successes, we also have a responsibility to tell you about the challenges too.

In May, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a rule that impacts energy production from power plants. The power plant rule will undoubtedly threaten access to reliable electricity for our local community and communities across the country.

The rule constrains existing coal and new natural gas plants by requiring them to install carbon capture and storage (CCS)—a technology that has potential but has not been proven to be viable as required. No power plant in North America currently uses CCS at the scale and levels mandated by EPA. When power plants aren't able to comply with EPA's CCS requirements, they will be required to shut down, significantly limit operations, or switch fuels. These unrealistic standards will force the unnecessary and early shutdown of many power plants that currently provide reliable electricity 24/7.

Renewable sources, such as solar and wind, are important components of our overall generation mix. But given the intermittent nature of these energy sources, we simply cannot depend on them because the wind doesn't always blow and the sun doesn't always shine. The need for always-available power generating resources is still essential.

The timing of the power plant rule is equally troubling. At the same time the EPA is leading our nation down the path to fewer power plants, utilities are facing a surge in electricity demand – driven by the onshoring of manufacturing, the growth of the American economy and the rapid expansion of data centers to support artificial intelligence, e-commerce and cryptocurrency.

Many states have already experienced rolling outages, and if the supply of electricity is further threatened by the EPA's power plant rule, the problem will only get worse. In fact, the North American Electric Reliability Corporation (NERC), the nation's electric reliability watchdog, recently forecasted that over the next five years, all or parts of 19 states are at high risk of rolling power outages during normal peak electricity demand conditions.

It's also no secret that when demand is high and supply is low, costs go up. We're concerned about threats to reliability as well as cost increases to our members.

Just as we've always done, we will look for solutions that serve our members best. Co-ops are no strangers to innovation, and we're taking proactive steps to address today's energy challenges and tomorrow's energy needs. We've led the charge on industry endeavors such as community solar projects, and we'll continue to explore new technologies and strategies that bolster reliability and our local grid.

## Roxanne's Sales Talk

by Roxanne Prather, Member Services Representative

### Which is best, a washer with agitator or impeller?

This is a question I get asked a lot, and the answer is a front load washer is the best. It has been proven that front load washers get your clothes the cleanest.

I feel there are some down sides to the front load washer though, some get dirty water trapped in the rubber seal causing it to smell bad; you must clean them regularly and leave them open between washes to dry out. I don't think they are very user friendly unless you put the front load washer and dryer on a pedestal, you must bend way down to put your clothes in and pull them out wet. If you have bad knees this can be a problem. Most front load washers have longer cycles than top loaders, and they usually cost more money.

As for the top load washer the pros say it is better to buy one without an agitator. We all grew up with a washer with an agitator, so for some it is hard to believe that without one your clothes will come out clean. Change can be hard! You see with an agitator your clothes rub against the agitator and the agitator is moving your clothes up and down to get them clean. A

lot of times things get tangled on the agitator or under it and stretched out when you reach in to pull the clothes out. This is hard on your clothes.

A top load washer with an impeller is easier on your clothes because your clothes rub against each other to get clean. Without the agitator there is nothing to get wrapped around, and the impeller moves your cloths back and forth to get them clean. I have always had a top load with an agitator until last year when I purchased a top load LG set with no agitator. I can honestly say I love it! There is so much more room for blankets and sheets, and they come out clean and not all tangled up.

Like everything, not all washers are created equal, you do get what you pay for in most cases. For instance, if you look at a Speed Queen top load washer and take your hand and try to move the inside basket around you will find there is very little movement. Now try the same thing with the other brands. Some will move more than the Speed Queen and then there are some that move all over the place. The ones that move all over are not made as well and usually won't last as long.

## New customer arrangement with Crow Wing Power

In a special meeting on Aug. 1, Great River Energy's member-owner cooperatives approved the agreements required for Crow Wing Power to exit membership in Great River Energy.

Crow Wing Power's withdrawal from membership in Great River Energy will be effective Jan. 1, 2025, subject to expected approvals from MISO and Crow Wing Power's lender, the Rural Utilities Service.

Starting that date, Great River Energy will provide transmission service to Crow Wing Power through a customer contract. Great River Energy will continue to own, plan, build, operate, maintain and contract the transmission system necessary to provide Crow Wing Power with transmission and ancillary services.

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### Anchor Inn Resort: 100 years of history

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husband Monte purchased the Anchor Inn Resort from the Kitterman family who had owned it through three generations since 1968. The resort had just turned 100 years old, first opening in 1921 as a hunting lodge by William Osufsen. There are many repeat customers, some guests have been coming each year for as long as 40 years, said Heather. They bring with them tales of the history of the resort and - one recalled coming with his family 70 years ago.



Guests fishing from the bridge adjacent to the resort on County Road 4.



Facing on the Bowstring River, the resort has access to the Bowstring chain of lakes which includes Rice, Sand and Little Sand Lakes as well as Bowstring Lake. Boats from the resort pass under the famous wooden fishing bridge on County Road 4 – a “hotspot” for anglers. Adjacent to the resort, the Chapmans have set up a webcam with a one minute delay. Heather recalls one guest who caught a northern, called his wife, and she watched him catch it online! The webcam is on the main page of the resort website, www.anchorinnresort.com.

and two pontoons. The couple has added an outdoor patio, a bar and restaurant overlooking the river and open to the public. The restaurant features burgers, chicken tenders, hot dogs, potato rounds and homemade pizza as well as hand-dipped ice cream. Fall hours are noon-8 p.m., Thursday – Sunday.

Before purchasing the resort, the Chapmans owned their own small business. How do they like being innkeepers?

“We’re having a blast!” Heather said.

Some of the most interesting fishing is on Sand Lake, an

almost 3600 acre lake that boasts a variety of structure and fish species, including both large- and smallmouth bass and rock bass, walleye, northern, bullhead, burbot and panfish. But although fishing is a prime activity for guests, there is lots to do in Itasca County, pointed out Heather, from fat tire biking and ATV/snowmobile trails to local attractions like the Lost 40 with its 350 year old trees and other local seasonal events and entertainment. Onsite the resort has kayaks, fishing boats and a pontoon, a paddle boat and boards. In fall, the cabins are full for grouse and duck seasons.



The four season resort has eight cabins, two campsites, and rents four fishing boats

(from top left) 2019 sketch of Anchor Inn, inside of one of the cabins. (right) new patio overlooking the Bowstring River.

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## North Star Lake Resort: peninsula surrounded by water

>from p.1

vacationers in the Northwoods.

They became innkeepers - innkeepers with a community focus. They both said that community support has been wonderful and welcome.

A large resort on a peninsula, North Star Lake Resort has 17 cabins, a bar (the Class VI) and a grill (the Chow Hall) both open to the public. (Mike says military will understand the names.) In addition to fishing North Star Lake for primarily muskies, northern, bass

and panfish, there are plenty of other things to do: a beach with a water trampoline, slide and climber; a heated pool; kayaks and paddleboat; and a playground, yard games and volleyball court outside with a game room in the lodge. Monday through Thursday there are organized activities for kids. There are also ATV and hiking trails to be explored, and next season a new RV park overlooking the lake will be open.

The resort reflects the interest in family, community and military held by the Felskes. Two of their four children, Ava and Caden, live at the resort, and during the summer the restaurant and deck are open daily. Hours changed to fall hours after Labor Day, please call for times.

At the restaurant, you can order paninis, wraps, burger baskets and pizzas named for the six branches of the military, including the Space Force (which, incidentally, is the BBQ chicken pizza). The Kid's Menu has items like



(from top left, clockwise) Inside of one of the cabins, lakeshore beach, bar & grill, heated swimming pool.



“I Don’t Know,” and “I Want McDonald’s.” You can also get hand-scooped ice cream, slushies and fountain pops as well as adult drinks.

The history of the resort goes back to the 1930s, when it was known as De Haven’s North Star Camp and was part of the American Plan where meals were provided for guests.

Today their guests come from as far away as Alaska and Florida, as well as Minnesota and neighboring states. The Felskes plan to carry the resort forward as a four season destination for both community and vacationers.

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### Classic Movie Series

by Jack Nachbar

Wowzer! Talk about prestige! *To Kill a Mockingbird* (1962), the first movie in this season's Classic Movie Series in Bigfork, reeks with class. It was a top ten box office hit. It was nominated for eight Oscars, including Best Picture. Gregory Peck won his only Oscar as Best Actor. It's based on a true story novel by Harper Lee that won the Pulitzer Prize. And, best of all, the American Film Institute named Peck's role as the kindly lawyer, Atticus Finch, the greatest movie hero of the twentieth century.

Finally, *Mockingbird*, in 1995, was entered into the National Film Registry.

*To Kill a Mockingbird* is mainly seen through the eyes of three kids in a small town in the South during the Depression. They play games, snoop on a very private neighbor, and generally act silly.

But things turn very serious when Atticus Finch, the father of two of the three, defends a Black man accused of raping a white woman in the segregated, racially bigoted community.

*Mockingbird* will be shown Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Edge Center Theater in Bigfork.

Admission is FREE! And all are invited.

**OCTOBER CLASSIC MOVIE:** It will be almost voting time. A classic political movie, *All the President's Men* (1976) will be shown Thursday, October 10 at 6:30 p.m. at the Edge.

### Edge Center Gallery

**Chuck Hartell : Picture Maker, Photographer**  
Sept. 12 – Oct. 5

Gallery Hours Thurs. – Sat., 1-4 p.m.

Artist Reception: Friday, Sept. 13, 5-7 p.m.



Chuck Hartell

by Tina Appleby  
"The most beautiful thing we can experience is the mysterious."

These words of Albert Einstein preface the scientist's comparison between Imagination and Knowledge, and his conclusion that Imagination is the more important and far-reaching of the two. (Albert Einstein, *On the Wisdom and the Meaning of Life*)

The full quote was chosen by Chuck Hartell to introduce his "I We

It" exhibit hosted at The Edge Gallery in Bigfork. Indeed, these pieces do evoke a sense of mystery. The initial imagination of the artist spawns the separate and unique imagination of the dependent --- yet independent ---viewer. And thus the ripple effect of Imagination continues.

As part of his art studies at the University of Wisconsin (Eau Claire) Mr. Hartell once created and launched a ceramic frisbee into the Chippewa River. This feat was one of that university's very first conceptual works. Since then, this artist's curiosity and life experience have further sharpened his proclivity for experiment and observation.

In addition to single photo images, Hartell creates dyptychs, triptychs and multiple images matted in a single frame, shadow-box duets, and large composites of between five and twenty photos which may be pictures of pictures. Another novel "organic" presentation is employed with canvas scrolls of unframed high-quality



Chuck Hartell has labored as a railroad brakeman, a locomotive engineer, a real estate agent and an operator of a 350-acre sheep farm, all the while pursuing a deep passion for photography. His artwork has "turned increasingly to the quietness of nature and exploration of the moment," comprising these four subject matters: (1) Earth, Wind, Sun, Water; (2) Buildings; (3) Self-portraits; and (4) Composite and minimalist images.

photos. Bigfork's Edge Center for the Arts Gallery has already featured one of Hartell's pieces in the August juried exhibit. We are now proud to display so much more of his work! The invitation to experience this one-man show also offers the opportunity to purchase his "picture book." You can meet Chuck Hartell on Artist Reception Night and/or visit the gallery during regular hours. Hope to see you there!



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## Art on the Edge juried show winners

by Lynn Nachbar

On August 9, three of the thirty-three artists represented in the Art on the Edge Juried Exhibit were presented with awards at the Edge Gallery reception. Anne Dugan, University of Wisconsin, Superior art professor and exhibit juror, selected the award recipients for Best

of Show and two Awards of Excellence.

The Best of Show Award, sponsored by Kocian's Family Market, went to Bovey resident Susan Klann for her painting "Helen." The first Award of Excellence, sponsored by Arvig Communications, went to Cheryl Heikkila of Grand Rapids for her fabric collage,

"Find Me". The second Award of Excellence, sponsored by the First Bank of Bigfork, was awarded to Nikki Besser of Mizpah, Minnesota for

her quilled paper, "The Tide Turns."

The People's Choice Award is chosen by exhibit viewers. For the first time in 18 years, this year's voters agreed with the juror. Nikki Besser won the People's Choice Award as well as the Award of Excellence! Congratulations to this year's participants and winners!



Best of Show: "Helen," painting by Susan Klann



(left) First Award of Excellence: "Find Me," fabric collage by Cheryl Heikkila. (right) Second Award of Excellence: "The Tide Turns," quilled paper by Nikki Besser



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Seven classes will compete: Big Tire, Small Tire, Outlaw Street (including AWD), Rowdy Street Car 700+, Super Stock 400-700 hp, Daily sub 400 hp and Tailgate. Entry fees are \$150 for Big and Small Tire and \$100 for other classes. Outlaw Throwdown is presented by Powerhouse Mobile Dyno and MN Outlaw Customs.

For more information or to preregister, visit the event Facebook page. The Bigfork Airport is north of the city on State Highway 38.

## Itasca Waters Practical Water Wisdom webinars

On Thursday, Sept. 5 Limnologist Jack Jones will speak on "Changing Water Quality in Itasca County Lakes on Preventing and Remediating the Spread of AIS in Minnesota Lakes."

Dr. Jones has studied eutrophication and nutrient pollution over his 40+ year academic career and was the founding editor of the journal Inland Waters. He lives in Itasca County.

Join Jones as he explores the changes in Itasca County lakes and factors that might cause them.

Register for the noon webinars at [ItascaWaters.org](http://ItascaWaters.org). Webinars last about an hour.

## Community Cafe in Deer River

The Community Cafe is available to anyone who is in need of a meal. Each Monday - Thursday, 4:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. (or until gone), a nutritious three-course meal is served. Location: King Elementary School door #9. For more information, visit [communitycafemn.org](http://communitycafemn.org).

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NOTE that a change to the Senior Driving Program law allows this 4-hour course to be the initial course.

The 8-hour course is no longer a requirement.

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A Defensive Driving class will be held on Monday, Sept. 16 at the Deer River Community Center, 101 First Ave. NE, 3:45-8 p.m.. Cost for the class is \$20 for AARP members and \$25 for nonmembers. To register, call (218) 246-8241, ext: 60227. Contact Peggy Brennan at (651) 895-6465 with any questions.

## Calligraphy kits at libraries

The Arrowhead Library System (ALS) will be providing Beautiful Writing with Calligraphy Take & Create Kits for member public libraries to distribute Sept. 2-30. This art experience, created by Silver Bay Calligrapher Lynn Prouty, introduces the art of calligraphy for beginners and enthusiasts.

Experiment with two different colors of ink! Make your own bookmark using calligraphy! Ignite a lifelong passion with the handwritten word! Take & Create Calligraphy Kits will include a workbook for practicing calligraphy, a calligraphy pen and nib, two different inks, and a bookmark for you to personalize. Kits will be distributed at public libraries and ALS outreach locations including Grand Rapids Area Library, the bookmobile and Mail-a-Book (kit may be modified for mailing purposes). This free program is best suited for ages 12 and older - younger children may need extra help from an adult. Please note each location has a limited number of kits - feel free to contact your local library for more information.

This program, sponsored by ALS, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, please see our calendar at [www.alslib.info](http://www.alslib.info) or on Facebook.

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**Bigfork:** Register for classes at 743-3444, or online at [www.getlearning.org](http://www.getlearning.org),

### GET OUT ON THE TRAIL WITH YOUR DOG TRACKING!

Date: Sat., Oct. 12

Register by: Sept. 24

Time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m

Location: Bigfork School parking lot

Cost: \$35

Ages 15 to adult, under 15 with adult. Limit 8 teams. Learn the sport of dog tracking!

### WORKING WITH WOOL

Date: Sat., Oct. 12

Register by: Oct. 7

Time: 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Location: Marcell Family Center

Cost: \$40

For adults, bring a lunch and beverage, take home a felted item. Learn about forest sources to make dyes.

## SAIL classes

For more information or to register (required), contact ElderCircle at (218) 999-9233. New attendees may start anytime. Weights are provided but please bring your own water.

Following is the local schedule:

- Virtual via Zoom video conference  
Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
- Virtual via Zoom video conference  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m.

### In person at:

- Bigfork Old Scenic Church  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 9:00-10:30 a.m.
- Bowstring Town Hall  
Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:00-11:30 a.m.
- Deer River, Bethany Lutheran  
Mondays & Thursdays, 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

## area bookmobile stops

New to the area? Get your Arrowhead Library Card on the Bookmobile.

Tuesdays: Aug. 13; Sept. 3, 24

12:00 - 1 p.m. Bowstring Store

2:30-3:30 p.m. Effie: Hwys 1 and 38

4:00-5:30 p.m. Bigfork: City Hall

Thursdays: Aug. 15; Sept. 5, 26

11:45 a.m.-12:45 p.m. Togo: Junction Bar & Grill

Mondays: Aug. 12; Sept. 23

12:30 -1:00 p.m. Gemmel; Community Church

1:45 - 2:30 p.m. Northome; Apartments

3:15 - 4:15 p.m. Alvwood; Hoot-n-Holler

4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Squaw Lake; Community Ctr

Bookmobile or Mail-a-Book information: call Arrowhead Library System at (218) 741-3840

# Community News

Email editor at [sedgwick@paulbunyan.net](mailto:sedgwick@paulbunyan.net),

## ~ September Calendar ~

### Ardenhurst seeks support for speed limit

Did you know that the actual speed limit on County Road 174 (also known as the North Island Lake Road) is 55 mph?

These are many reasons that residents of Ardenhurst Township feel that 55 mph is an very unsafe speed for this road and that a much reduced speed limit should be implemented by the Itasca County Transportation Department:

1. North Island Lake Rd (CR174) is a narrow gravel road with no shoulders along most of its length. Sight lines are poor in some places due to curves, hills, and overhanging trees.
2. This road has significant pedestrian, ATV/UTV, bicycle, and golf cart traffic.

3. Many of the residents are elderly.
4. There are two toddlers living on this road and many residents entertain young grandchildren as well.
5. Many resident pets and local wildlife are also endangered by high speed traffic.
6. The most heavily populated area is a 1.4 mile stretch that extends from the Marble residence east to the stop sign at CR 24.
7. Within this 1.4 mile stretch, there are 43 homes (on both sides of the road) and many are within 75' of the road.
  - There are 29 homes on the lakeside
  - There are 14 homes on the non-lake side

8. Almost half of the residents routinely cross the road to get mail, to access the lake, or to access gardens, garages, etc..

9. Vehicles traveling at high speeds thru this area present a very clear and present danger to area residents, visitors, and animals.

If you are a concerned citizen or are a resident along CR 174, please express your concerns to our Itasca County Commissioner Cory Smith via email at [Cory.Smith@co.itasca.mn.us](mailto:Cory.Smith@co.itasca.mn.us) and to Assistant County Engineer Ryan Sutherland at [ryan.sutherland@co.itasca.mn.us](mailto:ryan.sutherland@co.itasca.mn.us)

- 2 Labor Day, North Itasca Electric offices CLOSED.
- 2 Spring Lake Store celebrates its 108th birthday with treats at the store. History presentation, 1 p.m.
- 3 First day of school, all schools.
- 3 ISD 318 School Board meeting at Administrative Board Room, 601 SW 7th St, Grand Rapids or at [watchictv.org](http://watchictv.org), 6 p.m. Open Forum, 6:30 p.m. Meeting.
- 4 "The Club I Never Wanted to Join" breast cancer support group meets 3:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in the chapel, south entrance, Grand Rapids. More info with Lynn (218) 832-3612, [lynn\\_etl@msn.com](mailto:lynn_etl@msn.com).
- 5 "Practical Water Wisdom" online programs over the lunch hour, register at [ItascaWaters.org](http://ItascaWaters.org). September program: "Changing Water Quality in Itasca County Lakes."
- 7 Outlaw Throwdown drag racing at Bigfork Municipal Airport, gates open 10 a.m. Seven classes. Spectators welcome. \$10 admission, 10 & under free. Contestants preregister on Facebook.
- 9 Women of the Woods meet at 10 a.m. at Sand Lake Community Center. Call Pat Sievertson at (218) 659-2157.
- 9 ISD 317 School Board meets at Deer River HS, 6 p.m. Public forum 5:45 p.m.
- 9 Effie City Council meets at Effie Community Center, 6 p.m.
- 9 Blackduck ISD 32 School Board meets, 6 p.m. in the Media Center.
- 10 Stop & Stitch meets at the Marcell Family Center the 2nd Tuesday of every month, 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. More info, call Debbie at (218) 360-1503.
- 10 Bigfork City Council at City Hall, 5:30 p.m.
- 11 ISD 363 South Koochiching-Rainy River School Board meeting, 7 p.m..
- 12 Annual meeting for Bigfork Valley Hospital, 5-7 p.m. Light supper served.
- 12 Classic Movies kicks off the 2024-2025 season with "To Kill a Mockingbird (1962) with Gregory Peck. Showing at 6:30 p.m. at the Edge Center. Free.
- 12 Continuation of the Annual Ardenhurst Township meeting, 7 p.m.
- 13 The Edge Center, Bigfork hosts an Artist's Reception from 5-7 p.m. for "I We It," photography by Chuck Hartell. The exhibit runs from Sept. 12-October 5. Edge Gallery is open 1-4 p.m. Thursday-Saturday.
- 15 Annual fundraiser for the Bigfork Valley Community Foundation, "Boot Scootin' in the Woods," Wilderness Barn, Bigfork, 4-7 p.m. Tickets \$50, call (218) 743-4116, Two Rivers C-Store in Bigfork or Discovery Center.
- 17 Stitch-n-Bitch meets at the B.I.G. Community Center in Bigfork the 3rd Wednesday of every month, 5-7 p.m. More info, call Krista at (218) 410-2258
- 21 Edge Center in Bigfork hosts Mike Miller in concert, 7 p.m. Admission \$15 adults, \$5 students. Tickets at the door.



### Marcell Family Center

218-832-3444  
49023 State Highway 38 Marcell, MN 56657

#### MFC hours:

Fitness Center, gymnasium, multi-purpose room, public computer room and WiFi hotspot.

Mon: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 4-7 p.m.  
Tues, Thurs: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., 4-7 p.m.  
Fri: 11 a.m.-2 p.m., Sat: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

## Area Church Directory

**Alvwood Community Church Sun 10:00a**  
58712 Co. Rd. 131  
Blackduck 56630 218-659-4681

**Balsam Bible Chapel Sun 10:00a**  
41516 Scenic Hwy 7  
Bovey 55709 218-245-1960

**Bear River Lutheran Church Sun 10:00a**  
11141 Hwy 22  
Cook 55723 218-376-1012

**Bethesda Lutheran Church Sun 9:00a**  
Mizpah 56660 218-897-5654

**Bowstring Chapel Sun 10:15a**  
45114 Co Rd 133  
Deer River 56636 218-832-3171

**Calvary Covenant Sun 10:30a**  
54764 Co. Rd. 31  
Northome 56661 218-897-5684

**Centennial Lutheran Church Sun 8:30a**  
Hwy 46  
Squaw Lake 56681 218-259-0115

**Deer River Bible Church Sun 10:00a**  
33276 State Highway 6  
Deer River 56636 218-246-9570

**Dora Lake Alliance Sun 10:00a**  
59329 Co Rd 145  
Northome 56661 218-659-4551

**Effie Fredheim Lutheran Church (ELCA) Sun 8:30a**  
Hwy 1  
Effie 56639 218-743-3368

**First Presbyterian Church, BF Sun 10:15a**  
109 Ash St.  
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3783

**Gemmel Community Church Sun 10:00a**  
10609 Town Rd 34  
Gemmel 56660 218-897-5966

**Grace Community Church (ELCA) Sun 10:15a**  
401 State Hwy 38 N  
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3368

**Hope Lutheran Church Sun 10:30 a.m.**  
12234 Third St.  
Northome 56661 218-897-5654

**Jehovah's Witnesses Tu 7:00p., Sun 10:00a**  
Hwy 38  
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3275

**Jesse Lake Lutheran Church Sun 8:30a**  
45834 Co. Rd. 4  
Talmoon 56637 218-832-3883

**Marcell Community Church Sun 10:30a**  
49103 State Hwy 38  
Marcell 56657 218-832-3200

**Northome Community Church Sun 10:00a**  
12071 Bartlett St.  
Northome 56661 218-897-5040

**Northwoods Chapel Sun 9:00a**  
50539 Mushgee Rd. (corner of Co. Rd. 622)  
Deer River 56636 218-659-2784

**Old Scenic Community Church Sun 9:00a**  
25747 Co. Rd. 340  
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3953

**Our Lady of the Snows Catholic Church Sun 9:00a** Mass also Tu, W, 9:00a.  
320 Golf Course Ln  
Bigfork 56628 218-743-3255

**Sand Lake Alliance Sun 10:00a**  
55581 Co. Rd 4  
Spring Lake 56680 218-659-2872  
Church website: [www.sandlakealliancechurch.org](http://www.sandlakealliancechurch.org)

**St. Catherine's Catholic Church Sat 4:00p**  
52265 State Hwy 46  
Squaw Lake 56681 218-743-3255

**St. Michael Catholic Church Sat 7:00p**  
12026 Lake St  
Northome 56661 218-743-3255

**Seventh Day Adventist Sun 11:30a**  
12352 Hwy 46  
Northome 56661 218-897-5723

**Suomi Evangelical Lutheran Church Sun 10:30a**  
42935 Co. Rd. 48  
Deer River 56636 218-832-3883

**True Life Church Sun 10:00a**  
45976 Terry  
Talmoon 56637 218-244-7089

21-22 Bargains Are Great on Highway 38 Garage Sales, Grand Rapids to Effie. More information, call (218) 832-3161 or see Facebook.

21 Northome Expo and Community Flea Market at the Koochiching County Fairgrounds in Northome 10 am.-3 p.m. More info, call Rena at (218) 766-8907.

23 ISD 318 School Board meeting at the Edge center at **Bigfork School** or at [watchictv.org](http://watchictv.org), 6 p.m. Open Forum, 6:30 p.m. Meeting.

23 Women of the Woods meet at 10 a.m. at Sand Lake Community Center. Call Pat Sievertson at (218) 659-2157.

24 Northwoods Quilters meet 4th Tuesday at Marcell Town Hall, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.. Show 'n Tell and quilting techniques. Contact [starr5848@arvig.net](mailto:starr5848@arvig.net)

24 Bigfork Valley Hospital board meets in public meeting, 9 a.m.

30 Fall Round Up grant applications due at headquarters in Bigfork, 3:30 p.m.

Church directory sponsored by North Itasca Electric Cooperative, send changes to editor, [sedgwick@paulbunyan.net](mailto:sedgwick@paulbunyan.net)

Visit your co-op at [www.NorthItascaElectric.com](http://www.NorthItascaElectric.com)

**YOU'RE INVITED TO  
BIGFORK VALLEY'S  
ANNUAL MEETING**

**SEP. 12TH, 2024**

5:00 PM - 7:00 PM



**AGENDA**

Tours starting at 5:00 p.m.  
Dinner served at 5:30 p.m.  
Welcome by Clint Cook, Board Chair at 5:45 p.m.  
Looking forward by Nathan Hough, CEO  
Dr. W. Davis Merritt, ENT  
Chiropractic/Rehab Team  
Questions/Conversations with Nathan Hough, CEO

**LOCATION**

The Wanigan Cafeteria at Bigfork Valley Hospital



[www.bigforkvalley.org](http://www.bigforkvalley.org)

**Bigfork Valley Community Foundation golf tourney results**

The Bigfork Valley Community Foundation recently held its annual golf tournament at Golf on the

Edge in Bigfork. A portion of the proceeds from the fundraising event will be used to benefit community grants for the foundation's service area.

a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization whose mission is to address current and future needs of the Northern Itasca Hospital District and its communities through charitable contributions.

The Bigfork Valley Community Foundation is



First Place (l to r): Archie Wass, Chip Cramer, Mark Sorrentino, Ryan Tomevi.



Second place (l to r): William Moore, Gregg Moore, John Smeby, (not pictured) Wyatt Moore.



Contest Winners (l to r): Chip Cramer, Men's Closest to the Pin; Ryan Tomevi, Men's Longest Drive; Desirae Tendrup, Women's Longest Drive; Dawn Jourdan: Women's Longest Putt & Women's Closest to the Pin; Wyatt Dietrich: Men's Longest Putt.

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**Dr. Pepper Cherry Cake**

*Thank you to William Tracy for this September recipe!*

- 1 box chocolate cake mix
- 1 can Dr. Pepper Cherry or Coke Cherry (1 1/2 cups)
- 2 small jars maraschino cherries
- 2 Tablespoons cherry juice
- 1 can cherry frosting
- 1 dark chocolate candy bar (shaved)

Preheat oven to 350° Mix well cake mix and soda pop. Cut one jar of cherries in and add 2 Tablespoons cherry juice.

Pour batter into 9"x12" cake pan. Bake for 30 minutes or until toothpick comes out clean. Allow cake to cool down completely before frosting.

After cooled, spread cherry frosting on cake. Add second jar of whole cherries on top. Sprinkle shaved dark chocolate on top and place in refrigerator for one hour to harden.

*Note: If you want to use 7up cherry pop, use vanilla or yellow cake mix. Also, do not use any diet soda for this recipe, it won't taste right.*



Random Team Winner (l to r): CJ Driggins, Allison Driggins, Aubrey Driggins, Carl Driggins.

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## -WANTED-

*Need cabin work:* Front 2 steps and 17x6 foot deck to door. Ray Lee, Dora Lake  
(320) 364-3500 10/24

## -FREE-

*FREE:* Craftsman 42" riding lawn mower. Needs work, battery, starter. North end of Little Sand. Call Bill (612) 269-1883  
10/24

## -FOR SALE-

*For sale:* Pellet stove - Bixby Deluxe NIB. New \$4,000, asking \$2,800 / BO. Call (763) 242-3058 or (763) 516-3293 10/24

## -FOR SALE-

*For sale:* split, seasoned birch and maple firewood  
(218) 910-6610 10/24

*For sale:* (6) 24" heavy duty hinges, \$30. (4) 16" hinges, \$10. Sears 3.5 hp 10 gal. air compressor (WORKTIRED), \$25. 12' alum. boat, needs transom, \$100. (2) set bunk beds. Call (763)331-1220 10/24

*For sale:* Side by side French door GE refrigerator freezer - 20 cu. feet, good condition. \$250. Call Glenn at (763) 226-6404 10/24

*For sale:* Beautyrest dual control electric blanket, \$35. Call (218) 332-3488 10/24

*For sale:* Solid crystal vase, est. value \$185 sale price \$75. Call (218) 332-3488 9/24

*For sale:* Vintage poker chips with holder. From the 50s. \$25. Call (218) 332-3488 9/24

*For sale:* Vintage wood and iron wagon hitch (rare), \$75. Call (218) 332-3488 9/24

*For sale:* Gurley transit level in wood box with tripod and wood surveyor's sticks. \$350. Call (218) 332-3488 9/24

*For sale:* Five vintage new old stock WALDEN'S Spoon Hooks made in Virginia, MN, many years ago. These are in their original boxes and are in excellent unused condition. Price is \$50 each or \$225 for all five. Call (320) 249-0330 for info. Pictures available. 9/24

## -FOR SALE-

*For sale:* 50 Cement Blocks, \$50; bike rack for car, \$20; 28" TV - Westinghouse, \$50; large backpack, \$25; new Jitterbug Flip 2 Phone, \$30; fireproof safe: 15" x 11" Sentry safe with key, \$30. Call (320) 493-2699 9/24

*For sale:* Leupold Spotting Scope - 12x40-60MM, used once, case and tripod included. \$800, Call (320) 493-2699 9/24

*For sale:* coffee table & 2 end tables - sturdy, Amish made, light wood, in great shape. \$150. Call (320) 493-2699 9/24

*For sale:* leaf bagger 36" Craftsman pull-behind bagger, \$50. Call (320) 493-2699 9/24

*For sale:* Three storm doors 6'8" high x 32" wide; four storm windows with screens, 32" wide x 40" high, 28" wide x 47" high, and two 20" wide x 50" high. Three spare tires on 5 hole rims, P235/75R15, P195/75R15, P225/75R15. Make an offer on any/all of them. Call Doug at (218) 659-4222 9/24

## -FISHING-water sports, boats-

*For sale:* 6 ft. Lund fishing boat 18 hp Merc. Trailer, cover, 2 swivel seats and electric trolling motor \$1,000. Call Greg at (612) 300-7705 10/24

*For sale:* 18' Lund fishing or hunting boat. 30 hp Honda Trim & Tilt, nice trailer. \$4,950. Call (218) 246-8531 10/24

### Notice of the Continuation of Ardenhurst Township Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Ardenhurst Township, County of Itasca, State of Minnesota that the Continuation of the Annual Township Meeting will be held on Thursday, September 12th, 2024. The Continuation of the Annual Meeting will commence at 7:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Continuation of the Annual meeting will be held at the following location:

Ardenhurst Township Hall  
66733 State Highway 46  
Northome, MN 56661

## -FISHING-water sports, boats-

*For sale:* Low line aluminum canoe 17 ft and aluminum ricing pole and 2 new paddles. \$300. Call (218) 832-3025 9/24

*For sale:* 8 person floating raft, inflatable, \$80. Call (320) 493-2699 9/24

*For sale:* Floe boat lift, V3000 lb., 12 volt electric winch, motor stop, cradle pad pivot bunks. \$2,900. Call (218) 256-0381 9/24

*For sale:* 14 ft. and 16 ft. Alumacraft fishing boats. \$600 each or best offer. At Georgene's Haven on Bowstring Lake 218-832-3076 or cell 218-244-5615 9/24

## -FISHING-water sports, boats-

*For sale:* Floe dock sections. 4'x16' cedar decking, adjustable wheel sections. 5 pieces available. \$1,500 per piece. good condition. Call (218) 256-0381 9/24

## -REAL ESTATE-sale or rent-

*For rent:* 3 bedroom house available Sept. 1. Hazel at (218) 743-3914 10/24



*For sale:* Cabin to be moved. Elevated foundation on 6x6 post. 26x40 all metal exterior. Near Effie, Minn. \$25,000. Call Ron, (218) 371-9254 10/24

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**Boot Scootin' in the Woods**

Wilderness Barn  
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4 pm to 7 pm

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Wilderness Barn - Bigfork, MN  
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