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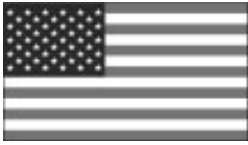
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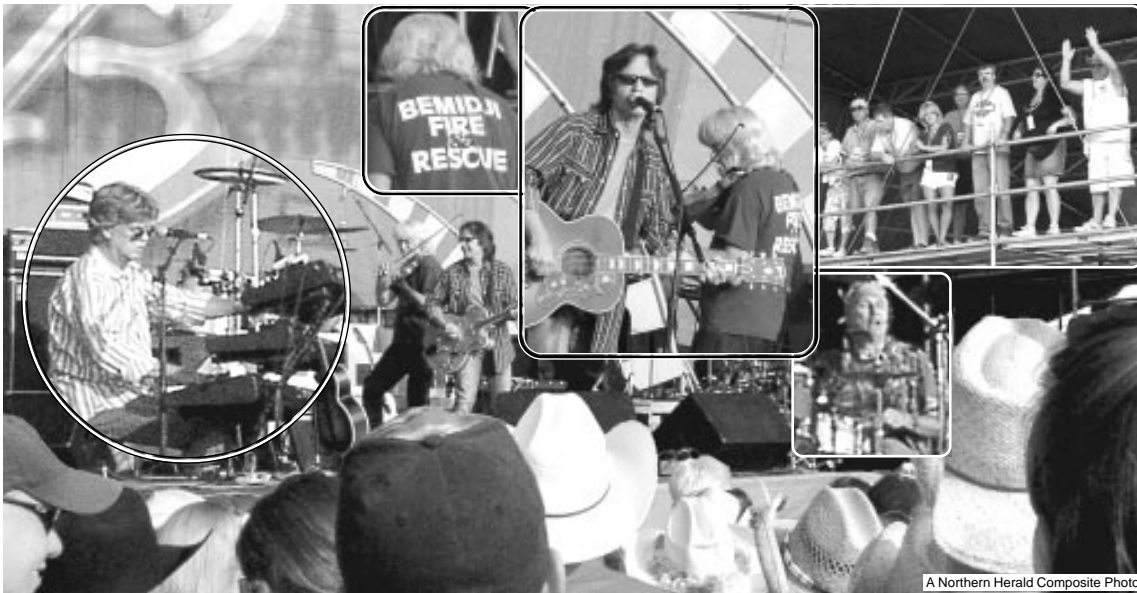
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## AT COUNTRYFEST 2007

# The Real Nitty-Gritty

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Legendary, Multi-Award, and Socially-Conscientious Band Gave over \$30,000 to Bemidji Emergency Services in 2002; Plays Here Again at COUNTRYFEST 2007!



A Northern Herald Composite Photo

Above, the VIPs avail themselves of stageside "right-there" scaffolding, and everyone else comes up for a closer look as they cheer on the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (NGDB) at Country Fest 2007 at the Moondance Fairgrounds, June 30, 2007. Here, leader John McEuen performs on fiddle in his Bemidji Fire & Rescue T-shirt given him at their 2002 benefit concert. Known as "The String Wizard", McEuen also performs on banjo, mandolin and guitar. Members of the original NGDB, which, in 1966, also included Jackson Browne, above, are Jeff Hanna on guitar and vocals, and Jimmie Fadden on drums. Bob Carpenter, shown on on keyboard, joined NGDB in the 70s.

WALKER -- In the annals of music history, one of the really great sounds that will be memorialized as representative of the very best of our era will be that of the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (NGDB) which originated in 1966 and is still 3/4th comprised of original members.

Like Beethoven's Seventh, NGDB's home-grown music, both classic country-rock and bluegrass instrumental, just doesn't get old. But unlike Ludwig van, they're still writing more of it, and taking more great music awards with it, and probably will be doing so for some years to come.

At 40 years and still going strong, NGDB has taken multiple Grammys, the most recent in 2005 for *Earl's Breakdown*, named *Best Country Instrumental Performance*; their gold album, *Will The Circle Be Unbroken - Vol. II* was awarded CMA's *Album of the Year*.

NGDB's newest CD, *Welcome To Woody Creek*, is now available.

From their first Number One hit, *Long Hard Road* ("he ain't heavy, he's my brother") NGDB is known for many others, including *Partners, Brothers and Friends, Fishin' In The Dark, American Dream*, and *Mr. Bojangles*. What isn't as well known is all of the work they've done in the background on multitudes of familiar themes and movie scores over the years. At Country Fest,

fans in the sand lot joined in as McEuen played, on banjo, *The Ballad of Jed Clampett* (Beverly Hillbillies theme).

McEuen discussed learning banjo with the crowd: He told them that he once left his banjo in his car, and accidentally left the car unlocked. When he got back, there were three more banjos in it.

Still and all, and although having received much more industry acclaim than many large names, NGDB hasn't gone Hollywood; in the presence of their great down-home showmanship they also have a fantastic "plain folks" rapport with the crowd who, of course, go wild over the sound.

It's like watching music history being made and being among the first to hear it as it happens!

And more than just music, the band, headed by the multi-talented John McEuen\*, has seen the need for those who can, to use their talents to better the world, from national and global causes, right down to the grassroots of individual communities. And in that, only a few years ago, they helped the Bemidji emergency services to the tune of over \$30,000.

How it happened: Humans are very funny and strange creatures. They build buildings; and they build airplanes. Then they fly the airplanes into the buildings, making it a waste of time and workmanship to have built either.

After 9/11, a lot of things just stopped. The shock of it depressed industry generally, and the music industry was no exception, maybe even a little harder hit than some.

With openings in their schedule, the NGDB wanted to work, but the work wasn't there. It wasn't even a matter of money - as true Americans, they just wanted to work.

Mr. McEuen explained, "In 2002, the Dirt Band wasn't working because nobody wanted to work the year after ... 9/11. We were on the road and I didn't want to **not** work . . . to not work, and do what we do, just because some idiots did what they did. I [told our] agent to find me a town between where we are and where we had to be, and the band worked [the Bemidji concert] for free. I got a sound company at half-price, and . . . I gave the First Responders a check for \$30,000."

McEuen noted that they paid the necessary hired help, "If people hadn't gotten paid, I felt like that's not right either." But the band (NGDB) wouldn't take any money, donating their share of the proceeds to the local emergency services. "We were OK, we got free hotel rooms and food," McEuen said cheerfully.

Present Bemidji Fire Chief Dick Sathers remembered the (Con't & endnotes, "Nitty-Gritty," p. 10)

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# I-35 Bridge: Victims Want To Know Why

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## But Court Ruling Delays Release of Information

MINNEAPOLIS -- America has reached a point in its history where there is so much convoluted regulation, across local, state, and federal jurisdictions, that important things can get hopelessly befuddled and just not done.

A few months back, Congressman Oberstar chided Gov. Pawlenty for not applying for approved federal emergency funding for the I-35 bridge reconstruction; and Pawlenty countered that he wasn't sure if he could lawfully do so. This delayed the funding for a while.

Now, victims, and families of victims of the August 1st, 2007, I-35 bridge disaster want to see the results of an engineering study thought to have divined answers to why the bridge collapsed. And the Minn. Dept. Of Transportation (MNDOT\*) may want to release the information, but believes it is constrained by the federal regulations of the National Transportation Safety Board, which forbid telling flattened victims why they got squashed, at this time.

Lead attorney for the State, P. Kenneth Kohnstamm, Esq., said, "it's just a matter of time," until the information is released.

The matter came to a head as, acting for the benefit of the victims and their families, the law firm of Schwebel, Goetz and Sieben brought an action, in their own name, against MNDOT to force release of the information (*Schwebel, Goetz & Sieben v. The State of Minnesota*; Hennepin Co. case no. 27-CV-07-202-62). Premier civil attorney James Schwebel, Esq. said that it was not unusual for such an action to be

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brought by a law firm as plaintiff. "Any individual or entity can bring an action [against the State for disclosure of information] under the Data Practices Act . . . if the information is presumed to be public," he said.

But, on Nov. 29th, 2007, Judge Herbert P. Lefler, at Minneapolis, ruled that NTSB rules prevail over the matter. The info, for now, is nonpublic.

Said Schwebel, "Wiss-Janney Engineering was hired by MNDOT, supposedly to conduct a wholly independent investigation . . . [at great expense] . . . why does MNDOT now hide behind the secrecy shield of the NTSB? . . . What are they afraid of disclosing? . . . We're going to appeal."

For the State, however, it was not Kohnstamm's position that MNDOT *didn't* want to release the info, "This is NTSB's call. NTSB calls it nonpublic, so MNDOT abides," he said.

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### Correction

(no, not even we are without sin)

The article *A Minor Travesty* (NH of 06/25/07) contained an error in that the subject of the article, **Travis Thorson**, did *not* work at General Nutrition Center (GNC) at the Paul Bunyan Mall, Bemidji. He worked at *The Dollar Store* at the Mall; and was terminated for, allegedly, being caught failing to ring a sale into the cash register (which enables the cashier to pocket the money).

Prospective employers of Thorson should contact *The Dollar Store* for full reference.

Follow up to *A Minor Travesty* appears on pg. 8.

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## Eight More Arrests in Red Lake "Pablo" Cocaine Ring

**FOLLOW-UP**

RED LAKE -- In a continuing effort by the Red Lake Nation of Chippewa Indians to crack down on drugs and gangs operating in their midst and on their reservation, FBI Special Agent Paul McCabe announced, on July 30, 2007 the arrest of eight more individuals, of nine newly indicted, as, allegedly, part of the large Augustin Martinez-Miranda ("Pablo") cocaine ring, which, until recent arrests, had operated on the Red Lake reservation in Northern Minnesota.

On August 17th, 2006, Martinez-Miranda ("Pablo"), who also faces charges for *re-entering the U.S. after deportation*, was arrested in Hennepin County after, allegedly, having sold a kilogram of cocaine, there, to Gary Strong. Strong may have been picking up the drug there to be transported to Northern Minnesota for distribution through the rest of the drug network. As a result of investigations stemming from the Martinez-Miranda and Strong arrests, eighteen (not including the nine newly indicted, below) other individuals, including two law enforcement officers, have previously been indicted and arrested (See *FBI Makes Major Coke Busts at Red Lake, NH* of 06/25/07 at northernherald.com).

Arrested in the new sweep, July 25th & 26th, 2007, were Barbara Ann Thunder, age 45, of Redby, MN; Delores Jean Huerta

(Delores Auginash), age 45, of Redby, MN; Concha Edith Isham, age 36, of Red Lake, MN, (arrested in Redby, MN); Leroy Alvis Garrigan, Jr, age 47, of Red Lake, MN; Loretta May Kingbird, age 39, of Red Lake, MN, (arrested in Minneapolis, MN); Randy Matthew Sayers, age 25, of Redby, MN, (arrested in Little Rock, MN); Ramon Charles Sayers, age 32, of Red Lake, MN; and Donald Roman Cook, Jr., age 37, of Red Lake, MN. Michael Lee Sather, age 29, of Red Lake, MN, was also indicted and, as of July 30th, is a fugitive from justice. Per Agent McCabe, the July arrests, many at the suspects' residences, were all without incident.

Per a release by United States Attorney Marty J. Jackley, at Sioux Falls, So. Dak., "On July 23, 2007, a federal grand jury returned a third superseding indictment in the [Martinez-Miranda] matter, charging the [nine new] defendants with conspiracy to distribute and possess[ion] with the intent to distribute five kilograms or more of a mixture and substance containing cocaine. The charge carries a mandatory minimum sentence of ten years in prison and a maximum of life in prison, and/or a \$4 million fine. The charge is merely an accusation and the defendants are presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty."

This brings the total number indicted in the "Pablo" ring to 29.

## Cass Lake Fires Free Help For "Comments"

CASS LAKE -- They say "Experience Works", but it isn't working in Cass Lake anymore.

Dennis Newstrand, a semi-retired senior who had his restaurant business in Cass Lake for many years, was working for the Cass Lake Police Dept. (CLPD), under a program called *Experience Works*, which pays senior help to work, without cost to the employing entity.

So CLPD was able to get Mr. Newstrand's services, in clerical, data-entry, and, very importantly, computer repair, including 24/7 emergency availability, free.

But Mr. Newstrand has his own opinions about Cass Lake politics, and didn't realize that the job came with a muzzle.

Cass Lake Mayor Wayne LaDuke became concerned over comments (not formed from any confidential information - just regular opinion) that Newstrand made in a *letter to the editor* carried by the Cass

Lake Times, and also comments, which were overheard, made in a conversation between Newstrand and an off-duty police officer, in a Cass Lake cafe. Complainant Linda Larson said that they were talking too loudly.

So, on October 31st, 2007, in a quick special meeting of the Cass Lake City Council, and at the behest of LaDuke, Newstrand was let go.

Cass Lake Police Chief Larry Johnson said, "He [Newstrand] fulfilled a vital role that's necessary to this department," and confirmed that the officers were so pleased with his work that they had offered to pay him out of their salary to stay, if he could.

Johnson said that if the computer went down, "he'd get it fixed." And that now, the department will have to rely on a private service vendor, at \$65 an hour, with *no* emergency service if the system should go down after hours, or on a weekend or holiday.

Said Johnson, "He ... [did] an excellent job for me ... he was a blessing to us," and added, "at no time has he misused information gained on the job."

The offending comments included that Newstrand had criticized the performance of the City Clerk, saying that she was "not professional". He said that she gets personally involved in things that she shouldn't, had made errors in police officers' pay withholding, and a significant mistake in preparing the budget.

Mayor LaDuke did not return calls for comment on the matter.

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## Bemidji Jazz Fest To Be Feb. 1st - 2nd

**BSU Jazz Bands Play Remember When**



Above, Craig Haugen conducts the BSU Jazz Band II at the Remember When dance, October 26th & 27th, 2007, at Bemidji.

Remember When is produced each year, generally the last Fri. & Sat. in October, and features the BSU Jazz Bands performing swing and ballroom music, including the great hits of Glenn Miller, and others.

Above right, swing dancers dance at Remember When to the big band sound of BSU Jazz Band I (at right), conducted by Music Director, Dr. Steven Konecne (top photo, taken at the February 2007 Bemidji Jazz Fest).



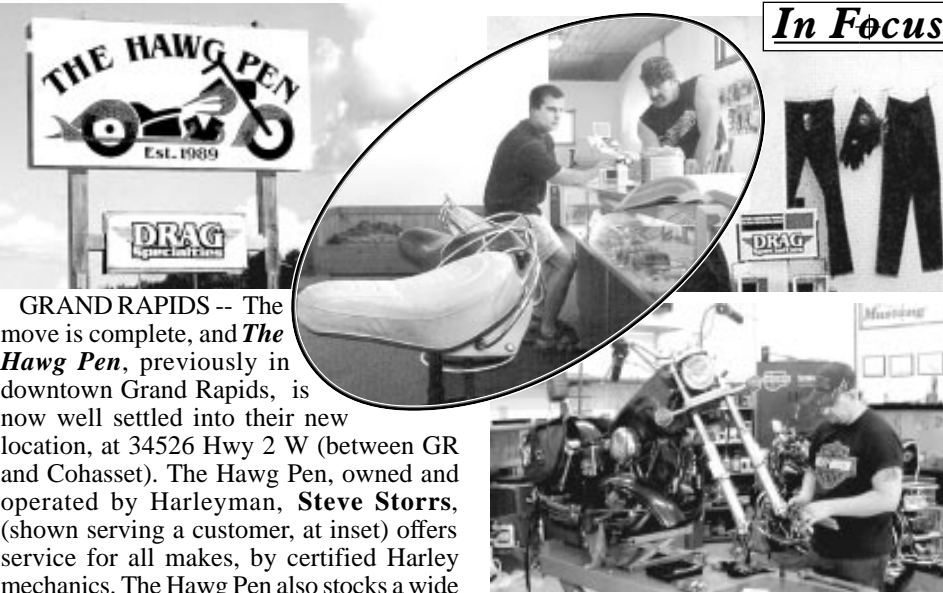
is the Bemidji State University (BSU) Jazz Bands. Under the direction of Dr. Steven Konecne, and conducted by himself and Craig Haugen, these bands produce a sound that could be easily mistaken for the original 1940s big bands.

And each year, generally the first Fri. & Sat. in February, Konecne and the BSU Music Dept. host the Bemidji Jazz Festival, where about 17 high school jazz bands attend workshops with jazz celebrities ("clinicians") and are judged for the right to play at the concluding public concert, which features the celebrities, performing with BSU Jazz Band I.

The 2008 concert is Feb. 2nd at 7:30 pm, at the new Bemidji High School auditorium. Performing guest celebrities will be tenor saxophonist John DeSalme, and Sherrie Maricle, jazz drummer and founder of the jazz orchestra, "Diva"



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*In Focus*

## Ridgeway Court Apts., Bemidji, Has Tenant Arrested After Unlawful Eviction Attempt

**Frame To Attain Eviction Suspected**

**BEMIDJI --** This is Bemidji. The Golden Rule applies. Those who have the gold make the rules.

Randy Bostick is a handicapped man who, for 13 years, has lived with Lorraine Hundley, also handicapped. They get by, by helping each other with day-to-day tasks and medical problems. Last fall (2007), when they were living at Ridgeway Court Apts., at 2800 Ridgeway Ave., Bemidji, under a rental agreement in both of their names; per Randy, Ridgeway's caretaker was playing baseball around the tenant's cars, and Randy's windshield was broken. Randy said that another tenant saw the caretaker throw the ball, which struck the windshield. So Randy went out to take pictures of the car, caretaker, and ball game.

According to Randy and Lorraine, the caretaker, "Carlos", became very upset by this, and unlawfully, using a master key, entered their apartment to confront them.

Per Lorraine, the caretaker said, "I'm

going to get you evicted." Shortly thereafter, they heard from *Neta* Property Management, Fargo, ND, which manages the Ridgeway property. Without any lawful eviction proceedings, in October, Randy was told by *Neta* that he could no longer be in his apartment; that if he was, he'd be arrested by Bemidji police for trespassing.

Randy called *Neta* back on 10/25/07 and asked why, and he was told by "Holly" (at *Neta*) that Lorraine had taken him off of the lease. Lorraine, who depends on Randy for daily help, has denied doing so (and, as Randy was the primary lessor, she couldn't anyway, without his consent). Randy said that he'd sue *Neta*, and hung up.

A short time later that day, at about 3 pm, Randy reported to *Northern Herald* that *Neta* had called him back again, and told him that they were going to have him charged with making terroristic threats in conjunction with the phone call he'd just made to find out why he couldn't be on the property. A check with Fargo and West Fargo police, however, turned up no such complaint that had been made at that time. *Neta* Properties has refused to comment.

But on Jan. 16th, 2008, while appearing in court in Bemidji at an eviction hearing



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8:30-11:30 am **Breakfast at the Comm. Bldg.**

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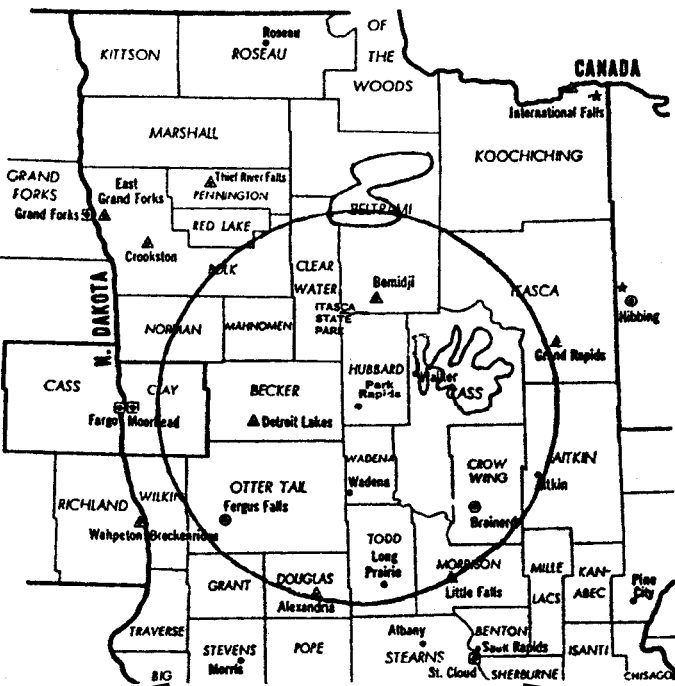
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## U.S. Property Rights Die

WASHINGTON, DC -- Continuing a stand of the Court of refusing to uphold Constitutional rights concerning privately-owned property when those rights conflict with the desires of the governing bodies of states and localities, the U.S. Supreme Court refused, on November 13, 2007, to hear a case challenging the Beltrami County smoking ordinance as it applies to private establishments.

**An Obituary.** In 2005, in an unrelated case (*Kelo v. City of New London, et al., 545 U.S. 469*) the high court refused to uphold the rights of a homeowner seeking to protect her property against a municipality's seizure of same under eminent domain for "redevelopment" by commercial interests.

Mrs. Kelo maintained that she had made substantial improvements to her home, which she valued for its waterfront view; and did not want to sell it so that the property could be acquired by hotels, restaurants and "a small urban village", as was the City's plan. But the Court bulldozed her case. The case marks a shift in the majority of the 9 justice Court. In that matter, four justices, including, notably Sandra Day O'Connor (now retired from the Court) dissented.

U.S. Property rights were born in Philadelphia on December 15, 1791, when the first ten Amendments to the U.S. Constitution were ratified, and lived a good 213 years, surviving many challenges, until their death in 2005.

**The smoking issue.** Appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court is discretionary, and not a matter of right. The Court chooses which cases it is willing to hear. The denial of the *Petition for Writ of Certiorari* (a request that the Court review the case) has the effect of ratifying the findings of the next lower court, the U.S. Court of Appeals (in this matter, for the Eighth Circuit). In legal

practice, the denial of certiorari is generally taken as an indication that the Supreme Court is satisfied with what the Court of Appeals did.

In this case, the Court of Appeals had earlier refused to uphold the right of private business owners - restaurants, taverns, and private clubs - to determine whether or not smoking would be permitted in their establishments, based upon the preferences of their customers.

The case was brought by Turtle Creek Saloon, Inc., Donnis Solberg (dba "The Other Place"), James Ness (dba "Hillcrest Supper Club"), and Adam Steele, as a smoker. In initial proceedings, Judge Joan N. Ericksen, U.S. District Judge at St. Paul, refused to allow Solberg and Ness to appear on their own behalf to argue damage to their sole-proprietorship businesses.

Although, due to timing of the proceedings, not a party to the action, the American Legion of Blackduck (Post 372) filed an Amicus Curiae brief in the case, when it was before the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Legion wrote to the Court, "The American Legion is a lodge where those who have fought for this great Country can come and relax, and have a few beers with their friends."

"It is a private establishment built by, and maintained for, American servicemen, past and present. In a very real way, it is an extension of their private dens."

"These servicemen, our membership, strongly object to the County or State coming in here and telling them that they cannot smoke on the premises that they built and maintain for themselves. They have had taken from them the very freedom and right to privacy that they fought to defend. Many of them would have stopped using their

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# EDITORIALS - OPINION

## Fun Facts

In 2006, The Internal Revenue Service collected \$2,518,680,230 (about 2.5 trillion dollars) in total taxes.<sup>1</sup>

The national debt is presently about 9.1 trillion dollars.<sup>2</sup>

2006 interest on the national debt was \$405,872,109,315.83 (about 406 billion dollars),<sup>3</sup> but some of it compounds and doesn't have to be paid currently. The 2006 federal budget allocated \$226,603,000,000 (about 227 billion dollars)<sup>4</sup> to Net Interest. This amounts to approx. 2.5% of the national debt, and about 9% of current revenues.

In the first year of the rebuilding of Iraq, preident Bush asked for an \$87 billion appropriation for the process. This amounts to about 3.5% of current revenue.

The same \$87 billion, invested, each year, in alternative energy to reduce America's dependence on foreign fuels would make, each year, about 7 million American homes energy self-sufficient, as concerns electricity<sup>5</sup>. This amounts to about 6.3% of all households becoming self-sufficient each year.<sup>6</sup> If figured as a percentage of U.S. homeowners (estimated to be about 73 million in 2006), it amounts to almost 10% of the owner-occupied homes<sup>7</sup>. By extrapolation, within 10 years, there would be enough solar energy being produced to power all U.S. owner-occupied homes, all of

the time (this assumes an equivalent where excess daytime electricity produced is sold into the grid to reduce commercial draw, and is replaced by electricity drawn from the grid, at night).

As of 11/14/2007, the Zogby Poll reported the President's public approval rating at 24%. Zogby reported the Democratic Congress's approval rating to be 11%.

In 1995, per Zogby, O.J. Simpson's approval rating was 16%.

**FOOTNOTES:**

<sup>1</sup> Source: IRS Data Book, FY 2006, Pub 55b, also Tax Policy Center, Urban Institute and Brookings Institution, <http://www.taxpolicycenter.org/taxfacts/displayafact.cfm?Docid=407>

<sup>2</sup> Source: U.S. Treasury Dept., <http://www.treasurydirect.gov/NP/BPDLogin?application=np>

<sup>3</sup> Source: U.S. Treasury Dept., [http://www.treasurydirect.gov/govt/reports/ir/ir\\_expense.htm](http://www.treasurydirect.gov/govt/reports/ir/ir_expense.htm)

<sup>4</sup> Source: <http://home.comcast.net/~fedbud/fedbudget/fedbudget.htm>

<sup>5</sup> This is figured conservatively, assuming a cost of solar equipment at \$4/watt, average home use of 750 kwh/mo, and solar cells producing full capacity 1/3 of the time, to allow for night and cloudy days. Use of this technology in arid areas would likely produce better results.

<sup>6</sup> Source: U.S. Census Bureau, <http://www.census.gov/prod/1/pop/p25-1129.pdf>

<sup>7</sup> Estimate based upon: U.S. Census Bureau data, <http://www.census.gov/prod/2003pubs/c2kbr-27.pdf>

## Letters to the Editor

### READERS TOOT OUR HORN

Please renew . . . subscription for 2 years. . . .

Keep the factual, interesting news going. An enjoyable newspaper, in today's world, where there is so much fiction, & lies, printed as if fact.

-- a subscriber from Eagan, Minn.

### THE BEMIDJI EVENTS FIASCO

I appreciated receiving [the] article on . . . [the proposed Bemidji Events] . . . Center [Analysis of the Vote, NH issue of 12/27/06].

I agree 100% with your thoughts on college student voting. They should not be voting on tax issues unless they pay taxes.

I am not certain how this could be changed, in fact, how it even started.

I have often wondered if they also vote by absentee ballot from their own area where their home is. Bet this isn't checked.

This sales tax [for the Events Center] is extended for 30 years for taxpayers and renters in Bemidji. This would have a drastic economic effect on Bemidji business. Everyone will go out of town to buy cars and other big ticket items.

-- a subscriber from Minnetonka, Minn., formerly of Bemidji

NH replies: And the sales tax is just the start of it. Using extremely conservative figures, this is how they crunch: In 2005, taxable sales in Bemidji were \$246,285,265. The 1/2% Events Center tax on that would generate

\$1,231,426. Even at 3%, debt service on a \$34 million debt would be \$1,720,140/yr. And additionally, the Events Center is now projected to cost way over \$34 million, interest rates may be higher, and the Center has been projected, by some, to run at an operating deficit - maybe a half million a year. Where do you think all this money is going to come from?

All this expense, just so the BSU hockey team has another place to play. Of course, this is no problem for the guys at Bemidji City Hall, who, during the summer 2007 heat wave, worked in offices that were like a refrigerator; recently discontinued the City service of picking up recyclables at curbside; and each year, in these energy-conscious times, run a quarter of a million holiday lights downtown.

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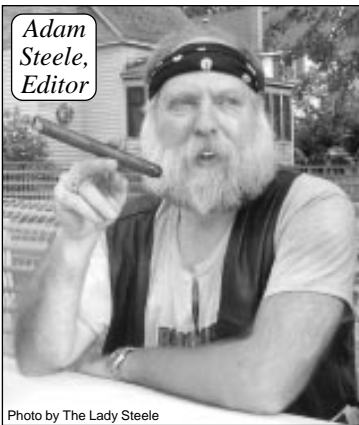


Photo by The Lady Steele

## Events Center May Raise Tuition Costs

by Adam Steele, C.P.A., and Editor

Each year, about February, a mass of students who could be working their way through school (like serious students did in my day), or could be married (particularly the ones with illicit children) and so have more household income as well as day care, go down to St. Paul with their palms out to ask for more university funding to support their "alternative" lifestyles. They complain of high college costs, but this time they should only complain to themselves.

In November, 2006, the 1/2% Bemidji sales tax to finance the proposed Events Center was put over the top by the Bemidji State University (BSU) student vote. Most Bemidji residents who pay the real estate taxes voted against it. The students were heavily pressured by BSU faculty to vote for the Center and the tax. Seems the BSU hockey team would be getting another place to play out of it, instead of the commodious John Glas Fieldhouse which taxpayers built for them not so long ago.

But the last laugh may be on those students. Seems in the ballyhoo of putting the Events Center plans together, a lot more costs have arisen than the ones that the City of Bemidji and Rep. Frank Moe told the voters and the Legislature about.

Through the City's grandiose ideas, what was a \$10 million dollar project turned into \$74 million before the first brick has been laid. The 1/2% sales tax won't nearly pay for that, and we don't think the Governor will want to, either. And then there's the little matter of the projected \$1/2 million operating deficit each year.

So where would all this extra money come from? Well, out of this chaos what has emerged is a plan where BSU Hockey would become an "anchor" tenant. But there aren't that many people who would actually pay money to see the BSU team play; so that means that the University would be left picking up a lot of the tab - the part that's more than what Bemidji can squeeze out of its residents and taxpayers.

Only thing is, there's just so much money for education in Minnesota and it's a zero-sum game. If money goes to one place, it has to come out of another. Minnesotans already pay a slice for education - it's the biggest slice of the state budget pie, and state taxpayers don't particularly want to pay more - it can be argued that when one spends money to try to educate a Northern Minnesotan - particularly a Bemidjian - well, they fast reach a point of diminishing return, anyway.

So the money that BSU has to spend for its Events Center lease will likely either reduce what is available for student tuition relief, or be lodged in some new student "fees" that they have to pay. Either way, per present figures, the impact could be as high as about \$600 per BSU student, per year.

Of course, BSU, after spending its money for

## The Future of Journalism, if taught by BSU

Per a student in one of her classes, Bemidji State University (BSU) journalism professor Louise Mengelkoch once walked into class with an article she'd had published as fact in a major magazine, and then boasted to the class of aspiring future journalists that she'd just made the article up, (i.e. fabricated it) including direct quotes within it.

Louise Mengelkoch is the Chair of the Mass Comm dept. at BSU, notwithstanding that she is not degreed in journalism. Her classes include "Media Ethics". She is currently being sued for libel in connection with another made-up writing that she published.

This, apparently, is what the State of Minnesota university system allows to teach journalism to young people. It doesn't portend a good future for the trade.

## Blandin To Waste Money on Mengelkoch "newspaper"

GRAND RAPIDS -- Per a Bemidji State University (BSU) release, and as confirmed through the Blandin Foundation, Grand Rapids, Blandin has provided start-up funding for a web-based news provider, an online "newspaper" of sorts, directed by KAXE Radio, Grand Rapids, with services to be provided by the BSU Mass Communications Dept. under the direction of Mrs. Louise Mengelkoch.

This follows a failed effort by Mrs. Mengelkoch to assist in the launching of an earlier paper "Common Ground" which was not well received, possibly because it was the same sort of trash (our opinion) that is found in other newspapers - just with the names and specific agendas being a little different.

On August 27th, 2007, Northern Herald attempted to contact the Program Director at KAXE to apprise him of Mengelkoch's history. After the first sentence, upon learning what the call was about, though, he hung up on us. Apparently KAXE wasn't that interested in the qualifications of the people they're working with.

## Chairman Jourdain Gives Twin Cities KQRS "What For"

Following 2 DJs making statements insulting to Native American people, Red Lake Chairman, Floyd Jourdain, Jr., on behalf of his people, met with KQRS station administrators Oct. 29, 2007, demanding, and getting, apologies from both DJs, and major concessions by the station.

And Northern Herald says: Good going Chairman Jourdain. Kudos!

The Red Lake people are fortunate to have a leader who won't tolerate this sort of nonsense, and who is willing to take the time, and do what it takes, to get it corrected.

We, at Northern Herald, can only go by experience. We have found the Native American people to be wonderful to do business with.

When we had "honour racks", the ones at Native American places, like Cass Lake, were usually "right on the money". It was the ones in predominately white Bemidji establishments that had thefts, and had coin boxes broken into.

It is time that white people honour their treaties, and stop blaming Native Americans for the problems that the white bums, themselves, create. -- A. Steele

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extracurricular activities, rather than the three Rs, will probably go wailing back to St. Paul, or to the voters, for more money; that approach, after all, worked for the High School, for a while. But it would not be inappropriate if the voters and the Governor simply told the bleeding-heart students that we're taxed enough; that those students voted for their tuition increase; now they can enjoy it.

Actually, this could, for those students, turn into a good lesson in practical economics and applied political science: That even when the government is involved, one doesn't get something for nothing; that causes have effects; that what one votes for does matter; and that when one votes to spend the public money, as part of the public, they may well end up paying for it.

## What You're Paying For

The Beltrami Co. Administration Bldg., and the Courthouse were closed Nov. 23rd, 2007 (the Friday after Thanksgiving, which is not a holiday). They also closed an hour early on Monday, Nov. 19th, for employee recognitions (which could have been done after hours). If you went there to get new license tabs, you were Simply Out of Luck.

We wonder how long until the next AFSCME (public employees union) strike is threatened.

## The New Face Of Justice

Also what you're paying for: New in 2007 is the ridiculous new \$6 million dollar Beltrami County Courthouse. This behemoth structure was built, presumably, to add space, while (Continued, "Justice," page 8)

**"Freedom of the press is guaranteed only to those who own one."**  
 -- A.J. Liebling

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## Taxpayers To Waste \$Tens of Thousands on "Eurospring"

BEMIDJI -- Welfare used to be the biggest dumping ground, now it's welfare in the name of "education".

Education is the largest spending item in the Minnesota budget. Despite this, school administrators refuse to live within their plush means, and regularly ask the already strapped taxpayers, now plagued by outlandish fuel, heating, and inflated food costs besides, for even more money in "excess levy" referendums. Fortunately, last November, in many Minnesota communities, taxpayers just said "No! - Enough is Enough!" Kudos to them.

For years, it's seemed that anything was OK, if it could be done in the name of education. Most taxpayers, for example, couldn't afford to take an 8-week stay in Europe, or go to China or Australia. But they're paying to send Minnesota college students and faculty there.

One of the ways we throw this tax money to the winds is by way of Bemidji State University (BSU)'s

*Eurospring* program, in which students and paid faculty spend a few weeks in England, and then on to a tour of France, Italy, and Germany, including a Rhine cruise.

The cost of this fiasco is estimated at \$6,200 per student, plus normal tuition (yes, they get credit for this) but can be entirely covered by student grants and loans, per a financial aid representative at BSU, who said that at least half of the students who take the trip use financial aid to do it.

In addition to BSU, this type of taxpayer-financed world travel for students and faculty is also done on other MNSCU campuses. It is not known how many (hundreds of ?) thousands of dollars are wasted in the aggregate on this.

Whatever happened to public education as meaning books, pencils, and homework?

More info: [http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/international/Docs/US\\_Eurospring\\_Flyer07-08.pdf](http://www.bemidjistate.edu/students/international/Docs/US_Eurospring_Flyer07-08.pdf)



## Welcome Home, Vets!

The people of Bemidji gave a hearty **WELCOME HOME** to the veterans of the **Red Bulls**, the 34th Infantry Division of Able Company, 2-136 CAB, on August 25th, 2007, for their heroic duty abroad in Operation Iraqi Freedom. Above, the procession comes from the National Guard Armory at Bemidji, and proceeded along Norton St., and then 15th St., as people waved from their yards and porches. The procession finally ended up at BSU's Memorial Hall, where people packed the basketball arena bleachers to see the fighters for America, and welcome them back. At inset, the Red Bull insignia is decal on a car parked by the enormous Memorial Hall reception.

The reception was attended by many notables, who, after the Pledge of Allegiance, spoke to the crowd and the men, and thanked them heartily for their good work. Distinguished speakers included Company Commander, Captain Adam Gilbertson; Red Bull Division Commander, Major Rick Erlandson; U.S. Rep. Collin Peterson, and Brigade Commander, Sgt. Major Doug Julin. Governor Pawlenty awarded certificates to the veterans, and also certificates of appreciation to civilians who have strongly helped the cause, including Bemidji's Best Auto Service, which performed free oil changes for the families of soldiers, while they were on-duty abroad.

## Consumer Corner

Readers are invited to submit consumer complaints or compliments to this column, and to our Auto Service Forum. Send info c/o this paper, P.O. Box 1535, Bemidji, MN 56619

## Home Repair in the Northland

A few dependable tradesmen can be found here, but, as there is no work ethic, most just waste your time, and many homeowners end up doing the work themselves, or it just doesn't get done and the house rots, making money for the demolition guys and the corrupt *new home* contractors.

**ROOFING** - A survey of Northern contractors

• **Crow Wing Exteriors** - May give a good estimate, but doesn't show up for follow up and to start the job. This is run, near Walker, by Shannon Jacob and a female, possibly his wife; the phone is usually answered by a machine.

Calls are often not returned. When one does reach Shannon and makes an appointment, when the day of it comes, they may receive a call from the female saying something like, "He wanted to bring over some samples, but the roofing supplier hasn't gotten them in yet - they weren't on today's truck - can we reschedule?" And

then he just doesn't show up for the reschedule. When there's water coming in, this could be a problem. If one calls about it, and actually reaches Shannon, he just hangs up on the customer. This is how they treat their customers, which really isn't that uncommon here among the building trades. As these people are practiced liars, for the jobs they actually do, the attractive estimate may not be worth the wind that saying it produces.

• **Brother n' Son Construction** - In Menahga. Makes estimate - doesn't return calls to start work.

• **Morris Roofing & Siding** - Will schedule estimate appointment and not show up. On day of appointment may call and say that they have too much work already.

★ **R Johnson Construction** - in Hackensack. Of the contractors we surveyed, this is the only one that actually shows up for the estimate *and* to do the work. And the work is done well. Mr. Johnson takes jobs, large and small, within a reasonable driving distance, including Bemidji.

## So What Does The USDA Do, in Meat, Anyway?

In the wake of outbreaks of salmonella poisoning, and waves of E. coli turning up in fast food restaurants and packaged beef products, including major name brands, it is of note that now, under the Bush administration (not exactly known for consumer protection), the USDA no longer inspects all meat in supermarkets.

Further, if you buy and eat some beef and get sick, USDA generally will not test the meat; neither will the Minnesota state Health Dept.

Mackenzie Andrei, with USDA in Washington, DC, said that retail beef is not necessarily USDA inspected, and, if not, is outside their jurisdiction. For testing of contamination-suspected beef, Andrei referred us to the Minnesota Health Dept.'s Food-Borne Illness Hotline (1-877-FOOD-ILL). Their name is kind of a joke, because they don't really do much either. When Northern Herald inquired about testing of suspect beef sold at a Bemidji

supermarket, we were told that they don't normally test food, even when people reported becoming ill after eating it. The Minn. Dept. of Health representative said that E. coli is not allowed in meat; but, in actuality, it is present a lot of the time, and the Dept. doesn't do much to enforce this health standard.

Not only is USDA doing little to protect the public against food-borne disease, they have stood in the way of *producers* who have tried to do so.

In Kansas, a particularly conscientious meat producer, **Creekstone Farms**, wanted to voluntarily test *all* of the cattle it slaughtered for mad cow disease; (this is required in many countries, but not here) but **USDA prohibited** the testing.

Fortunately, Creekstone sued USDA and won (case no. 06-0554, USDC for the District of Columbia), but the USDA still doesn't want the testing done and has appealed the decision.\*

Even if they like it medium rare, more people are eating their beef well done these days, to lessen risk.

### Consumer Corner Quick Tip

**More Gas, Less \$\$\$!**



People traveling Highway 2 may want to check the prices at Deer River and Grand Rapids before filling up. Here, the **Deer River Cenex** boasts \$2.71<sup>9</sup> on August 4th, 2007, about 20¢ lower than the Bemidji price. Other good places to fill up in the Grand Rapids area include **SA at Grand Rapids & Cohasset**, **Cub Foods**, **River Rat Trd. Pst.** (E of Deer River) **RJ Market** (Coleraine) **Ron's Korner Market** (Bovee) and up Highway 38, **Lake McKinney Store**, **God's Country Outfitters** and **The Outpost**.

There is an industry move favouring irradiation, possibly because that would allow meat producers to get away with lower sanitary standards; many consumers oppose this, however, and with good reason - they don't particularly want to eat manure, even if it is irradiated and sterile.

The best protection is to buy meat, particularly ground beef, only from a reputable store or butcher shop where the butcher is personally involved with the meat, can tell you what went into it, and stands responsible for it. If permitted, open the package and smell the beef. Even when raw, quality ground beef smells clean and like hamburgers. If it smells like innards, it is suspect.

\* For more reading on the Creekstone matter, see *Creekstone Farms Slaughtered by USDA* at [http://reclaimdemocracy.org/articles\\_2004/usda\\_slaughters\\_creekstone.html](http://reclaimdemocracy.org/articles_2004/usda_slaughters_creekstone.html) and also [www.creekstonefarms.com](http://www.creekstonefarms.com)

The District Court's opinion is also available on the net.

This Creekstone matter was earlier reported briefly in *Minnesota Law and Politics* magazine.

### Consumer Corner Quick Tip

**Ricing Permitted!**

Aficionados of Minnesota's great Rice of the Wild will find one of

the best deals around (that you can get without a canoe) at **SuperAmerica**, in **Cohasset**! Last we checked (summer, 2007) they had hand-winnowed non-cultivated lake grade (this is the good stuff) at \$5.49/lb., cultivated Minnesota long-grain at \$3.99, and other grades as low as \$8.49 for a 3 lb. bag! It's the place to buy it!

### Consumer Corner Quick Tip

**Beating the Mosquitos.** Want to not be bugged, but hate the sticky feel of bug repellent? Try **smoking a pipe** when you're out walking. Pipe smoke keeps *most* mosquitos at bay. A few dedicated ones may get through, but for many people, it's all they'll need to keep from being bugged.

## At LAKE GEORGE, Of Course!



LAKE GEORGE -- A whole lot of clothing, books, and appliances, and a little bit of most everything else, can now be found at the new **Woodland Convenience Store** thrift store.

If your toddler is getting himself ready for the Effie Rodeo this year, you can even find him a pair of tiny boots (inset) here! Woodland Convenience Store. It's a great place to shop in Lake George!

*If you removed all of the second-hand smoke from the environment today, the public health effect would be "zero to nil!" - Dr. Daniel Weeks, leading epidemiologist and former Idaho state medical official*

Read the comprehensive 40-year study, that showed that, notwithstanding the lies and nonsense some publicly-supported organizations try to feed the public,

## Secondhand Smoke Never Killed Anyone

**and does not cause the major lung and heart diseases attributed to it**

in our issue of 10/25/04 in The Library, Vol. 10, at [northernherald.com](http://northernherald.com)

orat bmj.com Col. 326, p. 1057 (This is the British Medical Journal site. The research was done in the U.S., but due, apparently, to political pressure in opposition to the scientific results, they would not be published here.)

## SMOKING

*It doesn't just look cool, It is cool!*

**But remember, you have to wait 'til you're 18 to do it!**

### THINGS THAT JUST DON'T WORK

*"There is no product that someone cannot make a little worse and sell a little cheaper. Those who consider price alone are this man's lawful prey."*

This column is cumulative, and provided for consumer awareness. Signed consumer submissions are welcome.

For review of the following things that just don't work, from past issues, see *Things That Just Don't Work* at [northernherald.com](http://northernherald.com):

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**If you just don't get it:** If your school doesn't receive copies, and wants to, have your 12th grade Social Studies teacher (we're a little too real for younger students, who at that stage of life should only be exposed to the stories and fables that they read in the other papers) contact *NH* at 218-759-1162.

What you're doing is something known only to you, Providence, and, these days, the government.

# First Jammin' Country Fest An Absolute Smash!



Photo by The Lady Steele

A full moon rises over the Moondance Jammin' Country Fest Main Stage; accompanied by Jupiter (the white dot in the upper right corner, over the VIP tent).

WALKER -- When you want something done Moondance-Class (it's like first-class-all-the-way, but just a little more) you get Bill & Kathy Bieloh's Moondance entertainment production team to do it, if they will.

June of 2007 found their crew busily sorting wristbands in tents, while other members prepared the Moondance Fairgrounds a few weeks earlier than usual, as the Bielohs had given the nod to Country Fest, accepting it from its former Turtle River production group; and the turnout for the first "Moondance Jammin' Country Fest", blew everyone away! And so did the talent! Co-producer, Mr. Bieloh, said that he was "very satisfied" with the turnout for the first Fest. This is good, as it means that we can look forward to another great event in 2008!



Dancing on the sand lot. Josh Gravelle, of Aitkin, certainly didn't let a pair of crutches spoil his Country Fest fun! "Your greatest limitation is your mind." -- Art Richmond (former owner of Warehouse Computers, Nevis)

About 10,000 people got to see their favorite country stars, in person, right there, at the very first Country Fest to be held at the Moondance Fairgrounds, June 28th - 30th; and the maiden voyage was very well received by those there. Said an unidentified country fan who is part of the St. Paul beautification project (she beautifies the city by walking around it and being seen), "I've had a blast," and said that she'd be coming back for the 2008 event.

The weather was perfect for the first Fest, with highs in the mid 60s to 70s, and cooler after sundown (best to bring a light jacket) as the biggest Main Stage acts came on.

The event, dubbed the Moondance Jammin' Country Fest, boasted a never-before lineup which headlined, on the Main Stage, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band (see story, p. 1), Randy Travis,

Editor's Note: It is an honour, each year, to be among the Moondance Press Corps that cover this phenomenal annual Northern Minnesota event (and now, two of them). It's always a lot of work, but you can't be there and not really enjoy it too, and the seven grueling days of vying for the best camera angles on the great acts and what's going on in the crowd around us, trying to snag interviews when we can, and munching the really tasty Moon Food in between, go by too fast. As the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band put it so many years ago, "It's Great To Be A Part of Something So Good That's Lasted So Long!" (NGDB's Partners, Brothers, and Friends (1985))



There, to America's fighting men and women overseas.



With attendance that can be fairly called astounding, for a Thursday night, LONESTAR, above and left, wrapped up the Main Stage show, performing hits including Piano Man, Walking in Memphis, and When You Feel Like Singing; and dedicated their second encore, their major hit, I'm Already



Dance, Dance, Dance!

RANDY TRAVIS & CO. ON THE COUNTRY FEST MAIN STAGE



Unlike some other music fests, at Country Fest and Moondance, fans don't need special seats or tickets to get up close and personal with the entertainment at stage front. One just has to be willing to walk up there, like these fans did for Randy Travis's show. The Travis Troupe included Robb Houston on acoustic guitar, Bill Cook on bass guitar, Joe Van Dyke on keyboards, Steve Hinson on steel guitar & dobro, L. D. Money on lead guitar, Herb Shucher on drums, David Johnson on fiddle, and Lance Dary on guitar and mandolin.



SheDaisy, Dierks Bentley, Big & Rich with Cowboy Troy, Lonestar, Terri Clark, Jessica Andrews, Blue Country, Bomshel, Danielle Peck, The Grascals, Katrina Elam, and Asleep At The Wheel.

Additionally, a host of country bands also entertained in the MDJ Saloon. They included Telluride, the Wayne Renn Band, Smoking Guns, Power Play, Liz Carlisle, Whiskey Johnson, Karl Commers Neil Diamond Tribute Show, Chace Roberts, Indian Country, and Kristi Morris & Kentucky Heart.

The Country Fest featured all of the amenities normally found at Moondance, including camping, lots of beverages and good food, and most of the other Moondance vendors. Day Three saw a Main Stage tribute to America's troops abroad, including photos, submitted by their families here, of Minnesota servicemen, shown on the Jumbotron.



Above, Carl Mekola, of Remer, thinks the huge crowd will double or triple in a year or two. Mrs. Mekola said that when Carl can see through his beer stein sunglasses, she's going to



Some Fancy Riding! Here, Olissio Zoppe cannonballs from the front running horse to the back, and lands on his feet! The trick riding show, which included juggling knives while standing on horseback, was performed by Cavallo Equestrian Arts, Orlando, Fla. (<http://www.cavalloeqarts.com>); on Friday, and again on Saturday, at Country Fest.



Randy Travis's, showmanship and tonal quality was a tremendous hit with the audience who quickly filled the seating and the big sand lot (right in front of the stage) just before he came on.

Travis's performance included his big hits, Spirit Of A Woman, Deeper Than The Holler, Just A Matter Of Time, Three Wooden Crosses, You Have To Raise Him Up, On The Other Hand, and Forever And Ever Amen.

Said a fan who had just come back from the high stage-side viewing area (see pic, p. 1) "Well, I've never been to a situation like this, but I was able to go beyond the stage, and look down, and it was amazing to see!"

At right, Telluride performs before a filled dance floor on the MDJ Saloon Stage, late Thursday night, 'til about 1 am. The MDJ Saloon is a part of the vast Moondance Fairgrounds, where people can sit indoors and have a drink, and dance! (Really, for serious dancing, with its big ballroom floor, it's the best place on the grounds.) Selections performed included the classic, "Cherry Bomb", and from their new album, "Kansas City Green".



# Bemidji's Car Care Center!



It's usually easy to buy a new radiator, but what if your old one just needs a little solder?



These days, a radiator repair shop, once commonplace, can be hard to find. **Scott Puschinsky** says that his, *Scott's Radiator*, at 717 Washington Ave. S., Bemidji, is one of the last of a dying breed - it's the only one for 50 miles around.

**Mr. Puschinsky** has been in the radiator business for 25 years, now, with his present location for the last 12. His grandfather's was the first radiator shop in Bemidji, and Scott said, "I've always had an interest in doing it."

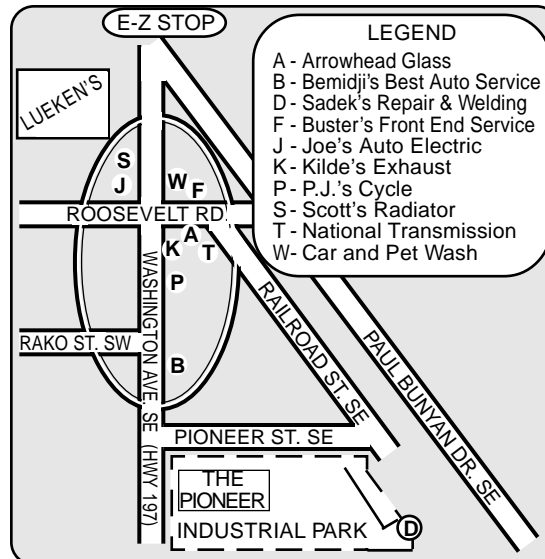
In addition to fixing radiators, *Scott's* stocks over 150 new ones. They also do **water pumps, flushes, A/C work, belts and hoses, fix thermostat & heater problems**, and offer **free radiator pressure checks**. Said Scott, "I like to treat customers fair," and, although he doesn't recall any problems, if a customer has one, Scott stands behind his work, and he's there to make it right.



For everything from tune-ups to transmissions, now, a variety of specialized independent mechanics and auto & cycle services can be found within a few blocks, in south Bemidji. Just about every service your car or bike might need! To get here from downtown, just take Paul Bunyan Drive south, past Holiday, and by E-Z Stop, bear right onto Washington Ave.

**NH** Northern Herald Recommended Tradesmen

The NH Quality Seal indicates businesses which we have independently evaluated and found excellent. The other businesses shown here have not yet been evaluated, and may be excellent.



The philosophy at **Joe's Auto Electric**, at 725 Washington Ave. S., Bemidji, is one of confidence in and standing behind the products, that they manufacture on-site. The shop makes an almost unheard of **3-year warranty** on its rebuilt domestic car starters and alternators, which start at \$39. And they can be **installed right there**, in one stop, at their shop.



Electrical expert **Jim Verke** said, "We install alternators and starters, do electrical checks, wiring diagnostics, anything of that nature..." Verke is a career auto electrical specialist with 27 years experience. Formerly a rebuilder for a high-volume producer, he acquired *Joe's* in Dec., 2006, to have a family business in Bemidji.

He carries on the *Joe's* tradition of good workmanship and treating the customer right. "We stand behind them and try to help the customer out any way we can," Verke said.



Joe's Auto Electric: 218-444-6515



Jim (left) and Eric Verke. Eric does many of the installations.



OK. Here's the straight scoop: Your exhaust is noisy. You can go to one of the many "buy & bolt" muffler shops that'll tell you that you need

all new pipes that may cost over \$100; or you can go to Mr. Kilde, who'll cut out the part with the hole that's making the noise, and weld in a new section. Good as new, no waste, and for a lot less money.

The difference is that the buy & bolt shops don't weld or fabricate metal - so one has to buy the whole length of pipe whether he really needs it or not.

**Eldon Kilde**, conversely, is an accomplished welder and metal fabricator, an artist of his trade, really, with 20 yrs. in auto exhaust work. His shop, at 800 Washington Ave. S., Bemidji (218-759-9777), has all of the welding, as well as the pipe bending and fabricating, equipment to make exactly what you need, without having to buy the expensive stuff that you don't.



If one needs a new muffler, Mr. Kilde has them, in stock, too.

This is where everyone "in the know" goes, in Bemidji, for muffler and exhaust; and there's only one Mr. Kilde, so an appointment is necessary.

**Kilde's** also is one of the area's most complete shops for **Radio-Controlled (RC) airplanes**, helicopters, cars, and other RC models; and has a huge selection of parts, supplies, and accessories for RCs. Additionally, *Kilde's* does **custom pipes, general welding** and **small engine repair** (chainsaws, snowblowers, lawnmowers, snowmos, etc.); and has a number of **used snowblowers in stock for sale**.

Mr. Kilde's philosophy in a nutshell? "Do it right the first time."



For many motorists, the worst nightmare is hearing noise from the transmission. But **National Transmission** manager, **Red Borgen**, with 27 yrs. in the transmission business, says that with today's cars, it can be something minor, or something entirely different. A quick check in their shop is recommended, to see if there's a simple fix.

*National Transmission* offers periodic maintenance; and if a rebuild is needed, *National* offers them, with both regular, and extended, warranty.

*National Transmission* 606 Railroad St. S. 218-759-2610 888-759-5124



It's one of those days. The truck's full of mud, and the dog chased a skunk. No problema. Just pop the dog into the truck, and bring them both to the **Nymore Car and Pet Wash**, at 407 Roosevelt Rd. SE (Hwy 71 S at Roosevelt), Bemidji. Open 7 days a week, 7:30 am to 8 pm.

Owned by Doug Underthun, the newly opened, self-serve, **8-bay (6 car, 2 truck) wash** features low-pressure presoak, wand wash, foam brush, bug cleaner, and wax. Plus, there's an ingenious concept: a self-serve soft water **indoor pet wash** offering shampoo in regular, flea & tick, and oatmeal treatment; conditioner, de-skunk treatment, and two blow dry speeds.



## Hackensack Canoe Race Results

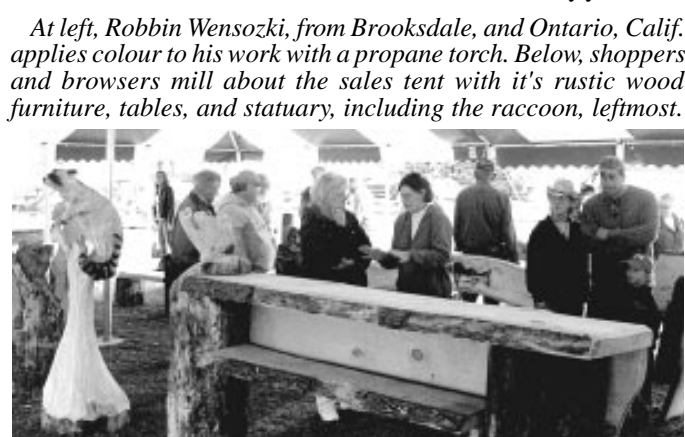
**HACKENSACK** -- The annual Hackensack Canoe Races are held the third weekend of June, when the anniversary of Paul Bunyan and Lucette is also celebrated.

In the Pro Championship Tandem (12-mile course), First, Second, and Third, in the various divisions went to, respectively: Mixed: Kate Ellis & Devin Arenz (1 hour, 44 min., 44 sec.), Anna Peterson & Brett Arenz (1:45:30), and Krista Matison & Al Rudquist (1:49:20); Men: Sage Jensen & Kjell Peterson (1:49:24), Dan Shaffer & Joe Dunaisky (1:56:30), and Kyle Czech & Cory Meyer (2:13:21).



**No Sweat!** The team of John and Wanda Arenz, at left, bring it in with time of 50 minutes, flat, way ahead of all the others in the 4-mile "citizen" canoe course, clinching 1st place in the Sweetheart couples class, June 17, 2007, at Hackensack. At far left, and not far behind, comes the Bank Forward canoe (leftmost) which finished in 60 min, 44 sec. to take 2nd in the Business class; the Sweetheart team of Charles and Jane Hauer (on the right), who, with a very respectable 67:35, took 3rd in that class, and just behind them, the Bear Pause Theatre canoe which took 3rd in the Business class with 70:50.

## SOMETHING'S ALWAYS HAPPENING IN HACKENSACK!



At left, Robbin Wenzoski, from Brooksdale, and Ontario, Calif. applies colour to his work with a propane torch. Below, shoppers and browsers mill about the sales tent with it's rustic wood furniture, tables, and statuary, including the raccoon, leftmost.

The **National Chainsaw Sculpting Invitational** is held every year at Hackensack, Minn., generally, the last weekend of Sept., or the first one in October, concluding the *Fall Has It All* Festival. The 2007 event was 9/28 - 9/30.

Although still a part of the bigger 10-day fall fest, this event has grown tremendously since its inception in 2005, taking on a life of its own and bringing thousands of visitors to Hackensack, who delight in watching from the bleachers as the carvings take shape in the carvers' sculpting cages, and in the *Sawdust Stadium* carving pit.

The event also features a sales tent (all of the carvings are auctioned or sold, (Continued, "See saws," page 10)

First Place in the Business class (4 mile course) went to Kevin Larson Construction with 56:57; 2nd in the Sweethearts (4 miles) went to the team of Margarete & Anthony, with 54:54. The Youth-Grandparent class was won by Brian & Chuck Plantz, with 51:47 - theirs was the second best time, overall, for the 4-mile ("citizens") course. Beth Hauer & Jonathon Dunaisky took the 16-and-under class with 65:35



*The New Face of Justice in Beltrami County. Right down to the acorn lamps, the new courthouse has a sinister, foreboding look which belies its purpose for the staff, not the public who paid for it.*



**Justice from page 4**

the old Bemidji High School building continues to stand vacant. Also vacant is the old Beltrami County building, now that the offices it housed have been moved to the new County Administration building. Those, too, could have been a lot of courtrooms. We suppose that with welfare reform ushered in by Beltrami County spending \$5 million for the unneeded Welfare Building a few years back, now every department wanted a new building whether one was needed or not. After all, it's just the taxpayers' money, and it's an opportunity to funnel some of it to the officials' sweetheart construction firms.

One of these years, we'll maybe have some good County Commissioner candidates, but don't hold your breath.

Aside from the needless cost, what's particularly outrageous is that the new courthouse washes away the last vestiges of the notion that the courts are for the people and are there to serve the public. In the new building, the public is, for the most part, to be damned. The new building was designed and is run by, and for the convenience of its staff, not the people, who paid for it.

When one enters the building, he's greeted just inside the door by the deputy tending the metal detector, who'll inform the person that, now, no electronic devices are allowed. If one was planning to take notes of supposedly public documents on a laptop, well, that won't happen. This is part of a veil of secrecy that now seems to run throughout this supposedly public facility. The prohibition extends to cell phones, even if one is just going over to the Court Administrator's (clerk's) window to file a document or pay a fine. Cell phones have to be left outside the building. Each day, many citizens are turned away, and it is particularly problematic for the ones who came on foot, and so have no car or other place to leave their cell. The deputy will not hold cell phones or other prohibited items while one is in the building.

Tape recorders, also, are not allowed, which impedes news reporting; and also ensures that there will be only one copy of the record (the transcript) - the one issued by the court. Effectively, this lets the court control the record. If some words in the transcript don't look just as one remembers them, (which can include less-well-chosen words used by the Judge, which are somehow absent from the official transcript, and could be material to the issue of due process), it's hard to have evidence to challenge it. This is compounded by an order of a Ninth District judge that the public, including parties to an action, may no longer listen to the audio tape which is customarily made of the proceedings, to ensure that the transcript is accurate. The net effect is to leave the court wholly in control of the official record (the record used for appeal purposes), with no public oversight, and no

safeguard against mistakes in, or alterations to, that record.

As to the metal detector, most people hate the airport security drill; but now, Beltrami residents get to go through it every time they have any sort of business at the courthouse, including the clerk's window or the law library. They might as well catch a plane while they're there. The cost of delaying and inconveniencing citizens having courthouse business; that is, the new position of the full-time deputy to tend the metal detector, costs taxpayers \$51,660 per year. This is a Beltrami County, rather than Ninth District expense. Looked at differently, it takes one deputy off of the streets for a full shift.

And it makes no sense. Supposedly, it's post 9/11 precautions. But the Beltrami County Courthouse would never be a terrorist target. Given the operation of our "system" up here in Bemidji, terrorists - criminals who hate law, order, democracy, freedom, and our Constitution - would want the *Beltrami County Courthouse* to stand intact. Heck, they'd defend it! More:

- A sign on the elevators says "In case of fire, use stairs" but they're not marked. An inquiry produced that the stairs are "closed". People who don't like elevators are Simply Out of Luck.
- The law library is an important tool for those who like to bring their own cases. But this is discouraged, in more than one way, by the courts here; in Beltrami County, availability of the law to the public is not a major priority. **(Continued, "Justice," page 11)**

*A woman in politics. At right, Miss Cass Lake candidate Jennifer Knop strikes a dramatic pose at the Cass Lake Rib Fest, at Cass Lake, Minn., July 21st, 2007. This fest, dedicated to the eating of good ribs, happens about the third weekend of each July. In addition to the Miss Cass Lake pageant, there are lots of unique items including jewelry, furniture, woodwork and much more, at the art & craft mart (this year's included a string of Christmas tree lights made from red & green shotgun shells), live music, and lots of fun. The very excellent and popular Northern band "Indian Country" performed at the 2007 event. In a fest focused on advances in gastronomy, democracy is in action and festgoers enjoy freedom of choice. They could choose their ribs from Dave's Famous (inset, lower right), Porky's, or Big Ed's BBQ (fabulous!). And there was lots more to eat, too. Tommy's Treats of Walker was there with his famous cheesecake, frozen bananas, and other delights (photo inset at lower left).*



*"The people we call 'do-gooders' tend, generally, to be very intolerant, self-righteous sorts, to whom any means, honest and legal or not, is permissible if it serves their end. The best thing for civilized humanity would be if the legislature would provide that all of these do-gooders be gathered into one great assemblage of goodness... and shot into space." -- A. Steele*

**FOLLOW-UP**

**Thorson, Garvick Sentenced**

BEMIDJI -- In civilized places, children are taught respect for others, for their property, and for the law, which makes it possible for creatures as disgusting as humans to live in close proximity without killing each other.

But this is Northern Minnesota, where, far from teaching respect for the law, as Bill Callies notes in his book (*They Used To Call Us Game Wardens* - see review in NH of 06/25/07 at northernherald.com), parents, particularly the "pillars of the community", sometimes have their kids commit crimes for them, knowing that the kids will, if caught, get off a lot lighter.

So kids here learn, early-on, that the law doesn't matter much, it's just a matter of what one can get away with. Then they become adults. Some become lawyers and judges, others, store owners. This then, explains the mentality of a lot of Northern Minnesota, and particularly, of Bemidji.

Learning that the law doesn't matter up here may start in small ways, like parents allowing their kids to have illegal beer parties\*. This being approved, next thing, they may try to steal something. If they get away with that, they'll do it again.

So it appears to have been with Travis Lee Thorson, 19, of rural Bemidji (see *A Minor Travesty*, NH of 06/25/07, and "Correction", p. 1 of this issue).

Thorson pled guilty and was sentenced, before Judge Benshoof, July 13th, 2007, for *minor consumption of alcohol* (Beltrami Co. case no. 04-CR-07-2263), stemming from an incident May 29,



2007 at one of his regular underage beer parties at his parents' home at 1368 Augusta Court, Bemidji.

He was sentenced to \$180 in fines and costs, and 10 days in jail, with the jail time stayed for one year on conditions including that he have no same or similar offenses.

Bemidjians, however, learn very slowly; and *Northern Herald* is informed that the sentencing did not stop the almost-weekly beer parties.

Also involved in the same minor drinking incident was Benjamin Garvick, 19, who also pled guilty and received a similar sentence.

\* Parents, generally, may legally give their children alcohol in the home. But they may not have other people's children over and serve it to them.

**Bemidji Council To Leave Legacy of Debt Squanders \$13 Million for "parks" acquisition**

BEMIDJI -- The City of Bemidji has entered into purchase agreements for land on the south shore of Lake Bemidji (where the old Georgia-Pacific plant was) at a cost of about \$13.1 million. The land encompasses about 129 acres (about 22 average square city blocks).

With purchase agreements already in place for 3 smaller parcels, meeting as the Bemidji Economic Development Authority on Dec. 10th, 2007, the City Councilmembers committed to purchase the major portion of the land, approx. 106 acres of it, for about \$11.7 million from Shorequest, L.L.C., run by Walker businessman John Zacher.

Beltrami County records indicate that Shorequest had purchased the largest part of that land, 55.34 acres, from Georgia-Pacific on Aug. 1st, 2002, for \$1 million, and acquired, in 2005, another portion of it, approximately 36 acres, from a railroad, for \$1.2 million; bringing the cost of 91.5 acres (of the 106 acres) to 2.2 million, or about \$24,000 an acre, arguably, a reasonable price for the developed land in the city and near the lake. Shorequest also removed the old Georgia Pacific wood products plant from the site. Mr. Zacher could not be reached to confirm these amounts, or for further comment. The price now being paid by the City for the Shorequest property amounts to about \$110,500 per acre.

Former Bemidji Mayor Doug **(Continued, "Waste," page 9)**

**SUMMER HAPPENINGS IN NORTHERN MINNESOTA!**  
*THE SUN SHINES, AND SO DOES EVERY NORTHERN MINNESOTA COMMUNITY!*



LAPORTE -- It's the place to be for the 4th of July! Although the 2007 celebration actually took place on the 7th, on Saturday, so all could come for the day. At left, Craig Mackey grills and serves up his own fresh brats, made fresh right there and sold at Laporte Grocery. He grilled the regular, and the all-beef Philly style. Said the Lady, "It's the best I've ever tasted." Said Joan, a local resident, "Well, everybody loves 'em, and if he'd happen to be out of brats, you just don't have brats." Would she buy Johnsonville in a pinch? "Never, Never," Joan said. The all day event featured a parade, games, wagon rides, good food and entertainment by Clyde Family/Kent Dudley Singers (above right), fireworks, and the street dance. At far right, Sue Olson, the winner of the pie eating contest, and, at near right, her winning it!



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**Obit from page 3**

lodge here since the Beltrami smoking ordinance took effect, except that we built a special "smoking room" that is in compliance with said ordinance. Still, they can't play pool, or otherwise use the full facilities while smoking.

"In October, 2007, a new Minnesota State statute took effect and outlawed that smoking room. The veterans now cannot smoke anywhere in their own lodge. We anticipate that many former servicemen will no longer be comfortable in their lodge and will stop coming here to socialize.

"This is atrocious and it violates the rights that we went overseas to defend with our lives; and we support the Court's granting of the Petition for Writ of Certiorari and reviewing the Constitutionality of these types of ordinances and laws.

"Additionally, the Beltrami County smoking ordinance has severely reduced proceeds from pull-tab (charitable gambling) sales for both this American Legion Post (which operates the game) and for the charity supported; due to client attrition.

"In order to meet health standards, in addition to the smoking room, we have made a substantial investment over the years in our highly effective air filtration system, which "eats" smoke and puts out "fresh air", so our members could smoke; and these new and changing non-smoking laws render these investments a waste.

"Most of our older war veterans smoke. They got cigarettes in their "C" rations, and they smoke to this day. Back then, pretty near everybody smoked in the service; now, with these new smoking ordinances, they're putting an undue hardship on Second World War veterans and Korean War veterans, in their own place (this Legion post)."

The Supreme Court, however, rejected the Amicus Curiae brief and sent it back, because the Legion Post did not have an attorney.

*"Do the best you can in every task, no matter how unimportant it may seem at the time. No one learns more about a problem than the person at the bottom."*

*-- U.S. Supreme Court Justice (ret.) Sandra Day O'Connor*

**Waste from page 8**

Peterson had been involved with the land venture, on behalf of Shorequest, Inc.

Although said to be for more parks, the acquisition is seen as the Council's latest attempt to cram their proposed events center down Bemidji taxpayers' throats, and make it a "done deal", whether Bemidjians want it or not. With the land acquired, after all, something would have to be done with it. So the Council fast-tracked the acquisition, due to close in late January, before much could be said or done about it.

**Where's the money?** When one goes in to pay their water bill at city hall, and glances at the cash drawer, well, it doesn't look like the City has \$13 million in there. And they don't know exactly where the money will ultimately come from. Per City Manager John Chatten, who didn't return calls, but was cornered at the City's "open house", Jan. 2nd, 2008 at City Hall, to unveil the events center sketches; the January purchase will be financed by the City's issuance of \$14.5 million worth of 2-year bonds. That will provide breathing space, and give the City 2 years to find the money to retire the bonds, possibly refinancing them with a long-term bond measure.

**Greater Fool theory.** Chatten broached that the City may try to subdivide the parcels and sell some of

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**NORTHERN HERALD RESTAURANT GUIDE**

*A visitor's or resident's guide to the better sit-down dining in Northern Minnesota. These are Northern Herald rated establishments; as such, except as noted, all are hospitable to all guests, whether or not they smoke. These are ALL outstanding establishments, run by the kind of hospitable people you like as your hosts. If they didn't rate at least three stars overall, they're not here.*

Ratings: ★★★ Very good overall; good food and/or value ★★★★★ Superb food, plus exceptional value or ambience/extras ★★★★★ Exceptional as to cuisine as well as value, plus ambience or something extra. (Detail: Q2 or Q3 is the quality rating (top is 3 stars); \$ denotes exceptional value; + denotes ambience; extras)

**WALKER AREA**

★★★★ (Q3 \$) **The Ranch House**, Walker. Daily AYCE specials served homestyle. Salad bar. Giant popovers (excellent) with all meals. Specials: Su: Roast turkey, baked ham & fried chicken, \$10.99; Mon: Tenderloin & sirloin tips, \$13.99 ; Tu: Stemed shrimp, \$17.99; Wed: Ribs & chicken, \$13.99; Th: Alaskan snow crab - market price; Baked chicken \$10.79; Fri: Fish Fry, \$8.59, w/soup & salad bar \$12.54; Sat: Steamed shrimp, \$17.99 Open 7 days a week, Mon.-Sat. at 4:30 pm, Sun at 11:30 am. 9420 Hwy 371 NW, 218-547-1540

★★★★ (Q3 \$) **The Wharf**, Walker. Walleye swim all the way from Alaska to jump into Marie's secret recipe beer batter to be in her AYCE Walleye feed every Friday 'til 10. Other excellent quality, good value, daily specials (not AYCE) include: Wed.: GIANT Tacos, Sat: Prime Rib, Salmon. Full bar, nautical ambience. 218-547-3777

**HACKENSACK AREA**

★★★★★ (Q3 \$+) **River House**, Hackensack. Daily AYCE specials served home-style: M: Ribs, \$14.99; Tu: Chef's choice special, or Deep fried chicken, \$11.99; W: Steamed peel 'n eat shrimp, \$15.99; Th: Baked chicken, \$10.99; F: Fish fry, \$10.99; Sa: Crab legs, \$27.99, or Deep fried chicken and BBQ rib buffet \$14.99; Su: Roast turkey, \$10.99 **Also**, gourmet special dinners (not AYCE): Th, F, Sa: Certified Black Angus Prime rib, 12 oz. \$17.99, 17 oz. \$19.99; F, Sa: Bone-in pork prime, 12 oz. \$14.99, 17 oz. \$17.99 All dinners, including AYCEs, include their lavish salad bar and popover or dinner roll. Full bar. Dine to live piano on weekends. 222 Highway 371, 218-675-6200

★★★★ (Q3 \$) **Up North Cafe**, Hackensack. Open for breakfast and lunch. Summer and Fall weekend brunch buffet is rated: It's *the best* weekend buffet in the Northland with egg & cheese bake, corned beef hash, creamed chipped beef (loaded with lots of beef) on biscuits, Toast of France with strawberries; fresh fruits, kielbasa, much, much, more. This is a real feed and a great way to start a weekend morning! Rotating daily specials with the same good Up North quality for Breakfast and Lunch all year long. 105 Hwy 371 S, 218-675-5300

**EMMAVILLE**

★★★★ (Q3 \$) **Emmaville Cafe**. This is *unquestionably* THE place to eat in Emmaville (pop. 4). This rustic cafe is set amongst the picturesque woods and country - it's a great place to enjoy the AYCE, 9 am - Noon, Sunday buffet which features scrambled eggs, sausage, ham, bacon, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, hotcakes & syrup, and toast; price of \$6.95 includes coffee, milk, or juice. Cafe hours (winter): Mo. - Sat.: 7:30 a.m. - 2 p.m.; Sun.: 9 - Noon. Daily lunch specials. Occasional authentic German cuisine specials. In summer: AYCE Taco Tuesday 5-8 p.m., \$5.95 On Co. 4 (the Lake George road), at 24, midway between Lake George and Park Rapids. 218-732-4858

**NISSWA-PEQUOT LAKES AREA**

★★★ (Q3) **Tasty Pizza North**, Pequot Lakes. A very good thin crust pizza at usual market prices. Pastas, sandwiches, including their Dago Italian sausage. Daily specials. Domestic Chianti. Open 3 - 10 p.m. every day except Mondays. Rustic ambient motif; smoking area is best seating. This is the only pizza restaurant in the Nisswa-Pequot Lakes area that remains hospitable to smokers and non-smokers, alike. 28889 Hwy 371 (midway between Pequot Lakes and Nisswa), 218-568-4404

**CASS LAKE AREA**

★★★ (Q3) **North Country Junction Bar & Grille**, Cass Lake. Tasty food, good service. Live entertainment Wed. & weekend evenings. 106 Aspen Ave SW (Hwy 371 on S end of town), 218-335-6324

**BEMIDJI AREA**

**Note: All of Beltrami County is non-smoking, by law. These listed Bemidji restaurants are exceptional, and remained hospitable to all right up to the end when the law took effect. If one has to be here, these are good places to eat.**

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them off piecemeal to businesses that would be willing to pay the greatly inflated cost to be near the **(Continued, "Waste," page 11)**

**IT'S THE LAW!**

Depicted: 2 lanes (in the same direction) of a 4-lane highway

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This can mean a \$137\* fine!  
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And *Northern Herald* reminds everyone: There is never a need, reason, or excuse to drink and drive. There may be some times (like right after the loss of a spouse or a job) when a person needs to be drunk. It's good anesthetic, and sometimes helpful, in the short-term. But he can do that as well (and a lot cheaper) at home, as in a bar. If one is at a bar and has one too many, the bartender can usually arrange transportation home. Sometimes they'll even pay for it. A person may be just trying to go home from the bar, but that's just when a lot of fatalities happen. We have seen unbelievably severe accidents caused by drunk driving, like the one in Jenkins where a car was broadsided, at full speed, and was bashed and twisted beyond recognition. Seeing that wreckage would make a believer out of anyone. A part of Highway 371 had to be closed and a helicopter brought in. In January 2007, a lady, a pedestrian on Highway 2, was mowed down by a driver believed to have been intoxicated at the time. She did not deserve to die. Drunk driving really does kill people, and there is never a need, *nor an excuse* for it.

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# REGIONAL MARKETPLACE

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### RUBBER STAMPS



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the Blackduck Ambulance Service. Sathers was an engineer at the time, and gave McEuen the Bemidji Fire And Rescue T-shirt that McEuen wore proudly at Country Fest 2007.

This kind of generosity isn't anything unusual for NGDB, which regularly plays Farm Aid concerts, and has aided other causes, including the anti-landmine movement, as the opportunity has arisen. Their web site promotes Second Harvest and other causes.

Apparently, the band likes it here in Northern Minnesota (McEuen: "Why are they such a

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good audience?!?!"), and we are all fortunate that they do. Now celebrating their 40th anniversary, just after a concert in Tower, they came over and did the Jammin' Country Fest at Walker (see coverage elsewhere in this issue), before jetting off to Vinstra, Norway to do an early July concert there; but late summer saw them return to the Northland, to perform in Duluth Sept. 9th. Hopefully, they will be back soon!

\* Mr. McEuen is an amazing musician and an amazing guy, who's done far more than we can print here. So has the

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legendary NGDB. Readers can learn more of this work and history at <http://www.johnmceuen.com> and <http://www.nittygritty.com>

\*\* The big John Glas Fieldhouse, which housed the concert, is the behemoth tax-financed building on the BSU

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## Nitty-Gritty fr p. 1

impromptu concert, performed at the John Glas Fieldhouse\*\* in Bemidji, and said that it actually raised about \$31,000, and benefitted several agencies - it was split between the Bemidji Fire Dept., Police Dept., Ambulance Service, and First Responders; the Beltrami Co. Sheriff's Office; and

## Ridgeway Apts. Frame from page 3

monitored (with consent) Randy's call for information and heard what he said. He only threatened legal

action. But, unfortunately, as of 01/18/07 he's still in jail at Bemidji and these facts can't be raised until

he gets to court in North Dakota. Meanwhile, Lorraine had expressed concern for Randy's failing health, and that he receives his daily medications while in jail.

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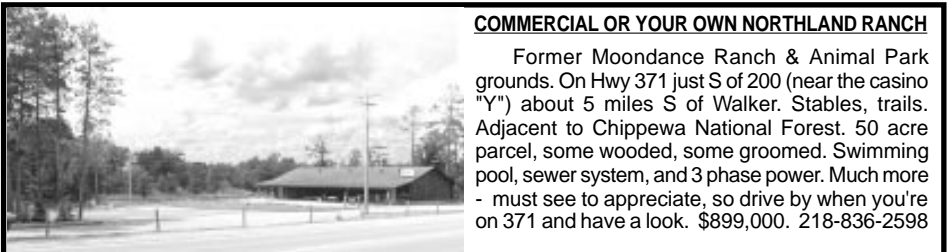
### Rescue.

There's also always plenty of other good food to eat from the on-site concessions, including A.J.'s Backyard BBQ, and many others.

The chainsaw competition is co-sponsored by Delahunt Broadcasting which broadcasts (KDKK, Park Rapids) live from the event site. Judges included Paul Albright, of Akeley.

The Winner! Brad Sharp, a 17-year carver from Fortuna, California, took the First Place Golden Chainsaw award for the second

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with proceeds going to the charity, Faith In Action), and a private vendor crafts mall where one-of-a-kind rustic wood furniture and products can be found.

This year, there was live entertainment, Saturday, by the Brainerd band, Old, Fat & Gray, at a Fire Hall dinner and silent auction which benefitted Hackensack Area Fire and

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## Improve your Word Power!

### Vocabulary Update

**Bipolar or ADHD.** Bipolar used to refer to the migratory pattern of the Arctic Tern. These days, this, and ADHD, refer to a condition in children and teenagers that we used to call "growing pains" combined with "acting up".

These conditions are very common. PBS Frontline recently reported that over 1 million children are being medicated for these conditions; this should come as no surprise as, at one time or another, most children have periods of growing pains and acting up.

There are various remedies used for these conditions. Doctors prescribe new happy pills like Zoloft® and Zantrex® which cause chemical changes in the brain, and

money to gravitate to the medical industry.

Another approach is to, where legal, use the generic remedy, *Spanking™*. This is a mechanical, rather than chemical approach, which involves the regular application, when adverse symptoms are present, of a forceful impact to the seat of the pants. This has a catalytic effect which releases naturally present chemicals in the brain, enabling it to determine which end is up.

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events center; but any such sale, or even interest by prospective purchasers, is speculative.

**The winners.** Paul Richards, of the City's architectural firm, Widseth, Smith, Nolting, & Ass., projected a building cost of about \$55 million for the currently proposed events center, although some estimates are substantially higher; and it is generally agreed, and Mr. Chattin agreed, that it would also operate at a projected deficit of between \$125,000 and \$500,000 per year, depending on who one talks to. "It's our anticipation that the facility will incur a net loss... probably [will] lose somewhere between 125 and 300 thousand a year," Chattin said.

Chattin was adamant that any events center wouldn't be paid for though property taxes, but there are ways to get around that. One may remember, a few years ago,

when the Council vowed not to finance the new library with taxes. So they spent liquor store revenues on the library, then raised taxes to finance the new liquor store.

**Leave the RVs home.** Current city plans for the events center include large parking lots, but the City plans to prohibit nighttime parking, as in other city lots; providing one more reason for people to not come here.

Bemidji city councilors expressed that they wanted the property for "green space"; as a "gift" for future generations; but it looks like it will be a gift of their pet "events center" for the councilors and the BSU Hockey team, and a gift of debt to Bemidjians.

The City of Bemidji continues to own many parcels of land within the City and sometimes donates them to charity, at the taxpayers' expense.

*Editor's Note: The purpose of a*

*City is to administer land - not acquire it. It has no business becoming a major landowner within its city limits, and its doing so adversely affects the tax base, as well as normal private development and enterprise. A city's foremost purpose is to provide water, sewer, and emergency services. Bemidji residents would be far better off if their Council would limit itself to these legitimate purposes.*

*Current Bemidji councilors (in case anyone wants to send a "thank-you" note) are: Richard Lehmann, Mayor; Onen Markeson, Ward 1; Roger Hellquist, Ward 2; Ron Johnson, Ward 3; Jerry Downs, Ward 4; Nancy Erickson (also a dean at BSU), Ward 5; and Barbara Meurers, at large. Lehmann, Markeson, Erickson, and Johnson are up for reelection in 2008. Hopefully, there will be some decent candidates who are tired of seeing their money go down the drain, this time. -- Ed.*

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year in a row, with his carving of a deer, peering into a lake, with bass swimming therein, while a nearby pheasant takes to the air. Sharp calls the carving "Butterfly", for the one it also contains. A pic of the work? A black & white pic would be of no help here. You gotta see it in colour. So go to <http://www.hackensackchamber.com/index.cfm?PageID=5857> (or just enter "Hackensack chainsaw" in a search engine) for a shot of this masterpiece in glorious colour.

The other carvers in the championship competition included: Mark Colp (won 1st place here in 2005), of Lakeport,

California; Don Etue, Hoquiam, Wash.; Jason Emmons, Branchville, Ind.; R. D. Coonrod, Quincy, Ill.; Robbin Wenzoski, Brooksdale, and Ontario, Calif.; Nyal Thomas, Gold Bar, Wash.; Pat McVay, Clinton, Wash.; Eric Widits, Fox River Grove, Ill.; and Zoe Boni, Ridgeway, Pennsylvania.

The exhibition sculpting in Sawdust Stadium included two lady chainsaw carvers who were on a working tour in Minnesota: Angie Polglaze, from Melbourne, Australia, (she took part in the championship competition here, last year); and the astoundingly beautiful Lisa Temanson, from Hamilton, Montana. They are on the web site, chainsawchix.com

Is it inherently dangerous for a guy to marry a lady who knows how to use a chainsaw?

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Lisa Temanson

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- Q: What assurance of accuracy do I have with Very Expensive Tax Service?  
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## Justice from page 8

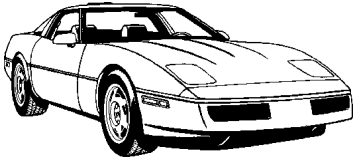
After all, some people might try to apply it. In the Beltrami County law library, located in the new, multi-million dollar building, many of the principal books, like the U.S. Code (federal laws and cases), and Corpus Juris Secundum, haven't been updated since 2002.

In the old building, one simply walked into the law library and did their research. Now, there are several barriers. After one has left their cell phone in their car, emptied their pockets and cleared security, they go downstairs to the library. Whoops! There's a sign on the closed and locked door, though, that tells them that they have to get a key from Court Administration (the clerk, again). So it's back

upstairs on the elevator. At the clerk's window, they're told that they have to leave a driver's license or a \$5 deposit, to use the key. On the way out, they have to stop again at the clerk's window to log out, drop off the key, and get their \$5 back. All this to look up a statute.

The best thing the County could do with this new monstrosity would be to tear it down, sell the expensive red granite as scrap, use the space for a parking lot for people having courthouse business (which it was, before), and move the courts back into the judicial annex, where one could easily stop in, file a paper at the clerk's window, dictate file notes into a handheld recorder if necessary, or use the library like a normal person, without having to allow half an hour to do it.

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## I-35 from page 1

Kohnstamm added that even though liability has not yet been determined, the Governor's office has now authorized emergency payments of up to \$10,000 each, as partial compensation, to begin to compensate the I-35 collapse victims for their wage losses.

*Editor's note: Government has gotten to the point where we are getting so befuddled by overlapping and convoluted regulations that we'd bet that if a big southern town far removed from Washington got, say, catastrophically flooded, the various local, state, and federal agencies would be too busy chasing their own tails to get aid there in time. In all the hubbub, even aid from willing private organizations, say, truckloads of clean drinking water from Wal-Mart®, might even be mistakenly turned away. But then this is all speculation. Such a thing could never happen here. This, after all, is the country that had the technology and engineering to put a man on the moon... we think. -- Ed.*

"When you're up to your rear in alligators, it's sometimes hard to remember that the objective was to drain the swamp." -- author unknown