



LABA's fishing derby reels in hundreds

Over 1,000 people attended the 19th Annual Fishing Derby and Raffle, held on Fish Trap Lake Jan. 30.

Sponsored by the Lincoln Area Business Association (LABA), the event brought in visitors from

all over the area, including Nisswa, Brainerd and Elk River.

"It wouldn't have been possible without the help of so many volunteers from the community, as well as members of the

Lincoln Area Business Association," said Tina Snell, LABA secretary.

The Staples Motley wrestling team and the Little Falls hockey team were both there at the crack of dawn to help drill holes, reported Snell. "They were awesome," she added.

Other volunteers manned the ticket booth, or helped with security; and food booths were run by both Scandia Valley First Responders and the SM wrestlers. "Everybody was busy," Snell said.

Raffle and fishing prizes, worth thousands of dollars, were given away throughout the day.

In the raffle, Kyvan Quarry took home the grand prize - an Ice Castle fish house worth \$5,000 and Matthew Brossad won \$1,000 cash; both of which were donated by the LABA. Other prizes, donated by area businesses, were also given away to those lucky enough to have their names drawn.

Folks of all ages participated in the 'Biggest Fish' contest, with cash prizes (donated by the LABA) as incentive.

Ashley Lisson, a student at Staples Motley High School, took home \$2,000 after placing first in the biggest fish contest.

Second place (\$1,000) went to John Crowley; and third (\$700) to Andrew Hoffman. Other cash winners included Blake Yung-



Biggest fish winners

Andy Hoffman, left, from LaFayette, finished in third place, John Crowley from Stillwater was second and Ashley Lisson, (at right) a Staples Motley High School senior, won first place in the

Fishtrap Lake Fishing Derby held Saturday. Hosted by the Lincoln Area Business Association, the contest drew an estimated 1,100 people. (Staples World photo by Tom Crawford)



All smiles

Josh Klosowski of Little Falls was all smiles as a derby official weighed his 1.65 pound northern he caught a few minutes before the finish of the derby Saturday on Fishtrap Lake. (Staples World photo by Tom Crawford)

bauer, Jeremy Georges, Josh Klosowski, Wade Cummings, Al Griffith and Dan Miller.

A contest for young people under the age of 15 was also held throughout the fishing derby; with cash prizes donated by Lincoln Gas & Bait in Cushing. Winners included Mason Landowski, 1st; Cala Erbie, 2nd; Cory Hanson, 3rd; Alex Muma and Conner Casper, 4th place tie; Chan-

ler Doucette, 5th.

John Mullen, a 92-year-old man who lives on Fish Trap Lake, took home a \$40 prize for being the oldest person fishing at the derby. Nevaeh Straumann, one-year-old from Franklin, took home the other \$40 prize for being the youngest. Both prizes were donated by John and Tina Snell.

Herb Bloomquist, LABA's treasurer, said this event gives Minnesotans

a chance to see what's in their own back yard. "We don't make any profit from the fishing derby...we just hope to break even. Any extra profit we make goes right back into the community."

The purpose of the event, Bloomquist continued, is to promote the area in general; and to promote local commerce.

"Especially with today's

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MCC continues discussion regarding former firefighter

Survey work on Motley streets begins soon

By Dawn Timbs
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Discussion about reinstating a former firefighter to the Motley Fire Department; and an update on the Beaulieu Street Area project were two items brought before the Motley City Council at their regular meeting Jan. 26.

Approximately half of the three-hour meeting was spent in a closed session to discuss a personnel issue pertaining to Ross Sellnow, who was terminated from the MFD in Sept. 2008, for disciplinary reasons.

Sellnow is seeking to be reinstated to the MFD, preferably with a year of service, not as a new hire.

At their meeting Jan. 12, the council approved a motion for a committee (with consultation by the city attorney) to look into the

situation and to come up with a recommendation.

This committee consists of Fire Chief Dave Greig, Council member Rob Sampson and City Clerk/Treasurer Terri Smith, with consultation by the city attorney.

During the course of the closed session, the council spoke with both Sellnow and Fire Chief Greig individually. They also consulted with Smith for input.

After the regular meeting reconvened, council member Duane Solga made two motions in regard to reinstating Sellnow. Both failed.

The first was to reinstate Sellnow to the MFD, with one year of service under his belt. In a Roll Call vote, only Solga and Motley Mayor Konrad Alexander voted 'aye.'

Solga's second failed motion was to reinstate Sellnow as a new hire.

Council member Nancy Nieken also made a motion, which failed, to have Sellnow apply as a new hire and go through the committee.

In the end, a motion made by Sampson, to take the recommendation from the council committee as presented and to have Sellnow go through the process as recommended by the committee, passed in a unanimous Roll Call vote.

As part of the recommendation (and per Sellnow's request), a closed session hearing was scheduled for Feb. 1, contingent on whether or not City

Attorney Peter Vogel was available. The closed session (to discuss "not public" data under Minnesota Statute 13D.05) was later cancelled.

City Engineer Aric Welch (with Widseth, Smith and Nolting), at the meeting Jan. 26, gave the council an update on the Beaulieu Street Area project.

Welch said the WSN's surveyors were ready to go to work; and that he would like to send a letter to Motley residents informing them of this.

On Feb. 2, Welch confirmed (via e-mail) that he had just sent a draft letter to the City of Motley to notify residents of upcoming survey work on the Beaulieu Street project. "We are scheduled to complete survey work the week of Feb. 8 and Feb. 15," Welch reported.

In other matters the council:

- **APPROVED** adding a street section (in regard to the DMU - Downtown Mixed Unit Zoning District - to the city's minimum street standards. This added section is for 36' wide urban (curb and gutter) roadway with sidewalk.

- **APPROVED** sending Motley Fire Department Chief Dave Greig and First Asst. Chief Bryan Hutchison to a two-day training session (including hotel and meals) in Detroit Lakes.

- **ACCEPTED** a pay equity report as presented by Smith.



MES food shelf collection

Students at Motley Elementary School took on the challenge to collect items for the Motley Food Shelf in one week in February. Above: The kindergarten class with Principal Jason Luksik displayed how much food was collected.

"The students and community really came through, especially after we had just finished the collection efforts for

Haiti," said parent coordinator Angie Niemi. She loaded 10 large boxes into her van to deliver to the Motley Food shelf on Thursday. "This is a good way for the kids to learn how to support their community, too," said Principal Luksik. "We were very happy with how much food was given." (Staples World photo by Janice Winter)

Dalen is CLC nursing lab assistant

Kim Dalen, RN, of Little Falls has been appointed to the position of full-time seasonal nursing sciences lab assistant at Central Lakes College, effective Dec. 14.

This position exists to serve the students and staff



Kim Dalen, RN

of the Nursing Assistant, Practical Nursing and Registered Nursing programs on the Brainerd and Staples campuses. Dalen will assist the nursing faculty in providing prescribed instructional activities, including utilization of simulation technology, that promote student acquisition of basic and advanced nursing skills and professional and ethical behaviors that are essential to provide safe, competent and compas-

sionate nursing care upon graduation from college nursing programs.

Dalen is responsible for the daily operation of state-of-the-art learning and teaching nursing simulation labs and will serve as the safety officer and OSHA coordinator for the CLC nursing department.

Dalen worked for Central Lakes Oral and Facial Surgery from October 2006 to November 2009. She was

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Better Business Bureau predictions for 2010

The Better Business Bureau of Minnesota and North Dakota (BBB) has compiled its statistics for 2009 and announces the Top Ten industries for customer complaints and inquiries, as well as total instances of service to the public - 1,733,975, a new record for the BBB.

The BBB handled over 25,500 complaints in 2009, resolving nearly 92 percent of them. "2009 is barely in our rear view mirror and we're working hard to analyze the data for trends," said Dana Badgerow, president and CEO of the BBB. "The statistics that emerge from the past year will allow us to identify the industries that most need our help in decreasing complaints and increasing consumer trust."

Despite the troubles the auto industry has experienced recently, complaints against auto dealers topped our list last year. Complaints against contractors were

also prevalent, as evidenced by the five categories in the construction field which made the list. The construction industry also topped the list of inquiries from the public the BBB received in 2009. Work-At-Home offers were number seven on that list, likely a result of an increase in offers of that nature and the continued high unemployment rate.

THE TOP TEN COMPLAINTS ON INDUSTRIES WERE:

1. Auto dealers-New cars
2. Siding contractors
3. Roofing contractors
4. Auto dealers-Used cars
5. Construction and remodeling services
6. Auto Repair and Services
7. Contractors-General
8. Banks
9. Windows-Installation/Service
10. Television-cable, CATV and satellite

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1. Roofing contractors
2. Contractor-General
3. Construction and remodeling Services
4. Electronic equipment & Supplies-Dealers
5. Mortgages and/or escrow companies
6. Collection agencies
7. Work-at-home companies
8. Heating and air conditioning
9. Internet shopping services
10. Auto dealers-Used cars

Predictions for 2010

The BBB has received thousands of calls about scams that affected consumers this past year. The unique role we play gives us insight into current trends and helps us to predict what is likely to head our way in the coming year. Based on our

observations, here are some scams to be on the lookout for in 2010!

- **Winter Olympics Scams.** The 2010 Winter Games are in Vancouver, British Columbia this year. If you're considering going, make sure tickets for Olympic events are purchased from the appropriate agency. U.S. citizens must purchase tickets from <http://www.cosport.com/>.

Scammers may also seek to take advantage of consumers by offering 'hospitality packages,' which consumers pay for only to discover they don't have accommodations.

- **Census Scams.** Scammers may use the Census in an attempt to 'phish' and get personal information from consumers via email. Census information will NOT be collected by email. For more information

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