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Newsletter - June, 2011

LINDA KASTL IS WARROAD'S TEACHER OF THE YEAR (Michelle Friend)

When asked how she felt about being named Warroad School District #890 Teacher of the Year, Linda Kastl blushed, smiled and said, "So surprised!" But the honor doesn't surprise any of the dozens of students that she has guided through this one room school at Angle Inlet.

For 26 years Mrs. Kastl has been teacher to kindergarten through 6th graders (and for several years the students attended through the 8th grade.) Classroom instruction is only one of her many responsibilities: she handles all of the school administrative duties such as answering the phone, planning school trips, and ordering supplies. She also acts as computer technician and tackles maintenance jobs that may range from temperature control of the classroom to unclogging a toilet. Mrs. Kastl is also the drama coach, PE instructor, music teacher, and snow removal chief.

Superintendent Craig Oftedahl, in an e-mail, says of Kastl, "Linda is a shining example of CAN DO attitude and resourcefulness. The organization, flexibility, and creativity are evident in Linda's teaching. She should be a poster child for MULTI-TASKING. What we see is the quality of students and young people that have been under Linda's wing."

Teaching up here is rewarding to Mrs. Kastl in many ways. She enjoys 'sharing knowledge, motivating students, piquing their interest in a certain area, and having fun learning together.' One advantage to teaching the same student for several consecutive years is that trouble areas are discovered early, and can be consistently addressed year after year.

Possibly the biggest challenge at the Angle School is juggling the many different lesson plans and curricula required in a school with seven grade levels (K-6). The most students in one school year was 16, back in the years when the Angle School went through 8th grade. There was at least one student in every grade level.

However, a hectic job for Mrs. Kastl doesn't translate to commotion in the classroom. The children raise their hands to speak, the older students work quietly and independently while Mrs. Kastl instructs the younger ones. Requests from the teacher are obeyed right away (usually) without complaint (usually).

It has been remarked that the children may be missing out on certain aspects of social growth by attending such a small, isolated school for so many 'formative' years. But it is readily apparent that the children are respectful to the teacher and to each other. The older students help the younger ones, they all play together at recess, no one is excluded. There is no bickering, no tattling, no bullying. The atmosphere is one of camaraderie.

It is also obvious that the students like their teacher. When asked what they liked best about Mrs. Kastl, every one of them said, "She's nice." Kelby, grade 5, added, "Sometimes she lets us off work to do something fun instead." Meaghan, grade 4, said, "She's good at answering questions." And Olivia, grade 2, after some thought, replied, "She's patient."

Maybe the best thing about Linda is her commitment to the Angle School. She leaves her house on Bear River at 6:45 a.m. – not so unusual a time to leave for work. What is unusual is that she may get in a boat, or on a snowmobile, or on a 4 wheeler to get to work. Rain, shine, sleet, snow, 20 below zero, high wind, or biting flies – Linda's been in it all.

Linda earned her teaching certificate in 1981. She has been teaching at the Angle for 26 years. She met her husband, Tom, here. They have three children, Erica, T.J., and Kya. All three went through the Angle School under their mother's instruction. All were honor students in Junior High and Senior High school. Erica and T.J. are finishing their university degrees. Kya is attending Northland Community College in Thief River Falls. So Tom and Linda are first year empty nesters. But as long as Linda is teaching, she will always have a room full of children to nurture and instruct.

WILDFLOWER PROJECT (Joan Undahl)

The Wildflower Project is off and growing! Mike and Bonny Edin have started the project at Jim's Corner and at the Thank You sign at the border. Call Bonny, bring your trowel and gloves and give her a hand. The sites look grand and a large Thank You to all that have helped and donated! Call Bonny Edin (223-4886) or Joan Undahl (223-4010) if you have any questions.

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English Trivia: Did you know that BOAT, in addition to being a noun and a verb, is also an acronym. It stands for **Bring Out Another Thousand**.

LAKETRAILS NEWS (Sue Lemm)

The staff at Laketrails is getting excited to begin the 60th season of paddling the waters of Lake of the Woods. Six sessions are offered this summer for teens and middle school youth. The first campers arrive June 22nd, and canoe trips continue until Aug. 19th. Interested campers should check the Laketrails website (www.laketrails.org) for specific dates and information.

New this summer will be *Family Camp* from July 1-4 for families who would like a camp-style vacation in the Laketrails Base Camp setting. An *adult canoe trip* is planned from July 24-31. And, a *Painters in Paradise* weekend is planned for Aug. 5-7. This fun weekend is designed for those who consider themselves hobby painters, from beginners to experts. Those interested in any of these programs or our regular camping sessions for youth are encouraged to call the Laketrails office at 218-223-8281 for more information.

Also this summer, Laketrails hopes to offer several church services for the island community. At this writing the only Sunday booked is Aug. 7th with Bishop Michael Hoepfner from the Crookston Diocese. (Bishop Hoepfner also visited Laketrails a few years ago.) Other open dates for church services are June 26, July 10 and July 17. All services will be at 10 a.m. If anyone has suggestions or knows of a priest or minister (of any Christian denomination), please contact the Laketrails office. Listen for marine radio announcements for the latest word on services.

THIS 'N' THAT

- Fr. Bill turned 88 in March! He will not be able to visit this summer but he loves to hear news from the Angle. He resides at the GoldPine Home in Bemidji, is doing very well, and welcomes friends and visitors. His mailing address is: Fr. Bill Mehrkens, c/o GoldPine Home, 1700 30th St. NW, Bemidji, MN 56601 ★
- Congratulations to our graduating seniors:
 - Nikki Carlson**, daughter of RC & Mary Carlson, Warroad High School
 - Chelsea Carlson**, daughter of Beth and the late Richard Carlson, Warroad High School
 - Matt Vickaryous**, son of Scott and Polly Vickaryous, grandson of Dave and Bonnie Vickaryous, Warroad High School
- Congratulations to Angle newlyweds Sara and Sean Colliflower, who were married in March. Sara is a familiar face at Jerry's Restaurant and Sean works at area construction. They are looking for a cabin or house to rent or to care take. Stop at Jerry's to talk to Sara or call 218-242-3844 or 218-242-4066.

- The Chamber of Commerce is still looking for volunteers to help fill positions on the board. Please help if you can! Call Deb Kellerman at 223-8111.
- The Aug. 13th Community Benefit Breakfast will be sponsored by the Angle School. Please call Linda Kastl to help out.
- The winter chapter of the Angle Ladies who do lunch got together three times over the winter months for lunch. It was a wonderful opportunity to come together to visit with old and new friends and, of course, have a delicious meal that none of us had to cook! The next 'ladies outing' will be sometime in January and then monthly through April, so look for the flyers in the usual places. All are welcome to join us! ★
- Sympathies to the Cyril "Bud" Mergens family. Bud, who owned Mergens Point on Flag Island for many years, passed away Dec. 2, 2010. Before his retirement, Bud was an area attorney, based in Warroad.
- Sympathies to the Doug Peterson family. A longtime Angle resident, Doug passed away May 12, 2011. We'll miss him as well as his hard work and witty one-line comments on life.
- The Progressive Dinner on Feb. 13 saw 41 people making the rounds to 4 places to complete their tasty dinner. Stay tuned to the fall newsletter for the date of the next one.
- Sit and Sew is a social and productive time for those who like to quilt, knit, craft, do needlework and meet others with like interests. Gather on June 6 at Young's Bay Store at 6:30 pm for the first summer session, and on each Monday thereafter. The location will change from the store to the Angle School or individual's homes or cabins. Coffee and treats are served. For more specifics, call Cindy Prothero at 218-242-1083.
- We must say farewell to Jan Evans, Angle resident and realtor, who has sold her home and purchased a home at Ottetail, MN. We wish her the best.
- Catch the Flavor #2 cookbook sales continue at local businesses. Choose a new, complete cookbook for \$19.95 or get a set of insert pages for your original yellow cookbook for \$10.00. These cookbooks contain the original recipes plus new ones as well as some interesting pieces of Angle-related history. Great for your collection or for a gift. Fishermen – it makes a great gift for the wife from the fishing trip! Available at local businesses or call Joan Undahl (223-4010).

EDGE RIDERS NEWS (Bonny Edin)

The Northwest Angle Edge Riders Snowmobile Club just completed another busy and safe winter of maintaining and grooming the 152 miles of trails in our area. The trails were marked and signage was better than ever. Big kudos to Dave Vickaryous for the great job he does as Trail Coordinator!

We had two very successful fund raisers this year – our Annual Raffle on Feb. 27 and our Snowmobile Rally on Mar. 12. Raffle winners from the Annual Raffle were:

~ **Sportsman's Oak Island lodging/fishing package** won by Ron MacAtee (NW Angle), which he donated back to be used at the Snowmobile Rally

~ **Northwest Angle Resort lodging/fishing package** won by Denise Ellenson (NW Angle)

~ **Fish House package** won by Doreen Jensen (Roseau and NW Angle)

~ **Ruger Hawkeye .243 Winchester bolt action rifle** won by Myles Hogenson (Roosevelt)

~ **Emerald cut diamond earrings** won by Linda Martin (Baudette)

~ **47" TV** won by Camille Hogenson (Roosevelt)

~ **Hand made quilt** won by Collin Jenson (Roseau and NW Angle)

No, your eyes aren't deceiving you – there are two, count 'em – TWO, pairs of winners who are husband and wife. The **Polaris 600 Shift snowmobile** raffle winner from Mar. 12 was Lynne Jacobson from Karlstad, MN. Congratulations to everyone! And thank you to those who donated and helped with the prizes! Next year we are going to combine the events into one SUPER event. We will be raffling a 6 x10 Zack Shack Fish House @ \$20.00 per ticket. More details will be provided in the next newsletter.

A big part of the success of our club objectives is made possible through the money that is collected in dues by our members. Membership dues are \$30 for individuals, \$50 for families and \$75 for businesses. Please consider joining the club! See or talk to the club treasurer, Bonny Edin 223-4886, to join. Club info and membership details are also available on the website at www.nwaedgeriders.org.

BLUEBERRY FESTIVAL (Joan Undahl)

Blueberry Festival dates are Aug. 5, 6, & 7. The quilting talents of the area gals will be on display at Young's Bay Resort, with some of the items for sale. The Chili Cook-Off will be handled by Brian and Jenny McKeever. Hopefully, Marilyn Ludtke will direct the Blueberry Dessert contest. A cash raffle of \$1,000 plus other prizes will be held. Watch for flyers about the cash raffle, a geocaching contest and many more activities. Join us for all the festivities!

THERE'S A NEW SHERIFF IN TOWN....

(Ann Zavoral)

Yes, it's true! After several years of being strong-armed by the community to continue as our deputy sheriff at the Angle, Bob Nunn has retired with 44 years under his belt. Before moving to the Northwest Angle, Nunn served in the Fargo (ND) Police Dept for 12 years. In addition to being the deputy sheriff, Bob and wife, Shari, co-owned and co-operated Northwest Angle Resort and Grumpy's Restaurant for 20 years before selling their interest to Gary (Don't Order Hash Browns!) and Cheryl Dietzler.

Jason Goulet was recently hired as the part time deputy sheriff to succeed Bob Nunn. In April, Goulet went through a skills course, successfully passed the Minnesota Peace Officers test in Minneapolis, and has had first aid training in Alexandria. According to Lake of the Woods Sheriff Dallas Block, Goulet is a licensed police officer and, with prior education, is just 9 credits short of a degree in criminal justice. "Jason is a good morale guy and will make good decisions", says Block.

Goulet joins the Lake of the Woods County police force of three full time and three part time deputies. Each year they must undergo Firearms and Use of Force training as well as Pursuit Driving Competency and continuing education.

Goulet and wife, Lisa (Carlson), live with their family on Birch Drive on the mainland. He owns and operates Red Fox Ice Fishing in the winter.

Contact information is 218-634-1143 or 911 for LOW Dispatch.

Congratulations to both Bob and Jason.

OPERATION MUSKIE IV

100 applied – 20 have been chosen. 10 guides were handpicked and gladly volunteered. The stage is set for the next installment of 'saying thanks to the vets' by way of an all-expense-paid muskie fishing trip for the chosen 20, to be held June 27-July 1st at Walsh's Bay Store Camp on Oak Island.

The camaraderie is uplifting, the setting is spectacular and the fishing is...well, Mother Nature has tried to mess with them before but the guides have always come through with a big win. This year should be no different!

Sounds pretty easy, doesn't it? The group of volunteers behind this makes it *look* easy but they have been hard at work since last year's event - raising money, coordinating donations, planning the events, making lists and tending to the many, many details that make this event so successful and so special for the vets.

To get more details and to see great pictures of past events, join Operation Muskie on Facebook or go to www.operationmuskie.com.

SCHOOL NEWS (Linda Kastl)

The Angle Inlet School had 7 students enrolled this year and 3 of them were in kindergarten. Mrs. Kastl had some very special help from Mrs. Goulet who came once a week for 6 months. She taught an etiquette class and students learned how to greet and introduce others, how to keep their things together when staying over with others, how to set a table correctly, how to answer the phone, and many more polite things. As a special test on the last day, students dressed in their finest clothes and they were served a 4-course meal and had to use all the correct utensils. Boys had to seat the girls next to them and stand up when the girl came back to her seat. Everyone passed!

The students enjoyed a fun trip to Thief River Falls where they toured Digi-Key, the Pioneer Village, and spent hours at the 7-Clans water park. What a treat to spend some fun time together! Angle roadsides were cleaned on May 19th and the 25th.

The Angle School play, "A Legacy for Lucy" was performed May 23rd. Refreshments were served after and a great time was had by all in attendance!

LITERARY HAPPENINGS (Ann Zavoral)

The Northwest Angle is the setting for a book written by award-winning novelist William Kent Krueger. It is the latest in a Cork O'Connor mystery series, aptly named *Northwest Angle*. When contacted, Mr. Krueger had this to say:

"After an event at the library in Walker, MN, in Nov of 2009, I gathered at a local watering hole along with a few locals, and talk eventually turned to a discussion of the Northwest Angle. At that point, I knew almost nothing about the Angle. The more I learned, the more intrigued I became with the area – its remoteness, its stunning topography, its politics, its history. I decided it was the perfect locale for the next book in my series.

I did a lot of research via books, articles, the Internet, but finally arranged a visit to the Angle, along with my wife. We stayed at Angle Inn Resort (marvelous hosts!), and got a great tour of the lake with Tony Ebnet, and all the local lowdown from Joan Undahl. Oh, was it marvelous!

The book turned out to be exactly what I'd hoped: part mystery, part adventure, all thriller, set in one of the most unique and stunning landscapes I've ever had the pleasure of visiting. I just hope folks there, if they read *Northwest Angle*, feel that I've done justice to their beloved home turf."

Publishing date will be August 30, 2011. Check his website, www.williamkentkrueger.com, for reviews and availability. His blog (under Kent's Rants) from August, 2010, contains his thoughts and activities from his trip to the Northwest Angle.

ST. LUKE'S NEWS (Bonny Edin)

St. Luke's Church Library is complete and has hundreds of books and tapes. Check out is simple – the doors are unlocked at all times (upstairs) and you can simply take the books you want and bring them back when you are done. Donations are always welcome – just leave them in a bag or box any time. We hope you come and make use of this resource! Church services are at 10:30 AM and we would love to have you join us! Mike Rasmussen says the fish don't bite between 10:30 and 11:30 on Sundays!

SOUND OF SILENCE – maybe...

It's been a year, but we may soon see an impact of the Deepwater Horizon (aka BP) oil spill on Lake of the Woods. No, water from the gulf is *not* making its way north. But the loons have, and most of them spend their winters as well as their juvenile years on the Gulf of Mexico. Minnesota's state bird is being monitored closely for effects of the spill that aren't as obvious as feathers full of oil. Loons don't eat suspended food in the water or scavenge on shorelines. They feed exclusively on creatures at the bottom. At this time, no one knows what the long-term impact of the 52 million gallons of oil still in the water will be on the quality or quantity of those creatures. Or how ingesting them will affect the loons in terms of reproduction or longevity. Let's hope that the hauntingly beautiful call of the loon continues to be heard.

Loony facts – loons:

- ~ live more than 30 years.
- ~ dive as deep as 250 feet and can stay underwater for as much as 5 minutes.
- ~ live in both fresh and salt water.
- ~ have solid bones (most birds have hollow bones.)
- ~ can fly at more than 75 mph.
- ~ take 3 to 4 years to mature to adulthood. Only adult loons make the migration north each year.
- ~ lay 1 to 2 eggs each year. Incubation is 27 days. The hatch and survival rate averages 60%.

ARENS FEATURED ★

Artist, retired teacher and summer resident of Oak Island, Bara Arens, was featured in an article in the Dakota County Technical College's 2011 spring magazine for her contributions to the college and for her children's book series, *Crossing Crow Creek*. The article and pictures of Bara and Dave's lovely and unique home can be accessed at <http://blogs.dctc.edu/youblue/2010/11/19/the-fine-art-of-teaching/>. Congratulations, Bara!

CHAMBER NEWS

The Chamber is still in need of volunteers. Please call Deb Kellerman (223-8111) if you're able to help out. All positions are part-time and don't require a great deal of time commitment. A few extra hands make the work load lighter!

Year End Financial Statement

		Deb Kellerman, treasurer
Savings Balance as of 12/31/09		\$20,373.10
Interest		6.31
Expenditures		- 7,750.00
Truck Wrap	\$2,800.00	
Cookbooks	4,950.00	
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Savings Balance as of 12/31/10 **\$12,679.41**

Includes allocations for:

Web Site Upgrade	\$3,000
Truck Wrap	1,200
Wild Flower Fund	3,750
Cookbook	2,550

Checkbook Bal as of 3/1/10	- 5,239.63	
Deposits	<u>16,123.54</u>	
		\$21,363.17

Expenditures		
Advertising/Web Exp	9,926.14	
Wikstrom	545.97	
Roseau Electric	124.36	
Memberships	660.00	
Insurance	506.00	
Newsletters, postage, etc.	<u>1,504.15</u>	
		- 13,266.62

Year End Reimbursements		
Angle School	706.00	
Edge Riders	450.00	
EMT	1,230.00	
Fire Department	<u>805.00</u>	
		- 3,245.00

Checkbook Balance as of 12/31/10 **\$4,851.55**

2010 Weblinks -	19
Members -	137
2011 to date	
Weblinks -	15
Members -	78
Area Business Members -	25

Go Green - This newsletter is available delivered to your email as well as on the Chamber's website (www.lakeofthewoodsresorts.com). With the electronic copy, pictures are also included on the last page. To receive the electronic copy, simply fill out the information at the bottom of the enclosed membership form (even if you don't want to join), include your name and mail to the address shown. Receiving it electronically saves print and mailing costs as well as getting it to you more quickly.

RELAY FOR LIFE on the LAKE – 2012

(Patti Swanson)

Our next Relay for Life on the Lake will be held in the summer of 2012. The exact date will be selected by the Team Captains and the Planning Committee.

We hope to maintain the momentum of fun and commitment to fighting cancer that we enjoyed in 2009 when we became famous for our creativity, ingenuity, and overwhelming success.

Please put your 'thinking caps' on for ways to increase the number of teams and raise money to fight cancer. Every single dollar we raise will get us closer to finding a cure!

Calendar of Events

Each Sunday at 10:30 am – **Church services** at St. Luke's

June 26 – 10 am **Church services** at Laketrails (tentative)

June 27-July 1 – **Operation Muskie IV**

July 1-4 – **Family Camp** at Laketrails

July 10 – 10 am **Church services** at Laketrails (tentative)

July 17 – 10 am **Church services** at Laketrails (tentative)

July 24-31 – **adult canoe trip** at Laketrails

Aug 5-7 – **Painters in Paradise** at Laketrails

Aug 5-7 – **Blueberry Festival**

Aug 7 – 10 am **Church services** at Laketrails with Bishop Hoepfner

Aug 7 – **Islands Landowners Picnic** at Dick and Marion Gross home on Oak Island

Aug 13 – **Shyster Golf Tournament**

Aug 14 – **Community Benefit Breakfast** at Jerry's to benefit the Angle School

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Overheard on the dock: "I've been to a lot of places but I've never been in Cahoots. Apparently you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. I've also never been in Cognito, either. I hear no one recognizes you there. I have, however, been in Sane. They don't have an airport....you have to be driven there!



Chicken Buffet

Saturday Nights
Starting May 28 through
Labor Day Weekend (Sept 3)

Closed on August 20 &/or 27
(Please call to confirm)

Price: \$13.75 (+tax)

No reservations are necessary; however,
groups of 8+, we appreciate same day, advance
notice – give a call at 223-8111

Timely Tips from Commander Bob

Check your navigation lights periodically.

If it doesn't move and it should, use WD-40.
If it moves and it shouldn't, use duct tape.

The risk of collision became an issue when the
second boat was launched.

Boating drunk may not be illegal everywhere,
but it's stupid anywhere!

FACT: Good docking happens in private. Poor
docking happens in full view of everyone!

Boating isn't dangerous, sinking is what
causes the problems!

The only time you have too much fuel is when
you're on fire.

If all your bilge pumps kick in at the same time,
you've hit the dock too hard.

Try to fill your bag of experience before your
bag of luck runs dry.

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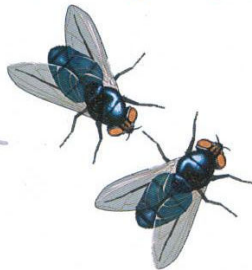
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Bara Arens with her book series displayed on the unique stairway in her studio on Oak Island



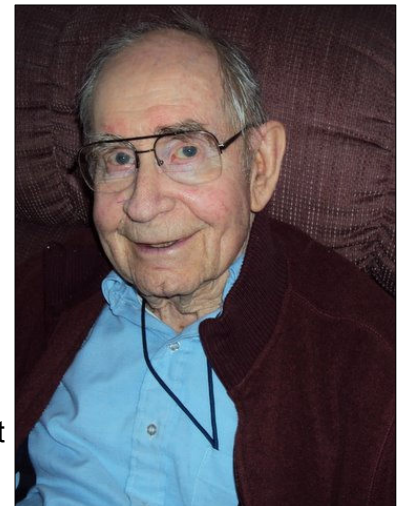
Even though all fishing gear is supplied to the Operation Muskie vets, this is *not* the standard issue hat. It's obviously his lucky one though!

Operation Muskie III

Vets, guides and operations crew



Some of The Lunch Ladies
Young and not-quite-as-young ladies enjoy a monthly lunch get-together.



Father Bill on his 88th birthday. He's still got the twinkle in his eyes!