

Down Memory Lane

10 YEARS AGO • SEPT. 20, 1999

A 25-year-old Cook County sheriff's deputy was injured Sept. 12 in a predawn front-end collision with an alleged fleeing drunk driver.

A 44-year-old Bloomington man was refused entry into Canada at 1:45 a.m. because of his apparent state of intoxication and past felony criminal record. Canadian Customs officials also discovered several knives in the man's car during a routine search. The man was sent back to the U.S. side of the border and detained until sheriff's deputies arrived.

When he attempted to flee, leading deputies on a 10-mile chase at speeds in excess of 100 mph, the suspect collided with one of the pursuing squad cars, causing major damage to both vehicles.

County Attorney Bill Hennessy told the county commissioners that they cannot forbid videotaping of their meetings, but could restrict the way in which such taping occurs.

Hennessy said that, as public officials, the commissioners do not have any right of privacy with respect to that which transpires at a public meeting. However, the attorney said the board could "provide reasonable restrictions upon video recording and tape recording for the purpose of limiting any adverse effect on the proceedings or the orderliness of the proceedings and to ensure that others' rights are not infringed upon." Hennessy said he could draft a resolution to cover restrictions on videotaping if the commissioners desired. However, after a brief discussion the matter was dropped.

20 YEARS AGO • SEPT. 18, 1989

U.S. West Communications is placing more than 70 miles of fiber optic cable along the North Shore to improve existing telecommunications service and pave the way for future improvements. Cost of the project is \$900,000.

In an effort to divert truck traffic from near the schools and hospital, as well as eliminate the possibility of a runaway truck careening through Grand Marais, Cook County is considering rerouting the Gunflint Trail.

One possible alternative under discussion is to route the trail along the hillside above the city so that it would intersect with Highway 61 east of Grand Marais.

"We need to know what is feasible both economically and from an engineering standpoint," said County Highway Engineer Mike Tardy.

A Grand Marais committee is studying the possibility of increasing the size of the city's marina in order to better service the needs of Lake Superior boaters and enhance the area's economic climate.

The committee has been working with the Minnesota Sea Grant and a Twin Cities-based engineering firm to develop preliminary plans for a full-service marina with dockage for 100 to over 200 recreational boats.

"Let me make it clear that this plan is not complete — nothing has been written in stone," said committee member Frank Georg. "I'm sure there will be many changes before this thing is finalized."

50 YEARS AGO • SEPT. 17, 1959

A 77-year-old Lutsen commercial fisherman was found dead in his boat, apparently of a heart attack.

He was out fishing on Lake Superior, all alone in his skiff, when neighbors noticed his boat going in circles about a mile from shore. Upon investigation, it was found he had died.

He had had several heart attacks previously.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Nelson accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. John Backman of Duluth, spent the weekend with the Wm. I. Anderson family at Swan River, Minn. The Andersons raised a healthy garden this year and proof is in the 900 quarts stored on the basement shelves that includes blueberries, raspberries and blackberries.

Anyone have any spare fruit jars?

Bill Flavel has sold his Trail Service Center to his son, George and his son-in-law, James Elza. They will take over the operation of this place next spring.

90 YEARS AGO • SEPT. 17, 1919

Local huntsmen are receiving the usual batch of inquiries regarding the moose crop in Cook County. Long 'bout this time of year some of us hear nothing so plainly as the call of the wilds.

According to most of the reliable information the moose family is steadily diminishing in this section.

Ed Nunstedt has purchased a Cleveland caterpillar tractor which he will use in his lumbering operations on Maple Hill. If this experiment proves successful others will probably follow his example.

J.R. Franks, suspected slayer of Carl Anderson, who was found dead with throat cut near the Willmar roundhouse in July, was arrested here by order of Detective M.F. Hollowell of St. Paul, who has been working on the case for a long time.

Hollowell was employed by relatives of the deceased.

Grand Marais still searching for seagull

Rhonda Silence

The town of Grand Marais continues its quest to find the culprit who removed a five-foot tall seagull from a billboard on I-35 near Pine City. A reward is now being offered for the return of the bird—or for the best explanation of its disappearance. If you can come up with an epic Paul Bunyan-style tale, you could win a Grand Marais weekend getaway!

The Grand Marais Area Tourism Association (GMATA) has turned a random act of vandalism into one of the funniest marketing ploys in history. The GMATA website now features an on-the-spot news report of the search for the seagull as well as messages from seagull lovers from all over the United States.

Website comments range from suggestions that the

Travelocity Gnome should be investigated (from Lynn of Moose Lake, MN) to the reassurance that the bird just got tired of being bolted to a billboard and escaped and is now enjoying himself on Five Mile Rock (from Jill in Park Rapids, MN).

Pragmatic Gina from Grand Marais suggests that the seagull decided to head to Two Harbors to visit its landmark bird, the chicken.

What do you think? If you have a theory about the birdnapping, share it with the Grand Marais Tourism Association at www.grandmarais.com and you could win a weekend at the home of more than one big seagull! The entry deadline is September 25, 2009. A winner will be selected September 30.

Competition is tough. The Grand Marais Area Tourism Association (GMATA) has



Staff photo/Laurie Johnson

Seagulls are a delightful—and sometimes messy—part of a visit to Grand Marais.

received messages from seagull lovers from all over Minnesota and Wisconsin, as well as New Mexico, Alaska, Southern California, Iowa, Kansas, Washington DC, Florida, Nebraska, Indiana and Thunder Bay, Ontario.

Put on your detective hat and get to work. Help Grand Marais get its bird back!

WTIP Radio offers "1 percent" webpage

Staff reports

WTIP Community Radio has developed a community resource webpage designed to engage and inform citizens about the upcoming 1 percent sales tax referendum.

A 1 percent sales tax is being proposed to fund infrastructure costs for projects around Cook County. In order for the proposed sales tax to be implemented, it needs to pass a countywide voter referendum this fall. WTIP has created a webpage designed to be a resource for community members to obtain information about the proposed tax.

The webpage, www.wtip.org/onepercentsalestax.html, contains background information on the tax, including its origin as a means of raising funds for the North Shore Hospital and Care Center. The webpage also contains information on all seven projects included for funding in the referendum, an archive of WTIP news stories related to the sales tax dating back to 2007, information about upcoming WTIP programs as well as past programs

on the sales tax, and links to organizations that have information related to specific projects being considered for funding.

WTIP is also interested in hearing from county residents and concerned individuals about the tax and has included ways to email feedback and questions to the station. We have also provided a link to submit questions and comments to the county.

It is WTIP's goal to provide community members with reliable information so each individual is empowered to make informed decisions. In addition to this webpage, WTIP and the Cook County News-Herald will be hosting a community information forum on Oct. 13 at the Arrowhead Center for the Arts.

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- To strengthen county schools and the educational opportunities they offer, you need broadband.
- To preserve and strengthen the county's traditional family-owned resorts and retail stores, you need broadband.
- To ensure the North Shore Hospital remains strong and that you receive the most innovative, convenient medical care, you need broadband.
- To expand locally available opportunities for higher education, you need broadband.

- To strengthen your library and your electronic access to it, you need broadband.
- To secure reliable phone service in many parts of the county, you need broadband.
- To make government work better, be more responsive and cost less, you need broadband.
- To use the Internet's most exciting new features that enrich family life, provide high quality entertainment, improve education and link you to friends and community, you need broadband.
- To keep the dollars you spend on television, Internet and phone service here, working to create jobs and opportunity in Cook County, you need broadband.

Broadband will help preserve and strengthen the traditional Cook County way of life. It is a system built by Cook County for the residents of Cook County.

Vote Yes on both questions on this fall's 1 percent sales tax mail ballot.

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