

Amateur Radio Team Assists the Beargrease Cub Run

By BJ Kohlstedt, Lake County Emergency Manager

A week before the famous John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon, 21 mushers from ages 3-14 got together for the second annual Beargrease Cub Run at Silver Creek Town Hall on Saturday, January 19, 2019. The Cub Run, according to the Beargrease website, "is designed to give novice mushers up to age 14 an opportunity to learn about the sport while competing in scaled down version of our larger events, complete with vet checks, official times and an awards ceremony. Families and fans are encouraged to get outside and cheer on the young mushers."

It takes a village to run a race, and one of the organizations that volunteers is Lake County's RACES/ARES team of emergency communication providers. With the hefty title of "Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services / Amateur Radio Emergency Services," RACES/ARES members are tasked with providing emergency communications when common systems like phone, internet and public safety radio fail. They train for this by providing health and safety communications for many public events such as the Bear-

grease, and the Cub Run is one of their favorites.

"It's fantastic to see the way the families are so connected by this sport," says Doug Nelson, who served as "net control" to keep the radio operators organized during the event. Ten RACES/ARES team members staffed checkpoints, monitored the course for hazards, kept



Lake County RACES/ARES members assisting at the Cub Run.

(Photo by Diane Nast)

Back row Haw to Gee: Randy AAØME; Paul KCØWDQ; Bill KCØZZL; Wayne KCØPKC; Gary NUØW; Deb KCØUKC; Ray KEØZN. Front row Haw to Gee: Jeff KCØMKS; Jerry NØMR; Doug AAØAW.

officials informed and visited with spectators.

Cub Run Race Coordinator Liz Busa and Volunteer Coordinator Jean Vincent are also amateur radio operators, so they understand the value of enthusiastic and practiced volunteers. "The Cub Run is a lot of fun, but it would not be possible without a whole lot of wonderful volunteers," said Liz. Those volunteers

Learn more about the Beargrease Cub Run at www.Beargrease.com/cub-run/, and about Lake County RACES/ARES team from BJ Kohlstedt, Lake County Emergency Manager at bj.kohlstedt@co.lake.mn.us.



A young musher during the Beargrease Cub Run. (Photo by Diane Nast)

Birch Grove School receives VOA Award

Birch Grove Community School, located in Tofte, MN, received the VOA Governance Award for the complete 2017-2018 school year. The school was rated on 12 different categories pertaining to the compliance of state and federal statutes/laws as well as other criteria.

Birch Grove accepted this award at a VOA conference on Thursday, January 10th. School board members include: Judy Motschenbacher, Skip Lamb, Kathy Lawrence, Sara Knottski, Sarena Nelson, Krystal Singleton, and School Director Diane Blanchette.

Third Annual Hygge Festival Feb. 8 – 14 and Winter Fireplace Tour Feb 1- 28

Coziness is more than a word on the North Shore in February

Nowhere else can visitors experience winter beauty, adventure, relaxation and coziness as they can in the little harbor village of Grand Marais on Lake Superior at the third annual Hygge Festival, Friday, Feb. 8 – Thursday, Feb. 14. There is also a fireplace tour taking place at 19 locations throughout Cook County from Friday, Feb. 1 – Thursday, Feb. 28.

Throughout Valentine's week, visitors can indulge in a classic North Shore winter vacation across the county with hygge-

themed activities like dogsledding, stargazing, cross-country skiing, and fireside gatherings at well-known northern Minnesota lodges, including Gunflint Lodge and Cascade Lodge.

According to Linda Jurek, executive director for Visit Cook County, "Hygge encourages us to embrace all of winter's pleasures: snowshoe through the woods with someone special, feel the fresh snow crunch beneath you, savor each snowflake that lands on your eyelash, that's hygge."

Hygge Festival Schedule of Events

The Hygge Festival includes eight full days of events, ranging from snowshoe hikes to couples' dinners at the Crooked Spoon, from dog sled tours to Fondue Night at Gunflint Lodge, and from live music by Cloud Cult at Papa Charlie's at Lutsen Mountains to the annual Mukluk Ball at Voyageur Brewing. For more information on the third annual Hygge Festival and for dates and times, please check out: <https://www.visitcookcounty.com/event/hygge-festival/>

Fireplace Tour

Get cozy by one or all of the fireplaces participating in the Winter Fireplace Tour in Cook County, Minn. Locations on the tour listed below.

Grand Marais: Best Western Plus Superior Inn, Grand Marais Recreation Area, Sivertson Gallery, Skyport Lodge, Joy & Co., Voyageur Brewing Company and Wunderbar Eatery & Glampground.

Gunflint Trail: Bearskin Lodge & Outfitters, Big Bear Lodge, Golden Eagle Lodge, Gunflint Lodge & Outfitters, and Gunflint Pines.

Lutsen: Caribou Highlands Lodge, Lutsen Mountains (Scandinavian Chalet), Lutsen Mountains (Summit Chalet on Moose Mountain), Lutsen Resort, and North Shore Winery.

Tofte: Bluefin Grille at Bluefin Bay on Lake Superior.

Grand Portage: Grand Portage Lodge and Casino.

For more information on the Winter Fireplace Tour, please check out: <https://blog.visitcookcounty.com/winter-fireplace-tour-of-cook-county-minnesota>

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Silver Bay & Surrounding Area

- 54 Banks Blvd, SB, MLS6076423: 3 BR, 1 BA, det'd 1 car garage w/distant view of Lk Sup. \$53,500
- 60 Edison Blvd., SB, MLS6080120: 2 BR house w/ full basement, 4-season porch, front deck, det'd 1 car garage & shed in convenient location. Add'l features incl. newer shingles, siding, paint, ceiling fans, open staircase to basement, on level site. \$69,900
- 7 Kent Lane, SB, MLS 6078837: Enjoy the views of Lake Superior from the livingroom, dining room, bedroom, family room, laundry room & balcony of this 3 BR, 3 BA home w/ hardwood floors, 2 wood fireplaces, newer shingles, walkout basement, & 2 car garage \$239,000
- 61 Adams Blvd, SB MLS6026996: 1.7 story, 4 BR, 2 BA house back to woods. updates incl: siding, windows, shingles, 2nd floor add'n, new garage roof, no maint. decks, hdwd floors, new Kit. countertops & backsplash, oak cabinetry, hearth stove, new carpet, & landscaping. Full basement, att'd 2 car garage, shed & lg. side yard. \$218,900
- 45 Horn Blvd, SB MLS6076737: 2 BR, 2 BA house full basement, deck, & det'd 2 car garage in convenient location. Features: vinyl siding, newer windows, shingles, & private yard w/a glimpse of Lk Superior. New curb, gutter, sidewalk & street in '17. REDUCED \$97,500
- 6082 Hwy 1, SB: Custom built 3 BR, 2 BA, basement house, Lg. 2 car garage & shed on 1.44 Ac site w/good view of surrounding hills & valley. \$147,500
- 5150 Silver Hill Dr, Finland: 3BR home w/updates incl: remod. BA, insulation, newer windows & heating system, updated Kit, new paint & doors, & gas FP. 26'x40' garage & 22'x22' garage. 16'x20' deck. ATV & snowmobile trail access close by. \$159,900
- XX Burk Dr., SB MLS6031120: Wooded vacant lot w/view of Lk Sup., city water/sewer nearby. \$18,500
- 61XX Little Marais Road MLS#6076208: Lot B, Silver Bay, MN: 10 acre lot w/views of Lake Superior near Little Marais. reduced to \$69,900
- XXX Hwy 61 & Onion River Rd. MLS6005052: 18 Acr. commercial resort bldg site between Tofte & Lutsen on Onion River Rd. Great views of Lk Sup. High ground w/pwr at rd. Close to Sup. Hiking trl & rec. activities. \$173,500
- XX Marks Drive, SB: 5 – Large residential building sites w/city water, sewer, curb & gutter, back to woods \$45,000 each or \$205,000 for all 5.

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