

GOOD DEEDS

GOOD PEOPLE

■ The Superior school district recognized Gerald "Grandpa Jerry" Sharon for his volunteer efforts as a foster grandparent. Sharon was a Little League football coach for 19 years and joined the Foster Grandparent Program of Northeast Minnesota and Northwest Wisconsin in 2004 and has tutored and mentored students at Four Corners Elementary School in Superior, along with his wife Shirley.

■ Peter Bussa, a member of Boy Scout Troop 9 sponsored by Glen Avon Presbyterian Church in Duluth, earned the rank of Eagle Scout. Bussa provided landscaping near the Marshall sign by the school's new soccer field for his project. He is the son of Mike and Denise Bussa of Duluth and a senior at Marshall.



BUSSA

■ The 20th Northland 300 snowmobile ride benefiting Special Olympics Minnesota was Jan. 26, and 126 snowmobilers and special guests helped kick off the event at Superior Shores Resort and Conference Center in Two

Harbors. Money raised for the 300-mile snowmobile ride totaled \$226,668 (\$188,946.50 in cash and \$37,721.50 in in-kind donations). The prestigious Baker's Dozen (top 13 fundraisers) were recognized for raising \$91,730.55. Top fundraisers were: **Kathy Karkula**, \$19,941.06; **Mike Richards**, \$16,020; **Mike Cook**, \$14,434.50; **Ken Deminsky**, \$7,649; **Marc Williams**, \$6,135; **Chad Zawacki**, \$5,265; **Smitty Jeffrey**, \$4,210; **Charlie Schweich**, \$3,500; **Steve Matthews**, \$3,480; **Jim Bambenek**, \$2,930; **Mike Dolney**, \$2,905; **Deb Auer**, \$2,865; and **Lisa Hagens**, \$2,396.

Other special recognitions: **Tony Frattalona** received the John Marshall Tough Luck award; **Janel Vorel** received the Tom Patterson Northlander of the Year award; **Mike Culligan** received the Steve Jaeger Spirit Award; the new CJ Ramstad Unsung Hero Award award went to **Mike Coulon** for quietly doing good for the ride; and the Turn Old Into Gold Award went to **Marc Williams** for turning in the most used cell phones for Special Olympics Minnesota cell phone recycling program.

■ **Aaron Johnson**, **Wyatt Andersen** and **Brandon Ojutkangas**, members of Boy Scout Troop 152 sponsored by Northwood United Methodist Church in Esko, were award-

ed the rank of Eagle Scout. The boys are high school seniors. Johnson and Andersen attend Lincoln High School in Esko and Ojutkangas attends Cloquet Christian Academy.

Johnson spent about 95 hours on his project, which was constructing a memorial garden and walkway with a flagpole to be used during Memorial Day services at his church, Apostolic Lutheran Church in Esko. He is the son of Tim and Kristi Johnson of Esko.

Andersen, son of Richard and Judyth Andersen of Esko, spent about 123 hours removing sod from and raising and leveling about 190 headstones at Maple Grove Cemetery in Cloquet. He also helped with general ground-leveling.

Ojutkangas spent about 111 hours cleaning out, repairing and reconfiguring a horse shelter for North Country R.I.D.E. in Esko. He is the son of Perry Ojutkangas of Proctor and Liz and Royce McLaughlin of Esko.

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