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**MARIE TOLONEN**

**CHISHOLM — A Chisholm graduate is serving in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Charleston.**

Nolan Kruchowski, a 2013 Chisholm graduate, is an Ensign in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS Charleston (LCS 18). The USS Charleston is part of Destroyer Squadron Seven, on a rotational deployment in the U.S. 7th fleet area of operation to enhance interoperability with partners and serve as a ready-response force in support of a free and open Indo-Pacific region, according to a press release.

Kruchowski said he enlisted in the Navy after graduating high school, and was motivated to do so by his uncle who is a military veteran. "His name is Krampus, a horned figure in Alpine folklore who during the Christmas season scares children who have misbehaved. According to legend, Krampus and St. Nicholas visit children on the night of Dec. 5, with St. Nicholas rewarding the well-behaved children with oranges, dried fruit, chocolate and cake, while the badly behaved ones only receive punishment from Krampus with birch rods. It’s all part of the fun of the animal celebration that’s in its 38th year. The German-themed festival is in keeping with Gianti Rides and skiing. "Are you on the Naughty List?" reads a publicity post on the Biwabik Area Civic Association website. "Arrest Warrants will be sold for $5 to arrest someone in the four bars, Dave’s Alpine Bar, Biwabik Pub and Poor Guy’s Pizza, Luke’s Tavern and Vi’s Pizza, and TNT Bar. Santa and the Krampus will detain the accused to face the Judge who will post bail. If convicted, they must post bail to return to the Krawl.”

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**Shelter pets need help this holiday season**

**LINDA TYSSEN**

**MESABI TRIBUNE**

**BIWABIK — Weihnachtsfest will have a new character this year along with Rock the Moose in his Christmas garb.**

The event is slated for tonight and Saturday in Biwabik. The gazebos in Biwabik’s park is decorated in Christmas lights at a past Weihnachtsfest. The event will feature entertainment from trees across the region with St. Nicholas and St. Krampus and St. Nicholas visit children on the night of Dec. 5, with St. Nicholas rewarding the well-behaved children with oranges, dried fruit, chocolate and cake, while the badly behaved ones only receive punishment from Krampus with birch rods. It’s all part of the fun of the animal celebration that’s in its 38th year. The German-themed festival is in keeping with Gianti Rides and skiing. "Are you on the Naughty List?" reads a publicity post on the Biwabik Area Civic Association website. "Arrest Warrants will be sold for $5 to arrest someone in the four bars, Dave’s Alpine Bar, Biwabik Pub and Poor Guy’s Pizza, Luke’s Tavern and Vi’s Pizza, and TNT Bar. Santa and the Krampus will detain the accused to face the Judge who will post bail. If convicted, they must post bail to return to the Krawl.”

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**Mesabi Range Career Day**

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Above, Mesabi Range College first year welding student Luke Barter uses a torch to cut a piece of steel while a group of high school students tour the welding program at the Eveleth campus of Mesabi Range College Thursday morning. More than 130 high school students from cities across the region were in Eveleth learning about career opportunities offered at the college.

Left, Northeast Range student Wesley Sandy learns how to use a sash tool while getting a tour of the nursing program at the Eveleth campus of Mesabi Range College Thursday morning. **PHOTOS BY MARK SAUER**

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**Holiday Craft & Vendor Show**

**MESABI MALL**

**Hwy 169 & 37th St., Hibbing**

**Friday, Dec. 3, 10am-5pm • Saturday, Dec. 4, 10am-3pm**

Over 50 vendors with unique & decorative items. Just in time for your Christmas shopping.