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SULFIDE MINING

Groups seek closer look at PolyMet viability

Environmentalists question mine's ability to fund required financial assurance

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— PolyMet's recently-updated feasibility study, or technical report, is prompting calls for a closer look by state regulators at the financial viability of the company's proposed NorthMet mine and whether PolyMet's principal financial backer, Glencore, should be assuming a larger role in the project.

Separate comments filed

by the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy and the Duluth-based Water Legacy, argue that profits generated by the mine, as currently envisioned, are unlikely to allow the company to meet the financial assurance obligations required to obtain a permit to mine from the Department of Natural Resources. And the groups cite evidence that suggests that PolyMet officials have known this for some time, even as they have maintained otherwise.



"The NorthMet mine project as proposed in the permit to mine application is clearly uneconomic, and will never be built in its current form," wrote MCEA

attorney Kevin Lee, in comments filed this week with the DNR. MCEA was joined in its comment by...POLYMET pg. 10

An aerial view of PolyMet's proposed processing facility at the former LTV site. photo by M. HelMBERGER

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School Board reluctantly adopts new booster club guidelines

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Following a third review Monday night of new booster club guidelines for the Ely School District, board members reluctantly gave their approval to the new policy, as recommended by the Minnesota School Board Association.

The document creates a foundation for interactions between the district and outside organizations that support district programs such as athletics. Examples of this support could include donating funds to pay additional coaches, organizing team events, raising money for team equipment or additional trips, supporting capital upgrades to district facilities and the organization and coordination of fundraising projects.

According to the new policy, the booster groups here provide more than \$100,000 in funds and countless hours of volunteer service. "Our programs would not function at their current levels without the efforts and existence of these groups," the policy said.

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INTERNATIONAL WOLF CENTER



The circle of life

Young Arctic wolves challenging alpha in Ambassador pack

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – The circle of life is playing out this spring in the Ambassador Pack at the International Wolf Center in Ely. Now grown, the two young

Arctic wolves are challenging for the alpha or leadership position in the pack.

In the spring of 2016, two rare Arctic wolf pups arrived from Canada to the International Wolf Center in Ely. Those little wolves have grown up and are

now giving educators a rare opportunity to witness a shift in pack hierarchy and the natural circle of life in the center's Ambassador Pack.

As related in a recent

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Two-year-old Arctic wolf, Axel, and a boy trade glances through a pane of glass at the International Wolf Center in Ely.

Courtesy Heidi Pinkerton, Root River Photography

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

Beihoffer, Tahija top vote in Greenwood recount

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- It was slow, steady, and by the book (or the Minnesota 2016 Recount Guide), and after a little less than three hours, Greenwood Township residents had the definitive count, and the results were...exactly the same as on election night.

The township finally conducted

From left, Carol Maus, election judge, Sue Drobac, town clerk, and Mary Richard, election judge, seal the ballots after the Greenwood Township election recount last Friday. photo by J. Summit

the recount of the March 13 election on Friday, April 6, with the meeting opening at 1 p.m. Township attorney Mike Couri oversaw the meeting and ran a tight ship.

"We have done recounts before," he said. "They are relatively rare."

Couri explained that the two candi-

dates who requested the recount had the right to a free recount under state law, because the vote was so close, in these cases five and six votes.

He noted that the recount simply

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CITY OF TOWER

Council advances Lamppa Manufacturing facility

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER—Progress on the new manufacturing facility here that will soon be the new home of Lamppa Manufacturing is continuing on track following several actions by the city council here on Monday.

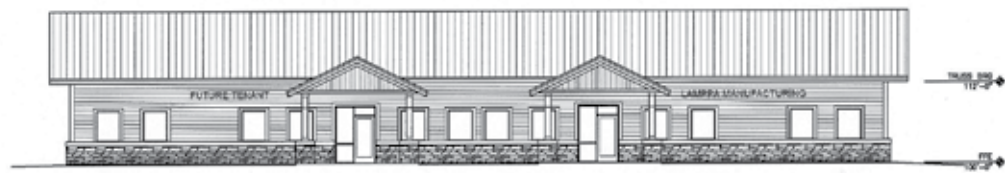
The council, minus Brad Matich who was absent, voted to authorize SEH to solicit bids for the project, which is currently scheduled to begin construction in June in the city's industrial park on the west end of town.

The council also gave the green light to a ten-year lease between Lamppa Manufacturing and the Tower Economic Development Authority that includes a gradually escalating rental rate, beginning at \$1,200 a month for the first two years. That would escalate to \$2,625

per month by the final three years of the lease term, although the lease rate could change should the company opt to expand its operations into the entire building. As currently planned, Lamppa Manufacturing will occupy half of the space in the facility, with the remainder available for rent to another business or for expansion of Lamppa's wood furnace and stove-making operation. City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith said she was asking for council approval to the lease even though it had not yet been approved by TEDA. The lease was on TEDA's agenda last week, but the authority couldn't meet officially due to the lack of a quorum. But to keep the project on its current schedule, Keith said she needed the lease approved.

The council also authorized application to the IRRRB for

Exterior front of the new manufacturing facility



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a non-recourse loan to pay for the construction of the new manufacturing facility. The non-recourse loan is a standard one used by the IRRRB to limit the risk to communities that invest in economic development projects. Under the deal, the city can make payments as lease revenue is available, without risk of foreclosure. It's the same arrangement that cleared the way for construction of the Powerain building, which the city subsequently renovated to make way for the Vermilion Country School.

In other economic development action, the council approved the purchase of wetland credits for a total cost of \$39,376 to clear the way for the filling of wetlands on the southwest edge of the planned harbor town home development. The wetland impact will be necessary to make way for a new access road that the city will build as part of its role in the overall project.

The city would have the option of rescinding its purchase should the project not move forward, but city engineer Jason Chopp said buying the credits

now guaranteed that they would be available when needed for the project.

Under the current timeline, city officials expect to have all the necessary permits in hand for the project by July, which should allow for construction to begin shortly thereafter.

In other business, the council:

► Tabled action on a request for sidewalk repairs in front of the Scenic Rivers clinic. In an email to the city on April 3, clinic site See COUNCIL...pg. 5

SAINT LOUIS COUNTY

County officials remove Ten Commandments display

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

HIBBING— St. Louis County has agreed to remove a plaque of the Ten Commandments from the county courthouse here, after the Freedom From Religion Foundation filed a letter of protest over the display.

The letter, signed by the foundation's senior legal counsel Patrick Elliott, cites numerous Supreme Court rulings that have found that such religious displays at government facilities violate the establishment clause of the First Amendment. Local units of government that

have waged legal battles to protect such religious displays have consistently lost, except when the display is part of a larger display of multiple monuments with some historical context. By contrast, Elliott contends that a reasonable observer would view the Hibbing display as "an endorsement of religion."

"After careful consideration, a determination was made to remove the plaque from public display," stated county administrator Kevin Gray in a March 7 email announcing the decision. "As you might presume, the law and norms have developed considerably since the plaque was

initially installed decades ago. The County Attorney's Office researched applicable law including relevant federal Supreme Court decisions on this topic, which contributed to the decision to direct property management to remove the plaque."

The removal was scheduled to minimize disruption to the courthouse activities, according to Gray.

Right: This plaque of the Ten Commandments has been on display at the Hibbing Courthouse since the 1950s. It was recently removed.

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GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

Board delays meeting for new supervisor

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- The two dozen-plus people who attended Tuesday's Greenwood Town Board meeting did not get to see much township business conducted after Chairman Mike Ralston opted to shut down the meeting and resume it next week, Wednesday, April 18 at 6:30 p.m. At this point, he noted, Supervisor Byron Beihoffer will be seated on the board.

Ralston opened the meeting with a statement on the recount. He emphasized that candidates John Bassing and Rick Stoehr had the right to seek a recount, and that the township had the responsibility to do it correctly and fairly.

"There was not a lot of experience here," he said. "It took a couple of times to get it, and caused some delays."

Ralston noted that the recount did not change the results from election night. He explained that the township needed to abide by a 10-day waiting period before swearing in the new supervisors. "Until that time," he said,

"existing candidates stay in their seat, unless that candidate resigns, and then a new candidate could be sworn in."

Ralston was referring to Supervisor John Bassing, who had lost the race by five votes to fellow Supervisor Larry Tahija. Bassing was still seated at the table.

Clerk Sue Drobac noted that the township had not received a letter of resignation.

"I know it was very emotional and quite difficult for many of us," said Ralston. "It is behind us now."

The board then approved the treasurer's report and the claims for the previous month (paying the bills). At that point Ralston said on the advice of counsel, he was placing a motion to continue the meeting to April 18, at which time Beihoffer could take his seat on the board.

The vote on the motion was 4-1, with Bassing voting against. Bassing noted there were items on the agenda that needed to be addressed, and saw no reason for the board not to conduct its business.

Many in the audience were

clearly dismayed by the board's action, and most got up to leave the room.

Pam Lundstrom, who had signed up to speak under public input on the upcoming Fourth of July spaghetti dinner fundraiser set for May 19, as well as the township's 40th anniversary celebration in August, asked for permission to speak to those at the hall, since it was not technically town board business.

While some had already left the hall, many remained and listened.

Lundstrom is a member of the Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion Events Board, the group formed last year to run the Fourth of July festivities and other events.

The group will be hosting a fundraiser at the Greenwood Town Hall on Saturday, May 19 from 12 noon - 6 p.m. The cost for the meal will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Take-outs will be available. Tickets go on sale April 18 and will be available at the door. There will also be a Chinese auction.

Lundstrom noted that it costs about \$15,000 to fund the Fourth of July, plus another

\$8,500 for fireworks (which have traditionally been funded by the Tower Fire Department Relief Association's charitable gambling proceeds).

Volunteers are needed to donate desserts for the fundraiser, along with help cooking, serving, and cleaning up. "Be a good neighbor and come and support this event," she said. Anyone who would like to help, or needs more information, can call Pam at 218-753-3006.

Stories sought for 40th anniversary booklet

Lundstrom also urged Greenwood residents to help the 40th anniversary committee by gathering stories and histories of their road's residents.

Lundstrom gave a synopsis of her own family's history, now stretching to its fifth-generation, and talked about the history of their cabin, and how their family came to own their land.

In a response to the question of how Greenwood Township got its name, Supervisor Larry Tahija

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Briefly

Lakner seeks to exclude gun evidence from trial

REGIONAL—Barney Lakner is seeking to exclude weapons evidence from his ongoing trial in Two Harbors on three separate felony charges. That's according to the *Lake County News-Chronicle*.

Lakner, 48, was the ringleader of the Ely Six, a group of young men who terrorized campers in the BWCAW back in 2007.

Lake County sheriff deputies arrested Lakner last June after he allegedly drugged a woman in order to rape her. He also faces weapons charges stemming from a search of his residence following that incident. The three counts he faces carry a maximum penalty of 15 years each.

But his attorney, Gordon Pineo, of Virginia, is seeking to exclude a handgun and ammunition recovered from Lakner's home. Pineo argues that the weapons were unrelated to the search warrant that deputies originally sought and were not in plain sight when recovered. Judge Eric Hylden gave Pineo until April 19 to submit a brief outlining his arguments.

Correction

The headline on last week's story on the city of Tower's harbor project did not reflect the underlying story and was inaccurate. It should have stated that a letter of credit was being considered by the city, but that no final decision had been made, which is what the story accurately reported.

The *Timberjay* apologizes for any confusion this may have created.

ELECTIONS

Six advance in crowded Bois Forte primary

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

BOIS FORTE RESERVATION- Six candidates are advancing after a crowded primary election on April 3, for three open spots on the Bois Forte Tribal Council.

In the single reservation-wide contest, incumbent treasurer David Morrison was the top vote getter overall, with 186 votes, in a three-way race against Karlene

Chosa, with 134, and Brandon Benner with 132. Morrison and Chosa will advance to the tribal general election on June 12. Morrison, with 41.15 percent of the vote, fell short of the 50 percent plus one vote needed to win outright.

Two district representative seats were also on the ballot, one for Nett Lake, the other Vermilion.

Sidra Starkovich tallied 44 votes (25.43%) and Peter F.

Boney had 34 votes (21.97%) to advance for the Vermilion seat. Other candidate totals were Kristal Strong 23, Gary W. Adams 9, George J. Strong 12, Corey Strong 27, Earl Villebrun 9, and Muriel Deegan 15. This is the seat currently held by Ray Toutloff, who is retiring.

Shane Drift was the top vote-getter for the Nett Lake seat with 61 votes (22.43%) and Mildred R. Holmes had 54 (19.35%) to advance to the

general. Other candidate totals were Charles Wagner 48, Edward Villebrun 33, Crystal Villebrun 5, Eddie Chavers 38, Robbie E. Goggeye 32. This is the seat currently held by Brandon Benner, who opted to run for treasurer.

There were 452 ballots cast, and of these 94 were absentee ballots for Nett Lake and 36 were absentee ballots for Vermilion.

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Editorial

School collaboration

School board members are asking the right questions

There are only so many hours in a day— which is why members of the St. Louis County School Board are justified in their skepticism about their collaboration agreement with Mt. Iron-Buhl.

While we certainly support any effort to trim administrative costs in the district, it's not at all clear that such a goal will ultimately be achieved by this proposal.

The broader issue, of course, is focus and mission.

The collaboration with Mt. Iron-Buhl was never a priority or strategic objective of ISD 2142. From the beginning, it was pushed by Mt. Iron-Buhl primarily as a means of meeting the criteria for facilities funding under the IRRRB's school consolidation and collaboration fund, which requires school district consolidation in some form. Mt. Iron-Buhl needed a new school, so they pushed the collaboration plan in order to get it. We understand that some area legislators pressured ISD 2142 into, reluctantly, going along.

Board members have had legitimate concerns about the proposal from the start. Perhaps the most significant is their belief that a district as complex as ISD 2142 actually needs a full-time superintendent, not one whose time is split with another district. It's been suggested that adding Mt. Iron-Buhl will be no different than simply overseeing a fifth school within the St. Louis County district, which would boost the superintendent's duties only marginally. But that's clearly not the case.

Every school district has to meet a massive and ever-growing list of state mandates, which a superintendent is going to have to oversee. The workload is not determined so much by the size of a district as it is by the fact that it is an independent governmental body. And while St. Louis County and Mt. Iron-Buhl are collaborating, it is not yet a consolidation, which means that the superintendent will be involved with the entire range of duties associated with running two independent school districts. That means negotiating employ-

ment contracts for two districts, working with two independent school boards, administrative employee evaluations for two districts, and on and on. To suggest this can be done adequately in 10-15 hours a week is pure fantasy.

It's also unclear how one superintendent can serve two neighboring districts whose interests don't always align, particularly in an age of widespread open enrollment. School districts are in a competition for students, like it or not. You don't see the same person sitting as CEO of competing businesses because it's a built-in conflict of interest. Whether its attracting students or applying for competitive grant dollars, negotiating the various interests of two neighboring districts will be fraught with some of the very same issues.

If the school board legitimately believed that ISD 2142 could be run by a part-time superintendent, it presumably would have hired one on that basis when it replaced former superintendent Steve Sallee. They didn't do so because they believe it's a full-time job, and then some.

In the end, something has to give. There are only so many hours in a day and only so many hours that anyone can maintain focus on their mission. You can maintain the illusion for a while, but eventually things will begin to fall through the cracks. Important issues won't get the attention they need. And then will come the calls for an assistant here and a deputy there, and the administrative savings that could provide at least some rationale for such a collaboration, will quickly vanish.

In the end, it isn't clear that either district benefits from a collaboration that was developed without a clear strategic objective, other than obtaining funding for Mt. Iron-Buhl's new school.

School board members have complained that they have never really had the chance to discuss the overall objectives of the collaboration and air their concerns together. Maybe it's time to have that discussion.



Letters from Readers

Separation of church and state is a bedrock principle

After reading Mr. Matisich's letter, I find myself agreeing with him on both his questioning that a group from Wisconsin should influence the County Commissioner, and his belief the situation could have been handled differently.

However, I believe that government should not be displaying religious doctrine in any of its buildings. Thomas Jefferson wrote on the subject, "legislature should 'make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof,' thus building a wall of separation between Church and State."

Additionally, Matt Matisich's letter reminded me of a Kurt Vonnegut quote from *A Man Without a Country*: "For some reason, the most vocal Christians among us never mention the Beatitudes (Matthew 5). But, often with tears in their eyes, they demand that the Ten Commandments be posted in public buildings. And of course, that's Moses, not Jesus. I haven't heard one of them demand that the Sermon on the Mount, the Beatitudes, be posted anywhere. 'Blessed are the merciful' in a courtroom? 'Blessed are the peacemakers' in the Pentagon? Give me a break!"

I can say it no better than these men: separation of any religion and our government has been a basic principle of our country from its birth. It should remain that way.

**Richard Hanson
Tower**

U.S. continues to kill around the world

The U.S. continues to give weapons to Saudi Arabia, refuel Saudi bombers in the air, and direct their bombing raids in Yemen, a country that is not our enemy and is no threat to

us. Many thousands, mostly civilians, have died and more than half the country cannot feed itself because our weapons are being used to block Yemen's ports.

The Congress is aiding and abetting Obama's and Trump's war. This is a war that the U.S. media isn't reporting on. But America is killing, maiming, and starving to death many people with our tax money and in our names. The U.S. killed (with our tax money) more than 3 million Iraqis, the same number of Vietnamese, and people in many other countries. Most war victims are civilians and the death toll doesn't include losses of limbs and eyes, maiming of so many people, losses of houses. Most of the people the U.S. kills are poor civilians.

U.S. media also usually fails to report what is happening in Palestine. Americans often think that Israel is the victim but in reality it's the Palestinians who are, while Israel is the criminal with U.S. support. The U.S. arms Israel which steals more and more land. On March 29 Israeli snipers killed 15 protesters in Gaza from their sniper spot on a hill in Israel. These were Palestinians protesting peacefully. More than 1,000 Palestinians were injured by live bullets and by tear gas. The first to die was a Palestinian farmer working his field in Gaza. This genocide is worse than the South African apartheid according to South African Desmond Tutu. It has been going on since 1948 when Israel became Israel and entered 500 Palestinian villages in one month alone, killing, raping and forcing total villages to vacate, being then either bulldozed under or populated with Jewish settlers. The settler theft of Palestinian land, as you probably know, continues to this day with well wishes from those in Washington. Today Israel has told the people of yet another Palestinian village that it will be demolished.

We must start to realize

that the U.S. does not represent Americans but does the bidding of the huge corporate interests. Many Americans think that the U.S. has a good heart and rarely does the wrong thing. I am telling you that the U.S. NEVER does what is right internationally. If a country doesn't toe the U.S. line they become the U.S. enemy and it doesn't matter how many grandmothers die. Many in the world think of the U.S. as the enemy of humanity.

The U.S. thrives on war, or I should say that large corporations do the thriving while the poor around the world do the dying (as well as young naive American "boys and girls" who are desperate for jobs, health care, or the GI Bill) and the large corporate blood suckers that control our "democratic" government in Washington are laughing as they take their blood money to the bank. The U.S. war machine does not make the world a safer place. Sixty percent of all U.S. tax money goes to it and the killing of Iraqis, Afghans, Palestinians, etc., only makes more desperate people join the ranks of ISIS and their offshoots.

For more information read the "Electronic Intifada" (Arab news source), "Mondoweiss" and the "Jewish Voice for Peace" (Jewish news sources).

**Steve Johnson
Ely**

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To see life more clearly, it helps to adjust your lens

Anyone who writes intentionally, knows the challenge of facing the blank page. The first sentence, at least for me, is always the hardest. After struggling considerably with my first draft, I was struck this morning by a message that arrived out of the blue. "You have to adjust the lens."



**KATHLEEN
MCQUILLAN**

At that moment, an image took charge of my imagination. And I surrendered.

When seated at my kitchen table, a large picture window frames the view to the East from inside my unassuming little house that is perched on the edge of what once was a cultivated field. That view spans an aging pasture, now dotted with adoles-

cent spruce, white and red pine seedlings, and a patchwork of elder brush and red willow. It works its way across to the nearby black spruce and tamarack swamp which dominates much of the countryside where I live.

A pair of end tables, situated just below the sill, host a collection of books of acquired value, toys accumulated from past stages of my grandson's ever changing fancies, a deep purple African violet that, at age 25 years, seems to bloom more

abundantly than ever! Beside it is a pair of binoculars.

They are a permanent fixture in my world, frequently picked up to scan the landscape, sometimes triggered by a movement behind a distant bush, or a black dot soaring high across the sky. Sometimes those binoculars are the next best thing to a telescope, granting us a chance to see more detail on the surface of an amazing moon. They are most often used by my spouse and "matey", John, a woodsman by profession and an avid hunter,

both of which helped develop his keen eye! Often, I've responded to his call to "come quick" for a look at critter visitations that a National Geographic photographer might wait days, or months, to see. In that moment, he hands me the binocs while habitually directing me to "adjust the lens". I know what he wants me to do and that I must do it quickly! I understand that if I want to see what he sees I must be very adept. But more often than not,

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Letters from Readers

Restoring the earth could help restore our community

It is April, a month which drags on rather endlessly for those of us who have not left the area for warmer wintering.

Natives complaining of the persistence of cold and ice when only patience is required.

Grumbling of all forms inevitably arrives.

Topics not yet resolved appear in the letters to the editor in full force as winter fatigue surfaces. One desires to vent built up inner despair regarding issues of global, national, and local mire. There are endless

examples.

How these topics continue to drag us down and create separation! A recent letter from a Hoyt Lakes resident inspired me to write. One does appreciate when another is thinking as one does.

I was at UMD for the first Earth Day, nearly 50 years ago. We were informed about the predicted addition of billions of people to the planet with impending over-population. That day, global warming and pollution were addressed while we were also thinking of America being deeply involved in war. Several wars later, these dire earth predictions have come to fruition. Here we are, still needing to put the earth first! When do we? For me, I continue to, perhaps

naively, think all of this cannot be happening! Surely people will come to their senses regarding our responsibility, especially to local land and water! I still wonder why we cannot see the value of that which we have around us when life is so fragile everywhere.

No matter how one tries to resolve disbelief that others still want to trade this for a few jobs, people push for a huge mine plopped in the middle of our land. Ongoing world and national reports of warming and disaster don't help nor do stories of sulfide mines elsewhere. There is endless bad news of national water issues.

Just think of how uplifting and restorative a community

effort here of protectionism would resound throughout the world if our famous little town united in a desire to protect our resources! How can one not be hopeful that this will one day happen, before it is too late? Ely could be the example of a people looking beyond self-interest!

If only our local leaders and we would look for new ways to create economic prosperity here, let go of the idea that a huge invasive mine is the answer, and begin to think bigger than we are. Let's not give it all away to foreigners. What is our responsibility to civilization?

Let us be a community that looks to a brighter future, not through contamination, but through protection of and respect

for this amazingly valuable resource. Let those signs read 'Water, land, air— of greatest value!'

We all know in our hearts that no copper mine has ever been good for those elements—though pro-mining folks insist it can be done. I say, prove it. But not through a billion dollar test! How can we take a chance with something we claim to love so much to the benefit of a foreign company?

We need to wake up, refresh our thinking, and look forward to the resurgence of spring.

Cecilia Rolando
Ely Native—World Citizen
Ely

THE LEGISLATURE

Sen. Fischbach controversy back in court

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL—The controversy over Sen. Michelle Fischbach, and her ability to simultaneously hold her state Senate seat as well as the post of Lt. Governor, is once again back in court.

A Sauk Rapids constituent of Fischbach's filed the case on Tuesday in Ramsey County District Court. A judge had

tossed a similar lawsuit back in February, before the legislative session began. In dismissing the case, the judge said it had been filed too early, and that it was only speculation that Fischbach would try to hold both seats.

Now, a month into the legislative session, it's no longer speculation. Fischbach has continued with her Senate duties. She has refused to take the oath of office as Lt. Governor and has largely ignored her obligations

under the post.

Fischbach is a reluctant Lt. Governor to be sure. She only assumed the position after Gov. Mark Dayton appointed former Lt. Governor Tina Smith to replace Al Franken, who resigned his U.S. Senate seat in December. Under the state's constitution, the most recent president of the state Senate automatically assumes the Lt. Governor's position in the event of a vacancy.

DFLers in the Senate have argued since January that Fischbach can't hold both seats, and have argued that she must resign her Senate seat. That would leave the Senate tied 33-33, potentially altering the course of the current legislative session. It would also open the possibility of a DFL takeover were DFLers to prevail in a special election to replace Fischbach.

An advisory opinion on

the question by the state's solicitor general, issued back in January, sided with DFLers arguing that holding a legislative and executive branch office is incompatible, and a violation of the state's constitution. But Republicans are holding fast to their position that Fischbach can hold two offices simultaneously and short of a judge's ruling on the matter, that could be the way it remains, at least through the fall election.

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the subject has passed out of sight by the time I get it just right.

This morning, I realized how perfect this metaphor is for my life. The pressure is high to get it right, and do it quickly! But unlike those fleeting sightings of one of life's moments of wondrous perfection, more often we have experiences heard or read about. We are forced to be satisfied by the enviable experiences of others. I talk myself into accepting what I did not

see as "just the way it is". Part of having a good life is to be satisfied, not in the encounter itself but in the vicarious, and then to find the joy of reflecting upon it — appreciation for both the anticipated and the actual, the seen and the unseen, the real and the imagined. Some call this the miracle of human consciousness.

In our excitement with spoken language, and the lingering pleasure of language that is thought out, crafted and written,

we humans are so fortunate. Like grabbing the binoculars, getting them up to our eyes and adjusting the lens, the ability to share thoughts and experiences through our stories can be as exciting as spotting those two wolves stopping to catch their breath after an unsuccessful chase, that bear thrashing an ant hill, or a flock of circling sandhill cranes, just fleeting specks overhead on their spring migration.

And like those binoculars,

even when I think I've gotten faster and more refined with my touch on that tiny black dial, too often it still won't be "just right". Frustrated at my awkwardness, it occurs to me that this may always be a challenge, because "vision" is always changing. To know and accept this requires patience, persistence, and a strong desire to keep trying to get it "just right".

So, every few weeks, I'll be trying to get this writing thing "just right". At least right enough

so we can share the extraordinary found in the "ordinary", some questions mixed with some "certainties", and some good news to balance out the "bad". I'll be watching and listening, and adjusting the lens. I can't wait to discover what's out there!

Editor's Note: Kathleen is joining the regular Timberjay columnist lineup and we're glad to have her on board. She lives in Linden Grove.

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manager Valerie Turnbull said the sidewalk in front of the clinic was uneven and frequently icy, and that a number of patients had fallen, in some cases requiring hospitalization. Keith said the city has other problem sidewalks as well that should be looked at, but that no action should be taken until the frost is gone. Several sections of sidewalk around the city have heaved badly this year due to frost.

► Approved a change in status and pay for some ambulance service personnel, eliminating the assistant position previously held by Kim Mattila and cutting Dena Suikhonen's pay as assistant director from the current \$400 per month to \$200 per month. Meanwhile, assistant director Josh Villebrun will receive a pay increase, from \$300 per month to

\$400 per month.

A m b u l a n c e Supervisor Steve Altenburg indicated that the reductions were made possible by the recent shift to paid-on-call staffing, since some of the on-call staff would be conducting ambulance checks during the week. The ambulance service now has two Emergency Medical Responders working five 12-hour shifts per week, while an EMT is working one 60-hour shift. A second EMT, who had been hired, is unable to start at this point due to an injury.

► Accepted a \$225,000 grant from the IRRRB for the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center, but not without expressing some displeasure with the organization. "This is another situation where people are going to the IRRRB without coming through

the city," said Mayor Josh Carlson.

"Groups in town should be reminded that, at the end of the day, they need to come through the city. If it's a group in the city, it's a request from the city," he added. The grant award will provide partial funding for needed roof repairs to the center, which is still under development.

► Approved the expenditure of just over \$3,000 for the purchase of equipment to allow for a secure entry system at the Vermilion Country School building, which the city owns. The school will pay the \$600 installation fee.

► Approved a cooperative agreement with the Tower DNR for wildland fire coverage.

► Appointed Linda Keith as head election judge and Terri Joki-Martin as deputy head

election judge for the upcoming elections. The council also appointed Marjorie Johnson as the emergency head election judge in case neither Keith nor Joki-Martin was available.

► Heard a report from Keith on her plan to request about \$8,000 for new accounting software. She said the current program is prone to glitches that have cost her a significant amount of time.

► Accepted the latest drinking water report from the Minnesota Department of Health, which showed that the Tower-Breitung water remains in compliance with safety standards.

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remembered that they had run an informal contest, and Greenwood was selected. The township had tried to get Vermilion Lake to give up its name to no avail.

Lundstrom said they are planning on having a 40th anniversary float in the parade, and hope that other businesses and families will recognize the 40th anniversary as part of the parade.

While some in the

township wanted to wait until the township hit the 50-year milestone, Lundstrom noted that for many of the older township residents, who were around at the time of the establishment of Greenwood, waiting another 10 years might be too late.

"Many of us who helped start the township might be dead in another 10 years," she said with a laugh. "So we thought a 40th celebration would

be better."

The 40th Celebration is set for Saturday, Aug. 25. The picnic will be open to the entire community and free of charge. The food will be catered by Zup's. The committee is hoping that the town board will approve having live music, perhaps a polka band. At the township's annual meeting, residents approved spending up to \$5,000 on the picnic for the celebration.

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Indian Taco fundraiser for Geraldine Hanks on Friday, April 20

VERMILION RESERVATION- There will be an Indian Taco fundraiser for Geraldine Hanks on Friday, April 20 from 11 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. at the Vermilion Government Center. Delivery available to Fortune Bay and Tower. Price is \$6. Call 218-753-4542 on April 20 to place your order for delivery.

Geraldine was diagnosed with stage four cancer in January. She will be doing radiation and chemotherapy for most of her treatment in Hibbing. She will need help with travel expenses back and forth for the length of her treatments.

Red Hat Belles to meet on Thursday, April 26

TOWER- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet at the Black Bear Café at 12 noon on Thursday, April 26. Please RSVP by April 23 to Delores at 218-753-5051.

Tower-Soudan Civic Club to meet Wednesday, April 18

TOWER- The April meeting of the Tower-Soudan Civic Club will be on the third Wednesday of the month, April 18, at 7 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center.

There will be a presentation on the Nelmark Homestead Museum, located in Embarrass, by Jeannine Bjornrud, which will include the history of the home and information on activities offered to the public during the year. Jeannine will also give information on the historical log Finnish homesteads in the area and on the tours offered to the community and visitors.

Linda Haugen and Linda Kronholm will be the hosts for the evening, and Cathy Burt will be bringing the door prize.

Coffee and dessert will be served, and all of the public is invited to attend. A special welcome to two new members, Susan Ellis of Soudan, and Penny Jackson of Puncher Point.

Writers workshops meets on Saturday, April 14

COOK- The monthly writers workshop at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook meets on Saturday, April 14. Local writers are welcome to attend the Writers Group from 1 – 3 p.m. at 210 S River St. next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon in Cook. The group coordinator is Ellie Larmouth, 218-753-5327.

Joint Powers Rec Board to meet on Friday, April 27

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board will meet on Friday, April 27 at 8:30 a.m. at Sulu's. Funding requests must be made in writing prior to the meeting; please contact Linda Keith at Tower City Hall (218-753-4070) or Julie Suihkonen (218-753-3314).

Defensive Driving – 4-Hour Refresher Course rescheduled to April 25

SOUDAN- The defensive driving class initially scheduled for April 18 has been rescheduled to Wednesday, April 25 at the Soudan Fire Hall from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will also be classes on May 10 and June 12. The four-hour refresher course is offered for drivers 55 years of age and older who have previously completed an eight-hour beginner's course and who need to re-certify to continue receiving a discount on their car insurance. A certificate of completion will be given to participants to continue the 10-percent car insurance discount. Check your certificate or check with your car insurance agent to learn when you need to recertify. Dana Waldron is the instructor for the class offered under AARP. Class fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Payment is payable to the instructor on the day of class.

You must pre-register so we can plan accordingly for class space and materials. Please call or text Leone Graf to pre-register at 218-343-3744. If no answer, please leave a message.

VERMILION PARK INN

Rosemaling weekend in Soudan



Rosemaling students display their Telemark style projects. Back row (left to right) Gail Bartlett of Britt; Janet Eggleston of Galena, Illinois; Sandra Zinn of Minneapolis; Instructor Terese McCue Thompson of Cloquet; Pauly Housenga of Tower; Front row (left to right) Barbara Aysta of Virginia, Sarah Malick-Wwahls of Ely, and Jennifer Barr of Cook. photos by S. Stone

by SCARLET STONE
Staff Writer

SOUDAN- It shouldn't be a surprise to anyone when a group of decorative folk art painters, known as Rosemalers, gather at a cozy northern Minnesota B&B and days later emerge with some beautiful hand-painted wood creations. Students, mostly intermediate level, from as far away as Illinois and the Twin Cities, gathered for the four-day retreat in the Commons Room of the Vermilion Park Inn in Soudan on Thursday, April 5 to advance their skill levels in Telemark and Os styles of Rosemaling.

Rosemaling, which translates to "rose painting," is a style that originated in about 1750 in the eastern regions of Norway with three main styles named after the region of their origin: Telemark, Hallingdal and Rogaland. There are many other styles, one being Os, which came from the western coastal region. It is known that Norwegian peasants who were accomplished at Rosemaling would travel the countryside earning money by painting homes, churches, and furnishings. Rosemaling experienced its revival in the United States in the 20th century when people with Norwegian ancestry became interested in decorating family heirlooms with Rosemaling.

Terese McCue Thompson, of Cloquet, a Vesterheim gold medalist, led the class for the first two days with instruction in the Telemark style, known for its large scrolls, C and S strokes and asymmetric design. The Telemark style is painted in subdued shades of grayish-blues, dull-reds and blue-greens. During the second half of the retreat, local Rosemaling instructor, Kim Garrett of rural Ely, worked with the students to advance their skills in the Os style which is composed of smaller strokes, detailed floral motifs, and bolder colors. Students attending the retreat painted a large wooden plate in each class, demonstrating the two different styles.

Sandy Zinn of Minneapolis, a four-year veteran of the art, attended her first class at the North House Folk School in Grand Marais. She likes to Rosemale. "It



Local Rosemaling artist Pauly Housenga of Lake Vermilion-Tower is no newcomer to the craft and exhibits poise and control as she adds some fine detail to her design.



Michelle Anderson of Soudan, a first time Rosemaler, proudly holds the detailed plate she completed in the Os style of Rosemaling.

slows me down," she said, "which is a good thing!" She also noted, "There are adjustments to be made with aging fingers, but it doesn't stop me from painting." She once spent forty hours painting a single wood tray and said it was the most time she'd ever invested in a project to date. Sandy has sold many of the pieces she finishes. "There just gets to be too much of it in the

house if you keep everything," she said.

As I talked to Sandy, I noticed the supplies she had in her workspace at the wood table. There were many tubes of richly toned oil paints. Sandy commented, "Some of the paint colors are really expensive, costing up to forty dollars for a 1.5 oz. tube." Many brushes with various bristle shapes lay ready for their particular use. I thought the pad of disposable paper paint palettes was very clever...just rip and toss when finished. There were rags for wiping and blending and the rich smell of linseed oil was in the air.

It wasn't long before Sunday evening was drawing near, and the retreat would be ending. Some of the painters had taken rooms at the inn and some had far to travel. They carefully packed up their paints, brushes and other supplies and after goodbyes to their fellow students, they gently carried their still-wet wooden plates to a safe resting spot in their vehicles to make the journey back home.

St. James Movie Night Sunday, April 15

TOWER- St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower is hosting a free movie night on Sunday, April 15 at 6 p.m. This month's movie is "Risen." "Risen" (rated PG-13) is the epic Biblical story of the Resurrection as told through the eyes of a non-believer. Clavius (Joseph Fiennes), a powerful Roman military tribune, and his aide, Lucius (Tom Felton), are tasked with solving the mystery of what happened to Jesus (Cliff Curtis) in the weeks following the crucifixion, in order to disprove the rumors of a risen Messiah and prevent an uprising in Jerusalem.

St. James offers adult classes on Sunday

TOWER- St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower offers an adult class each Sunday at 9 a.m. The series is called "That the World May Know" by renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan, and guides us through the land of the Bible. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates the historical, geographical, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed on location in the Middle East and elsewhere, the That the World May Know film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true

follower of Jesus. Our seven week theme is: "Walking With God. Experiencing Living Water When Life Is Tough." Are you going through a difficult period of life? The loss of a loved one? Unemployment? A crisis of faith? During these desert times, it's easy to think God has disappeared. Instead, discover that it's only when we are totally dependent on him that we find him closer than ever and can experience God's amazing grace and provision. Everyone is welcome to attend.

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TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY

Zoomobile visiting TS Elementary on April 23



TOWER- Tower-Soudan Elementary is sponsoring Pride Night and Kindergarten Transition Event on Monday, April 23 starting at 3:15 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult.

There will be fun for the whole family. Chimpy will be doing balloon tying and other fun activities from 3:15 – 4 p.m. At 4 p.m., the Zoomobile will do a presentation. You never know what creatures will come along for a zoomobile visit. Last year they brought a python (see above), a millipede, a hawk, and an opossum! At 5 p.m., dinner will be served. At 5:30 p.m., there will be Kindergarten school tours and zoo crafts for those entering Kindergarten this fall.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



Dear Hearts,

Quell tragicek bo-greument... la snow is still not la morte!

Hilda and I are soooo bored with winter and the cold that we got out our old French language tapes and are practicing la Francize! We may go to Quebec this été or just get some old French films and find out what those subtitles really mean.

I am not sure if été means summer but that little (°) is so cosmopolitan and we here at Chez Milion could just die!

The ONLY happy moments come when the mail brings piles of seed and plant catalogs.

We cut out the pictures of the plants we want and then paste them to the windows, which overlook the flower beds, to get an idea of how the yard will look like when summer comes. There are still a few bare patches that we would like to fill- if we can ever get Moose and his crew out

of the basement to earn their room and board..

If vegetables were just a little bit more dramatic we would do a veggie garden!

But bush bean is a bush bean and a parsnip is just a radish without the snap!

I was never too excited to get sweaty over veggies.

A tomato, yes if it is juiced and in a nice glass of vodka.

I saw some purple potatoes in Burpee's. A pile of pureed purple potatoes might start a conversation.

We would plant anything just to change the topic of conversation which is on everyone's lips these days, la...Donald! If that conversation topic makes you nervous- keep in mind- soon it will be summer and we can complain about important things, things that matter, like the heat, mosquitoes and why tourists can't drive.

Found this in the back of the recipe box!

Here is a 'touch' of summer in the middle of these dull dark days. If you think YOUR recipe is better let me know!

Might have to add a

cole slaw contest to the Fourth of July festivities!

- 1-1/3 cup mayonnaise
- 2 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 2 tablespoons apple cider vinegar
- 2 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons celery seed
- 1 tablespoon grated onion

1 (16 ounce bag) shredded cabbage with carrots

1 (10 ounce bag) broccoli slaw

1 carrot, peeled and grated

Whisk together first seven ingredients to make the coleslaw dressing. Then, mix together slaw mixes and carrot. Pour coleslaw dressing over slaw mix and toss to coat. Refrigerate for at least two hours to allow the flavors to blend.

REMEMBER, with a recipe like this, keep the guests out of the kitchen, hide the plastic bags and sprinkle some water on your face so it looks like sweat.

Well ta, ta my loves! Oh la...age...PS Your Auntie Vera

found this little bit of income tax information and wants to share it with my friends.

Like many of you we are gathering material to support the various deductions for the Income Tax. It's not that we want to cheat but we found this book, "475 Tax Deductions," by Bernard B. Kamoroff CPA.

And we all know CPAs never lie!

I personally love, love, LOVE the office supplies which one can deduct...carpel tunnel wrist supports, coffee, glue, goldfish bowls, mops, whiteout AND emergency rations.

Who knows what lies ahead and we may need an emergency box of chocolates, an emergency bag of peanuts and an emergency bottle of brandy.

PPS: We were in Target and a mother was shaking her finger at a particularly naughty child and told her kid, "What did daddy tell you? If you don't behave we are going to sell you to Sarah Huckabee Sanders- the kid stopped crying immediately.

Ms. Vera Milion

AEOA Senior Dining Menu

TOWER- Vermilion Country School and AEOA sponsor a senior dining site at the charter school in Tower. All meals include salad bar, fruit, choice of beverage and dessert.

Reservations are appreciated the day before, or morning of, but walk-ins are always welcome. Take-outs available. Seniors age 60 and older who have registered for the program and their partners qualify for special pricing of \$4 per meal, but all ages are welcome at the regular rate of \$5.75. There are no income guidelines.

Meals are served from 12:30 – 1 p.m. on days when the charter school is open. Call the school at 218-753-1246 ext. 1003 for reservations, or call AEOA at 1-800-662-5711 ext. 7323 for the one-time registration process.

Week of April 16

Monday- Country Sausage Gravy in a Bread Bowl, Hash-browns

Tuesday- Italian Meatball Sub, Vegetable

Wednesday- Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Green Beans

Thursday- Lasagna, Dinner Roll

Friday- Breaded Pollock, Baked Potato, Bread Stick

Week of April 23

Monday- Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup

Tuesday- Chicken Chow Mein, Brown Rice, Chow Mein Noodles

Wednesday- Tater Tot Hot Dish, Dinner Roll

Thursday- Pork Roast Dinner

Friday- Pizza

Week of April 16

Monday

TOPS - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tower, at 9 a.m.

Embarrass Al-Anon

Family Group- Hope Lutheran Church, 5088 Hwy. 21, 6 p.m.

Tuesday

Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is April 17.

Greenwood Fire Dept.

Meetings on the first (drill) and third (business meeting) Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Wednesday

Tower AA- Open Basics- 7 p.m. at St. James Presbyterian Church. Questions, call 753-2332.

Thursday

Vermilion Country School Board- Next meeting is Tuesday, April 24 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings posted online at vermilioncountry.org.

AA Meeting- Lake

Vermilion 12x12 (Open). 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tower, use the rear side door entrance.

Breitung Town Board-

6 p.m. on April 19; note change from regular meeting date/time.

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ELY AAUW AND ROTARY CLUB

Local groups seek to make Ely an 'equal pay' community

by **KEITH VANDERVORT**
Ely Editor

ELY - The American Association of University Women Ely Branch, and the Ely Rotary Club have joined forces to launch a two-year campaign to bolster and celebrate Ely as the first community in the state of Minnesota to affirm that it is a 100-percent equal pay community.

Businesses will be asked to sign an affirmation of support for equal pay for their employees. Arrowhead Outfitters, Boathouse Brewery LLC., Dorothy Molter Museum, DQ Grill and Chill, Ely Outfitting and Boundary Waters Outfitting, Ely Shopper, JD Mills, Northern Grounds, and Peshel Accounting, as businesses that care deeply about the quality of life for their employees and for area residents, have joined the launch of the campaign by signing the affirmation up front.

Mary Setterholm, AAUW Public Policy Chair, said, "We know our local businesses are already committed to this principle." She said, "because Congressional District 8 as a whole ranks at the bottom in the state and below the national average in equal pay for equal work for women and minorities, paying only 76



Dozens of Ely residents attended the "Unhappy Hour" event at Northern Grounds Tuesday to mark Equal Pay Day and to acknowledge the need for fair pay for women in the workforce. photo by K. Vandervort

percent of a man's wage for women, there is more work to do."

The local branch of AAUW has been involved in equal pay activities for many years. In a desire to broaden the reach of those activities so that there is a positive impact on the economic viability of the community, the local Rotary has joined in these efforts.

"From the conversations we've already had with community leaders, we know our Ely businesses care about their workers and follow the law which requires equal pay for substantially equal work," Setterholm said. "This campaign allows

us to celebrate that and to promote Ely throughout the Iron Range and the state as the first to step up and affirm publicly what we believe. It will help strengthen existing employment opportunities and position the community as a rising star in economic growth and sustainability."

The principle of equal pay is non-discrimination in compensation for work. It states that pay should be based on the kind and quality of work done, and not according to the age, race, sex, religion, political association, ethnic origin, or any other individual or group characteristic unrelated to

ability, performance, and qualification.

A mailing with a copy of the affirmation and an explanation of the promotion will go out to local businesses. Those businesses who sign the affirmation will receive an "equal pay employer" window cling to display and will be included in multi-media advertising for the two years of the promotion.

"We believe that in addition to being able to promote the community as the first in the state to affirm equal pay, there will be a longer term positive effect on economic stability," said Setterholm. "We believe that positioning

the community in this way will aid in attracting forward-thinking entrepreneurs and investors to our community which will at the same time bring new shoppers to our existing businesses."

Job creation and economic opportunity are critical issues for women, many of whom continue to struggle with economic insecurity and wage discrimination. Recent research has found that 42 percent of mothers with children under the age of 18 are their families' primary or sole breadwinners. Therefore, pay equity is not just a matter of fairness but the key to families making ends meet. Wage discrimination also limits women's ability to buy homes, to pay for a college education, and limits their total lifetime earnings, thereby reducing their retirement savings and benefits.

The pay gap persists across all racial and ethnic groups, and it is found in every state. The most recent edition of AAUW's "The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap" found that among full-time workers in 2016, Hispanic, American Indian, African American, and Native Hawaiian women had lower median annual earnings compared with non-Hispanic white and Asian American women. The pay gap was largest for Hispanic and Latina women, who were paid only 54 percent of what white men were paid in 2016.

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ELY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL



Art students win awards

Six students from Ely Memorial High School were honored at the recent Minnesota State High School League Section 7A art competition at Moose Lake. From left: Destany Walker received a Superior rating in the Drawing category; Lauren Porthan received a Superior rating in the Mixed Media category; Eli Conaway received an Excellent score in the Drawing category; Julia Schwingamer received an Excellent score in the Painting category; and both Madison Hasz and Abigail Rehbie received Excellent ratings in the Mixed Media category. Students were also required to write an artist's statement of 200 words or less, said Ely art teacher Kelly Chick. Art entries were judged in the following areas – composition, craftsmanship, process, problem solving and expressive qualities. photo by K. Vandervort

Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2018



familiar birds slowly appearing on lakes
snow weary natives

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OUR COMMUNITY

ECR Art Auction marks 40 years

ELY – This year marks the 40th Anniversary of Ely Community Resource and its annual art auction fundraiser. Artists and craftspeople of every stripe have played a large part in the longevity of youth programs provided by the community based non-profit organization.

The annual Art Auction has been the major fundraising event all these years. Just as youth programs have evolved over that period of time, this year the auction will change as well.

The Celebration will take place at Amici's Event Center on Saturday, April 14. Doors open for viewing and delicious hearty appetizers at 5 p.m. The live auction begins at 6 p.m. There will be a silent auction, door prizes, and a raffle as well.

In honor of the 40th Anniversary, ticket price will be \$10 (1978 price). The event will be the same great chance to visit with neighbors and be amazed at artistry and craftsmanship in Ely, but with some new twists.

The 2018 version will be A Celebration of Artful Living in Ely! In addition to local artists' handiwork for sale, experiences highlighting great things about living in Ely will be up for bids. In addition to lovely paintings and photography, furniture and quilting, jewelry and gourmet baking and preserves, there will be art lessons, gourmet dinners overlooking area lakes, pontoon cruises, guided fishing trips, and dogsled adventures.



Items available in this year's ECR Art Auction include: top, from left, "Hummingbird" and "Birch on the Shoreline" paintings on river cobbles by Joe Baltich Jr., large browns and blues pottery fruit bowl by Wade Jeske Pharr, "Tulips" watercolor print by Jean Grignon, oak serving dish carved by Winnie Renner, "Trees" Market Tote by Tara Boerst; and bottom from left, glass flower sculpture from Mealey's Gift & Sauna, granite coasters from Twin Metals Minnesota, knotty pine bench made by Connie Stocks, exquisite iris quilted wall art by Debbie Erzar, jasper, bone and glass beaded necklace and bracelet by Lisa Pekuri, "Gaelic Garden" framed Raanu Finnish fiber art, "Fish" placemats by Nancy Andreae. photo by K. Vandervort

ECR Art Auction List

Items offered on the auction include: intricate paintings on river cobbles by Joe Baltich Jr., \$200 off a women's canoe trip by Peta Barrett, useful Grey Duck Bag Co. utility tote and "essentials" bags by Tara Boerst, Jim Brandenburg print, print from Polly Carlson-Voiles' Someone Walks By award-winning children's book, watercolor prints from Dafne Caruso, wellness/fitness assessment by Toni DauWalter, coaching for the half marathon by Toni DauWalter, quilts by Pat Doran, Dorothy Sands, the First Lutheran Quilters, and Grace Lutheran Quilters;

Day of canoe fishing with Steve Eisenmenger, pen & ink by Shaun Chosa, private golf lesson with Tim Cooper + 2 rounds of golf with a cart from Ely Golf Course, massages by Pebble Spa & First Avenue Massage, walnut table by Ted Golbuff, coaching for your own furniture project in Ted Golbuff's shop, matted and framed watercolor paintings by Jean Grignon, quilted outdoor table runner with matching napkins and hotpad by Dorothy Budris, Janna Planton, and Amy Soderberg, hand-built and painted stepstool by Anne Grignon and Maren Shallman;

Original "Sunflowers" watercolor by Sarah Guy-Levar, beautiful embroidered jackets from Hand Done, full day of fishing with Mike Heiman and his motorboat, "Create a Glass Paperweight" class by Todd Hohenstein, unique birdhouses by Donald Hoover and Scott Swanson, artistic handbags, hat and trivet by Judith Horns, handmade knife by Peter Hughes, learn to make potica or strudel in Mary Louise Icenhour's beautiful kitchen, a set of comics drawn by Jackpine Bob Cary in the 1940's, charcoal rubbing of Thai dancers from Maxine Jacks;

Event rental for the new upstairs Social Hall at Northern Grounds, stained glass window from Rosemary Shepherd, one of Peter Kess's handmade pens, fabulous northern lights photography

by Chris Kidd and Heidi Pinkerton, multi-course Slovenian dinner for four overlooking Moose Lake by BJ and Tom Kobierski, beautifully-framed "Painted Rocks" print from Linda Lenich, keepsake pencil box by Arnie Markl, watercolor print from Dana Mase, glass sculpture from Mealey's Gift & Sauna, 3-legged birch and diamond willow stool by Tyke Meier, personal art instruction by Andy Messerschmidt and Cecelia Rolando, "Bouquet of the Month" from Wende Nelson's gorgeous garden, sewing class for kids by Beth Olhouser, gourmet main dish for your party by Carol Orban, watercolor print by Ruth Pengal, pottery bowls and mugs by Wade Jeske Pharr;

Delicate knitted cowls by Beckie Prange, kitty adoption gift certificate from Precious Paws Humane Society, serving bowls and utensils by Winnie Renner, sparkling glass mosaic by Cecilia Rolando, unique fish-shaped placemats by Nancy Andreae, "Raven" pen & ink by Bob Cary, print of a really lovely oil on canvas painting "Tulips" by Ann Schuler Santo, Raanu masterpiece by Muff Schumacher, Sir G's Gift Certificates, cozy hooded sweater expertly knitted by Carol Skala, pontoon cocktail cruises on Eagles Nest 2 and Burntside from Barb & Kurt Soderberg and Muffin & Ward Nelson, the newest mukluk design from Steger Mukluks, a pine bench made by Connie Stocks, drill core coasters from Twin Metals, wolf portrait by Steve Voiles, two rounds of golf at The Wilderness;

Half-day dogsled adventure at Wintergreen Dogsled Lodge, stylish and luxurious merino wool hooded pullover by Wintergreen Northern Wear, assorted greeting cards by Liz Schendel, Linda Lenich, and Andrea Bailey, "Chikadees" painting on birch bark from David Kess and Sally Koski, warmest double layer fleece mittens by Kim Bielowski, hand-crocheted child's Lego backpack, pretty carved wood birdfeeder from Ely Flower & Seed, handcrafted soaps and

lotions from Deb Erdman, acupuncture massage sessions from Betty Firth, sheepskin booties, earmuffs, and insoles by Jackie Fisher, Gracie's Plant Works gift card, outdoor kinetic art loon by Donald Hoover, "Boreal Buddy" by Ken Hupila, unique knitted neckwarmers by Mary Jo Karasti;

Virgin Islands beach glass and sterling jewelry by Jeff Kemmer, certificate for \$50 discount on custom framing from Kess Gallery, framed prints by Lisa Kosmo, books published by Raven Productions and written by local authors Becca Manlove, Nancy Schiebe, and Dave Olesen, jasper, bone, and glass beaded necklace and bracelet by Lisa Pekuri, hand-knit, double strand mittens by Nancy Piragis, watercolor print by Nancy Schiebe, children's book written by Nancy Scheibe's daughter and illustrated by Nancy, handmade journals by Nicole Selmer, embroidered dishtowel and drainpad by Ginny Stage;

Fused glass pendant necklaces by Jaymie Stocks, Malone plaid fleece-lined mittens by Jordyn Stocks, stylish knitted hats by Nina VanGelder, elegant felted scarf and matching beaded bracelet by Kay Vandervort, a fancy decorated sheet cake by Susan Cassidy, beautiful homegrown variety basket by Megan Devine, gift certificates for Blizzards and Smoothies from Ely DQ, basket of assorted baked goods and quilted table topper by Marisa Haraldson and Deb Edwards, famous assortment of goodies made by Rachel Heinrich, coffee basket by Jane and Gene Hicks;

Walnut poticas by Mary Louise Icenhour, gourmet chocolate truffles made by Jennie Ivezic, Finnish biscuit made by Laurie and Senja Kess, ceramic cookie jar and fresh cookies by Pat Koski, basket of true artisan bread by Jan Rue, Jordyn Stocks' famous giant cookies, apple potica by Marla Tezak (and maybe baklava), and Keiko Williams' fabulous chocolate stout cake (and maybe a white chocolate masterpiece).

News in Brief

Tuesday Group schedule

ELY - The upcoming Tuesday Group schedule (subject to change) is listed below. All talks are at 12 noon on Tuesday at Grand Ely Lodge.

April 17 – Kara Polyner – Update on the Underground Optimists

April 24 – Congressional Candidate Michelle Lee

May 1 – Daryl Lamma and Dale Horihan – Lamma Manufacturing

Ely Free Clinic open Mondays

ELY - The Ely Community Health Center is open every Monday evening from 5:30-7 p.m. in the lower level of the Frandsen Bank building on 1st Ave. in downtown Ely.

For more information, call 218-365-5678, or visit their website, www.elycommunityhealth.org, or Facebook page.

Yesterday's news, this week

from the archives of

THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

April 12, 1918

Ore price discussions held

The government has signified its willingness to hear further arguments from the independent producers of iron ore, with respect to prices in 1918, says Skilling's Mining Review. Duluth independents have signified their desire to be heard, and what they have to say may throw further light upon the situation and possibly hasten definite action.

The independents are asking for an advance that shall represent 20 percent of the selling price of pig iron. This is 2.5 percent below the average for the past nine years and five percent below the average for the past 20 years.

On the basis of \$32 for pig it would mean \$6.40 per ton for old range non-Bessemer and \$6.25 for Mesaba non-Bessemer as compared with the present rate of \$5.20 and \$5.05. The plea of the independents is manifestly so fair that it is expected that there will be no objection from the consuming interests, and that the government will comprehend the necessity of the situation.

Contracts already made for the movement by lake of about 300,000 tons of iron ore at the rates of last season are taken to indicate that a comparatively small tonnage of ore will be moved at a premium. A certain amount of free tonnage is, of course, available, but the bulk of the ore to be moved this year has been contracted for. The so-called wild tonnage is in smaller volume this year than before.

Coal shortage continues

On account of the great demand upon the coal supply of the country made by industries in the manufacture of war supplies and the vast amount used for ocean vessels carrying troops and supplies, the shortage will be acute next winter.

It is the request and desire of the fuel administration that coal begin to move from the dealers' bins to the consumers' bins as soon as the coal is available. This means that storage must be in the consumers' bins and not in the dealers' bins.

All persons who intend to use coal of any kind this coming winter must make their wants known to the local dealer on an application blank required to be filled in accordance with regulations of the United States Fuel Administration.

It will be well for those making application to be honest about it as any person who willfully makes a false statement upon the blank is subject to prosecution under the Lever Act which imposes a \$5,000 penalty or two years imprisonment, or both.

High School High Honors

Blaise Lah earns AAA award from State High School League

ELY – Memorial High School senior Blaise Lah recently received the AAA (Triple A) Award, one of the Minnesota State High School League's highest honors for students. The AAA recognizes students who perform at the highest levels in the classroom (Academics), in the performing arts (Arts), and on the field/in the gym (Athletics). Not only was Lah the Subsection 27 Male recipient, he was the Section 7A male recipient. He was honored at the state basketball tournament last month.

St. Louis County

Area Solid Waste Facility

Site hours

Northwoods Transfer Station 9384 Hwy 21 N. between Ely and Babbitt Summer Hours Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am–3pm Tue: 9:30am–3pm Wed: noon–6pm	Aurora Transfer Station 5910 Hwy 135 N. Hours Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am–4pm Sat: 8am–noon
Embarrass Canister Site 7530 Koski Rd. Hours Thu: 10am–5pm Sat: 12:30–4:30pm	Soudan Canister Site 5160 Hwy 169 Hours Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun: 8am–5pm
Household Hazardous Waste Facility 5341 Regional Landfill Rd Hours Tues and Sat: 8am–1pm	Regional Landfill 5341 Regional Landfill Rd (east of Virginia) Hours Mon–Fri: 8am–4:30pm Sat: 8am–3:30pm

Summer hours effective April 15 through September 30th
For recycling information go to www.stlouiscountymn.gov/recycle

St. Louis County Environmental Services Department
1-800-450-9278
 Office hours 8-4:30 Monday through Friday

NWFA hosting many upcoming events

COOK – Northwoods Friends of the Arts is holding a variety of events throughout the coming months. From April 4 to 28, artists Lyn Reed and Kris Musto explore the historical context of aprons with the Aprons in April Exhibition. A reception will be held Friday, April 18, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the NWFA Gallery, 210 S River St. next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon in Cook.

➤ NWFA is also hosting the Your Best Shot Photo Contest. Registration is open from now until Saturday, May 26. See the NWFA website for details.

➤ The 8th Annual Spring Art Expo seeks businesses to display art and artists to exhibit. The exhibition will run from June 8 to 29 in Cook and the surrounding area. Registration is open until April 13.

➤ The Winter Writers Group meets for the last time on Saturday, April 14 from 1 to 3 p.m. For more information, contact Ellie at 218-753-5327.

➤ Open Art meets Saturday, April 21 from 12 to 3 p.m. Contact Sue at 218-666-5279 for details.

➤ Woodcarvers meet Thursdays from 6 to 8 p.m. Contact Howard at 218-741-7941 for details.

➤ The Grape Expectations Watercolor workshop by Mary Beth Downs, to be held April 19 and 20, is completely booked with a waiting list.

➤ The NWFA April meeting will be held Tuesday, April 17 from noon to 2 p.m., with the Spring Art Expo Planning Committee convening prior at 10:30 a.m.

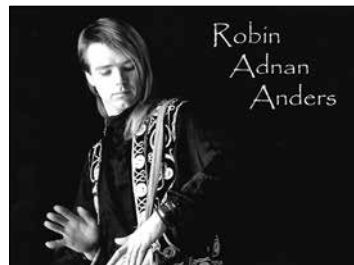
Gallery hours in spring and summer are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays. The website is nwfamn.org. You can also reach NWFA on Facebook and Instagram.

Writers workshop meets on Saturday, April 14 at NWFA

COOK- The monthly writers workshop at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook meets on Saturday, April 14. Local writers are welcome to attend the Writers Group from 1 – 3 p.m. at 210 S River St. next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon in Cook. The group coordinator is Ellie Larmouth, 218-753-5327.

NWFA has organized artists and their works of art since 2010 at the NWFA Gallery as a non-profit membership organization. Summer gallery hours will be in effect in April from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

**COOK PUBLIC LIBRARY
Drums of the World program in Cook on April 19**



REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present Robin Anders's Drums and Percussion of the World, a free program being offered for ages six and up on Thursday, April 19, at 6 p.m. at the Cook Public Library.

Enjoy a demonstration of several different drums and percussion instruments from many cultures on five continents including Africa, North and South America, Asia, India, and the Middle East.

The program ends with an audience participation segment where Robin invites everyone to play together on percussion instruments and experience the drums firsthand. Don't miss it!

NORTH WOODS HIGH SCHOOL

North Woods High School 4th quarter honor roll

A Honor Roll

Seniors

- Kayla Bodri
- Austin Chaulklin
- Grace Johnson
- Tanner Lokken
- Stacy Palmer
- Brendan Parson
- Isaiah Squires

Juniors

- Madison Antikainen
- Claire Beaudry
- Bria Chiabotti
- Kristen Cook
- Samantha Fultz
- Jakob Hyppa
- Stefen Johansen
- Tyler Kiehm
- Chase Kleppe
- Regan Ratai
- Alanna Rutchasky
- Kiana Sargent
- Ian Sherman
- Anna Trip
- Rebecca Triska

Sophomores

- Bethany Cotten
- Clayton Janssen
- CeCilia Martinez
- Trevor Morrison
- Olivia Niska
- Nicole Olson
- Karlyn Pierce
- Nicole Roy
- Neiva Smith
- Sasha Strong
- Nadine Todtenhausen
- Kayla Towner

Freshmen

- Jocelynn Carver

Emily Fosso

- Samuel Frazee
- Olivia Fultz
- Aubrey Koskovich
- Joey Lakoskey
- Brynn Simpson
- Cole Thiel
- Zoe Trip

Eighth Grade

- Morgan Burnett
- Tyler Chiabotti
- Trey Gibson
- Michelle Hagen
- Alex Hartway
- Taylor Jones
- Abby Koch
- Owen Land
- Michaela Luecken
- Sean Morrison
- Shea Oveson
- Jacob Panichi
- Olivia Udovich
- Brandie Walker
- Jaden Whiteman

Seventh Grade

- Cooper Antikainen
- Kohen Briggs
- Mason Clines
- Karah Scofield
- Elias Smith
- Steven Sopoci
- Avery Thiel
- Emily Trip
- Skyler Yernatich

B Honor Roll

Seniors

- Garrett Abramson
- Karina Bristol
- Ethan Cote
- Sabrina Francke

Grace Kisch

- Kaya-Victoria Membreno
- Tate Olson
- Timothy Pierce
- Madison Rautiola
- Xari Siman
- Lillian Wheeler

Juniors

- Tanner Barto
- Emily Benoit
- Brody Driscoll
- Ellie Frazee
- Cade Gogleye
- Katlyn Hartwig
- Parker Jones
- Kylee Lange
- Blake Scofield

Sophomores

- Trevor Adelman
- Brielle Anderson
- Lauren Arvila
- Katrina Chapman
- Daniel Crockett
- Genesis Day
- LaVonne Drift
- Kenzie Fox
- Luke Gabrielson
- Hailey Hakkila
- Tyler Kehoe
- Sara Szweduk
- Michaela Tschida
- Taylor Vagle
- Macy Viita

Freshmen

- Rayanne Adams
- Zachary Cheney
- Megan Cote
- Charles Holmes
- Carlos Jensen
- Logan Nurmi

Ian Olson

- Austin Sokoloski
- Elijah Squires
- Dallas Villebrun
- Kory Zallar

Eighth Grade

- Haley Bogdan
- Ethan Byram
- Ivy Chaulklin
- Joshua Copeland
- Lucy Deatherine
- JessieAnne Drift
- Aayanna Goodsky-Spears
- Erik Hagen
- Joseph Hoagland
- Kadence Holland
- Elsie Hyppa
- Katrina Jackson
- Timothy Lilya
- Leona Lindgren
- Francis Littlewolf
- Nathan Palm
- Abigail Shuster
- Cole Snidarich
- James Towner
- Kaya Tschida
- Caleb Uchal
- Lillian Voges

Seventh Grade

- Cayeden Holmes
- Braden King
- Hannah Kinsey
- Lane Kneen
- Grace Koch
- Benjamin Kruse
- Anyia Pearson
- Kaden Ratai
- Jacob Swanson
- Logan Vlavisavljevich
- Alexandria Whiteman

CRANE LAKE

Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



Life in the North Country

The snow birds are gradually drifting back home. It is a pleasure to travel to the land of sun and sand, however there is no place like home and it is good to be here. This Dame traveled to the west to soak up some sun and fun. I came home the day of the ten inches of snow. Just in time to shovel again.

While in Phoenix,

my family and I entertained Jared and Robin Hoff. Jared, the son of George and Terrie Hoff, lives in the Phoenix area and works for the Phoenix Police Department, Computer Division. It was a great treat to see Jared and Robin.

Not much going on here at this time of year. Not enough snow to snowmobile but still enough snow to stop outdoor fun or chores. The big question is "Will the lake be open by the fishing opener?" There is reported to be 39 inches of ice on the lake. Bring a drill if you are planning to fish opening weekend. We have had some sunny days, however the temperature has not risen to balmy weather. Let us live in hope.

The other Dame is missing the land of sun and sand as well. Coming home is always good— unless you come home in a snowstorm! The last storm at the end of March, the one with white-out conditions, is when the Dame was making her

way North! Needless to say, she is quite sure she will not need her sandals for some time. However, the deer, birds, and squirrels were delighted to see the Dame return as there is now food in their feeders again.

Be careful and stay healthy, if possible. It is reported that a second wave of the flu has made an appearance, and those who experienced the first wave report that it was particularly nasty. Cross your fingers, drink lots of OJ, avoid crowds, and wash your hands! Mother Nature could cooperate by sending us some sun and warm temps!

This is the time of year in the "betweens"—not quite winter, but not spring yet either. Northerners weary of snow, cold and shorter days dream of warmth, sun, and daylight until bedtime and are anxious for the change of seasons. Snowmobiles will be replaced by boats and motorcycles, heavy winter jackets will be replaced by short sleeves and tank tops,

and s'mores and roasted weenies will be smells that make you smile. Have you any idea how "hot dogs" came to be called hot dogs? When war broke out with Germany in 1917, a wave of anti-German hysteria swept across the country. (Are you tired of the implication that WE are the only "phobic" generation?) At any rate, everyone was eager to distance themselves from anything German, and as a result German foods were purged from restaurant menus. Sauerkraut was renamed "liberty cabbage", while hamburgers became "liberty steaks". Frankfurters, obviously a very German name, were deemed unacceptable during WWI. In some places, they were renamed "liberty sausages", but HOT DOGS is the term that stuck, and they have been called that ever since. Whatever you call them, they are the best when cooked on the end of a stick!

The hummingbird watch is on. The birds are in southern Missouri and southern Illinois. Those little birds are smart; they will hang around areas south of the Mason-Dixon Line for a little while yet.

Handberg's new shop is coming along; they are anticipating moving into it soon. Many of the resorts are beginning to gear up for summer and the tourist season— another reason to look forward to warmer weather. Deliveries of shirts and sweatshirts and tourist memorabilia are being made. Dining establishments will be reopening, more people will be coming to the area, and we locals will be out and about, greeting each other and our visitors. The "snowbirds" are back, summer residents will return, and the town will be humming and lively once again. Shore lunches will be a legitimate dining option; campfires

and s'mores and roasted weenies will be smells that make you smile.

Let us hear from you. Send news by e-mail to info@thelake-country.com, by fax at 218-757-3533 or by phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be added. So fire away with your news

Until next week, w the Dames are singing off.

Bookmobile schedule

Visit your library on wheels, the Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile.

Thursday, May 3, 24

Nett Lake – Community Center 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Crane Lake – Ranger Station 11:15 a.m. - 12 noon

Orr – Lake Country ReMax building 1:45 - 2:30 p.m.



Kabetogama – Town Hall 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.
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THEATER KIDS



Presenting Aladdin and His Magic

Prairie Fire Children's Theatre and the North Woods Community Ed was back with Aladdin and His Magic Lamp. The hilarious update on the old tale cast the students into characters to bring about an adventure of laughs, lessons learned, and wishes come true. Lead by travelling Prairie Fire actors, Abby Koch was cast in the roll of Aladdin, Brandie Walker as the Princess Serena. The collective cast of students rounded out the delightful performance.

photos by M. Roach



GRIZZLY UPDATES

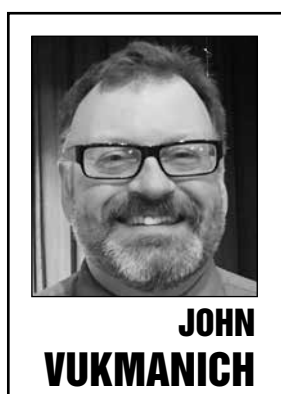
Addressing the opportunity gap

If you watch television you may have seen recent commercials produced locally featuring the mayors, school administration and teachers, and community mentors from the Duluth/Superior area. The commercial sheds light on what is referred to as the "opportunity gap" that children experience as they enter school. The opportunity gap refers more specifically to the varying levels of preparedness for school that our children receive.

The reality is that from birth to age five, children grow up in households with varying levels of adult supervision, educational opportunities, and support. Poverty, hunger, addiction, crime, and other levels of dysfunction are realities for many families and students.

Those of us who work in education are on the forefront of this issue and see daily the effects of poverty, abuse, neglect, and how it contrasts to students who enter school with high levels of support and resources.

Within the school we have programming to address this opportunity gap. ECFE (Early Childhood Family Education) is a program at school offered to families of children ages birth to five. The program offers time for parents and children to learn together, and also time for staff to work with children and



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adults separately. Children learn the beginning stages of literacy and social skills. Participation is voluntary, and families pay based upon ability using a sliding scale.

LR (Learning Readiness) is a program for students ages four and five. This is a preschool program that focuses on skill building for students who will soon be entering Kindergarten. Students work on social skills, following directions, math, and reading. Like ECFE, families pay for this program, but based on need in order to make it affordable for all of our families.

LP (Learn and Play) is for three- and four-year olds. This is a free program that introduces children to the school environment, interaction with their peers, and prepares them by beginning the process of having the children at school without a parent present.

As children progress through school, they may be referred for ECSE

(Early Childhood Special Education), which is a program to assist children with specific academic, behavioral, and/or health needs. When students turn seven, they may continue in elementary special education and eventually high school special education. As students progress and mature, they may acquire the tools and independence to be successful without an IEP (Individual Education Plan) and exit from the program.

North Woods also offers Title I services. Title I is a program staffed by licensed teachers at an elementary level that offers students additional help with reading and math in a small-group setting. The more individualized instruction is beneficial for students who may need academic help, but do not qualify for Special Education services.

Other programs include VinE (Volunteers in Education), a program that offers adult tutors for after-school help for our kids. Volunteer Grandparents is a program that provides just what it sounds like: A volunteer grandparent who works as a mentor and tutor for elementary-age kids. Indian Education is a program open to all students and allows students a quiet place to work and receive academic support in a culturally-supportive environment.

Mental health needs

of K-12 are addressed through our two ADAPT counselors and our school counselor. Our school counselor is also critical in supporting our kids' academic aspirations.

Upward Bound is a program that assists students from families where no previous family member has a college degree. The purpose is to provide the academic supports and guidance to ensure that a student who wants to go to college stays on track to do so.

As one can see, the school has numerous supports in place for our kids once they are actually enrolled in school. The critical years from birth to seven, when school requirements are left up to the family, form many of the patterns that students will carry through their school careers. These negative factors need to be overcome in order for students to enter school without the opportunity gap, and ultimately to eliminate the achievement gap that exists within schools. The question that remains is how we best intervene with children in these early years prior to school entrance. As we say, "It takes a village to raise a child." I ask that we all contribute to the success of our village as much as possible.

Have a great weekend, and think Spring!

Your Principal, John Vukmanich



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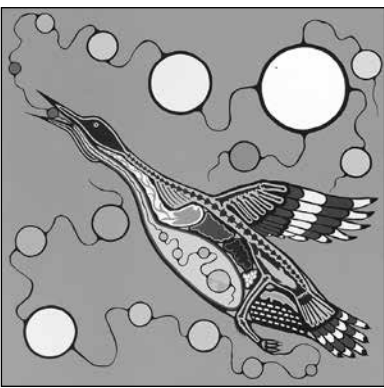
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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Native Skywatchers art exhibit at Lyric Gallery in Virginia

VIRGINIA- Native Skywatchers-Earth Sky Connections will be featured in The First Stage Gallery at the Lyric Center for the Arts, 510 Chestnut St. in downtown Virginia, from April 5 to 28. Native Skywatchers-Earth Sky Connections weaves together art, science, and culture in a way that will inspire learners to create art inspired by the stars and Earth. Gallery hours are Thursdays through Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The gallery is free. All are welcome.



Artists involved in this exhibit include Annette Lee, William Wilson, Carl Gawboy, Jeff Tibbetts, Leah Yellowbird, Karen Savage-Blue, Elizabeth LaPence, Vern Northrup, Ce-lia Herrera Rodriguez, Choling Taha, Kathy McTavish, and others. Arrangements for other viewing times can be made by calling 218-780-3690.

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Leonard Bernstein centennial concert set for April 21 and 22

REGIONAL- The Mesabi Symphony Orchestra, with University of Wisconsin/Superior's orchestra and choir, will be remembering Leonard Bernstein a century after his birth. Join us for Candide, West Side Story, and Chichester Psalms on Saturday, April 21, at 7 p.m. in UWS' Thorpe-Langley Auditorium and on Sunday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m. in Virginia's Goodman Auditorium. Tickets available at the door. For more information, visit www.mesabisymphonyorchestra.org.

This concert is made possible, in part, by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, thanks to appropriations from the Minnesota State Legislature's general and arts and cultural heritage funds.

Watercolor workshop at Lyric Center

VIRGINIA- All are invited to the Fun with Flowers watercolor workshop with Sarah Guy-Levar at the Lyric Center for the Arts in Virginia. This watercolor workshop is perfect for both beginning and experienced painters. The two-day workshop will cover easy step-by-step drawing instructions and proven techniques to create watercolor paintings of daisies, sunflowers, roses, and tulips. In an atmosphere of creativity and fun, we will usher in the beauty of summer.

The workshop will be held on Friday, April 27, from 3 to 9 p.m. and will continue on Sunday, April 28, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at The First Stage Gallery, 510 Chestnut St. in downtown Virginia. Register online at <https://squareup.com/store/the-first-stage-gallery> or at the gallery Thursday or Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Range of Voices Spring Concert on April 27 and 29

REGIONAL- The Range of Voices will perform their spring concert twice in late April. The 50-voice ensemble has members from throughout the area, and will sing a concert of madrigals, motets, and movie tunes.

The concerts will be held on Friday, April 27, at 7 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Chisholm, and on Sunday, April 29, at 2 p.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Virginia. The choir, a small ensemble from the choir, and soloists will provide the audience with an array of old and new choral classics. Secular and sacred music by John Bennet, John Dowland, Thomas Morley, Heinrich Schutz, Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, and Jean Berger, along with movie tunes from Enchanted, Titanic, Working Girl, Singing in the Rain, Porgy and Bess, and others, will be presented.

Admission is \$5, free for kids under 12. The singers will be led by guest director Rolf Anderson and accompanied by Dawn Thompson.

RECREATION

Lake Vermilion Trail plan available for public review; meetings set for April 17, 18, and 19

Meetings to be held in Tower, Cook, and Greenwood

REGIONAL- The Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Board announces the availability of the Lake Vermilion Trail Draft Master Plan for public review. The vision is that the Lake Vermilion Trail will be a premier, paved, scenic route providing an opportunity for healthy, safe, non-motorized, year-round transportation and recreation connecting Cook and Tower/Soudan in the beautiful natural landscape south of Lake Vermilion for residents and visitors.

Three public meetings will be held to take community input on the Draft Master Plan; the first on Tuesday, April 17 at the Tower Civic Center; the second on Wednesday, April 18 at the Cook Community Center; and the third on Thursday, April 19 at Greenwood Town Hall. All meetings take place from 5:30 to 7 p.m. The meetings will be in an open house format. Displays describing important policies in the plan will be stationed around the rooms, on which people may comment. Community members are welcome to come and go at any time during the meeting. A brief presentation



about the plan will be given at 6 p.m. The Draft Master Plan will be available for public review from April 13 to 23 at <https://lakevermiliontrail.org/>. A copy of the Draft Master Plan will also be at the Cook Public Library, Tower City Hall, and Cook City Hall. Comments may be submitted in writing on the website above.

After the public meetings, the Draft Master Plan will be revised to consider comments received, and a final draft plan will be reviewed at the next Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Board meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, April 26. In order to be eligible for State Parks & Trails Legacy funding, a plan must be

written and approved by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trail Commission and must include elements that are specified in the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Strategic Plan. The Lake Vermilion Trail Master Plan has been written to meet these requirements. The Joint Powers Board intends to submit the plan for review by the Commission at the end of April, after the Joint Powers Board approves it.

The Master Plan is an update to the Lake Vermilion Trail Plan from 2011. The Master Plan addresses trail development, trail design, trail corridor acquisition, plan implementation, organizational development, fundraising, trail operations, and trail marketing. It also includes sections on natural resources, trail-related programming, and future trail user studies. The Master Plan includes a broad concept map of the planned trail corridor, which has changed only slightly since the 2011 Plan, but it does not include exact alignments for the trail.

For further information, contact Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Board Member, Tim Johnson, at

SUSTAINABILITY

Iron Range Earth Fest set for April 20-21



MT. IRON- The Earth Fest 2018 Kick-Off on Friday, April 20, at 6 p.m. will feature demonstrations of how to make a medley of Iron Range delicacies such as pasties, porketta, squeaky cheese and potica. Nibbling will be encouraged! Space is limited, so RSVP by Wednesday, April 18 by calling 218-735-6875 or e-mail ironrangeearthfestevents@gmail.com. Everyone is also invited to enjoy Lost Iron Range, a documentary that will be hosted by WDSE TV at Messiah Lutheran Church. On Saturday, April 21, from 9 a.m.

to 3 p.m., plan to join us for the 10th annual Earth Fest, now at four locations along the Highway 169 corridor in Mt. Iron. Featured this year, in line with the theme of reclaiming our local sustainable traditions, is our keynote speaker from The Sioux Chef collaborative. Frank Haney will talk about indigenous foods that once made up the diet of the Midwest. Haney and others from The Sioux Chef have sparked an inspiring indigenous foods movement in our region and beyond.

Earth Fest 2018 will host an exceptional collection of hands-on demonstrations, presentations, and music to engage your mind, body, and soul. Explore the signs of spring, discover your past, learn a new skill, and then get ready for the summer growing season all in three hours or less! National Public Radio's Tiny Desk Concert winner Gaelynn Lea will give a live per-

formance, as well as speak about overcoming disabilities in today's society. You can also enjoy the welcoming sounds of local band Silver Wilder playing over the lunch hour. Families and children can look forward to snuggling with and learning about farm animals from Mr. Ed's Farm, try their hand at indoor archery, and free play with chalk, bubbles, and other indoor and outdoor activities. The entire event is free and open to the public. Live radio broadcasts, dozens of local exhibitors and vendors, a delicious lunch offered by Natural Harvest Food Co-op, and much, much more are crammed into this annual event. Visit www.irpsmn.org/earthfest for more information. We look forward to seeing you for our first decade celebration of sustainability!

ST. LOUIS COUNTY EXTENSION SERVICE

Gardens in the North program set for Monday, April 23 in Embarrass

EMBARRASS - St. Louis County Extension will be presenting a new educational gardening program, "Gardens in the North" at the Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Rd., on Monday, April 23 from 12:30-4:30 p.m. The program will focus on both flower and fruit gardening. Topics will include



how to plant, grow, and care for new hydrangeas; the essentials for gardening success in northern Minnesota; apple varieties; planting, production, and pruning; colorful pollinator plants for the garden; and gardening trends. Program presenters are Deb Erickson Byrns of

Byrns Greenhouse, and Kendall Dykhuis and Bob Olen, St. Louis County educators in agriculture and horticulture. All have considerable experience in selecting and growing varieties that perform well in our area.

The registration fee is \$23, which includes

the program, handout materials, a copy of the 2018 Fruit Varieties for Northern Minnesota, and refreshments. For more information about the program or to register, call 218-749-7120 or online at stlouiscountymn.gov/ext.

Area St. Louis County Solid Waste and Recycling Facility site hours

<p>Ash River Trail Canister Site 11391 Ash River Trail Summer Hours Wed: 1pm-4pm Sat: 2:30pm-5:30pm</p>	<p>Kabetogama Lake Canister Site 10150 Gamma Rd Summer Hours Mon. & Wed: 9am-noon Sat: 10:30am-1:30pm</p>	<p>Sturgeon Canister Site 8380 Hwy 73 Hours Sun: 10am-4pm</p>
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<p>Cook Transfer Station 2134 S. Beatty Rd. Hours Mon: 10am-6pm Tues thru Sat: 9am-3:30pm</p>	<p>Regional Landfill 5341 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia Hours Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm Sat: 8am-3:30pm</p>	<p>St. Louis County Environmental Services Department 1-800-450-9278 Office hours 8-4:30 Mon. thru Fri. stlouiscountymn.gov/recycle</p>
<p>Household Hazardous Waste Facilities 5345 Regional Landfill Rd., Virginia Tue, Sat: 8am-1pm</p>		<p>3994 Landfill Rd, Hibbing Sat: 8am-1pm</p>

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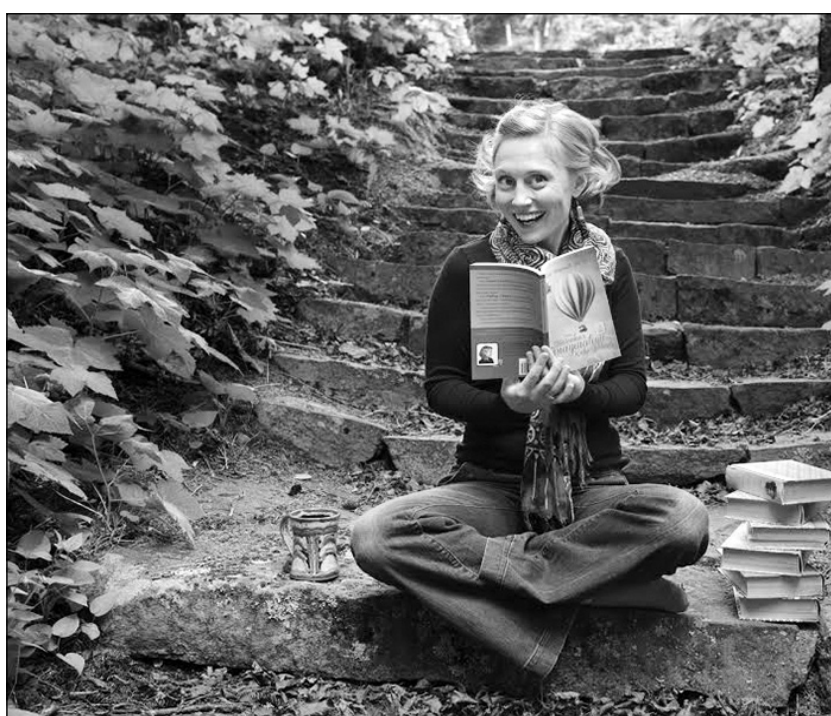
Storyteller at Ely, Babbitt, and Cook libraries

REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present storyteller Rose Arrowsmith DeCoux's Animal Tales of How & Why, a free program being offered for ages 5 to 10, on Monday, April 23, at 1 p.m. at the Ely Public Library, and at 3:30 p.m. at the Babbitt Public Library; and at 4 p.m. on Thursday, April 26 at the Cook Public Library.

How did Turtle get cracks in its shell? Why do dogs sniff each other's tails? Why does Bear hibernate all winter long? Kids and families will love finding out the answers with these interactive folktales from around the world.

Join us to hear Rose Arrowsmith DeCoux, an animated, poetic, and "deliciously imaginative" international storyteller from Grand Marais.

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, please see our calendar at www.alslib.info.



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Essentia Health grief support group in Ely on Wednesdays

ELY- Experiencing the death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. Learning about the grief process and having support from others can help a great deal. Please consider reserving your spot to participate in this six-week grief support group. It is open to anyone in our area who has experienced the death of a loved one.

The group meets Wednesdays from April 18 to May 23, from 2 - 4 p.m. in Conference Room B of the Ely-Bloomenson Hospital, 328 W Conan St. in Ely. There is no cost to participate, but we ask that you please register by Friday, April 13. Register by calling 1-877-851-2213 or 218-749-7975. The group is facilitated by Catherine Burt of East Range Hospice Family Grief Support Services and Linda O'Neill DeRemee, LSW, and is sponsored by Essentia Health St Mary's East Range Hospice.

Ruby's Pantry in Babbitt on April 28

BABBITT- Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution will be held at the Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Drive, on Saturday, April 28 (4th Saturday of each month) from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 (no checks accepted), which buys an abundance of food. No income or residency guidelines. Bring two large boxes or baskets. Sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church. Volunteers always welcome.

National Volunteer Week events

REGIONAL- National Volunteer Week is April 15 to 21—a time to celebrate volunteers, the unsung heroes who are the fabric of our communities and our country and who inspire others to help make NE Minnesota a better place to live and work, and a chance to introduce residents of all ages to the joys of volunteer service.

If you have always thought about serving your community as a volunteer, but didn't know where to start, come to the Purple Ribbon Open House and the Volunteer Fair. We can match your passions, skills, and desire to make a difference with an organization that needs you.

The Purple Ribbon Open House will be held Wednesday, April 18, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Virginia Senior Center. Sign up for drawings, learn about volunteer opportunities, and enjoy coffee and conversation. The Volunteer Fair will be held Thursday, April 19, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mesabi Mall in Hibbing. Enjoy entertainment by local artists Casey Aro and Larry Koski, register for prizes, pick up free gifts, learn more about the services local nonprofit organizations provide, and more.

For more information, call the volunteer programs at AEOA, 218-735-6832 or 1-800-662-5711 ext. 6832, or e-mail denise.ramfjord@aeoa.org. These events are sponsored by Arrowhead RSVP and Northland Volunteer Center-AEOA, Virginia Senior Center, and Mesabi Mall.

Care Partners Swedish Meatball Dinner on Wednesday, April 25

VIRGINIA- The Care Partners 10th Annual Swedish Meatball Dinner will be held Wednesday, April 25 at the Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 306 2nd St. S in Virginia from 3 to 6 p.m. while supplies last. Tickets are available at the door. The cost is \$9 per person, free for children under 5. Take-out is available. All proceeds will directly benefit local individuals and families facing cancer or a life-limiting illness. For more information, call 218-404-1411.

ELY Ely Folk School Receives Northland Foundation Grant for add'l programming

ELY- The birch bark canoe building project will be happening again this summer out on the lawn at the Ely Folk School. This year, the project will also be reaching out to area youth as well as Native youth from reservations around northern MN. The Ely Folk School received a Northland Foundation Grant, which will fund activities focused on collaboration and youth education. Lead instructor, Erik Simula, explains that the intent of this program is to preserve traditional skills, and this grant will make trips to the building site possible for youth groups from area reservations. Local students from Ely Community Resource and Wild Within day care will have the opportunity to learn canoe-building skills as well.

In March, the folk school offered a bee-filled weekend for the public to learn more about bee-keeping, honey, pollinating, and how incredibly important bees are to us and the environment. The classes, demonstrations and activities were well-attended; people learned about macro photography, planting a pollinator garden to attract bees, making honey-filled walnut potica and creating lotions and lip butter from beeswax. Everyone had some fun and left better-informed about how dependent we are on having a healthy population of bee pollinators. There was a very well-attended Irish folk dance in March featuring the music of Friends on the Range, and led by experienced instructors Carol Booth and Jim Ganahl. The raffle winners were selected and the winners were very happy with their prizes. The stained glass donated by Rosemary Shepherd was won by Betsy Schneck of Burnsville. The bent willow chair donated by John Bajda went to Dan Lilys of Moose Lake. The snowshoes donated by Peta Barrett found an owner in Holly Baumgard of Chisholm.

Recently, I had the opportunity to represent the Ely Folk



MOLLY OLSON
ELY FOLK SCHOOL

School at the Cool and Creative Get Together at MN Discovery Center sponsored by the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, the Lyric Center for the Arts, the Blandin Foundation, and the Bush Foundation. This day of speakers, networking and sharing was centered around the theme of arts on the Iron Range, bringing together artists, arts organization leaders, economic developers, and civic leaders to get together to work on building arts across the Iron Range. One of the memorable points of the day was learning about how important the arts are to large numbers of people in our area. A recent study put out by Creative MN showed that the economic impact of art and culture organizations and audiences on the Iron Range is \$12.3 million. Of the 57 participating arts organizations in the Iron Range Nonprofit Arts and Culture Organizations, 13 are from the Ely area.

In the coming months, EFS will have many interesting opportunities to learn new skills, such as digital photography, dying with wild plants, learning about the soil in your garden, and making a custom fishing rod or a black ash berry basket. Rigid heddle weaving and tapestry-making are new in our fiber arts curriculum, and some new instructors are joining the folk school team: Artist Shaun Chosa will be offering a series of four classes on pen and ink drawing, and physicist Barb Jones will be combining math and craftsmanship to teach how to construct intricate 3-D sculptures. (Take a look at the amazing dodecahedron on display at the folk school!) Gary Colles will be teaching the art of cheesemaking and while the League of MN Poets is visiting town, take a class from master poet, Peter Stein, president of the League of Minnesota Poets, attend an informational session about the League with some writing activities, or head over to Northern Grounds for a Poetry Slam on Saturday, April 21.

Our April classes are listed below, so check out the offerings.

Another exciting project that is taking shape is the addition of a blacksmith shop. Some donated forges provide the foundation for the facility to offer classes in blacksmithing and jewelry-making. The folk school is seeking donations of unused tools and equipment that might be sitting in basements or outbuildings. Call 218-235-0138 or email coordinator@elyfolkschool.org. Combined with the remodeled back room of the school, there are more spaces and options for students and instructors alike. The new open area in the former Wintergreen cutting room has new large glass doors and windows filling the space with natural light.

Upcoming classes

Friday, April 13
Bent Willow Chair Demo at 6 p.m.

Saturday, April 14
Create a Hardbound Book at 9 a.m.
Make a Bent Willow Chair at 9 a.m.

Sunday, April 15
Create a Hardbound Book at 1 p.m.
Make a Bent Willow Chair at 9 a.m.
Intro to Digital Photography at 9 a.m.
Carving a Diamond Willow Walking Stick: Intro at 9 a.m.
Advanced Carving with Diamond Willow at 1:30 p.m.

Saturday, April 21
Barn Quilts for Beginners at 10 a.m.
Approaching Poetry at 12 noon
Meet the League of MN Poets at 3 p.m.

Saturday, April 28
Soil Clinic at 9 a.m.

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ments by the Center for Biological Diversity and Friends of the Boundary Waters.

Both Water Legacy and MCEA recently submitted requests for a contested case proceeding on the project, and they want financial questions to be addressed as part of that examination. A contested case is overseen by an administrative law judge and is designed to resolve major factual disputes between parties short of an actual courtroom. The DNR has yet to decide if it will agree to such a proceeding.

PolyMet spokesperson Bruce Richardson questioned the need for such a process. "The environmental review and permitting process has been so comprehensive, we believe the agencies have all the information they need and are in the best position to make final permitting decisions."

The latest push for a more in-depth financial inspection comes in the wake of PolyMet's release its updated technical report, which showed substantially diminished financial returns on the project compared to a previous financial update released in 2012. The report also projected that the costs to build the mine have jumped significantly, from an earlier estimate of about \$650 million to just over \$945 million, to as much as \$1.2 billion including the cost of a hydrometallurgical processing facility. But it is the internal return on that investment (IRR), of just 9.6 percent, that has caught the attention of critics of the project, as well as investors. PolyMet's stock price has yet to recover from the slide it suffered in the immediate release of the new technical report. The stock was trading at 90 cents per share as of Tuesday afternoon.

"For a project as risky as a mine, investors typically demand much higher returns to justify the risk," stated MCEA's Lee in his comments. "For new projects, a 40-percent IRR is the target, and in general a 20-percent IRR is the minimum."

Richardson said the company disagrees "emphatically" with the suggestion that the mine proposal is not financially viable, and he notes that the technical report points to \$1.5 billion in project positive cash flow during the 20-year anticipated life of the mine.

Yet critics of the project suggest that the company's cash flow projections are sugarcoated

because they don't include the company's obligation to finance a long-term water treatment trust fund, currently expected to cost \$580 million, which is included in the draft permit to mine.

Indeed, a cash flow model included in PolyMet's updated technical report does not appear to include those required payments, which would run about \$55 million annually beginning in the ninth year of mine operations. Richardson notes that the cash flow does include the cost of ongoing reclamation. Yet reclamation is just one part of the company's obligation under the draft permit to mine. The cost of long-term maintenance and water treatment, which is expected to extend for centuries, is the largest expense, and it would be financed by a separate trust fund that PolyMet has proposed to finance through cash flow created by their mining operations.

Richardson said the anticipated cash flow from the mining operation is "more than enough" to finance the trust fund.

Yet, environmentalists aren't the only ones to raise concerns about PolyMet's ability to fund its financial assurance obligations. The DNR's financial consultant, Emmons Olivier Resources, Inc., or EOR, has consistently raised concerns about PolyMet's ability to finance its long-term water treatment obligations, given the uncertainty of the costs and the frequency with which small mining companies declare bankruptcy. And that was before the company issued its latest feasibility report, with its lower profit projections.

That view is bolstered by a May 4, 2017 email from a DNR consultant who tells DNR officials and others working on the project that PolyMet is unlikely to be able to obtain surety bonds on its own, which is one of the ways the DNR expects the company to finance its obligations. Don Sutton, an engineer with Montana-based Spectrum Engineering and Environmental, indicated he had spoken to a representative of the Surety and Fidelity Association of America, who told him that PolyMet would be unable to obtain surety bonding without Glencore backing the risk." Glencore, based in Switzerland, is a massive international commodity brokerage that has been PolyMet's chief financial backer to date. "Given the size of the bonds, the surety would only bond a company with many bil-

ions in assets. Glencore is in that class," Sutton added.

PolyMet's relatively limited assets is not just a concern to the surety industry. Water Legacy legal counsel Paula Maccabee argues in new comments that Glencore must be included in the permit to mine in order to protect taxpayers. She argues that Glencore is now so intertwined with PolyMet in terms of financing and governance, that it should be considered a party to the mining permit. "It may serve PolyMet's and Glencore's interests to propose that only PolyMet be deemed a permittee for a Permit to Mine," wrote Maccabee in comments filed April 5. "However, Minnesota's law supports and Minnesota's public interest requires that no permit to mine for the NorthMet project be considered that does not include Glencore as one of the 'persons' proposing to jointly engage in the proposed nonferrous mining operation."

Glencore, based in Switzerland, has a significant ownership stake in PolyMet and options to purchase a larger share of the company. It has also been PolyMet's chief financial backer through the development phase of the project and now has three representatives on the PolyMet board of directors. Glencore has also agreed to purchase 100 percent of the metal concentrates produced by the mine.

DNR officials say they have questions of their own following release of the technical report, and plan to have their financial consultant review PolyMet's filing before issuing any permit to mine. "I do not have an estimate of when that review will be completed," said Barb Naramore, DNR assistant commissioner.

The company would, in either case, have to demonstrate its ability to fund at least a sizable portion of its financial assurance obligations prior to begin mine excavation.

Bait and switch alleged

Environmental critics allege that PolyMet officials have known for some time that the mine proposal it was advocating would not be economically viable.

"The Applicant virtually conceded this in the Technical Report, and requested analysis of alternative mine designs at much higher throughputs, up to almost quadruple the current proposal," states Lee in his comments. "The updated technical report is

a staggering concession. What it makes clear is that if Minnesota ever sees a NorthMet project, it will be as a mega-mine processing four times as much rock as proposed today, and generating four times the waste, creating a tailings basin four times the size."

Lee said the evidence suggests that PolyMet officials were aware that their mine plan was "economically marginal," and he pointed to a 2013 economic analysis the company commissioned from Edison Investment Research that explored the economics of a 90,000 ton-per-day mine plan. "That report found that [PolyMet's] share price would almost triple if the project were expanded to process much higher tonnages," stated Lee. "At the time the report was commissioned, [PolyMet] denied plans for an expansion, saying "[t]hat's not part of our discussions around here."

Lee said denials by PolyMet that it was pursuing expansion plans "can now only be seen as misleading."

PolyMet's Richardson rejects that suggestion. "This is simply not true," he said. "The permit applications we filed and the draft permits that have since been released are for a 32,000 tons-per-day operation. This is stated clearly in the technical report and all of our communications on the subject. We have been clear that any change in the mine plan would require additional engineering, environmental review and permitting."

Assurance plan complex, costly

Special conditions included in the DNR's draft permit to mine would require PolyMet to put up \$75 million at the start of construction, primarily to

cover legacy costs from the former LTV mine. Ten million dollars of that would need to be in cash, with the rest potentially coming from surety bonds or irrevocable letters of credit.

By the first year of mining, the company would be required to post financial assurance totaling \$588 million, which would cover the anticipated reclamation and long-term site management costs at that point. The company's obligations would continue to grow until about the tenth of mining, when the financial assurance requirement would peak at just over \$1 billion. That requirement would gradually decline as the company completed ongoing reclamation, but the company's cash outlays for financial assurance are expected to jump sharply at Year Nine, to about \$55 million a year, as the financial assurance fund transitions from an expected heavy initial reliance on bonds and letters of credit, to cash. Those are the payments that do not appear in the cash flow model included in PolyMet's latest technical report.

Richardson notes that the cash flow does include the cost of ongoing reclamation, although it's not clear how much the company is assuming since the reclamation costs in the cash flow are lumped with other unrelated costs. Yet reclamation is just one part of the company's obligation under the draft permit to mine. The cost of long-term water treatment, which is expected to extend for centuries, is the largest expense, and it would be financed by a separate trust fund that PolyMet has proposed to finance through cash flow created by their mining operations.

While Richardson argues that the \$1.5 billion

in positive cash flow that the project is expected to generate will be sufficient to cover the long-term management costs, it's unclear how including those costs would impact the company's overall projected returns. When the Timberjay sought clarification on this issue, Richardson did not respond.

It appears that the company may be banking on lower long-term water treatment costs than initially thought. The company makes clear in its latest filing, that it assumes that the wild rice sulfate standard will be modified. The company had promised in the past to meet the wild rice standard, of ten milligrams per liter, but it now assumes that the standard will be changed or eliminated. Legislation advancing through the state Legislature this session, would, in fact, eliminate the standard, although environmental groups claim such a measure, if passed, would violate federal law and would likely be subject to litigation.

The DNR's financial assurance calculations are based on the current sulfate rules, according to Naramore. She also notes that a change in the law could impact the financial requirements of long-term water treatment. "As you know, the cost of long term treatment is a large portion of the total financial assurance liabilities," said Naramore. "So, it stands to reason that, if the sulfate standard changed, it could impact level of treatment required and thus treatment costs and financial assurance requirements. DNR has not, however, evaluated any financial assurance scenarios involving modified sulfate standards," she added.

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School Board member Tom Omerza, one of the most visible booster club supporters in the Ely School District, voiced his concerns with the payment of additional coaches and referees and umpires under the updated policy.

"In basketball, we shifted to a volunteer coach for junior high (level) and if I understand, that is an approved position and not a hired position," he said. "The one coach we did pay this year we had to funnel through the school payroll. We paid the same amount this year but the coach netted far less because of taxes and Social Security. I struggle with the clarification. Is that person an employee of the school district as a volunteer coach?"

The policy states: "The school district controls the entire employment process including autho-

riizing of a position, hiring, employment, renewal and termination. If a group offers a gift of funding for a specific school district staff position (such as a volunteer coach), it must be approved by the district and funds deposited with the district prior to the start of the hiring process."

Ely Athletic Director Tom Coombe, said, "I was told that we are required to take taxes out if a person is coming through our payroll. I have also been told that a booster club cannot simply write a check for that person on the side. Could they do it without anybody knowing about it? Perhaps."

He explained that athletics and other programs like music and drama, belong to the school. "The club is just picking up the tab, but it is still a program under our direction."

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Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson said, "With booster clubs, the money really should funnel through the school. This is a change in practice. The school district acts as the fiscal manager for those funds, and because of that, they are required to take out taxes."

School Board member James Pointer wondered, if the volunteer coaches are being paid by the school, are they also covered by the district's workman's compensation insurance in case of injury.

Abrahamson answered, "To a degree, there would be some liability."

Coombe noted the increased challenge he faces getting volunteers

to run the clock or move the chains at games. "They get paid \$25 or \$30 as it is, and then they get taxes and Social Security taken out on top of that."

Omerza reluctantly agreed to the new policy. "I'm not excited about it," he said. "It's fundraising dollars going to the government. Without those coaches and volunteers, there isn't a program." Before this year, coaches and volunteers were paid a stipend for their volunteering efforts.

Board members agreed to discuss the issue at the next study session, scheduled for Monday, April 24. "We can always make changes to the policy that we approve here tonight," said Board Chair

Ray Marsnik.

Other business

In other business, the board took the following action:

► Approved the 2018-2019 annual premium of \$131,129 as submitted by Valer Insurance;

► Approved the bid of \$196,250 by Mesaba Glass Window & Door Inc. for window replacement on the north side of the Washington Building;

► Approved volunteer assistant coaches for the 2017-2018 season, baseball, Paul Kienitz and Chad Davis, softball, Adrianna Wittrup, Taylor Banks, Chad Ohlhauser, and Tom Omerza, and boys track, Dallas Stapleton;

► Adopted resolutions relating to the termination and non-renewal of teaching contracts for probationary teachers Laurie Stewart Warner, Christina Weisel and Jason Limp;

► Accepted the retirement of Brian Lamppa, physical education teacher effective May 31, 2018;

► Accepted the resignation of Douglas W. Foster from his bus driver position, effective May 31, 2018;

► Accepted the resignation of Brenda Olson from her part-time special education paraprofessional position at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

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segment by Twin Cities television station, KSTP, "This is definitely a nerve-racking time for our staff," said Rob Schultz, executive director of the International Wolf Center. "A lot of time people never get to see this in the wild."

Shultz was referring to the challenge by the young pups to longtime alpha wolf Aidan. "The two youngest Arctic wolves, Axel and Grayson, are stirring the pot; they aren't little anymore. They're anything but little. Those are some big, big wolves. Axel is a more aggressive. He's out there wanting to challenge. Grayson is more subdued."

A video released in January referred to the changes coming in the Ambassador Pack. "We've had some possible dominance posturing," said Wolf Curator Laurie Schmidt. "It could be a normal hormonal thing or a possible loss of confidence from Aidan that has created a dynamic change within the pack."

The Arctic pups are approaching maturity at two years of age. Boltz is a five-year-old. Denali is nine years old. Aidan is on his way out as alpha male, as was foreshadowed when the pack started behaving differently last fall, according to Schultz. "Having a strong leader is crucial. It's important that the pack is unified," he said. "They're a family unit. They have to work together as a team to hunt and to survive and to maintain their territory."

Rarely does one get to witness the replacement of an alpha wolf, and the process can take months or even a year. Schmidt said she recorded a lot of posturing by the animals this past winter. "This is something that very few people have seen or been able to research," Schultz said. "It's so hard to see wolves in any kind of a

wild area. So when we can see in kind of a controlled environment like this, what's happening and how those dynamics change every day, it helps us to understand how things play out in the wild."

A change of leadership in a wolf pack is serious business and it can get violent. "It seems that when both of the young pups are together, they seem to target Aidan, who often seeks refuge in the den," Schmidt said. "That's kind of a safety zone for him."

"We know it's a part of nature, it has to work, they have to work this out themselves. The alpha has to be a caretaker of everyone," Schultz said.

Schmidt is taking caution in allowing the natural changes to the pack leadership occur. "We don't want to put Aidan into retirement too soon. He will just become agitated and that is not healthy for him," she said. "We also don't want him to get hurt by waiting too long."

Nature has a way of taking and giving back, as is playing out currently in the changing of roles in the Ambassador Pack. Things have calmed down for Aidan and he is still leader of the pack. When the time comes, he will be moved to a retirement pack in a separate enclosure at the International Wolf Center.

"The biggest challenge we have to watch is that the rest of the pack doesn't have any leadership," Schmidt said. "It doesn't appear that they are responding to depositing a dominant, but rather responding to a weaker mental state (in Aidan) and just have to figure out why Aidan is experiencing that."

KSTP-TV contributed to this report.

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MINING DEBATE

Supporters discuss mining in Ely's backyard

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

Steve Saari kicks off Up North Jobs speaker series

ELY – Winton native and United States Air Force veteran Steve Saari spoke to sulfide mining supporters last Thursday at the kick-off of a speaker series sponsored by Up North Jobs. More than 50 people attended the session at the Ely Senior Center.

Saari, one of thousands of mining supporters in the Ely area, disclosed that he was compelled to make the presentation as part of his course work in the Introduction to Natural Sciences class at Vermilion Community College, and is not an expert in the field. "I do have a passion for it and was born into a mining family," he said.

He opened his presentation with a history of mining in the Ely area. The first mine was opened in 1884 in Tower on the Vermilion Iron Range. Mining started in Ely just a couple of years later with the Chandler Mine. "They used candles on their helmets for lighting down there," he said.

"As we all know steel made from the iron ore taken out of the mines up

here helped us win both world wars and beyond," Saari said. The exploration of copper, nickel and other precious metals began in the 1950s (some 14 years before the Boundary Waters Area Canoe Area was established) in the Superior National Forest south of Ely, according to Saari.

"In the past several years one of the world's largest reserves of these minerals was located within the Duluth Complex of mining," he said.

The Boundary Waters was designated a wilderness area in 1978. "Currently, in any wilderness area in the U.S. there is no mining allowed," Saari said. "There are also mining exclusion zones, along the Gunflint Trail, Fernberg Trail and Echo Trail, even though they are not in the designated wilderness area."

"Mineral exploration is a permitted use of our national forests," according to Saari. "It is not allowed in a wilderness area."

Jumping to his present day historical narrative,

Saari said the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service signed a letter about a year ago revoking the exploration leases of Twin Metals Minnesota in the Superior National Forest. "That same letter put a moratorium on exploration for up to two years with the possibility of it being extended to 20 years or more," he said. "This was a last-minute decision by President Obama's administration, who were under a lot of pressure by the environmental lobby and attorneys."

Saari avoided talking about the PolyMet mining proposal and chose instead to focus on the Twin Metals project that lies within the Rainy River watershed and flows into the BWCAW.

"Twin Metals wishes to renew their leases and there are currently lawsuits in court to try to prevent that," he said. "The big thing to keep in mind is that a (Twin Metals) mining plan has yet to be submitted, so it is really hard to say that they are going to pollute the wilderness

forever. There isn't even a plan released to the public to comment on."

Twin Metals has drilled as much as 1.6 million feet of core samples in their exploration and location of precious metals in their lease area. "They know where the precious metals are," he said.

"The federal government wants to take even more land. Pretty soon, Ely is going to be an island surrounded by places we can't do anything in anymore. "The next place will probably be right to our west. The environmentalists and preservationists applaud President Obama for what he did. They think this is a great thing," Saari said. "Conservationists and local governments oppose what has happened," he added. "They call it a federal land grab. They're taking the land that we used to be able to do things on."

Saari said he feels that there is a big animosity between the people who moved into the Ely area and those who were born here. "There is a mistrust about what they are going to take away next. The same thing is going on in the western states," he said. He listed his opinions that favor sulfide mining

in the Ely area to include: the declining economy and population; struggling schools and hospitals; and the state of Minnesota maintaining some of the highest pollution standards in the world.

"Again, mining is an allowed use of the Superior National Forest," he asserted. "It provides increases in our local tax base all the way down to our school district."

He flipped the coin and made arguments against sulfide mining in the Ely area. "A mine here will devastate the entire Boundary Waters wilderness," Saari said. "Tourism can sustain our economy." Another argument against mining is "not in my backyard," he added. "Another one I heard is, 'all sulfide mining is unsafe,' but that isn't true."

He generalized that most people who are against sulfide mining live in urban areas. "Environmentalists live in urban areas," Saari said, "and conservationists live in rural areas. (Environmentalists) see their vacation destination threatened by a foreign mining conglomerate."

Saari closed with an

update on recent legislative action to protect mining projects. "The MINER Act, passed last fall does not allow bureaucrats to unilaterally take lands away from exploration or development. It gives the people a voice," he said.

He also made some predictions. "These minerals are going to be mined, it is just a matter of time," he said. "Technological increases will make the mining process better. As far as I know, copper-nickel will not be smelted here in Minnesota. (With mining) northeast Minnesota will rebound and become more prosperous. The environmental effects will be minimal. The environmental lobby will continue to work to protect the wilderness. I know I'm not going to change anybody's mind on that."

The mining speaker series by Up North Jobs will continue monthly until the November election. Other speakers could include: Dean Debeltz of Twin Metals Minnesota, Seraphine Rolando, of Ely, Mike Cole, of Minnesota Miners, and Gerald Tyler, of Up North Jobs.

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recounts the ballots, it does not determine who was eligible to vote or if absentee ballots were counted correctly.

He explained that it was not uncommon to find a difference in the vote tally.

"That can happen," he said. "Typically the errors are random and offset each other."

Couri explained exactly how the recount would proceed, and asked that the audience remain silent during the entire process. He did allow for questions before the recount began and he affirmed that the candidates and their representatives did have the right to ask questions about the process. He also explained what would happen if a candidate or their representative challenged a ballot, and that those ballots would then be judged by the township's Board of Canvass, which is the town board. He strongly advised that if any challenges needed to be judged, and if they concerned a current town board member, those members recuse themselves from that vote.

Jeff Peterson, who was representing candidate Byron Beihoffer, thanked Couri for the explanation of the process. He stressed that the state's recount guidelines are not only for larger election, but for everybody. "So the recount is fair for everyone," he said. "We have every confidence that this recount is being held within state law."

Peterson had been concerned with the implication in the *Timberjay's* April 6 article that he had somehow been responsible for the shutting down of the April 2 recount. He met with the *Timberjay* after the article was published, and emphasized that he had twice told the clerk at

the April 2 meeting it was not his intention that the recount be postponed or cancelled.

Peterson did question Couri about the issue of one of the appointed recount election judges, Mary Richard. Peterson had raised the issue of appearance of potential bias in regards to Richard, who had written a letter to the editor in support of specific candidates.

"I was advised that your partner, Robert Ruppe, recommended that Ms. Richard not be allowed as judge," Peterson said.

Couri responded that he had recommended to Clerk Sue Drobac that she make that decision.

"I have no concerns," Couri said. She has her First Amendment right to express her concerns. You are a small township. Each of these election judges are here in an observer role and a counting role. There is much transparency. There is nothing that would disqualify Mary Richard as a judge."

The recount begins

The recount itself got underway at 1:30 p.m. The first step, after unsealing the ballots, which had been secured in a cardboard box, was to sort each ballot so they were in all facing the same way. There were 313 ballots cast on the election, and one blank ballot. There were 24 unused ballots, which were also recounted as part of the process.

Each of the two supervisor seats was recounted separately, starting with Seat 3, with candidates Larry Tahija and John Bassing. Clerk Drobac raised each ballot, one by one, and stated who the vote had been cast for. The candidates and their representatives got to view each ballot, and could raise concerns at any point.

Larry, John, Larry, John, Larry, John, John, Larry...

Tahija votes went into one pile, and Bassing votes into the other. With the vote so close, the names rang out almost in pairs.

Once all the ballots had been sorted, the recount judges, Carol Maus and Mary Richard, took turns counting them out and piling them by 25s.

There were a couple of instances where candidates, or the election judges themselves, called out to recount a pile, due to the stickiness of the paper ballots.

The recount showed the vote at 158 for Tahija and 153 for Bassing, the same as on election night. There were no challenged ballots. There were two ballots where neither candidate had been selected, for a total of 313 ballots.

The second recount, for Seat 5 with Byron Beihoffer and Rick Stoehr, followed. The counting was a little faster, with a few more "no vote" ballots in the mix. The vast majority of Tahija ballots were also for Beihoffer, and the same went for Bassing, Stoehr. The final recount showed 154 for Beihoffer and 148 for Stoehr, with 11 ballots with no candidate marked, again a total of 313 votes cast. There were no challenged ballots on this recount either.

Board of Canvass

The Greenwood Board of Canvass met on Sunday, April 8 to officially accept the vote. Couri told the board they need to wait ten days to swear in new supervisor Byron Beihoffer, because the losing candidate does have the right to challenge the recount in court.

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Spreading the word on AIS

Vermilion Lake Association and local SWCD have joined forces as they continue to expand their efforts to head off the spread of aquatic invasive species

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— There’s an old African proverb that says “it takes a village to raise a child.”

The Vermilion Lake Association and the North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District are taking a similar view of their mission to head off the spread of aquatic invasive species in lakes across the North Country.

“This is definitely a partnership,” said Jeff Lovgren, who oversees the VLA’s invasive species initiative. He was speaking at a recent event hosted by the VLA and NSLSWCD at the Vermilion Club to help inform local business owners and others about the threats that invasive species pose for area lakes and how they can be involved in the effort to address the problem.

Lovgren noted that the threat posed by invasive species is constantly changing, and that it requires continual education to be aware of the latest areas of concern. One of the most recent threats, he said, is starry stonewort, an aggressive and fast-growing plant that has left shorelines on infested lakes literally choked with vegetation. Such nuisance plants not only make cabin life far less pleasant, they have seriously undermined the value of property on affected

lakes.

With funding from the state of Minnesota and St. Louis County, the VLA and SWCD staff have formed one of the most aggressive and well-organized efforts in the state to combat the spread of such invasive species— and they are expanding their efforts across a larger region, working with lake associations and private resorts to bolster their own campaigns against AIS. Several representatives from the Pelican Lake area were present at last week’s event to learn more about how to ramp up their own efforts to combat AIS.

The partnership is focused on several key components, including expanding boat inspections at both public and private landings, training volunteer sentries to keep tabs on possible infestations, and creating and distributing educational materials about the latest threats.

It was the second in a series of such meetings that the VLA and SWCD are holding to spread the word about their work. They’re focusing especially on owners of businesses like resorts, campgrounds, and marinas, who interact most frequently with boat users. Even so, many other area businesses, like bait shops, restaurants, gift shops, and convenience stores,


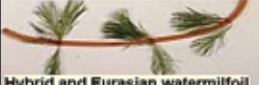




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“This is definitely a partnership.”

Jeff Lovgren, VLA



Jeff Lovgren from the Vermilion Lake Association discusses the threat posed by aquatic invasive species to area lakes. The presentation was part of a series the group is sponsoring along with the North St. Louis SWCD to inform area business owners about the issue. photo by M. HelMBERGER

Lake Vermilion AIS risks by species	Introduction Risk	Habitat Suitability	Impact if Population Established	
			Fishery & Ecosystem	Recreational Boating
 Starry stonewort	Increasing as more Minnesota lakes become infested	Unknown. Limited to specific bays?	Serious stressor. Unknown impact on each fishery.	Severe in bays with suitable habitat.
 Hybrid and Eurasian watermilfoil	Very high	Unknown. Limited to specific bays?	Serious stressor. Unknown impact on each fishery.	Severe in bays with suitable habitat.
 Zebra mussels	Very high	Generally low. Limited to calcium hotspots with suitable pH	Serious stressor. Filters zooplankton, limiting growth of fry.	Negative but water clarity appeals to some
 Spiny waterfleas	Found in Big Bay in 2015	High. Likely to spread beyond east basin.	Serious stressor. Consume zooplankton, limiting growth of fry.	Low
 Curly-leaf pondweed	Present in 3 small areas.	Moderate/high in specific bays	Limited to specific bays with suitable habitat	May become severe in bays with suitable habitat.
 Rusty crayfish	Present in east basin and west to Niles Bay	High for sandy, rocky, rubble bottoms	Weed bed destruction impacting several fish species	Low to moderate

HEALTH CARE POLICY

Health care reform subject of forum

by FRED SCHUMACHER
Contributing writer

MT. IRON- An upcoming public forum in Mt. Iron will focus on policy changes being considered to reform health care financing in Minnesota.

Anne Jones, RN, of Health Care for All Minnesota, will be the featured presenter at the event, which takes place Tuesday, April 24 at 7 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church in Mt. Iron, located at 8590 Enterprise Drive.

The event is sponsored by a group of local and statewide organizations including Northern Progressives, the Minnesota Nurses Association, the Minnesota Council 65 of the American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees; Minnesota Service Employees, International Union—Health Care; Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Association, Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability, and the Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church.

Nurse and health educator featured speaker

Speaker Anne Jones, who received her bachelor’s degree in nursing from the University of Minnesota and master’s degree in health and human services from St. Mary’s University, retired after 50 years in health care to devote her time to health care reform. She sees her work on



Anne Jones is a registered nurse and a board member of Health Care for All Minnesota, a nonprofit that works to promote affordable health care in the state.

health care reform as a continuation of her life’s work taking care of people.

“I’ve watched as health care costs have increased from 7 percent in 1970 to nearly 18 percent today, almost one-sixth of the country’s economy,” she said. “I’ve seen the human toll it takes, as we have a system that costs too much, does too little, and leaves too many people out.”

Jones serves as a board member of Health Care for All Minnesota, a nonprofit that works to promote affordable high quality health care through education, advocacy, and community organizing. Its work in Minnesota parallels similar

efforts in other states and at the national level to reform how we finance health care.

“Our goal,” said Jones, “is to give voters enough information to understand what’s wrong about health care financing now and what can be done about it.”

The new system would do away with most deductibles and co-payments, she said, so that “out of pocket health care cost is near zero.”

Jones said that aspects of such a system have been spelled out in detail in Minnesota State Senator John Marty’s 2016 book, *Healing Health Care: The Case for a Commonsense Universal Health System*. His book includes how we could transition to a new system of financing, including how to re-train and re-employee persons currently working for the private insurance industry.

But what it will take for it to move forward, according to Jones, is the political will to get it heard in committees in the Minnesota State Legislature. And that will only come with “an educated public that understands about why health care costs are so high and how the market system results in outrageous profit taking in health care,” she said.

“If people really understood where our money’s going, they would advocate for a change in how we pay for health care,” Jones contends.

Voters would be calling for change, she said, “if people really

knew all the money sucked up by pharmaceutical companies and medical device manufacturers or the extraordinary salaries of health care executives, such as the \$66 million compensation for the CEO of United Health Care.”

Medical debt the leading cause of bankruptcy

“The leading cause of bankruptcy and people losing their homes in this country is medical debt,” said Leah Rogne of Greaney, a member of event co-sponsor Northern Progressives, a local group that works to increase public awareness and education to help people become politically and civically involved.

“Despite improvements in coverage since enactment of the Affordable Care Act, Americans still lag behind other high-income countries in most measures of quality of health such as life expectancy, infant mortality, and rates of obesity,” Rogne said.

Rogne pointed to findings of a 2016 Harvard University study reported in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* showing that the United States spent 17.8 percent of its gross domestic product on health care, while spending in the other comparable high-income countries ranged from 9.6 percent (Australia) to 12.4 percent (Switzerland). The study also showed that administrative costs

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SPORTS

Area players named to All Arrowhead Conference Team for 2018 boys basketball

The following Class A boys basketball standouts were recently named to the All Arrowhead Conference Team for 2018.

- Cade Goggleye, junior, North Woods
- Tate Olson, Senior, North Woods
- Carter Gaulke, senior, Ely
- Tyler Baribeau, junior, Mesabi East
- Pat Vanderbeek, junior, Ely
- Carson Becicka, junior, Mesabi East
- Armand Barrios, junior, Int’l Falls
- Brendan Parson, senior, North Woods
- Joe Buffetta, junior, Mt. Iron-Buhl
- Justin Holmes, junior, Mt. Iron-Buhl

Honorable Mention

- Kyle Sickel, senior, Eveleth-Gilbert
- Sam Albrecht, senior, Eveleth-Gilbert
- John Larson, senior, Mesabi East
- Chase Kleppe, junior, North Woods
- Quintin Pecha, senior, Northeast Range

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ely hopes its economy will “spring” into action

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - Economic Development activities are in full swing as winter reluctantly turns to spring in Ely. Economic Development Advisor John Fedo was upbeat this week as he provided an update to city officials.

The possibility of a manufacturing company moving into Ely with a retail presence in the downtown area appears to be closer to reality. Fedo continues to have ongoing meetings with the unnamed entrepreneur.

“They are looking at both downtown and the business park,” he said. “Their plans have been completed and they tried to come up Easter weekend but couldn’t get access to the building. They will be up here this coming weekend. They are probably within two or three weeks of physically beginning activity. They still have not

determined which location they are looking at, but continue to look at both locations, in the business park and downtown, in a phase one and phase two.”

He declined to identify the business or what they do. “It is all light manufacturing and retail,” Fedo said.

A misunderstanding with staff at Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board regarding funding for the Ely State Theatre project has been resolved, according to Fedo. “What we requested was a grant and forgivable loan for the developer,” he said. “The leverage of course is more than substantial enough to indicate that this is a very good project that will create jobs with over \$2 million in investment. We feel confident that (documentation) should be in hand in the next week or 10 days.”

Fedo also disclosed, without identification, that he had contact last week with an existing busi-

ness that is looking at expansion. “Specifically, they are looking at a low interest loan for a piece of equipment,” he said. “We think that we can facilitate assistance either through IRRRB, the Northland Foundation, or both. That should be a fairly quick turnaround.”

Fedo and Ely Mayor Chuck Novak will be attending Broadband Day on the Hill in St. Paul later this week. “We will be looking at something greater in terms of commitment by the state of Minnesota,” he said.

Other economic development activity in Ely includes an Ely Marketing Series for Entrepreneurs next month. Three sessions will be held, May 9, 16, and 23 at the Grand Ely Lodge. The series is designed for entrepreneurs who want to make the most of their marketing budget and attract more customers.

There is no cost and underwriting for the event is provided

by the Blandin Foundation and the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board in partnership with the city of Ely, Incredible Ely and the Entrepreneur Fund.

The series is intended for residents of the Ely School District. For more information, call Julie George at 218-421-6151.

As part of the city’s Broadband Initiative, Incredible Ely will conduct a survey of how businesses currently use internet services. During the month of April, Incredible Ely Executive Director Pam Ransom will be going door to door to meet with business owners on Sheridan and Chapman streets to discuss questions that will develop baseline information for measurement of Ely businesses’ adoption and utilization of upcoming broadband services.

City Council member Jerome Debeltz inquired about

two Ely restaurants, A Taste of Ely and 2 Gringos, that closed over the winter and are available for lease. Fedo said he was “not familiar” with the situation.

That led to a discussion on the workforce shortage in Ely. “We do not have enough people looking for jobs in northeast Minnesota,” he said. “That is just not in the tourism and restaurant businesses, it includes a number of capacities. This is a priority once again.”

Ely Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski indicated that Ely is full of jobs for those who want to work. “If you are a college student who wants to stay here over the summer, or a high school student who wants a job, if you can’t find work in Ely, you’re doing something wrong,” he said.

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can help spread the word as a distribution point for educational materials. And anyone can volunteer to be a sentry, which involves regularly observing at designated boat launches for signs of new infestations.

While aquatic invasive species represent a serious threat to Minnesota lakes, there is some good news to report, according

to Lovgren. He said it appears that zebra mussels and Eurasian watermilfoil, two invasive species that he described as “game changers” in many Minnesota lakes, will not be able to survive or spread in many Canadian Shield lakes, like Vermilion and Burntside, due to differences in water chemistry compared to many other lakes in the

state. In particular, the relative lack of calcium may be a limiting factor for the mussels, which need the chemical to create their shell.

While it appears zebra mussels may be unable to take hold on most border country lakes, he suggested that property owners on Pelican Lake may want to examine that lake’s water

chemistry to determine if it could be an issue there.

Lovgren said the VLA remains very concerned about a possible hybrid between Eurasian watermilfoil and a native species that could potentially survive on Lake Vermilion and other lakes in the region where it currently appears unable to take hold.

At this point, it’s unknown whether starry stonewort can survive in Lake Vermilion and other shield lakes, but there is some evidence that the water chemistry parameters for the lake are outside the plant’s typical preferences.

Lovgren noted that some invasive species, like rusty crayfish, spiny water-

fleas, and curly-leafed pondweed, are already present in Lake Vermilion, but that their effects have not, as yet, been as devastating as some of the game-changer species showing up elsewhere in the state.

And VLA volunteers and SWCD staff are broadening their efforts to keep it that way.

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accounted for 8 percent of total health care spending in the United States, compared to other similar countries with administrative costs in the range of 1 percent to 3 percent.

Contrary to a common misperception about the U.S. health care system, the Harvard study found that over-utilization of health care and of specialists was not a driver of high overall costs. The study concluded that, “The United States spent approximately twice as much as other high-income countries on medical care, yet utilization rates in the United States were largely similar to those in other nations. Prices of labor and goods, including pharmaceuticals, and administrative costs appeared to be the major drivers of the difference in overall cost between the United States and other high-income countries.”

“So when you look at other industrialized countries,” said Rogne, “we are basically paying more for less.”

“We can do better than this. Health Care for All is working on a solution, and we wanted to showcase their efforts in Minnesota.”

Advocacy beyond the bedside

After 30 years of working in the labor movement, Rosemarie Roach, Executive Director of the Minnesota Nurses Association, another event cosponsor, said she came to realize that trying to negotiate health care was a “failed strategy.”

“It’s just sitting on the opposite side of the table yelling at each other about what it’s going to cost and who’s going to pay for it,” Roach said.

“Maybe we [labor and management] have to accept that we have common ground and recognize the impact of the health care dollars that go to the middlemen: CEOs, administrators, pharmacy benefit managers, and so forth.”

Roach said that for two or three decades “nurses have known what it takes to create a humane, patient-focused health care system instead of an insurance-based, employer-based system that isn’t focused on the patients but is focused on profit and the bottom line.”

What will it take to make a change? For Roach, it comes down to “political courage.”

“The medical industrial complex spends more money lobbying than does the military industrial complex. We been trying to do it incrementally for 60 years, but our system needs a complete overhaul. There is nothing else to try any more. It’s time to go for a real solution. Every single study shows that single payer saves money, improves quality, covers everyone, and (most important) saves lives. That’s why the Nurses Association is laser focused on getting this system to protect their patients,” said Roach. “They use their advocacy beyond the bedside to save their patients’ lives.”

Current support programs not enough

Staff Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency (AEOA), another cosponsor of the health care forum, has provided navigators to help people take advantage of health care coverage options through MNsure, Minnesota’s Affordable Care Act health care exchange.

In spite of these and other support programs, said AEOA Planning Director Beth Peterson, “our staff see people at their work force centers or at shelters who still are challenged by health care bills.”

AEOA was eager to sponsor the health care forum, Peterson said, “to encourage a community conversation so we don’t see dislocated workers having to choose between paying for costs that can

help them get and keep a job (such as transportation) and paying for prescriptions and other health care costs.”

Resources on health care costs and reform

In his roadmap to a universal health system, State Senator Marty spells out how the new Minnesota Health Plan, as the current proposal is being called, would address concerns frequently raised when we contemplate a major change in how we finance health care. He discusses issues of addressing health care disparities (especially for rural residents and disadvantaged groups); uniformity of benefits; integration with retirement programs, auto insurance, and workers’ compensation; drug benefits; reduction of administrative costs; financing of long-term care; as well as transitioning employees of the private insurance industry. His book is available online at: <https://mnhealthplan.org/healing-health-care/>.

For comparisons of health care spending, utilization, and outcomes between the United States and other countries, go to the *Journal of the American Medical Association* at: <https://jamanetwork.com/journals/jama/article-abstract/2674671?redirect=true>.

For legislative proposals or health care financing reform, go to Health Care

for All Minnesota’s page at: <http://www.healthcareforallmn.org/legislation/bills/>.

For more information about Health Care for All and the upcoming forum, contact: Leah Rogne, 218-787-2212 or leah.rogne@mnsu.edu.

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ELY TUESDAY GROUP

Ely Area Food Shelf continues to grow

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

In the mind of Cheryl Boyes, the Ely Area Food Shelf is an amazing little miracle that quietly happens in a small little building on Conan Street.

Boyes the new coordinator of the Food Shelf and she talked about the community miracle at a recent Tuesday Group gathering. She talked about the past, present and future of the important service provided for Ely-area residents.

Three people in particular were acknowledged by Boyes as instrumental in the mission and work of the Food Shelf. "Jackie Fischer, Betty Firth and Carol Orban have been very strong warriors and champions at the Food Shelf," Boyes said.

The Ely Area Food Shelf has its roots in the Tower Food Shelf and goes back to as early as 2002. "There were a lot of Ely people using the Tower Food Shelf and there was a real need in this community for a similar facility that was not being addressed," Jackie Fischer said.

A task force was initiated, and with help from area churches and the City Council, the beginnings of the Ely Area Food Shelf were born. "Within four months, they had a building to use, shelving installed, and financing in place to begin

operations," Fischer said. "By February of 2003 we had 35 households being served."

Today, as many as 15,000 pounds of food are being distributed each month to more than 200 households in the Ely area. "Over the course of the year as many as 528 households and 800 people receive food to supplement their grocery needs," she said.

A board of directors was soon put in place and various community members have contributed leadership to the organization over the years. They managed to provide their service in their basement space at the Frandsen Bank Building until about 2009.

"In that year, we went up by about 50 more households," Fischer said. "It may have been because of the recession and other political things, but we were scrambling for more money and more space."

The Frandsen building was home to the Ely Area Food Shelf for more than 10 years. They even expanded their basement space in 2010 and their numbers of households served continued to rise. "We were hauling as much as 12,000 pounds of food down the stairs each month and then hauling it back up the stairs," she said. "It was good exercise but it was hard on our knees."

An anonymous benefactor



Cheryl Boyes
photos by K. Vandervort

stepped up in 2014 to help fund a new home for the Ely Area Food Shelf at 15 W Conan St. "It is a great space for us. It has a garage door in the back for trucks to unload, a nice front area for check in, and lots of space for food," Fischer said.

Boyes cited national, state and local data on poverty rates and the growing need for such services as the Ely Area Food Shelf. "As many as 16.9 percent of students in the Ely School District live in poverty," she said. "Or data shows as many as one in four of our neighbors have used the food shelf in the last year. I think that is really significant."



Jackie Fischer

"Minnesota has about 300 food self operations for a total of three million visits each year over the last five years. Many of the people in need are seniors, and seniors tend to be very proud people and many won't go to a food shelf because they feel they are taking the food away from families. That is simply not true. We have the ability to help everyone."

The Ely Area Food Shelf receives most of its food from Second Harvest Food Bank. Distributed food includes meats such as turkey, chicken and hamburger. "We focus on providing more healthy options for our

shoppers and provide food for those with diabetes and special needs," Boyes said.

Scores of community members volunteer each month for the truck delivery day and shopping day. The Ely Area Food Shelf would like to expand its advisory board.

"We take food donations, but what is more valuable are monetary donations," she said. "With every dollar donated, we can purchase \$10 in food."

The future of the Ely Area Food Shelf includes accounting for the aging Baby Boomer generation who will soon the new "food insecure" population. "Transportation availability for our food shoppers will be growing," Boyes said. Special food needs will also be growing, she said.

"We live in a very generous community and we are appreciative of the past, present and future support of the Ely Area Food Shelf."

To make a donation or for more information on the Ely Area Food Shelf, call 218-235-8527.

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING March 12, 2018

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orr City Council was held Monday, March 12, 2018, at the Orr City Hall.

Mayor Joel Astleford called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Mayor
Joel Astleford
Councilor Lloyd Scott
Councilor Tom Kennebeck
Councilor Bruce Black
Councilor Ericka Cote

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Cheri Carter; Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch; Assistant Maintenance Rocky Hoffman; Assistant Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer; Ambulance Finance Director Jim Gray; Liquor Store Manager Charles Nieman; Ambulance Personnel Leesa Gray, Barbara Johnson, Doran Klakoski, Diana Klakoski, Dennis Cote, and Wendy Deatherage; Voyageur Country ATV- Bruce Beste and Steve Koch; and Julian Brzoznowski.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of February 12, 2018, Minutes of Special Meeting of March 8, 2018; and expenditures in the amount of \$101,323.85. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve gambling permit for the Orr Lion's Club. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve Resolution 2018-01 Authorizing the Acquisition of Land for Public Use. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

A written request was received from Drew Holman requesting an adjustment on his February water bill for high usage due to a frozen water line. Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Ericka Cote, to approve a one-time adjustment to Drew Holman for high water usage. He will be billed for his average monthly usage. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Bruce Beste and Steve Koch were present on behalf of the Voyageur Country ATV Club. They requested the city sponsor the club for two grants they are pursuing. These grants would require the city to have an ownership interest in the trail, obtain easements and maintain the trail for no less than 20 years. This would be a temporary solution to allow the grants to move forward until St. Louis County agrees to be their fiscal agent. Resolutions 2018-02 and 2018-03 were tabled until the city attorney can be consulted as to ramifications to the city.

The water softener has not been working properly at the Liquor Store despite numerous attempts to repair. Paul Koch obtained four quotes for a new water softener. Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote, to accept the low bid

from Range Water Conditioning in the amount of \$1,795.00. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve an FAA entitlement transfer to the Roseau Airport in the amount of \$150,000. Roseau would repay this loan in 2021. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Liquor Store: Liquor Store Manager Chet Nieman reported everything is going well. Sales are comparable to last year. He is working on obtaining quotes for a new ice freezer.

Water and Sewer: Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch reported the relay switch at the Moose Lake Hill Lift station had to be repaired.

Airport: Airport Manager Rocky Hoffman reported a fuel inventory of 1,607 gallons of 100LL and 927 gallons of Jet A. The Dodge pickup had to go in for more repairs. The snow blower is working but has problems with overheating.

Ambulance: Assistant Director Donna Hoffer reported ambulance personnel attended the Long Hot Summer training conference. The officers met February 7 to work on updating ambulance policies and procedures. The siren on the 2013 ambulance is not working and the rig is out of service. A service call has been placed to get it fixed. The new stair lift has been received. Inventory has been taken on the two ambulances and supplies have been restocked. Doran Klakoski asked why Donna was asked to give the report since Diana was present. Doran was asked if they had spoken with their attorney. He indicated they have not heard from him. Mayor Astleford stated since they have

retained an attorney, the council has been advised they cannot discuss this matter with them. Doran requested and was given a copy of the Minutes of the Special Meeting of March 8, 2018.

Fire Department: No report.
Library: Closed - no report.

Tourist Information Center: Loretta Ahola is coming in once a week to clean while Roni Carr is taking a leave of absence.

Comments from Council/Visitors: Julian Brzoznowski expressed concerns about adequate staffing on the ambulance service. Mayor Astleford assured him no one has been fired and no one has resigned.

Barbara Johnson gave the council the Annual Report for the Cook-Orr Hospital District.

Doran Klakoski questioned if the service area for the ambulance would be able to be covered during the day. He also questioned why the minutes from the March 8 Special Meeting did not contain more detail. Mayor Astleford told him since Diana and Jules have retained an attorney, the city council cannot discuss the matter on advice from the city's attorney.

Comments from Mayor/Council: None

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Tom Kennebeck, to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel R. Astleford, Mayor
Cheri J. Carter,
Clerk/Treasurer

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ORR CITY COUNCIL SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES March 20, 2018

A Special Meeting of the Orr City Council was held Tuesday, March 20, 2018, at the Orr City Hall, 4429 Highway 53, Orr, MN.

Mayor Joel Astleford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken:

Present: Mayor Joel Astleford
Councilperson Bruce Black
Councilperson Lloyd Scott
Councilperson Ericka Cote
Councilperson Tom Kennebeck

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Cheri Carter; and Interim Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer.

The purpose of the Special Meeting was to review and adopt the Orr Ambulance Service Guidelines. The Council was provided with the proposed policies and procedures to review. The ambulance officers

have held numerous meetings and consulted with Dr. Josie Lopez, Medical Director, to finalize service guidelines. Donna Hoffer was present to answer questions.

Ambulance Officers Donna Hoffer and Ericka Cote informed the council all ambulance personnel will be given a copy of the approved Service Guidelines at the ambulance service's March 22 meeting. As a condition of being an active member of the Orr Ambulance, all employees will be required to sign an acknowledgment that they have received the service guidelines and agree to abide by all requirements and responsibilities. Ambulance personnel will be given the opportunity to review the Service Guidelines and return the signed acknowledgment form until April 19, the next meeting of the Orr Ambulance Service. Any employee not signing the acknowledgment agreeing to abide by the Orr Ambulance Service Guidelines by the April 19 meeting, will be removed from active employment with the Orr Ambulance.

Mayor Astleford thanked the officers for all the time and effort they put into updating the policies and procedures for the ambulance service.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve and adopt the Orr Ambulance Service Guidelines effective March 20, 2018. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote, to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Joel R. Astleford, Mayor
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Clerk/Treasurer

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WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

DNR seeking comments on new statewide deer plan

Plan calls for better communication and increased engagement with the public over deer management

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The Department of Natural Resources is out with a new draft statewide deer management plan, and North Country residents will have a chance to weigh in on the effort at upcoming public meetings set to be held in Mt. Iron and International Falls, starting next Wednesday.

The new draft plan is about 16 months in the making and is designed primarily to improve communication and bolster engagement with the public. The plan also sets a statewide annual whitetail deer harvest goal of 200,000, although DNR officials acknowledge that actual harvests will continue to fluctuate based on the variability of the deer population and weather. Minnesota would be the first state in the country to set a statewide

deer harvest goal.

“We want the public to better understand what we do,” said Leslie McInenly, the DNR’s acting wildlife populations and programs manager during a news conference on Monday.

The DNR is putting its new focus on public engagement to work as it plans to hold 35 public comment meetings around the state in April to hear more from the public on the plan. The Tower area meeting is set for Wednesday, April 18, at the Mt. Iron Community Center, while the International Falls area meeting will be held Tuesday, April 24, in Room H124 at Rainy River Community College.

There will be no formal presentation at the meetings. Instead, local wildlife staff will provide handouts explaining the deer plan and process and will talk with attendees individually and in small groups. All meetings

are scheduled from 6-8 p.m. and people can arrive anytime during the two-hour time frame.

The DNR will also take online comments through May 9 at mndnr.gov/deerplan. An online questionnaire asks people to indicate their level of satisfaction with the purpose, mission, vision and goals of the plan and provides opportunity for people to give additional feedback on whether the plan reflects the conversation and public input over the last few years.

“We’re setting a course for deer management that encourages more dialogue among stakeholders, the public, and DNR staff,” said DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr. “Our ultimate goal is to support our hunting traditions, better engage the public, and to maintain sustainable,

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The DNR sets a statewide annual harvest goal of 200,000 deer in its new draft management plan. photo by M. HelMBERGER



Left: A skinny doe looked to be waiting on spring last week north of Orr. DNR biologists have launched a new study in the Elephant Lake area to better understand how deer are using the habitat in the area. photo by Penny Backman

WILDLIFE RESEARCH

Why no recovery in border country?

Biologists hope new study will answer why deer haven't bounced back in northern St. Louis County

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ELEPHANT LAKE— Across most of northeastern Minnesota, the whitetail deer herd is rebounding. Recent mild winters have allowed the region’s deer population to recover from high mortality back in 2013 and 2014, and that’s allowed the Department of Natural Resources to liberalize bag limits for deer hunters.

But in a broad stretch of northwestern St. Louis County and much of Koochiching County, the deer recovery has been slow— so slow that the deer permit areas in the region have remained largely bucks only.

Now, wildlife managers here are hoping to find out why that is.

They’ve launched a new study, led by DNR biologist Glenn DelGuidice, to better document how deer are using the habitat in the region just south of the border, particularly in permit areas 108 and 119, where the deer population has struggled in recent years.

The first two years of the study will cost \$304,000, with funding coming from the state’s Game and Fish Fund. The Minnesota Deer Hunters Association is also contributing \$30,000 toward the effort.

The study may help wildlife biologists better understand the connection between habitat and winter deer survival. By conventional wisdom, the deer population in northwestern St. Louis County should be robust. The area is the primary wood basket for the Boise Paper mill in International Falls and it’s

been intensively logged for years. Traditionally, logging and young forests have been seen as beneficial for deer, but wildlife managers, like Tower DNR Area wildlife manager Tom Rusch, believe it’s a more complicated issue. Deer need more than food, notes Rusch, particularly in winter when protective cover contributes at least as much to deer survival as quality browse.

Deer struggle to take in much nutrition during the winter. During the warmer months, when fresh, nutritious

grass and other vegetation is readily available, deer thrive. But come winter, when all those nutritious foods are dead and buried under the snow, deer are forced to rely on woody browse. It may be high in fiber, but its nutritional value is limited— and that forces deer to rely heavily on stored fat reserves to get through a northern Minnesota winter.

One of the keys to their survival is minimizing their use of energy, in order to slow the utilization of their fat reserves. One way that deer conserve energy is by putting on a thick, well-insulated coat of fur in the fall. They also eat less, which slows their metabolism. In addition, they spend as much time as possible in dense evergreen cover. Biologists generally recognize that deer tend to “winter” in places like white cedar stands, or under dense pine, spruce, or balsam fir. That’s because these places protect deer from wind, tend to have less snow on the ground, and moderate temperature drops at night. Even a few degrees each night can make a big difference over the course of a winter in terms of a deer’s chances of survival. That’s one reason that wildlife managers try to ensure that there’s enough mature evergreen cover on the landscape. They know that this

time of year, cover is more critical than plentiful browse since deer get so little nutrition from woody branches.

Wildlife managers fear that quality winter cover is being sacrificed in the push to intensify timber cutting, particularly on state and county lands, and that it’s beginning to impact the survival of whitetail deer in the border region.

“We’re trying to find out why deer numbers are not recovering,” said Penny Backman, area wildlife manager in Orr. Wildlife managers believe they know why, but in resource management, it usually takes more than a hunch to create changes in policy. “We think we know what they need, but this could put some data behind it,” said Backman.

The study got underway last month with the capture of ten female deer near Elephant Lake.

Using a helicopter, a private firm that specializes in wildlife capture dropped nets on deer after pursuing them through the deep snow. It’s not pretty to watch— and it did generate at least one complaint from an individual who witnessed one of the pursuits— but it’s often less stressful on the animals than traditional tranquilizing,

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Outdoors briefly

Apply by
May 4 for
fall bear hunt



REGIONAL — Applications for bear hunting licenses are being accepted now through Friday, May 4, wherever Minnesota hunting and fishing licenses are sold.

A total of 3,350 licenses are available in 13 permit areas. Bear licenses cost \$44 for residents and \$230 for nonresidents, and there is a \$5 application fee. The season is open from Saturday, Sept. 1, through Sunday, Oct. 14.

Notification to lottery winners will be made by Friday, June 1. The deadline to purchase licenses awarded by lottery will be Wednesday, Aug. 1. Any remaining unpurchased licenses will be available over the counter starting at noon on Monday, Aug. 6.

An unlimited number of bear licenses will be sold over-the-counter for the no-quota area that includes east-central and far northwestern Minnesota. No-quota licenses are valid only in the no-quota area. Hunters with a no-quota license can harvest one bear.

Bear license numbers in the quota area are unchanged from the 2017 season. The current level of bear permit numbers for quota areas is set to allow bear population numbers to gradually increase and support a robust bear population. The 2016 bear season harvest was higher than expected as a result of poor natural food availability. Hunters in the quota area had the second-highest record (46 percent) success rate in 2017, while the no-quota area continues to see a high number of licenses sold.

Bear hunting information is available on the DNR website at mndnr.gov/hunting/bear.

SEASONS

Ice fishing for opener?

With a month to go, the ice is thick and spring-like weather remains elusive



Nearly three feet of solid ice remained on Lake Vermilion as of mid-April with no dramatic warmup in the forecast. photo by Max HelMBERGER

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The good news is that it's now less than a month to fishing opener. The bad news is that up to three feet of solid ice remained on many area lakes as of this week. And with no dramatic warmup in the extended forecast, the prospect for open water on most of the region's larger lakes in time for the May 12 opener is looking increasingly slim.

And this year, the North Country may have plenty of company. As the *Outdoor News* reported this week, the ice is close to 50 inches thick on some parts of the Lake of the Woods, with as much as three feet reported on Lake Bemidji in northwestern Minnesota. Lakes in central Minnesota still have as much as two feet of ice. And most places still have plenty of snow-cover that will need to melt

before the sun can begin to thaw lake ice.

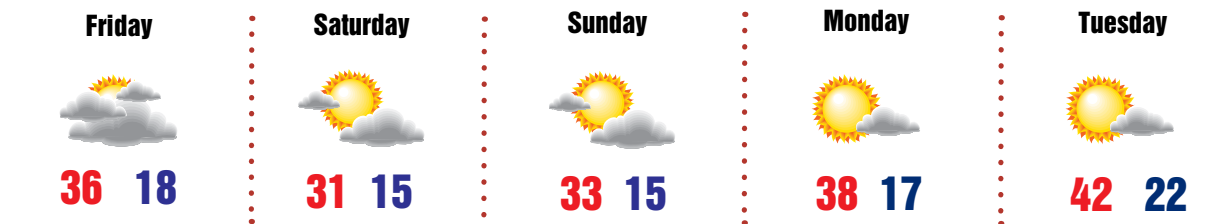
"And we need some nights above freezing," said John Niemeste at Aronson Boat Works on Vermilion's Pike Bay. Niemeste had hoped to have open water by the end of April, but he now predicts it won't arrive on Pike Bay until the first week of May. He's predicting the third week of May for the rest of the lake. The average ice-out date for Vermilion is April 30.

As of Friday, Stuntz Bay on Lake Vermilion had 34 inches of rock solid ice.

It's a safe bet that ice-out on Lake Vermilion will be later than usual this year. The only question is how much later, and whether it will impact the fishing opener, like it last did in 2014 and 2013, when most of the big lake was still ice-bound right up until mid-May.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather



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healthy deer populations throughout Minnesota."

The DNR developed the plan with input from DNR staff and an advisory committee made up of stakeholders. "We're looking at the comment period as the final check on our work," said McInenly. "We're hoping folks will look at it,

and comment on it."

Among other things, the plan establishes a number of performance goals, including increasing in-person public contacts related to deer management by 25 percent from 2019-2025. The plan also calls for communicating deer season harvest rules by June 1, and for

having at least 75 percent of deer permit areas within their established goal ranges. At the same time, the plan sets a goal of receiving no more than 150 deer damage complaints annually and keeping CWD-positive areas to zero.

You can read the plan at mndnr.gov/deerplan.

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which can have its own set of unwanted side effects.

The capture is necessary to attach GPS collars to the test animals. The GPS units allow researchers to gather data on deer movements almost continuously, 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. "With this, we'll be able to drill down to what cover type they are in at any point in time," said Rusch. "This is great data and we're going to learn some valuable stuff."

Next year, researchers plan to add 20 more deer in the Elephant Lake area to the study. At the same time, researchers will be studying deer in other parts of the state, including the Grand Rapids area

and southeastern Minnesota, to better understand how deer use different types of habitat and how they adapt to distinctly different climate types. We know we have the toughest winters up here," said Rusch. The question is how do harsh winters impact the way a deer uses its landscape in order to survive.

"What deer need varies by winter and where you are in the state," said Backman. "It's a complex issue."

It's also a timely issue given the DNR's recent moves to shorten forest rotation ages, particularly for aspen, which is the predominant timber type in northwestern St. Louis County. Rusch said the best

deer cover is typically provided by older aspen stands in that part of the county, particularly where a significant component of balsam fir has developed in the understory. That understory takes years to develop and Rusch worries that shorter rotations will mean sites are logged before critical winter cover has time to develop.

The study will help researchers either put solid data behind their theories or will demonstrate that other factors may be at play. "We need this data," said Rusch, "but we still don't know what it will tell us in the end."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 St. Louis County, Minnesota
 will meet at the
Field Town Hall, 1627 Highway 25
on Friday, April 27, 2018
from 11 a.m. - 12 noon.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the town has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and also to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after conferring with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

Pat Chapman, Clerk, Field Township

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Local Board of Appeal and Equalization
Breitung Township
 St. Louis County, Minnesota

The Board of Appeal and Equalization will meet April 27, 2018 from 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM at the Breitung Town Hall/Fire Hall.

The purpose of the meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns.

If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally you must appeal to the Local Board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Valeda McDonald, Clerk
 Breitung Township, 218-753-6020

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING
For the Proposed Location of the Mesabi Trail
from County Highway 21 (Lamppa's Corner)
to County Road 26 (Wahlsten Road)

The St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority and Kugler and Embarrass Townships encourage the public to attend informational meetings regarding the finalized route from County Highway 21 to County Road 26 along or near the former DM&IR Railroad Grade.

Information will be provided during the Tuesday, April 24, Kugler Township Meeting at 6:00 pm and the Wednesday, May 9 Embarrass Township Meeting at 6:00 pm.

Embarrass Town Hall: 7503 Levander Rd, Embarrass, MN 55732
Kugler Town Hall: 9072 Hwy. 135, Tower, MN 55790

The purpose of these meetings is to receive final comments from the public about the proposed project. Several renditions and prior public comments have been considered. Maps and other information will be available at the meeting. Comments received, either written or verbally, will be recorded and considered when making future project decisions.

The Regional Rail Authority also requests input from anyone on the identification of historical and cultural properties in this vicinity. Additional information can be obtained from and comments mailed to the St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority or Benchmark Engineering, Inc.

St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority:
 Bob Manzoline, Director, 111 Station 44 Rd, Eveleth, MN 55734

Benchmark Engineering: Jeremy Schwarze, jeremys@bm-eng.com
 218-735-8914, 8878 Main Street, PO Box 261, Mountain Iron, MN 55768

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EMPLOYMENT

Nett Lake School
Indian Home-School Liaison/Director

The Nett Lake School is seeking applications for an Indian Home-School Liaison/Director. This is a 35 hr./wk for 42 weeks position. A complete job description and application can be found at www.nettlakeschool.org or you may stop by the Nett Lake School. Salary will be based on qualifications and experience.

The district will begin reviewing applications on April 20, 2018. This position will remain open until filled. ttn

Nett Lake School
Teachers Wanted

The Nett Lake School is seeking applications for (2) elementary teachers for the 2018-19 SY. Applicants must submit a letter of interest, resume, copy of their valid MN teaching license or eligible for a variance and three letters of reference. Applicants may apply online at www.nettlakeschool.org. The district will begin reviewing applications on Friday, April 20.

Submit to: James J. Varichak, Superintendent,
 Nett Lake School, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, MN 55772. ttn

KUGLER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

The Kugler Town Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 24 at 6 p.m. A public informational meeting on the Mesabi Trail route is on the agenda.

Julie Suihkonen, Clerk

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- 1 In addition to
 - 9 Like racist or sexist jokes
 - 14 Small country in Europe
 - 20 Kellogg's cereal
 - 21 As thin as —
 - 22 Gotten up from bed
 - 23 Certain Burgundy fruit
 - 25 Small
 - 26 Regular: Abbr.
 - 27 Bullring yell
 - 28 W-2 expert
 - 29 Belfast's county
 - 30 Cheesy Italian dish
 - 36 First emperor of Brazil
 - 39 Pigeon's call
 - 40 Airline serving Oslo
 - 41 Honshu coin
 - 42 Annual Calgary or Rochester celebration
 - 47 Suffix with 119-Across
 - 50 Jackie's #2
 - 51 Texter's "Then again ..."
 - 52 — penny, pick it up ...
 - 54 Still-life fruit
 - 58 Sam of "The Piano"
 - 60 Very shy sort
 - 65 Ending for cyan
 - 67 British rocker Brian
 - 68 Most indigent
 - 69 Have too much of, for short
 - 72 The 1890s' nickname
 - 77 See 71-Down
 - 78 Any of 12 pontiffs
 - 80 Two-base hit: Abbr.
 - 81 That gal
 - 83 What playing kids "go round"
 - 88 Expand upon
 - 92 Not as daft
 - 93 Hairy twin in the Bible
 - 94 Garr of film
 - 96 "Ni-i-ice!"
 - 97 — -do-well (idle person)
 - 99 Suspect in Clue
 - 104 Charade
 - 107 — Fridays (restaurant)
 - 109 Wriggling fish
 - 110 Post-teens
 - 111 1951 Alec Guinness comedy
 - 118 Left fielder Minnie
 - 119 Tearful
 - 120 Tear's place
 - 121 Zero in
 - 124 Ink-squirting creatures
 - 125 Whoopi Goldberg film that's apt for this puzzle
 - 131 Israeli money
 - 132 "St. — Fire"
 - 133 Least quiet
 - 134 Albanian city
 - 135 Jr.-year exams
 - 136 Singers Frank and Nancy
 - 10 NHL's Bobby
 - 11 Civil rights org.
 - 12 Robert Browning's "— Passes"
 - 13 Unclogs
 - 14 Ill feeling
 - 15 Circular gasket fitting
 - 16 Old crime boss Frank
 - 17 In error
 - 18 Dion of song
 - 19 Like a single-person band
 - 24 Do a spit-take, say
 - 30 Noted period
 - 31 Peter out, as a trail
 - 32 Present
 - 33 "— will not!" (firm refusal)
 - 34 "Mazel —!"
 - 35 Made do
 - 36 Intend (to)
 - 37 Ireland, to the Irish
 - 38 Ovid's 552
 - 43 Dawn goddess
 - 44 "Be quiet!"
 - 45 Invite
 - 46 Maui garland
 - 48 Verbalized
 - 49 No longer edible
 - 53 City of central Sicily
 - 55 Appeal
 - 56 For fear that
 - 57 Kin of -kin
 - 59 Tackles, e.g.
 - 61 Gun, as an engine
 - 62 Suffix with opal
 - 63 Tropical tern
 - 64 Signs made by winners
 - 66 Runner Zatópek
 - 69 Chooses
 - 70 Qatari capital
 - 71 With 77-Across, not closing early, as a store
 - 73 Inn in France
 - 74 Employes
 - 75 Taper off
 - 76 Gulager of "The Killers"
 - 79 Unblemished
 - 82 Flattop, e.g.
 - 84 Sharp knock
 - 85 Karel Capek sci-fi play
 - 86 Aves.
 - 87 "For — a jolly ..."
 - 89 Voodoo —
 - 90 Hype up
 - 91 Measures of resistance
 - 95 Gallivant
 - 98 French "Presto!"
 - 100 Atop, in odes
 - 101 Jewish cry of disgust
 - 102 Architect Saarinen
 - 103 Alehouse
 - 104 Maximally
 - 105 Overly stylish
 - 106 Person camping out, often
 - 108 Foot part
 - 112 "Don't — gift horse in the mouth"
 - 113 Quaking tree
 - 114 Writer Roald and actress
 - 115 Stalk swelling
 - 116 City south of Dijon
 - 117 "Vive —!" (French cry)
 - 121 Imitator
 - 122 Rick Blaine's love, in film
 - 123 Citi Field baseballers
 - 126 Folding bed
 - 127 Old spy org.
 - 128 Lapel insert
 - 129 D.C.'s land
 - 130 Slowing, in music: Abbr.

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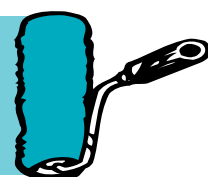
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