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HARBOR DEVELOPMENT

Town home project should begin this summer

Work slated to begin after wetlands permit is approved

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER— This should be the summer that work finally gets underway on planned town homes at the city’s harbor here, although it won’t be until late summer based on a timeline approved by the harbor committee this week.

The city’s portion of the work,

which will include streets and utilities, should begin sometime in August, with the town home construction expected to get underway shortly thereafter.

City Engineer Matt Bolf said the wetlands permit is likely to ultimately determine when the project gets underway. The project can’t start until the permit is approved, and Bolf said it’s not clear when that will happen. “The permit applications

were submitted in February,” he said. “I’ve still received no response to know if a review is even underway,” he added. Typically, he said, the wetland permits take six months to be approved.

In the meantime, the city and the developer, Tower Vision 2025, will need to approve an amended development agreement that includes

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An artist's to-scale rendering of the planned development at Tower's harbor area.

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



Scouting's highest honor

Ethan Hasz is Ely's first Eagle Scout in six years

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - Ethan Hasz joined an exclusive group last Sunday when the Memorial High School senior was officially awarded the rank of Eagle Scout. He was inducted in a ceremony at Ledgerrock Community Church.

Just over two percent of boys who enter the Scouting ranks ever earn the badge.

“I started Cub Scouts at about age six or seven and did all the ranks, Bobcat, Tiger,

Above:
Ethan Hasz had his name up in lights at the State Theater to congratulate him on reaching the rank of Eagle Scout.
submitted photo

Right:
Ethan Hasz takes the Eagle Scout oath during the honor ceremony last Sunday afternoon at Ledgerrock Church.
photo by K. Vandervort



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COOK

Health on agenda at outreach meeting

Cook health leaders discuss issues with Senator Smith's staff

by MELISSA ROACH
Staff Writer

COOK—Outreach directors for U.S. Sen. Tina Smith asked for input and received an earful from members of the Cook Hospital Board and other area healthcare leaders at a meeting here last week.

Outreach Director for Healthcare and Aging, Lindsay McLaughlin, and Range Area Director, Peter Makowski, were both on hand on behalf of the senator.

Cook Hospital Chief Executive Officer and Administrator, Teresa Debevec, stressed the importance of maintaining critical access status. “It is very important for us to maintain that designation. We would struggle without it,” she said.

Scenic River Chief Financial Officer, Keith Harvey, and Cook Hospital CFO, Kaylee Hoard, agreed and said the additional reimbursement of costs is critical. “I’ll say it three times: reimbursement, reimbursement, reimbursement...It’s very, very critical for us to get reimbursements,” Hoard said.

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ELY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ten Below: Business co-working space ready to roll in Ely

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – A business co-working space, called the Ten Below Project, is set to open this spring in Ely.

Richard Stuart, manager of the facility, housed in the lower level of the Klun Law Firm, is “an office away from the office”

New facility will offer an ‘office away from the office’

for local business people and even tourists to gain access to high-speed internet access in an office environment.

Stuart updated the Ely Economic Development Authority on the project this week. Without looking to take

away any of the business at local coffee shops that have wireless internet access, he stressed the option of having a co-working space in a more business-like atmosphere.

“Statistics show that within three to four years, almost 50

percent of young entrepreneurs will be working outside of the traditional 9-5 office environment,” Stuart said. “They will be working from home offices or other co-working spaces. This is our opportunity to get ahead of the curve and see how this proof

of concept can meet the needs of Ely.” He said, anecdotally, the concept has been a “smash” as he spread the word about the new facility around town this spring.

Furniture for the facility was delivered two weeks ago and the high-speed internet (as much as 100 mb upload and download) is

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Cook Lions Fish Fry set for Friday, May 11 at the Cook VFW

COOK- The Cook Lions are hosting a Friday Fish Fry at the Cook VFW on Friday, May 11 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., or until the fish runs out! Cost for the meal is \$10 or \$5 for ages 10 and under. The side dishes include coleslaw, beans, rolls and dessert. It's a fundraiser with Lions doing the cooking.

The Lions Club is an international membership organization dedicated to serving communities. All monies collected are donated to community projects and events. Lions meet every other Tuesday at 6 p.m. (May 15 and 29) at the VFW building. Please join us in making a difference in our community!

Sauna Day celebration set for Saturday, June 2 in Embarrass

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage will be celebrating National Sauna Day on Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nelimark Homestead and Museum in Embarrass. A number of traveling saunas will be on display, including at least one that will be fired up for use by visitors. Carl Forsman is bringing the sauna he had at the Super Bowl earlier this year; he'll have the stove going and people are welcome to take sauna that day.

Outdoors, rain or shine, there will be food, games for kids and adults, demonstrations by Lamppa Mfg. and other local businesses, door prizes, raffle tickets for sale, and music. Eli Bissonett will be strolling the grounds with his fiddle from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Farmstead Artisans gift shop will be open, offering free coffee and selling an array of hand-made and homemade goodies, including pulla. The shop has aprons, notecards, T-shirts, Finnish ceramics, books, rugs and much more. Tour the museum rooms, the buildings on the grounds, and the old farm implements.

Bring your towel and come to celebrate the Finnish tradition of sauna.

The Nelimark is located on Hwy. 21 at Salo Rd., across from Timber Hall.

National Sauna Day is generously sponsored by these local businesses: Lamppa Mfg., Wintergreen Northern Wear, Benville Service, Fortune Bay Resort, C&C Winger, Garson Tile & Stone, Embarrass-Vermillion Credit Union, and Mealey's Sauna Shop.

NORTHERN LAKES ARTS ASSOCIATION

'Reflections on Water' Multimedia Dance Performance set for Aug. 3 & 4

Auditions for dancers, singers set for May 20 and 22 at VCC

ELY- Northern Lakes Art Association (NLAA) is proud to present a unique production this summer, incorporating local dancers, musicians, poets, photographers, videographers, and artists. Reflections on Water will be performed on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3 and 4, at 7 p.m. at the Vermilion Community College Fine Arts Theater and will feature dance pieces inspired by the theme of water's integral place in our lives. The pieces in the production will be primarily choreographed by Molly Olson, with other area choreographers contributing to the works. Collaboration with other local, experienced people in the community includes lighting, set design, costumes, and visual art. A backlit projector will be utilized to display images and videos that evoke the feelings of various water bodies and experiences. A unique two-dimensional art exhibit will be on display in the lobby during the show as well, featuring pieces from local artists inspired by water.

Auditions for dancers and singers are set for Sunday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 22 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the VCC Fine Arts Theater. Dancers ages ten and up are invited to participate. Fifteen to twenty-five dancers are needed for the performance. Singers with experience in choir performances are also invited to be part of the backup chorus for the show. Selected musicians under the direction of Irene Hartfield will accompany the dance performances live, along with pre-recorded music.

The local group Accidental



Local musicians led by Irene Hartfield (left) will accompany the live dance performance, and the Accidental Ensemble (above) will premiere an original composition as part of the event. file photos

Ensemble will be premiering a composition created just for this production by composer Michael Maiorana. Maiorana is a recipient of a 2018 Artist Initiative grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

The project has a trio of cycles that will be tied together. Water, life, and the four seasons are all interwoven in the pieces. The first act will begin with birth in the bogs and swamps, moving through streams, rivers, and rainstorms into summer

which will feature a large production number with many dancers at the lake enjoying playing in and around the water. The second act will delve into love, loss, and melancholy surrounding water and rivers during fall before going into a deep freeze of winter. Finally, the snow will melt and there will be a rebirth piece as the seasons return to spring. The final piece will celebrate the peacefulness of water, its healing power, and place in spirituality.

This activity is made possible in part by a grant from the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust.



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LVCC Midsummer Fundraiser set for Saturday, June 23 in Tower



TOWER- The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center's annual gala and benefit "LIVE from Lake Vermilion, Minnesota Midsummer 2018" will be held on Saturday, June 23 at the Tower Civic Center, starting at 5 p.m. After several years of having an international theme, the musical program, food, and decorations will have a Minnesota flavor. Invitations will be mailed soon. If you would like to receive an invitation email vermilionculturalcenter@gmail.com or call 218-753-4100.

Choir members are needed for the Midsummer Singers. Rehearsals will begin in June. If you are interested in participating, contact Mary Batinich at 612-360-7079.

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POLITICS

U.S. Senate candidate says foreign billionaires behind region's copper-nickel push

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Can a campaign against corruption elevate a University of Minnesota law professor to the U.S. Senate in the age of Trump? That's the question Richard Painter intends to answer as he takes on U.S. Sen. Tina Smith for the DFL party nomination — and he sees the current push for copper-nickel mining as grist for his campaign.

Painter, 57, who announced his bid for the Senate earlier this month, is a former government ethics lawyer, who worked in the George W. Bush



Dayton vetoes bill to gut wild rice protections

should and must. If sent to me without modifications, I will be forced to veto the legislation and Minnesota will be left without a practical solution, which is urgently needed."

said Kathryn Hoffman, CEO of the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy. Hoffman took issue with the Legislature, which she said misstated the findings of the state's own research on the subject.

“Gov. Dayton’s veto gives us another chance to get this right. We now have the science to create effective strategies to protect wild rice from sulfate pollution,” Hoffman added.

Dayton said he “recognizes” that the current standard is not technically or economically feasible for industries or municipalities, and that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency’s proposed new equation-based standard could not be implemented in a way that provided “clear and reasonable expectations.”

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White House as well as in corporate board rooms for years. He's probably best known as one of President Trump's most outspoken critics, having appeared countless times on cable news shows since Trump's surprise election in 2016. He's also vice chair of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, or CREW, a group that unsuccessfully sought to sue President Trump over violations of the emoluments clause of the constitution. He's Harvard and Yale-educated and he has nearly half a million followers on Twitter, where he regularly issues broadsides against Trump and other targets.

Painter, who has called himself a Republican for years, said he's focused on ensuring that the DFL maintains the seat now held by Smith, who was appointed earlier this year following the resignation of Sen. Al Franken. Painter will challenge Smith in the August primary but says he has no intention of running a negative campaign, or of accepting donations from political action committees.

Painter discussed the race with the *Timberja* this past week, and said he is particularly concerned about the corrupting influence of big money on

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OPINION

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Editorial

The wounded ACA

GOP walked away from health care
after leaving Obamacare on life support

The country is getting its first look at the impact of the changes to the Affordable Care Act enacted by Congress and President Trump late last year. The news isn't good.

In the two states, Maryland and Virginia, where insurers have proposed new rates for 2019, the premium increases are staggering, as much as 99 percent for one Blue Cross network. Most proposed increases are smaller than that, but it barely matters. The Congressional Budget Office projects overall rate increases across the country of 35 percent next year, which is hardly sustainable. While states could still take steps to reduce those rate hikes somewhat, there's ultimately no way to avoid the unraveling in the private insurance market that's almost certainly to come.

It demonstrates that the GOP's desire to dismantle the ACA is likely to be fulfilled, albeit with lots of pain for Americans along the way. What's worse is the Republicans have no plan for how to actually make the country's dysfunctional health care system work better.

President Trump promised to replace the ACA with something "terrific." But what he and his GOP allies in Congress have delivered is a wounded ACA. By eliminating the mandate to buy insurance coverage, and allowing insurers to sell stripped down (read: "junk") policies, the Congress and the President have almost certainly triggered the death spiral that will effectively eliminate the ACA as the viable, albeit imperfect, health law that it was.

That death spiral occurs as healthy people either leave the insurance market entirely (which is already happening) or they purchase the junk plans that are inexpensive but worthless when you actually need them.

As these healthier people leave, only the sicker (and more costly) people continue to buy the decent coverage, which then skyrockets in price because the average payout per beneficiary is higher. This will lead to two outcomes, both of them bad. First, the cost of the insurance subsidies, which are paid by the government, will rise sharply as premiums spike. Because the ACA was designed to make insurance

affordable, increases in individual health insurance premiums are generally covered by the government subsidy. An individual rate-payer may see a 25-percent premium increase on paper, but in most cases, it's been the government picking up the extra cost. Those costs will now rise even more quickly than before.

Second, those who earn too much to qualify for the subsidies will be crushed financially. Health insurance is already a massive financial burden for those in the individual market. Adding 25-40 percent per year to that burden quickly makes it untenable. As those people are forced to drop coverage, it will be the healthiest who drop first, which will only intensify the cost spiral.

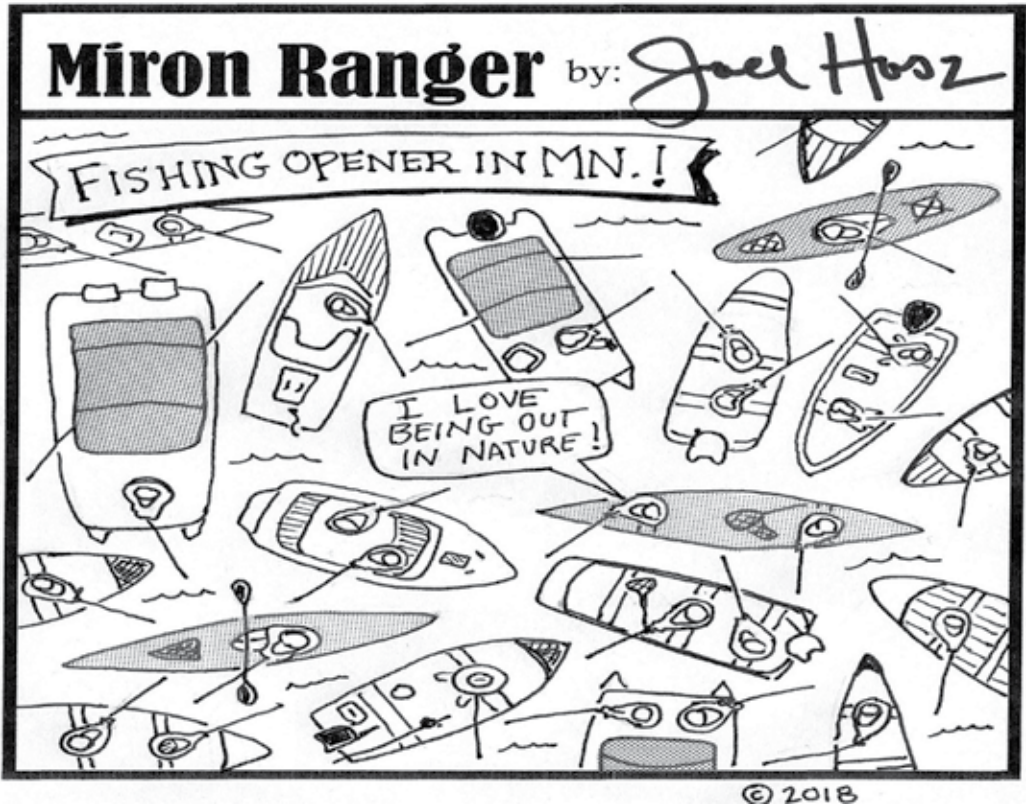
There is nothing surprising about this. It's Insurance 101.

When the Congress passed, and President Trump signed, the changes to the ACA last year, they had no intention of fixing its problems. For Trump, it was clearly just personal. He loathes Barack Obama and put dismantling the 44th President's signature accomplishment at the top of his list. He clearly didn't care how doing so would affect Americans.

And Congress, despite years of promises to "Repeal and Replace," ultimately had no replacement plan, because the ACA was built on the private market insurance model that Republicans had long espoused. Forget Repeal and Replace. We got "Wreck and Run" instead.

If there's a silver lining, it's that the dismantling of the ACA, without a viable alternative, will increase the political pressure for what is, in fact, the only viable alternative — namely a single-payer system like Medicare or Medicaid for basic medical coverage. These programs already cover 40 percent of the highest-need Americans, including the elderly, the disabled, the mentally ill, and the poor. Covering the rest of us just makes sense.

And for the first time, we have more than a handful of politicians who are finally willing to talk about it. As the rates continue to skyrocket under a wounded ACA, that pressure will only continue to grow.



Letters from Readers

The region's economy is slowly diversifying

In his April 27 column, Marshall Helmburger is making the case that the DFL leadership urgently needs to, in his own words, keep its eyes "on the big picture" rather than narrowing its view and expending its energy on the one issue of mining. The big challenge for the DFL in the upcoming MNDistrict 8 election is to stop squabbling and provide the insight and leadership to grow and diversify economic opportunities on the Iron Range.

Thriving economies are diverse. Diverse economies can take the shocks of economic downturns. The main economic problem in St. Louis County is a lack of job diversity. But it is not a binary economy. Do people really believe the only job opportunities on the Iron Range are in

mining and tourism? How do we account for the personal income growth in St. Louis County that Helmburger cites (\$390 million from 2013 to 2016, even during a downturn in the taconite sector)? Did that increase just come from more jobs in the tourism sector? Are the 95 percent of Iron Rangers who do not work in mining employed only in tourism?

My sense—from watching the towns, cities, and rural areas on the Iron Range for almost 30 years—is that the economy is diversifying, slowly. Yes, many jobs are in the service sector, but there looks to be substantial growth in sectors like health care, law, IT, management, and higher education. These job sectors not only benefit the person who takes home the paycheck to his or her family but also the rest of us. Iron Rangers are healthier, can get better access to legal representation, and benefit

from improved technology such as broadband (the sooner the better!). And to state the obvious: these higher wage earners spend their money locally.

Higher education especially enriches life on the Iron Range—and we can thank former state Rep. Tom Rukavina for working long and hard to promote higher-education opportunities for Iron Rangers. Higher education provides good jobs and it educates and trains our kids, many of whom want to stay on the Iron Range, so they can fill a variety of jobs in a diversifying economy. Keeping kids here, in turn, will help counter the downward spiral in regional population as those of us in the Baby Boom inevitably, yes, die. I, for one, will be happy if I live long enough to see the \$390 million growth in personal income double, triple, quadruple.

Suzanne Winckler Embarrass

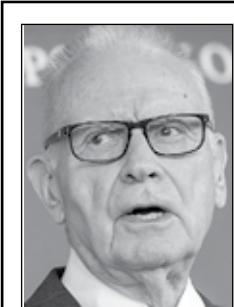
COMMENTARY

We're all in this together

Our republic is under stress. So much so, in fact, that if you're not worried about its future, you probably haven't been paying attention.

What makes me say this? Our public discourse has become uncivil and shrill. Corruption and unethical actions by prominent politicians headline the daily news. Too many politicians make their mark by fueling division, exploiting frustration and casting doubt on our democratic institutions — and too many Americans respond by agreeing with them.

On the whole, Americans' regard for our political institu-



LEE HAMILTON

tions and the people who run them is scraping rock bottom. By two-to-one margins, parents urge their children not to go into politics.

And who can blame them? These days, it's far easier to enumerate the things that are wrong with our republic than what is right. It's marked by a proliferation of special interests, an avalanche of money, disregard for facts, gridlock, partisan gerrymandering, excessive partisanship, and indifference to the common good among political leaders.

So it's not surprising that many Americans have tuned out. They understand our republic only vaguely and participate in

it less. Voting rates are depressing, and a disturbing number of young Americans reject politics in all its forms.

While political engagement — as measured by people taking to the streets — may be on the rise, that's not necessarily a sign of good civic health. In fact, we appear to be caught in a dangerous downward cycle. Government is seen as dysfunctional and corrupt; this causes the ablest people to stay out of government and politics; and this, in turn, hobbles politics and government.

The risk in all this is that as Americans disengage, we place the entire American democratic enterprise in jeopardy. Lincoln's burning question at Gettysburg — "Whether a nation so conceived and so dedicated can long

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Creating circles of generosity

Last Sunday over 120 Ely women gathered together to donate thousands of dollars to benefit a local non-profit, and I was privileged to be one of them. This truly imaginative approach to fundraising, 100(+) Women Who Care, was started in 2006 by Karen Dunigan of Jackson, Mich., to raise money quickly and



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efficiently for local charities. She put out the word, and 100 women brought their donations and collected \$12,000 in an hour to buy 300 new baby cribs and bedding for a hospital in Jackson.

Karen Dunigan was described as a dogged fighter for her community in many ways. She served as

mayor and on multiple non-profit boards, chaired major fundraising efforts, and received many prestigious awards, including the Susan B. Anthony Award. She was a busy woman who knew who to get things done, and she knew a lot of other caring, busy women who wanted to make a difference, so she put out the original appeal, which is followed by groups all over now: if you have limited time but want to make an immediate, direct and positive impact on our community, if you want 100 percent of

your donations to go directly to a local charitable organization, if you want to learn about our local non-profits, and if you want to meet other caring women, then come join us.

Then she structured the process: She asked everyone to contribute \$100 and nominate a favorite non-profit. (People can also team up to pool their contributions, but the team only gets one nomination and one vote.) The nominations are collected, and three are chosen at random. Whoever submitted each nomi-

nation has five minutes to present the organization's purpose, projects and needs, followed by five minutes of questions. After all three presentations are made, everyone votes, and the winner receives 100 percent of the donations. All this happens in an hour, although most groups start with a social hour with snacks and beverages, as well as some recruiting for favorite causes. The local group decides how often to meet, often quarterly. The Ely

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group meets twice a year. This last Sunday was the third event, and so far over \$20,000 has been raised. The Northern Lakes Arts Association, Ely Community Resources, and Northwoods Partners have been the recipients. The brilliant simplicity of this takes your breath away. Have you ever worked on a fundraising event? How many hours did people contribute to put it together to raise a few hundred or a few thousand dollars? Have you every felt your cash donation is just too small to make a difference? The power of coming together is palpable. Additionally, although everyone wants their own group to win, the randomness of the drawing helps reduce competitiveness, and there is enthusiastic applause for all the presenters and for the final winner. Everyone values all the worthwhile organizations and recognizes the cumulative power of volunteerism and community support represented in the room. Giving the unexpected lump sum to one organization means the recipient can fund a project or need not covered in the budget. Some people write checks for all

three organizations, just because they can. Karen Jackson died in 2014 at the age of 61 and left an amazing legacy. Her local group had already given away \$475,000, and today there are over 400 Women Who Care chapters in the United States and Canada. Not wanting to be left out, there are now Men Who Care, Kids Who Care, and People Who Care groups, as well. I couldn't even find an estimate of donations collected since 2006, but with 400 chapters, the totals would be quite staggering. Curious about other stories of generosity, I went exploring. I had heard the term "circle of generosity," and I found a foundation with that name, a group started by Michael Clinton, skilled organizer in many charitable efforts, who said, "I've learned over the years that the most gratifying way to give back is to be anonymous and to be selfless." The organization's mission is to deliver random acts of kindness to individuals and families in need, to give a one-time, anonymous financial gift to an individual or family for basic

living, education or medical needs during a period of struggle. It has helped people all over the world, from helping rebuild homes after Hurricane Sandy, assisting Sherpas' widows after a Mt. Everest disaster, providing a needed oven, or a check after surgery. The only thing Circle of Generosity asks its gift recipients in return is that the recipient perform their own random act of kindness in the future, to complete the circle of giving. I found a story about an entrepreneurial couple in Australia who were comfortably well-off and wanted their three children to recognize that they had more than enough and to learn generosity and compassion. With the help of a friend, Catriona Wallace, who founded Kids in Philanthropy, they identified a project which they and nine other families could work on together, building relationships with kids the same age as their own but from different socio-economic levels. They each pledged \$5,000 a year to seed after-school classes in four primary schools, and the families participated personally.

I also found Common Change, another inspirational form of collaborative giving, formed by a group of friends who decided to contribute to a common fund and collectively meet the needs of people around them, providing friendship and support or giving money. "We started with a simple question, what is poverty? That led us to ask how might we create a culture that reflects the reality that there is enough for all of us?" They found they could change lives. In nine years, they have given hundreds of thousands of dollars to help friends, family, coworkers and neighbors, and helped personally, opening their homes to the homeless, assisting disadvantaged teens, giving people a leg up to start over. Common Change invested in a web-based platform so others could set up a fund of their own and manage the donations, requests and assistance. Their website states, "Common Change is built around genuine relationships, with the hope to connect people and their resources with people in their life. This is more than

charity or benevolence; this is about a call to friendship." They recognized that the act of sharing can be extremely powerful and identified these benefits: Pooling money, skills and time, and other resources reveals an economy of abundance and opens up possibilities about how we might help; collaborating with others can lead to better decisions about giving and reminds us we're not alone; advocating for what we value increases engagement and empathy in our lives. Jack Kornfield, revered Buddhist teacher, says generosity is the first of the Ten Perfections of the Heart, that it offers freedom by letting go of what is really not ours anyway, and fills us with the joy of giving. He asks, "Have you ever met a truly generous person who is unhappy?" He tells the story of when a wealthy man died, and someone asked, "How much did he leave?" The answer: "Why, everything, of course." Thank you, Chris Chandler, for importing the Women Who Care concept to Ely. We all benefit.

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endure" — was apt then; it is disturbingly so today. So what do we do? There are plenty of steps we could take to strengthen our democratic institutions and make government more efficient, effective, and responsive. But what we need most of all is for our citizens — that's you and me — to appreciate this democracy we've inherited, and to step up to the responsibilities it asks of us. Our republic, despite its many challenges, is at its core a monumental

achievement. It is marked by strong, independent branches of government, entrusted to exercise limited and defined powers within the bounds of the Constitution. It enshrines checks and balances, separation of powers, equal individual rights and opportunity, and the rule of law. It provides fair, free elections — mostly free from fraud and manipulation. Most remarkably of all, it is constructed to allow us to seek a more perfect union — to

improve it as the nation evolves. This is its great strength. But we can only take advantage of its strength when we act as though we're all in this republic together — when we work cooperatively to secure a country where all people have the opportunity to enjoy the promise of America by living a life of honor, excellence...and responsibility. Because democracy places demanding responsibilities on its citizens — to cast an informed vote,

to engage in the dialogue of democracy with civility and a willingness to learn, to make discriminating judgments about politics and politicians, to work with others to strengthen the institutions of democracy and improve our part of the world. We will disagree with one another about all kinds of issues — but also know that we need to accept and tolerate those differences, because we are far stronger when we seek to reconcile them rather than ignore or exacerbate them.

Let's not deny it: the trends these days are worrisome. We face a bewildering array of dangers to our republic. Authoritarian rule and autocratic leadership, once unthinkable, are now true concerns. We are subject to unwanted foreign influence, prey to public and private figures who use government to pursue money and power and manipulate the rules of the game for personal gain, and at the mercy of politicians who believe that whatever it takes to win is just fine.

But if we also lose trust that we, as citizens, can turn the republic around by shouldering our responsibilities to act, that's when we're truly sunk. *Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.*

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the political process, and he highlights a close-to-home example of how powerful and wealthy interests are affecting politics here in Minnesota. Copper-nickel mining, according to Painter, is a bad deal that will leave the state with a centuries-long waste problem while powerful players, who most Minnesotans couldn't even name, skate off with the vast majority of wealth that a new type of mining might generate. And he said his campaign is working to expose the connections to the people who are really behind the projects currently under consideration. "When you talk about PolyMet, it's really not PolyMet, it's Glencore that has the power," he said. "Glencore controls a third of the stock, but it also has a lot of the debt and that gives you a tremendous amount of control of a company." Painter noted that Glencore, a Swiss-based international commodities broker, also has contractual rights to any metals produced by PolyMet, which means the Swiss company will have the ability to price metals favorably for itself, potentially limiting future profitability for PolyMet if it remains as a separate entity. Painter said the big players who are really behind the PolyMet project are wealthy foreign finan-

ciers, like Nate Rothschild, of the Rothschild banking family, and Oleg Deripaska, a Russian oligarch previously served by former Trump campaign manager Paul Manafort. "Both Rothschild and Deripaska like to pose as miners," said Painter. "But they're just billionaires who've never worked a day in their lives." Painter said PolyMet is essentially a local front and stated that it's a common ploy used around the world, mostly by European financiers seeking to tap resources elsewhere while tamping down local opposition. "The British were experts at this," said Painter. "That was their whole modus operandi around the world." In Minnesota, said Painter, Glencore and its front men have cultivated ties with the political class in both major parties as well as the labor community to build support for their project. He said Twin Metals, which is controlled by the Chilean billionaire Andronico Luksic, is trying to replicate PolyMet's approach, but faces a greater challenge due in part to its location within the watershed of a major Boundary Waters tributary. Still, Luksic's project advanced this past week with the decision by the Trump Interior Department to reinstate

mineral leases that had been rescinded in the final weeks of the Obama administration. Painter notes that Luksic, who now rents a Washington, D.C., mansion to Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, has a history of using various levers of influence, including financial, to obtain favorable treatment from governments. Painter said the influence of these foreign financiers is taking its toll on Minnesota's political process and dividing the DFL. "What's going on is that the party bosses in the DFL have decided to essentially split the baby, to go ahead and support PolyMet and keep Twin Metals a bit on the slow track," said Painter. "As a result, the people in Duluth feel like they've been thrown under the bus," he said. PolyMet's NorthMet deposit, which is located south of the Laurentian Divide, poses the most environmental risk to the St. Louis River watershed, which enters Lake Superior in Duluth. "The evidence that I've seen, is that both mines present serious environmental problems," said Painter. "We've done iron mining here and I believe the consequences of that have been manageable, but when you get into copper-nickel, it's a whole lot trickier and the environmental risks are much more severe. I'm not

an environmental expert, but that appears to be the scientific consensus." Painter said he has little confidence in the Department of Natural Resources to protect Minnesota's environment or understand the financial games that big multinationals are capable of playing. "The DNR is just a political branch of the government," he said. "They don't have the expertise." Painter suggested the state would be reckless to allow either project to move forward without adequate cash bond, and he said he has too much experience with other financial instruments, like letters of credit, to put stock in them. "You could stack up letters of credit and use them for toilet paper for all the good they'll do," he said. According to Painter, such letters may look credible but are often issued from subsidiaries that don't ultimately have the assets to back them. "Glencore's got the money," he said, suggesting that the state should require the company to post cash bond, which is far more secure. "They just don't want to take the risk," he said. But that leaves the risk ultimately on the backs of taxpayers, he said. Painter suggested that Glencore's selection of Tony Hayward as company chairman is indicative of the company's questionable commitment to the environment. The British-born Hayward

became notorious in the U.S. during the Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico, when Hayward was chairman of British Petroleum, which was responsible for the disaster. "Here you have a guy with a really crappy environmental record, and he's the chairman of Glencore," said Painter. "And they're ensuring us it will all be fine here in Minnesota?" he asked. It's a bad bet, said Painter, adding that Minnesotans need to understand the way that the commodities industry has globalized. "The old model from iron mining days was you had an American who owned an iron mine and they would build a big house in Duluth and raise their children and spend their time and money there. They'd fund charities and the wealth

would stay in Minnesota, often for two or three generations," said Painter. Those days are largely gone, he said. "Today, the vast majority of the profits will be to people like Andronico Luksic or Nate Rothschild." Painter is clearly planning to make copper-nickel mining an issue in the campaign, although it remains to be seen how well a former Republican will fare with progressives in the DFL who might otherwise be receptive to his arguments on the issue. Painter may put more pressure on Smith to clarify her position on the issue. Smith has generally made pro-mining statements, at least in northeastern Minnesota, but has not been outspoken on the issue.

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"Task Legislators, representatives of the mining and labor communities, environmental advocates, and Tribal Leaders to work with Commissioner Stine and his staff to find a workable solution before the end of the legislative

session," said Dayton. Iron Range lawmakers who backed the measure said they were disappointed in the veto, but blamed GOP leadership in the House and Senate for forcing Dayton's hand, rather than seeking a com-

promise. "Moving forward, we will continue to work with Gov. Dayton and his administration, our colleagues in the Legislature, and all stakeholders to find a solution that provides more certainty for both

Minnesota's communities and industries," said Rep. Jason Metsa, of Virginia and Rep. Rob Ecklund, of International Falls, in a joint statement issued in response to the veto.

St. Martin's Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 19

TOWER- St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower is hosting its 9th annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 19 from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For all the early bird shoppers, the doors will open at 8 a.m. for the small charge of \$5. We have something for everyone: rummage sale items, bake sale, and a light lunch. There will also be a 50/50 cash drawing – tickets are \$1. Winner will be drawn at 12:45 p.m. Proceeds from this sale will go towards the purchase of new cabinets in the social hall kitchen. St. Martin's is handicap-accessible.

Ely VA Clinic will hold Open House for Veterans on Wednesday, May 16

ELY- Meet the clinic staff and connect with VA Leadership in Minneapolis via video teleconferencing on Wednesday, May 16 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ely VA Clinic, 720 Miners Drive East.

Tower Soudan Civic Club Spring Banquet, May 16

TOWER- The Tower Soudan Civic Club will meet on Wednesday, May 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Vermilion Club for the Spring Banquet.

Everyone will be ordering off the menu and there will be a short meeting following the dinner. If you would like to attend, please let Linda Haugen know by Friday, May 11 by calling 612-916-1918. Organizers for this special event are Linda Kronholm and Linda Haugen.

Spaghetti Fundraiser for Fourth of July at Greenwood, Saturday, May 19

TOWER- A spaghetti dinner will be held at the Greenwood Town Hall on Saturday, May 19 from noon to 6 p.m. Please mark your calendars. The meal will include spaghetti, meatballs, coleslaw, garlic bread, an assortment of desserts, and a beverage. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets are now on sale from committee members. Meal tickets will also be available at the door and take-outs will be available as well. This year we are having a Chinese Auction prepared by members of the committee and local businesses. The proceeds of the meal will all go to the Fourth of July activities in Tower-Soudan. Please come and support this effort to make sure we have a wonderful Fourth of July this year in the Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion area.

Junior and Junior Legion baseball sign up on May 20

BREITUNG TWP- Junior and Junior Legion baseball sign-up will be at Breitung Ball Field on Sunday, May 20 at 6 p.m. Cutoff birthday for Juniors is Jan. 1, 2004. Junior Legion's cutoff is Jan. 1, 2002. For questions, call Greg Dostert at 218-248-0648.

St. Paul's Lutheran will hold congregational meeting May 20

SOUDAN- The St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council has approved a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 20 after worship, for the sole purpose of calling Pastor Greg Anderson.

Little Church to meet on May 12

VERMILION LAKE TWP- The Little Church Committee will meet on Saturday, May 12 at 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help with cleanup both inside and outside. Everyone is welcome to attend. Any questions, call Len Hujanen at 218-749-2014.

Spring Salad Luncheon at St. James on Thursday, May 24

TOWER- Please join us at St. James Presbyterian Church, located on the corner of Spruce and 2nd St. N in Tower for the Spring Salad Luncheon held Thursday, May 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations accepted.

HooDoo Point Campground now open for the season

TOWER- Hoo-doo Point Campground opened as scheduled on May 1, but due to work updating the campground's sewer lines, the campground was not able to offer guests water, sewer, or electricity. Randy Pratt, campground host, expects that the utilities will be restored this Friday, May 11, just in time for fishing opener.

Stop by this weekend for fishing opener or anytime this summer for a swim, ice cream, picnic, or to pick up a souvenir at the gift shop. RV openings are still available but have been booking up quickly so call 218-753-6868 or visit the website at hoodoopointmn.com to make a reservation today.

VERMILION COUNTRY SCHOOL



Vermilion Country School high school biology students spent last week dissecting dogfish, a small variety of shark. Once they got over the "ick" factor, students got a closeup look at shark anatomy as they carefully worked to expose the internal anatomy and explored the differences in the anatomy placement between humans and sharks.
photos by S. Ukkola

GREENWOOD

When every minute matters

Two air ambulance services able to respond within 15 minutes

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- With two air ambulance services now serving the area, the Greenwood Fire Department got a refresher course in air ambulance landing zone safety from Rob Pearson and a helicopter crew from North Memorial Air Care on May 1.

North Memorial recently set up its seventh airbase in Minnesota, at the Eveleth Airport. This provides a 15-minute response time to the area.

"We had 116 flights up here in 2016," Pearson said.

North Memorial flies a fleet of Augusta 109 twin-engine helicopters that are retrofitted as air ambulances.

"This is the fastest non-military helicopter," he said. "Their range is 388 miles."

Safety at the landing zone is the largest responsibility for local responders when a dispatcher calls in air transport. The helicopters need at least an 80' x 80' clear area to land, though pilots prefer at least 100' x 100'. The helicopters have wheels so they can land in a safe area and then taxi over to an accident scene, if needed.

Safety during landing is key, Pearson stressed. The tail rotors are not clearly visible and are very dangerous. He noted that the pilots have a blind spot behind the copter. He said that safety protocols call for any responders on the scene to always walk around in front of the helicopter, never behind.

When landing, the blades whip up winds as high as 55 mph. Securing items in the landing area is a responsibility of the responders on scene.

Pearson also went over how responders need to describe the landing scene for the pilots, identifying any possible service lines or other wires, and any other possible strike hazards.

The twin-engine helicopters can fly in most weather, except in extreme winds (over 60 mph), and bitter cold (lower than -20F). The helicopters are instrument-rated, which allows for flights in more marginal weather, and most of the pilots have military experience, Pearson said. Each pilot flies with



Left: Greenwood Fire Chief Dave Fazio waits while the helicopter lands. Above: Roth Indihar checks out the instrument panel. Below: The paramedic demonstrates how to load a patient.



a paramedic and a trauma nurse on-board, and medical procedures such as surgical airways can be performed during the flight. Each helicopter is equipped with two units of O-negative blood, which can be the difference between life and death in a trauma, Pearson said. Flight staff are also trained in pediatrics, high-risk obstetrics, as well as critical trauma.

After watching the presentation, Greenwood responders moved outdoors as a North Memorial helicopter landed in the parking lot. Winds whipped up gravel.

"You need to protect your eyes and your patient," Pearson said.

Responders watched as the helicopter crew demonstrated how patients are loaded into the air ambulance.

Pearson noted that helicopter departures can be dangerous, and responders need to be alert in case a

helicopter needs to come back and land, which is preferred since the pilot knows there will be an ambulance on scene.

"We are a team," Pearson said. "We appreciate you letting us come up. We like to get to know our local responders."

The on-site helicopter tour was cut short when the crew got a call to respond to the Cook Hospital.

Costs for air ambulance service are high, with fees averaging around \$14,500, Pearson said. He noted that North Memorial has agreements with all area health insurance providers, as well as Medicare and Medicaid. "We take what the insurance has agreed to pay," he said. "We don't charge the gap."

Life Link also offers helicopter air ambulance service from its base in Hibbing, and also has a 15-minute response window.

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Pizza party fun with Dan

Breitung Police Chief Dan Nylund treated Tower-Soudan Kindergarten students to a pizza party last week. Nylund has been working with the class on an age-appropriate program that is related to the D.A.R.E. program designed for the older elementary students.
photos by S. Ukkola



Vacation Bible School set for July 9 - 13 in Tower

TOWER- A summer kids' event, Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School, will be hosted at Immanuel Lutheran and St. James Presbyterian churches from Monday, July 9 to Friday, July 13. At Shipwrecked, kids discover that Jesus rescues them. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Sail

Away Sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned. Shipwrecked is for kids from pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. Summer will be here before we know it, so save the dates and get ready for a fun week.

Movie Night at St. James on Sunday, May 20

TOWER- St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower is hosting a movie night on Sunday, May 20 at 6 p.m. "Faith Of Our Fathers" is a story of fatherhood and a journey of brotherhood. John Paul and Wayne are two young men in search of their fathers. The problem is, their fathers have been dead for 25 years. Eddie and Steven are two young men in search of their sons, whom they've never met. In

1969, Eddie and Steven are with their squad, deep in the jungle of Vietnam on a five-day mission to retrieve fallen comrades. They write letters to their wives, often mentioning their love for their sons, one who is an infant and one who is yet to be born. In 1994, John Paul and Wayne go on a five-day road trip to the Vietnam Wall in Washington, D.C., to see their fathers' names. Along the way, reading those letters, they begin to get an understanding of who their fathers were and how they died. Trials and mishaps, both funny and sad, complicate the road trip for the boys. The horrors of war and the testing of faith manifest themselves for the young men in Vietnam. Ultimately, in parallel stories - 25 years apart - the fathers and sons are bound together forever. This movie is rated PG-13.

Bookmobile Schedule

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Soudan Fire Hall	1:45-3:00 p.m.
Tower Civic Center	3:15-4:15 p.m.
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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.

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 May 14

Monday- Chicken Alfredo with a Twist, Bread Stick, Vegetable

Tuesday- Cheese Enchiladas

Wednesday- Turkey Sub, Fruit Salad

Thursday- Sloppy Joe, Baked Beans

Friday- Chicken Wild Rice Soup, Dinner Roll

Week of May 14

Monday

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

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

Tower City Council- 5:30 p.m. on May 14

Tuesday

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Wednesday

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

Thursday

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



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Mondays, Ledgerock
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use 15th Street entrance

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Presbyterian Church.

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ELY - The board of
the Donald G. Gardner
Humanities Trust recently
voted to award \$17,736 to
local artists, arts organiza-
tions and fine arts events.

"The Gardner
Humanities Trust was
very pleased with the
applicants for this year's
spring grant round," said
Keiko Williams, execu-
tive director for the Trust.
"There were several new
applicants this year which
is always nice to see.
The Trust has also been
working on updating some
of the grant guidelines to
try and make questions
more clear or to clean
up any discrepancies. So
people should be sure to
check for any changes in
future applications."

Individual artist
grants are awarded for
unique, short-term oppor-
tunities that will impact an
artist's career.

▶ A m a n d a
Vanderbeek was awarded
\$494 and will attend the
Just for Kix dance camp,
in Baxter, this summer
to learn new dance tech-
niques and coaching
strategies. Amanda's
attendance at the dance
camp will aid in her work
as head coach for the Ely
H.S. Dance Team.

▶ Dafne Caruso was
awarded \$1,000 to attend a
four-day watercolor work-
shop with Beverly Jozwiak
to work on improving her
design, color, and compo-
sition in art work. Because
of Dafne's last artist grant
and connection with the
artist Tonja Sell, Dafne



Black and white photography submitted by Ethan Hasz helped him earn a \$1,000 scholarship to attend UW-Stout next year to pursue a degree in design. submitted photo

is subsidizing a portion
of that workshop hosted
here in Ely and will offer
a partial scholarship to a
young student.

▶ Rachel Colber was
awarded \$1,000 to attend
a two-day acrylic painting
workshop with Tonja Sell.
Rachel will also conduct
demonstrations of new
techniques learned at the
workshop to other artists
in June and have an exhibit
in August to highlight
artwork that features new
painting techniques.

The Trust's project
grant program supports
activities in the fine arts
and is intended to make
possible presentations or
productions. Three project
grants were awarded this
year to the following orga-
nizations:

▶ The Ely Folk School
was awarded \$2,932 to
help support a series of
four Folk Dances to
help build community in

Ely and increase social
activity.

▶ 'Reflections on
Water,' a multi-media
dance production direct-
ed by Molly Olson, was
awarded \$4,600. This
dance production, to be
held in the beginning of
August, is centered around
the theme of water and
includes collaborations
with many artists and
musicians.

▶ Northern Lights
Music Festival was
awarded \$4,000 to provide
advertising support to
present four events in Ely
this summer, including
the opera "The Barber of
Seville."

Youth scholarships
were awarded to the fol-
lowing two students in
Ely:

▶ Madelene and
Savannah Johnson will
both be attending the Just
for Kix dance camp in
Baxter this summer. Both

of the young women did a
great job with their grant
applications and inter-
views to express their love
of dance and interest in
the training opportunities
at the dance camp. Youth
grants were awarded for
\$355 to each applicant.

Two college scholar-
ships were awarded this
year:

▶ Samantha Corbett
was awarded \$2,000 as
she completes her final
year of graduate studies
at Syracuse University in
New York for studio art
and printmaking.

▶ Ethan Hasz was
awarded \$1,000 as he
pursues a major in design
at the University of
Wisconsin-Stout. Both
applicants submitted great
examples of their artistic
works.

The Trust allocated
an additional \$3,100 for
the Ely Public Library for
its future use. The library

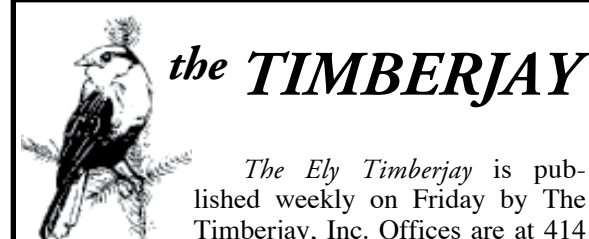
used some of last year's
grant for new chairs to be
used by library patrons.
The Trust also puts money
into an account each
year that is earmarked
for "arts-related build-
ings and facilities." This
account has been used in
the past for renovations to
Washington Auditorium
and the original construc-
tion of the Whiteside Park
Bandshell.

The Trust board
approved a Community
Giving Grant of \$750
in March that brought
Lyric Opera of the North
to the Ely Elementary
School. The educational
outreach program had
greater impact this year
with Babbitt and Tower
students invited to attend
the program in Ely.

The 2018 Donald
G. Gardner Humanities
Trust board members
are: Laura Moberly, Ryan
Callen, Becky Zientek,
Cade Thibodeaux, Beth
Ohlhauser, Andrea Strom,
Jill Swanson and Andy
Messerschmidt.

The Trust will again
have a fall grant round
with applications due by
the end of September.
The actual deadline will
be published in the news-
papers as well as on the
website by August.

Any questions about
the grant programs, the
Trust, or ways to support
the arts in Ely can be direct-
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Executive Director, at
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**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.

May 15 - Daniel
Bliss/Professor/Author -
"Economic Development
and Governance in Small
Town America"

**Random Acts of
Poetry popping up**

ELY - Random
Acts of Poetry can be
found at Crapola World
Headquarters, The Front
Porch Coffee and Tea
Company, Rockwood,
The Ely Folk School, and
Gator's Grilled Cheese
Emporium throughout
the summer.

P o e t s from
Northeast Range School
and Ely Memorial High
School are featured
besides regional writers.
Sponsored by Story
Portage, Random Acts
of Poetry will be popping
up in area publications
and other businesses
throughout the fall.

Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2018



time moving quickly
winter becomes memory
skis exchanged for boats

AROUND TOWN

**Music Theater class presents 'Wizard of Oz'**

The Ely Memorial Middle School Music Theater class presents "Wizard of Oz" on Friday, May 11 at 7 p.m. and on Sunday, May 13 at 2 p.m. at Washington Auditorium This well-known classic musical is fun for the whole family. photo by K. Vandervort

Ely Women benefits Northwoods Partners

ELY - The 100+ Ely
Women Who Care group
selected Northwoods
Partners as the recipient
of their combined dona-
tions last week. More than
\$6,500 was raised for the
group.

The donations to
Northwoods Partners will
be presented at a ceremony
on Friday, May 18 at 2

p.m. at the Northwoods
Partners office, 328 W.
Conan St. (in the Essentia
Clinic), Ely.

The purpose of 100+
Ely Women Who Care
is to foster philanthropy
and community by donat-
ing as a group to a local
charity. By contributing a
significant amount at one
time, charities are able to

provide programs and ser-
vices that otherwise might
not be possible.

More than 120 Ely
women contributed to the
donations. This was the
third 100+ Ely Women
Who Care event. The first
two in 2017 raised over
\$14,700 for the Northern
Lakes Arts Association and
Ely Community Resource.

EWS Museum History Nights start June 13

ELY - The Ely Winton Historical
Society will again offer Summer History
Nights programs this summer. All pro-
grams begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday
evenings in room CL 104 at Vermilion
Community College. A free-will donation
appreciated.

The schedule includes:

June 13: Annual Meeting and Dinner
in the VCC Cafeteria. Dinner starts at
5:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow.
Make reservations by calling EWS at
365-3226. The guest speaker, Art Skantz,
will discuss his book "A Kid From Ely,"
beginning at 7 p.m. in room CL 104.

June 27: Pam Brunfelt speaks on
Cooperatives and the Common Good.

July 11: Tim Cochran talks about the
Basswood Indians.

July 25: Jeffrey Kroll of the U.S.
Forest Service will present his program
"Older Than Dirt". He will analyze the
soils of this area and talk of his love of
gardening and collecting foods from the
fields and forests.

August 8: Celia Domich will teach
participants how to research their own
family tree in "Tools For Researching
and Documenting Your Family History."

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

Road Warriors

Freemans biking to Washington, D.C. to help save the Boundary Waters

by KEITH VANDERVORT
 Ely Editor

ELY – Local environmental advocates Dave and Amy Freeman are continuing their fight to save the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness as they pedal themselves and a canoe on a 1,750-mile bicycle trip to Washington, D.C.

They left April 20 from the front of Sustainable Ely headquarters on Sheridan Street. The “Pedal to DC: A Book Tour to Save the Boundary Waters,” will take the Freemans across nine states and they hope to be at their destination on June 18.

Last weekend, they made their way down roads and trails along the Mississippi River.

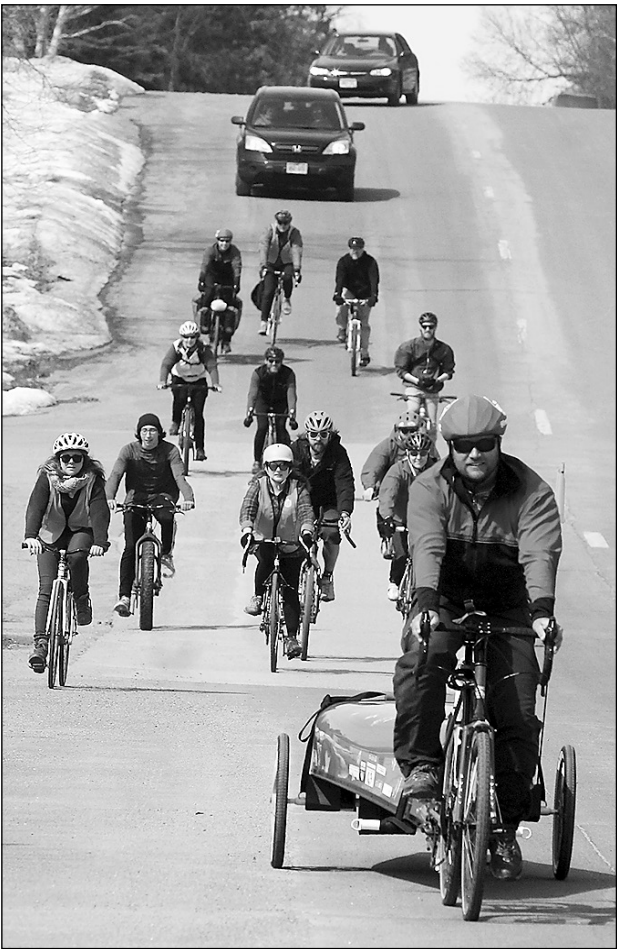
“As we worked our way between Wabasha and Winona on Saturday the bearings in the canoe trailer wheel began failing,” Dave Freeman said in a Facebook post. “We limped into Adventure Cycle and Ski in Winona to see if they could help us. Miraculously, they found two of the right bearings in their miscellaneous parts bin and were able to fix our wheel. That takes a big load off our shoulders.”

They rode from Winona to La Crosse on Sunday, May 6. “We rode over the Mississippi one last time and left Minnesota behind,” Amy Freeman said. “The folks at Wenonah Canoe really hooked us up and Mike Cichanowski, who started Wenonah 50 years ago, rode with us to La Crosse along with a couple other friends. A new friend, Jonathan, met us on the outskirts of La Crosse and gave us a great tour around town. The riverfront was busy and we had fun gathering signature and sharing the BWCA with folks we met throughout the day.”

One of their bicycles is being used to tow a red Wenonah canoe adorned with dozens of signatures by supporters of their effort. By the time they get to the nation’s capital, there will likely be no space left to put a signature. The other bicycle is weighted down with supply and gear packs hanging off the front and back wheels.

As they left the Twin Cities, Amy said she kept thinking about a question that a sixth-grader asked after a presentation at the Audubon Center of the North Woods, “Why are you doing this again?”

“We had told her about our first adventure



advocacy project, Paddle to D.C., and how we spent 100 days paddling a canoe covered in signatures to Washington, D.C., to help protect the Boundary Waters from copper mines being proposed on the edge of our nation’s most popular Wilderness. Now, here we are traveling to D.C. all over again.”

It’s a logical question and there are certainly other things they would rather be doing, like getting ready to go on their first canoe trip in the Boundary Waters as the ice begins to melt. “With cars whipping past and the steady cadence of my pedals whirling I came to the conclusion that there are really several reasons that we are doing this again,” she said.

“The first, and most important, reason is that the Boundary Waters needs our help now more than ever. Paddle to DC, and then our Year in the Wilderness, helped the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters and their partner organizations make a lot of progress toward permanently protecting the Boundary Waters watershed from copper mining, but there is still a lot of work to do.”

Right now the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management are in the middle of a two-year scientific review, and just last week, awarded exploration leases to the Twin Metals project.

“A copper mine has never been built anywhere in the world without polluting the water, so a lot is at stake and actions taken

during the next year will have ramifications that will last for generations,” David said. “We can’t stand on the sidelines, we all have to jump in and act. We are putting our skills as adventurers and storytellers to work by Pedaling to DC and inspiring folks across the country to stand up for their public lands and their wilderness, and their clean water by speaking loudly for the Boundary Waters.”

Amy continued, “Second, we wrote a book called, ‘A Year in the Wilderness: Bearing Witness in the Boundary Waters,’ that was published last September. Like many authors we did a book tour, with driving and flying all over to give presentations and sign books. We found that the book tour was a great way to share our story and the importance of protecting the Boundary Waters, but we were closed off from the natural world; we didn’t exercise and we felt run down. We figured there had to be another way so we decided to combine our love of wilderness, adventure, exercise, and being outside with our desire to share our book and protect the Boundary Waters by doing a book tour by bicycle and now here we are six months later, two weeks into our two month journey from Ely to Washington, D.C.”

On their latest trip, they won’t be as isolated in the wilderness as when the husband-and-wife explorer team spent 366 straight days in the BWCAW, from 2015 to 2016, on an



Dave and Amy Freeman prepare their bikes, above, for the 1,750-mile trip to Washington, D.C. They left Ely, left, on April 20 and hope to reach their destination by June 18. photos by K. Vandervort

epic trip they described as “witness activism” to raise awareness of the dangers of proposed copper-nickel mines in northeast Minnesota.

With the help of Milkweed Editions, Save the Boundary Waters, and many other partners, they are organizing as many as 30 events at bookstores, libraries, outdoor stores, colleges, breweries, community centers, and other venues in Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Columbus, Pittsburgh, and many more communities all along their route.

“This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness Act of 1978 and we hope to use ‘Pedal to DC’ as a way to celebrate and protect our public lands during this momentous year,” Amy said.

They gathered with supporters in front of the Sustainable headquarters on the first day of their journey back on April 12. “There have been some challenges over the past year, but there have also been a lot of positive things that have been going on with this campaign,” Dave said. “This journey is an extension of all the hard work that a lot of people have put in over the last couple of years.”

The couple’s first stop, just 12 miles down the road, was at the Kawishiwi River to gather some water to carry with them on their journey as a constant reminder of the clean water they are peddling to protect. Because of the proposed Twin Metals sulfide-mining project, the Kawishiwi River is listed as the third-most endangered in the entire country.



Bill Tefft signs the canoe that will be towed behind the Freemans’ bicycle.

Yesterday’s news, this week

from the archives of

THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

MAY 10, 1918

Home Guard inspects Ely company

It was estimated that 800 people attended the Loyalty Meeting at the Washington Auditorium Monday evening and listened to one of the most patriotic addresses ever delivered in this city.

Warren E. Greene, county attorney of this county, made an address on loyalty and patriotism that electrified the audience.

Mr. Greene spoke plainly and to the point . He made it plain that any residents not satisfied with this country were at perfect liberty any time they saw fit. He also made it plain that some would be asked to move providing their own sympathies for our enemies became much stronger. His talk bristled throughout with salient points that sunk deep into the hearts of his listeners and the applause that was tendered him was spontaneous and freely given.

Miss Mary Stilwell, with the state food administration department, made one of her able pleas for food conservation. Miss Stilwell is an interesting speaker and her talks are always listened to with attention.

R.F. McIntosh, who was scheduled to speak on the agricultural possibilities as embodied in war gardens, failed to appear but his topic was most ably handled by Mr. Hostetter of the county agricultural department and Mr. Larson. Both of these men are doing valiant services in the county and it was a pleasure to hear them.

President Brozich of the Commercial Club acted as chairman of the meeting. The Ely City Band furnished music and the High School Boys Glee Club rendered several vocal numbers. The evening was enjoyed by the large attendance.



Dave and Amy Freeman stopped to gather water from the Kawishiwi River to carry all the way to Washington, D.C., as a constant reminder of the clean water they are pedaling to protect. “Twelve miles down, many more to go,” Amy said. submitted photo



Cook Lions recently donated \$500 to Cook's Music in the Park. Shawna Kishel is shown accepting the check from Cook Lions Norene and Roger Butalla. submitted photo

North Woods Elementary STEAM Day on May 18

FIELD TWP- North Woods Elementary is inviting the public to STEAM Day on Friday, May 18 from 1:15 – 3 p.m. to celebrate science, technology, engineering, art, and mathematics in the North Woods School Commons. Children will explore the topics through fun activities including forestry, bird-feeders, terrariums, life cycles, bottle rockets, Rube Goldberg machines, art, and music. STEAM Day will also include a collaborative art silent auction. Each grade, early childhood through sixth grade has created art projects to raise money for our PTO.

Events in May At NWFA

COOK- Much is happening at Northwoods Friends of the Arts during the month of May. Please join us for the following events.

► Thursdays, May 10, 17 and 24 woodcarvers meet from 6 to 8 p.m. May 24 is the last meeting until fall.

► Friday, June 15 there will be a concert fundraiser featuring the Church of Cash, Eric and Anna Pederson and Mike Randolph. Tickets for the concert are \$20 each. For tickets, please call 218-750-1989.

► Friday, May 18 from 5 to 7 p.m. Lillian Wheeler presents Pop Up Art Show.

► Saturday, May 19 from 1 to 3 p.m. there will be Open Art. Open Art is open to artists of all genres for exhibit, performance and education.

► Saturday, May 26 is the deadline for entering photos in the photo contest.

► Saturday, May 26 is Open Sewing by Cabin Quilting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information on any of these events, visit the NWFA website at nwfamn.org.

Spring Art Expo raffle tickets on sale

COOK- In preparation for the Spring Art Expo, tickets are being sold for the 50/50 raffle at \$5 each. You may purchase tickets from NWFA members and at the NWFA gallery. Spring Art Expo will be exhibiting June 8 to 29. Art will be displayed in the NWFA Gallery as well as in businesses in and around the city of Cook.

“Pop Up Art” on Friday, May 18

COOK- Lillian Wheeler will present a special Pop Up Art Show from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, May 18 at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook.

Wheeler, a student artist at North Woods School, recently won Best in Show in printmaking at the 2018 Minnesota State High School League Art Competition. Pop Up Art Show will feature student artists Lise Carlson, Ellie Frazee, and Brice Rother. North Woods art teacher Ms. Betterley is assisting Wheeler with her Pop Up Art Show.

Cook residents gathered for the National Day of Prayer

COOK- Area citizens concerned about pressing current events gathered by the flagpole near Cook City Hall on Thursday, May 3 at noon. Pastor Linda Freeman, who is a hospital chaplain, welcomed everyone and passed out brochures produced by the National Day of Prayer Task Force, an interdenominational group of Christian citizens that organizes group prayer all over the USA on the first Thursday in May every year. This year's theme was Unity.

Books have been written about the power of praying mothers, fathers, wives and husbands. The Bible narrates story after story of God's answers to the effectual fervent prayers of God's people from all backgrounds. And local Christians can attest to God's powerful actions in their lives.

Pastor Jeff Schirle of Cook's Evangelical Covenant Church, Pastor Jared Bangs of Cook's First Baptist Church, and Father Nick Nelson of St. Mary's Catholic Church were also on hand to lend their support to the lay people praying. A broad range of concerns was prayed about including the sanctity of human life from conception to the oldest elders, gratitude to military veterans, healing of grave diseases, blessing of friends and family members, prayers for journalists, artists, and media organizations, and prayers for all of those in authority from local civic and government leaders, to prayers for Congress, the U.S. Supreme Court and Administration, and finally the President and Vice President.

May the City of Cook and its leaders at every level of government, business, service, and families represented be blessed by this outpouring of loving positive faith in the coming months.

NORTH WOODS HIGH SCHOOL

What if?



During a lifelike mock crash demonstration, area EMR, medical, police, and student volunteers simulate the scene of a drunk driving crash. Students then watched a simulation of what happens in an emergency room, and then the emotional scene of parents being told their child has died. photos by M. Roach



CRANE LAKE

Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



Spring is here. The weather is balmy, sunny and best of all there are no bugs. Of course we know they will soon be out and they will be hungry. The lake is trying to have ice out.

What a difference a week makes! Last week, the lake was only beginning to open, and this week, open water is everywhere! Looks like Opening Weekend will not be a bust, at least in the ability department. Whether the anglers actually catch anything with their rods is an entirely different story. At any rate, it is great to have our lake back. Visions of numerous activities connected to our lakes are dancing in everyone's heads.

The hummingbirds have been spotted in Duluth and the Iron Range. They should arrive up here by next weekend or the first part of next week. Last year they arrived on the 13th of May so they are on time. Get your feeders out as they arrive hungry.

Did your horse win in the Kentucky Derby? The Derby is the longest running sporting event in the U.S., dating back to 1875. The race is often referred to as “The Run for the Roses” and has continuously produced “the most exciting two minutes in sports”. Not even The

Great Depression, World War I or WW II cancelled the running. So much hype for two minutes.

With the warm weather and vanishing snow comes the impetus to get our yards free from winter debris, plant gardens and flowers, and wash windows so we can actually see the gorgeous lake and the bright sunshine. This old Dame remembers her mother doing “spring cleaning”, which was a deep cleaning of the whole house, doing one room at a time. Bedding would be washed, closets would be organized, and the smell of cleaning solutions would linger in the air. Not too many seem to do spring cleaning nowadays; washing all our windows is about as OCD as we get. Just be glad you don't live in the Empire State Building—it has 6,500 windows!

Our local businesses will all be opening—we are so glad to see everyone preparing for our summer visitors. We also enjoy having the restaurants open, watching the houseboats come and go, and seeing the planes taking off and landing on the lake. May all our businesses have a great summer.

Herberger's in Virginia will be closing, as the Bon-Ton umbrella has declared bankruptcy. Hope something else comes into the Thunderbird Mall. Not sure where we will have to go for our shopping; Duluth seems to be a bit too far and on-line shopping does not always get our items to us if we have a time-limit between when we realize we have NOTHING to wear and graduation TOMORROW night!

Speaking of graduation, it is soon going to be

that time of year. Graduates from high school are picking colleges, going into the military, getting jobs for the summer, or thinking about career choices for this new direction in their lives. College graduates are excited and a little apprehensive about beginning new jobs and NOT being in school for the first time in their lives. Isn't it fitting that these things happen in the spring—the season of new beginnings. Local Grandparents Mike and Linda Lang have the thrill of their grandson, Nicholas Jeffrey Lang, graduating from Hancock Central High School, Hancock, Mich., as Valedictorian. Congratulations to Nick. To further his education, he has decided to enter the University of Minnesota.

This time of year is party time for the Crane Lakers. After a long hard winter and before the work season the locals are ready to celebrate. Kara Knutson and Jeff Miller hosted a super open house gathering at their home on the weekend. The party began with the race of the Kentucky Derby and ended in the wee hours with a great bonfire at the fire pit. All ages were in attendance at the gathering, from three months old to 80 plus years old. It was great to see so many kids and hear of plans for young couples to move back “home” to Crane Lake.

Another great gathering was at the home of Chuck and Shannon Bibeau. Chuck and Shannon hosted the 2nd Annual Bibeau BBQ. Last year the party was in honor of high school graduate George. The party was such a success they have decided to keep

the tradition. The lovely grounds are an ideal setting for the BBQ.

Cinco de Mayo is celebrated on May 5 of every year. Why do we celebrate it in this country? The holiday is seen as a day to celebrate the culture, achievements and experiences of people with a Mexican background, who live in the United States. There is a large commercial element to the day, with businesses promoting Mexican services and goods, particularly food, drinks and music. Other aspects of the day center on traditional symbols of Mexican life, such as the Virgin de Guadalupe, and Mexican-Americans who have achieved fame, fortune and influence in the United States. Some of the largest Cinco de Mayo celebrations are in cities such as Los Angeles, San Jose, San Francisco, San Antonio, Sacramento, Phoenix, Albuquerque, Denver and El Paso in the USA's southwestern regions. In these cities, a large proportion of the population has Mexican origins. Many people hang up banners and school districts organize lessons and special events to educate their pupils about the culture of Americans of Mexican descent. In some areas, particularly in Pueblo de Los Angeles, celebrations of regional Mexican music and dancing are held. For Crane Lake/Buyck's contribution to the celebration Gail Daniels was spotted dancing at parties wearing a Cinco de Mayo sombrero.

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GRIZZLY SPORTS

Grizzly coaches reflect on a record-breaking season

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- “What are the characteristics of his team?” asked Grizzlies coach Will Kleppe, who noted three main themes as he spoke to his players and their family at the team’s banquet at the Vermilion Club. “They are good kids: citizens, students, and friends. They love to play the game together with excellent chemistry. They are good teammates to one another.”

At the team’s end-of-season banquet, there were certainly plenty of honors to go around. But what stood out most was the respect that the coaches and players held for themselves, their family, and their school.

The night held a few surprises. Team booster Tim Towner presented the team with a United States flag that was flown by a B-1A Bomber by the Air Force’s 37th Bomb Squadron based in South Dakota. He said he hopes the team will display the flag in the school gym, as a reminder of the pride the town feels for this team.

“As a parent and community member,” he said. “I have watched all you have accomplished. You stayed humble through this journey. You are role models for the next generation.”

Special thanks were given to parent Jeff Chaulklin, who stepped

into high gear making last minute arrangements for the trip to the state tourney, as well as leading the fundraising effort for the trip, and to parent (and teacher) Kandi Olson, who had stepped up throughout the season as needed, and was instrumental in organizing the team’s holiday tournament each year. Kleppe said the tournament will not be held in 2018, because the team has a lot of invitations to play at other tournaments during that time.

In addition to team and state tournament awards, junior Cade Goggleye received special statewide recognition for setting a state record for the most steals in a single game, 18, set on Dec. 14, 2016, in a game against Nashwauk-Kee-watin. The former record of 17 steals was set back in 1967, and then tied in 1984. Goggleye’s mark of 18 steals puts him sixth in the nation for high school players for number of steals in a single game.

Statistical awards

Two-point shooting: Trevor Morrison

Three-point shooting: Cade Goggleye

Free throw shooting: Cade Goggleye

Steals: Cade Goggleye

Assists: Cade Goggleye

Blocks/deflections: Chase Kleppe

Rebounds: Trevor Morrison

Team awards

Defensive Player of the Year: Brendan Parson

Hustle Award: Chase Kleppe

Most Improved: Trevor Morrison

Individual Academic All State: Tate Olson

Team records set in 2017-18

Single season scoring: Cade Goggleye

Single game scoring: Cade Goggleye

Single game three-pointers made: Cade Goggleye

Single season assists: Cade Goggleye

Verified State Record from 2016-2017

State Record for most steals in a game (18): Cade Goggleye

1,000th Career Points Scored 2017-18

Cade Goggleye
Tate Olson

Letter Award Winners

Tanner Lokken, Tate Olson, Brendan Parson, Austin Chaulklin, Isaiah Squires, Cade Goggleye, Chase Kleppe, Ian Sherman, Blake Scofield, Dylan Chiabotti, Jamie Drift, Kent Villebrun, Parker Jones, Tanner Barto, Trevor Morrison, Brian Whiteman, Darius Goggleye, TJ Chiabotti,



Above: Tim Towner, at right, presents a military flag to team coaches Will Kleppe and Jerry Chiabotti to hang in the gym. Below: Senior players were all recognized for their long-term commitment to the team. photos by J. Summit



Madison Rautiola, Karina Bristol, Aaliyah Heglund, Kayla Towner.

GRIZZLY UPDATES

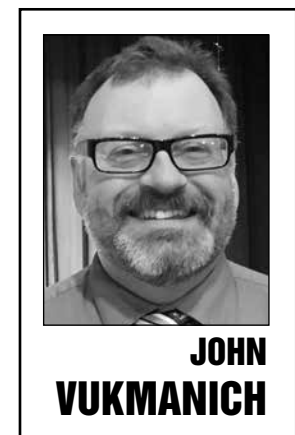
Teacher Appreciation Week!

Hello Grizzlies Families!

The week of May 7 - 11 is Teacher Appreciation Week! Please give a “shout out” to your friendly neighborhood educators and say “thanks” to them for the job that they do. The majority of us went into education because we were eager to work with kids and loved our subject-matter, but it is a very tough job. Ever host a party for ten or more kids at your house? Now picture twenty kids and try doing it every day! Then, add in math, reading, writing, science, social studies, behavior interventions, report cards, MCA testing, field trips, and student conflict resolution! We love working with your kids, and the passion to give all of our children great educational opportunities is what keeps us going through the tough days.

I remember every one of my teachers from elementary school through college. They all made an impression on me in different ways, and they were all different and unique. Like a box of chocolates, some were more preferable to others, but it didn’t make them necessarily bad. Their styles were just different and the expectations were too.

In elementary school, I started in Kindergarten with Mrs. Koski, then Mrs. Dunstan, Mrs. Hallow, Mrs. Ring, Mr. McCormick, Mr. Gerchman, and Mrs. Rieten in 6th grade. By 7th grade, we all had seven different teachers per day! Sev-



enth grade was scary at Virginia High School, because the building had four floors and we had three minutes to get to class. Top it off with “real” high school kids in the same halls, and it was terrifying for me to say the least. I was so afraid of being late for class that instead of going to my locker on third floor, I carried all my books and supplies in a camouflage duffel bag. It must have weighed twenty pounds or more!

Throughout elementary and high school, I had many excellent teachers. Mr. Gerchman, my 5th-grade teacher, loved science and seemed to always have an experiment for us with something that was on fire or having an active chemical reaction. We even made model rockets and launched them on the golf course. Mr. McCormick, my 4th-grade teacher and eventually my football coach, let us listen to records (yes, vinyl records) on Fridays if we were good.

In high school, I really believe that some of my teachers should have been college professors because they were just

that good. The Jarvins, John and Margaret, taught us 7th- and 8th-grade math with meticulous precision, and we ALL had to take our turn at the chalkboard. Mr. Takala had a passion for history that I will never forget. Mr. Munig, another social-studies teacher, had an inflatable, nearly full-size Ronald Reagan in his room by his desk, and he would talk to it during lectures. He was not a fan of President Reagan and his “Voodoo Economics.” My father was our band director from 6th through 12th grade. That’s right, people, I had my own dad for a teacher for seven years. He was an exceptional teacher, the most demanding I ever had. If you were dedicated to being your best, though, he was in your corner. His passion for music as a discipline and an artform left its mark on many of us. Discipline? Wow, he had discipline. You did not cross him, ever. Now, as an adult, I know that he was simply unwilling to compromise his standards. He wanted us to be the best we could be.

Two more teachers who had a lasting impact on me were Mr. Moeller and Mr. Turk. They were both excellent English teachers, but were very different in many ways. Mr. Moeller, 11th-grade English, taught us vocabulary and how to interpret literature. His articulate stories and lectures were punctuated with his own experiences and references to pop culture and music. His passion for the rock music of the

1950s, particularly Buddy Holly, and the author John Steinbeck are details I will always remember. The only time I was ever kicked out of a high-school class was in his 11th-grade English class. I made a smart remark to a student and Mr. Moeller sent me out to “take a walk, and think about what I said.” I still remember how embarrassed I was to have disappointed him, and also was scared that he would be contacting my dad. Discipline in school was way different then. Mr. Turk was my 12th-grade composition teacher. We wrote a paper per week for him, and he graded and marked every single one. I still have my writing file from his class. No single high school experience prepared me more for college than Tony Turk’s writing class. Mr. Turk isn’t with us anymore, but every time I put pen-to-paper or my fingers to a keyboard, I think about his class on the top floor of the school in a huge corner room, 1st period every day!

Thank you to all my teachers for providing me with the opportunities to learn from you, and thank you to all current teachers for passing on your gifts to our young people. Never forget the impressions you make on the younger generation. It’s a tough, but rewarding job, and many of the students will not appreciate you until they are long gone from the schools where you had them. Carry on!

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GREENWOOD

Greenwood property values up by 11 percent

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- Property valuations in Greenwood Township are going up across-the-board by 11 percent for 2019. Residents recently received their valuations, and will have the chance to appear before the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization on Thursday, May 17 from 10 – 11 a.m. At Tuesday's town board meeting, Greenwood Clerk Sue Drobac noted that since the increase was for all township property, and was based on an assessing formula that takes into account township market value information compared to data from actual current sales of similarly classified properties, that changes to that increase would not likely be considered during that hearing.

Steve Lenertz also spoke to the board about his concerns with a 100-plus year-old state statute that gives assessors the right to gain access into dwellings without permission.

"Last year the assessor used this law to gain access to my house when I wasn't home," he said. Lenertz then spoke to the assessor and his supervisor, who both cited this statute, and also added they had entered his home because it was under construction.

"Why isn't there a written policy saying the assessor cannot enter a home without permission from the homeowner?" he asked.

County assessors estimate property market values and classify them according to their use for property tax purposes. Assessors are required to actually view each parcel at least once every five years to appraise its market value. In addition, each year the appraiser inspects parcels with new construction, alterations, or improvements.

Lenertz asked the town board to consider following up on this issue with local legislators, as well as the assessing staff at the May 17 hearing.

Fire Department

The board also heard and responded to some concerns expressed about the fire department's capabilities for interior firefighting.

"Unfortunately rumors fly around the town and get expanded into more than what they are," said Chairman Mike Ralston. Questions had been raised after the fire at Fortune Bay.

Greenwood Fire Department

members are required to obtain NFPA training, classes Firefighter I and Firefighter II, he noted. In both classes, students are taught to do interior firefighting. He said that of the 23 current department members, 15 are certified for both FF I and FF II, and that four others are currently completing this training. Four department members are only Emergency Responders. He said there are some in the department who do not participate in interior work because of health conditions that would make wearing the SCBA (self-contained breathing apparatus) unsafe.

Assistant Fire Chief Mike Indihar stated that two Greenwood members had done interior firefighting during the Fortune Bay hotel fire, contrary to rumors that were circulating. Safety Officer Ed Borchardt said that the department does try to conduct quarterly checks on its SCBA gear. He also noted that the only way to do actual training for interior firefighting is during live burn exercises, which is not something the department can do on its own.

Email issues

The board passed a motion that any elected official should have access to the clerk's email password. This was after a request by the township treasurer, Pam Rodgers, for the clerk's password was not accepted. Drobac noted that she did not see the need for the treasurer to have access to the clerk's email account, and that if everyone had access there were issues relating to attorney/client privilege.

Supervisor Paul Skubic said a letter from their attorney recommended that if the board approved, such access to the clerk's email be granted to the treasurer.

"As the clerk you do not have the authority to override the town board giving access," said Ralston.

There was disagreement on whether or not the board had previously passed a motion granting the treasurer access to the clerk's email.

In related action, the board approved spending \$768 a year to have the company that manages their website set up township emails for the elected officials and fire chief. The emails will all have the greenwoodtownshipmn.com domain. The current township email accounts can be copied into the

Greenwood's airboat used for two rescues during ice-out week

GREENWOOD TWP- Who are you going to call when the lake is in between hard ice and open water? The Greenwood Fire Department's airboat got called into action twice during the first week in May.

The department was able to rescue James Boshey Jr., 28, who got stranded out on a small island near Everett Narrows after venturing out on the unstable ice to retrieve his dog on May 3. Boshey was about 300 yards out on the ice when he fell through in shallow waters. Boshey was able to get himself and his dog to a nearby unnamed island, where he waited for rescue. A family member witnessed the accident and called 911.

The Bois Forte Police Department, St. Louis County Rescue Squad, and Tower Ambulance also assisted at the scene.

A few days later, the department received a non-emergency call from two people who had been staying at a cabin on an island out on Big Bay.

"They were planning to either walk out across the ice or take a canoe back," Fire Chief Dave Fazio told the Greenwood Town Board at their meeting on Tuesday. "But they couldn't walk and couldn't canoe and needed to get home."

Fazio noted that the department does not have a formal policy on such non-emergency calls, and that the issue has come up before. He asked the board to consider working on a policy.

The Breitung Town Board has discussed similar issues relating to the Breitung Police Department and non-emergency calls for issues such as being locked out of a car. Breitung Police have noted that such services create goodwill and allow the department to have stronger ties to the community.



Greenwood firefighters trained on their airboat last weekend. photo by K. Strong

"We did rescue them," Fazio said. The pair were very grateful and made a \$300 donation to the township for the service.

Fazio said the department decided to hold a weekend training session on the airboat and ice-out rescues, and several fire department members, including new members who had not used the airboat before, learned the ropes of handling the craft over ice and open water, as well as rescue techniques.

The department's airboat underwent major engine repairs over the winter, and members were updated on proper maintenance for the apparatus.

new system, and the system will archive and preserve all township email. Currently, township officials, except for the clerk, are using their personal emails, and two of the township supervisors do not use any email.

Instead of a single township roadside cleanup day, the township will be providing garbage bags and vests for residents who are willing to volunteer to clean their roadways anytime in the next three to four weeks. Bags and vests will be available at the town hall. Filled bags can be left on the roadside (please contact the town hall to let them know when to pick up) or left at the town hall.

Other business

In other business the board:
► Heard that the Recreation Committee received a grant to upgrade the bocce ball courts. United Landscaping will be starting work on the project soon

and will also do the installation of the new playground equipment.

► Approved purchase of two new Greenwood Township signs from St. Louis County that will be installed at each end of the township (Hwys. 77 and 115).

► Will call for bids for lawn mowing on the town hall grounds.

► Fire Chief Fazio reported on a new rescue sled they hope to purchase using funds from the donations made in memory of Darryl Horsmann. The sled can be used by snowmobile or ATV, and has a heated and lit interior with room for the patient and the EMR. Fazio said the donations would cover at least half the cost of the sled, which will be around \$7,000.

► Fazio brought up the issue of accounting for time spent doing outside studying for the officer training course that four department members are taking. Three department members

(Mike Indihar, Jeff Maus, and Dave Fazio) completed all the classes, training, and testing. The fourth (Donovan Strong) still needs to complete the testing. Department members earned paid-on-call hours for time spent in the classroom, but not for time spent doing the required out-of-class work.

"How do we track that for paid-on-call?" Fazio asked the board. "We have not included it in the paid-on-call submitted at this time." Department members have been reimbursed for travel/mileage costs for attending the portions of the class held at Camp Ripley.

The board took no action on the issue. The board did approve making a \$50 donation to the Tower Fire Department in recognition of Tower Fire Chief Steve Altenburg's helping out by proctoring the required officer class testing.

Ely man arrested for criminal sexual conduct with a minor

ELY-A 26-year-old Ely man was arrested by the Ely Police Department last week and charged with two counts of first-degree criminal sexual assault.

Jerel Walker Sohm, 338 Fourth Ave. E, is in the St. Louis County Jail in Virginia. Bail was set at \$150,000.

According to the criminal complaint, the first offense is for actions that occurred between Jan. 1, 2016, and May 1, 2018. The second offense is for actions that occurred between April 1 and April 30, 2018. Sohm is charged with engaging in sexual penetration

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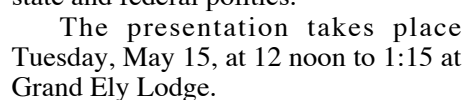
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Veterans on the Lake Resort still has some damage from the 2016 wind storm. "That wind storm that happened two

When tragedy

Pope was quick to add that the volunteer workers depend on the help of others in the Ely community to support their efforts. "From financial donations to getting fed, Ely really comes through," he said. He listed Dairy Queen, Boathouse Brew Pub and Restaurant, Zaverl's Bar, Front Porch Coffee Co., Crapola, Ely Surplus, along with the city's two grocers, Zup's and Northland markets, as benefactors.

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Wolf, Bear, and Webelos 1 and 2" Ethan said. "Then at age eleven I became a Boy Scout in Troop 4170. All told it's been about 11 or 12 years."

Hasz earned 21 merit badges, completed service projects, and learned numerous Scouting skills that cover everything from care for the U.S. flag and tying knots to cooking over an open fire and responsible internet use. To become an Eagle Scout, Hasz had to complete a major service project.

"My dad (Joel, Scout Master) and I contacted the U.S. Forest Service here in Ely and they suggested a couple ideas for Eagle projects," Hasz said. "With the help of friends

and fellow scouts, I worked on trail maintenance for the Bass Lake Hiking trail that is just North of Ely on the Echo Trail. We picked up garbage, cut back the foliage, and removed logs that had fallen across the trail. I also approached Voyageur Lumber in Ely and they donated treated wood that we built a bench out of. The Forest Service then installed the bench at a scenic overlook near the falls on Bass Lake. All in all, I think we put in close to a hundred man hours of work on the project. It was hard work, but fun too."

The service project provided the latest in what has amounted to a decade-plus of memories that evolved from Scouting,

including camps and trips and bonding with fellow scouts.

"A lot of my fondest memories come from the Boy Scout camps," he said "I was able to shoot a black powder rifle, and sleep out overnight on a raft in the middle of a lake at Many Point Scout Camp. The rope course and zip lines are fun memories as well as all the fun camp songs and skits. Oh, and who can forget the "polar plunge." Scouting has been a great place to build friendships as we would go on fun weekend outings like the Mining Expo in Chisholm and the Railroad merit badge weekend in Duluth, those were a lot of fun."

Ethan plans to attend

University of Wisconsin-Stout in the fall. "I think being an Eagle will help in future job interviews, etc., and I think scouting helps me be more ready for new situations," he said. "Every outing, every merit badge was something new and it kind of gets you ready for whatever might be thrown at me in college or in a job one day."

Joel Hasz added, "I think any boy who becomes an Eagle Scout gains a little extra confidence. As they face challenges in life they can remember what they learned in Scouting, that the way you achieve success in any area is through hard work and perseverance."



Ely Eagle Scout candidate Ethan Hasz worked with fellow Boy Scouts to clean up the Bass Lake Hiking Trail as part of his required service project. submitted photo

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much more detail than the original version signed by both parties in 2016. City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith said the city attorney had finalized the agreement, but it was not available at the meeting. "It will be sent directly to you," Keith told Orlyn Kringstad and Jeremy Schoenfelder, both of whom attended via telephone.

As of Wednesday, the city had not provided the agreement to the developers and it was unclear if the agreement would require the developers to submit a letter of credit as had previously been suggested by some members of the harbor committee. The letter could still be a sticking point for the project, although the two parties set a goal of having a finalized development agreement in place by the end of May.

While on-site construction likely won't get underway until late summer, Schoenfelder said actual construction on the town homes could begin earlier than that. The company has been working with a major modular home builder to pre-fabricate portions of the buildings off-site.

Kringstad said that could significantly reduce the timeframe for construction, potentially allowing the builders to have all twenty townhomes framed in before winter. While the buildings could be fabricated off-site, Kringstad said the modular approach could actually allow for more involvement from local contractors than under the original plan. Sourcing as many workers and as much material locally as possible is one of the goal's set by Tower Vision, noted Kringstad.

The switch to a modular company was also driven by cost. With the price of building materials on the rise, the year's delay in the start of

construction on the project had significantly increased construction cost estimates on the project. The modular approach is expected to keep the project much closer to original price targets without sacrificing quality, according to Kringstad.

As for interest in the project, Kringstad said BIC Realty, which is handling sales, currently has a list of 50-55 identified parties with indicated interest. He said Tower Vision has been keeping in communication with the interested parties through a regular newsletter. The sales staff will be able to start converting those interested parties to actual buyers once the project plat is approved and legal descriptions are available. Kringstad said he and Schoenfelder are working with attorney Kelly Klun, in Ely, to put the finishing touches on the homeowners association documents, which are also needed for the signing of purchase agreements.

Bolf inquired about Common Interest Community documents, which also must be filed with and approved by the county before the project can start. Schoenfelder said they're aware of the requirement and will submit the documents after the plat is approved.

Bolf said he expects comments on the plat from county planners within the next 2-3 weeks and said he'll address any minor issues raised by the county himself. Anything more significant would likely need to come back to the city for revisions. The council will need to give final approval to the plat once the county signs off.

The harbor committee is set to meet again on Wednesday, June 6, at 11:30 a.m. at city hall.

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being installed this week, according to Stuart

A Ten Below Project user will be to use the space one time for free and be able to work in a quiet office-like environment and have access to printers, copy machines and other office equipment. "We will have one-day, five-day and 10-day passes available to purchase in addition to an unlimited-use monthly pass," he said. "The user will actually gain access by just holding their phone up to the door."

User logs showing time spent, systems used and other information will provide facilitators with a better idea on how the space is being utilized so the space can be tailored to grow as the usage grows.

An open house is planned for Thursday,

May 31 at the Ten Below Project facility. "We are on time and under budget," Stuart told the EEDA. "Marketing efforts will kick in in a week or so to get the word out."

Ely economic advisor John Fedo praised the business development concept for Ely. "This has been a long-term wish of the EEDA and the realization that this is coming to life is really exciting."

Stuart said that in planning and preparing the Ten Below Project, he visited many like-minded spaces around the state. "I was floored to learn the types of people using the space, and that is folks of all walks of life," he said.

Fedo stressed the importance of welcoming Ely visitors and tourists to use the space. "This is

another opportunity when visiting the area.

Broadband feasibility

EEDA members received the final draft of study by Design Nine, of Blacksburg, Va., that is part of a broadband feasibility survey in the Ely area to find out how satisfied businesses and residents are with the existing Internet service and what is needed in the community to fulfill the communication technology needs in the future.

The overwhelming need for improved internet service prompted Design Nine to provide a draft analysis of how broadband can be provided to users in the city of Ely and the surrounding area through

a pilot program utilizing both fiber and wireless technologies and systems.

The downtown area focused for the pilot project runs from Third Avenue East to 12th Avenue West. There will be a loop on both sides of Sheridan Street to provide fiber connection to many of the 98 percent of businesses in the survey that said they need better connectivity. Existing fiber in the ground would be utilized for this phase of the project. A tower located near the Trezona Trail parking lot area would feed antennae to Sandy Point to service north shore residents on Shagawa Lake, and another by Olson Bay. "Underground fiber near Schaffer Road would feed another antenna to provide wireless service across

Burntside Lake.

Jack Maytum of Design Nine provided cost estimates of the project. Both underground (about \$584,000) and aerial (about \$365,000) fiber deployment are being considered for the downtown area.

A wireless network, to gain access to more remote areas, would consist of a network of as many as six towers for internet access to the north and west of Ely, including the Winton area and Shagawa and Burntside lakes. Based on using 100-foot wooden poles, the estimated cost per pole and equipment is \$57,542.

Additionally, the cost of providing downtown wireless access is estimated at \$53,475.

Maytum also pro-

vided a list of strategies to be considered to bring the broadband concept to reality including: forming a broadband co-op to pool funds to take control of the economic future of the project; and making ordinance and city planning changes for easier and less-expensive infrastructure investments. Use of wooden poles where feasible, inexpensive fiber drop boxes and nano-cellular service where feasible should also be considered.

Look for a more detailed analysis of the Design Nine Broadband Study in a future edition of the *Timberjay*.

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Workforce issues

Finding qualified staff is an increasing challenge for rural healthcare facilities, and it was a major topic of discussion at last week's meeting. Debevec said it is difficult to keep certified nursing assistants, especially in the care center, which has forced the hospital to use "traveling agencies" in the last couple years. Director of the Cook Care Center, Joe Buria, said that he was setting up an online nursing assistant course. "I'm cautiously optimistic. CNAs are going on to their RN or LPN. In this CNA field, they can go and get matching pay at Menards or Walmart, and they're not working the night shift," said Buria. Makowski relayed that the concern is statewide, "It's very difficult unless you really love the rural setting to get healthcare workers." He said some areas have looked internally to high schools and offered students wanting to stay in the area, continuing education needed to enter the healthcare field.

Board member Don Potter spoke on childcare needs, saying the board has recently explored the idea of having a childcare facility at the hospital, in hopes of retaining that professional workforce. Debevec said she has received emails from staff not being able to work because of lack of child care. Makowski said, "I can tell you from Senator Smith's travels, affordable daycare is a statewide concern." Keith Harvey noted a lack of childcare options in the area, and that wages have not kept up with the cost of daycare. "So much of our support staff is of child-bearing age, and they are going to need that support," he said.

Other concerns clouding rural healthcare issues include loan repayment options for recruiting healthcare providers, difficulty in recruiting physical therapists and dental assistants.

Veterans care

Board member Julian

Brzoznowski spoke on behalf of veterans healthcare issues and said the Cook Hospital would be a preferable location for veterans services, as compared to Ely. Makowski said that the area demographic results are the reason why Sterling Medical made the recommendation to the VA to have the service in Ely. He added, "In September, the clinics in Ely and Hibbing are going to fall directly under the VA. Sterling Medical will no longer be operating them." Malowski noted the concerns and offered little solace, "The hope had been, and we are still working on, a choice program; the VA still struggles with it, but as you read the national news, the VA is struggling from the top on down." He added, "We very much understand the rural veteran's needs. We can question them on their choices of putting the clinic in Ely, but what it comes down to is why we are here today: rural healthcare workers and the struggles of rural

healthcare. In some places we struggle just to get rural healthcare workers. We'd put VA clinics all over in every area but the stark reality is there is also a budget out there," said Makowski.

Mental health, addiction, mining

Mental health and lack of beds was another concern that Makowski said he hears frequently, "Particularly in children and adolescence. That is something we are going to have to continue to work on." Board member Barb Johnson spoke of the ambulance service having to take people to Fargo and the Twin Cities for emergency mental health care. "We've heard horror stories of people having to transport all over the state, and sometimes in the state of Minnesota, you might have one open bed. There is definitely a lack of mental health facilities."

Addressing the opioid addiction crisis, Keith Harvey said, "From the

clinical standpoint, over the last year and a half, we've taken a pretty aggressive approach in how our physicians are managing opioid usage. It hasn't always been positive, but we have had significant success in reducing the amount of opioids being used and the quantity being prescribed and how we manage it." Harvey continued, "I think we created a monster in health care...if you had pain, you were given an opioid medication, and now we have to pull that back. We look for other options and are finding other ways to manage pain."

Before the meeting ended, board member Liz Dahl brought forth concerns from the area medical community about sulfide mining. Dahl cited a Minnesota Medicine publication written by an eight-member panel of physicians addressing medical concerns over the proposed PolyMet sulfide mining plans. Makowski

assured Dahl he had seen the concerns and the information would be passed on to other staff that would share the information with Senator Smith. "She is very much aware of all sides of the issue."

Dahl further pressed Makowski, as the senator has recently been in support of the mining project. She said the Minnesota Medical Association, Minnesota Public Health Association, Minnesota Nurses Association, and the Minnesota Academy of Family Physicians have spoken out in concern for the adverse human health effects and acid pollution sulfide mining brings. Makowski said he would take all the information and pass it on.

Senator Tina Smith sits on the Health, Education, and Labor Pensions committee and is an honorary co-chair of the Rural Healthcare Caucus.

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SIOUX CHEF COLLECTIVE

Local food – native food – healthy food

Native foods highlight meal at Nett Lake and keynote at Earth Fest

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

REGIONAL- With freshly-brewed cedar tea, sweetened with maple syrup, on tap, culinary ethnobotanist and Ojibwa tribal member Frank Haney was the headliner at this year's Iron Range Earth Fest earlier this spring in Mt. Iron.

Haney, a member of The Sioux Chef Collective, spoke about their organization's mission, its work in Minnesota, and its future plans for creating a framework to implement a native foods movement worldwide.

The Sioux Chef's mission is to revitalize Native American cuisine and reclaim an important culinary culture that has been long buried. The group's cookbook, "The Sioux Chef's Indigenous Kitchen," published last fall by the University of Minnesota Press, just won the James Beard Award for best American cookbook.

"We are revitalizing North American cuisine," he said. "We are redefining North American cuisine."

The Sioux Chef Collective made a second trip to the area on April 25, when Sioux Chef founder Sean Sherman visited Nett Lake to serve a native food dinner. The trip was hosted by KBFT Radio, Bois Forte Tobacco Education, MN Arts and



Participants line up to get a plate of native foods at Nett Lake, prepared by Sioux Chef Collective founder Sean Sherman. photo by M. Roach

Cultural Heritage Fund, and funding from the Legacy Grant program.

A crowd of over 50 feasted on bison seasoned with pine needles, fiddle-heads and dandelion greens with dried berries, and hominy corn cakes.

The Sioux Chef business strategy focuses on utilizing indigenous food

producers, foraging for seasonal goods, and creating meals that taste "like a place."

"We utilize knowledge from the past," he said. "Food is what we all have in common."

Haney talked about how little of the current American diet is actually composed of indigenous

foods. Almost all the foods in a modern grocery store, except for corn, were not originally found in North America.

"We travel all over the world seeking ingredients to serve," he said.

One of the only places in North America they've found that still has intact indigenous food systems

is Alaska, in some remote tribes.

As tribes moved away from their original food systems, diseases and health issues followed.

Haney noted that when tribes were forced onto reservations, they were given "commodity food," that was highly-processed, shelf stable, and low in nutrition.

"Frybread is not an indigenous food," he said, noting it was created out of ingredients that were part of the commodity food allotments.

The Sioux Chef Collective is currently focuses on foods native to the Midwest. One of their signature meals is rabbit seasoned with cedar and chokecherries, served with wild rice. Wild rice is one of the most nutritionally perfect foods that grows in the wild, Haney said.

Traditional food systems

But besides creating recipes, the goals include increasing awareness of native ingredients, fostering businesses that can grow and sell these ingredients, and teach foraging and food preservation skills. It is also essential, Haney noted, to harvest wild foods sustainably, leaving enough for other wildlife.

Another part of their educational program is

food preservation, including canning, smoking, drying, and fermentation.

"Food preservation is one of our greatest skills," Haney said, "and we don't do it anymore."

The Sioux Chef Collective has founded a new non-profit, the North American Traditional Indigenous Food Systems (natifs.org). Their goal is to create an Indigenous Food Lab, an urban food hub consisting of a restaurant and educational center designed to work, learn, research and share knowledge. Once this is established, they plan to create satellite food labs, to bring this knowledge to tribal communities throughout Minnesota and the country. They hope to help open restaurants on reservations that focus on indigenous and healthy foods.

"This is a model that can work all over the world," Haney said.

Right now the group rents kitchen space in Minneapolis, but they hope to have their own restaurant and cooking lab space up and running in the next few years. The group ran a food truck for a few years, but now is concentrating on its catering business until the restaurant opens up.

"Our goal is to help everybody eat better food and be healthier," Haney said.



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12:30 PM: Awards ceremony for VCS students and learn interesting highlights from our school year.

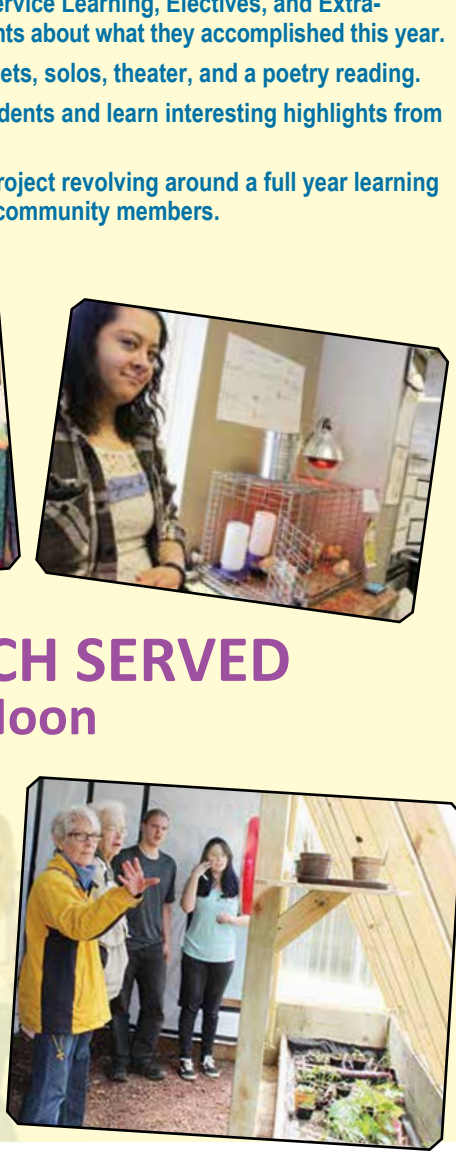
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SOFTBALL



Ely doubles up Grizzlies

Strong Wolves pitching overcomes defensive miscues

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

ELY— The Timberwolves got back on the winning track at North Woods’ expense in a doubleheader played here last Thursday.

Strong pitching helped Ely’s cause, as they held the Grizzlies to just seven hits across the two games, including just two hits in game two. Ely took the first game 8-7 and finished up 5-3 in the nightcap.

Erika Mattson pitched a solid game one for Ely, giving up just five

Left: Shayla Zaverl fields a ball and tosses to first.

photo by J. Greeney

hits while striking out five. The strong performance helped Ely survive a defensive letdown in the top of the fifth, when they committed five errors, allowing the Grizzlies to tie the score at seven.

In the bottom of the fifth, with runners in scoring position, Holly Dirks hit a game-winning single up the middle to give the Wolves the one-run win.

Offensively, Shayla Zaverl, Holly Dirks, and McCartney Kaercher each had two hits for Ely. Kate Stone, Alanna Rutchasky, and Kayla Bodri had two hits apiece for the Grizzlies. Rutchasky took the loss, giving up

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GOLF

Olson siblings shine on the links for Grizzlies

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

HIBBING — Tate Olson shot a 78 at last Friday’s Hibbing Invitational to take the top spot and medal honors as he led the Grizzlies boys golf team to a fourth-place finish overall. Meanwhile, his little sister, Nicole Olson, carded an 86 to finish third in the girls competition. Olson had shot a 40 on the front nine, leaving her in first place going



Tate Olson



Nicole Olson with her medal

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TRACK

Ely boys dominate at E-G meet

Ely girls take second

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

VIRGINIA – The Ely boys ran away with the Eveleth-Gilbert Invitational track meet on Tuesday, finishing almost 80 points higher than the second-place team. Meanwhile, the girls took second in the event, with a number of strong individual performances.

Ryne Prigge and James Schwinghamer led the charge for Ely, as they both set record times for the Eveleth-Gilbert meet in the 3,200-meter run. Prigge dominated the girls field, winning by almost two minutes. Schwinhamer won by just over seven seconds in the boys race.

Zoe Devine had another notable performance for the girls, finishing first in both the 800- and 1,600-meter runs. She won by over 16 seconds in the 800 and just over 11 seconds in the 1,600. The Ely 4 x 800-meters team finished first in a close race that was decided by less than four seconds. Ande Visser had a good day throwing the discus as she won the event by just over three feet.

For the boys, Isaac Gawboy won the 100-meters, while hurdler Henry Dirks dominated his events, taking first in both

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Above: Madison Hasz feels the burn as she nears the finish of the 1,600-meter run.

Right: Ely’s James Schwinghamer takes part in the 300-meter relay.



Left: Ely’s Isaac Gawboy nears the finish line as he took first in the 100-meter dash.

Above: Brooke Pasmick in the girls 100-0meter dash.

Lauren Olson leaps high in the 300-meter hurdles.

photos by P. Wattering



BASEBALL

Ely pitching is showing its dominance

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

SILVER BAY — Ely dominated the diamond this past week as they cruised to a series of big wins against teams across the region to improve their season record to 8-1.

On the road on Monday, senior Carter Gaulke got the party started with a two-run homer in

the first inning. The Wolves went on to add runs in every inning as they built a 12-0 lead to end the game at the end of six.

“It was Dylan Kienitz’s turn on the mound Monday,” said Ely Head Coach Frank Ivancich. “He threw a three-hitter while striking out nine Mariners in a dominant performance once again by the Ely pitching staff.”

It was the third shutout of the

season for Ely pitchers, who have allowed no more than seven runs in any game this season. With a broad stable of pitchers, Ely has managed to stay sharp from the mound despite playing almost daily in this weather-shortened season.

Carter Gaulke crushed the Mariners’ pitching on Monday, going a perfect 4-4 on the days, including two doubles to go

with his first-inning homerun and a combined five RBIs. Tyler Housey and Trevor Mattson also added two hits apiece.

Ely 10, Cook County 1

Solid Ely pitching kept visiting Cook County in check on Saturday, as the Wolves paced the Vikings 10-1.

Starting pitcher Trevor

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SOFTBALL

Grizzlies lose home field heartbreaker to Rangers



by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

FIELD TWP — The Grizzlies suffered more heartbreak this week, losing another one-run game on Monday to Mt. Iron-Buhl. North Woods led heading into the seventh, but fell 9-8 to a MI-B rally.

Left: Grizzlies sophomore infielder Kennedy Wardas tags out a MI-B runner at third base. photo by C. Stone

It was a mixed performance for North Woods, as errors proved costly, according to Head Coach Dee Ann Sandberg.

The Grizzlies gave up four runs in the second inning on a combination of errors in both the infield and outfield but managed to edge into the lead in the later innings. Claire Beaudry had another good day at the plate, with two hits including a triple. Kate Stone, Maddy Serna, Taylor

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Sports week

Baseball

Friday, May 11
North Woods at Cherry
4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 14
North Woods at
Wrenshall, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15
Ely hosts Mesabi East
4:30 p.m.
North Woods hosts
I-Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 17
Northeast Range hosts
Silver Bay, 4:30 p.m.

Softball

Friday, May 11
Ely at Nash-Kee 2 p.m.,
at Floodwood, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, May 14
Ely at I-Falls
4:30 p.m.
North Woods hosts
Eveleth-Gilbert, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 15
Ely at Mt. Iron-Buhl
4:30 p.m.
North Woods at
Chisholm, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 16
Ely hosts Littlefork-BF
4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 17
Ely hosts Silver Bay
4:30 p.m.

Boys golf

Friday, May 11
Quarry Invite, Giants
Ridge, 10 a.m.

Saturday, May 12
Quarry Invite Day Two,
Giants Ridge, 10 a.m.

Monday, May 14
Mesabi East Invite
11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 16
ERC Conference Meet,
Giants Ridge, 11 a.m.

Girls golf

Monday, May 14
Mesabi East Invite,
Giants Ridge, 11 a.m.

Wednesday, May 16
ERC Championship,
Giants Ridge, 11 a.m.

BASEBALL

North Woods takes two-out-of-three for the week

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

FLOODWOOD — The Grizzlies continued to show progress in the young season, as they manhandled a young Floodwood squad on Monday to improve their season record to 3-3. North Woods topped the Polar Bears 14-0 in five innings.

A slew of North Woods players had big days at the plate, as the Grizzlies combined for 18 hits. Isaiah Squires went 3-4, with a double and two RBIs, while Jake Hyppa knocked in two runs on two hits, and Austin Chauklin went 2-4, with a double and two RBIs. Andrew Zika was a perfect 3-3 with an RBI on top, while slugger Matt Schultz ripped a double and a triple in three at-bats.

Lose heartbreaker to Chisholm, top Mesabi East and Floodwood in routs

Senior hurler Tate Olson pitched four full, giving up just one hit and striking out seven. Jake Panichi came on in relief, giving up a hit and striking out one. The Grizzlies showed continued improvement in the field, committing just one error in the game.

“We’re getting there,” said Grizzlies Head Coach Jeff Smerud.

Chisholm 4, North Woods 3

Playing in Chisholm this past Friday, a passed ball with two outs in the bottom of the seventh broke a 3-3 tie to give the Bluestreaks the win. The Grizzlies had trailed through much of the game, but a two-run rally in the top half of the seventh

had knotted things up.

Senior pitcher Isaiah Squires had kept the Bluestreaks largely under wraps from the mound, holding them to just three runs through six innings. Jake Hyppa came on in relief in the seventh, when Chisholm pitcher Eli Sundquist managed to score the winning run. Sundquist had beat out an infield hit to get on earlier in the frame and advanced on a hit batter and a fielder’s choice.

Smerud said it was probably his team’s most complete performance of the year, despite the loss. “We had no errors and the pitchers did well,” he said.

Squires had a strong outing, giving up just four hits in six innings and striking out seven, including fanning the side in the

second inning.

But the Grizzlies faced strong pitching as well, as Sundquist had hurled a no-hitter through four innings. North Woods pieced a couple hits together in the fifth for a run, and added two more in the top of the seventh. It was a tough loss for the Grizzlies— the second one-run margin of the season.

North Woods 20, Mesabi East 5

The Grizzlies had an easier go in Aurora last Thursday as they ten-runned the Giants in five innings, 20-5. Wobbly Mesabi East pitching proved the story in the game, as the Grizzlies took advantage of ten walks and several passed balls

to stretch the impact of their 12 hits. Jake Hyppa had another big day at the plate, driving in four runs on three hits, including a double. Tate Olson went 2-2, with two RBIs and a double, while Andrew Zika drove in two runs on two hits. Matt Schultz also had two hits.

Sophomore Danny Crockett got the win, giving up two runs on three hits and three strikeouts.

The Grizzlies’ scheduled Tuesday match-up with International Falls was rained out. There was no word on whether the game will be rescheduled.

SOFTBALL

Wolves fall to strong Broncos pitching

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

I-FALLS – Tough I-Falls pitching brought Ely’s winning streak to an end at three games on Monday, as the Class 2A Broncos dominated on their home field to win 8-2.

“They got out to a 4-0 lead in the first inning and we never quite recovered,” said Ely Head Coach Tom McDonald. “We also struggled against their pitching.”

Indeed, the Broncos’ start-

ing pitcher struck out eight of the nine batters she faced during her three innings on the mound and the Wolves had little more success with the relief. It was the sixth inning before Ely finally strung a couple hits together to put runs on the board. By then the Broncos had added three more runs to their total before adding an eighth run in the sixth to finish out the scoring.

Jenna Merhar started on the mound for Ely for the second time this season, allowing 11 hits

while striking out four.

Ely mustered just five hits with Sydni Richards connecting for two while Erika Mattson, Jenna Merhar, and McCartney Kaerchere each added a hit apiece.

Ely 7, Cook County 0

Good pitching and some timely hits were enough for host Ely to earn a 7-0 win over Cook County on Saturday.

Erika Mattson started her fifth game of the season and kept the Vikings guessing at the

plate as she struck out seven and allowed just three hits. With the help of solid defense behind her, the Wolves notched their first shutout of the season.

Offensively, Erika Mattson, Shayla Zaverl, and Sydni Richards had three hits apiece. Mattson added three runs while Zaverl led the team with three RBIs.

The Wolves, now 4-3, continue a busy schedule as they will play five games over the next seven days. They will host

Eveleth-Gilbert on Thursday before hitting the road Friday for a mixed double header starting with Nashwauk-Keewatin at 2 p.m. followed by a game with Floodwood at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday will be on the road verses Mt. Iron-Buhl for a double-header with varsity start times of 3 and 4:30 p.m. Wednesday they will host Littlefork-Big Falls with a 4:30 p.m. varsity start.

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Mattson went six innings, scattering four hits, and striking out seven, while allowing just one run. Tyler Housey pitched the seventh and held the Vikings scoreless, while notching a KO.

Senior Cody Davis had a big day at the plate going 3-3. Sophomore Dalton Schreffler and Senior Carter Gaulke each added two hits while Schreffler led the team

with four RBIs.

Ely 12, Greenway 2

On Friday, the Wolves played host to Class 2A Greenway but coasted to a 12-2 win against the larger school.

The Raiders put their only runs on the board in the first inning off two Ely errors. After that, it was the Gage Merhar show as he excelled on the mound and at the plate. From the circle, the senior gave up

just two hits while striking out five. At the plate he had three hits including a homerun. Fellow seniors Thomas Montana and Carter Gaulke also had three hits apiece.

Ely 22, Mt. Iron-B 0

The Timberwolves pounded a hapless Mt. Iron-Buhl squad last Thursday in Mt. Iron, holding the Rangers hitless in a 22-0 rout.

Senior Carter Gaulke

pitched the game of a lifetime as he struck out the side for five straight innings on his way to the no-hit shutout.

The huge offensive output was led by Gage Merhar, who hit two three-run homeruns to lead the team with six RBIs. Tyler Housey had three hits while Luke Olson and Lane Anderson had two hits apiece.

Ely 16, L-BF 0

On May 2, the Wolves shutout hosts Littlefork-Big Falls 16-0 on the strength of another strong pitching performance, this time by senior Cody Davis, who held the Vikings to just one hit while striking out eight.

Ely was led offensively by Gage Merhar and Tyler Housey with two hits apiece. Merhar had his first home run of the season to

go with three RBIs.

The Wolves, 8-1, have another big week as they will host Cherry on Thursday. A weekend road trip has Ely playing Pelican Rapids and Pequot Lakes on Friday followed by a Saturday game with Nevis. Finally, on Tuesday, Class 2A Mesabi East will come to town to finish up the busy string of games.

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nine hits and three walks in addition to strikeout.

Jenna Merhar pitched for Ely for the first time this season in game two, and

didn’t disappoint as she struck out five and allowed just two hits.

“It was nice to get the doubleheader win against a

good team,” said Ely Head Coach Tom McDonald. “We struggled a bit in the field in the first game but played much better defen-

sively in the second game.”

Merhar notched the win, while Taylor Vagle took the loss despite a strong performance for

North Woods, allowing four hits while striking out three.

Ely’s Shayla Zaverl, with two hits, was the only

player with multiple hits in the late game.

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Vagle, Kayla Bodri, and Kennedy Wardas all notched single hits.

Alanna Rutchasky went the distance and took the loss, giving up nine runs on six hits and three

walks, while striking out six. Mt-B pitcher Audrey White got the win, allowing eight runs on seven hits and five walks, while striking out 11.

In earlier action, the

Grizzlies scored single runs in the sixth and seventh innings to beat host South Ridge 2-0 in a pitchers’ duel this past Friday. “This was a good game by both teams, with

good defense and pitching,” said Sandberg.

Rutchasky was on the mound for the shutout, scattering eight hits while fanning two and walking just one. Behind the

plate, Hanna Sandberg and Brynn Simpson had two hits each, including a double for Simpson. Regan Ratai, Taylor Vagle, and Kayla Bodri each had one hit.

The Grizzlies’ scheduled Tuesday match-up with Deer River was rained out. There was no word on whether the game will be rescheduled.

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into the back half. It also earned her the top medal for a previously-cancelled East Range conference meet which isn’t going to be rescheduled in this weather-shortened season.

For both Olsons, it was a familiar place to be. Tate, a North Woods senior, has already made four appearances at the state golf tournament—his first as an eighth-grader—

and he took the Section 7A golf individual title last year. He competed as an individual in the state tournament last year, taking 20th place out of hundreds of competitors.

Nicole was part of the Grizzlies girls golf team that took sixth place at the state tournament last year.

In other results from the Hibbing competition, Kylie Parson shot a 98

and eighth-grader Haley Bogdan played in her first varsity tournament.

In boys competition, the Grizzlies tallied a team total of 347 points. In addition to Olson, the Grizzlies

had strong performances from Ian Olson, with 84 points, Sam Frazee, with 92, and Davis Kleppe with 93.

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the 110- and 300-meter hurdles. Brock Latourell took the 1,600-meters by just over 11 seconds.

Ely had a great day in the field events as Eric Omerza won the long jump while Eli Anderson took first in the triple jump. Jasiah Wigdahl had a strong performance as he won the shot and tied for first in the discus.

On Saturday both teams attended the 63rd Annual Doc Savage Invitational in Hibbing. The boys finished second in the six-team field while the girls didn’t fare as well.

taking fourth place out of five teams.

Prigge was again the top performer for the Ely girls, taking first in the 800-meters by almost 15 seconds. For the boys, Isaac Gawboy again dominated the 100-meter dash.

On Thursday both teams participated in the Steve Kerzie Invite in Virginia. The boys topped the field in the eight-team event, while the girls finished fifth out of seven teams.

Notable performances for the girls included a first-place finish in the 4

x 800 relay. For the boys, James Schwinghamer won the 800-meters by almost four seconds and the 1,600 by over 17 seconds. Henry Dirks hung on to win the 110 hurdles by .12 seconds. Ely’s 4 x 800 relay team won by almost 12 seconds.

In the field, Eric Omerza won the triple jump with a leap of 36-08.00, while Jasiah Wigdahl won the discus throw by less than three inches.

Next up for the girls is a Thursday meet in Hibbing. Both teams will

then finish their regular season on Friday, May 18, in Hibbing.

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REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present Jan Smith's "Cooking on the Oxcart Trails," a free program being offered for ages 10 through adult at Cook Public Library on Thursday, May 17 at 6 p.m. and at the Babbitt Public Library on Wednesday, May 23 at 1 p.m.

Jan shares stories from the journal of Marie, who wrote along the trail, from Fort Riley, Kansas, up to Fort Abercrombie on the border of Minnesota and the Dakota Territories.

She details the difficulties of travel for the oxcarts, wagons, and people. The story includes frontier recipes and remedies, prepared over campfires or using camp ovens in rudimentary settings.

Jan Smith is a sought-after storyteller, educating audiences about early American land settlement and Nordic life. From over 150 entries, Jan was one of four chosen finalists in the 2017 National Storyteller Contest, held in Park Rapids. Don't miss this exciting reenactment of 1858 history.

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 alslib.info, find us on Twitter at twitter.

com/ArrowheadLegacy, on Pinterest at pinterest.com/alexisleitgeb/legacy-events, or like us on Facebook at facebook.com/alslibinfo.

Free movie night at the Comet for youth and mothers on Mother's Day

COOK- A few local donors, along with First Baptist Church, are sponsoring a movie night at the Comet Theater for the movie, "I Can Only Imagine" to celebrate Mother's Day on Sunday, May 13 at 5 p.m. Any student eight to 18 years old and all mothers will receive free admission to the movie. Students do not need to be accompanied by a mother to receive free admission, but students 10 and younger should be accompanied by an adult. Come on out on Mother's Day and enjoy a great film!

Red Hat Belles to meet May 31

GREENWOOD TWP- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet on Thursday, May 31 at the Wilderness at 12 noon. Everyone will order off the menu. Please RSVP by May 25 to Gwen at 218-753-6695 or Carol at 218-753-3220. Welcome back snowbirds! New members and guests always welcome.

Ruby's Pantry on May 26 in Babbitt

BABBITT- Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution will be at the Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Drive, on Saturday, May 26, the fourth Saturday of the month, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. A \$20 cash donation buys an abundance of food; no checks accepted. There are no income or residency guidelines. Bring two large boxes or baskets. St. Pius X Catholic Church sponsors Ruby's Pantry. Volunteers are always welcome.

Summer reading program starts June 1 at Cook Library

COOK- The Cook Public Library launches its Reading Takes You Everywhere Summer Reading Program on Friday, June 1. During June and July, the library will host a range of free activities for children that encourage and support a love of reading. Participants will earn rewards for reaching their reading goals.

"The library volunteers and staff have planned a wonderful program and hope to show kids that the library is a great place to read, learn, discover and play," said Crystal Phillips, Cook Library Director.

Children's story times and a Book Club for elementary students are both held on Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Teens can participate through the TAB (Teen Advisory Board) activities and events; watch for Ironman Chef.

While activities and events are planned with fun in mind, there's also a serious side to summer reading. Research has shown that reading over the summer prevents summer reading loss. "Studies show that students who read for fun outperform those who don't. And students read more when they can choose materials based on their own interests," Phillips added. "Our library is committed to supporting lifelong learners."

The summer reading program continues all summer. To learn more about the summer reading adventure at the library, please call 218-666-2210, visit the library website at cookpubliclibrary.org, or check out the library's Facebook page.

Artist, poet, musician Lyla June in Tower and Ely, May 10, 12 and 13

REGIONAL- Lyla June Johnston, inspiring musician, eco-philosopher, protector of indigenous culture, and internationally recognized poet is visiting our area. She visited Vermilion Reservation and Vermilion Country School on May 10 and 11.

Lyla June's Ely visit will include Harmony and Healing: an evening of conversation, spoken-word and music, on Saturday, May 12 from 6:30-8 p.m. at Ely Folk School, 209 E Sheridan Street. There will be a potluck at 5 p.m. before the event.

Lyla June will also visit St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 715 S Central Ave. in Ely, at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday, May 13 for a Blessing for the Mother: a blessing for moms, elders, and Mother Earth. All of these events are free and open to the public. A free-will donation at Ely Folk School will go to Lyla June and to the Ely Birch Bark Canoe Project.

Lyla June's visit is part of St. Mary's Episcopal Church's Bridging the Gap Series and KBFT Bois Forte Tribal Community Radio Events. We are grateful to our sponsors: Ely Folk School, Wintergreen, Story Portage, Piragis; and our grant funders: the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe and Lake County Power's Operation Round Up®.

NWFA fundraiser concerts, June 15

COOK- In Cook, on Friday, June 15, there will be two live concerts sponsored by Northwoods Friends of the Arts featuring the "Church of Cash," created by Jay "Jayder" Kalk, who is true to the music of Johnny Cash. "Singer Jayder's deep baritone voice sings like a prairie breeze and stomps like a boot heel." The featured concert performance is at 7 p.m. at Cook Community Center

located on Gopher Rd. at the Doug Johnson Recreation Center. Find out more on Facebook or see churchofcashmusic.com.

The concerts and fundraiser begin with local talent, Eric Pederson, Mike Randolph and the voice of Anna Marie Pederson at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$20 and may be purchased from NWFA members or at NWFA Gallery on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1

p.m. at 210 S River St. in Cook. You may also call 218-750-1089 for tickets.

The "Church of Cash" is the eighth annual concert and fundraiser held during NWFA's Spring Art Expo which begins with the Cook Timber Days celebration on Friday, June 8 and continues with exhibits and events until the closing reception on Friday, June 29. See our website at nwfamn.org or email nwfamn.org@gmail.com for more information.

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Death Notices

Arthur G. Smith

Arthur Glen "Tapper" Smith, 60, a proud resident of Soudan, passed away on Sunday, May 6, 2018, at Essentia Health in Virginia. Services will be held at 3 p.m. on Friday, May 11 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia with visitation for one hour prior. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by his sister, Coleen "Connie" Smith of Virginia; numerous nieces and nephews, including his "little

angel" Logan DeLeon; and his beloved dog, Sallie.

Patricia S. Karich

Funeral arrangements for Patricia S. Karich of Lake Vermilion, Tower, are pending with Bauman Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower. Pat died May 7, 2018 at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth.

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Thank you to all who donated, volunteered, attended or supported in any way, Cook's Friends of the Parks latest fundraiser, Wings and Things! We raised \$10,000 dollars in our 10th year! How cool is that? There are so many individuals, groups, clubs, and businesses that help to make these events a success. Donations, publicity, volunteers and attendees all are crucial to the success of the events which enable us to make improvements to our local parks. We live in an awesome extended community and are so grateful to all of you! Together we are making it all happen.

Cook's Friends of the Parks sincerely thank you all!

Orr July 3 Fun Day is looking for ROYALTY CANDIDATES



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Participants must be willing to sell raffle tickets and be responsible for all tickets and monies from the sale of their tickets.

For more information and to register, call or text Karis at 218-684-5416. Help the Orr Chamber of Commerce support Orr July 3 Fun Day. Ticket sales begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 1.



Outdoors

Our lives in the Northwoods

THE SEASONS

Summer heat sweeps remaining ice from lakes

May 8 is the date for Lake Vermilion ice-out

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— A one-day burst of summer-like heat tripped the switch on winter here on Monday, wiping away the last remnants of ice cover on all but a handful of area lakes, including Lake Vermilion. As of noon on Monday, most of Lake Vermilion still sported a hefty cover of ice.

But afternoon highs that topped 80 degrees in most locations later in the day melted all but a few lingering floes in Big Bay. By midday Tuesday, just two patches of floating ice were visible from McKinley Park and reports from other corners of the lake signaled ice-free conditions. Those last floes were gone by Wednesday, which put Vermilion’s official ice-out date at May 8.

Right: The last remaining ice could be seen floating on Lake Vermilion’s Big Bay on Tuesday. By Wednesday, the lake was ice-free.
photo by M. Helmberger

It was an abrupt end to the ice season, which lasted a full six months this winter, one of the longest periods of ice cover in

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FISHERIES



Special regs still in effect despite new northern pike zones

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Most Minnesota anglers have likely heard of the new northern pike zones and associated regulations which will take effect across the state with the May 12 fishing opener. Here in northeastern Minnesota, the new rules will require anglers to release north-erns from 30 to 40 inches, with only one fish allowed over 40 inches.

But those rules won’t apply for lakes, such as Vermilion, Basswood, Birch, or White Iron, that have special northern regulations already in place. On these lakes, the protected slot runs from 24-36 inches, with a possession of three and only one fish over 36 inches, and those special regulations supersede the new zone-based rules.

“We still have special reg-ulations in our fish management tackle box, so to speak, and we want to make sure anglers continue to check for them wherever they’re dropping a line,” said Al Stevens, fisher-ies program consultant with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Special regulations are designed to meet specific man-agement objectives for individual waters based on lake-specific fish population characteristics. They aim to improve fish pop-ulations where statewide reg-ulations are not sufficient to meet objectives, like managing a lake for trophy-sized fish.

There are more than 90 waters in the state with special regulations on northern pike, all listed in the special regulations section of the 2018 Minnesota Fishing Regulations. You can also search the DNR’s Lake Finder tool at mndnr.gov/fishmn.

“We want special regulations to actually be special. What’s more, we are limited by statute as to how many special regulation waters there can be,” Stevens said. “So having zones for pike is a way to achieve management goals while simplifying regula-tions.”



MINNESOTA FISHING OPENER 2018

Ready, set, fish!



Mother Nature sends ice packing just in time for opener

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— There will be open water when anglers head out for the start of the fishing season on Saturday. Temperatures that topped 80 degrees on Monday took care of stubborn ice that had threatened to put a damper on the season opener on some area lakes.

While the ice melted away, the later-than-usual ice-out should still prompt anglers to tailor their techniques for the conditions.

“It’s a given that there will be a lot of fish in the shallow, dark water bays,” said Rob Bryers, of RB’s Guide Service on Lake Vermilion. On Vermilion, Bryers expects Pike and Black Bays to hold plenty of walleye and attract large numbers of anglers.

If you prefer to stay away from the madding crowd, “you could try deeper holes wherever you are,” said Bryers. “Those deep holes, especially in the bays, will hold a lot of male fish that have already spawned,” he said.

Those male fish will also likely be working the shallows, particularly in the evening, so Bryers reminded anglers that some of the best early season fishing is likely to be found right off the dock.

With the late ice-out and

Above: Three generations in a boat... it’s the classic fishing opener story in Minnesota!

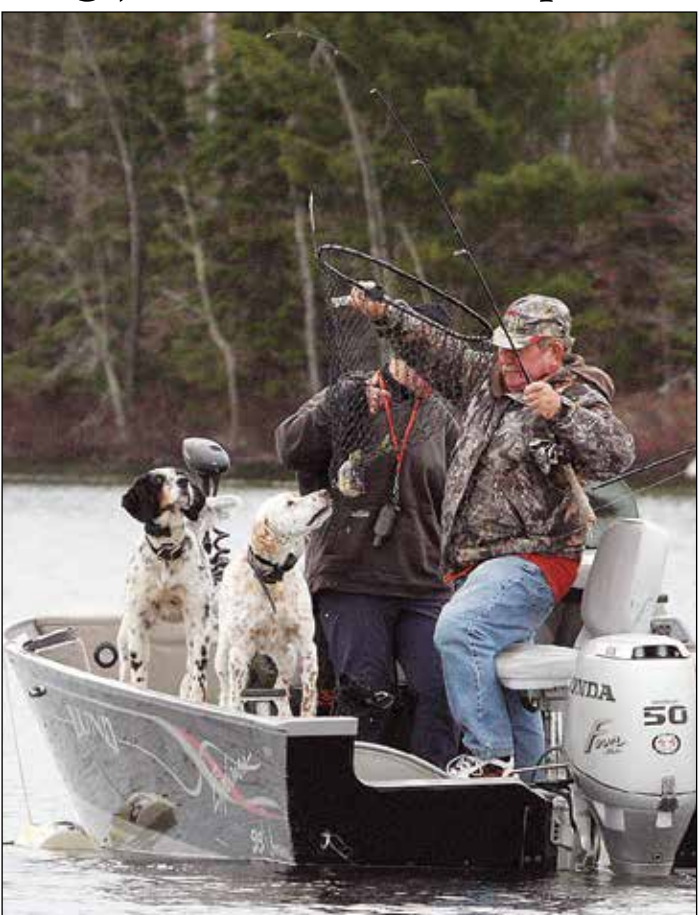
Right: Even the dogs are serious about fishing around here.

2017 opener file photos still-chilly water temperatures, the guides agree that fishing near current is always a good bet. “If the DNR doesn’t close some of these places, fishing in the current should be lights out,” said Rob Nelson, who runs the Ely Fishing Guide Company. “This year, more than usual, the bite will be tied to the current,” Nelson added.

As for presentation, Nelson said he likes to rely on the old standby, jig and minnow, this time of year. If that isn’t working, area guides will tell you to shift to a lindy rig, or even troll with crank baits in shallower water.

Nelson said he and his stable of guides will be start-ing clients out on the White Iron chain and on Basswood, assuming there’s sufficient open water. And Nelson never forgets about Birch Lake, which he said has been a steady producer as well for his clients and is well-known as a strong early-season contender.

Crane Lake, up at the border, lost its ice cover on May 7, and that means



fishing will get underway in earnest on Saturday. Longtime Crane Lake guide Butch Eggen agreed that current is key this time of year and he expects bumper-to-bumper boats working the current at the mouth of the Vermilion River. He also expects plenty of action at the mouth of the Echo River, on Echo Lake, another

well-known early season honey hole. Eggen took Jesse Ventura there for the 2000 Governor’s Opener, and they set the record for the most fish caught by a governor during the annual event.

As for presentation, Eggen swears by the jig and minnow

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Fishing reports

Snyder takes second in national muskie competition

CAVERUNLAKE—A Soudan man and his fishing partner have taken second place in the first qualifier for the 2018 Professional Muskie Tournament Trail (PMTT), held April 28 and 29, on Cave Run Lake, in Kentucky.

Matt Snyder is a fishing guide on Lake Vermilion who specializes in muskie. He and his fishing partner, Chris Riebe, were one of 96 teams competing in last month's tournament at Cave Run. Riebe landed the largest fish in the tournament, at 42-1/4 inches, and the team was leading by

the end of first day. On the second day of competition, Snyder hooked what would have been the winning fish, but it managed to shake the lure as he worked it back to the boat, forcing the team to settle for second place and the \$4,200 cash prize.

Last year, Snyder and Riebe were the only team to catch a muskie at each tournament event, which won them the Team of the Year honors on the muskie circuit.

The PMTT event will arrive back on Lake Vermilion in September, as part of the organization's 20th Anniversary Mega Tournament. The three-day event will play host to 125 teams, who will compete for a total of \$50,000 in cash prizes.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST from NOAA weather

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this time of year. "I tell people that any color jig will work as long as its chartreuse," he quipped. Eggen's best advice: Take it slow. "The fish are lethargic from breeding," said Eggen. "I'm always telling people to slow their jigging down. You can't be real aggressive."

Wherever anglers wind up on any of the larger area lakes, they're likely to find some action with the right methods. Vermilion, in particular, remains in a multi-year sweet spot, with huge numbers of walleye in the 14-16-inch range, that are just perfect for the frying pan. The latest DNR test netting tallied an average of 16 walleye per lift, significantly above the lake's already-robust long-term average of 14. As of last fall's survey, the most common size was a 15-incher, which has likely grown to at least a 16-incher by now. "That's the biggest thing we have going for us is a healthy fishery," said Bryers. "We have such good

numbers of walleye."

The special protective slot limit on Lake Vermilion walleye gets much of the credit for the current status of the fishery, and anglers are going to be reaping additional rewards again this year with the narrower 20-26-inch slot. That will mean anglers can keep walleye up to 19 inches, and they'll also be able to select from the ever-growing number of trophy walleye, over 26 inches, found in the lake.

Nelson said the 17-26-inch protective slot on the White Iron chain is showing promise there as well. "We're very happy with the results of the slot limit," he said.

Northern pike

While the focus often remains on walleye for the opener, Bryers said the pike fishing continues to improve on Vermilion and can add a lot to a day of fishing, particularly in the shallower bays this time of year. While anglers sometime dismiss

the eating quality of northern pike in more southerly waters, few anglers will turn up their nose at a northern from a cold-water lake in the Arrowhead, which can rival any walleye for good eating.

A 24-36-inch protective slot on Vermilion doesn't appear to have increased numbers of northern pike, according to the DNR's Tower area large lake specialist Matt Hennen, but it has increased the average size of pike in the lake, which was part of the objective.

That's consistent with the intent of new statewide northern pike zones, which are designed to reduce the number of small north-erns in north-central parts of the state, while maintaining a healthy population of larger pike in north-eastern Minnesota.

In the Ely area, Nelson said he's encouraged by the new rules for north-erns. "I'm very excited by it," he said.

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recent years. And it was a surprise to many, who had expected the ice to linger into the weekend of fishing opener. As of the third week of April, the lake still held snow cover and three feet of rock hard ice. But two weeks of above-average temperatures, plentiful sunshine and wind, beginning later in the month, sparked the rapid ice melt.

As of Monday, small and medium-sized lakes to the south and west of Snowbank Lake were ice-free, according to a Forest Service pilot stationed in Ely. Ice remained on portions of Basswood, Burntside, Snowbank, and La Croix, but those lakes likely cleared as well during the week. Inclement weather prevented most pilots from doing

aerial reconnaissance on Tuesday and Wednesday, so updates were not possible until after this week's presstime.

A number of lakes cleared of ice on Monday, including Pelican, White Iron, Garden, Farm, and Eagles Nest 2. Shagawa Lake, in Ely, was also ice-free as of Monday.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

VERMILION LAKE TOWNSHIP
Important Information Regarding
Property Assessments
This may affect your 2019 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization
for Vermilion Lake Township
will meet on Thursday, May 17, 2018
1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Vermilion Lake
Town Hall, 6703 Wahlisten Rd.

The purpose of this 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 the 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 appear before the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

* Assessor's Office, 218-749-7147, Northland Office Center - Suite 2R, 307 1st Street South, Virginia, Minnesota 55792.

Stephen C. Peterson, Jr., Town Clerk
Vermilion Lake Township

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KUGLER TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Kugler Town Board will meet on Tuesday, May 15 at 6 p.m. to conduct their annual road inspection. The regular monthly meeting will follow at 6:30 p.m.

Julie Suihkonen, Town Clerk

Published in the Timberjay, May 11, 2018

BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP
Honor Guard Ceremony
Saturday, May 26 at 11 a.m.

The Effie American Legion Post 182 Honor Guard will be conducting a Memorial Ceremony at the Bearville Township Cemetery. The Bearville Cemetery is located on Highway 65, approximately two miles south of County Rd. 22. There will be a lunch after the ceremony at the Bearville Town Hall on County Road 22. All are welcome.

Kathy Cressy, Bearville Township Clerk

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LEIDING TOWN BOARD
ANNUAL ROAD INSPECTION

The Leiding Town Board will hold their annual Road Inspection on Tuesday, May 15, 2018, at 5 p.m.

Marie Milan, Town Clerk

Published in the Timberjay, May 11, 2018

EMPLOYMENT

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**Ely Chamber of Commerce**
Seasonal Staff Position

The Ely Chamber of Commerce has an opportunity for an individual seeking seasonal work (20-32 hours per week). This part-time position requires a flexible work schedule that includes weekends. The position involves data entry, filing, stocking and assisting the public with area information. Lifting up to 35 pounds is required. For more details, please contact the Chamber office at 218-365-6123 or at fun@ely.org. Office located at 1600 E. Sheridan Street, Ely. 5/11

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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

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STATE OF MINNESOTA
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DISTRICT COURT
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Court File No.:
69VI-CV-18-130

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON COMPLAINT FOR DETERMINATION OF ADVERSE CLAIMS (under Minn. Stat. Section 559.01) AND QUIET TITLE TO BE TRIED IN VIRGINIA, MN

The Estate of Lynette Hakkila also known as: Lynette L. Hakkila, Ronald Lee Hakkila, Plaintiffs
vs.
GMAC Mortgage, doing business as dittech.com, their assigns and successors, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein,

Defendant,

Ronald Lee Hakkila has filed a Complaint to Determine Adverse Claims and Quiet Title. It is Ordered that on June 12, 2018, at 9:00 AM, a hearing will be held in this Court at 300 South 5th Avenue, Virginia, Minnesota 55792, on the Complaint.

The petition represents that the decedent died more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests that the Court determine the descent of such property and assign the property to the persons entitled.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order

as provided by law and by:

- Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.
- Serving a copy of this Notice and Order personally at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

BY THE COURT
Dated Apr. 27, 2018
Gary Pagliaccetti,
Judge of District Court

Amy Turnquist,
Court Administrator

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Submitto: James J. Varichak, Superintendent,
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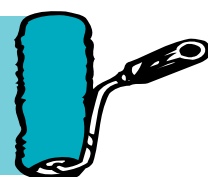
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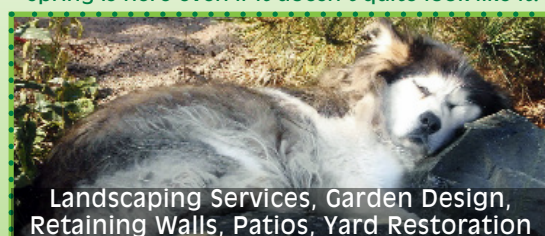


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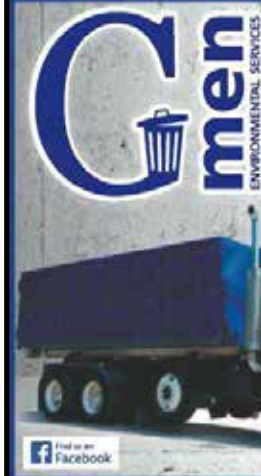
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