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PUBLIC HEARING

Judge hears frustrations over Frontier

Hearings part of ongoing investigation by state regulators

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ELY— Nearly 100 people from across northeastern Minnesota turned out here Tuesday night to tell an administrative law judge why they're frustrated with the service provided by Frontier Communications. And they had a lot to say over the course of nearly

four hours of testimony before Judge Jeffery Oxley, at Vermilion Community College's fine arts theater, with most of the dozens of speakers focusing on poor quality phone service, slow Internet, and the company's deceptive billing practices.

The formal public hearing, which included a court reporter to record the testimony, was the

first of five being held this month around Minnesota. It's part of an investigation ordered by the state's Public Utilities Commission, which is being overseen by the Department of Commerce.

The PUC was flooded with complaints after it opened an initial investigation into the company in the wake of reporting by the Timberjay last November and it ordered a full

investigation earlier this year.

At Tuesday's hearing, the judge heard from resort owners who said their customers can't make online reservations due to their slow Internet and others who said they are being forced to sell summer homes due to unreliable communications with medical providers or their jobs.



Judge
Jeffrey Oxley

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ECONOMY

Studies: Mining no panacea for Ely economy

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ELY— For supporters of the proposed Twin Metals copper-nickel mine near Ely, the argument in favor of the new mine is a simple one— jobs and economic growth as a result of new sources of community income.

Many here point to life a half century ago, when the Pioneer Mine still operated, and imagine a return to that golden era of the post-World War II economy, when rural communities and small town Main Streets still thrived all across America.

It's a compelling vision for many. But is it an illusion that fails to recognize fundamental changes in the U.S. economy?

What if a new mine failed to bring the growth in population and local incomes that supporters envision because it derailed the economic drivers currently powering the Ely area economy?

What if alternative development paths, based on quality of life, actually generated more local income, more employment, and a more stable and diversified local economy?

A new analysis by a pair of Harvard economists adds further heft to the arguments of those who believe Ely is already on the right path economically, and that the push to bring a dangerous form of mining to the area is actually hampering the community's push for sustainable economic growth.

The two economists are James H. Stock, a professor of political economy at Harvard and his PhD student Jacob T. Bradt. Neither were paid for their work, and both

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Back to school



North Woods School best friends Serena Pearson and Josephine Carlson, top, look at the bulletin board on the first day of school Tuesday. Ely Washington School third-grader, Jorden Borchert, above left, brought several "Beanie Boo" friends to school. Ashley Thaumert, above right, introduced her sled dogs at the Vermilion Country School Community Open House on Aug. 30. Ely teacher Tiffany Davis, below, led her first grade class into school from the playground on Tuesday. Timberjay staff photos



CITY OF ELY

Ely council accepts offer for Community Center sale

Public hearing set for Sept. 25

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – City officials here, on Tuesday, accepted a purchase offer from the K America Foundation for the city's long-vacant Community Center. The Ely City Council made the decision following a closed-session discussion at their regular council meeting.

The buyers, Jimmy and Africa Yoon, doing business as the K America Foundation, had submitted an offer to purchase the building last May, indicating they plan to use the city landmark as a Korean cultural and philosophy center.

City officials accepted their offer of \$30,000 for the city landmark, plus attorney's fees and closing costs.

City resident and council candidate Angela Campbell offered her own bid for the building last month with plans to restore the building to its past as an Ely Civic and Community Center. She said Tuesday night that her offer was for \$37,000.

On the advice of City Attorney Kelly Klun, council members went into closed session Tuesday night to consider the offers they received from the Yoons and Campbell.

Mayor Chuck Novak said Wednesday that one of the main factors in the city accepting the lower bid was that the Yoons did not require the city to remove asbestos from the building. "That could cost us as much as \$35,000 to \$50,000," he said.

He also said that the Yoons had a "serious and thought-out" business plan. "We also have very stringent right of re-entry provisions if certain milestones and time frames are not met as we move along in this transaction," Novak said.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES



Vikings Cheerleaders, Caitlin and Leah, sold 101 calendars at the Embarrass Fair the last weekend in August. Proceeds from calendar sales benefit the Vikings Foundation. submitted photo

5-Oh! to play at Community Night Out, Sept. 9 at the Seitaniemi Housebarn

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage of Embarrass is celebrating their annual Community Night Out on Sunday, Sept. 9 from 4-7 p.m. at the historic Seitaniemi Homestead. Come for a free concert, tours of the housebarn restoration project, visiting with friends and neighbors, and good food. Chili, cornbread, hot dogs, homemade pie, coffee and soft drinks will be for sale, or bring your own picnic to enjoy on the lawn. The musical entertainment will be 5-Oh! of Ely, consisting of Rob Mattson on guitar and bass, John Ely on steel guitar, dobro, and bass, and Bill Bulinski on guitar.

Freewill donations will be gladly accepted. All proceeds go to Sisu's restoration projects in Embarrass and the surrounding area. The Seitaniemi Homestead is located on Comet Rd. in Waasa. Watch for signs on Hwy 21. Call 218-984-3402 with any questions.

Duluth singer-songwriter Sara Thomsen will perform at Hidden Valley Chalet on Saturday, Sept. 8

ELY- Twin Ports singer-songwriter Sara Thomsen will perform in concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8 at the Hidden Valley Chalet, 1340 Hidden Valley Rd., half-mile east of Ely. Admission is \$15 at the door, \$10 for students. Although reservations are not required, calls to 218-365-3346 to let organizers know you are coming are appreciated. Guests are welcome to bring appetizers and/or beverages to share during intermission.

NWFA Writers Group begins again Sept. 8 in Cook

COOK- The Northwoods Friends of the Arts writer's group will begin meeting on Saturdays, starting Sept. 8, from 1 to 3 p.m. in the Northwoods Friends of the Arts gallery, at 210 S River St., next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon.

This group will meet each second Saturday of the month from 1-3 p.m. This is an open group that welcomes all who love to write. During each session, participants engage in the writing process and share personal writings.

Please join us as we engage in this creative process. NWFA is a non-profit organization founded to encourage creative thinking and skills in the community of Cook and surrounding areas. Check the website for information about classes, events, and exhibits. For more information, visit nwfa.org. Gallery hours are Wednesday to Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

SISU HERITAGE

Bluebird workshop at Nelimark, Sept. 15

EMBARRASS- An educational bluebird workshop will take place at the Nelimark on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 2-4 p.m. Local bluebird experts will be sharing their knowledge. Participants will learn how to establish safe nesting areas and protect these lovely birds in our forest edges and fields. Interesting tips and facts will be presented about the birds' population in our area. According to local folklore, bluebirds are attracted to places where residents are

happy and hospitable, that must be why we have a fair amount of bluebirds in Embarrass. Do you love and appreciate birds? Come on over for a fun afternoon and have a cup of coffee and sit in the shade at the Nelimark on Saturday, Sept. 15. We might even have the grill going with a free serving of brats, hot dogs and chips from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch, if desired. Everyone is welcome.



VIRGINIA



Bridge Daze set for Sept. 14-15

VIRGINIA- Bridge Daze will be celebrated in Virginia on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 14 and 15 with events in Virginia that highlight public art, the new Bridge View Park, and of course, the new Highway 53 bridge.

Employees of United Taconite will be at the Virginia Senior Center on Sept. 14 from 4-7 p.m. to talk about the reasons the road needed to be relocated. Learn more about what's happening at United Taconite and enjoy free cake and coffee.

At noon on Saturday the new Bridge View Park will open along the Mesabi Trail between the east end of Chestnut St. in Virginia and the west pedestrian entrance to the bridge itself. It's the best (and only) place to view the bridge from the side. At 2:30 p.m.

Volkswalk, a "people's walk," begins at the east end of Chestnut Street. It is a city stroll highlighting public art, with registration proceeds benefiting the Lyric Center for the Arts in Virginia. From 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. there will be a street show featuring Christopher David Hanson and Psycho Jane outside the 218 Taphouse. At 6:30 p.m., put on your headlamp and join us for the Headlamp Hustle, a fun run/walk from the end of Chestnut Street across the new bridge and back. Register for the Headlamp Hustle online to guarantee your free headlamp and drink coupon for the 218 Taphouse. Register for the Volkswalk online to

receive a free "fandana" and drink coupon for the 218 Taphouse. Save money, and get all the swag, by signing up for both events. Register and learn more at www.bridge-daze.com.

Volkswalk fundraiser for the Lyric

VIRGINIA- The annual Volkswalk fundraiser is part of Bridge Daze this year on Saturday, Sept. 15. Join in the fun while supporting the Lyric Center for the Arts.

Volkswalk is a community tradition throughout Europe and the U.S. The Lyric Volkswalk features the awesome public art in Virginia. The

route for the Volkswalk is about 3.2 miles, but you can meander with the map to see what's off the path. The walk starts at the east end of Chestnut Street at 2:30 p.m. and finishes with refreshments at the Lyric Center for the Arts. Ride your bike, run, or walk... it's up to you. Sign up now at www.bridgedaze.com. Registration is by donation to the Lyric. Pre-registration is \$30 online and \$35 at the event. Seniors get a discounted rate, \$25 for pre-registrations and \$30 on the day of. Kids under 12 are free. Check out Bridgedaze.com for the full schedule of events.

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HEALTH CARE

Ely Bloomenson seeking public input to improve care

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- “If you are in the emergency room,” said Michael Coyle, “you are already having a bad day.”

But the leadership and staff at the Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital is working to make those bad days a little easier, by providing the best possible care for those in need of emergency and hospital services.

Coyle told a community forum in Tower that they are committed to becoming a great community hospital, not just a good one.

Coyle, who has been the CEO at Ely-Bloomenson since early in 2018, was discussing results of current surveys of both ER and hospital patients. The survey work started on July 1 and is being conducted by Press Ganey Associates, a consulting firm that has worked with over 26,000 health care

organizations, helping them to improve the patient experience and create continuous, sustainable improvement.

The board at EBCH had just gotten results in from the first two months of survey work. “The likelihood that a patient would recommend EBCH to friends and family was 100-percent,” said Coyle, “and overall satisfaction with the ER was at 96.3-percent.”

This data, taken from approximately 125 returned surveys, gives EBCH initial ratings higher than any other hospital that Press Ganey has worked with, said Coyle.

“We want to be able to serve the population as well as we can,” said Coyle, noting that the hospital has been expanding its offerings, adding new specialists including a full-time surgeon, and has been upgrading its technology including new

lab equipment, state-of-the-art mammography, and a brand-new CT scanner (being installed now) that is “light years above anything else in the region.”

The hospital is also able to serve veterans living within 40 miles of Ely who are getting medical care through the VA system, which means they don’t need to travel to VA hospitals located in other parts of the state.

The community forum was one of three the hospital has held this summer, others were held in Ely and Babbitt, and is part of the hospital’s ongoing effort to build community engagement and to be partners to the communities of Tower-Soudan, Embarrass, Babbitt, and Ely.

“We want to hear from you,” said Coyle, “good things, things we need to improve on, and things we should be doing.

The hospital has also created a community liaison committee,



Dr. Savereide, a newly-hired surgeon at Ely Bloomenson (r) and new hospital CEO Michael Coyle talked to attendees at a community forum in Tower last week. photo by J. Summit

and several members of the committee were on hand. The hospital is currently seeking to add some interested community members from Tower-Soudan to this group, which meets every

other month for an hour.

The hospital’s new full-time general surgeon, Robert Savereide, was also at the

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TRAGEDY

Second Ely-area drowning in a month claims VCC athlete

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – An 18-year-old student at Vermilion Community College, from Detroit, Mich., drowned while swimming in Miner’s Lake on Labor Day.

Sean Giles Jr., a member of the VCC football team, disappeared under the water while swimming around 3:50 p.m. He had been swimming with a group of friends near a boat landing on the north side of the lake at the time.

The St. Louis County Rescue Squad found him submerged in the water 20 minutes later.

Rescuers pulled him to shore and attempted to revive him as they transported him to Ely Bloomenson Hospital. But those efforts were unsuccessful and he was declared dead shortly after his arrival.

One of Giles’ friends on Facebook said that he’d gone swimming Monday shortly after football practice had ended. Giles had attended high school in River Rouge, a suburb of Detroit.

VCC Provost Shawn Bina said Tuesday that the entire faculty and staff are helping the student community deal with the loss.

“Sean was a happy, con-

fident student here and always had a smile on his face,” Bina said. “This was a tragic death and will leave a mark on our entire community.”

Giles was a second-year student and a defensive end on the Ironman football team. “Sean chose to stay in Ely over the summer and work,” Bina said. “He worked here at the college as well as at the Rockwood Restaurant and the Front Porch coffee shop in town.” Giles was the recipient of several scholarships last spring.

“The football team is sticking together and coming to terms with the loss of their teammate

and will continue with their season. There may be a special memorial service, but right now it is too soon to think about,” Bina said.

Out of respect for the Vermilion Community College campus and the family of Sean Westly Giles, Jr., the decision was made to honor Sean as the solitary Eastern Division Player-of-the-Week, said Peter Watkins, executive director of the Minnesota College Athletic Conference.

The incident remains under investigation by the St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office.



Sean Giles was a second-year player on the VCC football team. He was the second young man to drown in the Ely area in recent weeks submitted

Celebrate

FRIDAY, SEPT. 14

United Taconite Open House & Cake Social
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SATURDAY, SEPT. 15

BridgeView Park Grand Opening 12 p.m.
Volkswalk Art Walk (Lyric Fundraiser) 2:30 p.m.
Street Show (Live Music by the 218 Taphouse) 3:30 p.m.
Headlamp Hustle Fun Run/Walk (ReVive VA fundraiser) 6:30 p.m.
Kids/Adult Bridge Crafts at Smith's Infusion 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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OPINION

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Editorial

Windfalls in steel

Steelworkers have had the companies' backs for years. Why not return the favor?

For years, the United Steelworkers used the political strength of their 30,000 members to make the case for steel tariffs to stem the flow of cheap foreign steel being dumped on U.S. shores. Steelworkers provided the steel industry the boots on the ground, and, in many cases, the votes in the booths for the presidential candidate who promised to impose across-the-board tariffs on foreign imports, even from countries that compete on a level playing field with U.S. companies.

The result has been a huge windfall for the shareholders of companies like U.S. Steel and ArcelorMittal, as a sharp run-up in domestic steel prices have big steelmakers literally wallowing in profits. But, as usual, the trickle-down theory of economics has left steelworkers feeling trickled on, and with good reason.

As has been widely reported, this year's contract talks between the steelworkers and steel makers have been difficult, with the companies holding fast to a hard line seeking cuts in workers' health benefits while giving up little in wage increases. Three years ago, of course, steelworkers accepted wage freezes during a period when steel prices had fallen dramatically and the companies were struggling.

You might think that the dynamic of the talks would be different at a time when ArcelorMittal has posted \$5 billion in net profits in the first half of 2018 alone, and U.S. Steel is doing nearly as well. But, as usual, the big steelmakers have little, if any, willingness to share the benefits with their workers.

It's just one more case study in the failure of supply-side economics to lift the boats of the vast majority of Americans. In a sense, the steel tariffs are little different from the supply-side tax cuts that Republicans enacted late last year. The tax cuts slashed the corpo-

rate tax rate nearly in half, providing another windfall to U.S. corporations. Combine the tax cuts with the tariffs and it's practically raining money on the U.S. steel industry right now.

But are those policies benefitting workers?

Supply-side theory suggests that by ladling tax breaks and perks like tariffs on certain industries the corporate titans will use those resources to invest in new plants and hire more workers. The trouble is, it rarely works out that way.

Last December, just as the new tax cuts were signed into law, Bank of America conducted a survey of U.S. corporations to see how they planned to use their windfall. The most common response was to trim their debt load, followed by stock buybacks, which benefit investors. Third on the list? Mergers and acquisitions, which typically result in lost jobs. Capital expenditures was fourth on the list, followed by increasing dividends for shareholders. Pay increases for workers? Sorry, it didn't make the list.

Sure, most steelworkers are back on the job today, which is better than the situation in 2015, when layoffs were widespread. But that recovery was well underway in 2016, after then-President Obama, enacted stiff tariffs on illegally-dumped foreign steel. President Trump's across-the-board tariffs have simply allowed domestic producers to reap windfall profits, little or any of which will find its way into the pockets of actual workers. As usual, it's the One Percent that take home virtually the entire pie.

Steelworkers might want to keep that in mind the next time the steel bosses ask for the union's political muscle to help the industry in the next downturn. That's when union workers can remind the bosses that loyalty should cut both ways.



Letters from Readers

Celebrate the life of a real hero: Aretha Franklin

The flags should have been put at half mast for Aretha Franklin and not for McCain. She was a lady who argued for peace whereas the other one voted for every war that he could. As a senator he agreed with the war in Vietnam and more recently for the wars in Afghanistan, Iraq, and Yemen. He represented big business and not the American people.

War hero? He was bombing innocent people for god's sake. He became a prisoner as an occupier of a country that didn't want to be an enemy of the U.S. The U.S. likes war. He was a hawk. (I don't like this word because I like birds. Also hawk doesn't really tell the story. A war monger is a better word as war kills innocent people and is used by the U.S. as an excuse to steal resources from other countries.) And he made it back home. It couldn't have been that bad. They probably fed him.

The flag at half mast this week symbolizes, for me, that Washington is a war mongering country, no matter which party is in power.

Imagine what 60 percent of all tax dollars going to military and war could do positively for the U.S. and for people abroad that "we" have killed or maimed.

Let's remember Aretha and forget McCain.

Steve Johnson
Ely

Nuclear power is the only hope for staving off climate change

Fifteen years ago, I would have agreed with Elton Brown (July 20, *Timberjay* letter), who favors the use of "renewable" energy, but since then, I've studied the science and changed my mind.

Instead of expanding 30-percent efficient, carbon-de-

pendent renewables, we should be building 90-percent efficient, carbon dioxide-free, nuclear power which is by far the safest way to produce electricity. That includes Chernobyl, the only nuclear plant to ever cause deaths—fewer than 70 to date. The Russian reactor at Chernobyl, which was a built on "the cheap" was producing plutonium for bombs, unlike civilian reactors that are designed to create electricity.

When wind and solar promoters claim that these intermittent projects can power 1,000 homes, for example, they hide the fact that, on average, they will supply power to only 300 because the wind often quits and the sun always sets. Wind and solar projects consume far more raw materials than a nuclear plant of the same capacity that runs 24/7.

The only reason for their existence is the needless fear of nuclear power that has been promoted by the carbon industries and clueless greens who don't realize that nuclear power is statistically at least 100 times safer than wind, 300 times safer than solar, and about 3,000 times safer than natural gas - or that wind and solar farms primarily rely on power plants that burn coal or natural gas to supply the 70 percent of their rated power that they fail to produce.

Unfortunately, natural gas is mostly methane, a greenhouse gas initially 75 times more harmful than carbon dioxide, and our aquifer-polluting fracking wells and our natural gas (methane) distribution systems are leaking so severely that this fugitive methane is offsetting the gains we have made by cutting back on coal.

Worse yet, the carbon dioxide created by burning natural gas and coal to support renewables is acidifying our oceans, which provide 20 percent of our protein and 50 percent of our oxygen. Adding CO2 to water creates carbonic acid, which impedes the formation of the calcium carbonate shells of crabs, shrimp, lobsters, oysters, scal-

lops, and most importantly, tiny organisms like the phytoplankton that comprise the foundation of the ocean food chain.

We have evidence that the concentrations of CO2 and other greenhouse gases will, within a few decades, equal those that caused the Permian extinction that occurred 250 million years ago - when more than 90 percent of all oceanic species died due largely to huge eruptions of CO2 and methane in Siberia.

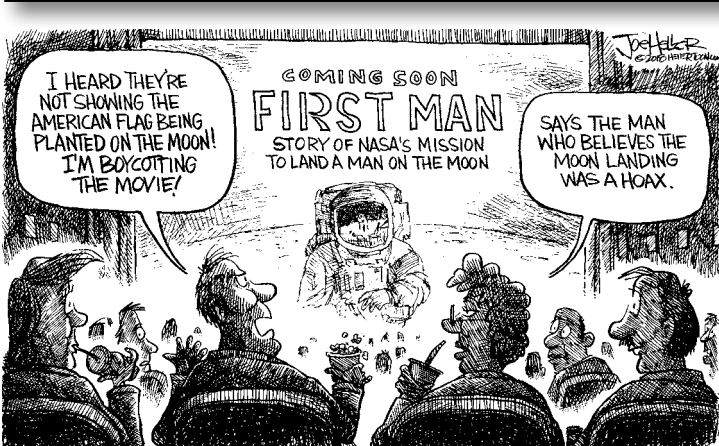
Because those conditions developed over hundreds of thousands of years, many oceanic organisms had time to evolve, but our anthropogenic (human-caused) climate change, being much more rapid (just 250 - 300 years), will leave too little time for many species to evolve.

Like it or not, the problems we face are the direct result of our creating 1.8 trillion tons of Industrial Age CO2, to which we are adding 30 billion tons per year. Only 1/3 of that 1.8 trillion tons has dissolved in our seas, and as the remainder is absorbed, our oceans will become even more acidic and hostile to life.

Because nuclear plants require much less land, steel, copper, concrete and other materials than wind and solar farms per unit of electricity generated, nuclear plants are much more environment-friendly than "renewables." In addition, the mining for rare earth metals that windmills require is creating toxic lakes containing lead, cadmium, and arsenic, which never decay.

Even though we have enough uranium and thorium to power our planet for 10,000 years, 90 percent-efficient nuclear power was conveniently deemed to be non-renewable by anti-nuclear environmentalists, by legislators who didn't know the science, and by those who still profit by building these facilities and by selling the coal and natural gas to the power plants that prop them up.

George Erickson
Eveleth



Seeing life through my cousin's eyes

I know that "living off the beaten path" means that people have to really want to see us to make the effort to find us. So it is with my family, most of whom are still in the Detroit area, or some other big city sprinkled south and east across the Rust Belt. As you might expect, I was



KATHLEEN
MCQUILLAN

surprised to receive a text from my cousin, Art, from Pennsylvania, that he'd worked me into his travel itinerary. He'd see me "soon" for an overnight stay, en route to Oregon riding his Ducati Multistrada 1200 motorcycle.

It had been twenty years since I'd seen him. That

was the last time he'd come breezing in. This time Art was riding with Joan, his "girlfriend" of seven years. This would be our first meeting. Having just retired, they were on an adventure. Still wondering what "soon" meant, three days later we were greeting them in the driveway. Once their gloves and helmets were off, and hugs and introductions exchanged all around, our visit officially began.

As a kid, Art was my wild and crazy cousin, always pushing

the limits. He was a racer, first of bicycles, then dirt bikes, stock cars, and now his most recent racing endeavor, fast foreign cars. With this news, I felt a momentary reticence, like the sensation I get when I first step onto a moving escalator. Maybe I should have braced myself for this. Art could be at full-throttle. And that meant holding on tight!

My cousin was always the proverbial "gear head". If given the opportunity, anything you needed to know, wanted

to know (or even didn't) about anything metal, mechanical, or man-made, Art would tell you, and in much more detail than you would think possible.

Art announced he had retired from his day job delivering fuel oil. He now spent a lot of his time traveling the racing circuit "announcing". He was the guy behind the microphone giving the "blow-by-blow" for the fans at the track, or listening on the

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Letters from Readers

Return bear season start to Sept. 15

Over the recent Labor Day weekend, camouflaged bear hunters sat a short distance off roads, perched in tree stands above popular trails, and carried high-powered rifles through the forests of northern Minnesota. Knowing this, many locals were afraid to enjoy the woods. Most vacationers had no idea danger was so close.

Bear hunting season used to begin on Sept. 15. This allowed families to enjoy the glorious Minnesota outdoors during Labor Day and allowed the state to attract more tourists (and their money) before colder weather sets in.

In addition to families and tourists, the bears are also affected. The bear population is now down so far that the Department of Natural Resources is trying to bolster the population.

One way to increase the bear population is to give pregnant females a chance to den. Bear research has shown pregnant female bears tend to den in September. This would help the Department of Natural Resources achieve its goal of

20,000 bears statewide.

I hope our legislature and the DNR will move the opening date back to the original Sept. 15. It is a simple act that costs the state nothing and allows more people to enjoy the outdoors in our great state.

**Judy Thon
Ely and Apple Valley**

Five things you can do to prevent suicide

Sept. 10 is World Suicide Prevention Day and The Ely Behavioral Health Network is asking everyone in our community to Take Five to Save Lives!

Take Five to Save Lives is a public awareness campaign run by the National Council for Suicide Prevention in support of World Suicide Prevention Day. The goal of the campaign is to encourage everyone to take five simple actions that focus on preventing the tragedy of suicide. Check out take5tosavelives.org to learn more about the campaign and the five steps you can take and in just five minutes. The steps include:

► **LEARN THE SIGNS.** Although it may not always be obvious, individuals experienc-

ing an emotional crisis usually exhibit one or more of the warning signs of suicide. Your ability to identify the signs will better prepare you to take action and could help save a life.

► **DO YOUR PART.** Teachers, parents, students, caregivers, and countless other stakeholders all play a vital role in preventing the tragedy of suicide. Preventing suicide is a collective responsibility. Learn how you can do more to raise awareness and prevent suicide.

► **PRACTICE SELF-CARE.** Research indicates that our mental fitness or wellness is crucial to our overall long-term health, and can even protect us from disease. Learn some tips for keeping mentally fit. Make it a priority.

► **REACH OUT.** If you or someone you know is in emotional distress you must reach out for help. You are not alone. Learn about different help options and how to take that first step in seeking help and care.

► **SPREAD THE WORD.** Let's get people talking. By sharing the Take 5 campaign with 5 other people we can raise awareness of problem of suicide and equip people with easy tools

to help themselves and others. Share the campaign on or before World Suicide Prevention Day, on Sept. 10.

By taking five minutes to learn about suicide, you can make a difference. Thank you for your commitment to a healthy community.

**Riana Hegman
Education Coordinator
Ely Behavioral
Health Network**

Charitable gambling takes much effort

At the Cook VFW 1757, we provide bingo and burgers on Thursday evenings. Bingo is a charitable gambling event governed by the Minnesota Gambling Control Board (MGCB). The board requires that your organization continues doing yearly a continuing education class that are now available online. Not doing the training will result in a citation, \$250 to start with, it grows with repeat violations. Every organization has what's called a Compliance Specialist.

There are seven members of the MGCB and they meet once a month in Roseville. There are a

lot of stringent records kept and certain documents have to be submitted to the board so that lawful taxes are paid. The gross proceeds of an organization must be submitted on time. The board meetings are open to the public. According to the August issue of Gaming News, "Fiscal year 2017 saw a record of \$74,718,000 go to charities, missions, an increase of \$4,563,000 from fiscal year 2016. That is \$4.5 million, after taxes for your fraternal and veterans organizations, youth clubs, activities, fire relief association and youth hockey associations."

We are very fortunate to have Linda L. taking care of our charitable gambling operation at the VFW. Her "by-the-book" attitude, punctuality, and integrity are crucial to our long-term viability. The MGCB regulates the lawful, charitable gambling industry to ensure the integrity of operations and provide for the lawful use of net profits. Charitable gambling may be conducted only by registered nonprofit organizations.

**Skip Dickinson
Britt**

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radio. He's a talker who can bring the unseen to life, adding drama to every curve, straight-away, and secretly longed for pile-up. He's a word master and loves to hear himself entertaining anyone who will listen. In the course of our visit, I would be his new audience. (In this visit, I got more information about Porsches and Ducatis than I could ever absorb, along with some of the funniest dirty jokes I'd ever heard.)

After the first night, I realized what a lucky guy Art was to have found Joan, a sweet, smart, and subdued person who, in her adeptly gentle fashion, acted as the governor on his

compulsive story-telling. I loved her! When they were in no hurry to leave after the planned one-night stay, I really was happy.

Visitors are rare, especially folks who loved and can share great memories about our moms, two Greek sisters who were always there for each other. They were always there for us, too, and as kid cousins, we were close enough to feel like "sibs." As a bonus to all these warm vibes, I got to learn exactly what "turbo-charged" meant, and all the advantages it afforded. How lucky could I get. (Mustn't forget, we grew up in the Motor City.)

That night we were hit with a whopping thun-

derstorm. At 3 a.m., with the first crack of thunder, I was up, unplugging everything electronic. Out of the guest room came Art, in his underwear, his smart phone in hand. He was totally enthralled by the amount of electricity flashing across the sky. In his most passionate style, he cried, "I've never seen lightening like this in my life! I've gotta get this on video!" I thought to myself, "Art, where have you been?" And then it occurred to me, "Pittsburgh! His night skies are not like our night skies."

He plastered his video phone against the picture window while hailing the

magnificent light show. I thought to myself, "Wow, at 65, he's still like a little kid."

Satisfied with his recording, he brought it to me, "Look at this! Unbelievable! And listen to that continuous thunder. It just goes on and on!" Yes, this storm was amazing. But to see him exclaiming like this in sheer wonder and delight, wow, that amazed me.

The next morning, every one at the breakfast table was presented with his award-worthy video of the thunderstorm, "just in case they'd slept through it."

After enjoying home-grown eggs, hash browns

and home-roasted java, Art announced it was time to "pack it up", with hope of reaching North Dakota by dark. We poured over the map, identifying routes unsuitable for two wheel travel, and those scenic byways too beautiful to miss. With routes programmed into their smartphones, they were ready to go. I cleared dishes as they collected their gear, dreading the farewells that I knew would follow our final photo shoot.

Art entered the kitchen, announcing their departure, but first, his latest discovery. With his signature enthusiasm, he exclaimed, "Guess what I just figured out? If ya walk

across your gravel driveway, and then across your grass, by the time ya get to your door, your shoes are completely clean" OMG! It was happening again. Art's irrepressible joy and delight about something so small, insignificant by most people's standards, This was his morning thrill. And part of that joy was sharing it with me. I got it and it was amazing! In that moment, we were both "turbo-charged" just on life itself. 'Til we meet again, dear cuz. Godspeed and safe journeys.

HOSPITAL...Continued from page 3

meeting, and talked about the advantages of having surgery done close to home.

One of the biggest advantages of Ely, Savereide said, is the hospital's very low infection rate.

"This is very important for surgical care," he said.

Patients can choose to have pre- and post-op care done in Ely, even if the surgery needs to be completed by a specialist at a larger hospital. Where such care is received is the choice of the patient, not the doctor.

One woman who attended the forum said she recently had knee replacement surgery done at a different hospital but opted to have her post-op recovery done in Ely, close to home. It was a good experience, she said.

The hospital has been working to make patient and visitor experiences more welcoming. They have partnered with the Art Corner in Ely to make art projects available for patients, and also have AV equipment and DVDs available for patients to use in their rooms. Visiting hours at the hospital are around-the-clock, though quiet times are enforced in the evenings.

Another advantage in Ely is the care given in a small hospital setting.

"At a big city ER you can wait all day to be seen," he said. "Not here. We like to seek folks within 10 minutes."

Chelsea Carter, a nurse at EBCH who lives in Tower, has worked at the hospital that last five years.

"This is the strongest staff of doctors and nurses I've worked with," she said. "The doctors really listen to the nurses, and the doctors can be self-sufficient if the nurses are busy elsewhere."

Coyle noted that the survey is showing that the entire hospital team, from the cleaning and maintenance staff on up, is responsible for the hospital's overall satisfaction rate.

"We have our staff ask patients what else can I do for you. I have the time," he said. "These are the kind of things we can do to separate ourselves from everyone else."

"There aren't many things that make you feel better when you're in the hospital," said Savereide, "good food, a nice shower, and keeping warm."

Coyle noted that the cool temperatures hospitals need to maintain are often uncomfortable for patients, but something that is easily remedied with extra blankets.

Community needs analysis

The hospital is about to embark on its community health needs analysis (CHNA), something that is required by the Affordable Care Act every three years.

"This report is required to gather important information about the health needs of folks that

live within our service area," said Jodi Martin, Communications Team Leader. "We use the data collected to try to build programs that will help the overall wellness of our communities." This effort will include mailing out 800 surveys and conducting five focus groups. The results of this survey will be compiled in to a comprehensive report that will be available in January 2019. Area residents who receive this survey in the mail are asked to please spend the time to fill it out.

The last needs analysis showed a need for general surgery and orthopedic care. Since then, they've added a chemotherapy program which is attracting patients from a wide area. They also now provide a location for sedated dentistry work, partnering with a local dentist.

In the future, they are hoping to add urology and ophthalmology specialists.

The hospital is also looking for community leaders in Ely, Isabella, Tower-Soudan, and Winton who are interested in being part of the com-

mittee working on developing survey questions and identifying individuals for interviews and focus groups, Martin said.

EBCH is an independently-owned critical access hospital.

"We are not part of anyone else's system or network," said Coyle. "We work hard to keep our independence."

The hospital does have strategic alliances with other providers and specialists. Any specialist who does come to the hospital to provide care for patients would be in-network for insurance purposes, Coyle said.



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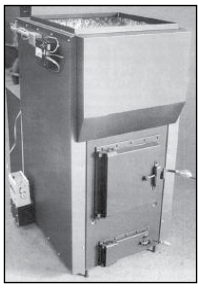
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VERMILION COUNTRY SCHOOL

A year to study animals...



Vermilion Country School held its first day on Aug. 30 with a Community Open House featuring a plethora of up-close encounters with wildlife. The school's environmental focus this year will be on North American Wildlife. Many community members stopped by for the all-day event. Above: Leah Anderson is not ready to pet the corn snake brought up by the Duluth Zoomobile. Left: Jessamy Schwartz shows a desert tortoise. Above left: Ava pets a pony brought by Roemmich Farms, of Embarrass. photos by J. Summit

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

St. Martin's Fall Dinner set for Sept. 23

TOWER- St. Martin's Annual Fall Dinner will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23. The dinner will be served in the church social hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nick Tekautz will once again be our featured chef for the pork dinner. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 13, \$25 for families (two adults, two children,) and children under five are free. Tickets may be purchased from any member of our Ladies' Circles, at the rectory, or at the door.

Takeouts are available. We hope that you will join us in celebrating the arrival of fall.

Crafters needed for St. Martin's Christmas Bazaar on Nov. 10

TOWER- St. Martin's Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10. The event is in the early planning stage and is looking for local crafters to participate. The cost for a table is \$20. If you are interested, please contact the rectory at 218-753-4310. Office hours are Monday

and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Red Hat Belles to meet Sept. 18

TOWER- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet for a catered lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 12 noon at Sulu's Espresso Café in Tower. The menu will include sandwich loaf and sides at a cost of \$16 (tax and tip included). For reservations, please call Janice at 218-248-8460 by Friday, Sept. 14.

Big Truck Night on Thursday



SOUDAN- Tower-Soudan ECFE and Breitung Township invite you to Big Truck Night on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 4 – 6 p.m. at the Soudan Park and Recreation Area. Come check out big rigs like fire engines, ambulances, dump trucks, dozers and more. Hot dogs and refreshments will be available. The event is free and open to all families with young children. Contact ECFE at 218-753-4040 ext. 6113 for more information. Listen to WELY for event cancellation due to inclement weather.

The Magic of Scarf Tying on Sept. 19

TOWER- Tower Soudan Civic Club (TSCC) invites area residents to an informative and entertaining presentation, The Magic of Scarf Tying. Betty Irons will show how to perk up outfits. She will also feature decorative clips and fasteners to keep the scarves in place. Irons, author of the book "Tying it All Together," will demonstrate many different styles featured in her book. If you are worried about remembering your favorite scarf style, the book will be available for purchase. A lucky drawing winner will be able to take one home.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the Tower Civic Center at 7 p.m.

"Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, including newcomers interested in joining our club," says Linda Haugen, Program Chairman. TSCC meets the third Wednesday of most months. In October, the club will feature Brittany Foster, local artist who will present a program on jewelry making.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church events Sept. 23

SOUDAN- Bring the kids to St. Paul's for a Sunday School Rally and Bless Your School Backpack on Sunday, Sept. 23 at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to a Sunday school lesson at 9 a.m. during service.

Later that same day, meet the new Pastor,

Greg Anderson, at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served. Everyone is welcome. For questions, call Susan Trucano-Precht at 218-780-1560.

TSHS Class of '59 to celebrate 59 years Sept. 16

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Class of 1959 is celebrating their 59th year since graduating. They are planning a casual get together on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. in the dining room at the Vermillion Club and will order off the menu. Spouses and guests are welcome. If possible, please RSVP to George Peyla at 218-753-6228 or bngpeyla@gmail.com so the VC knows how many to expect. If plans change, come even if you don't RSVP.

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Sat: 8am-noon

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TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY



Above: New Kindergarten teacher Wendy Jordan. Right: Kiersten Schoonover visited her new classroom during the open house on Aug. 30. Below: Kindergarten students check out the play area. photos by S. Ukkola



BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Calls: 235
Arrests: 2
Citations/
Formal Charges: 8
Monthly Mileage:
2,746 (Tahoe 1,547 Explorer: 1,199)

During the month of July the Breitung Police Department worked four additional TZD shifts.
During the month of July Officer Sanderson attending SHIELD training.
Current end-of-the-month mileage for the Gold 2012 Chevy Tahoe (Tower) is 70,410. Current end-of-the-month mileage for the



July Police Report

Breitung Police Chief Dan Nylund

2017 Ford Explorer is 12,368.
The Breitung Police Department D.A.R.E./Truth About Drugs Fourth of July float took home the third place award in this years parade. Chief Nylund would like to personally thank the kids and adults that helped put it together.
New electronic speed signs have been installed on both the

north and south sides of Tower on Main Street. They have helped to slow down the traffic on Main Street. The signs were funded by a grant received by the Tower Soudan Community Development Corporation for their Main Street project.
Citations, formal charges, and arrests for the month included: Third degree DWI (R.O.R.); Third degree test refusal (detox); Open bottle; (5) Speeding.

AEOA Senior Dining Menu

TOWER- Vermilion Country School and AEOA sponsor a senior dining site at the charter school in Tower. All meals include salad bar, fruit, choice of beverage, and dessert.
Reservations are appreciated the day before, or morning of, but walk-ins are always welcome. Take-outs available. Seniors age 60 and older who have registered for the program and their partners qualify for special pricing of \$4 per meal, but all ages are welcome at the regular rate of \$5.75. There are no income guidelines.
Meals are served from 12:30 – 1 p.m. on days when the charter school is open. Call the school at 218-753-1246 ext. 1003 for reservations, or call AEOA at 1-800-662-5711 ext. 7323 for the one-time registration process.
Homebound seniors can sign up for meal delivery, to register for the new Meals on Wheels, or for more information, please call AEOA Senior Nutrition at 218-735-6899.

Week of Sept. 10	
Monday-	Chili in a Bread Bowl
Tuesday-	Chicken Alfredo with a Twist, Bread Stick
Wednesday-	Tater Tot Hot Dish, Dinner Roll
Thursday-	Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Green Beans
Friday-	Chicken Sandwich, Vegetable Soup

Read It Here

Week of Sept. 10

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 Sept. 10

Tuesday
Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Sept. 18.

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

Greenwood Town Board- 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 11

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

Breitung Town Board- 1 p.m. on Sept. 12

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

Fridays: 4-6 PM
at the train depot

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION

Dear Hearts,
First off.... Thanks so much to our friends at The Timberjay for understanding the catastrophe that prevented me from writing my weekly billet-doux to my friends. I place the blame for the latest calamity solely on the doorstep of Minnesota Public Radio. What eager beaver summer intern decided, as the ‘dog days’ of summer were drifting into the golden days of autumn, to play the “Waltz of the Sugar Plum Fairies,” as part of the Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky Summer Salute?
How are we to know that Pyotr’s waltz would inspire an aged ‘twinkle toes’ to relive past glories as ‘Premiere Danseuse’ of the ‘Buhl Ballet Band’ and fling herself about on a wet patio?
Hilda’s slide was stopped by a large planter which caused her sprained ankle, which

required a cast, which required the obligatory bell so the world can be informed that someone’s ice has melted in her lemonade.
Hilda’s ‘Bell from Hell,’ has mysteriously disappeared, and we have all developed hearing loss.
She needs more sugar in her iced tea???
She can crawl.
However, the announcement of Hilda’s summer tragedy has brought an early end to the summer visitors that are endless when you live on a lake.
Those ‘guests’ who pop in without warning, empty the refrigerator, drink the bar dry, never use the same towel twice, and run to the bathroom when the dinner tab arrives, are fading like the summer green in the trees.
We have also planned ahead and posted our land so the deer hunters will not be within ‘shooting range.’
We are getting old, and it seems that the fewer people we have to deal with, the less stress we

have in our daily lives. It seems to me that you can’t order a cup of coffee these days without a political discussion.
To save myself and others I am heavily medicated. If I take any more tranquilizers I’ll grow moss.
Weeding has become therapeutic. The dandelions with their fuzzy yellow-orange tops are a certain gentleman. The aged dandelions with those fuzzy white tops are named after a couple of senators from the South– you can guess their names!
I have the cleanest gardens in two counties.
We took a drive to Northland Lodge on Pelican Lake near Orr for dinner this past week. The first person who calls for a reservation sets the menu for the night. We attacked platters piled high with the best barbecued ribs.
Hilda, the trouble-maker, wants to call really early someday and order liver and onions just to see what happens.
Kids are going back to school and may come

home with a flu or two. Hilda and I hope it doesn’t happen in your home.
Ta, ta loves
If you are a teacher be brave...it’s just a couple of months to Christmas, then Easter is just around the corner and then it’s summer!
YOU CAN DO THIS!!!
P.S. The three-bean salad at the Northland Lodge was stupendous. This will do until I can wheedle the recipe from their chef.
1 can green beans, drained
1 can yellow wax beans, drained
1 light red kidney beans, drained
1 medium onion, thinly-sliced
1 small green bell pepper, thinly-sliced
3/4 cup sugar
2/3 cup cider vinegar
1/3 cup vegetable oil
3/4 tsp salt, or to taste
1/4 tsp black pepper

Ms. Vera Milion

Northeast Range Pride Night and Big Truck Night on Sept. 11

BABBITT- Northeast Range School is holding Pride Night with Big Truck Night and BBQ on Tuesday, Sept. 11. Big Truck Night runs from 4 – 6 p.m. There will be free food, activities, and prizes. Fun for the whole family. Sept. 11 is also K-Ready first day. The volleyball team plays in Littlefork, with the bus departing at 3 p.m. There will be an activity bus for students at 5:45 p.m.

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, Sept. 19; Oct. 10, 31; Nov. 21

Bois Forte Boys/Girls Club	11:00-11:30 a.m.
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Tower Civic Center	3:15-4:15 p.m.
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In Brief

Ely Airport gets
funding for
improvements

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Klobuchar, Senator
Tina Smith, and
Representative Rick
Nolan this week
announced that the
U.S. Department of
Transportation has
awarded Ely Municipal
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\$1,505,000 for infra-
structure improvements.
“This grant award
will help Ely Municipal
Airport make critical
infrastructure improve-
ments,” Klobuchar
said. “Projects like
these enhance public
safety while supporting
good-paying jobs in
the region, providing a
boost to our economy.”
“I look forward to
seeing the improve-
ments to Ely Municipal
bring additional
opportunities to the
Iron Range,” said
Smith. “Investing in
infrastructure not only
creates good paying
jobs, it also drives eco-
nomic development.”
This funding will
help the Ely Municipal
Airport make needed
infrastructure improve-
ments,” Nolan
said. “Rehabilitating
airport infrastructure
is an investment that
will keep northern
Minnesotans safe and
create good-paying local
jobs along the way.”
This grant funds
the second phase of
the north half of the
general aviation apron
pavement, while also
improving runway
safety infrastructure.

WINDOW INTO YESTERDAY

Fall Lake and Winton Schools

by PAM TURNBULL
for the EWHS

A few years ago my
husband Mike and I started
looking for a cabin. We ran
across a listing in the Ely
area real estate guide. The
listing was for a year-round
historic home with access
to Fall Lake.
It had formerly been
a school. Having grown
up in Ely in the 1960s
and 1970s, I wasn't aware
there had been a school
on Fall Lake. We were
intrigued. Upon further
inquiry we found the house
had been built in the late
1890s as a school for the
Swallow and Hopkins
Lumber Company. We
purchased the house in the
spring of 2014 and began
discovering more about
this converted school.
We were given a pho-
tocopy of a picture of the
school as it looked in 1900
by the Maki family which
showed the original 20'
x 40' building with five
evenly spaced windows on
the east side. We surmised
that the west side also had
five windows. It showed
the original entrance on
the north end that at some
point was replaced by a
wood-burning fireplace.
There are 25 students
and two adults shown in
the picture. The Makis
had family members that
attended the school and
reportedly carved their
names somewhere in the
structure. The school was
probably built around
1898, when Swallow and
Hopkins opened the mill.
Early in our inves-
tigating of the school's
history I connected with
Margaret Sweet at the Ely-
Winton Historical Society.
We were able to track
down another photo of the
exterior of the Fall Lake
School, date unknown.
There are 22 students and
a teacher pictured outside
the original entrance.
This photo shows that an
addition had been added
to the east, lakeside, of the
building.
In 1914, a new sev-
en-room brick school was
built in Winton. Swallow
and Hopkins Lumber
Company ceased opera-
tions in 1915. We don't
know when the Fall Lake
School stopped function-
ing and if the students
went to the new school
in Winton or if they went
to the Section 30 School,
since the Fall Lake school
was in Lake County.
The St. Croix Lumber
Company also had a school
on the west side of Winton
that was supposedly built
in 1893. By 1918 the St.
Croix ceased operations.
The assumption is those
students were probably
attending the new school
after it opened. The origi-
nal Winton School no
longer exists. The brick
school was open until 1940
when it closed its doors
due to declining enroll-
ment and consolidated
with Ely public schools.
That building was later a
hospital, apartments, and
was torn down after a fire
destroyed it.
We are not sure when
the Fall Lake school
became a residence. The
history on the property
abstract shows George
Carpenter taking owner-
ship in 1931. We were told
that Mrs. Carpenter was a
midwife and our neighbor,
Jimmy Maki, was born in
the house. Paul and Gladys
Mittermaier had the deed
from 1945 to 1956. They
had Evergreen Lodge
on Basswood Lake. We
found a sign in one of our
outbuildings, “No Parking
– Duck Only – Evergreen
Lodge.”
The last owners before
us were Bob and Leone
Hayes, 1956-2014. Leone
told us that the knotty pine
on the walls came from
buildings on Basswood
Lake. She said that “two
portages and many trips”
were made to bring back
salvaged materials to be
reused. When we removed
a drop ceiling to expose the
original 10" ceiling height,
we found a 2 x 4 stringer
board that had names and
dates and addresses carved
and written on it. We are
guessing it was signed
by fishermen who stayed
at Johnson Brothers as
Leone's family owned that
resort and it was brought
back in the salvage from
Basswood Lake.
Throughout the last
couple of years as we have
been renovating our house,
we have been mindful of
preserving as much of
the original character and
details as we can. We have
removed dropped ceilings,
tongue and groove knotty
pine paneling, tons of
lathe and plaster, interior
walls, vinyl floor cover-
ings, carpet, wallpaper,
windows, an old chimney,
kitchen cabinetry, light
fixtures and wiring, doors,
plumbing, ducting, insula-
tion and concrete.
We have uncovered
original bead-board on
the walls and ceilings
and diagonally laid maple
hardwood floors that we
have brought back to
life. We discovered in
the original cloakroom,
holes in the boards where
the coat hooks were with
students' names written
below them. We found evi-
dence of another addition
and entrance being added
when we exposed original
wood roof shingles and
exterior wood sheeting
in an interior wall we
opened up.
We were excited to
find a 2 x 4 stud in a wall we
removed that was marked
School Dist. #3. We were
told by the former owner
that the casing on either
side of a pair of windows
in the living room was not
flush to the wall because
that was where the black-
board had been.
We have tried to use
old school materials in
our renovation efforts.
Our oak window and
door casings are salvaged
from a former school in
Chisholm. Our kitchen
cabinets and a pair of
doors are from a school in
Bovey that was being torn
down. A pair of French
doors from Hibbing's high
school have been retrofitted
into bedroom doors.
We have other oak class-
room doors we are hoping
to repurpose in the dining
room as wainscoting.
Our renovation of
this piece of local history
is ever evolving. As we
continue, we hope to learn
more and share with other
people who are interested
in our preservation project.
The Winton school
pictures and memorabilia
will be on display in the
hallway outside of the Ely-
Winton Historical Society
office in September and
October. Please come and
enjoy them.

Students in front of the Winton Grammar School in about 1914.
photo courtesy of the Ely/Winton Historical Society.



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Tuesday Group
schedule

ELY - The upcoming
Tuesday Group schedule is
listed below. All talks are at
12 noon on Tuesday at the
Grand Ely Lodge.
Sept. 11 - Meet New
Elyites
Sept. 18 - Chuck
Dayton and Steve Piragis
- Spitzbergen
Sept. 25 - To be
announced

Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2018



now's time for pickin'
sweet fall harvest upon us
the sun provided

OUR COMMUNITY

Ely artist featured in adult coloring book

ELY – A new coloring book
features the artwork of Ely artist
Shaun Chosa.
A Go Fund Me event is seeking
donations to help with the printing
and distribution costs. Each level of
support offers bigger prizes ranging
from a copy of the completed book
to an original signed print from
Shaun Chosa. Check out the offers
and learn more about the project at
www.gofundme.org.
The coloring book will contain
48 images of unique and beautiful art
hand drawn by artist Shaun Chosa
and will be a lot of fun to color and
create your own unique pieces of art.
Each piece is carefully drawn
in Shaun's unique style creating a
one-of-a-kind stress relieving color-
ing book.



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LOCAL HERITAGE

Ely celebrates the canoe



David Osborn, of Boulder Junction, Wis., discusses the art of canvassing a wooden canoe with Camp Widjiwagan staff member Micheal Darcangelo at the Upper Great Lakes Assembly of the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association. photos by K. Vandervort

by **KEITH VANDERVORT**
Ely Editor

ELY – Tim Eaton, of St. Paul, meticulously ran a polishing rag over the green hull of a wooden canoe on a recent Saturday morning on the shore of Buntside Lake.

“I’m almost done, but it can always be cleaner,” he said to a curious visitor. “I clean her up every time before I go in the water and again when I take her out.”

When he was told it might rain, he looked a bit surprised. “Canoes are meant to get wet,” he said.

Eaton was a participant in the 6th Annual Upper Great Lakes Regional Assembly of the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association gathered in the Ely area recently.

The event, sponsored by the Minnesota Canoe Museum, featured activities celebrating wooden canoes and canoeing at Semer’s Park in Ely and at YMCA Camp Widjiwagan on Burntside Lake in special honor of canoes built by the legacy of Joe Seliga.

“This here is a 1990 Seliga,” Eaton said.



Above, participants were treated to a tour of the Camp Widjiwagan canoe shop. Below, Tim Eaton, of St. Paul, polishes his 1990 Seliga canoe, one of 600 made by Joe Seliga of Ely.

“Number 548 to be exact. I’ve owned it since 1996. It is the best canoe I’ve ever owned,” he said matter-of-factly.

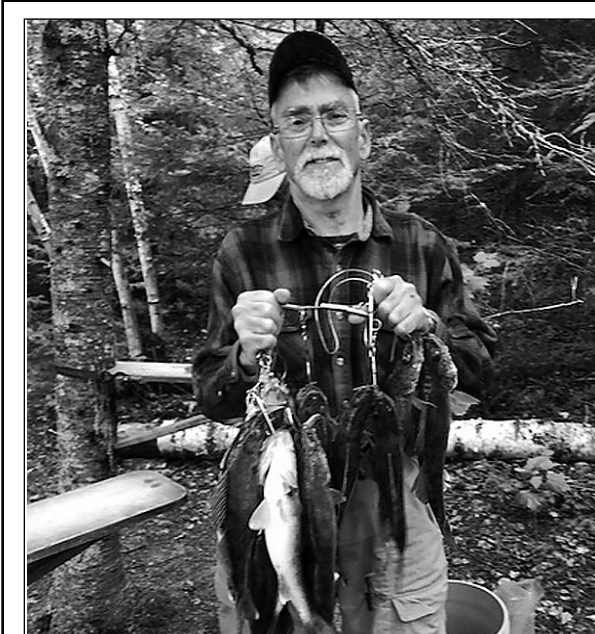
Eaton’s canoe was one of about a dozen collector-quality watercraft that were displayed at “Canoes on the Green” later that day after a children’s paddle skills workshop and before a “paddle by” of classic canoes event on the lake.

Over in the canoe shop at the historic YMCA camp, dozens of wooden canoe enthusiasts were treated to a

tour of the expansive building full of woodworking tools and materials used to build and repair the camp’s dozens of canoes and hundreds of paddles.

Dave Osborn, of Boulder Junction, Wis., demonstrated the fine art of canoe canvassing. He talked about the importance of sanding and smoothing the wooden frame before stretching the canvas, and making sure everything is tight with no wrinkles or folds before applying the waterproofing material.

Activities over the weekend included a canoeing film festival, classic canoe and boat show, paddling demonstrations, and paddle-making workshops, excursions into the neighboring Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, canoe races, gathering around the campfire and swapping stories, live canoeing-inspired music, and tours of the Minnesota Canoe Museum at the Ely Folk School (minnesotacanoemuseum.org).



Mike Sibley, of Ely, shows a nice stringer of walleyes that he and his friends caught while fishing on Basswood Lake. submitted photo

Higher Education

Ely student graduates

CROOKSTON - Summer session graduates at the University of Minnesota-Crookston include Brittany Ginn-Dubose, of Ely, who graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Health Management.

The University of Minnesota-Crookston now delivers 35 bachelor’s degree programs, 23 minors, and 40 areas of emphasis on campus as well as 16 degree programs entirely online.

Ely Public Library events

Preschool Storytime - every Friday morning at 11 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 7 - 6:30 p.m. - Land of Stories Late Night - for grades 4-8

Do you know Queen Red Riding Hood? How many things have you collected for your wishing spell? Come for a night of fairy tales and magic - trivia, games, and a special team puzzle. You will need to fill out a registration form in advance for this event as numbers will be limited. Sign up early to be sure to be on the team that you want. Contestants will also be required to place their phones and other personal items into a locked container for part of the evening (similar to doing an Escape Room). We encourage you to dress up for the evening. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Monday, Sept. 10 - 3 p.m. - Friends of the Library Book Discussion - for teens and adults

The title for discussion is The Woman in the Window by A.J. Finn. You do not need to be a member of Friends of the Library to attend.

Thursday, Sept. 13 - 3:30 p.m. - Movie Matinee: Curious George - for all ages

Looking for a fun way to spend the afternoon? Join us for popcorn and a movie at our monthly Movie Matinee series. Each month we have a fun family-friendly movie for you to enjoy in our meeting area. This month’s title is Curious George. We’ll have the popcorn ready for you. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Yesterday’s news, this week

from the archives of

THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

September 6, 1918

Peace by 1920?

President Wilson, by proclamation just issued, set \$2.20 per bushel as the minimum price guaranteed by the government for the 1919 wheat crop.

A disinterested commission, the President said, will be appointed next spring to see whether the increased cost of farm labor and supplies would justify an increase.

Possibilities of peace before mid-1920 was indicated in a memorandum written by the President and accompanying the proclamation as a factor in determination of the President to maintain the present price for the 1919 crop.

“In giving a guaranteed price for wheat for one year in advance (the only industry guaranteed by the government) there is involved a considerable national risk,” the President said.

“If there should be a peace or increased shipping available before the middle of 1920, Europe will naturally supply itself from the large stores of much cheaper wheat now in the southern hemisphere; and, therefore, the government is taking a risk which might in such an event result in a national loss of as much as \$500 million through an unsalable surplus,” the President added.



St. Louis County Area Solid Waste Facility Site hours

Northwoods Transfer Station
9384 Hwy 21 N. between Ely and Babbitt
Summer Hours
Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am–3pm
Tue: 9:30am–3pm
Wed: noon–6pm

Aurora Transfer Station
5910 Hwy 135 N.
Hours
Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am–4pm
Tue, Wed: 10am–4pm
Sat: 8am–noon

Embarrass Canister Site
7530 Koski Rd.
Hours
Thu: 10am–5pm
Sat: 12:30–4:30pm

Soudan Canister Site
5160 Hwy 169
Hours
Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun:
8am–5pm

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Hours
Tues and Sat: 8am–1pm

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Updated grant applications and guidelines are
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12:00 noon on Fri., Oct. 26**

*Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact
Keiko Williams, Executive Director, by Oct. 12
for help and review of their applications.*

Call 365-2639 or email info@gardnertrust.org

*Youth Grant applicants must call by October 1 to schedule
a grant review meeting with Keiko.*

Crane Lake News and Labor Day recap by the Singing Teapot Dames



Labor Day was celebrated on a grand scale at Crane Lake. Many end-of-the-season parties were enjoyed as well as the Voyageur Labor Day at Crane Lake festivities. There is some question about who the person was that invented a holiday celebrating labor but no question about where the first celebration took place. It was held in New York City on Sept. 5, 1882, when workers gathered joined by 200 more from Newark’s Jewelers Union who served as a band, and took to the streets. They were joined by 10,000 to 20,000 other working women and men who joined the parade, which ended with picnics, speeches, beer, and cigars at Elm Park.

Americans may be chagrined to learn that Labor Day originated in Canada. The first parades to honor Canadian workers happened in 1872. The state of Oregon officially designated Labor Day as a holiday on February 21, 1887. Although it was already being celebrated on local and state levels, President Cleveland made Labor Day into a federal holiday when he signed the legislation into law on June 28, 1894.

Back in the early 20th century, it was considered a fashion faux pas to wear either seersucker or white after Labor Day. However, according to Emily Post, the etiquette icon, wearing white was a sign that people were spending time away from the hot city at a mountain retreat or seaside cottage where they wore clothing that was lighter weight. This rule is no longer followed.

And now it is September. Each month customarily has two flowers to represent it. For September, the two flowers are the aster and the morning glory. The aster is a symbol of powerful love. According to folklore, people once burned aster to ward off serpents. Folklore considers morning glory a symbol of affection. Their simple beauty is there for early risers to enjoy. Flowers are traditionally used as substitutes for emotional expressions, intended to convey a message to the recipient.

The FOX Girls are on their annual trip. Good fishing and storytelling to all the FOXES. The Dames wish there could be storytelling time for everyone’s entertainment however, secrecy is the law. What happens at FOX stays at FOX.

Rain could not diminish the 5K Run/Walk. Participants and specta-

tors enjoyed the event. The fifth annual 5K run/walk was won by Anders Mork, 14 with a time of 22:50. The following are the top three placers in all the categories:

12 and Under
Girls: Siena Peterson

10 Piper Arcand, 10
Maia Solberg, 8
Boys: Otto Devine,

10 Jace Pohlman, 8
Bodey Mohr, 9

13-19
Anders Monk, 14
Preston Anderson, 13
Austin Peterson, 13

20-29
Women:
Natalie Townsend

Men:
Daniel Haberman

30-39
Women:
Michelle Long
Megan Devine
Kristy Peterson

Men Dan O’Kawa

40-49
Women
Beth Mork
Men Andy Mork
Matt Peterson

Jim Arcand

50-59
Women
Karla Erding
Donna Vanneste

60+
Women:
Laura Seifert
Judy Schmehl
Sue Gustafson

Men:
David Kuehn
Keith Mc Quarie
Duane Gustafson

Walkers
Women:
Isabella Vanneste
Kerry Solberg
Rebecca Anderson

Men:
Brendon Anderson
Zach Kuhlman
Jeff Olson

Congratulations to all the runners and walkers.

The trailer park of Brad and Koreen Sokoloski was overflowing with fellowship, food, family, friends and fun for the annual end of the season party hosted by the Sokoloski’s. Brad was the chef for many pounds of the meat he barbequed. Everyone was encouraged to be sure and eat or take a plate home. The occasion was also Brad’s birthday so many rousing songs of “Happy Birthday” were sung, some on key. At the closing of the party a roaring fire in the stone fire ring was attended to by Master of the Poker, Randy Daniels. Huge logs were burned producing gigantic flames. When guests stepped away from the light of the fire they were treated to a blaze of stars lighting up the heavens. This gathering is held annually for everyone from or tourists to the Buyck/Crane Lake area. Save the Sunday of Labor Day weekend for next year as everyone is invited.

Let us hear from you! Send news by e-mail to info@thelakecountry.com, by fax 218-757-3533 or by phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be added.

Until next week the Teapot Dames are singing off.

DANCING IN THE STREET

River Street sings one last summer tune

COOK - Wednesday, Aug. 29, was the last performance for Cook’s “Music in the Park”. About 80 folks gathered around the gazebo at Cook City Park to listen to Cook’s local favorite, The Beefeater Brothers with the outstanding voice of Anna Marie Pederson, Eric Pederson, Mike Randolph and country singer Patrick Villala. Many remarked how well the group harmonized in their singing. While listening and watching a live performance folks enjoyed the cooler weather in their lawn chairs and a light supper was provided by St. Paul’s Lutheran Church.

Thanks to all the volunteers from St. Paul’s in Alango: Jane Kerr, Janice Arola, Carol Aho, Nancy Erickson and Laurie and Glen Chilcote. They served hamburgers, hot dogs, brats and root beer floats!

At the end of the concert the whole gathering stood up from their blankets and lawn chairs in honor of our country, the flag flying at half mast in honor of Sen-



Singer Patrick Villala and Mike Randolph on the steel guitar. submitted photo

ator John McCain, while Patrick Villala sang beautifully, our national anthem.

Cook’s “Music in the Park” is sponsored by the Cook Lions Club, Northwoods Friends of the Arts, the Timberwolves Snowmobile Club and The Cook VFW. Also, thanks to Eric Pederson for booking all the musicians and doing all of the press releases !

Thanks to the other musicians who participated in Cook’s Music in the Park: Wendy Ern-

stinen (music through the years on piano), Robert Walker (collection or originals and rockin country classics), Everybody’s Uncle (featuring “Southside” Willy on saxophone), R&B (eclectic folksy bluesy classics) and The Hutter Bunch (A collection of classic country and Americana).



Bill and Donna Angalo and Sue and Ray Wolfe enjoy the last concert. submitted photo

Community Notices

American Legion Post 480 selling 52 Club dinner/drawing tickets

ORR- The Orr American Legion is holding a 52 Club dinner and drawing. Tickets are \$52; one ticket admits two people. Only 260 tickets are sold, so act quickly for your 52 chances to win. The drawing will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Orr American Legion Hall. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and drawing at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the following locations in Orr and Cook: American Legion Hall, Pattenn’s Café, Pelican Bay Foods, Orr Muni, Norman’s One Stop, Oveson’s Pelican Lake Resort and Inn, VFW Post 1757, Auto Value, and Northwoods True Value Home Center, or call 218-404-5847. Tickets are on sale in the Tower area at Benchwarmer’s and Lake Vermilion Houseboats. Proceeds go to scholarships, community projects, and charities.

NWFA Events in September

COOK - Kris Musto and Jeanne O’Melia will exhibit at Northwoods Friends of the Arts, 210 S. River Street in Cook on Aug. 30 throughout September on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Sat. from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Using paint, fabric and found objects, Jeanne and Kris are expressing their connections and concerns through artwork that plays joyfully with what it means to be gratefully alive in this big world we share with love for color, texture and meaning. Opening reception is on Thursday, Aug. 30 from 6 - 8 p.m. Canoe on over and celebrate the experiences and images of the ‘Adventures of Jeanne and Kris’ exhibit in September.

Writer’s Group Begins Saturday, Sept. 8th from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

Next Ruby’s Pantry

COOK - The next Ruby’s Pantry Food Distribution will be Thursday, Sept. 13, 4:30-6:00 at the old Cook School. Registration begins at 3 p.m. with a \$20 cash donation at the door. Volunteers are asked to please arrive at 3 p.m. Please bring your own containers. Ruby’s Pantry is now offering online registration at rubyspantry.com starting Friday, Sept. 14, for the October distribution. \$21 donation at

sign-up. The pantry is sponsored by St. Paul’s Lutheran Church of Alango. For more information, contact Amy Viita (218-666-2220)

Call for art work

COOK - Artists, please tap your creative energy and produce a work of art in her memory and her spirited goals for NWFA. Your creation may be for display only, sold at silent auction or for sale at another fund raising event for NWFA in memory of Martin. Items can be brought to Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery or mailed to NWFA, P.O. 44, Cook MN, 55723. Gallery hours are Wednesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Call Shawna Kishel, 218-780-6510, if you have questions.

The opening reception will be on Oct. 5, from 6 to 8 pm.

Rocks, Trees, and Water will be the theme and it will be open to anyone who wants to capture the spirit of the northland she loved through any medium; pottery, painting, sculpture, photography, film, music or poetry.

She was an inspiration to many, a teacher and an artist. We loved her and will miss her and want to carry on her spirit by making this an annual event.

There will also be matted prints of Susan’s work for sale, with the generous permission of her family.

Susan Martin, owner of “Moosebirds” on Lake Vermilion, was the main energy inspiring the creation of Northwoods Friends of the Arts during the year of 2010. NWFA is a non-profit membership organization, inspiring, nurturing and celebrating the arts in the region of Cook more infor at www.nwfamn.org

NWFA is a 501(c)3 organized in 2010 to encourage the creation, display, performance and appreciation of the arts while providing art education opportunities for all ages. In memory of Susan Martin – founder and First President of Northwoods Friends of the Arts, a special exhibit will be held as part of NWFA’s Member’s Show in October.



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

Ash River Trail Canister Site
11391 Ash River Trail
Summer Hours
Wed: 1pm–4pm
Sat: 2:30pm–5:30pm

Orr Canister Site
4038 Hwy 53
Summer Hours
Tue: 9am–1pm, Thu: 2pm–7pm
Sat: 8am–noon, Sun: 10am–2pm

Cook Transfer Station
2134 S. Beatty Rd.
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Mon: 10am–6pm
Tues thru Sat: 9am–3:30pm

Household Hazardous Waste Facilities
5345 Regional Landfill Rd., Virginia
Tue, Sat: 8am–1pm

Kabetogama Lake Canister Site
10150 Gamma Rd
Summer Hours
Mon. & Wed: 9am–noon
Sat: 10:30am–1:30pm

Portage Canister Site
6992 Crane Lake Rd.
Summer Hours
Mon & Tue: 2pm–6pm
Thu: 10am–1pm, Sun: 3pm–6pm

Regional Landfill
5341 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia
Hours
Mon–Fri: 8am–4:30pm
Sat: 8am–3:30pm

5394 Landfill Rd, Hibbing
Sat: 8am–1pm

Sturgeon Canister Site
8380 Hwy 73
Hours
Sun: 10am–4pm

County 77 Canister Site
2038 County Rd. 77
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Tue: 1–6pm, Thu: 8am–1pm
Sat: 8am–5pm, Sun: noon–6pm

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GRIZZLY UPDATE



Students arrive in the rain Tuesday morning at North Woods. photo by M. Roach

BACK TO SCHOOL

FIELDTWP - School is back in full-swing at North Woods. Students returned to class Tuesday morning after an open house to get them acquainted with new class schedules and teachers last week on Thursday.

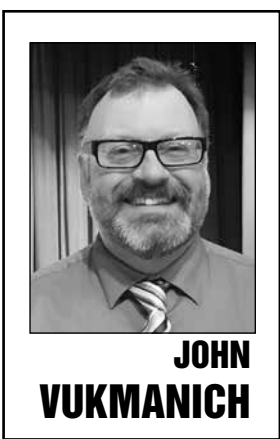


Clockwise from top-left: Brittan Koskela checks out her new desk; Stacie Howe and Genesis Day pick up their schedules; Brenden Chiabotti with his sister Presley Chiabotti and mom Nicole Chiabotti sign in at the North Woods open house. photos by M. White



Looking towards the new year

Hello North Woods Families!
Welcome back to the 2018-19 school year! I hope everyone has had a great summer with plenty of time to recharge.
As we begin the year, we have several new teachers on staff at North Woods. Mr. Bajan is teaching high school Special Education. Mr. Limp is handling high school social studies and health. Mr. Leinonen is teaching family consumer sciences and math. Miss Roettger is our new vocal music teacher. Finally, Mr. King is new to our student support services department. Welcome aboard to all of our new staff, and welcome to our North Woods family.
The start of the school year also brings about some new strategies for teaching and learning. Our staff and administration have been working hard and will be moving forward with Multi-Tiered Systems of Support. Basically, this is a structure that ensures our core instruction (think “classroom teacher”) is meeting the needs of a majority of kids while using specific interventions to address student learning needs. We promise you, our families and students, that we are using focused strategies and specific standards to ensure that our students are all learning at the highest levels they can. The other end of this equation is that



families are supportive of student behaviors that are beneficial to the learning process. We really appreciate your backing when we handle student behavior at school.
We are also working with a cooperative leadership group on shifting our classrooms from “teacher centered” delivery to “student centered” delivery. In layman’s terms, we want to make students a more integral part of the learning

process by empowering them and engaging them with leadership roles in class and responsibilities that foster success in school. Remember having a teacher lecture all hour? While teachers still need to pass on information, this model is going to be used less as we expect students to actively engage in their learning throughout the school day.
Please be patient as we begin to look at these new strategies to support student learning.
In regard to my column, some weeks, I really struggle with my ability to keep up with my writing. With that in mind, I may alter my article schedule and utilize some different subject matter, such as interviewing teachers, coaches, and gathering student input on school-related

activities. More to come on that!
Your support is very important to us. Being educators in modern times is very challenging, yet rewarding work. Modern-day teachers teach to clientele that is arguably more diverse than ever at a time when expectations are higher than ever in American history. We don’t have every answer, but certainly have the passion to educate and inspire the students we serve.
As we enter into another school year, please work with us as parents and communities in our mission to help every single one of our kids to be as successful as they can be.

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COOK- The Cook Public Library now owns five wireless hotspots available for check out. A hotspot is a portable Wi-Fi device that allows you to connect your computer, tablet, smart phone and other devices to the Internet.
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Funding for these hotspots was provided through the Blandin Broadband Grant. This grant was awarded to the Grizzlies community to support projects and raise awareness about Internet resources and services.

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REGIONAL- Are you tired of renting, overcrowded conditions, and paying too much for housing? North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity is now accepting applications for their affordable homeownership program.
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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

EMARRASS REGION FAIR

Team penning, horse show results from the Embarrass Fair

EMBARRASS-There were 42 teams taking part at Team Penning on Friday and 70 teams on Saturday.

The organizers of the Team Penning events would like to thank all of our volunteers and participants for another successful and great team penning year. We've made some very good changes this year, making the event easier and safer for riders and the cows. Thanks to Emmitt for the great bunch of cows.

Friday results

1st Round: 1st /\$120, Team 2 (Jim, Martin, Gary) 3/cows 47.114; 2nd /\$90, Gun Smoke (Charlie, Frank, Pam) 2/cows 88.25; 3rd /\$60, Over the Ridge Riders (Steph, Laydey, Frank) 1/cow 46.033

2nd Round: 1st /\$90, Rawhide (Charlie, Frank, Dale) 2/cows 57.421; 2nd /\$60, Hot Frogger (Doug, Crystal, Charlie) 2/cows 65.25; 3rd /\$30, Blondes Have More Fun (Sunnie, Lyle, Pam) 1/cow 75.242

Saturday results

1st Round: 1st /\$180, Generation #2 (Matt, Bridger, Paul) 3/cows 50.81; 2nd /\$120, K&B (Gary, Pam, Bridger) 3/cows 61.598; 3rd /\$90, Cowporks (Frank, Charlie, Savanah) 3/cows 74.688

2nd Round: 1st /\$135, Generation #1 (Matt, Wyatt, Paul) 3/cows 63.304; 2nd /\$120, Team Shultz (Matt, Bridger, Wyatt) 3/cows 72.154; 3rd /\$90, Charlie and the Company (Charlie, Dale, Danny) 3/cows 79.032

Top teams

Top teams of each day, Team 2 and Generation #2, received belt buckles. Top team of both days, Team 2, received a \$300 donation from North Shore Mining. Congratulations to all



the winners and to all our teams and riders. Thank you to the Embarrass Fair for all you do, it is truly appreciated.

Embarrass Fair Horse Show Results

Thank you to all the volunteers and participants for making the Horse

Show another great one. Each and every one of you are greatly appreciated. This year's show ended a little early due to a lightning storm. Two games and two open evens ended up being cancelled. Fun was had by all anyhow. Thank you to the Embarrass Fair for all they do. You are all very much appreciated also.

Above: Morgan Gibson took top honors in Junior Keyhole, Junior Jumping Figure 8, Junior Pole Weaving.

Left: Jenny Nelson, on Lena, was the Horse Show Grand Champion and also won Junior high points.

photos by Jolie Langevin, a NER high school student

Winners listed in order.

Horse show results

Grade Gelding: Aubree Minier on Mr. Bear; Kaylee Iverson on Cadillac Jack; Chloe Aase on Midnight; Khepra Hailey on Bert; Lilly Jola on Dyno; Eli Boe on Rain
Grade Mare: Jennie Nelson on Lena; Taya Waitalla on Shakira; Pam Myre on Chance; Maija Peterson on Telsa; Ally Rolfson on Jewlz; Dale Martin on Cammie

Ponies: Tiffany Zuponcic on Sophia; Billie Minier on Mandy; Ethan Boe on Snickers; Tyme Waitalla on Popcorn; Ciani Saponic on Thor; Maija Peterson on Buttercup

Registered Gelding: Sadie Theel on Rocket; Sunnie Hardy on Tucker; Tyme Waitalla on Diablo; Taya Waitalla on Remington; Corbet Hailey on Custer's Last Stop

Registered Mare: Dottie Minier on Charming but Blue; Shelby Nelson on Daisy; Taya Waitalla on Mango; Barb Sonnetag on Sierra; Cassie Hailey on Snazzy Red Twist; Tyme Waitalla on Myla

Grand Champion: Jennie Nelson on Lena

Reserve Champion: Dottie Minier on Charming

But Blue

Peewee Western Pleasure: Ava Jola on Dyno; Ethan Boe on Snickers; Khepra Hailey on Bert; Ada Boe on Rayna; Corbet Hailey on Custer

Junior Western Pleasure: Shelby Nelson on Daisy; Adriana Sonnetag on Peanut; Eli Boe on Rain; Jennie Nelson on Norman; Chloe Aase on Midnight; Kenzie Rasmussen on Myla

Senior Western Pleasure: Barb Sonnetag on Sierra; Sunnie Harday on Tucker

Peewee Egg N Spoon: Hope on Shasta; Hunter on White Thunder; Ava on Dyno; Ada on Rayna; Ethan on Snicker; Landon on Twiggy

Junior Egg N Spoon: Shelby on Daisy; Klara on Maple; Eli on Rain; Kaylee on CJ; Jennie on Lena; Adriana on Peanut

Senior Egg N Spoon: Barb on Sierra; Steph on Shandy; Cassie on Reba; Sunnie on Tucker; Shaun on Hazel

Peewee Sack Race: Maija on Nip; Landon on Twiggy; Hope on Shasta; Tyme on Maverick; Hunter on White Thunder; Abbi (no horse name given)

Junior Sack Race: Jennie on Lena; Ally on Jewlz; Alex on Brandi; Adriana on Peanut; Klara on Maple

Senior Sack Race: Steph on Shandy; Barb on Sierra; Sunnie on Tucker; Shaun on Hazel; Cassie on Reba

Peewee Package Race: Hope on Shasta; Maija on Buttercup; Hunter on White Thunder; Maija on Nip; Tyme on Maverick; Landon on Twiggy

Junior Package Race: Ally on Brandi; Jennie on Lena; Jennie on Norman; Klara on Maple; Kaylee on CJ; Shelby on Daisy

Senior Package Race: Steph on Shandy; Sunnie on Tucker; Barb on Sierra

Peewee Pole Weaving: Maija on Buttercup; Maija on Rio; Tyme on Maverick; Maija on Nip; Landon on Twiggy; Ada on Rayna

Junior Pole Weaving: Morgan on Tarino; Jennie on Lena; Jennie on Norman; Ally on Jewlz; Ally on Lightening; Shelby on Daisy

Senior Pole Weaving: Dale on Cammie; Barb on Sierra; Steph on Shandy; Cassie on Reba; Teresa on Kit; Sunnie on Tucker

Peewee Keyhole: Maija on Rio; Hope on Shasta; Maija on Nip; Maija on Buttercup; Briella on Diablo; Taya on Remington

Junior Keyhole: Morgan on Levi; Morgan on Tarino; Ally on Brandi; Jennie on Norman; Adriana on Peanut; Jennie on Lena

Senior Keyhole: Dale on Cammie; Barb on Sierra; Cassie on Reba; Teresa on Kit; Steph on Shandy; Bethany on Tinkerbell

Peewee Jumping Figure 8: Maija on Rio; Landon on Twiggy; Maija on Buttercup; Tyme on Maverick; Maija on Nip; Ethan on Snickers

Junior Jumping Figure 8: Morgan on Levi; Ally on Jewlz; Ally on Lightening; Jennie on Norman; Adriana on Peanut; Shelby on Daisy

Senior Jumping Figure 8: Barb on Sierra; Steph on Shandy; Cassie on Reba; Teresa on Kit; Sunnie on Tucker; Shaun on Hazel

Peewee High Point: Maija Peterson on Buttercup tied with herself on Nip

Junior High Point: Jennie Nelson on Lena

Senior High Point: Barb Sonnetag on Sierra

Congratulations to all of our winners. Thank you to everyone for participating. Thank you to all the spectators who jumped up and helped out, it was very appreciated. Good job everyone, see you next year.

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Tru Blu North adds Ely flavor to Boundary Waters Blues Festival

WINTON – The Boundary Waters Blues Festival celebrated 18 years of music on the water over the Labor Day weekend with 10 musical acts from throughout the Midwest making it up the end of the road.

One band didn't have to travel too far for the weekend. Ely's own Tru Blu North trio played again this year on Saturday afternoon and brought their own 'up north' style to classic blues music.

Longtime and legendary local musician Earl Bulinski formed Tru Blu North several years ago

with local musician Jeff Cerniak. They added local drummer, Andy Messerschmidt, two years ago. The trio plays throughout the area all summer. They added a keyboard and steel guitar player, Al Oikari, to the group for the Boundary Waters Blues Fest last weekend.

Bulinski takes his talent on the road over the winter months and plays all over Texas. In Minnesota during the summer, he plays many gigs, including the Roadhouse in Winton and other venues.

photo by K. Vandervort



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"I'm just absolutely fed up with Frontier," said Ellen Sauer, an Eagles Nest resident living on Social Security who told Judge Oxley that she has been overbilled for years by the company.

That's a common experience noted by many other speakers, and getting billing issues resolved can be maddening, said Sauer. "It takes you 45 minutes to sit on the phone to get through and when you do get a representative they'll tell you anything you want to hear. And then nothing happens," she said.

Brad Sagan, a Lake County resident, spoke about the poor quality of his Internet. "It's just atrocious," he said. "It's constantly going down. It's very slow and it can take hours to download documents," he said.

Sagan said he had hopes that the competing Lake County Connections would provide much better service, but that project ran out of funding within just 200 yards of reaching his home, leaving him likely stuck with Frontier for the foreseeable future.

But, at least, he said, he can utilize the high-quality wi-fi now available at the Fall Lake town hall if he needs to download a larger file.

Many others at the hearing spoke about poor phone service, particularly long waits for technical assistance when service goes out. Many indicated that they have waited as long as three weeks to have basic phone service restored following outages. While most said they appreciated the work of local technicians, several expressed concern that Frontier employs too few technicians to handle the backload of problems in the company's system. And

some cited poor coordination between the service staff who work in remote offices and the local techs, which often leads to long delays in getting outages repaired. Others, like Claire Taylor, a Burntside Lake resident, said she'd been told by Frontier service representatives that the company plans to stop providing maintenance service altogether in Morse Township.

Others complained that the company was guilty of false advertising for promising services at set prices then failing to deliver the service, or charging a higher price.

Taylor told the judge that the company's DSL service has been so poor for years that state regulators should order refunds of the difference between the price of DSL and standard dial-up Internet service. Citing the testimony of another commenter, who noted that Frontier deploys antiquated equipment in the Ely area, recommended that the company be ordered to install more modern facilities in the region.

Many of those who attended Tuesday's hearing said they were pleased to have the opportunity to

vent their frustrations, and were impressed with Judge Oxley, who listened intently throughout the hours of testimony. "He did a heck of a job, I thought," said Ron Brodigan, another Lake County resident. "He really listened."

The testimony from Tuesday's hearing, as well as the four remaining hearings elsewhere in Minnesota, will form the basis for findings of fact that Judge Oxley expects to issue in November or December. Those findings will provide the basis for a report by the Department of Commerce, which will form the basis for any subsequent orders by the PUC.

The public hearings represent only a fraction of the input and documentation that state regulators have already assembled regarding Frontier's service issues. The PUC has received several hundred written comments from customers to this point and the Department of Commerce has conducted an initial assessment of the company's compliance with state service quality standards. Earlier this summer, DOC staff reported that their analysis found that Frontier failed to meet a standard to restore

lost phone within 24 hours, in two-out-of-three cases. Frontier also failed 70 percent of the time to meet a state standard to limit hold times for customer service to an average of 60 seconds or less. During several months, average hold times reached as long as seven minutes, according

to DOC staff.

State regulators were reluctant to speculate on what, if anything, the current investigation could yield in terms of final decisions. But based on past cases where service quality has been shown to be deficient, state regulators have ordered refunds

and put companies under special scrutiny to ensure they meet quality standards established by the state.

According to PUC executive secretary, it's likely to be the first quarter of 2019 before the PUC and other state regulators will be ready to formulate any such final orders.

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undertook the analysis as private citizens.

“Our analysis focuses on three effects: employment and income generated by mining; employment and income generated in the recreation industry; and income associated with in-migration into the area because of its amenity value,” write the economists in their analysis, which they submitted last month to the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service is currently examining the case for a mineral withdrawal affecting 234,000 acres of the Superior National Forest.

The study, which examines dozens of different scenarios using a standard economic model, concludes that the community’s current development path, based on outdoor recreation and a perception of high quality of life, would generate more local income and job growth than a new mine when considered over a five- to-20-year time horizon in 69 of the 72 scenarios examined.

Perhaps not surprisingly, the study did find a temporary boost in employment and local income from the opening of a mine, but that gain was quickly “outweighed by the negative impact on the recreational industry and on net in-migration,” conclude the authors.

Transitioning Ely back to a mining economy “leads to a boom-bust cycle in all the scenarios we examine, in which the region is in the end left worse off economically,” the economists determined.

According to the study, the economic downsides of a new mine include lost growth in the region’s outdoor recreation industry and lost income from current residents and potential future residents who may choose to leave or never consider the Ely area due to the presence of major industrial development and its environmental impacts. The loss of current residents and the slowing of future in-migration eliminates household incomes that would otherwise contribute to the area economy.

While their conclusions may seem paradoxical to some, they are consistent with a considerable body of economic literature on the negative effects of boom-bust cycles and poor economic performance in regions with significant natural resources.

Resource curse

The economic principle, often dubbed “the resource curse,” is well-known, if not entirely understood, by many economists. At its heart is the well-documented fact that regions with a wealth of

natural resources, such as oil and gas or minerals, tend to underperform economically compared to regions without significant resource wealth.

An influential study from the mid-1990s, by economist Dr. Jeffrey Sachs of Columbia University, noted that many resource-poor nations, like Japan, China, the Netherlands, and South Korea, tend to do very well economically while resource-rich countries like Russia, Venezuela, and Nigeria, have done poorly.

Sachs could just as well have cited Minnesota’s Iron Range as evidence, given the region’s history of economic struggles. Despite being home to some of the greatest mineral wealth in the United States, the economy of the Iron Range has, historically, been the most depressed in Minnesota.

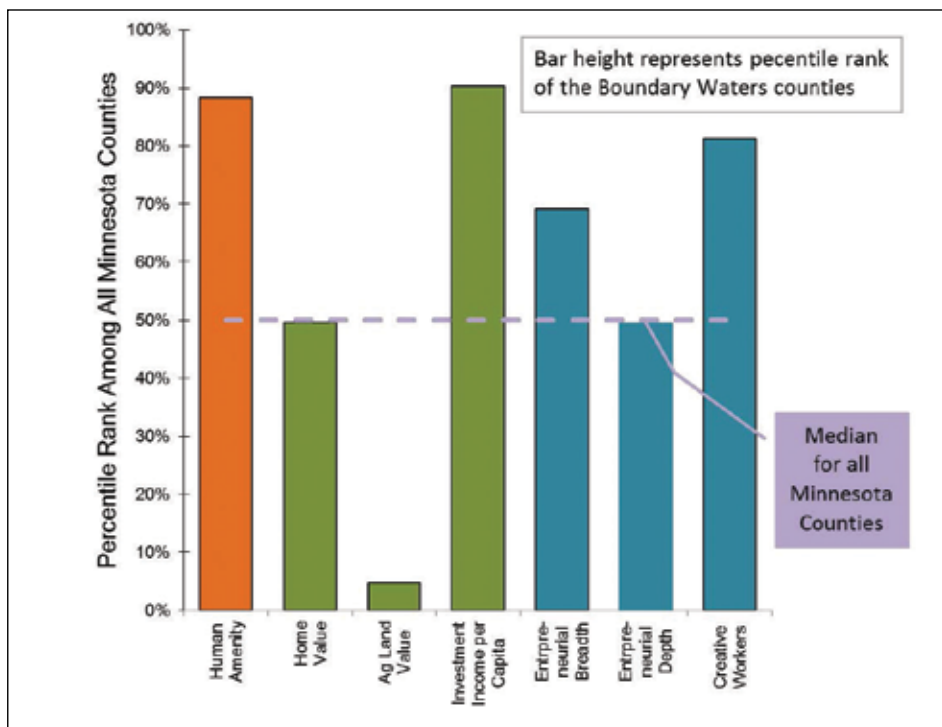
In his seminal study, Sachs cites several reasons that economists have offered for the poor economic performance of resource-rich regions but concludes that the dominance of a single high-paying industrial sector, makes economic diversification difficult.

“Our reasoning is as follows,” writes Sachs in his 1997 study. “Resource abundance squeezes the manufacturing sector,” he said.

That’s a phenomenon that has bedeviled economic development agencies, like the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, for decades. “We’ve spent millions of dollars chasing smokestack companies and it just hasn’t worked out,” said IRRRB Commissioner Mark Phillips during a recent interview with the *Timberjay*.

“We’ve been trying to diversify, and we have the resources to help do it,” noted Phillips, but he said it’s difficult in a region where a single high-paying industry, like taconite mining, tends to attract the available pool of qualified workers interested in heavy industrial employment. He said even relatively high-paying companies in the wood products sector in the region struggle to hang on to workers given the availability of higher-paying jobs in the taconite industry — and that’s made it difficult for the IRRRB to lure other manufacturers to the region.

That’s one reason that Phillips has turned away from the agency’s traditional focus on manufacturing recruitment, to one that puts more resources toward improving quality of life in Iron Range communities. He’s directed money into cultural amenities, like the Lake



Vermilion Cultural Center in Tower, into renovations of a historic fountain in Virginia’s Olcott Park, and put millions of dollars into the development of recreational amenities, like mountain biking trails in the region.

“I’ve been in economic development for 35 years,” said Phillips. “When I took on this job, I said to myself ‘am I going to keep doing the same thing, chasing companies even though it hasn’t worked?’”

The IRRRB’s new approach is consistent with economic studies that have demonstrated that a focus on community amenities, such as cultural activities or, particularly, outdoor recreational activities, can help rural regions of the country attract members of what economists describe as the “creative class,” which include entrepreneurs and educated professionals, like attorneys, architects, writers, photographers, artists, or software designers.

One such study, “The rural growth trifecta: outdoor amenities, creative class and entrepreneurial context,” notes the increasing loss of rural jobs in primary industries and the difficulty of recruiting large, new employers.

The study is one of several written by economist David A. McGranahan, who has found that while many rural regions in the U.S. have lost job opportunities and residents to urban centers in recent decades, those with significant amenities have managed to avoid population loss, and even grow in many cases. “The key insight from the urban creative class literature is that workers in occupations specializing in creative tasks demonstrate strong preferences for various amenities and these preferences affect the location of talent,” writes McGranahan and his fellow researchers Timothy R. Wojan and Dayton M. Lambert. “Our rural variant of the creative class construct re-emphasizes outdoor amenities as an attractor of talent. We posit that some creative workers may choose to forego higher urban earnings in exchange for the quality of life found in places endowed with natural amenities and that where this occurs, it may lead to business formation and economic growth, facilitated in part by the attraction of more creative class members.”

In fact, communities near the Boundary Waters have already demonstrated an impressive ability to attract members of the creative class (see graphic above). According to research on rural economies conducted by the

Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, St. Louis, Lake, and Cook counties are near the top (85th percentile) among Minnesota counties in terms of the percentage of residents engaged in professional, creative class occupations.

What is it that attracts such people to the region? Kris Hallberg, a now retired World Bank economist who lives near Ely, and her husband, a former water quality specialist with the EPA, speaks for many. “We’re stereotypical cases of why people come up here,” she said in an interview earlier this year. “We came here for the clean water, clean air and rocks and woods and wildlife,” Hallberg added, noting that she’s aware of many other relative newcomers who’ve moved to the Ely area for similar reasons. She said she believes the attraction of the Ely lifestyle, which is centered around proximity to the Boundary Waters and the Superior National Forest, will only increase over time.

Her view is consistent with the findings of a 2014 University of Minnesota survey of attitudes in four townships surrounding Ely, including Morse, Fall Lake, Eagles Nest, and Stony River.

The survey asked, among other things, what qualities attracted township residents to the area. The vast majority cited their proximity to nature, outdoor recreational opportunities, solitude, and peace and quiet as the primary factors that keep them in the region.

Small town appeal

While much has been written about population loss in small towns and rural America, another University of Minnesota researcher offers data to suggest that rural communities can be successful if they understand what factors tend to attract new residents.

In his 2014 study, “Rewriting the Rural Narrative,” Benjamin Winchester, a senior research fellow with Minnesota Extension, acknowledges the movement of people from rural areas to urban centers, but notes that the trend is far from a one-way street. While young people tend to leave their small towns and rural homes, mostly to pursue education and initial employment, Winchester notes that demographic data show many of those young people return to their home towns or communities later in life, particularly to raise children.

While that trend is demonstrated in rural regions across Minnesota, Winchester found that

urban residents move back in significantly larger numbers to rural counties that he described as “recreational,” versus those he classified as “prairie.” The data also found dramatic differences in the rate at which young people left rural areas, based on Winchester’s classification. While rural recreational counties see nearly a third of young people, ages 20-24, leave for urban centers, over 60 percent of young people in the same age range leave rural counties in agricultural parts of the state. By the time those same young people reach their 30s, however, Winchester found that the migration flow reverses, and rural areas actually gain from urban centers. And that rate of gain for every subsequent age group is stronger in recreational counties than those dominated by agriculture.

At the same time, the study finds that new residents who had no previous connection to a rural community, are adding to the return to rural regions, seeking factors like a simpler pace of life, greater safety and security, and lower costs for housing. Winchester’s research found that the people moving to rural regions or small towns from urban centers are typically well-educated and often have higher-than-average household incomes. Indeed, Winchester cites data concluding that 68 percent of newcomers to rural areas in Minnesota have attained at least a bachelor’s degree and 67 percent have household incomes over \$50,000. Just over 50 percent have children in their household. And while the move to a rural area often means lower earnings than would be possible in a city, those who make the change say that quality of life is the deciding factor in their move.

Such trends are already showing up, in some cases dramatically, in economic data in northeastern Minnesota. Citing data from Lake County, Winchester notes that the county’s economy is more diversified than in the past, in part due to a large increase in the number of people who are proprietors of their own businesses. That number has jumped from just 452 proprietors in 1969 to 2,369 as of 2014. That’s nearly a quarter of the county’s total population of just over 10,000.

A similar trend has been experienced in the Ely area over the past few decades, as significant numbers of newcomers have taken up residence in the Ely area, with most coming for quality of life factors, rather than a job. In many cases, such new residents have professional backgrounds and often continue to work in various capacities in their field of expertise, often from home or with occasional travel. Many of those new residents locate in rural townships surrounding Ely, yet their spending largely drives the Ely area economy, as the *Timberjay* documented last year in its story, “Ely’s golden goose: township residents power Ely-area economy.”

Other sources of income While employment used to be the primary source of income for most Americans, that’s not as true as it once was. Indeed, according to Winchester’s data, just 55 percent of income in Minnesota currently comes from employment. Retirement savings, pensions, and government transfer payments, like Social Security, account for much of the rest of the income that drives local economies. Communities near the Boundary Waters have been particularly successful attracting new residents with substantial non-labor income. Indeed, according to the Federal Reserve, St. Louis, Lake, and Cook counties are in the top ten-percent of Minnesota counties in terms of investment income per capita.

The arrival of a new resident with high non-labor income to an area typically provides as much local economic impact as the creation of a high-paying job, since the incomes generated by both, which enter the local economy through their spending, are often similar. That means that providing and protecting the types of amenities that bring new residents to a community is often at least as critical to economic success as new job creation.

The IRRRB’s Phillips sees the connection. “I think you’re going to find that in order to grow, that we’ll need to focus on quality of life as an issue,” he said.

Likewise, the risks posed by a sulfide-based copper-nickel mine, like Twin Metals, are more than just environmental, and the impact to the Ely area economy comes from the individual decisions of thousands of current and potential residents who have moved to the region, or are considering doing so, for the unique amenities it offers.

“Knowing the environmental risks of copper sulfide mining, I don’t think we would have chosen to move to Ely if such a mine had been permitted or was in operation when we decided to leave D.C.” said Hallberg. “We probably would have chosen Cook County or somewhere else in the country. As I said before, we were searching for a pristine wilderness environment.”

Would Hallberg and her husband choose to leave if a copper-nickel mine opens nearby? That’s a more complicated question, notes Hallberg, since she and her husband have become active members in the community, with a large number of new friends. “There are positive things going on in Ely that bode well for the future. But we fear that this positive atmosphere could change with the introduction of mining,” she said.

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ELY CITY COUNCIL

Ely business closed for three days because of liquor law violation

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Following a public hearing here on Tuesday, the Ely City Council ordered the closure of the Ely Bowling Alley from Sept. 6-8, for a violation of state statute and city code requiring liability insurance for a business that sells alcohol.

According to City Attorney Kelly Klun, the city received a notice of cancellation of insurance for the Ely Bowling Alley, because a lapse in premium payment, on Thursday, June 28.

“Upon notification, the bar was immediately closed until a certificate of insurance was presented to the city,” Klun said. “However, the code indicates that upon a first violation of not having insurance during the (liquor) license period, a penalty of three days shall be issued. Any suspension must commence on the same day of the week that the violation occurred, and shall occur after a public hearing and as soon as practical.”

A letter to the city from EBA Enterprises owner Tim Brennan, dated

Aug. 30, stated that he preferred to choose a Sunday, Monday and Tuesday to close his business, specifically, Sept. 30-Oct. 2. “The reason for this request is that we currently have children’s birthday parties booked for the weekend dates prior to the requested closure dates,” Brennan wrote.

“I understand the gravity of the lapse in insurance coverage, and

my responsibility for ensuring said coverage remains in place, and assure you that the error will not be made again,” he added.

Klun responded, “That would be a different term than that required by the code.” She said she spoke with Brennan on Tuesday about the citation and the dates of closure, and he reiterated that he preferred for the closure to

start on a Sunday. “He also offered the dates of Sept. 20-22 for his closure,” she said.

Klun added, “He was very compliant on the insurance notice and immediately shut down the bar and there was no corrective issue required.”

Brennan was not present at the public hearing, held prior to the council meeting, nor did he attend the regular council

meeting.

Council members took action during the regular meeting. On a motion from council member Paul Kess, and support from Al Forsman, the council agreed to suspend the Ely Bowling Alley’s license “as soon as practical according to the code,” resulting in the facility’s closure on Thursday, Friday and Saturday of this week.

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“The Community Center has sat idle for almost four years. We worked through a broker that marketed the building across the country so we could get serious and interested buyers,” he said.

Novak said the next steps include getting a timeline locked-in to complete the transaction and to remove the fuel tank from the building.

He responded to a citizen who spoke during the open forum portion of the meeting questioning the city’s apparent lack of transparency in discussing the real estate transaction. “This is nowhere near over. Before the city can sell any property it has to have two public readings of the ordinance and at least one, if not multiple, public hearings,” he said.

The council set a public hearing on the issue for Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m. in the council chambers. A potential first reading of the ordinance is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 2.

Campbell appeared before the council and offered her plans for the Community Center. In an introductory statement, she read, “On Aug. 12, I met before the city council regarding my purchase agreement for the city of Ely Community Center. I indicated at the time that I would be submitting a business plan for the Community Center. It was my intention to submit a business plan within 30 days. I was not requested by the city council, nor the broker, to submit my proposal earlier. On Aug. 30, I was made aware, by the city administrator that I needed to submit my

business plan to the broker as soon as possible. Due to the holiday weekend, I was unable to meet with my broker, my lawyer or my accountant. Due to the lack of their input I am not able to submit a full comprehensive plan regarding the cash flow financials in a timely manner. However, I propose to submit a full comprehensive plan within three weeks.”

In her business plan synopsis, Campbell said her goal for the Community Center is “to restore the iconic building and to preserve the original intent of the cultural heritage of the Ely Community Center.”

She said she expected to tap private capital, to implement her plans for remodeling of the center, which she expects to make available for festivals, ethnic and cultural days, workshops and seminars, conferences, entertainment, performing arts, health and wellness seminars, science fairs, educational and historical, weddings, receptions and celebrations, and office space rental.

“By not considering my proposal to purchase the Community Center you are erasing generations of Ely’s legacy,” she told the council.

During the open forum portion of the meeting, city resident Frana Cherico said, “As a taxpayer I would like to know why the people of Ely are not allowed transparency on the sale of the Community Center. The potential buyers, on the Internet, act as if they already own the building. Shouldn’t there be some responsibility to the Ely people who pay the taxes?”

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FOOTBALL

Ogilvie bests Ely in season opener

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

OGILVIE—Five times Ely stopped Ogilvie in the red zone, but the two times that the Lions slipped past proved the difference, as they emerge the winner in a defensive showdown here last Thursday. The Lions prevailed 12-8 in both teams’ Nineman football season opener.

“Defensively we played very well,” said Ely Head Coach Cory Lassi.

“Coach Peterson did a good job preparing the defense for this game.”

The Wolves took what looked like a promising opening drive to the Lions 20-yard line, but the drive stalled without putting points on the board.

The Lions drove deep into Wolves territory on their subsequent possession before Ely forced it over on downs. But Ely’s offense sputtered, forcing a punt from deep in Lions’ territory. A poor snap and weak kick, however, gave the

Lions a new possession on Ely’s 38-yard line to end the first quarter.

Ogilvie drove to the Wolves eighty-yard line, where the Lions completed a halfback pass on fourth down to put six on the board after a failed conversion.

After a trade of possessions, the Lions were again on the move, seemingly headed for another touchdown. But Ely stiffened once again deep in their zone, and held off Ogilvie, taking over on downs at their own one-yard line, to keep

the margin at six just ahead of the half.

But the punt squad created problems for the Wolves once again. After Ely went three and out, they were forced to punt from their own end zone, but the Lions got a hand on it, giving them possession on Ely’s four yard line with just 43 seconds left ahead of the break.

After an Ely sack on the Lions second down and an incomplete pass on third, Ogilvie was facing a fourth

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FOOTBALL

Grizz drops opener to Cromwell

by Marcus White
Cook/Orr Editor

FIELD TWP – Last year, the Grizzlies began their season with a loss to Cromwell-Wright, and went on to win the Section 7 Nineman title. They offered up a repeat performance this past Friday as they fell to the Cardinals 44-22. Whether history repeats itself through the rest of the season remains to be seen.

Overall, North Woods Head Coach John Jirik said he liked what he saw from his team, which is missing most of last year’s starting line-up due to graduation. Despite that, the team put up impressive offensive numbers, racking up 305 total yards against a tough Cardinal defense.

“It was a good start for us this year against a very good team,” said Jirik. “We saw many positives from our inexperienced team and noticed a few areas where we need to improve.”

The Cardinals jumped out to a big lead early, racking up 23 points in the first quarter on the strength of a strong rushing attack.

North Woods was able to answer in the second quarter, putting two touchdowns on the board, but Cromwell kept the pressure on, adding six points of their own to take a 29-14 lead into the break.

The Cardinals would add eight more points in the third quarter, while holding North Woods scoreless. The Grizzlies put eight more points of



Jake Hyppa with the carry evades Cromwell defensemen. photo by C. Stone

their own on the board late in the fourth quarter, but it was too little, too late. Cromwell added seven more in the frame to further pad their margin.

Rushing proved a bright spot for North

Woods, as five players hit double digits on the ground. Senior Jake Hyppa led the way with 51 yards on 12 carries, followed by junior Nathan Crain with 32 yards on four carries. TJ Chiabotti added 17 yards

on six carries.

Senior quarterback Chase Kleppe had a good day in the air, connecting on nine of 21 attempts for 170 yards. Senior receiver Ian Sherman was his go-to, picking up 107 yards on

three completions. Senior Tanner Barto grabbed five catches good for 50 yards.

The Grizzlies travel to Mt. Iron-Buhl on Friday. Game time is 7 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Wins pile up for North Woods

by Marcus White
Cook/Orr Editor

BIGFORK – The North Woods girls extended their dominance in girls volleyball to a second week on Tuesday, defeating Bigfork in three sets.

Even with the win, Assistant Coach Dee Ann Sandberg said the team didn’t play to their potential, especially against a weaker team. “I think we were playing down to our competition,” she said. Bigfork lost a lot of players last year.

According to Sandberg, the lack of communications led to poor passing by the Grizzlies, hampering the ability of their setters to position the ball for kill shots.

“They were picking up a lot of our hits off the ground. We need to work on talking on the floor as a team.”

Regan Ratai led the team with 12 kills followed by Coley Olson with 11.

Morgan Burnett had 24 set assists.

Burnett and Hanna Sandberg had two ace serves apiece.

The team was set to play a second road game this week against Mesabi East on Thursday night. Both teams went into the game with three straight wins, though Mesabi is 3-1 after losing their season opener.

VOLLEYBALL

Wolves seek redemption after disappointing start

by Marshall Helmberger
Managing Editor

ELY—It was three-up, three-down for the Timberwolves in their home opener here on Tuesday night, as they dominated Littlefork-Big Falls to notch their first win of the season.

Junior McCartney Kaercher dominated the first set as she served 23 straight points to lead Ely to a 25-3 win.

“Our serving was incredible last night,” said Ely Head Coach Andrea Thomas. “I think we had the right mindset coming into it.”

Winter Sainio served

nine straight in the second set enroute to a 25-15 win, while Brielle Kallberg and Apolonia Homer each served six straight in the third set as the Wolves racked up a 25-17 margin.

“It was fun to see the change from last week,” said Thomas, referring to the team’s disappointing season opener against Northeast Range. “This is the way we need to continue to play from here on,” she said.

Kaercher led the way with dominant serving performance, which included six ace serves and five set assists. Kallberg led in kills with 13, along with four ace serves. Lida Dodge

notched 13 set assists and Jenna Merhar contributed with four kills.

Littlefork’s Dani Erickson led her squad with 10 digs.

Ely is set to compete in the Greenway Invitational on Saturday. They travel to Silver Bay on Tuesday to take on the Mariners. Game time is 6:30 p.m.

Brielle Kallberg goes to score for the wolves against Littlefork. photo by J. Greeney



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and goal on the Wolves' 11-yard line. That's when the Lion's connected on a clutch pass deep in the end zone, to send the teams to the lockers with Ogilvie up 12-0.

Ogilvie took the kickoff to start the second half, and drove steadily to Ely's nine-yard line, where the Lions were at first-and-goal. But a fumble on second down left Ogilvie back on the 18-yard line. They fumbled again on a reverse on third down, and this time Ely's Lane Anderson recovered to give Ely the ball.

The Wolves wasted little time getting back in the game. On first-and-ten from the Wolves 24-yard line, junior quarterback Bryce Longwell connected with junior wide receiver Dalton Schreffler for a 76-yard touchdown reception. A successful two-point conversion pass from Longwell to Nate Nettifee had the Wolves back within four.

The teams traded possessions before Ogilvie found itself sitting on the Wolves 30-yard line with just under two minutes left in the third quarter. That's

when Tjae Banks recovered a Lions fumble on third down, to halt another promising Lions' drive.

The Wolves offense sputtered once more and the punt squad broke down again as a bad snap aborted the punt and left Ely to try to run for the first down. Ogilvie stuffed the attempt and took over on the Ely 26-yard line.

The Lions couldn't take advantage of the good field position and turned over the ball on downs after an attempted fourth-and-three.

With 9:56 in the

fourth, Ely took over the ball on their 16-yard line. Ogilvie forced a three-and-out and set up a Wolves punt.

A big return put the Lions on the Wolves 25-yard line, but two fumbles and an incomplete pass later the Lions turned the ball back over to Ely.

Ely would have two more chances, but their offense struggled against the Lions' defense. Ogilvie ended up with the final possession and simply ran out the clock.

"I want to start off by saying how proud we were

as a coaching staff for how hard our players played and the effort that they gave," said Lassi. "The players left everything they had on the field and played hard until the final whistle."

One issue the Wolves will be dealing with this season is building depth. "I felt like our lack of depth played a major role," said Lassi. "We had some guys never come off the field."

Ely managed 153 yards rushing, led by senior Nick Mattila who picked up 71 yards on 17

carries. Quarterback Bryce Longwell was 5 of 15 for 112 yards and one touchdown. His favorite target, Dalton Schreffler, had four receptions for 107 yards.

Defensively, Finn Liesching led the way, tallying 18 tackles. Dalton Schreffler had 13 tackles while Bryce Longwell added 12.

Next up for Ely is a newly-scheduled matchup this Saturday in Chisholm. Game time is 1 p.m.

Sports week

Football

Saturday Sept. 8
Ely at Chisholm, 1 p.m.

Friday Sept. 14
North Woods hosts Silver Bay, 5 p.m.

Volleyball

Saturday Sept. 8
Ely, North Woods and NE Range at Greenway, 10 a.m.

Monday Sept. 10
North Woods at Deer River, 7 p.m.

NE Range hosts South Ridge, 6:30 p.m.

Tuesday Sept. 11
Ely at Silver Bay, 6:30 p.m.

NE Range at Little Fork-Big Fall, 7 p.m.

North Woods hosts Eveleth-Gilbert, 7 p.m.

Thursday Sept. 13
Ely hosts Mesabi East, 7 p.m.

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Monday Sept. 10
NE Range/Ely hosts Duluth Denfeld 5 p.m.

Cross Country

Thursday Sept. 13
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Mesabi Range hosts college fair for students

VIRGINIA - A Minnesota Education Fair for all high school students and their parents will be held at Mesabi Range College, Virginia Campus Gym on Tuesday, Sept. 11 from 9 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

The fair provides students and parents an opportunity to explore a variety of options for continued education, technical training or military service after high school.

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Voyageurs National Park Announces Fall Visitor Center Hours

INTERNATIONAL FALLS - Voyageurs National Park visitor centers begin fall hours of operations starting Wednesday, Sept. 5.

Due to unexpected early departures of multiple summer staff, the Rainy Lake Visitor Center will be open Saturdays

through Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. beginning Wednesday, September 5. The Rainy Lake Visitor Center will be closed on Thursdays and Fridays through Sept. 30.

The Rainy Lake Visitor Center will have the following late fall and

early winter hours:

Oct. 1, through Dec. 31: open Thursdays through Sundays, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The Kabetogama Lake and Ash River Visitor Centers will remain open seven days a week through September from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Beginning Monday, Sept.

24, both visitor centers will close for the season and will reopen in mid-May 2019.

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More improvements ahead for Tower's new marina

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- There was plenty of food, but the owners of Your Boat Club, the marina in Tower, had slightly underestimated the number of place settings they would need at their first annual Labor Day Bash on Sunday, Sept. 2.

“We went through 500 place settings,” said Your Boat Club co-owner Michael Jellish, “but ran out and had to buy 100 more!”

There was a steady stream of visitors all afternoon, and while some may have just stopped by for the pig roast, there was a lot more to see.

The event was a chance for the public to view all the improvements at Tower’s old Standing Bear Marina, as well as get a look at what YBC offers both local residents and visitors.

“It was really good to get to know more people,” said Jellish. “People came by boat and by car.”

Visitors toured the newly-renovated facility, checked out the boats available for rental, saw its service shop, and viewed the marina slips and winter storage options.

More improvements to the marina are underway this fall. YBC is waiting on the okay from permitting agencies to replace about 220 feet of old seawall. The old pilings and metal will be removed, and new seawall and pilings will be installed. They hope to get this work done this fall. Once done, this will allow



Brian Maxey, who manages the Tower location for Your Boat Club, gave tours to visitors. The giant inflatable character which welcomed visitors is a reminder of the co-owners Michael Jellish and Luke Kujawa's family connection to the marine business. The Kujawa family was the owner of Crystal-Pierz Marine. staff photos



them to put in more docking space.

“As the word gets out, demand is increasing,” Jellish said. “We are already permitted to add in two more dock sections.”

When YBC took over the marina, over two-thirds of the dock space was unusable after years of neglect by the previous owners.

YBC will also be adding gas service at the marina, in time for next year’s boating season. Jellish noted this will be a convenient spot to gas up boats before heading out on Lake Vermilion.

Smaller projects include

finishing renovations of the indoor storage building, as well as completing renovations of the upstairs of the marina building, which is being turned into office space.

Landscaping work will also be completed in the spring.

But this fall, staff will also be busy winterizing and getting boats ready for storage. They offer both indoor storage, and outdoor, shrink-wrap storage. Most of their main staff will be working through the winter, he said. The marina employed about a dozen people this summer.

Jellish said they are seeing more and more YBC members

from other parts of the state coming up to Vermilion and taking out boats. YBC also offers daily boat rentals for the general public. For local residents, they are seeing more take advantage of slip rentals, maintenance services, and winter storage options.

Minnesota-based Your Boat Club offers traditional marina services and boat rentals, along with a membership option, that allows members to use boats at any one of Your Boat Club’s 14 locations in Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Illinois. The marina does not sell new boats, but every year in April sells rental boats that have been in

the fleet for three years. The Tower location is selling boating accessories, including tubes and other flotation-type toys.

Jellish said that they had been looking for a spot on Vermilion for several years before finalizing the deal to purchase the marina in Tower. The marina is open daily from 8 a.m. – dusk. Winter hours will vary. Jellish invited anyone to stop by for a tour.

“Our pricing is very competitive,” he said.

You can learn more about the facility at www.yourboatclub.com.

TOWER-SOUDAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Fire up for the Historic Tower Fire Hall

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Historical Society plans to preserve the historic old fire hall located at 504 Main Street. The building, which is the oldest public building north of Duluth, housed the 1891 horse-drawn steam fire pumper James Tippet while in service at the turn of the 20th century. Once restored the old fire hall will be home once again to the Tippet.

Founded in 1963, the Tower-Soudan Historical Society was established as a community-based nonprofit after a steam locomotive 1218 with tender and railway passenger Coach 81 were gifted to the City of Tower in July 1962 by the Duluth Missabe and Iron Range Railway Company (DM&IR). Mrs. Theresa Jeffrey was the organizer and visionary for an organization that would focus on preserving the rich history of the Tower-Soudan and Lake Vermilion region.

Restoration project phases will be completed as funding is awarded by the Minnesota Historical Society. The Minnesota Historical Society and the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation require support of the communities served by the project. To meet this requirement TSHS launched a Sustaining Membership drive to demonstrate community support. Pledges of any monetary size can be made for any period of years that you choose. The



historical society’s goal is to achieve five-year pledges to support restoration of the historic fire hall. TSHS is a 501 (c) (3) organization. All funds will be dedicated to the historic fire hall restoration

The Tower fire hall was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1980. The building, built in 1895, housed the Tower City Hall and jail until 1935. The building housed the fire hall until 1965 when a new fire hall was constructed. Many of us will remember the building as the “Rec Building” when it was used during the 1960s and 1970s as community space for events for young and old.

Want to learn more? Join us at the TSHS annual meeting on Tuesday, September 18 at 5:00 pm at the Tower Civic Center. A power point tour of the fire hall highlighting

existing conditions as well as historic photos will be presented by historian Leone Graf and Nancy Larson.

The presentation is free for all to attend. Reservations for the dinner portion of the annual meeting are required and can be made by calling the Tower train depot office at 218-753-5021. Leave a message with your name, phone contact and number of attendees.

Check out the TSHS website at www.towersoudanhs.org. A PayPal option for donations is now available. Pledge forms and donations can be mailed to Tower-Soudan Historical Society, PO Box 465, Tower, MN 55790. Your ongoing support of any amount will be appreciated.



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TOWER BINGO

Monday, Sept. 10

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, Sept. 10 (second Monday due to Labor Day holiday) at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m. Senior Bingo is organized by the Friends of the Vermilion Country Charter School. Questions, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

Upcoming dates for 2018:

- Monday, October 1
- Monday, November 5
- Monday, December 3

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COOK

Cook to upgrade fire department equipment, pagers

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK – The fire department here is set to get a host of new equipment along with a communications systems overhaul in the coming months.

At the city council meeting last Thursday fire department member Shane Johnson approached the council with concerns that six sets of gear were 15 to 20 years old, far exceeding the prescribed lifetime and compliance of the equipment.

“It needs to be thrown away,” Johnson told the council. “It is a \$900 fine from OSHA if they are found near the crews.”

Johnson noted the helmet he used was upwards of 40 years old.

To upgrade the six sets of gear, mainly in use by the department’s older members, along with some extra helmets and headlamps will cost the department \$11,790.

City administrator Theresa

Martinson said the department had the money on hand and recommended the council approve the purchase.

The motion passed unanimously.

Johnson also approached the council with a plan to upgrade the department’s pager system to the federal First Net system administered by AT&T.

“It is a better line of communication for us,” he said. “Most (of the department) are using the pager system through their phone. What the new phones allows us to see where everyone is and permit push-to-talk.”

The program uses secured smartphones that receive priority signals over standard cell data traffic. It also allows for GPS location to see exactly where any of the departments members are at any given time, including on a call.

Johnson said this was advantageous since first responders aren’t always able to answer a radio page when performing tasks such as pumping water or

trying to safely enter a structure.

Additionally, the push-to-talk feature of the phones will render the department’s radio needless, which Johnson said isn’t necessarily a bad thing since large portions of the department’s response area does not have adequate signal anyway.

He said he believed the program will eventually become mandated by lawmakers and by adopting early, the department would be able to save money for the city.

Johnson said the department members were willing to pay for their own phones, which would cost as low as \$100 if purchased as a group, provided the city pay for half the cost of the plans.

The phones cost over \$2,000 when purchased individually.

Martinson said Johnson’s proposal was realistic and the city should consider it since a future mandate would require the city to pay the total cost of the phones and the associated plans.

She added the city still should look at putting an official

policy in place going forward to address how the city and fire department will handle plan increases and new member additions to the department in the future.

Johnson noted while some county municipalities had partially rolled out the program, such as Duluth, Cook would be the first department to fully implement it in the region.

The council also approved the measure unanimously.

Bridge update

John Jamnick with JPJ Engineering gave an update to the council on the River Street Bridge replacement.

Jamnick said the bridge work had not faced any delays and was on track to be completed by the end of October.

He said the company has worked with the lumberyard on River Street to address any concerns the project might have on the business.

Martinson added that resi-

dents on the north side of town had felt the inconvenience, but were understanding of the necessity of the work.

Other business

➤ The council dismissed a variance application by Shirley Lange. Lange criticized the city for taking too long to act on her family’s request to put in a garage on the property after her neighbor raised concerns about drainage impacts. Martinson said the city was doing its due diligence in making sure all of the town’s residents had a voice.

Lange said the family would now pursue building the structure on their son’s land, which is outside of the city’s jurisdiction.

➤ The council approved a resolution to restrict private alcohol sales to ensure revenue streams to the city-owned liquor store.

Breitung to buy new fire truck

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA
Staff Writer

BREITUNG– The fire department has begun a search for a new fire truck to replace an aging truck number three. The township board approved having the Fire Chief Steve Burgess and the Chairman Tim Tomsich purchase a used fire truck, costing up to \$130,000, and to complete the purchase in the next six months. The department is looking for a smaller truck with a mini pumper to better serve the township’s rural areas, where it can be difficult to maneuver a large truck. The truck must also

have a towing capacity of 10,000 pounds or more, an on-board pump capacity of 500 gallons per minute, water capacity of at least 300 gallons, as well as air conditioning, four-wheel drive, automatic transmission, and emergency lighting. The truck purchase is a scheduled replacement, with funds coming out of the township’s equipment replacement fund.

The township board accepted the low bid from George Bougalis and Sons of Hibbing of \$118,475 for repairs on the Church Street sewer, and an alternate option in the bid of \$13,960 for a sewer grinder near the recreation area.

Funds for this project are coming from a \$57,000 CGDB grant with the rest of the funding coming from the township’s reserve account. The project is expected to be completed by Nov. 1.

In other business the township board:

➤ Discussed the proposed Frozen Water Service Ordinance and will make changes and bring back to the next meeting.

➤ Received a thank you letter from Kathy Hoppa, on behalf of the Old Settlers Committee.

➤ Heard from assistant fire chief Matt Tichel, who presented the board with a draft of the Breitung

Fire and Rescue Personnel Policy. The township board asked for a few minor clarifications to be made.

➤ Heard from Supervisor Chuck Tekautz who reported that the broken septic pump at McKinley Park had been repaired.

➤ Heard from police chief Dan Nylund that the police department passed an audit.

➤ Approved an ordinance for a \$500 extraction service fee.

➤ Next meetings will be Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. and Sept. 26 at 1 p.m.

Motorcyclist sent to hospital after collision

LINDEN GROVE TWP – A motorcyclist was transported to a Duluth hospital after a collision involving a Ford F-150 pickup here Monday afternoon.

According to a report from the Minnesota State Patrol, Stephen Urie, 63, of Duluth was riding a Harley Davidson bike along Hwy. 1 at the intersection with Hwy 73.

The report states Urie came to a complete stop before crossing the highway, which is when he was struck by William Balder, 52, of Goodlund.

Urie was transported to the St. Mary’s campus of Essentia Health in Duluth with non-life-threatening injuries. He was wearing a helmet at the time of the crash.

Neither Balder or his passenger, Kristy Balder, suffered injuries. Both were wearing seatbelts.

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ANTIQUE AND VINTAGE BOAT SHOW

Wooden boats show off a timeless tradition

BEATTY TWP- Chris O'Connor sat barefoot cleaning his boat on Sunday morning at The Landing north of Cook. The late morning ritual shined up his old 1956 Shepherd boat for visitors to the annual Lake Vermilion Antique and Vintage Boat Show.

The show is most known for several wooden boats which are displayed each year.

More than a hundred people made their way onto the rickety, narrow wooden docks to see nearly two dozen boats restored to their former glory.

"I've been doing this for more than 30 years," O'Connor said. "I just love the look of the wood."

O'Connor was one of the founders of the boat show 29 years ago when he volunteered to help a group of boaters debut the show at the docks of the old Bayview Resort near Fortune Bay in the 1980s.

Since then, he said, his boats have appeared in



Crowds packed onto narrow docks at The Landing in order to view the antique wooden boats. photo by M. White

nearly every show, whether at the old Bayview Resort or the show's present home at The Landing.

O'Connor's Shepherd boat is his fifth boat he's restored since finding the hobby decades ago. It was acquired in 1999 from a dealer in Montreal, Canada.

From original mahogany air scoops to the original steering wheel, no detail was left unfinished in the old boat's restoration in

its nearly two decades on Minnesota lakes.

The boat, O'Connor said, which was also originally manufactured in Canada, has unique features, including the wooden scoops. He said since similar modeled boats made in the United States almost always used chrome trimming instead of remaining consistent with the craft's wooden framework.

The captain, who spends

most of the year in his home town of Minneapolis, said his passion for the water crafts came from another hobby – model airplanes – and while the method of travel for each is different, O'Connor said the basic principles of working with the old wood is the same.

Across the docks, Paul Ludlow showed off his 1987 Skiff Craft.

Ludlow said wooden boats ran in his family's blood, with his grandfather purchasing the family's first in 1947.

Where O'Connor has made restoration a major part of the hobby, Ludlow said his boat was more for leisure, and he had purchased it with that intent.

He added there were other boats in the family, including his grandfather's original and many were restored and maintained by various family members. Boats were not the only sights and sounds on Sunday.

The Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade was an honorary sponsor of the event,

and not only had their own watercraft docked to show off, but also an information and souvenir booth for people to view when their legs got a little shaky from walking the docks.

Representatives from the Bob Stouts Land o' Lakes chapter of the Boat Restoration Society also had information handy for future captains who may want to get into the hobby of wooden boat restoration.

Live music was provided by the local band, Bittersweet.



Paul Ludlow chats with guests about his 1987 boat. photo by M. White



Chris O'Connor (left) and Nancy Johnson work to clean their wooden Shepherd boat before visitors arrive. photo by M. White



Robert Matson (left) explains the docked boats to a visitor at The Landing. photo by M. White

Trains Days at MN Museum of Mining

CHISHOLM- Model trains will be on display at the Minnesota Museum of Mining in Chisholm for model train buffs and kids of all ages to enjoy on Saturday and Sunday, Sept. 8 and 9. The Laurentian Northern Railroad Club (LNR) will be in the gold transportation building with their display of HO Scale model trains. Railroads represented include DM&IR, DWP, CN, Milwaukee Road, GN, BNSF, and more. The settings are wonderful too. You will see a WWII depot, working drive-in movie theatre, baseball game, powerhouse, roundhouse, and a turntable. Iron ore trains will be featured, along with freight trains, passenger trains, and more. Visitors can get up close to the moving trains and capture all sorts of interesting videos and photos.

While enjoying the wonderful work of the Laurentian Northern Railroad Club, you can enjoy all that the Minnesota Museum of Mining has to offer including the railroad diorama created by the famed artist F. Lee Jacque and the "real" 1907 Steam Locomotive.

The Minnesota Museum of Mining is open Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. It is located at 701 W Lake St. in Chisholm, near the water tower. Contact the Minnesota Museum of Mining at 218-254-5543 for more information.

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Outdoors

Our lives in the Northwoods

HUNTING

Bear registrations down sharply

Abundant natural foods giving bears the advantage in opening days of the bear hunt

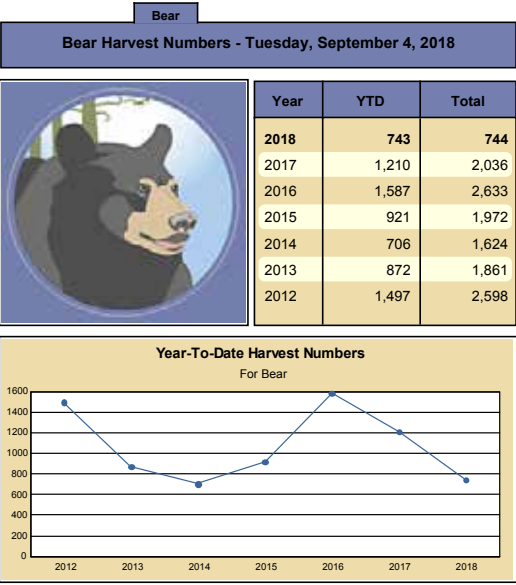
by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— A bumper crop of wild foods didn’t slow success for at least some hunters during the opening weekend of the Minnesota bear season. Eight of the ten hunters at Dennis Udovich’s hunting camp in Greaney bagged bears through the first four days of the hunt, with the largest

male weighing in at 375 pounds. That success comes despite what Udovich described as “the best bumper crop of wild foods I’ve seen in over 20 years.” While Udovich, an experienced guide, was able to adjust to the conditions and still find success, that proved the exception as bear registrations fell sharply through the first four days of the hunt, according to the Department of Natural Resources. Indeed, hunters

registered just 744 bears, down dramatically from the 1,210 registered during the same period last year. It was the lowest opening weekend harvest since 2014. The abundant food may be good news for female bears this season, as Udovich said it’s been mostly male bears showing up at bait stations so far.

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SIGNS OF THE SEASON

Morning on the ridge

As cooler temperatures herald the end of summer, frequent fog returns to the swamp

Autumn here comes on subtly at first. We start to see the signs in August, particularly this year when the sudden turn to minor drought prompted some early color change on the shallow soils here on the ridge. The bracken ferns, which grew lush on the early summer rains, began showing their fall yellows, tans, and oranges by the latter half of the month. The maples sported some early fire, before dropping many of their leaves even before Labor Day due to the dry conditions. Even so, the forest is still mostly green.

For me, the most dramatic early sign of the change of seasons can be seen on those first clear mornings in late August or early September, when the initial chill of approaching autumn settles over the warmth and humidity still lingering in the Lost Lake Swamp. The combination creates huge banks of fog that linger for an hour or so after the sunrise, giving early risers, like me, the chance to appreciate them before they dissipate as the temperature begins to rise.

Fog is common in autumn because it commonly forms in two ways under conditions that are common this time of year. We’ve all seen morning mist on the water on those first chilly mornings of September. This is called evaporation fog, which is generated when cold, dry air moves over the surface of warmer water, which is a common occurrence this time of year, particularly in the morning. As water evaporates into the air above it, the water vapor is cooled, forming suspended droplets that appear as fog or mist.

The fog that settles into the Lost Lake Swamp, and other low areas this time of year, is known as valley fog, and is formed primarily due to the fact that cold air is denser than warmer air. On clear calm overnights, cooler air slowly flows into low spots, like the swamp, where the temperatures can often dip ten degrees lower than surrounding uplands. On many mornings this time of year, that colder air reaches the dewpoint,



Above and left: Overlooking the Lost Lake Swamp from the writer’s back yard on a recent foggy morning.
photos by M. HelMBERGER

which is the point at which water vapor begins to condense out of the atmosphere. Sometimes, it just creates dew, but it can also create fog at the same time. Up here on the ridge, we’re usually left sitting above the fog, looking down on its constantly shifting patterns. I stood out behind our house the other morning snapping the accompanying photos and it

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MARSHALL HELMBERGER

Wildflower Watch

This week’s featured flower
NORTHERN BUGLEWEED



The **Northern Bugleweed**, *Lycopus uniflorus*, can be found in bloom well into September, although its tiny white flowers, which attach to the stem in the leaf axils, can easily be overlooked. It’s most easily recognized by its long, prominently-toothed, opposite leaves and its square stem, which tells you this is a member of the mint family. In our area, this plant tends to grow 1-2 feet tall, and it often has a bit of a lean to it. It prefers wet locations, like the edges of lakes or ponds.

Fishing reports

Ely area

With the summer season drawing to a close, many families were out on area lakes enjoying the good weather and active fish. Youngsters were having a ball catching some nice bass and panfish, and the occasional pike. Most of the bass caught were slamming spinner baits or top water lures fished right along the shorelines or under boat docks. Some of the smallmouth bass caught were exceeding the 20” mark, which are true trophy size fish.

While many kids like to fish with a hook and bobber tipped with a crawler, it’s proven effective for adults as well in catching a good number of trout on the area local lakes such as Tofte, Miner’s, and the Glacier Ponds, right off the shore.

Walleye fishermen are still managing to catch decent numbers of good eating size walleyes in the fifteen to eighteen-inch range. Crawler harnesses and crankbaits trolled along deep water breaks were the most effective.

Lake trout are still to be had on Burntside lake, with most of those being caught in the three to seven pound range. Spoons and crank baits fished along the thermocline at approximately thirty to forty feet down have been most effective. Lure color didn’t seem to be as important as locating the fish and moving quietly along.

Now that the kids are back in school, serious anglers will be showing up to take advantage of the cooler temperatures and increased action as the water temperatures begin to plummet. Don’t miss it!

Courtesy Babe’s Bait, located at Ely’s west entrance.

Outdoors briefly

Florida teen safe after going missing in BWCA

THE BOUNDARY WATERS—Rescuers from six agencies located a missing Florida teen Monday afternoon after she spent a night in the woods when she wandered away from her campsite on Disappointment Lake. The unidentified woman had gone missing Sunday night

and her father reported her disappearance to first responders the following morning. Fifteen rescuers from the Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Border Patrol, Lake County Sheriff, St. Louis County Rescue, State Patrol and the U.S. Forest Service responded to the scene. A temporary command base was set up near Snowbank Lakes Landing. According to Kurt Erickson with the St. Louis County Rescue Squad, the

woman was located a few hours later near Disappointment Lake. Erickson said the search was made easier because blowdown had occurred in the area, which slowed the girl’s progress on the trail. The woman and her father were reunited late Monday afternoon. The parties involved have not been identified.

Fishing reports



Kooper Dostert, of Soudan, is pretty sure he’s excited about the 21-inch walleye he caught recently on Lake Vermilion.
submitted photo

Kab-Nam area

It has been tough the last few days. Multiple weather fronts have the fish scattered and unpredictable. It has been the toughest fishing of the year so far. Some are dragging jigs slowly through mud bottom areas and others are having success off rocky points in deeper waters. The reefs have been hit or miss but mostly slow. The good in all of this is if you find them, they are aggressive. A minnow or leech has been most productive. (YES, we still have leeches at Gateway!) Jig and minnow or Lindy

with a leech. Water temps are slowly dropping.
It’s hard to believe summer is coming to an end but in Voyageurs National Park the adventure NEVER ends. Even though the days are getting shorter, the fall season is a great time to see the colors change and spending some time on water or taking a hike. It’s a little quieter and you will feel like you have the whole place to yourself! If you need a little relief from the stress, come visit us in God’s country! It’s perfectly awesome!
Courtesy Gateway Store, Lake Kabetogama

LAKE COUNTRY FORECASTfrom NOAA weather

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Outdoors briefly

Youth Waterfowl Day is this Saturday

REGIONAL— Youths, ages 15 and younger, can go waterfowl hunting this Saturday, Sept. 8, without a license as long as they’re accompanied by an adult who isn’t hunting.

It’s part of Youth Waterfowl Day, and it allows young hunters to take regular season bag limits of ducks, and five Canada geese statewide. The accompanying adult does not need a license.
Hunters, ages 13 to 15, must have a firearms safety certificate or apprentice hunter validation in their possession. Young hunters can take

waterfowl from a half-hour before sunrise to 4 p.m. Motorized decoys may not be used. All other migratory bird hunting regulations apply.
More information on waterfowl hunting can be found on the DNR website at mndnr.gov/hunting/waterfowl.

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was surprising how trees seemed to move in and out of the fog banks even minute to minute. And as the sun rises high enough to begin to warm the air down in the swamp, you can watch as the fog just disappears.
Looking out over the swamp from our perch on the ridge, I’m constantly amazed at the transforming panorama to our west. Sometimes,

the cooler morning air in the swamp creates optical illusions, rather than fog. The layers of denser air, on occasion, act like lenses that can bend the light, sometimes appearing to levitate the horizon. On a few rare occasions, it’s given us a “lake view” as the bending light has allowed us to glimpse Little Lost Lake, a 50-acre opening in the muskeg that is normally hidden

from our view by an upland island in the swamp that’s located between us and the lake.
While such strange apparitions can appear at any time, they are most common this time of year as we transition from summer to autumn. It’s the time of year I look forward to the most.

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“We’re not seeing the females on our cameras,” he said. “When there is good food, the females are less vulnerable. The moms are teaching their cubs how to live off the land.”
That’s consistent with bear registrations elsewhere. Overall, male bears comprised 66 percent of the harvested animals, which is higher than last year’s percentage of males in the harvest.

Tower area DNR wildlife manager Tom Rusch agreed that an outstanding wild food crop is hampering hunter success. That could help the bear population show some recovery after years of low numbers, particularly with the lower harvest of females, whose survival is critical to population recovery.
Udovich said that’s something he’d like to see. “They harvested

way too many for too long,” said Udovich, noting that liberal bag limits for several years slashed the state’s bear population roughly in half. The DNR has substantially cut the number of available permits in recent years, but high hunter success over the past few years have limited the population recovery even with the lower number of available permits.

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Obituaries and Death Notices



Muriel G. Lamken

Muriel G. Thierer Lamken, 95, of Tower, passed away on Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at the Virginia Regional Medical Center. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 9 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Soudan with Reverend Greg Anderson officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be for one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial will be in Lakeview Cemetery in Tower at a later date. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home of Virginia.

Muriel was born on March 24, 1923, in Soudan, the daughter of Oscar and Anna (Gustafson) Korpi. She was raised in Soudan and graduated from Tower-Soudan High School. She was united in marriage to Clifford Thierer on March 23, 1946, in Milwaukee, Wis., where they lived for two years before moving to Soudan. After raising their

children, they moved to Virginia where Muriel attended the LPN course at the Virginia Regional Medical Center and received her degree. She worked at the Pioneer Infirmary in Virginia for many years. Clifford passed away on March 10, 1989.

On Aug. 25, 1992, Muriel married Charles Lamken at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Soudan. They traveled extensively during the early years of their marriage. They visited the Scandinavian countries, Hawaii and numerous other points in the United States. They made their home in Soudan for a number of years before moving to Golden Horizons in Tower. Charles passed away on Feb. 20, 2008.

Muriel was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Soudan where she was very active. She loved socializing, Bible study, Chub Club and spending time with her family.

Muriel is survived by her daughter, Penny (Bill) Hiltunen of Tower; sons, John (Ronda) Thierer of Duluth and James (Teri) Thierer of Pike Township; nine grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; son-in-law, Don Crayne of Vermilion Lake Township; and

numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husbands, Clifford Thierer and Charles Lamken; son, Clifford "Duff" Thierer; daughter, Mary Ann Crayne; grandson, Zach Thierer; brothers, Stafford and John Korpi; sisters, Elsie Klitzke, Grace Peliska and Ann Wilson.

Teresa Erickson

Teresa Miller Erickson, 50, of Embarrass, died unexpectedly on Saturday, Sept. 1, 2018, in Essentia St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. Visitation will be held from 5 to 9 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 7 at Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower. Inurnment will take place at 4 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 8 in the Embarrass Cemetery. Following the inurnment, a Celebration of Life will be held at Timber Hall in Embarrass. Family services are provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower.

Teresa will be remembered as a strong advocate for ALS Awareness. Her family extends thanks to all who provided assistance and help on Saturday evening.

She is survived by her sons, Travis, Eric and Ethan Erickson, all

of Embarrass; extended family, Sam and Jared of Embarrass and Haley of Hibbing; parents, Sarah (Rod) Maki of Embarrass and Kenneth Miller of Aurora; sisters, Angie (Jeff) Miller of Soudan, Stacy (Troy) Davidson of Babbitt, Sherry (Jerry) Maki of Biwabik, Page (Bo) Miller of Embarrass and Mariaha Woitel of Virginia; brothers, Michael Miller of Virginia and Matthew (Jessica) Woitel of Ohio; mother-in-law; sisters-in-law; brother-in-law; numerous extended family and friends.

Verna M. Peterson

Verna Mae McLaughlin Peterson, 93, died on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018, at her home in Carefree Living. A memorial service was held on Saturday, Sept. 1 at First Lutheran Church in Ely with Pastor Jonathan Varns officiating. A private inurnment is planned for a later date. Funeral arrangements are through Kerntz Funeral Home in Ely.

She is survived by her children, Susan Jean (John) Franklin of Chicago, Daniel of Winton, Paula (Nick) Mattila of Ely, Peggy (Bob) Koschak of Fall Lake, Jim (Sue) of Fall Lake and Clyde (Karin) of Ely; grandchil-

dren, Nicole Maryn of Ramsey, Kelly Cole of Otsego, Justin Koschak of Virginia, Melissa Chapman of Big Lake, Ark., Bill Peterson of St. Paul, Carlye McKinsey of San Francisco, Calif., Jared Peterson of Kansas City, Mo., Linnea Held of Forest Grove, Ore., and Eric Peterson of Ely; ten great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Robert O. Mattila

Robert Oscar Mattila, 87, of Ely, passed away at home on Tuesday, Aug. 28, 2018. A funeral service was held on Sunday, Sept. 2 at the Ely United Methodist Church. Family

arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by his wife, Joyce; children, DeAnn (Wesley) Birdsong, Michelle (Mark) Posch, Bryan (Michele) Mattila and Darren (Christine) Mattila; sister, Judy Strezishar of Aurora, Colo.; brother-in-law, Arthur Moats of Ely; eleven grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and many nephews and nieces.

Louis Thiel

Louis Thiel, 87, of Babbitt, passed away peacefully on Saturday, Aug. 25, 2018 at Diamond Willow. A funeral service was held on Friday, Aug. 31 at Range Funeral Home with Donovan

Goblirsch officiating. Burial was at Argo Cemetery in Babbitt. Military Honors were accorded by the Virginia Honor Guard. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by his children, Ken Thiel (Marge Ann) of Virginia, Vicky (Dennis) Harrington of Nashauk, Mark Thiel (Beth Carlson) of Embarrass, Brenda (John) Kilpela of Makinen and Stacy Thiel (Jeff Lackner) of Virginia; nine grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

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Sasha Lehto, Clerk

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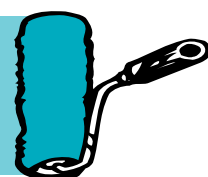
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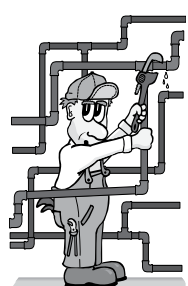
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