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COUNTY SCHOOLS

Construction companies come to the table

Super: ARI, Kraus-Anderson 'want to work with us'

by **MARCUS WHITE**
 Cook/Orr Editor

FIELD TWP— The possibility of legal action against companies involved in the construction of both the North Woods and South Ridge schools, discussed earlier this month by the St. Louis County School District, has brought two of the three contractors to the table.

At this week's school board meeting, held Tuesday at the North Woods School, Superintendent Reggie Engebritson said Kraus-Anderson and ARI had been in contact with district officials after news broke that the district was planning to hire legal counsel to pursue possible legal claims over problems experienced at the two schools, which the district had built

in 2010 and 2011. "They want to work with us and find some resolution," Engebritson said. "ARI has said if there are things we need, to let them know."

Even with the two contractors pledging their assistance, Engebritson still asked the board to authorize obtaining legal counsel

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Uneven sidewalks at North Woods School are just one of numerous building construction issues in ISD 2142. photo by M. Helmberger

Easter up north



Easter events were held around the region last Saturday. Ed Swanson, above left, peeks inside an Easter egg at the Tower Easter Egg Hunt. Brayden Amundson, below left, enjoys lunch at the Cook Lions Easter Egg Hunt. Hadleigh Meyer, above, is all smiles on the Easter Bunny's lap at the Grand Ely Lodge. photos by Timberjay staff

OVERSIGHT

Congress stonewalled on access to mining data

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**
 Managing Editor

REGIONAL— It appears the Trump administration is continuing to stonewall public records requests filed by congressional committees looking into federal decision-making related to two Minnesota copper-nickel mining projects.

Congressional committees are examining a number of issues related to proposals from both PolyMet Mining and Twin Metals but have struggled to access records that pertain to the administration's decision-making on those projects.

In an April 9 letter to Environmental Protection Agency Administrator Andrew Wheeler, Congresswoman Betty McCollum, of Minnesota, suggests that Wheeler may have misled the subcommittee she chairs during testimony

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TRANSPORTATION

Hwy 53 road work could snarl traffic this summer

by **MARCUS WHITE**
 Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL— Road construction on Hwy. 53 is likely to create a few more traffic headaches this summer as drivers make their way along the region's most heavily-traveled corridor.

As part of their 2019 construction season, the Minnesota Department of Transportation will be adding four new passing lanes along Hwy. 53 between Cook and International Falls. MnDOT will also undertake a full reconstruction of the Hwy. 1 and Hwy. 53 intersection,

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TUESDAY GROUP

A vision for a Korean Cultural Center in Ely

Yoons make plans for former Community Center

by **KEITH VANDERVORT**
 Ely Editor

ELY — Byonchan and Africa Yoon say they hope to soon be active community members in Ely as they advance their goal of converting the city's former community center building into a Korean Cultural Center.

The Yoons spoke to an overflowing Tuesday Group audience this week about

their visions and plans for developing a cultural learning facility for Korean/American families and Korean adoptees who call America, and especially Minnesota, their home.

Byonchan Yoon is the co-founder and president of the K America Foundation, while his wife, Africa, is the foundation's executive director. The K America

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Pancake Breakfast for the Embarrass Region Fair, May 4

EMBARRASS - Support the Embarrass Region Fair by enjoying an all-you-can-eat breakfast of pancakes, choice of ham or sausage links, fruit cup, juice, and a bottomless cup of coffee on Saturday, May 4 from 8 to 11 a.m. Adults cost \$5, children ages 6-10 cost \$3, and children under 5 years can eat free. This will be the last pancake breakfast fundraiser of the season by the Embarrass Region Fair Association, so be sure to stop in at Timber Hall.

"Climate Change: Who Will We Be?" on May 1 with Northern Progressives in Cook

COOK- Northern Progressives will meet on Wednesday, May 1 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crescent Bar and Grill in Cook. Marlise Riffel, a retired sociology professor, will present on how we might adapt to climate change.

"If you've read the Fourth National Climate Assessment," Riffel said, "you might feel a bit discouraged, given predictions of increasingly damaged infrastructure, ecosystems and social systems as climate change progresses. Or you might have noticed that the Domsday Clock was recently moved much closer to midnight, in part because of climate change's impact."

Riffel says she has found two nearly opposite approaches intriguing: "The hopeful idea of a Great Turning (espoused by Joanna Macy and David Korten) versus the more dire, near term social collapse due to climate change at the heart of what has been called the Deep Adaptation strategy."

"These two paths into our future pull me alternately one way, then the other," Riffel said. "And they have different implications for us as progressives in our communities. At this meeting we'll explore who we might be in this future."

Riffel lives in Virginia and volunteers with The Rutabaga Project for Local Food Access, Growing Together Virginia Community Gardens, and Virginia Market Square. She is a board member of Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability.

The meeting is open to the public. The Crescent is located just north of Cook at 9257 E Olson Rd. Attendees may choose to come early and order from the menu.

For more information, contact Leah Rogne at 218-787-2212 or leah.rogne@gmail.com.

Finnish-Americans and Friends will meet on Tuesday, May 7

HIBBING- Join the Finnish-Americans and Friends on Tuesday, May 7 at 2 p.m. to learn about Mesaba Park and enjoy Finnish accordion music by Iron Range native Oscar Forsman. Forsman's family was and is closely involved with Mesaba Park, a cooperative park near Hibbing that is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year. Park records are being used to corroborate its historical significance as it is being recognized by the Minnesota Historical Society. Forsman will tell about the park's interesting history and also share from his repertoire of Finnish accordion tunes. The meeting is at Grace Lutheran Church, 4010 9th Ave. W in Hibbing (across from Lowes and the Cinema).

All are welcome. A social time with coffee and refreshments brought by attendees follows the presentation.

ARTS IN THE COMMUNITY

Mesabi Symphony concert April 28; musicians providing outreach events at area schools

VIRGINIA- Mesabi Symphony Orchestra has Fables and Folklore to share with you on Sunday evening, April 28, at 7 p.m. in Virginia's Goodman Auditorium. Tickets can be bought online at the orchestra's website, www.mesabisymphonyorchestra.org, or at the door. Be sure to sit up front so you can see the shenanigans up close and personal.

The orchestra is thrilled to welcome Impossible Salt, a roving troupe of musical storytellers who create original work inspired by folk tales. Impossible Salt will add some spice to our performance of Grieg's music from Peer Gynt. Even we are not sure what to expect, aside from general fantastic-ness. Others you'll meet are Dvorak's Water Goblin, a very nasty character; Mozart's Don Juan, who follows his libido right into hell; and a beautiful region of Finland, Karelia, as loved by Sibelius.

People tell stories: families, clans, tribes, nations. Those stories can be historic, informative, entertaining, cautionary or funny; whatever the raconteur needs them to be. The role of raconteurs isn't limited to speech either. They can mime, act, dance, or whatever it takes to tell the story.

Music tells stories too. Sometimes, it's an eloquent, strengthening backdrop. Imagine Star Wars or Hamilton without music. Boring and confusing, right? Sometimes, it tells stories all on its own, like Scheherazade, the Grand Canyon Suite or Night on Bald Mountain. Referred to as programmatic or descriptive music, the composers of these pieces have a very clear picture in mind of who or what



Members of Ely's Accidental Quartet visited Vermilion Country School in Tower last week, as part of their outreach program. They played excerpts from kid-friendly music, such as Harry Potter and Lord of the Rings, and taught students how to listen critically and imaginatively. submitted photo

they're depicting.

It doesn't mean you have to see what they saw. If you see dragonflies instead of magic carpets, or Lake Superior instead of the Grand Canyon that's every bit as valid. Thought police are specifically (but nicely) prohibited from concert halls and auditoriums.

The orchestra has been on the road. In the last couple of weeks, they have visited two high schools, a charter school, and two elementaries. They played excerpts from Peer Gynt, Harry Potter, Lord of the Rings, and William Tell. Students listened, wrote, drew, commented and learned how to listen both critically and imaginatively. Some of their art work will be displayed in the front

hall at the concert. We hope one of those students will persuade you to join us there.

These activities are made possible in part from a generous grant from the John T. and Elizabeth C. Adams Art Fund through the Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation. Operating support and activities are made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Article submitted by Lynn Evenson. She plays percussion and string bass with the Mesabi Symphony, is the board president, and lives in Ely.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Iron Range Committee on Equal Justice to host event on May 3 in Hibbing

HIBBING- The recently formed Iron Range Committee on Equal Justice is hosting an open courthouse event for the public to see the work of those who play a role in our local justice system, meet the people who keep our justice system running, and get access to legal resources and information. This event will take place at the Hibbing Courthouse from 12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday, May 3.

All St. Louis County residents are encouraged to attend the free events which will feature a meet-and-greet with local district judges, a FAQ session with judges and other court personnel, courthouse tours, an information fair, keynote speeches from Court of Appeals Judge James B. Florey and Supreme Court Associate Justice David Lillehaug and a presentation of "In Her Shoes" from

Advocates for Family Peace.

Hibbing Open Courthouse - Friday, May 3

12:45-1:15 p.m.: Event welcome by Commissioner Mike Jugovich followed by keynote speeches by Honorable James B. Florey of the Minnesota Court of Appeals and Associate Justice David Lillehaug of the Minnesota Supreme Court.

1:30 - 2:15 p.m.: Frequently Asked Questions Panel - Courtroom FAQ event led by judicial officers, courthouse administrative staff, and law enforcement.

2:30 - 3 p.m.: K9 Demonstration - Hibbing PD Officer Burns and K9 Chase presentation.

3:15 - 4 p.m.: Courts and Kids Panel - Courtroom panel about issues facing juveniles in the court system. Throughout the afternoon:

➤ "In Her Shoes" presented by Advocates for Family Peace - A powerful, interactive experience designed to increase awareness of issues encountered by families facing domestic abuse.

➤ Courthouse tours
 ➤ Informational booths
 ➤ Snack an' Chat Opportunity - Lunch, including hotdogs, pop, chips, and cake, will be provided from 12:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m., courtesy of Commissioner Jugovich's office. Former judges, local law enforcement leaders, and others will staff this table, offering an opportunity for the public to stop and visit.

The Hibbing Courthouse is located at 1810 E 12th Ave. in Hibbing. This event is open to the public.

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WATER QUALITY

EPA won't regulate groundwater under Clean Water Act

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

Trump administration move a major victory for industrial polluters

REGIONAL— The Trump administration quietly announced last week that it is reinterpreting language in the federal Clean Water Act to eliminate the regulation of pollutants discharged to groundwater. The decision, which was posted April 15 to the website of the Environmental Protection Agency, could have significant repercussions on the regulation of mining pollution in northeastern Minnesota.

At issue is whether water discharge permits, known as NPDES permits, granted under the federal Clean Water Act, can regulate discharges to groundwater. While the language of the Clean Water Act appears to apply solely to discharges into surface waters, both state and federal regulators have determined that the law also applies to groundwater that is

“hydrologically-connected” to surface waters. Since ground and surface waters frequently intermingle, pollutants discharged into groundwater can potentially impact nearby lakes, rivers, or wetlands. Recent scientific studies have suggested that the proposed Twin Metals mine, for example, could impact water quality in downstream portions of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, but most of those studies predict the contamination would result primarily from movement of contaminants into wilderness lakes and rivers through connection to groundwater.

Because groundwater can transport pollutants into surface waters, the EPA has consistently concluded that the Clean Water Act applies to groundwater when it is shown to be connected with nearby surface waters— and

that’s an interpretation that federal appellate courts in both the Ninth and Fourth Circuits have affirmed. The U.S. Supreme Court will hear an appeal of the Ninth Circuit case in the fall.

Industry groups have encouraged the Trump administration to reinterpret the law to classify surface water contamination that might result from discharging pollutants to nearby groundwater to be a “non-point source” of pollution. Under the Clean Water Act, only point sources of pollution, such as discharges from an industrial plant, are subject to the regulation of the EPA, while the regulation of non-point sources of pollution is handled primarily by the states. Non-point sources of pollution are generally more diffuse in their origins, and often result from water runoff over a landscape that might contain

industrial chemicals, agricultural fertilizers, pesticides, or other such pollutants.

In a May 21, 2018, letter to the agency, the Global Energy Institute, which represents a long list of major industrial companies in the U.S., encouraged the Trump administration to conduct a notice-and-comment rulemaking process in order to change the agency’s interpretation of the law. In their 2018 letter, the group argued that the agency had been inconsistent on the issue for a number of years and needed to clarify that the CWA does not apply to groundwater. The group stated that other federal laws, such as the Safe Drinking Water Act, along with some state and local laws, regulate the safety of groundwater when used for drinking.

The Trump administration

took the advice of industry and solicited comments on the proposed change beginning last year. The administration, in its April 15 release, indicated that it received more than 50,000 comments, but did not provide a detailed assessment of the views expressed in those comments.

Environmental groups have been trying to spread the word about the Trump administration’s latest decision, and some aren’t mincing words. “The American people should be paying attention beyond the headlines and the payoffs to porn stars,” said Water Legacy legal counsel and advocacy director Paula Maccabee. “What they are doing to the environment is appalling and will have long-term implications to the environment and

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CITY OF ELY

Council gives Ely Veterinary Clinic land for a buck

Clinic had leased parcel from the city for nearly three decades

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Ely City Council members last week agreed to transfer land in the city’s business park to the Ely Veterinary Clinic for one dollar, following three decades of lease payments of more than \$18,000 by the business.

Earlier this year, the council had sought to sell the property, located on Miner’s Drive, to clinic operator Chip Hanson for \$10,000.

Hanson appeared before the council on April 16 to discuss the issue and present his opinion on the possible transaction. “This is not a normal real estate transaction,” he said. “If I don’t like the deal, I can’t just walk away from it. I have to somehow obtain the property. I have started to talk to people about the eventual sale of the business, and nobody will touch it if it is on leased land.”

In a letter to the city council and the projects committee, Hanson said the city had original-

ly been unable to sell the land to him due to issues over land title.

“If, in fact, the land could have been sold at that time, we would have bought it at that time,” Hanson said. “It couldn’t legally be sold so that’s why this lease agreement was put into effect.”

Hanson said he tried to obtain the land a couple of times over the past 28 years. “I pushed to see if we could get this resolved, but never had much luck in getting anything to happen. For 28 years, I’ve paid a lease that totals somewhere between \$18,000 and \$19,000,” he said. “I also paid property tax on the building and the land,”

he said.

Hanson noted that the city has been able to sell other business park parcels, including to Steger Designs, located next door to his veterinary clinic. “Property was sold to Steger’s, at that time, for \$15,000, and the money was waived through jobs created in that business,” he said.

He asked for the same consideration, noting that the clinic currently employs 11 people, “probably with a significantly higher average wage than the jobs at Steger’s,” he said.

“I feel, that though it took years to do it, I have already paid for this parcel of land,” Hanson wrote. “Actually over-paid a bit.”

Earlier this year, the council sought \$16,000 from Hanson for the land parcel, and then offered the discounted price of \$10,000. The offer appeared to be dead, but Hanson’s recent letter and appearance before the council last week seemed to prompt a change in heart from council members.

Mayor Chuck Novak said the property tax payments should be set aside in the discussion, because they would have been paid regardless of a lease or ownership of the land. “But you make a good argument on the lease payments. We took the action

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Editorial

The Mueller report

Investigation shows a president who misuses and disrespects his high office

The investigative report by Special Counsel Robert Mueller, which was released in redacted form late last week, paints a disturbing portrait of a president who clearly does not appreciate the weighty responsibilities of his high office.

The White House is not a prize that goes to the top gladiator, to be used as a plaything. It's not a new acquisition by the Trump Organization, as the current occupant of the Oval Office seems to believe. The presidency is a solemn trust, one that President Trump has belittled and demeaned by his own actions—laid out in page after page in the Mueller report.

In its 448 pages, Robert Mueller lays out convincing evidence that the Trump campaign—while it may not have actively conspired with the Russian government—eagerly accepted help from individuals or organizations aligned with Russia to win the White House. Then, as president, Donald Trump actively sought to obstruct the inquiry into his campaign's actions.

Some of the most damning testimony against the president comes from his own people, particularly White House legal counsel Don McGahn.

While the president certainly has the authority to oversee the administration of justice, which includes hiring and firing top law enforcement officials, Mueller properly concludes that the president's authority does not extend to actions taken to thwart or otherwise impede investigations into the presidency itself.

It's a matter of corrupt intent, and Mueller lays out more than enough evidence of that to win a conviction in most any court of law. As Mueller concluded, President Trump repeatedly tried to influence witnesses, either through threats or suggested inducements, such as pardons. He fired FBI director James Comey and directed his former campaign director, Corey Lewandowski, to order then-Attorney General Jeff Sessions to rescind his recusal on the Russia investigation and to limit the scope of the ongoing probe to future election interference, foreclosing an examination of the Trump campaigns actions in 2016. And most damaging of all, Trump directed Mr. McGahn to order the firing of Mueller himself, an order that prompted McGahn to prepare his own resignation rather than carry out an act he believed to be illegal.

In the case of the firing of Comey and attempted firing of Mueller, when news of the president's actions leaked to the press, the president directed his

own people to lie to cover up his corrupt actions. He even directed McGahn to create a false, post-dated letter intended to undercut a *New York Times* story on the president's demand for Mueller's removal, another order that McGahn refused.

While the language of the special counsel statute required Mueller to issue his report to the Justice Department, it's clear that Mr. Mueller intended his report primarily for Congress, which is the one tribunal with the clear, constitutional authority to take action to address the president's actions.

Whether that involves impeachment remains to be seen. Some Democratic leaders, fearing potential blowback, have already taken impeachment off the table. That's a mistake, because the final word on this investigation has yet to be written. As in Watergate, congressional committees spent months investigating the Nixon White House even as an independent counsel undertook his own investigation.

To date, Congress has largely shirked its role, as majority Republicans sought to squelch an honest inquiry during the first two years of the administration.

Some ask: What's the point of further inquiry, or possible impeachment, given that the Republican-led Senate would never vote to convict the president? Yet further inquiry could reveal new information publicly, including some that could cause even Republican senators to change their minds. During Watergate, it was the congressional investigation, not the independent counsel's office, that first revealed the existence of a White House taping system—the revelation that ultimately led to Nixon's resignation.

If nothing else, Congress has a responsibility under the U.S. Constitution to do its job, which includes an oath to uphold the Constitution. Mr. Mueller needs to testify. So should former White House counsel Don McGahn. Attorney General Barr needs to explain to Congress and the American people the discrepancies between his own assessment of Mueller's findings and the actual report.

There is good reason to believe that the Mueller report isn't the comprehensive assessment many Americans had expected. With nearly a dozen other criminal investigations that appear to have spun off from Mueller's inquiry, it may only be the tip of the iceberg. Which means much work remains for Congress's investigatory committees to do. It's time they get started.

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Letters from Readers

Iron Range voters should think twice about new schools

I just read the *Timberjay's* eye-opening report, “Legal action sought against contractor.”

I respectfully submit my view on the extravagant Virginia, Eveleth-Gilbert Academy spending issue hoping that another school district does not fall prey to what has plagued the new St. Louis County Schools. Thank you for bringing this matter to the public's attention.

I am a millennial, born, raised and educated in California's Silicon Valley.

In 2017, my husband and I moved to the Twin Cities with the goal of relocating to the Range before our young family begins school and to, eventually, retire here.

On a few of our visits to the area, we toured the Eveleth-Gilbert schools. Nothing in the progressive California educational system can compare.

My spouse and I were impressed with the beautiful landmark buildings. The auditorium on the Gilbert campus is reminiscent of European opera houses; the craftsmanship is priceless and cannot be duplicated. Its carpentry shop and media center are contemporary, the latter, nearly identical to what is on the drawing board for the new facility. The secure entrances and secure bus drop off areas are almost ideal, as is the school's valuable greenspace setting.

These buildings have served the communities for a hundred years and with proper maintenance could easily outlast the projected life expectancy of new buildings, as is evidenced by the deeply flawed plans of the brand new St. Louis County Schools.

Often, people don't realize what they have until it is gone.

It is my understanding that many of the classes that the academy model would offer had been in the curriculum in years past.

Please consider continuing to utilize these extraordinary

buildings for the purpose for which they were designed instead of repurposing or demolishing them.

While the benefits of building new in a “neutral” location are clear with respect to the architect, contractor and, possibly, an administrator whose resume would be enhanced, scrutinize the ramifications of the bigger picture: those who will bear the financial burden will lose the “heart and soul” of their community.

Most importantly, get out and vote so that there is no grumbling about higher taxes after the fact.

Clara B. Heinan Eagan

Many types of plastic are cause for concern

Citizens are properly concerned about single use plastic bags, especially in our groceries, but there are a host of other “single use” plastics to be concerned about. Think about it.

Can you buy meat without that styrofoam tray? Can you find a soft drink or even bottled water in glass? Try buying fruit juice—it's all in plastic.

Yet the issue is complex. Glass breaks and it is heavy so it not only is harder to carry home, but it increases the fuel cost for delivery. Still, I'd like to see consumers have an option. If we could buy a drink in glass or aluminum instead of plastic, would we? If I could buy hamburger on a paper tray instead of plastic, I certainly would, just as I use paper bags instead of plastic.

Even the recent spate of concern over plastic straws polluting our world is subject to consumer voting if we are given a choice at the store. I looked for paper straws—nope; if you want a straw the only choice is plastic.

It would be nice if the stores would not only provide choices, but put up small notices near the purchase point: “Do you really want your juice in a plastic jug when a recyclable glass jug is available?” Would you prefer to refill your laundry detergent bottle at our dispenser or throw the old bottle and buy yet another that is destined for the landfill?

If one would like to vote at the cash register and not be held captive to this glut of plastic that is filling our oceans and increasingly our very bodies, as plastics decay into smaller and smaller particles that are entering our food at a microscopic level.

Best of all options would be the creation of truly recyclable plastic made of organic materials like corn or grasses instead of oil. But, until that day, we can be great again with glass and aluminum and reusable fabric bags. It just takes a little forethought and a choice at the till. I, for one, would pay another few cents and carry the glass home if it helps to curb the plastic glut.

Steve Voiles Ely

Thanks for exposing IRRR hiring concern

Thank you to the *Timberjay's* investigative journalism commitment that uncovered another IRRRB scandal.

Once again, we see that honesty and integrity are not part of the IRRRB culture.

In a very real sense, the Legislature should take immediate and drastic action to “drain the swamp” at this Mafia-like organization.

As it stands now, this DFL cartel is a blight and embarrassment to our state government. If Gov. Walz were truly an honest person, he would immediately rescind the questionable hiring of Radinovich and order that IRRRB hiring practices meet the standards of fairness, honesty and openness that Minnesotans expect. Anything less would be unacceptable.

John Bray MnDOT (Ret.) Duluth

This is the kind of reporting we need

Great reporting on the IRRRB story. This is cronyism at its best on the Range, which Democrats have been doing up here for decades!

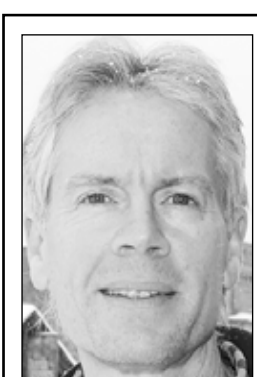
If a fellow politician loses, they WILL find him/her a cushy job! This is exactly the kind of reporting people need to see about our government at work!

David Akerson Lake Vermilion

Democratic establishment unnerved by Sanders' success

Earlier this month, the headlines began to appear that made the Democratic Party poohbahs weak at the knees.

“Sanders becomes Dem front-runner,” claimed the D.C.-based political magazine, *The Hill*, last week. *USA Today*, the Associated Press, MSNBC, and Fox



MARSHALL HELMSBERGER

News all had similar headlines.

It was the same week that the *New York Times* reported on secret meetings by some top party officials, like Nancy Pelosi, Chuck Schumer, and longtime Clinton pal Terry McAulliffe, to discuss ways to halt Sanders' growing momen-

tum, which is fueled by enormous grassroots enthusiasm and a devoted cadre of more than a million small donors who have given Sanders an almost limitless supply of “people-powered” campaign cash.

For now, the party establishment appears to be pinning their hopes on former Vice President Joe Biden, who was expected to announce yet this week, demonstrating yet again that they have failed to learn the lessons of Hillary Clinton's 2016 campaign. Back then, the

party operatives all hitched their wagons to a dyed-in-the-wool centrist with a muddled message and a heaping pile of political baggage. They lost to a political neophyte, who they now think they can beat by offering up more of the same.

It shows just how out-of-touch the Democratic Party establishment has become with the country, and even their own voters.

Despite a still-strong economy, polling consistently demonstrates that Americans are

troubled by our current state of affairs. Overwhelming majorities of Americans consistently tell pollsters that the country is on the wrong track—a troubling sign for an incumbent president and an obvious opening for an insurgent candidate, like Sanders, who shares the voters' sense that all is not well in America.

The Democratic establishment and their supporters in the media have stepped up the drum-

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Letters from Readers

Kraus-Anderson has earned an excellent reputation in the area

While some subscribe to the idea that all publicity is good publicity, the people of Kraus-Anderson Construction Company believe that if our name is in the paper it ought to be surrounded by facts and accurate depictions of what's happening and why. Some recent coverage about the construction of two St. Louis County schools seems to have fallen short of that standard, and I write on behalf of my colleagues and myself to set the record straight.

First, though, a little background. It has been our great privilege to work in northern Minnesota for more than forty years and as part of hundreds of projects during that period, a record that we believe reflects both the quality of our work and the character of our people. With our Duluth office celebrating its twentieth anniversary this year and an office in Bemidji for over twenty-five years, we have extensive experience in all manner of projects and in working with school districts, municipalities, businesses and individuals. Our roles in those engagements have ranged from general construction to acting as a construction management advisor to both project owners and contractors.

Our record speaks for itself, but we are grateful too for the many positive comments we've received over the years, such as when Bob Anderson, the longtime mayor of International Falls, noted in a recent budget interview, "The word was out in the northland of the projects KA brought in on time and on budget."

It was in the role of providing construction management advice that we were retained in 2010 by the St. Louis County School District's program manager, Johnson Controls International, to assist with the North Woods and South Ridge school projects.

As such, we did not perform any of the construction work associated with those schools, nor did we hire any of the many trade contractors who worked on the schools. Instead, we were retained to provide an independent, experienced construction management perspective for Johnson Controls, the district and its contractors. We're proud of the work we did in helping take these schools from ideas to reality.

In the last several years, the district has raised legitimate concerns about deficiencies in the two schools that are the subject of ongoing review and examination. It remains undetermined as to the cause of these problems, but - contrary to the impression created by recent coverage - Kraus-Anderson is not, in fact, the focus of that review. As noted above, we did not perform any of the work that may be at issue, nor did we hire the trade contractors who did the work.

To the contrary, we have been assisting the district in an advisory role as it works to determine the cause of the construction deficiencies and where responsibility for those issues rests. In this effort, we are working directly with Superintendent Reggie Engebritson and her leadership team and we will continue to do so as the district works through this unfortunate situation. Based on recent conversations, we believe Superintendent Engebritson and her team value our support and our continued assistance.

As with our original engagement, we are proud to be filling this important role in order to help figure out what's happened at North Woods and South Ridge, why it happened, and who bears the responsibility for repairs. We agree with the district that this work is important so that every student can learn in a safe, well-built and well-maintained facility, and so that the residents of St. Louis County can be assured their tax dollars are being wisely and appropriately invested. In a small - but important - way, we hope this work will affirm the

laudable Minnesota tradition of robust support for public education.

Thank you,
Rich Jacobson
Executive Vice President
Kraus-Anderson
Construction Company
Minneapolis

IRRR has done plenty of good for the Iron Range

I am frustrated, confused and mostly angry. I have read the so-called investigative report in the *Timberjay* on the recent hiring of Joe Radinovich. The IRRRB is, always has been, and most likely will continue to be a center of some drama. This drama is usually centered on some political issue. Like any referee, any decision made, regardless of what it is about, will have some that support it and some that don't.

My confusion is due to the fact that the *Timberjay* even chose to write the article. The article does not accomplish anything but stirs the pot for those who love to complain about the IRRRB.

My frustration is that the *Timberjay* and the context of the article infers that the IRRRB did something wrong. As pointed out in the article, the IRRRB applied for and received an exemption allowing them to post the job for just 24 hours. This is something that does not occur often but it is NOT illegal.

I find it amusing that the article made an issue of the resume mismatch. I am sure Ms. Janatopoulos is a fine person with excellent qualifications. However, those of you who have interviewed candidates surely know that what it says on the resume and how the candidate handles any type of oral interview can be vastly different. I was not in the interview nor was the *Timberjay* but they sure tried to make us think it was a mistake based on written qualifications. This is completely wrong.

My anger is because we are too often quick to criticize the IRRRB. All of us that live and work and retire here are blessed, and yes I mean blessed, to have an agency like the IRRRB. There is not one man, woman or child that lives within the IRRRB service area that has not been positively-affected by something they have done. They are charged with helping our area in a host of ways. I could fill up several whole *Timberjays* with the positive projects and accomplishments the IRRRB has done for this area. They have made mistakes, they have had projects that have gone bad or failed, and they have, like all other state agencies, made poor and unpopular decisions.

Is their governance structure the best? Probably not, but believe me, many of us would not have the ability to live and work here without what they have done for the area. Having quality jobs and the ability to work at places like Blue Cross/Blue Shield in Virginia, Delta Dental (don't know the new name) in Gilbert and Aurora, Delta Airlines in Chisholm, Minnesota Diversified Industries in Hibbing or Grand Rapids, Lamppa Manufacturing in Tower, neutrino building in Soudan, mining projects like PolyMet and Twin Metals, and the list goes on and on.

Some may see this as a black mark against the agency while others will jump at the chance to make it a political issue. I'm sorry, but as we look at all the challenges our area is facing now and will face in the future, I just cannot relegate any type of importance to this event.

What I do see as important, is the millions and millions of dollars they have given to our communities for countless infrastructure projects and community development projects like community centers, fire halls, water and sewer extensions and repairs, spec buildings, business parks, building demolition, mine land reclamation projects, the actual number would be over-

whelming. All of us have families, friends and relatives that enjoy many of these projects. The reactions of some remind me of an old saying my Navy Shooting Team coach used to say to me: "Bakken, just remember, one Aw sh__t wipes out a thousand Atta boys!"

Some feel that if the IRRRB was not here and the mines paid a property tax to the communities that would be fine. All one has to do is to see where those tax dollars would go to determine how bad for the entire area that would be.

One of the worst things an article like this can and will do is to give that faction in St. Paul that wants our taconite tax money more arguments to take this money away from us. Ask any one of our legislators about all the efforts to get the taconite tax money to St. Paul. Someday, if they are successful in taking this revenue from the IRRRB, the Iron Range would suffer a very severe blow. If that happens, remember meaningless articles like this helped them get their way. And please do not insult my intelligence by calling this an "investigation."

Phil Bakken
Retired from IRRR
Soudan

Thanks for doing what you do best

Thank you so very much for doing what you do best. You are making local politicians and agencies accountable for the backdoor politics they have adopted. I had thought that the times of closed-door meetings and such had gone away but now find that nothing has really changed. The good old boy system still exists, and if it were not for papers like yours they would get away with it. The IRRRB and St. Louis County Attorney Mark Rubin should be ashamed of their behavior, but I am sure they are not. Just business as usual for them.

Mark Lehigh
Duluth

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beat of attacks against Sanders in recent weeks, suggesting that he's too far out of the mainstream, or at least what passes for "the mainstream" among the D.C. cocktail crowd. They suggest he won't play well with moderate Republicans in the suburbs, a demographic that has become a kind of holy grail for the free trade, pro-Wall Street, Clinton wing of the Democratic Party. They're happy to write off efforts to expand the electorate, showing little interest in engaging young voters, or rural America, two groups that have shown strong enthusiasm toward Sanders.

The problem that the Democrats face, besides misplaced overconfidence regarding the 2020 race, is that Trump could well lose the popular vote for a second time and still keep the White House. With a candidate in the same mold as Clinton, Trump is an

odds-on favorite to hold Florida and Ohio, which gives the Democrats a relatively narrow path to 270. A Democratic candidate would need to win back Wisconsin, Michigan, and Pennsylvania, under this scenario, which could be challenging.

But Sanders is working from an entirely different scenario — one that seeks to realign the electoral map in the same way Trump was able to do in 2016.

A case in point is West Virginia, which Trump won by an astonishing 69-27 percent margin over Clinton in 2016. An online poll conducted for 2018 legislative races in that state asked respondents a number of questions, including who they'd support for president. That poll showed Sanders beating Trump in West Virginia by two points. Online polls aren't known to be tremendously accurate, but the result was an

eye-opener nonetheless. And it's actually consistent with exit-polling in West Virginia, which found that 44-percent of Sanders supporters in the West Virginia Democratic primary voted for Trump in the general election.

Hillary supporters cited this phenomenon, which was documented elsewhere, as evidence that Sanders supporters somehow lacked the requisite party loyalty. It's more accurate, however, to say that Sanders simply appealed to sizable numbers of voters who will not consider a Democratic candidate who represents the continuation of a status quo that no longer works for large numbers of Americans.

West Virginia is hardly alone. I remember being amazed at the turnout at area DFL caucuses back in 2016, when huge numbers of local residents, some of whom I had long assumed

were Republicans or disaffected Democrats, turned out to throw their support behind Sanders.

Sanders won every congressional district in Minnesota in the caucuses and did exceptionally well in rural parts of the state, including here in northern St. Louis County. That exact same phenomenon played out in Wisconsin, where Sanders won every county except Milwaukee, and in Michigan, where Sanders dominated everywhere but Detroit and one or two other major cities.

The political pundits who routinely claim that Sanders' message won't play well in rural America apparently haven't talked to any of us out here in the sticks. It was Clinton who didn't play well, and Trump was the only real alternative on the ballot.

The question now is, which candidate on the Democratic side is best positioned to win

back the legions of rural and white working-class voters, including huge numbers in northeastern Minnesota, who jumped the Democratic ship for Trump in 2016? And which candidate is likely to spark the highest turnout from some of the disaffected groups, like Hispanics and the young, who don't turn out when they aren't inspired. On that question, it's Sanders in a walk.

Keep in mind, while 2020 is critically important, so are future elections. While the Democrats might be able to win some support in 2020 from moderate suburban Republicans when faced with the prospect of Trump's reelection, how many will opt to stick with the party should the Republicans select a more traditional conservative in 2024? Probably not many.

If the Democrats want to win back the White House, and keep it, they'll

need to win back some of the white working class that has long been a key part of their political base. In 2016, Clinton let Trump outflank her on the left with his rhetorical support for fairer trade and more infrastructure spending, and those policies won the backing of many traditionally-Democratic voters, including many here in the North Country. Since then, he's passed a tax cut that directs 85 percent of the savings to the top One Percent, hurt farmers and many other manufacturers by starting a trade war, and did exactly nothing to advance infrastructure improvements.

That's where Sanders could have the advantage. Trump has used his time in the White House to feather his own nest and ingratiate himself with his fellow billionaires. In other words, he only plays a populist on television. Sanders, by contrast, is the real McCoy.

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the public's health."

While Maccabee acknowledges that other laws do pertain to groundwater, she said laws like the Safe Drinking Water Act don't address the impact that groundwater contamination can have on surface waters and the aquatic life that they contain.

While the administration's decision to reinterpret the law is raising hackles from environmentalists, it likely won't be the last word, says Aaron Klemz, spokesperson for the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy. Klemz said the upcoming Supreme Court

case, known as County of Maui v. Hawai'i Wildlife Fund, is likely to yield a more permanent decision. "What the administration has done is dangerous and wrong, but the Supreme Court could overrule." If the administration's reinterpretation does stand, Klemz said it would make

it harder to regulate many types of polluters.

At the same time, Klemz said the EPA's reinterpretation of the Clean Water Act would likely face a lawsuit of its own, mostly over process. "The bottom line is we built these regulatory structures on science and fact," said

Klemz. "You can't just dismantle them based on ideology."

A recent analysis of how the Trump administration has fared in the courts showed that the administration has won just six percent of the cases filed against it. That compares to 70 percent, on

average, for most previous administrations.

"You have to show the basis for what you're doing," said Klemz. "That's why they have lost many of these cases. You have to do the work."

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that we did, because that was a reasonable amount (for the land)," Novak said.

Following the discussion, council members voted 6-1 to sell the land

to Hanson for one buck. Paul Kess cast the lone "no" vote. "In fairness to the taxpayer, we should be getting some value," Kess said.

Other business

In other business, the council:

► Passed the second reading of a resolution reg-

ulating food truck vendors and transient merchants.

► Approved attendance by members of the city council and staff at the Coalition of Greater

Minnesota Cities Lobby Day and Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, May 8 in St. Paul.

► Agreed with the recommendation from

the Projects Committee to apply to the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation for funding for a downtown fiber project.

ST. JAMES EASTER EGG HUNT

Hello Easter Bunny!

St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower hosted its annual Easter Egg Hunt on April 20. Children searched for the thousands of eggs scattered outside the civic center, and then came inside for more games, fun, food, and prizes.

Pictured (clockwise from top right) are Alli and Vince Vesel with the Easter Bunny, Jason and Elise Semo, Aubri, Halli, and Emmi Aluni, and Kai Lehti and Silas Tuominen searching for eggs outdoors. photos by S. Ukkola



THE DAILY MAIL

Long-time Postmaster Johnson-Jacka retires

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

TOWER - For 14 years, Janice Johnson-Jacka has been managing the day-to-day operation of the Tower, Soudan and Embarrass post offices. That will come to a close this week, as she caps off more than three decades with the United States Postal Service.

"My sister was a carrier in Hibbing," she said. "I was hired off the street to replace another Hibbing carrier who took medical leave."

Originally, Johnson-Jacka was just a "casual carrier", which when she started was not a career position. But she held on and went on to work as a full-time carrier in Hibbing for 14 and a half years.

She laughed about all the pairs of gloves she went through each winter.

"I used army surplus gloves," she said. "Regular gloves would wear out in a week; the army gloves, I could get two and half months out of them."

Most people assume summer is the best mail-carrying weather, Johnson-Jacka added, but at least in winter you can dress for the weather.



Janice Johnson-Jacka retired this week, after 14 years as Postmaster for the Tower, Soudan, and Embarrass post offices. photo by M. White

Carriers were also allowed to keep their vehicles running so they could warm up, something not allowed anymore by the Post Office.

Her favorite season, however, was fall, with spring coming in a close second. The temperatures were "just right," she said.

During her years as a car-

rier, Johnson-Jacka said she never had her sights set on management, let alone being a postmaster, but that all changed in 1998 when she injured her knee and was office-bound for several months.

As part of her new desk job, her supervisor began to train her to be a supervisor and eventually Johnson-Jacka

would move up into the role of Officer in Charge at the Warba Post Office.

Soon after, she would become the Warba Postmaster while taking on the additional roles of Officer in Charge for both the Ely and Chisholm offices as well.

In 2002, the postmaster position in Tower came available, and Johnson-Jacka decided this was where she wanted to be. It was a popular post, with eight candidates applying for the job, but Johnson-Jacka was awarded the position. She had to temporarily stay on in Chisholm until a suitable replacement could be found.

Being offered the job in Tower, Johnson-Jacka said, is her favorite memory in her three-decade career.

Big changes to her role as postmaster have occurred over the past 14 years.

"I'm only allowed to do 15 hours of clerk work now," she said. "And there are a lot more reports to do."

Clerk work can be anything from sorting the mail to manning the front counter.

Working with customers has always been her favorite part of the job, and she schedules her days to ensure she has

three hours of counter time each afternoon to interact with the public.

Once this week is done, it's the customers, she said, that will be missed most.

Johnson-Jacka said her life after the post office will include more time this summer landscaping around the vacation rental property she owns in Duluth, along with preparing to work with her daughter selling insurance.

And for those who may want to follow in her footsteps, she said the post office is a good place to be.

"There are a lot of job opportunities with good benefits," Johnson-Jacka said. "It's a good-paying job."

Brennin Hill will take over as Officer in Charge for Tower. She is currently a supervisor at the Superior, Wis., office.

The postmaster position will be posted following Johnson-Jacka's retirement and should be filled within two months.

Mexican Fiesta Fundraiser on May 1 at Immanuel

TOWER- Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower will be holding a Mexican Fiesta Fundraiser on Wednesday, May 1 from 4 - 7 p.m. On the menu are enchiladas, chicken or beef tacos, Spanish rice, refried beans, and ice

cream sundaes. There will be a freewill offering. We hope you can join us for fun, food, and fellowship! Questions, call 218-753-2378 or email ielctower@gmail.com.

Early registration and memberships now open for 2019 Old Settlers Reunion and Picnic



BREITUNG TWP-Committee members are urging area residents to register in advance for this year's Old Settlers

Reunion and Picnic. Early registration helps with planning and makes the registration lines on picnic day move quickly. Members also save \$2 if they register by June 30.

The Annual Old Settlers Reunion and Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 20 starting at 12 noon at McKinley Park Campground. Old Settlers is open to anyone born or living on the Vermilion Iron Range (Tower and Ely). Dues are \$6 if paid prior to June 30, and then

\$8 after that. The Old Settlers Picnic features a delicious booyah dinner, entertainment, and door prizes. For the price of membership, it's the best value around!

The Old Settlers Committee appreciates receiving dues in advance to help with planning. Checks should be made out to Old Settlers and mailed to Old Settlers, PO Box 724, Tower, MN 55790.

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TOWER BINGO
Monday, May 6

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, May 6 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, June 3
Monday, July 8 (2nd Monday)
Monday, August 5
Monday, September 9 (2nd Monday)
Monday, October 7
Monday, November 4
Monday, December 2

TOWER

Frandsen welcomes new Market President to Tower office



Pictured (from left): Market President Greg Buckley with Frandsen staff Theresa Redmond, Sierra Jankowski, Susan Laine, and Deedee Clemenson. photo by J. Summit

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- Greg Buckley is the new Market President at the Tower office of Frandsen Bank & Trust. Last Thursday, the bank hosted an open house to give the community a chance to come and meet the bank's new leader. The bank was busy all day, as customers and area residents stopped by to say hello. Buckley has worked with

Frandsen the last 13 years, at Frandsen locations in both Ely and Virginia. He is now based in Tower, but will still spend some time at the Ely location.

Buckley is optimistic about the local economy, and is excited to be working in Tower.

"We have a fantastic and experienced team here in Tower," he said. "The customers really enjoy them."

Buckley said the bank has had a busy year.

"The economy has been pretty strong," he said, "and interest rates are historically low."

Buckley lives on a 70-acre hobby farm near Eveleth.

"I do have some new friends on the farm coming," he said. In the past he has raised cattle, hogs, and chickens. He also is a collector of vintage sports cars.

Cemetery clean-up day on April 27 at Vermilion Lake Township Cemetery

VERMILION LAKE TWP- The annual Community Work Day at the Vermilion Lake Township Cemetery, 6499 Wahlsten Road, will be held on Saturday, April 27 (rain date is Saturday, May 4), beginning at 1 p.m. Your help is needed to straighten headstones, raise grave markers, and fill in low spots. Many hands make quick work of the project. The township has a few tools, but volunteers are encouraged to bring their own shovels, etc. If you have questions, call Phil 749-3462,

Sarah 750-2514, Bruce 741-1789, Steve 753-4129, Crystal 750-4752, or Fran 749-3259.

Defensive driving four-hour classes set for May 1, June 13

SOUDAN- The Defensive Driving 4-Hour Refresher will be held on Wednesday, May 1, or Thursday, June 13 at the Soudan Fire Hall from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. The four-hour refresher course is offered for drivers 55 years of age and older who have previously completed an eight-hour beginner's course and who need

to re-certify to continue receiving a discount on their car insurance. Dana Waldron is the instructor for the class offered under AARP. Class fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Payment is payable to the instructor on the day of class. You must pre-register so we can plan accordingly for class space and materials. Please text or call Leone Graf to pre-register at 218-343-3744. If no answer, please leave a message with your name and spelling, phone number and the class you are interested in.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



Dear Hearts,

I was so busy looking for recipes of hard-boiled eggs that I forgot this was the week for my *Timberjay* billet doux to the world.

One thing I need must mention are the green things coming up in the big garden! I am not quite sure what! I know...I know I should label what I PLANT.

Labels, I feel, take ALL the mystery out of gardening!

Hilda and I are both at that age when bombshells of any kind, political or horticultural, make the day go better!

For our friend Estelle, who lives down the hill, we fear she is NOT going to make it to June—too many surprises.

She might also go broke because of her addiction—national news.

Is she would just relax and take what she sees with a grain of salt or

a double vodka martini, her driveway would not be littered with crushed and crumpled television sets!

It was during this recent news period that we became aware of her unique certain psychological quirk!

She was a high school social studies teacher since Dwight and Richard— and she watched the news, which became a problem. She taught social studies and current events. Her students were assigned to watch the news, they read newspapers in class, and discussed what was happening in the world.

Then came Watergate! A television set was placed in the teacher's lounge so the faculty could keep abreast of the scandal during their free periods. Estelle became an addict to the proceedings— one hour was not enough!

She even hired a substitute for her classes so she wouldn't miss a single bit of testimony.

We soon became aware of a peculiar little personality flaw from which our friend suffered. If she disagreed with some bit of evidence, she would throw things at the TV.

It started with hard-boiled eggs. When the

eggs ran out, she would grab anything handy and hurl it the screen: coffee cups, shoes, textbooks, an ancient Royal typewriter— anything that was not nailed down became ammo.

The TV was removed from the lounge and Estelle was granted an extended medical leave.

She never returned to the classroom.

We would see her on the news, often waving picket signs, throwing eggs (boiled, scrambled, raw, poached) being arrested and dragged away by the police!

Ta ta...I tried to find some recipes that would use all those hard-boiled you have lying about. But just make egg salad!

Ms. Vera Milion

AEOA Senior Dining Menu

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

Reservations are appreciated the day before, or morning of, but walk-ins are always welcome. Take-outs are 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 - 1:30 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 Meals on Wheels, or for more information, please call AEOA Senior Nutrition at 218-735-6899.

Week of April 29

Monday- Cheese and Bean Enchilada

Tuesday- Rotini with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread Stick

Wednesday- Breaded Pollock, Bread Stick, Baked Potato

Thursday- Salisbury Steak, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Vegetable

Friday- Pizza, Fruit Salad

Week of April 29

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. at City Hall

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 May 21.

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Vermilion Country School Board- Meetings posted online at vermilioncountry.org.

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Summer hours effective April 15th through September 30th
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Thursday Noon-6 pm
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First Lutheran Church,
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Mondays, St. Anthony
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Presbyterian Church.

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Have coffee with a policeman

ELY - Join members of the Ely Police Department at the Front Porch Coffee and Tea Co. on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. for Coffee with a Cop.

The program was started as a community-police initiative to build relationships between law enforcement and the community they serve. "This event will provide a way to meet a police officer from the Ely Police Department in an informal and relaxed setting," said Chief John Lahtonen.

Feel free to stop by, grab a cup of coffee and have a chat with the police officer, who will have discussion topics on hand for those who just want to listen.

Play Smear at Senior Center

ELY - Smear tournaments are held the first and third Mondays at the Ely Senior Center, 27 S. 1st Ave E, starting at 6 p.m.

Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2019



airborne invasion
a sudden backyard foray

mountain ash plunder

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Grants awarded by Gardner Trust

Local artists, organizations, fine arts events receive \$16,000

ELY - The board of the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust recently voted to award \$16,199 to local artists, art organizations, fine arts events and the Ely Public Library.

"The Gardner Humanities Trust has a leaner budget this year so the grant round was very competitive," said Keiko Williams, executive director for the Trust. "When there is more competition for limited funds the board gives extra scrutiny on how the applicants describe their projects and what the community impact will be."

Ely residents will be able to comment on and rate the Trust's grant programs in a community survey to be conducted next month, she said. "The Trust is always interested in how we can better serve our customers and what improvements could be made."

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

▶ **A m a n d a** Vanderbeek, coach for the Ely HS Dance Team, was awarded \$554 to attend the Just for Kix dance camp to be held in Rochester, in July. Amanda hopes to learn new coaching strategies and dance techniques.

▶ **DyAnne Korda** was awarded \$1,000 to self-publish a collection of new poems she has written. DyAnne will also collaborate with outdoor educator and musician Lisa Pugh next spring to offer a spoken-word performance and open mic event.

▶ **Cindy Bina** was awarded \$1,000 to attend two days of private instruction in precious metal clay jewelry. Cindy will be studying with designer Kim Bakken-Parr. Cindy will have a display of her creative process in the library next spring.

▶ **Dafne Caruso** was awarded \$1,000 to study the creative process of producing an art journal using a circus theme. Dafne will then teach mediums and techniques to 20 students through ECR, high school,



A ribbon cutting ceremony was held last August for the outdoor music instrument installation at Whiteside Park. Shown, from left are, Trust board members Laura Moberly, Andrea Strom, Andy Messerschmidt, Ely Mayor Chuck Novak, and Trust Executive Director Keiko Williams. submitted photo

grade school and home school population.

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

▶ **Reflections on Water Dance Company** was awarded \$4,800 in support of their dance production of "Looking Skyward" in August. The dance production will include live music, original dances, video, photography, poetry and an art exhibit.

▶ **The Ely HS Dance Team/High Kick Club** was awarded \$1,000 to support two youth dance clinics and the purchase of new costumes.

▶ **ARTS in Ely** was awarded \$1,000 to support summer advertising/marketing of their free online arts directory. The grant will also help in the creation of low-cost expanded listings so artists can have an affordable web presence.

▶ **Northern Lights Music Festival** was awarded \$4,000 to support advertising and marketing for the performance of the opera 'La Traviata' in Ely on July 15. The grant marketing also helps support a

chamber music concert and a Kids for Kids concert at the library.

▶ **Northern Lakes Arts Association** was awarded \$1,200 to help support Prairie Fire Children's Theater; a performance opportunity for Ely youth in the summer. The grant will pay for one week of housing costs for two directors of the theater residency.

Youth scholarships were awarded to the following students in Ely:

▶ **Madelene and Savannah Johnson** will both be attending the Just for Kix dance camp in Baxter, this summer. "Both of the young women did a great job with their grant applications and interviews to express their love of dance and interest in the training opportunities at the dance camp," Williams said. Youth grants were awarded for \$355 to each applicant.

▶ **Savannah Johnson** was awarded \$395 to attend the Just for Kix dance camp in Rochester, in July. The dance camp will help Savannah grow in improving her own techniques and also learn new ideas to share with her dance teammates.

▶ **Elissia Bennett** was awarded \$250 to attend the Just for Kix dance camp in Rochester, in July. Elissia

will also learn new techniques and dance ideas.


The Trust has allocated just over \$3,600 for the Ely Public Library this year.

The Trust board approved a Community Giving Grant of \$16,000 last year to install outdoor musical instruments in Whiteside Park. "There has been tremendous feedback about this new addition to the park as both community members and visitors enjoy using them," Williams said.

The 2019 Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust board members are Laura Moberly, Becky Zientek, Cade Thibodeaux, Beth Ohlhauser, Andrea Strom, Jill Swanson, Andy Messerschmidt and Angela Campbell.

The Trust will have a fall grant round with applications most likely due by the end of September. The actual deadline will be published in the newspapers as well as on the website by August.

Any questions about the grant programs, the Trust, or ways to support the arts in Ely can be directed to Keiko Williams, Executive Director at 218-365-2639 or at info@gardnertrust.org.



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OUR COMMUNITY

Ely Young Life hosts Sweet Spring Auction

ELY - It's finally spring! And what does that mean for Ely Young Life? The Sweet Spring Auction, of course! Mark your calendars for Thursday, May 2 at Amici's from 6-9 p.m.

Young Life supporters have been baking, donating, and financially supporting this scrumptious event for 14 years. It has evolved from a church basement bake sale to a monumental event with over 150 auction items and over 30 gourmet desserts, with all the proceeds going directly to programming and camp scholarships for local kids.

The dessert table will include Sharon Svatos's Dark Chocolate Guinness Cake with Bailey's Buttercream and Marla Tezak's famous apple potica, among more than 30 other delicious choices, including gluten-free.

The live and silent auctions will include old



Scrumptious desserts will be featured at the annual Ely Young Life auction on Thursday, May 2. submitted photo

favorites such as pheasant hunts and fishing trips, home-care items like furnace cleaning and septic pumping, and more dining out options than you can count. You can even dine in while being served by our fine selection of chefs. Or grill your own with packages and certificates from Ely Zup's, Ely Northland Market, and Babbitt Zup's on your new grill from Hearthiside Corner. And one lucky

person will win an iPad for their donation to camp scholarships!

You can also count on trips to Minneapolis and Duluth, with the addition of a weekend get-a-way to Lutsen Mountain Resort on the North Shore. Or if heading south is more your style, take the kids to Disney World with Park Hopper Tickets valued at over \$600.

But no matter your heart's desire, come and

support the kids in our community. By the time kids in Ely graduate, almost 75 percent of them have been involved in Ely Young Life in some form, either through club, camp, campaigns, or special events.

Young Life is open to every kid from middle school to high school. Kids not only have outrageous fun, but learn about a loving God in the process. And regardless of a kid's response to Young Life's message, leaders continue to genuinely care for and about them, focusing on what matters to them — fun, adventure, friendship and a sense of significance.

Please see the list in today's paper of auction items or visit Ely Young Life Sweet Spring Auction 2019 on Facebook.

For more information about Young Life, visit <https://ely.younglife.org>.

EARTH DAY IN ELY



WALK FOR WATER

School Key Club focuses on water awareness

ELY - The Ely Key Club hosted its third annual "Walk for Water" event on Monday, Earth Day, at the Trezona Trail. Their goal was to create a community awareness of the global water crisis. The Thirst Project raises money to provide safe, clean drinking water to those who do not have that luxury.

Did you know that waterborne diseases kill more children every single year than AIDS, malaria, and all world violence combined? Or that women and children spend an average of six to eight hours a day to fetch water over an average distance of 3.75 miles? When we provide a community with safe, clean drinking water, disease rates drop up to 88 percent virtually overnight.

Just \$25 provides a person with safe, clean drinking water for the rest of his or her life, and \$50 provides a married couple safe, clean drinking water for the rest of their lives. Only \$100 provides an entire family safe, clean drinking water for the rest of their lives.

The Key Club and several Ely community residents participated in the "Walk for Water" to raise awareness of this crisis. Participants walked the Trezona Trail, and some carried a container of water.

For more information on the Thirst Project, visit their website, <https://www.thirstproject.org/about/our-mission/>.



Ely Memorial High School Key Club members, top, hosted a Walk for Water event on Monday. Finn Leisching and Raif Olson, above, carry five-gallon containers of water around the four-mile Trezona Trail, representing the struggle some people have to access clean water. photos by K. Vandervort

Public Safety

Bring unwanted pills to City Hall Saturday

ELY—The Ely Police Department and the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration will host an opportunity for the public to dispose of unwanted prescription pills this Saturday.

"This is the 17th opportunity in nine years here to prevent pill abuse and theft by ridding homes of potentially dangerous expired, unused, and unwanted prescription drugs," said EPD Sgt. George Burger.

Bring pills for disposal to Ely City Hall, 209 East Chapman Street, on Saturday, April 27, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sites cannot accept liquids or needles or sharps, only pills or patches, Burger said.

The service is free and anonymous, no questions asked.

Last fall Americans turned in nearly 460 tons (more than 900,000 pounds) of prescription drugs at more than 5,800 sites operated by the DEA and almost 4,800 of its state and local law enforcement partners.

Overall, in its 16 previous Take Back events, DEA and its partners have taken in almost 11 million pounds—nearly 5,500 tons—of pills.

"This initiative addresses a vital public safety and public health issue," Burger said. "Medicines that languish in home cabinets are highly susceptible to diversion, misuse, and abuse. Rates of prescription drug abuse in the U.S. are alarmingly high, as are the number of accidental poisonings and overdoses due to these drugs."

Yesterday's news, this week

from the archives of

THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

April 25, 1919

Victory loan parade

The preliminary step toward the sale of Victory Loan Bonds was the parade last Sunday. While not as large as previous parades, the spectacle was nevertheless inspiring.

Taking advantage of the excellent weather, many people had left town for the day. Others had not received due notice and some there who thought they did their part stood on the sidelines.

However, the line covered five blocks, and with the service flags, society banners, and the flag of our country, the group made quite an impression.

Led by a company of returned soldiers and sailors in uniform, followed by the City Band, the Home Guards, city officials, loan salesmen and children, the Red Cross, and the public in general, the parade was made about town and ended at City Hall.

Owing to the inability of the committee to secure expected speakers, local men were pressed into service and brief addresses were made. Geo. L. Brozich first addressed the gathering. He said that when the armistice was signed on Nov. 11, this country was in the midst of a great preparation for war, and he could say that such preparation was the means of breaking the morale of the Germans. But this preparation had to be carried out, machinery had to be paid for, and we had to foot the bill whether we used the stuff or not.

Capt. William Mudge, in an enthusiastic speech, said that the sacrifice had been made, and the issues that were at stake a few months ago were then being settled. "Democracy is safe. President Wilson was in France and was leading the world. Our Uncle Sam asks you to do a little more," he said. "Our government asks you to see that our democracy will not perish. Make a Victory Loan!"

For Your Information

Court: Chalking tires is unconstitutional

Marking tires is trespassing, says Michigan appeals panel

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - According to a recent report by NBC News, that parking officer who swipes a chalk mark on your tire to keep track of how long you've been parked could be violating the Constitution, a federal appeals court panel found this week.

The Ely Police Department enforces a downtown two-hour parking rule during the summer months by chalking tires of parked cars, and issuing citations for parking in one spot for too long.

According to the report, a three-judge panel of the 6th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Cincinnati reinstated a 2017 case brought by Alison Taylor, who was

issued 15 parking tickets in three years in Saginaw, Mich., by the same parking enforcement officer, who's described in the suit as the city's "most prolific issuer of parking tickets."

Taylor argued that marking tires with chalk constituted an unreasonable search under the Fourth Amendment to the Constitution. But a U.S. district judge in Michigan dismissed the suit in 2017, writing that even if chalking a tire is a search, it's a reasonable one, because a piece of chalk isn't an "information-gathering device" that could violate Taylor's privacy, like a GPS tracker, for example.

Two of the three members of the appeals panel this week agreed that chalking a tire is a search. But they disagreed that it was a reasonable search.

U.S. Circuit Judge Bernice Bouie Donald wrote that when drivers pull into parking spaces, "the city commences its search on vehicles that are parked legally, without probable cause or even so much as 'individualized suspicion of wrongdoing' — the touchstone of the reasonableness standard."

Moreover, overstaying your welcome at a parking space doesn't cause "injury or ongoing harm to the community," she wrote, meaning the city is wrong to argue that parking enforcement is part of its "community caretaking" responsibility, potentially justifying a search without a warrant.

Troy Bissonette, a law enforcement student at Vermilion Community College, who was hired by the city of Ely for

parking and civil enforcement duties this summer, responded to a Facebook posting of the news report.

"While this is a very interesting article, don't forget that Minnesota falls under the 8th District of the U.S. Court of Appeals. Decisions made by the 6th District of the U.S. Court of Appeals are not binding authority in Ely. Chalking is now considered unconstitutional in Michigan, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, but unless our judges here or the U.S. Supreme Court say otherwise it remains a constitutional practice in Minnesota," he wrote.

Ely Police Department Sergeant George Burger did not respond by press time to a request from the *Timberjay* for more information.

Minnesota Poets meet in Ely this weekend

ELY - The League of Minnesota Poets (LOMP) will hold their 2019 Spring Conference on April 26-28 at the Grand Ely Lodge. This event is hosted by Story Portage, the Ely Chapter of the League.

The keynote speaker for the conference is poet, writer, teacher, and former Duluth Poet Laureate Sheila Packa. In addition, Packa will be conducting a workshop after her address. Pre-conference begins at 1 p.m. on Friday, April 26, and includes a poetry reading and book signing at Northern Grounds at 7 p.m.

The registration fee is \$60 for LOMP members, \$65 for non-members, and there's a \$10 discount for registration by April 16. Full information is available at the LOMP website at <https://www.mnpoets.org/>.

More information about the chapter can be found at storyportage.org.

St. Louis County Area Solid Waste Facility Site hours

<p>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</p>	<p>Aurora Transfer Station 5910 Hwy 135 N. Hours Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am–4pm Tue, Wed: 10am–4pm Sat: 8am–noon</p>
<p>Embarras Canister Site 7530 Koski Rd. Hours Thu: 10am–5pm Sat: 12:30–4:30pm</p>	<p>Soudan Canister Site 5160 Hwy 169 Hours Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun: 8am–5pm</p>
<p>Household Hazardous Waste Facility 5341 Regional Landfill Rd Hours Tues and Sat: 8am–1pm</p>	<p>Regional Landfill 5341 Regional Landfill Rd (east of Virginia) Hours Mon–Fri: 8am–4:30pm Sat: 8am–3:30pm</p>

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An olde time mercantile at the Orr Center



One of the displays at the new mercantile store at the Orr Center. photo by R. Huismann

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

ORR - The latest addition to the Orr Center is set to debut in early May. The nonprofit group that runs the facility at the old Orr School is planning to open a consignment mercantile shop to showcase local artisans.

"Once we lost the gift store in town, it left a hole in the community," President Wendy Purdy said. "We wanted something to help the local crafters who work out of their homes, and promote local goods."

Unlike the center's thrift store, the curators of the shop will be much more selective of who gets to sell. "It will be juried, with only quality products that we feel will sell," said Ruth Huismann, who will manage the shop. "We want it to be old fashioned, homey and cozy, without long rows of displays."

Huismann added she had already been in touch with several local artists and artisans, including furniture makers.

The planned opening date is Wednesday May 1, with Purdy and Huismann saying they want the store fully stocked by the time summer tourism traffic comes to the area.

Other projects

The center's aquaponics project is in full swing and all of the special grow lighting has been hung.

"The fish are growing like crazy and the heat is working properly," Purdy said.

Aquaponics works by growing produce in beds made of stones. In order to produce nutrients for the food to grow, fish are kept in a holding tank where they feed off of runoff from the plants, and in turn, waste produced by the fish provides nutrients back to the plants.

Grow lights placed above the beds provide constant light for plants to feed off of as well, allowing faster growing times than a normal outdoor garden could provide.

Over the next few weeks, volunteers will finish planting a variety of plants in the stone-filled tables.

Purdy said wireless internet access is also now available throughout the building.

The projects are all part of plan to make the Orr Center a destination, Purdy said.

"We find visitors to the thrift store ask what else there is to do in the building," she said.

Additionally, more shelving is being installed at the library to accommodate more book donations.

For more information on the mercantile store, or for any of the other programs and services provided at the Orr Center, go to www.orrcenter.com.

EASTER



Easter Egg Hunt in Cook



The annual Easter Egg Hunt in Cook was held at the community center here last Saturday over the lunch hour. Prizes were given away and games were on hand to make the day extra special. Clockwise from top: John Danielson taking a turn at Skeeball, one of the many games run by Lions Club members; Bennytt Whiteside is pretty excited about her Easter Basket winnings; Eli and Hudson Sheffer pose with the Easter Bunny; Haddie Anderson, one of the winners of a bike; Brooklyn Goutermount and Audrey Liefing with their Easter Basket goodies. photos by C. Stone



Community Notices

Spring Events at NWFA

COOK - Preregister for these classes. The fee for classes is \$40 for NWFA members and \$55 for non-members.

Call Shawna at 218-780-6510 or Alberta at 218-666-2153.

Fee payment con-

firms registration. Mail to NWFA, PO Box 44, Cook, MN 55723.

►Artist Adam Swanson presents a Day Long Acrylic Painting Class on Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Cook Community Center.

►Select your favorite photos to enter this fun fundraiser! Cash prizes! Photo Contest "Your Best Shot" - Adult and student submissions accepted until April 27.

Exhibit: May 1 - May 24. Reception: May 24, 5-7 p.m. Fee \$10 per photo. Students may submit up to three photos at no cost.

►Spring Art Expo 2019 - Calling all artists who want to exhibit and businesses to host an exhibit from June 5 to 28. Businesses and artists are listed in brochures and

publicity.

►Open Studio Art - Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Piatigorski Concert in Cook

COOK - A concert will be held at First Baptist Church here on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. Cellist Evan Drachman will be featured. He is one of the country's most respected authorities on the presentation of live classical music to diverse audiences.

Pianist Doris Stevenson will also perform. She has performed around the world and soloed with the Boston Pops, played at Carnegie Hall and Alice Tully Hall in New York, the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., Salle Pleyel in Paris and Suntory Hall in Tokyo.

Donations at the door to cover the cost please.

This season, they will be performing works

by Beethoven, Brahms, Bruch, Chopin and Elgar. His travel schedule will include tours of Massa-

achusetts, Vermont, Florida, North Carolina, Idaho and Minnesota.

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NEWS FROM THE LAKE

The Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



the roads. The Dame and her hubby spied a fisher running across the Handberg Road, a goose stopping traffic while it nonchalantly crossed Highway 53, and they had to swerve to miss hitting a partridge on the road. Nature is coming alive!

On a sadder note, condolences to the family on the passing of Marge Rutchasky. She was well-known and much-loved by the Buyck, Crane Lake, and Orr communities. Condolences to the family of Terry Palm who also recently died following illness. Both made many contributions to our area and will be missed.

The Dames hope the Easter Bunny was able to find his way to your house. If you are like 59 percent of Americans, you ate the chocolate bunny's ears first. If you live in Switzerland, your Easter goodies were delivered by the Easter cuckoo. Switzerland has more cuckoo birds than bunnies—after all, they are the home of the cuckoo clock. And don't eggs more commonly come from birds rather than bunnies?

The Easter dinner table was the gathering place for many families. Ham, potato salad, fruited jello salads, and lemon or coconut pies made their appearance, were consumed, and enjoyed by many. No matter what you had to eat, if you shared it with loved ones, it was a good way to begin a change in seasons. Barbecues and corn on the cob cannot be far away.

April 22, besides being Easter Sunday this year, is also the date that Manfred von Richthofen, also known as the Red Baron, was killed in action in 1918. He racked up an impressive 80 in-air victories to become one of the most feared sights in the sky during WWI. It is interesting to note that he got his name because of a Fokker triplane, painted a bright red, that he used for less than a year. It is also interesting to note that he crashed his first solo flight, but went on to become one of the most famous flyers in history. Many picture him as a possibly-mustached older distinguished gentleman, but von Richthofen was only 25 years

old when he was shot down. Snoopy's antics fighting the Red Baron while flying a Sopwith Camel, the Red Baron pizza brand, and even the British comedy troupe Monty Python's Flying Circus ("Flying Circus" was the nickname of von Richthofen's squadron) keep his image alive today.

It is noted that New York Mayor deBlasio has vowed to ban all steel and glass towers that form New York's signature skyline because they are the biggest source of carbon emissions. Sure hope his "house of card"-board doesn't disintegrate in the first rainfall. There are also those politicians in Minnesota who want to study a mileage tax. Those of us who now have to drive 80 miles one-way to grocery shop may not warm up to this idea.

Let us hear from you! Send news by e-mail to info@thelakecountry.com, by fax at 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!

Briefly

Bookmobile schedule

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

May 16, June 6

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

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

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

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

For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, write or call the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768 218-741-3840 or check our website at www.alslib.info.



North Woods prom Grand March

FIELD TWP - The Class of 2020 would like to invite you to attend the Grand March for the North Woods High School prom on Saturday, April 27. This year's theme is "A Night to Remember". The event will begin at 5:30 p.m.

Wi-Fi hotspots available for checkout at Cook Library

COOK - The Cook Public Library 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.

Hotspot Terms of Use

Eligibility: Borrowers must have an Arrowhead Library System library card. This card must be in good standing. Borrowers must sign the Hotspot User Agreement at check out. If under 18, a borrower must have a parent or caregiver sign the Hotspot User Agreement at check out.

Check Out Terms: The hotspot loan period is seven days. Hotspots cannot be renewed. Hotspots circulate only from the Cook Public Library. Hotspots are not available for interlibrary loan. Internet service will be disconnected if the hotspot is overdue. Hotspots cannot be used outside of the United States.

Check In Terms: Hotspots cannot be placed in the overnight drop. Hotspots must be returned to the circulation counter. All items listed on the packing slip must be returned at the time of check in.

GRIZZLY UPDATE

Meet Mrs. Pat Lamwers

Principal John Vukmanich interviews a selection of educators and coaches at the North Woods School

This week we are featuring a teacher who has reached legendary status at North Woods for her upbeat attitude and "kid-friendly" manner of being fair and flexible, while remaining firm enough to teach our kids accountability. Mary Pat Lamwers, known to her colleagues as "Pat" will be retiring this year at the end of the school year, and I for one will miss her greatly. Mrs. L's friendly Newfoundland, our therapy dog Fiona, will also be retiring.

Mr. V: Where are you originally from and where did you go to high school and college?

Mrs. L: Chicago. I went to Alvernia Catholic School, which was an all-girls school. I received my Bachelor's from University of Maryland-Baltimore and my Master's from National Louis University in West Germany. I served twelve years in the U.S. Army, too as a medical tech.

Mr. V: Were there teachers who were an influence on you? Please name a few if you can.

Mrs. L: Mrs. Graham, my biology teacher in high school.

Mr. V: What characteristics did these teachers have that were important to you?

Mrs. L: She loved science, loved teaching, and loved kids. She



JOHN VUKMANICH

made it interesting. I remember that we did a lot of experiments and labs.

Mr. V: What do you teach at North Woods?

Mrs. L: Science, Anatomy, Biology, Physics, Chemistry, you name it. I have taught every science class there is to teach!

Mr. V: Why did you choose teaching as a profession?

Mrs. L: I love science and want others to love it too!

Mr. V: Where did you start teaching?

Mrs. L: Ramstein Air Force Base in Germany. I have also taught in a residential treatment center for mentally ill girls in Colorado. I taught wildlife classes in a conservation center also in Colorado. Next, I taught at Troy Junior High in Joliet, Illinois, followed by Joliet Junior High. From there I moved to North



PAT LAMWERS

Branch, then to Orr, then to North Woods!

Mr. V: What are your hobbies?

Mrs. L: Gardening, reading, and training dogs. In addition to teaching, we (husband Dave and I) used a run a resort, which we recently sold.

Mr. V: What is something you really like about North Woods?

Mrs. L: I love the kids. Everyday is a new day with them, and they are exciting. I love listening to them just talk and discuss. They have fresh, fun ideas. I love the staff too.

Mr. V: What is a professional goal for you?

Mrs. L: I am retiring this year, so I hope to get all my junk moved out by the end of June.

Mr. V: What is something you love about northern MN?

Mrs. L: I love winter.

I know some might hate me for saying that, but I really love snow, cold and quiet. I enjoy snowshoeing.

Mr. V: What is a piece of advice you'd give your students?

Mrs. L: Learn everything you can because you never know where life will take you. In high school, I had to take two years of French with no knowledge of why. When I ended up in the Army, I lived twelve miles from France!

Mr. V: Do you have a favorite saying or expression?

Mrs. L: I tell the kids all the time "build those dendrites."

Mr. V: What do you hope that your students will remember you for?

Mrs. L: That I loved being their teacher.

Mrs. Lamwers also added that to survive in this profession, you have to laugh with the kids. If you don't, and don't show them that you are human, you won't make it.

Congratulations, Mrs. Lamwers, on your retirement. Our kids were lucky to have you as a teacher and you will be missed.

Go Grizzlies!

Your principal,
John Vukmanich



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ENERGY

Minnesota Power offers new way for customers to go renewable

REGIONAL - Minnesota Power has introduced a new renewable energy program and exceeded a state energy-savings goal as it continues to help customers meet their sustainability goals and make progress toward a cleaner, lower-carbon future.

Customers can choose to power their home or business with more

renewable energy when they enroll in Minnesota Power's Renewable Source program. They can also learn more about how to save energy through the company's Conservation Improvement Program, which exceeded the state of Minnesota's 1.5-percent energy-savings goal in 2018 for the ninth consecutive year.

"Our successful con-

servation team has long helped homeowners, businesses and communities use energy more wisely, saving them money as well as reducing their carbon emissions and supporting a more sustainable future," said Frank Frederickson, vice president of customer experience at Minnesota Power. "Our new Renewable Source program is another

way we're innovating and offering choices for customers who want to directly reduce their carbon footprint."

Renewable Source joins Minnesota Power's other renewable energy programs offered to customers, including the Community Solar Garden and SolarSense. By enrolling in Renewable Source, customers choose to pay

a little extra to add more renewable energy to the power grid equal to a percentage of their monthly energy use. The power that customers purchase will be generated at a new wind farm in north-central Iowa where it will flow onto the grid and be mixed with electricity from other renewable and conventional sources. Renewable Source is an

easy way for customers to support renewable energy and reduce their carbon footprint with nothing to install or maintain. Although Renewable Source is 100-percent wind now, other sources of renewable energy may be part of the program mix in the future.

Co-op community connects at Lake Country Power annual meeting

REGIONAL - A community of cooperative members plugged in to Lake Country Power at the annual meeting in Hibbing on Wednesday evening, April 17. More than 400 members and guests heard about co-op membership benefits, the co-op's long-term investments, and the co-op's commitment to serve locally.

"I started with the co-op in 1979 and I've seen many changes over my 40-year career," said Lake Country Power General Manager Greg Randa. "But one thing that hasn't changed is our daily effort and commitment to provide safe and reliable service for our members."

Randa emphasized that the need to make the electric grid even more reliable remains a high priority.

"We have built, maintained, and improved our distribution system over the last 80 years, and we have much work ahead," said Randa. "We are making important investments to change out aging poles, wires, equipment and infrastructure, which means more than 75 miles of age-related replacement work is needed and necessary every year and well into the future."

Randa said it is time to modernize the electric grid to meet members' needs and expectations for security, power quality, battery

storage, renewable energy, electric vehicle charging, smart home devices, and two-way consumer communications with their co-op provider.

One of LCP's initiatives involves replacing nearly 70,000 meters with new technology. The new meters will allow LCP members to monitor hourly electric usage and account information. It will improve the number of meters that communicate with LCP. Randa also gave an update about the construction progress of the cooperative headquarters building in Cohasset.

While reliability is important, so is safety, and Randa emphasized that the co-op's quest

for zero injuries is more important than ever along with the ability to maintain stable and affordable rates. Randa also stressed the co-op's commitment to community and working together.

"We were built by our co-op community, we belong to our co-op community, and we are owned by our co-op community," Randa said. "We're working to help make our region stronger and better for members who call northern Minnesota home."

Annual meeting videos can be found on Lake Country Power's website, www.lakecountrypower.coop, or the co-op's YouTube channel

at www.youtube.com/lakecountrypower, starting the week of April 29.

Lake Country Power and its members made contributions to the Salvation Army of Hibbing at the annual meeting as well.

Director election results were announced. Candidates ran unopposed in Districts 2 and 4. Results were: District 2: Michael Forsman, Ely, 614 votes; District 4: Craig Carlson, Cohasset, 374 votes; District 8: Jim Huhta, Cromwell, 455 votes; and Danny Smith, Tamarack, 284 votes.

Immediately following the adjournment of the annual meeting, the board of directors held a re-organizational meeting. Board

officers are Craig Olson from District 7, President; Sherman Liimatainen from District 9, Vice President; George Harvey from District 3, Secretary; and Craig Carlson from District 4, Treasurer.

Lake Country Power, www.lakecountrypower.coop, is a Touchstone Energy cooperative serving parts of eight counties in north-eastern Minnesota. The rural electric cooperative provides services to nearly 43,000 members and has offices located in Grand Rapids, Kettle River and Mt. Iron.

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should the results of discussions with the companies not match the district's expectations.

Johnson Controls International (JCI), meanwhile, had still not been in touch with the district as of Tuesday's board meeting.

Establishing which parties might actually be liable for a wide range of building issues—some serious, others relatively minor—may prove difficult. Engebretson noted that JCI, rather than the school district, had contracted with Kraus-Anderson and ARI to perform the work at the two schools, and that

the terms of those contracts were not entirely clear.

Additionally, she added, it was not clear if anyone who worked on the projects is still employed by JCI. Publicity over JCI's handling of the school district's project, which was heavily reported by the *Timberjay* at the time, largely forced JCI to discontinue its school facilities contracting work in Minnesota, and the employees involved mostly left for other firms.

Graduation rates

The Department of Education released its

2018 graduation report card and Engebretson said the district would look into disappointing numbers at Cherry and North Woods.

Since 2012, Minnesota has been using a federally-mandated cohort model that follows students when they enter ninth grade. The state collects data on whether students are graduating with a high school diploma or a GED within seven years of their freshman year.

Each year, the data on the four-year graduation rates are released.

Northeast Range was the only district high school with a 100-percent, four-year graduation rate. South Ridge posted a graduation rate of 92 percent, or 35 of 38 students graduating on time.

At North Woods, the

rate fell to 88 percent, or 30 of 34 graduating. The report said one student had dropped out with three students continuing beyond their fourth year.

Cherry proved the biggest question mark, with a graduation rate of 61 percent or 16 of 26 students. The campus had three dropouts, four continuing students and three whose status could not be verified.

Engebretson said she will be working with district and school staff to look into the rates and try to gather more data than are currently available.

North Woods Principal John Vukmanich said his school makes every effort to be in touch with parents and students ahead of graduation to help them graduate on time.

North Woods report

Vukmanich gave a report to the board on various student activities at North Woods.

He said students have been focused on preparing for their standardized MCA tests, which are administered each spring. The school is also participating in the National Assessment of Education Progress (NAEP) test. The test randomly selects schools from across the country to gauge how well American schools match up against other countries. Results from each school's performance on the test is not made public according to Vukmanich.

Aside from testing, Vukmanich briefly discussed the continuing success of the boys basketball team, which competed in its third straight Class A state title match last month. He displayed a photo of the

school's commons area that was packed with fans during the games.

Vukmanich also highlighted outdoor activities by students, showing photos of a recent field trip to Voyageurs National Park for snowshoeing, as well as an ice fishing trip on Lake Vermilion.

Further collaboration with the Nett Lake School was also presented. Vukmanich also discussed efforts to further collaborate with the Nett Lake Elementary, telling the board that he is working to bring a "sister school mentality" between the two schools.

Other business

In other business, the school board:

► Heard that the Ely school district will be discussing further commitments to the Iron Range collaborative initiatives between several area school districts.

► Approved without discussion a ratified contract with the district's custodians.

► Approved a change to the district's budget as presented at the previous study session.

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Ely school board to query superintendent finalists

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY—The Ely School Board has selected four finalists, whom the board hopes to interview next week for the district’s part-time superintendent position. Interviews are scheduled for Wednesday, May 1, and Thursday, May 2, at 5 p.m. and 6:45 p.m. on both days, according

to board president Ray Marsnik.

Interviews are open to the public. After reviewing resumés from eight applicants during a special meeting on April 16, board members cut the field of candidates in half. They agreed to offer interviews to Bruce Houck, of Russell, Minn., Kevin Ricke, of Fosston, Minn., Steve

Thomas, of Northome, Minn., and Beth Zietz, of Parshall, N.D.

School board members have agreed on a goal to hire the new superintendent by the end of the school year.

The board is looking for a new chief administrator to replace Kevin Abrahamson, who announced last month that he plans to leave his

position at ISD 696 when his contract expires on June 30.

Marsnik said the finalists were selected in a “blind” process where board members reviewed application materials with names redacted.

He said this week that the finalists selected for interviews have extensive education and administrative experience. According

to Internet searches on the candidates:

►Houck has been an educator for more than 35 years and a superintendent for 26 years. He has served as superintendent of the Southwest Educational Cooperative in Hendricks, Minn., and the Russell-Tyler-Ruthton School District;

►Ricke currently serves as superintendent

of ISD 601 in Fosston. He was a principal at the Lake Park-Audubon school district;

►Steve Thomasserves as superintendent of the South Koochiching-Rainy River School District and also worked at Nett Lake;

►Zietz formerly served as superintendent at the Cook County School District.

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Zup’s in Babbitt - Randy Nyman

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he gave on April 2, at which time he claimed his agency was still searching for written comments prepared by EPA staff expressing concerns about a proposed state-issued water discharge permit for PolyMet Mining.

Yet the next day, in response to a lawsuit filed in February by Professional Employees for Environmental Responsibility, or PEER, the EPA confirmed in a legal filing that the agency had located the comments in question, but that it could withhold the documents from the public because the comments were merely in draft form, which are not necessarily subject to public access through the federal Freedom of Information Act, or FOIA.

McCullum quickly responded. “I find it highly unlikely that the EPA located this document on the afternoon of April 2, sometime between when you appeared before the subcommittee and when EPA filed its response with the Court,” wrote McCollum.

In the letter, McCollum gave Wheeler until the next day to provide the committee with the comments at issue in the case. As of this past week, however, more than a week past McCollum’s deadline, the EPA had yet to respond.

Professional staff at the EPA had prepared the comments in response to a draft water discharge permit issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for the PolyMet mine, but it appears that Trump political appointees prevented EPA staff from delivering the comments to the state agency, which would have made them available to the public. That incident has since been referred to the EPA’s Inspector General for possible investigation of improper suppression of agency responsibilities.

While the status of the comments, whether final or draft, is potentially relevant to PEER’s FOIA claim, it would not appear to be relevant to a congressional oversight inquiry, since Congress typically has access to information

that goes well beyond what is available to the general public.

Other documents also sought

The latest document impasse comes as McCollum and the chairs of two other congressional committees are still waiting for a response from the Trump Interior Department to a March 1 records request over the department’s decision to reinstate two mineral leases for the proposed Twin Metals copper-nickel mine near Ely. McCollum, along with Raul Grijalva, chair of the House Natural Resources Committee, and Alan Lowenthal, chair of the Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources, are also seeking a lengthy list of records related to the U.S. Forest Service’s decision last year to halt a two-year study of a proposed 20-year mineral withdrawal on a portion of the Superior National Forest. The Forest Service did provide a partial response earlier this month, including copies of scientific studies submitted to the agency by environmental groups— studies which had already been made available to Congress.

It was the Trump Interior Department which acted to reinstate two Twin Metals mineral leases that officials with the Obama administration had cancelled shortly before leaving office. That decision is currently the subject of litigation by a coalition of Minnesota-based businesses and the Wilderness Society, among other plaintiffs.

The members of Congress are also skeptical of the legal conclusions drawn by Interior Department legal counsel Daniel Jorjani, which provided the department’s justification for reinstating mineral leases that had already been cancelled.

“Prior to issuing his convoluted and legally questionable opinion reversing the expiration of Twin Metals’ mining leases near the Boundary Waters, Jorjani made a

career helping companies acquire energy resources in foreign countries,” wrote the three chairs in their March 1 letter. “This is strikingly similar to what he is doing now: handing U.S. resources to Antofagasta, the Chilean owner of Twin Metals. Antofagasta met with Jorjani three times in the months leading up to the issuance of his opinion in December 2017.”

The congressional

leaders are also hoping to learn more about the rationale behind the Trump administration’s decision to cancel the withdrawal study and what information federal officials might have developed prior to the cancellation.


“We reject your assertion that no new scientific information was found during the nearly 20-month period the Superior National Forest held public meetings,

solicited comments, and worked to prepare the withdrawal package,” wrote the members of Congress. “Rather, the abrupt cancellation implies that the mounting evidence against mining that emerged did not support your position, and so, you instead chose to waste taxpayer funds, ignore public comments, and suppress scientific information rather than have this evidence revealed to

the public.”

The relationship between Trump administration officials and the primary owner of Antofagasta, Andronico Luksic, has come under question, in part because Luksic is the owner of a Washington D.C. mansion leased by Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, President Trump’s daughter and son-in-law.

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located about five miles south of Cook.

The work is expected to begin in mid-July. The intersection work should be completed in August, while work on the passing lanes is likely to continue until October.

Project Manager Josie Olson said MnDOT plans to convert the Hwy. 1 interchange into what the agency calls a "reduced conflict intersection."

Driver's headed to Duluth and points southward pass this same type of intersection in Cotton.

"MnDOT has studied these intersections all across the state and has seen reduced right-angle crashes," Olson said. "That is the goal with this project. With this intersection in particular, what we noticed when the four-lane came through in 2014 was an increase in crashes of vehi-



cles crossing the second lanes of traffic."

Drivers making a left turn to either Hwy. 1 east or Hwy. 22 west from the expressway will now have dedicated turn lanes across the roadway.

The largest change is for cross-traffic and

drivers wanting to turn left from either of the side roads.

Drivers crossing over Hwy. 53, or turning left onto the roadway from Hwy. 1 or County Rd. 22, will have to make a right turn onto the expressway and use dedicated

U-turn lanes to cross over the center median before either continuing on their way or making a right turn back to Hwy. 1 or County Rd. 22.

North of Cook, four additional passing lane segments will be completed. Currently the highway

has dedicated passing segments over the Gheen Hill and another just north of Orr. Olson said more are needed to keep traffic flowing through the corridor.

Each of the new segments will be 2.5 miles long and expand the roadway to three lanes with each direction getting an approximate one mile passing lane in each segment.

The first will be north of Olson Road, between Cook and Orr.

The second will be north of the Lost River Bridge between markers 118 and 121.

The third is west of Ash River Road between mile markers 136 and 139.

The fourth and final segment will be north of Koochiching County Hwy. 29 between mile markers 149 and 152.

Olson said MnDOT

will only allow contractors to work on two of the segments at a time to reduce traffic backups. During construction, the contractors will likely be reducing the highway to one lane, with flaggers on either end.

She added the agency will post when road restrictions will occur to their website.

More information and updates on the project can be found at <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/hwy53-1-st-louis-koochiching/index.html>.

The Hwy. 53 project is the only major construction work scheduled in northern St. Louis County this year. Several area projects are on the construction schedule for next year, including the resurfacing of several miles of Hwy. 169 in Wuori and Pike townships.

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Foundation bought the community center from the city of Ely last fall for \$30,000.

The Minneapolis couple has proposed to renovate the historic landmark, built in the 1930s, and repurpose it into a facility to house Korean culture and heritage camps.

Despite a racially-charged community discussion over the issue last year, terms of the purchase agreement allow for a six-year window, and a possible three-year extension, for the new owners to complete millions of dollars in renovations and move forward with their dream. Otherwise, the building could revert back to city ownership.

Byonchan Yoon described himself as a technology leader with a deep understanding of coding languages and extensive experience in the entertainment, education and nonprofit sectors. He began his career helping nonprofit organizations leverage technology to promote their mission and programs. He is currently a technology leader for an international media corporation. "I am driven to share my love of Korean culture and unite communities," he said.

"Why are we in Ely?" asked Africa Yoon as she introduced herself. "I came from a family of African diplomats," she said. "My father was a United Nations ambassador. I come from a home where using who you are to help the world is important." She said she has visited many places around the world, from Asia to Africa, big cities and small towns.

"People ask me, why I would choose to go to Ely? My answer is, 'Why wouldn't I? Have you been there?'" she said. "Ely is a little like the small village that I come from in West Africa. There are a lot of the same values here. This is a place, for myself, that I could call home."

Africa Yoon admitted that the couple stayed out of the process of obtaining the building. "Some of that was a little hairy, as I read in the newspapers, but there was also a lot of support," she said. "We wanted to come up and greet the community. We look at the community center and feel a real love for it. We want to include ourselves into the community and want the

community to be part of what we are doing."

She stressed the importance of having the Ely community be part of the Korean Cultural Center. "I am open for you to tell us how you think what we are doing here is interesting to you," Yoon said.

"I am looking for the next three years to build a community of Korean/American families, and Korean adoptees," she added. "I am literally meeting people one-on-one. I believe that is the best way to build community. That will become the core of the programs of the K America Foundation."

She described the Ely Korean Cultural Center to be utilized as a camp in the summer that would be free to all interested Korean adoptees, or their children. "There will be a dance component and a technology component," Yoon said. "The children will be able to learn the Korean language, or some K-Pop choreography, and the most important thing is that they will be able to go outside. I mean outside in Ely. They might learn computer coding technology, and then go back outside."

Yoon said the former community center will have a minimalist Korean interior design. "It is like log-cabin simplicity or feeling. Please come and experience it that way. We look forward to building on the friendship between Koreans and Americans."

She touched on grants and fundraising as part of a diverse financial picture that could include crowd-funding ventures.

"I'm focusing on the people and the Korean/American community," she said.

Byonchan Yoon described his warm welcome to Ely as he embarks on the Korean Cultural Center here. "As a parent of mixed-race Korean children, this project is so deeply personal for me," he said.

As he was looking for a home for the K America Foundation, he asked, "Where are the Koreans?" The largest population of Koreans in America is in Los Angeles, he said. "In America, the highest concentration of Korean adoptees is right here in Minnesota," he said. "America has the largest concentration of Korean adoptees in the world, so the most Korean adoptees in the world are right here in this state. That's where we wanted to be."

He noted that the Twin Cities have many Korean adoptee programs. "We wanted to go to rural Minnesota where there aren't so many of those programs. We wanted a hometown that is already a destination in and of itself. Ely attracts people from all over," he said.

Korean culture is becoming a world wide phenomenon right now, according to Yoon. "The timing is right for K America (Foundation), and Ely is really the perfect location. We were so grateful to find the beloved community center building and are honored and grateful to your community," he said.



The historic Ely Community Center, built in the 1930s, was sold to the K America Foundation late last year. The organization plans to develop a Korean Cultural Center at the landmark. photo by K. Vandervort

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BASEBALL

Grizzlies top Wolves in home opener

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP – Ely miscues gave the Grizzlies a leg up here Tuesday evening in what turned out to be the North Woods season opener. The Timberwolves weren't able to recover, handing North Woods the 5-3 victory.

"This game was a good gauge of where we are as a team," said Ely Head Coach Frank Ivancich. "We have some starters who need to make up for lost playing time. It is a sort of on-the-job training for us for the next few weeks."

The Timberwolves were first on the scoreboard, putting up their only runs of the evening on the strength of a Tyler Housey RBI double.

The Grizzlies answered in the bottom of the frame, with two runs of their own after a two-out error by Ely.

North Woods added additional runs in the third, fourth and fifth innings.

Housey took the loss, despite a respectable performance, allowing eight hits while striking out six. He also issued two walks, and led Ely offensively with two hits.

North Woods stats were unavailable as of press time.

The Timberwolves fell to 2-1 on the season, while the Grizzlies are now 1-0.

Ely will host South Ridge on Monday at 4:30 p.m. The Grizzlies were set to take on Northeast Range in Duluth on Wednesday before playing South Ridge on Friday afternoon. They will host Mt. Iron-Buhl on Monday at 4:30 p.m.



Ely Pitcher Tyler Housey slides back to first base after attempting to steal second base in the top of the first inning. photo by M. White

SOFTBALL

Timberwolves on top

Sixth-inning run makes the difference for Ely over Deer River

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ELY — A three-run sixth inning made the difference for the Timberwolves on Tuesday as they downed Deer River, 4-1, in high school girls softball action.

It was a classic pitchers' duel through five innings as Ely hurler Erika Mattson fanned nine Deer River batters and allowed just three hits in her complete game performance. Deer River pitcher Allison Rasley proved formidable as well.

"We really struggled to make good contact against their pitcher," said Ely Head Coach Tom McDonald.

Both teams notched single runs in the first

inning. Ely missed a scoring opportunity in the fifth inning when Holly Dirks tripled but didn't score.

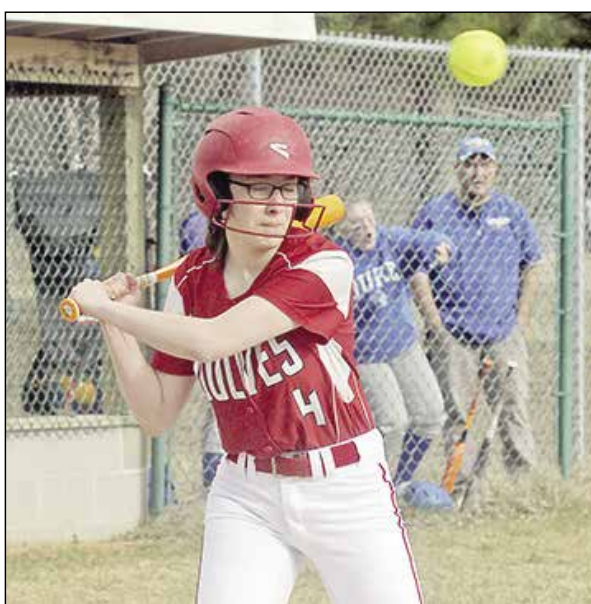
"We broke it open in the sixth, when we strung together six straight hits to take the 4-1 lead," said McDonald.

Jenna Merhar went 2-2 with an RBI, while Dirks went 2-3, also with an RBI. Tuesday's win improved the Wolves' record to 1-1 on the season.

They were scheduled to hit the road Thursday and Friday for contests with Chisholm and Carlton, as the *Timberjay* went to press. They'll be back home next Monday and Tuesday for games against South Ridge and Mesabi East.



Left: Outfielder Adrianna Bishop at bat as a ball whizzes by her at home plate. Above: Infielder Charly Flom gets ready to throw one home. photos by K. Vandervort



WOLF CENTER

Ely Wolf Center continues to grow in 2018

New exhibit set to open with more wolf pups expected next year

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Building on a successful 2018 at the International Wolf Center, Executive Director Rob Schultz highlighted numerous areas of growth to the Ely City Council last week and described

new projects anticipated for this year and beyond at the interpretive center located here.

"2018 was truly a successful year at the Wolf Center," Schultz said. "We saw a nice increase in the number of people coming through our facility here in Ely." The 2018 attendance

of 39,612 people, eclipsed the 32,000-33,000 visitors that have typically followed a wolf pup introduction.

He attributed the increase in visitors to additional advertising, especially billboards, in more travel corridors, especially along Hwy. 61,

along the North Shore of Lake Superior.

"We also made a big push in our "Wolves at Our Door" program in many classrooms around the state and especially in the Arrowhead region of Minnesota," he said. In four years of this program, we have reached 51,000

students, in almost every county in Minnesota, and we are looking to expand that program."

Schultz also noted that the "Wolves at our Door" programming is expanding to as many as eight western states. "We

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Sports week

BASEBALL

Thursday April 25
Ely at Deer River, 4:30 p.m.

Friday April 26
North Woods vs South Ridge, 4 p.m.

Monday April 29
Ely hosts South Ridge, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday April 30
NE Range hosts Chisholm, 4:30 p.m.

North Woods hosts Mt. Iron-Buhl, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday May 2
Ely hosts Mt. Iron-Buhl, 4:30 p.m.

North Woods hosts Mesabi East, 4:30 p.m.

Friday May 3
Ely at Greenway, 4:30 p.m.

North Woods hosts Chisholm, 4:30 p.m.

NE Range at Floodwood, 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Thursday April 25
North Woods at Nashwauk, 4:30 p.m.

Friday April 26
North Woods hosts Mt. Iron-Buhl, 4:30 p.m.

Ely vs. Carlton at Chub Lake, 4 p.m.

Monday April 29
North Woods at NE Range, 4:30 p.m.

Ely hosts South Ridge, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday April 30
Ely hosts Mesabi East, 4:30 p.m.

Wednesday May 1
North Woods at Silver Bay, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday May 2
North Woods hosts Ely, 4:30 p.m.

Friday May 3
North Woods hosts South Ridge, 4 p.m.

Ely hosts Two Harbors, 4:30 p.m.

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Ely boys take tops spots at Two Harbors meet

TWO HARBORS – Ely's Luke Olson and Nate Netifee claimed a pair of first-place finishes in track competition here on Tuesday.

Olson easily paced the competition in the 800-meter run, with a time of 2:02.63, nearly four seconds faster than the second-place finisher, Sam Rengo, from Esko.

In the 400-meter dash, Nate Nettifee edged out Barnum's Max Moor with a time of 55.43 seconds to Moor's 56.21 seconds. Nettifee would also take second in the discus throw with a score of 126-07'.

J a m e s Schwinghammer took second in the 1,600-meter run, while Raif Olson placing third in the 300-meter hurdles. Olson took fourth in the 110-meter hurdles, while Jasiah Wigdahl took second in shot put with a score of 43-02'.

Isaac Gawboy took home the bronze for the 100-meter dash, with a time of 11.96 seconds.

As a team, the Timberwolves finished third in the 4x100-meter relay with a time of 48.3 seconds. They placed fourth in the 4x400-meter relay.

For the girls, Zoe Devine and Lauren Olson each claimed fourth-place finishes. Devine claimed her top finish in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:39.27, while Olson did so in the 300-meter hurdles with a time of 55.17 seconds.

As a team, the girls took fourth in the 4x800-meter relay along with two fifth-place finishes in the 4x200 and 4x100 meter relays respectively.

The team returns to Two Harbors next Tuesday. A time for the meet has not been posted as of press time.

Wolves open with back-to-back wins

ELY—Trevor Mattson scattered just four hits and struck out nine to help lead the Timberwolves to a 3-1 win over Two Harbors in high school baseball action here this past Saturday. The Agates drew first blood, with a run in the top of the fourth inning. But the Wolves quickly responded with hits from Tyler Housey, Nils DeRemee, and Trevor Mattson to take a 2-1 lead.

The Wolves added an insurance run in the bottom of the sixth on a DeRemee

RBI to finish up scoring in the game. Housey paced the Wolves with three hits.

In their season opener last Thursday, Ely's Dalton Schreffler struck out ten and allowed just two hits as he led the Wolves to a 10-0 win over Littlefork-Big Falls in six innings. Bryce Longwell and Trevor Mattson each notched two hits as Ely scored six runs in the first four innings before exploding for four more in the sixth to ten-run the Vikings.

Bois Forte brings awareness to sexual assault and human trafficking

AWARENESS

by Marcus WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

NETT LAKE — April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month and residents here are taking advantage of the national attention on the subject to raise awareness in the local community of victims of sexual assault, domestic violence and human trafficking.

"Awareness comes with action," Bois Forte Victim Services Coordinator Whitney Humphrey said. "People need to know what to look for. The most important job we have is supporting people."

In conjunction with tribal radio station, KBFT, both Humphrey and Bois Forte Family Services Coordinator Panda Whiteman have run a call-in contest where the public can answer questions on the radio station for a chance to win a specially-designed hooded sweatshirt that brings attention to the campaign.

The sweatshirt has a red ribbon, the symbol for domestic violence and sexual assault, centered over Bois Forte's location on a map of Minnesota.

Human trafficking, especially on Indian reservations, has come to the forefront in recent years, as community activists in Duluth and the surrounding areas have drawn



Whitney Humphrey and Panda Whiteman hold the hoodie being used for the campaign. photo by M. White

attention to the plight of missing and murdered indigenous women.

While Whiteman said she wasn't aware of any cases connected to Bois Forte, she said bringing the warning signs into public view were essential to prevention.

The tribe's Victims Service Office is circulating pamphlets by California-based Journeyworks Publishing and making presentations at area schools, showing the warning signs that someone might be a victim of abuse. Such signs include a reluctance to talk about themselves, not being in control of their identification or money, being unable to speak for

themselves, or fears that they are being watched.

The pamphlets note that there is no stereotype for who is trafficked or actually committing the crime of trafficking.

While trafficking has been the major focus of this year's month-long campaign, Whiteman and Humphrey said they also take this time to double-down on their efforts to reach out to teenagers in the community to educate them on healthy relationships as well as what to do if they are sexually assaulted or become a victim of domestic violence.

As part of their radio campaign, Whiteman and Humphrey said there are

a few simple steps anyone can take to help prevent sexual assault, such as walking in pairs at night, always telling someone where you are going, locking car and house doors, and trusting your instincts on when it's time to leave a situation.

For more information on services available through Bois Forte, or for help involving any of the issues in this story, advocates with the tribe can be reached at 218-248-0067 or 218-757-3295. Outside the tribe, the statewide Safe Harbor hotline can be reached at 1-866-223-1111 or texted at 612-399-9995. In an emergency, call 911.

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had people here in Ely from Colorado to train on how to deliver that (education) in their home state," he said. Programs in the Denver, Pueblo, Aspen and Vail areas will begin this fall.

Another highlight from last year was the "Moose of the Bold North" exhibit, that featured photography from local wildlife photographer Heidi Pinkerton. "Working with local biologists, many educational panels were developed, and an impressive moose mount allowed our visitors to get up close and personal to this majestic animal," Schultz said. The moose exhibit will continue into 2019.

Education webinars reached viewers on four continents and continue to grow in popularity, he added. Students in Nigeria and Vietnam are able to experience our educational efforts on wolves."

Over the winter, the wolf center assisted in the translocation of wolves to Isle Royale through a \$20,000 contribution to the efforts of the National Park Service to maintain the unique wolf-moose habitat, according to Schultz. "We also raised an additional \$35,000 through fundraising efforts. We will stay involved in this program and support that continuing work in this program."

The wolf center also experienced a few challenges last year. "Attracting seasonal employees continues to be a major struggle for our facility," he said. "I know a lot of business owners in town are also feeling that pinch as well. While we have attracted many excellent full-time employees, our retail staff is only at



Wolf pups at the Wolf Center back in 2016. More pups are expected to arrive later this year. file photo

about half-strength."

At the risk of sounding like a broken record, Schultz reminded city council members of the importance of improving local Internet service to aid not only the wolf center, but the entire community in improving the economic development for the region. "We had some serious outage issues over the winter, and are working with Frontier Communications to have fiber optic cable installed this spring. More and more people are viewing our webcams and we continue to require that strong service for them."

The long-standing "Wolves and Humans" exhibit, a long-time staple of the wolf center, is being replaced this spring with a new "Discover Wolves" exhibit. "We hope to have the exhibit in place in about 30 days," Schultz said. "The \$1.4 million project is a significant investment, and the city council helped lay the groundwork for that by helping us to get a \$1 million grant from the Legislature."

Schultz said he hopes the new exhibit will help attract more people to the Ely area. "We want to tell the next chapter in the story of wolf recovery in the Arrowhead region," he said. "It has a very local

feel, such as an airplane simulator to experience wolf tracking from the air, just like it is done in this area."

In addition to telling people about the biology of wolves, the exhibit will capture the imagination of visitors through a new 'howling room' where visitors can listen to wolves calling in the distance while watching northern lights dance across the ceiling.

Schultz anticipates the new exhibit will be completed by May 11-12, with a grand opening set for June 28. Schultz noted the importance of the growth in visitors when new wolf pups are introduced at the wolf center. "We are working very hard to drive that growth this year as well with our new exhibit. We are doubling down on advertising investment. A new billboard just went up by Lake Vermilion, as well as in other corridors leading to Ely."

The wolf center is also hoping to encourage more visits by extending the validity of every purchased admission to three consecutive days. "We want our visitors to come back and experience all of our wolf center, but just as important, we want visitors to stay longer in our community," Schultz said.

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Senior Bingo in Tower on Monday, May 6

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, May 6 at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center in Tower 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. Bingo may be cancelled in case of inclement weather (and if the Tower-Soudan School is closed). Call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950 with any questions.

Operation Round Up® gives \$53,000 to community programs

REGIONAL- Through the contributions of Lake Country Power's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently approved \$53,000 in assistance to local community programs during its quarterly meeting.

The cooperative's Trust Board reviewed and considered 53 grant applications and distributed funds to 51 projects and programs this past quarter. Since the program's inception in October 2004, more than \$2.2 million has been distributed to community-based projects and programs.

All funds generated through Operation Round Up® are set aside in a trust fund. A volun-

tary Trust Board of nine co-op members administers the Trust. Of the funds collected through the program, 100 percent is distributed to charitable organizations through an application and selection process. The trust board uses special guidelines and policies when choosing recipients.

Most recent recipients in our area include: Laurentian Environmental Center - Youth Eco Solutions; Vermilion Community College TRIO student support; Northstar Foundation arts camp; North Country RIDE; St. Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad; Sisu Heritage security system; Ely Area Concert Series; Story Portage in Ely; Advocates Against Domestic Abuse; ElderCircle Bone Builder; ElderCircle Groceries to Go; North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity; and Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability.

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Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board meets May 10

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board will meet on Friday, May 10 at 8:30 a.m. at Good Ol' Days. Please send or drop off written requests to Linda Keith, c/o Tower City Hall, PO Box 576, Tower, MN 55790 prior to the meeting.

Learn about Biomimicry at Mesabi UU, April 28

VIRGINIA- Sue Okerstrom will speak on Biomimicry at Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, April 28 at 10:30 a.m. Biomimicry is learning from and then emulating nature's forms, processes, and ecosystems to create more sustainable designs. The word biomimicry is derived from "bio" meaning life and "mimicry" which means to emulate. This shift from learning about nature to learning from nature requires a new method of investigation, a different perspective, and an unaccustomed level of humility. The group

will explore the elements of biomimicry and examples of its users, from Leonardo da Vinci to the present day. Okerstrom is a research scientist. The church is located at 230 7th St. S in Virginia. The building is handicap accessible.

Mother's Day Brunch at Camp Vermilion, May 12

COOK- Camp Vermilion will be hosting a Mother's Day Brunch on Sunday, May 12 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Voyageur Lodge Dining Room, 2555 Vermilion Camp Rd. in Cook. Cost is \$15 for adults, \$7 for ages 4-11 and children 3 and under are free. RSVPs are helpful but not required, call 218-666-5465 or email vlm@vlmccamps.org.

Genealogy 101 retreat at Camp Vermilion, May 3-5

COOK- Gather around the table and explore your past, Friday - Sunday, May 3-5 at Camp Vermilion in Cook. Participants may choose from a two-night retreat or a one-day retreat. The two-night retreat costs \$165 per person and includes instruction, four meals, lodging, and time to work on your family tree. The day retreat costs \$60 per person and lasts from 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, May 4. It includes instruction and two meals.

The retreat will be guided and hosted by Cathi Weber and camp staff. Camp Vermilion is located at 2555 Vermilion Camp Rd. in Cook. For more information or to register, go to vlmccamps.org or email vlm@vlmccamps.org.

Vermilion Dream Quilters to meet May 2

TOWER- Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Catholic Church Social Hall in Tower. The program is Four-by-Four; four members: Cindy Bird, JoAnn Anderson, Catherine Farley, and Noreen Saukko will each share four of their favorite quilts or projects and tell us a little about them.

Nancy A. will present Brown Bag Challenge 2. Please bring your Show and Tell, especially your projects from our April retreat.

May hostesses are Cathy Burt, Karen Lamppa and Bonnie Harma.

Vermilion Dream Quilters is a guild with members from throughout the Iron Range and Arrowhead Region and is open to anyone interested in quilting and creative sewing. Members encourage and instruct each other and share tips. Guests and visitors are welcome. For more information, please contact Corrine Hill in Tower at 218-753-4600.

Obituaries and Death Notices

**Dorothy M. Popesh**

Dorothy M. Deyak Popesh, 93, a lifelong resident of Ely, passed away on Friday, April 19, 2019, at Carefree Assisted Living in Ely, surrounded by her family and Carefree "family" staff. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, April 24 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely with Father Seth Gogolin as celebrant. Interment was in the Ely Cemetery. Arrangements were with Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

Dorothy was born on Feb. 10, 1926, to Frank and Angela Deyak, and attended Ely Schools. She was united in marriage to Anthony J. Popesh; they were married for 52 years until his passing in 2000. Dorothy was a homemaker and a very loving, caring, fun-loving mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and great-great-grandmother. Faith and family were always an important part of Dorothy's entire life, but she also thoroughly enjoyed the time she spent working as a Senior Hospitality Hostess at Ely's then-Holiday SunSpree Resort (now Grand Ely Lodge). She was Ely's best-known ambassador and thoroughly enjoyed her job and the many people she worked with and met there through the years. And we cannot forget her love of polka music; she earned the nickname "Polka Dot" in her younger years. She was 100-percent Slovenian and very proud of her heritage. Dorothy was a lifelong

member of St. Anthony's Church in Ely.

She is survived by her daughters, Patricia (Larry) Wellvang of Ely and DeDe Ruhnke of Esko; sons, Anthony Popesh of Eveleth and Michael Popesh of Ely; 10 grandchildren, Michael, Mark, Ron, Jill, Shana, Angel, Carla, Kevin, Stefanie and Michael IV; eight great-grandchildren, Jonathon, Ashley, Christian, Isaiah, Myles, Ayden, Brooklee and Axel; two great-great grandchildren, Anthony and Mavis; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Angela Deyak; brothers, Johnny Deyak as an infant and Frank Deyak Jr.; and sisters, Mary Babnick, Angela Akins, Frances Zavodnik and Ann Stupnik.

**Julia C. Wilde "Ba ba ma shik"**

Julia Clara Boney Wilde "Ba ba ma shik" ("Ga zhi chi gooke") passed from this earth on Sunday, April 21, 2019. She was a member of the Midewiwin (Grand Medicine Society), with the Eagle representative for her clan, and had traditional burial rites. The Traditional Wake was held on Wednesday, April 24 at the Nett Lake Tribal Government and Services Center. The Traditional Service was held on Thursday, April 25 at the Government and Services Center. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Julia was born on

July 26, 1944, in Nett Lake, to Nancy and James Boney Sr., and graduated from Nett Lake High School. She went on to graduate from Haskell Indian Nations University with an Associate Degree in Business and was crowned Homecoming Queen. After graduating she moved to Washington, D.C., where she worked for Indian Health Services and met St. Elmo Wilde (Pawnee, Oklahoma) and they were wed. They eventually settled in Oklahoma City to raise a family. She worked 15 years for Kerr-McGee Corporation, then for the Department of Housing and Urban Development until retiring after surviving the April 19, 1995, Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building bombing. After retirement, she spent a great deal of time traveling between Minnesota, Kansas and Oklahoma, enjoying time with her family and friends. She loved going to concerts, bowling, bingo, powwows, watching her cooking shows, and beating everyone in card and board games.

She is survived by her aunt, Jenny Woodenfrog of Nett Lake; brother, James Boney Jr. of Egan; sisters, Irene Boney of Roseville and Mary Ann Boney of Lawrence, Kansas; children, James Wilde of Oklahoma City, Okla., Danelle Johnson of Moore, Okla., and Robin Wilde-Stafford of Lawrence, Kansas; nephews, Pete Boney, Vernon Dean Boney, Matthew Boney, Jeffrey Boney, Jason Boney, Anthony Juliano, John Juliano, Kyle Juliano and Preston Juliano; nieces, Faye Hernandez, Nancy Ann Boney, Judith Louise Boney, Jodi Lynn Kleinbrook, Melissa Boney, Sarah Edwards and Amanda Nitsche; grandchildren, Bryson Stafford, Jordan Johnson, McKenna Ahhaity-Cline, Christian Wilde, Hunter Wilde, Braydon Wilde, Brennan Wilde, Brendan Wilde, Makayla Marks

and Hokshena Marks Jr.; and great-grandchildren, Journee Ann Edwards, Jynsen Phillip Edwards, Katherine Keezheekoni Cline and Toben Archer Coots.

She was preceded in death by mother and father, Nancy Woodenfrog Boney and James Boney Sr.; uncles, William Woodenfrog and John Woodenfrog; aunt, Mary Woodenfrog Strong; and brothers, Peter Boney, Arnold Boney, Kenneth Boney and John Boney.

Edward C. Marsolek Sr.

Edward C. Marsolek Sr., 79, of Ely, died on Friday, April 19, 2019, at Essentia St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth following a courageous battle after a sudden medical event. Services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 26 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely with visitation one hour before the service. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by his children, Ed Jr. (Laura) of Ely, William (Stacie) of Hermantown, Liz (Dave) Marttila of Minneapolis and Amy (Broc) Ebli of Shakopee; grandchildren, Ed Marsolek III, Allie and Jake Marttila, Caitlyn and Sara Ebli; great-grandson, Rorik Marsolek; sister, Maxine Cuta; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

Marguerite E. Lore

Marguerite Edith Whitmore Lore, 80, of Pike Township, passed away peacefully in her home on Monday, April 22, 2019. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, April 26 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church with Reverend Donald Stauty officiating. Visitation will be from 5-7 p.m. on Thursday at the church and will continue one hour prior to the service on Friday. Interment will

be in the Sandy Township Cemetery. Arrangements are by Ziemer-Moeglein-Shatava Funeral Home of Gilbert.

She is survived by her husband, Bob; daughters, Leslie (Roy) Webb, Lea (Nathan) Alholinna, Michelle Lore and Kimberly (Charles) Pettinelli; grandchildren, Robert Lore, Ashley (Donnie) Lehtola, Alexis, Zach, Nick, Adam and Daniel Alholinna, Benjamin and Brady Pettinelli; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Kurt D. Goodwin

Kurt Douglas Goodwin, 74, formerly of Embarrass, passed away on Wednesday, April 17, 2019, at the Northern Pines Nursing Home in Aurora. A gathering of friends will be held from 12 noon until the 1 p.m. service on Saturday, April 27 at the Palo Congregational Church in Aurora with Pastor Mike Wefel officiating. Military honors will be accorded. The family would like to thank the Palo Congregational Church for the use of their facility and the Gibson family for all their help in coordinating many services and details.

He is survived by his wife, Peggy; daughter, Lisa Goodwin-Toller of Chaska (Gary Gibson of Roanoke, Va.); son, Sean Goodwin (Tammy Kinnerson) of Painesville, Ohio; sister, Karen (Tony Martinson); grandchildren, Austin and Morgan Toller of the Twin Cities; and nieces and nephews.

William G. Campbell

William G. "Bill" Campbell, 84, of Ely, co-founder of the national law firm, Kutak Rock, died on Saturday, April 13, 2019. A celebration of Bill's life will be held on Saturday, May 11 in Minneapolis. Please call

682-990-3826 for details. In memory of Bill and his love for the outdoors, the family welcomes donations to Ducks Unlimited. The family wishes to thank the hospice team, the staff at the Boundary Waters Care Center, and his friend Bob Baier and family.

He is survived by his daughters, Anne Campbell-Taylor and son-in-law Frank Taylor of Minneapolis, Elizabeth Campbell of Fort Worth, Texas, and Amy Campbell-Brady of Washington, D.C.; grandchildren, Grace and Joshua Taylor, Matthew and Kate Brady; sister, Marcelle Wiggins of Sacramento, Calif.; and wife, Deb. He is remembered fondly by Jancy Campbell of Boulder, Colo., and Angela Campbell of Ely and her children, Greg and Stephanie.

Charles E. Maki

Charles Everett Maki, 91, of Woodbury, originally of Virginia, passed away peacefully surrounded by family at Saint Therese of Woodbury on Thursday, April 11, 2019. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, April 27 at King of Kings Lutheran Church in Woodbury. After gathering at noon, the service will begin at 1 p.m. with lunch to follow. Arrangements are by Wulff Woodbury Funeral Home, 651-738-9615.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 69 years, Bertha Norha Maki; sons, Peter (Winifred), Paul (Susan), Robert (Susan) and Karl (Kristin); daughter, Beth (Rock) Crawford; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. Chuck will be remembered as a man of uncommon intelligence and graciousness, who could seemingly accomplish anything he applied himself to.



Outdoors

Our lives in the Northwoods

PREDATOR AND PREY

Deer feeding attracts predators

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

LAKEVERMILION—Feeding deer on Lake Vermilion has an upside, at least for the timber wolves. Isle of Pines resident Lee Peterson reports that wolves have killed at least five whitetails on the island this winter, including two deer that the wolves took down right in his own yard.

The deer have been easy prey for the wolves as a result of deer feeding by residents on the island (Peterson is not among those feeding deer).

Feeding tends to prompt deer to move along established routes at regular times during the day, making them easy pickings for wolves. Peterson reports that virtually every dead deer he's seen on the island this winter had fresh corn in their belly.

While folks who feed deer may believe it benefits the deer, as the situation on Isle of Pines suggests, the real story is more complex.

While the wolf predation certainly trimmed the Isle of Pines deer herd this winter, it's a boon for what Peterson dubbed "the cleanup crew." That includes everything from pine

Right: An adult bald eagle looks up from feeding on a wolf-killed deer carcass on the shore of Isle of Pines on Lake Vermilion. Wolves have killed at least five deer on the small island this winter.

photo by L. Peterson

martens and mink, to ravens, to bald eagles. The carcasses have also been attracting the first-arriving turkey vultures, who have reappeared in the area along with the milder temperatures.



RITE OF SPRING

Hatchery operations underway

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

Huge run of suckers this year providing plenty for local sale

PIKE RIVER HATCHERY—A bumper run of white suckers has been the big story so far in 2019 as Department of Natural Resources fisheries staff ramped up operations here for another season of walleye egg harvest.

This year's sucker run is already more than ten times bigger than experienced last year at the hatchery, which is located at the confluence of the Pike River and Lake Vermilion's Pike Bay. DNR fisheries staff estimated the sucker harvest at about 6,000 pounds just this past weekend, with an additional 1,800 pounds of suckers caught in the hatchery's nets as of Monday morning.

Last year, the DNR caught only about 650 pounds of suckers the entire season, although a very late start to the season last year may have contributed to the light harvest.

The suckers, like the walleye, swim up the Pike River in the spring in order to spawn and so are easily captured in the nets that DNR staff deploy to capture breeding walleye. The Vermilion Lake Association conducts an annual sale of the suckers, which local residents typically purchase for canning.

The sucker run had diminished significantly as of mid-week, but plenty of suckers still remain for purchase since

Above: Tower Area Fisheries Manager Edie Everts holds one of many dozens of big female walleye that have entered the Pike River to spawn. The DNR takes advantage of this annual spawning run to gather and propagate millions of walleye eggs for stocking efforts in the region.

Right: Members of the Vermilion Lake Association dump suckers into waiting tubs for sale to area residents. Go to vermilionsuckersale.com to find out how long the sale will last. Suckers cost \$10 for 100 pounds.

photos by M. Helmlinger

supply seems to have outstripped demand this year.

While the sucker run appeared to be waning, the walleye activity was ramping up quickly as of Wednesday, according to Hatchery Manager Jeff Eibler, who oversees this annual rite of spring. The fisheries staff keep the captured walleye in large underwater pens until they're ready to harvest for either eggs or their fertilizing milt.

Eibler said the fisheries crew started their egg harvest on Monday, and had gathered about 180 quarts as of Wednesday.

"Right now, I'm shooting



for about 600 quarts this season," said Eibler. About half of those eggs will be stored and hatched at Pike River, while most of the remaining eggs are currently destined for the DNR's St. Paul hatchery, where they'll be hatched and raised to fingerling size for later stocking, mostly in northern Minnesota. "We try to keep these fish in the Hudson Bay drainage," noted Eibler.

With the water temperature in the river now up to 47 degrees, Eibler was expecting the peak of the walleye run within a day or two. If so, the fisheries staff could well wind up their operations sometime this weekend.

DNR fisheries staff aren't the only ones taking advantage of the springtime fish run. Cormorants and bald eagles are also clustering at the mouth of the river, taking advantage of the relatively easy pickings.

Outdoors briefly

Spring fire restrictions coming soon

REGIONAL — Warmer temperatures and the disappearance of most snowcover is increasing the risk of wildfires in the North Country, which means area residents should complete their outside burning projects as soon as possible.

Fire restrictions are already in effect in much of east-central Minnesota and those restrictions are likely to be imposed in most of northern Minnesota by next weekend, if not sooner.

That means state fire wardens will not issue burning permits for brush or yard waste until restrictions are lifted.

"Escaped debris burns are the number one cause of wildfires, so that's why we issue these restrictions," said Casey McCoy, DNR fire prevention supervisor. "They really work—we've reduced wildfires by nearly a third since we started spring burning restrictions in 2001."

McCoy encourages residents to use alternatives to burning, such as composting, chipping, or taking brush to a collection site. People who burn debris will be held financially responsible if their fire escapes and burns other property.

Conservation officer dies in the line of duty

REGIONAL — A Minnesota DNR conservation officer has died in the line of duty following an incident Friday, April 19, on Cross Lake in Pine City.

Officer Eugene Wynn, who patrolled the Pine City station, and a deputy with the Pine County Sheriff's Office were responding to a report of a possible body in the water. The two officers launched Wynn's boat and motored away from shore.

Within a minute, both were thrown from the boat into the water. Rescuers were able to rescue the deputy, who was treated and released from the hospital, but Wynn slipped beneath the water before rescuers could get to him. Wynn's body was recovered at 1:35 a.m. on April 20. An autopsy will be conducted.

Wynn is the 22nd Minnesota conservation officer to die in the line of duty. He had been a conservation officer since 2001. Wynn is survived by his wife and two children.



Be bear aware this spring

REGIONAL—The Department of Natural Resources is reminding homeowners to be aware of bears this spring and check their property for food sources that could attract bears.

“Bears are roaming around now with the loss of snow and warmer weather, so interactions with people have started in many areas of Minnesota,” said Eric Nelson, wildlife damage program supervisor for the DNR.

As bears emerge from hibernation, their metabolism gradually ramps up and they will begin looking for food at a time when berries and green vegetation can be scarce. Remove attractants such as bird seed, garbage, livestock feed, or compost to reduce potential conflict. Attracting bears to yards can lead to property damage and presents dangers to bears.

Black bears are the only bear species that live in the wild in Minnesota. They usually are shy and flee when encountered. Never approach or try to pet a bear. Injury to people is rare, but bears are potentially dangerous because of their size, strength and speed.

The DNR does not

relocate problem bears. Relocated bears seldom remain where they are released. They may return to where they were caught or become a problem somewhere else.

The DNR offers some tips for avoiding bear conflicts:

Around the yard

► Do not feed birds from April 1 to Nov. 15. Anytime you feed birds, you risk attracting bears. If choose to feed birds anyway, hang birdfeeders 10 feet up and 4 feet out from the nearest trees. Use a rope and pulley system to refill birdfeeders, and clean up spilled seeds.

► Do not put out feed for wildlife (like corn, oats, pellets or molasses blocks).

► Limit compost piles to grass, leaves and garden clippings, and turn piles regularly. Do not add food scraps.

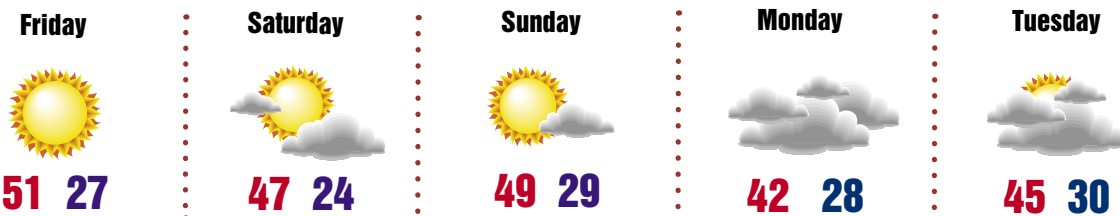
► Store pet food inside and feed pets inside. If pets must be fed outdoors, feed them only as much as they will eat.

Garbage

► Store garbage in bear-resistant garbage cans or dumpsters. Rubber or plastic garbage cans are not bear-proof.

► Keep garbage inside a secure building until the morning of pickup.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST from NOAA weather



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A pair of mallards was taking advantage of areas of open water on Robinson Lake, between Tower and Ely, on Wednesday morning. Some of the area's smaller and shallower lakes were starting to open as of midweek, while larger lakes still remain locked in ice. Right now, ice-out appears to be progressing at a pace close to average, which would have most area lakes ice-free as of May 1. Check next week's edition for much more ice-out information. K. Vandervort

Outdoors in brief

DNR: Keep drones away from fire scenes

REGIONAL—Flying a drone can be a lot of fun—but it can be downright dangerous during a wildfire, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

“Most people wouldn’t dream of driving their car in front of a fire engine that’s responding to a fire,” said Casey McCoy, the DNR’s fire prevention supervisor. “Flying your drone during a wildfire is just as reckless: we have to ground our planes until the drone gets out of the way, and that slows down our

ability to fight the fire.”

This happened last year during a wildfire in Little Falls: DNR pilots had to land firefighting helicopters because a drone was buzzing overhead. According to McCoy, “interfering with fire operations in this way is dangerous for our aircraft, firefighters on the ground, and the general public.”

The reason drones pose such a problem is because they fly at roughly the same altitude as wildfire suppression aircraft. Even a small drone can cause a fire-fighting helicopter to crash if the drone makes contact with the aircraft.

Flying a drone over a wildfire isn’t just dangerous, it’s illegal: Federal law prohibits interfering with firefighting operations, and that includes flying a drone over a wildfire.

To protect firefighting aircraft, temporary flight restrictions may extend over a 5-mile radius of a wildfire. Even if temporary flight restrictions are not in place, people will be penalized if their drone is caught near a wildfire.

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The Greenwood Township board is accepting sealed quotes for the lawn mowing at the Town Hall for the 2019 season.

The contractor must provide a certificate of insurance as to general liability insurance coverage.

Sealed quotes are to be sent or delivered by June 10, 2019 to Sue Drobac, Greenwood Township Clerk at 3000 Hwy 77, Tower MN 55790.

The township reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, to waive any irregularities and to accept any quote deemed most advantageous to the Township.

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VERMILION LAKE TOWNSHIP Important Information Regarding Property Assessments This may affect your 2020 property taxes.

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Vermilion Lake Township will meet on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. at Vermilion Lake Town Hall, 6703 Wahlsten Rd.

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

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

Generally, you must appear before the local board before appealing to the County Board of Appeal and Equalization.

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

Crystal Alaspa, Town Clerk Vermilion Lake Township

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Casey Velcheff, Deputy Clerk

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LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL and EQUALIZATION for EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP

St. Louis County, Minnesota will meet at the Eagles Nest Town Hall on Saturday, May 4, 2019 from 10 a.m. - 11 noon.

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

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

Deb Siverhus, Clerk, Eagles Nest Township

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by Linda Thistle

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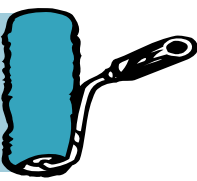
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