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STATE OF THE BAND

## **Chavers lays out priorities for Bois Forte**

Focus on land, drug epidemic, workforce development

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

VERMILION RES-ERVATION- Bois Forte Tribal Chairwoman Cathy Chavers laid out land acquisition, workforce development, and addressing the impacts of the opioid epidemic as among her top priorities

for the coming years in her State of Band address last Thursday evening at Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

While the Nett Lake and Lake Vermilion reservations are sizable on paper, Chavers noted that the tribe does not own thousands of acres within the borders of its reservations. "Within the Cathy Chavers, the Bois Forte Tribal Chairwoman, delivered her annual State of the Band address last week at Fortune Bay. photo by M. Helmberger

reservation boundaries it's a checkerboard," she said. "We don't own a lot of the land within the boundaries." She said the current tribal council hopes to change that, with a goal of eventually owning all

of the land within the borders of the reservation.

One of the biggest landowners within the reservation is Minnesota Chippewa

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#### IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION

## Lawmakers push for changes in state hiring

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The April 19 Timberjay investigation into questionable hiring practices at the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation now appears likely to lead to a change in state law. Rep. Rob Ecklund, DFL-International Falls, and Rep. Sandy Layman, R-Grand Rapids, added complementary amendments as part of ongoing work on the House State Government Finance Omnibus bill.

Ecklund's initial amendment requires a commissioner of any state department or agency to ensure that all hiring for managerial positions is done through a fair and open process, where all qualified candidates are given full consideration. It also states that job requirements

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Sandy Layman



**Rob Ecklund** 



## **Gov. Walz reprimands IRRR's Phillips over hiring**

Radinovich resigns after media furor

by Marshall Helmberger & MARCUS WHITE Timberjay Editors

REGIONAL-Gov. Tim Walz has issued a letter of reprimand to Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Commissioner Mark Phillips in the wake of a hiring decision that prompted statewide

media coverage. The Timberjay broke the story of the agency's hiring of the DFL's unsuccessful Eighth Congressional District



**Mark Phillips** 

nominee, Joe Radinovich, in its April 19 edition. The story raised serious questions about the fairness of the hiring

Radinovich announced on Thursday, April 25, that he was stepping down from the posi-

Gov. Walz issued his letter of reprimand to Phillips the same day, telling the commissioner that his handling of the hiring

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#### **ELY SCHOOLS**

## School board considers collaboration

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY - As school board members here consider facilities renovations that could cost as much as \$17 million, the ISD 696 school board, on Monday, discussed one possible source of funding to help pay for the improvements— the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation.

Gary Cerkvenik, a lobbyist for the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS) who also works with the IRRR's multi-school Iron Range School Collaboration project, outlined how the district might tap some of the limited funding still available to help school districts pursue facilities projects. Cerkvenik was joined by lobbyist Jeff Anderson, who works with Cerkvenik, as well as St. Louis County Commissioner Paul MacDonald.

Access to the IRRR funding stream requires that school districts engage in some kind of collaboration. Board chair Ray Marsnik said the district could seek a cooperative arrangement with the nearby St. Louis County School District, which operates schools in Babbitt and Tower.

Cerkvenik conceded that the IRRR collaborative fund account is quickly drying up because of ongoing collabo-

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LAKE VERMILION

## Under new management

The Landing, Moosebirds open with a new vision

by MARCUS WHITE Cook/Orr Editor

COOK— Every owner has a vision for their restaurant. Matt and Mark Litherland and Sahand Elmtalab know where they want to take The Landing, which reopened for the season this week under their new

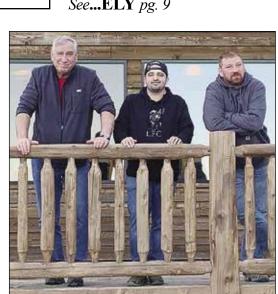
The new owners of the Landing, on Lake Vermilion, are, from left, Mark Litherland, Sahand Elmtalab and Matt Litherland. submitted photo

ownership and management.

"People want to come out and have a beer and a burger and be able to look at a great view," Matt Litherland said. "It's about having fun and being able to enjoy life. I'm really excited."

The family bought the Lake Vermilion restaurant earlier this year after the previous owners put it up

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## GOMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTIGES

#### **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.

#### Ely VA Clinic open house on Thursday, May 16

ELY- On Thursday, May 16 the VA Clinic in Ely will hold an open house from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the clinic. At 11:30 a.m. the clinic will connect with the Minneapolis VA via remote telecommunications equipment. Veterans can pose questions to the Minneapolis VA Medical Center director. Refreshments will be served. The event is open to veterans and family members. The Ely VA Clinic is located at 720 E Miners Dr. For more information, contact Public Affairs Officer Ralph Heussner at ralph.heussner@va.gov.

## **Ruby's Pantry distribution in Cook,**

COOK- Ruby's Pantry will be distributing food in Cook on Thursday, May 9 from 4:30 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the old Cook School. Registration begins at 3 p.m. with a \$20 cash donation at the door. Volunteers are asked to please arrive at 3 p.m. Please bring your own containers. Ruby's Pantry is now offering online registration at rubyspantry.com starting Friday, May 10 for the June distribution, \$21 donation at sign-up. Ruby's Pantry is sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Alango. For more information, contact Amy Viita at 218-666-2220.

#### Pig roast fundraiser for Lake **Vermilion Fire Brigade, May 25**

COOK- A pig roast, raffle, and silent auction will be held Memorial Day weekend on Saturday, May 25 from 4-7 p.m. at the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade Hall, 8025 Oak Narrows Rd. The pig roast will be a squealin' good time for all ages. Adult dinner costs \$20, kids age 10 and under cost \$5. Soft drinks, wine, and beer will be for sale, and to-go meals are available. The LVFB is volunteer operated and community funded. Support and donations from the community ensure continued services. Raffle drawing and silent auction winners will be decided at 6 p.m. See raffle and auction items online at www.lakevermilionfirebrigade.com/memorial-weekend-pig-roast.

#### **VERMILION CLUB** & POOR GARY'S PIZZA Mother's Day Specials Sunday, May 12 • Surf & Turf: 12 oz New York Strip with 6 oz Lobster Tail • \$32.95 Shrimp Boil • \$18.95 Both include soup or salad, popover & dessert Mother's

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#### **ELY MARATHON**



## Train for the Ely Half Marathon or 5K races in **September; registration event set for May 8**

ELY-Come train with one of the largest and most successful running and walking programs in the world. USA FIT is kicking off its official 2019 training program in Ely on Saturday, May 11 at 8 a.m. for anyone training for the Ely Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon or anyone just wanting to get fit. Training for the Northern Lights 5K Glow Run starts a little later in the summer, on Saturday, July 13.

As part of the USA FIT Ely training program, members will meet Saturday mornings for coach-led pace group runs fully supported with water and sports drinks. Running and walking-related seminars are also held on Saturday mornings covering hydration, injury prevention, running form, stretching and other topics.

"We are excited to bring USA

FIT's proven training program back to Ely as people gear up for the Ely Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon and the Northern Lights 5K Glow Run in September," said Michelle Moore, USA FIT Ely co-organizer. "Proper training is essential for avoiding injury and safely completing long-distance races. This is a tremendous program for runners and walkers of all abilities and a great way to meet new friends."

Members are provided weekly and full training schedules to follow during the week. Additionally, members receive a weekly newsletter, a technical t-shirt, access to knowledgeable and experienced coaches, and camaraderie with fellow members.

"Whether you're a walker or runner, beginner or advanced, we can help you achieve your race goal in a non-intimidating, fun and friendly environment," said Moore.

A kick-off, registration and information session will be held at Heavy Metal Sports, 27 E Chapman St. on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. Please attend if you have any interest in this fun group program. Registration is \$120 for half marathon training and \$100 for the 5K training program with significant discounts for returning members. USA FIT Ely members will also receive \$20 off registration for the Ely Half Marathon. To register online, visit www.usafitely.com, register at the kick off, or onsite during training through Saturday, June 1 for the half marathon or July 20 for the 5K training.

#### HOSPICE FUNDRAISER

## Virgie Hegg membership campaign kick-off event, May 16 at Comet

Membership Campaign is one of two fundraisers of the year for Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners, Inc. In 2018, the campaign raised over \$3,100 in memberships and memorial donations.

Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners again invite you to renew your membership this year and ask you to invite a friend to become a member. Your membership is not only important to VHHP, but also very important to the patients and families who we are able to help and support through your generosity.

With your membership you are entitled to a copy of our annual spring and fall newsletters, an invitation

REGIONAL- The annual to our annual meeting held in June, and a copy of our Annual Report. All membership contributions are tax deductible.

> patient medical supplies and equipment, bereavement and grief support, patient support in the form of massages, family visits, or last wishes.

There will be a Membership Campaign Kickoff Movie Event on Thursday, May 16 at the Comet Theater featuring the movie "A Star is Born." Hors d'oeuvres and wine will be served beginning at 6 p.m. with the movie to follow at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased from a board member or by calling Ivette at 218-290-6177.

You can find a renewal form on the website or renew at the Membership Campaign Kickoff Event. Feel free to encourage a Your contribution may cover friend or family member who may have been touched by hospice to pay it forward through a membership. VHHP thanks its members for their dedication and support not only of this organization, but also of hospice care as a whole.

For more information about the Membership Campaign Kickoff Movie Event, or VHHP in general, contact Program Director Becca Bundy at 218-780-5423 or Chairperson Ivette Reing at 218-290-6177.







## **Council seeking application for vacant seats**

Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- The city council, here, is seeking applications to fill two vacant positions following the resignation of Councilors Kevin Fitton and Brooke Anderson late last month. At Monday's meeting, the council accepted Fitton's resignation, but did not immediately act on Anderson's decision after Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith claimed that Anderson had agreed to postpone the effective date of her resignation until May 9.

Neither Fitton nor Anderson was present at Monday's meeting. Anderson had sent her letter of resignation to city hall and members of the council on April 17, citing health reasons for her decision to leave the council. Her letter stated that her resignation was effective immediately.

Keith had asked Anderson to remain in her position until the Hoodoo Point Campground managers advocate for more upgrades

city's board of appeal and equalization, set for 6 p.m. on May 7, so Anderson can participate in that process. Anderson and Fitton had both undergone the required training for that meeting and it is too late for the three new members of the council to undergo the online training prior to the meeting. Without at least one trained council representative, the city could lose the right to hold a local appeal and equalization meeting next year.

The council passed a resolution declaring one vacancy, but is seeking at least two applicants, noting the second vacancy can be acted on at the next council meeting on May 13. The council did ask the clerk to send a letter to Fitton, thanking him for his time and effort on the council.

Anyone interested in being appointed to fill out the remainder of the terms for either of the vacant seats, both ending

in December 2020, needs to fill out an application, which is available at Tower City Hall. Keith said she would also make the application available on the city website, cityoftower.com.

#### City campground

Hoodoo Point Campground Managers Randy Pratt and Julie Kranz gave the council an update on the city-owned campground.

The campground celebrated its 50th season last year, and the managers noted that the occupancy rate at the campground has risen from 60-percent when they took over in 2013 to 75-percent last year. The seven new seasonal campsites are already full. "We still have a waiting list

of over 70 for seasonal sites," said Randy Pratt. "We get new calls every year." Pratt said that the camp-

ground infrastructure has not kept up with the times.

"Back in 1968 everyone had

pickup campers," he said, "nowadays it's a 35-foot motorhome."

"We have new competition with the Lake Vermilion State Park and the other proposed RV Parks such as the one at BayView," he said. "We need to keep up with the times. We haven't been doing that."

Top priorities for improvement, he said, would be improvements to the bathrooms and showers, as well as continuing to upgrade electrical service at the campsites.

Where the money for such improvements would come from is still a question.

Pratt noted there is not really any room for any additional campsite expansion. He said they are looking into options for providing wifi service to campers, which would generate additional income, but they weren't sure what the upfront costs to the campground would be.

Julie Kranz said they are considering offering special rates for their slower days, Mondays and Tuesdays, to boost overall occupancy.

The campground has a dollar-per-night surcharge for all campers, that is dedicated to campground improvements. Last year, the surcharge raised about \$9,300, Kranz said. The city raised the rate to two dollars a day for this year, but the additional dollar is going to the city's general fund, said Keith.

The city spent over half a million dollars, last year, on a sewer extension and other sewer work at the campground. The city bonded for the project, and will be repaying the bond for 20 years, at a cost of \$38,000 a year. The city expects to pay for the bond primarily through fee increases at the camp-

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#### DULUTH DIOCESE

## Duluth diocese and abuse victims agree on plan

REGIONAL - TheDiocese of Duluth and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, comprised of survivors of clergy sexual abuse, have reached agreement for a consensual resolution of the diocese's Chapter 11 bankruptcy proceeding, which includes the filing of a disclosure statement and a joint plan of reorganization. This constitutes an agreement in principle toward a complete resolution of the diocese's bankruptcy.

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to approval by the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota and will require that a disclosure statement be approved prior to the balloting for the plan that will be sent out to the survivors for their approval. The plan's terms have the support of Jeff Anderson and Associates, the legal counsel for nearly all of the survivors in the Duluth

The plan anticipates contributions from the diocese itself and virtually all of the The documents are subject 75 parishes of the Catholic

community in the diocese, as well as other Catholic entities. In addition to substantial contributions from these parties, the majority of the funding of the plan will come from the insurance carriers for the

The plan ultimately will distribute approximately \$40 million, with more than \$39 million funding a trust for the benefit of the survivors, assuming approval by the court and the survivors. It is anticipated this will be a three- to fourmonth process.

### **Two Winton residents** hurt in Hwy. 169 crash p.m., and according to the report,

WINTON — Two residents here were injured in a two-vehicle accident on Thursday, April 25, on Hwy. 169, just south of Trillium Road in Wuori

According to the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department accident report, Barbara Helena Vinson, 83, of Winton, was driving a 2004 Pontiac Grand Am southbound on the highway when she rear-ended a Dodge Ram that was stopped in traffic due to road construction. The collision occurred at about 3

the road was dry at the time of the incident.

Vinson and a passenger in Vinson's vehicle, Kenneth Townsend Sanders, 80, also of Winton, sustained non-life-threatening injuries and were transported to Essentia Hospital in Virginia. Both occupants were wearing seatbelts, according to the report.

The driver of the pickup, Wayne Glenn Sampson, 49, of Babbitt, was not injured in the





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### Editorial

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## **Dealing with plastic**

The Legislature should restore the right of local governments to find solutions

Minnesota Legislature has the opportunity to right a wrong by repealing a law it passed in 2017 that prohibited local municipalities from enacting bans on one-timeuse plastic bags from retail stores.

The Legislature enacted the 2017 law just one day before such a ban was to take effect in Minneapolis. Several other Minnesota cities were poised to enact similar initiatives as a basic first step toward meeting the growing scourge of plastic pollution in the environ-

The Legislature's decision to intervene was an unpleasant reminder of the political power of industrial lobbyists in St. Paul. The plastics industry has poured millions of dollars into lobbying efforts across the country as the public has increasingly begun to recognize the environmental and public health costs and risks posed by the omnipresence of plastic in our modern world.

It's not just a solid waste issue. As most Americans now understand, our momentary use of a plastic bag to transport our groceries home, or a plastic bottle for a quick drink of water, creates a potential health risk in addition to the mountains of permanent solid waste that is increasingly finding its way into our oceans.

While plastic does not decompose in the traditional sense, it does break down into smaller and smaller particles, eventually forming a kind of plastic dust that has entered our soil, our food and water supply, and even our bodies. Recent studies have shown that these tiny plastic particles are now found in more than 80 percent of the tap water systems in the world. That includes the water many of us drink right here in our own homes. Some of the plastic particles are so small that they can penetrate our tissues at the cellular level. Scientists have no idea what kind of health risks such plastic particles may pose to the human body, which means society is currently conducting an uncontrolled human experiment affecting almost everyone on the planet.

Combine these unknown risks with the

already well-publicized concerns about plastic pollution in the world's oceans and it's no surprise that Minnesotans have begun to speak up in favor of concrete measures to begin to address this problem. They had organized in their own communities and were making progress, at least until the Legislature opted to intervene on behalf of the plastics industry. It was power politics at its worst.

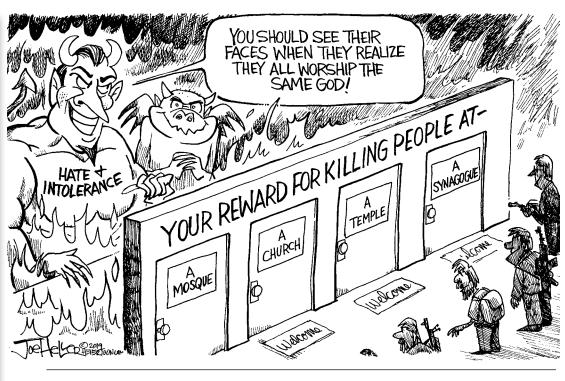
Now, a measure known as House File 511, that would repeal the 2017 law and allow cities to enact bans on plastic bags, is advancing in the Minnesota House. We're pleased to see that at least one Iron Range legislator, Rep. David Lislegard, of Aurora, is co-sponsoring the measure. As a former mayor, Lislegard undoubtedly understands the value of letting communities work out such issues for themselves without strong-arming from the Legislature and the plastics industry.

Area residents should be asking why District 3A Rep. Rob Ecklund (651-296-2190) hasn't signed onto the measure and why Third District Sen. Tom Bakk (651-296-8881) isn't co-sponsoring a companion bill in the Minnesota Senate.

Keep in mind, this measure would not enact a plastic bag ban in Minnesota. It would simply rescind the Legislature's 2017 law that prohibited cities from listening to their residents and enacting bans of their own.

Banning plastic bags is no panacea, of course. The ubiquitous plastic bottle is a similar scourge on the planet, as is a long list of other plastic items, from the ridiculous plastic packaging that seems to encase so many products we buy these days to the plastic straws stuck, unrequested, into virtually every drink served at so many restaurants. It has all become such a routine part of our daily experience, that we forget to ask whether it's really necessary and what the long-term effects might be.

We have a long way to go to address the problems posed by the thoughtless and wasteful use of so much plastic. Yet every journey starts with the single step. This is a first step that the Legislature can and should take this year.



### Letters from Readers

#### We need to speak up before it's too late

Company towns grew near an extractive industry (mining, logging, etc.), where the company owned the housing, stores, other community facilities and ran the town to control and exploit workers and residents, as they did resources. Workers were indebted wage slaves, voiceless, and democracy was nonexistent. They became ghost towns when resources were exhausted.

They came for family farms, we did not speak up, and gave us factory farms.

They came for "mom and pop" shops, we did not speak up, and gave us Big Box chain stores.

They came for grandma's home cooking, we did not speak up, and gave us industrial processed food.

They came for our nation's defense, we did not speak up, they gave us a global Military-Industrial-Complex.

They came for public institutions, we did not speak up, and gave us agencies to serve private interest and profit.

They came for independent media as the people's voice, we did not speak up, and gave us corporate propaganda.

They came for people's government, we did not speak up, and gave us the Corporate-State.

They came for nature's bounty, we did not speak up, and gave us depleted resources and global warming.

Martin Niemoller (German theologian) may have recognized corporate takeover of our lives as he did in witnessing fascism's rise to power during the 1930's and 1940's. Earth Day should have reminded us of nuclear danger, climate crisis and the demise of democracy itself in bringing Earth closer to a Company planet.

Harold Honkola

#### Thanks for exposing IRRR shenanigans

Thanks so much for your great article exposing the 'good old boy club" at the IRRRB. Great journalism!!

LaVonne Garcia Richfield, Minn.

#### Letter writer insults newspaper and readers

Quite the insulting letter last week from retired IRRRB official Phil Bakken. The letter is insulting to the Timberjay's excellent investigative reporting and is insulting to the intelligence of working class Iron Rangers.

Bakken says that he is confused that "the *Timberjay* even chose to write the article." Bakken professes that we are "blessed, and I mean blessed to have an agency like the IRRRB." That's a lot of reverence, and it doesn't exempt a taxfunded agency from legitimate oversight, especially an agency that has a history of elitism and cronyism. The IRRRB continually makes itself an easy target.

The excuses for the unusually expedited, under the radar hiring of Joe Radinovich for a very high-paying IRRRB job conveniently headquartered in the Twin Cities immediately went lame. Commissioner Phillips said he was going on vacation in late March and needed someone on board quickly because the Legislature was in session. Really? Great time to go on vacation! And what about Deputy IRRRB Commissioner Jason Metsa? He's got plenty of experience and contacts in the Legislature. Interestingly, as soon as Radinovich was hired, he himself went on vacation to Hawaii. Then the IRRRB claimed they were expediting the hiring of Radinovich in order to meet urgent expectations from Walz's office. That excuse backfired when Governor Walz senta written reprimand to IRRRB Commissioner Mark Phillips that stated: "My office never directed you to request a shortened posting period or otherwise vary from ordinary hiring procedures." Who is telling the truth here?

The IRRRB is a tax-supported agency that should be held to high expectations for its mission of diversifying the Iron Range economy. The elite cronyism, questionable ethics and spending are what lead to negative attention for the IRRRB. Governor Walz needs to straighten this out, a letter in the file falls short. And I believe that most folks still believe we are "blessed" to have investigative reporting.

Lee Peterson Greenwood Twp.

#### Ely council missed an excellent presentation

The 60 or so people who came to the Tuesday Group meeting at the Grand Ely Lodge on April 23 were heartened and impressed by Byonchan and Africa Yoon, the Twin Citiesbased couple who have bought the Ely Community Center and are on a five-year path toward creating a Korean Cultural Center

They spoke about their reasons for choosing Ely for their center, which will include culture camps for Korean adoptees and the children of older Korean adoptees who want their children to learn about their cultural roots. The three threads of their education plans will be Korean language, technology and coding, and Korean-inspired contemporary music and dance. They emphasized their affection for Ely's woods and waters and said that they intend for their students to participate in outdoor activities as well. They invited Ely area residents to engage with them and help create a new community here.

My question is why there were no Ely City Council members at this meeting. I have noticed over the years that our councilors have been absent when many speakers gave excellent presentations to the Tuesday Group about various issues that affect our community. Why don't our elected officials seem to care about hearing from these interesting people? Some topics such as climate change and mining may be somewhat controversial, but hey, we can all benefit from being educated about these issues.

I extend an invitation to our city council members to check on the Tuesday Group schedule and show up. Both of our local newspapers publish the schedule weekly. Thank you to the Ely Echo and the Ely Timberjay for reporting on our meetings every

Carol Orban Ely

## The various layers of our being and identity

Complex layers of factors and influences shape who we are as individuals and as generations. In following up on my previous column on this subject, I'm going to focus on some of what I find most interesting: the significant events of each generation as they came of age and their work ethics and values. See if you how old my mom was at that



resonate with or argue against the characterizations of your generation and consider the impact of these pivotal or defining moments in yours and others' lives. Years ago, when I had an opportunity to share my life story, I reflected on what I was doing at certain ages and

time; then I flipped it to consider what my mom would have been doing at those same ages in her life and what was happening in her personal universe and the wider world. Similarly, I wondered about my father and how world events might have affected him differently as a male. They had both been dead over 20 years, but my many-faceted reflections brought me to a deeper understanding of who they were, their behavior, and the choices they made.

Note: The first three gener-

ations are often lumped together as "the traditionalists."

The Lost Generation, 1883-1909. They came of age during World War I, and many felt disillusioned after the war. A decade later they were thrown into the Depression. Many sought relief through alcohol, and many wandered, aimless, never settling down. Gertrude Stein gave the name "the lost generation" to a group of ex-patriot artists and writers including Ernest Hemingway, F. Scott Fitzgerald, John Dos Passos, T.S. Elliot, and

Ezra Pound, who wrote about the loss of innocence and sense of identity of their peers. Ezra Pound wrote, "And the days are not full enough/And the nights are not full enough/And life slips by like a field mouse/Not shaking the grass."

The Greatest Generation, 1910-1927, 92-118 years old. WWI, WWII, and the Great Depression impacted them deeply. They were characterized by high levels of humility,

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### Letters from Readers

#### Timberjay earns plaudits from the Strib

For those who missed it, the April 26 issue of the *Minneapolis* Star Tribune had a front-page story on the abrupt resignation of Joe Radinovich from his newly-assigned position on the IRRRB. In the article, the *Tribune* credits "the *Timberjay*" for first breaking the story, in its April 19 edition, of the IRRRB's handling of the suspicious hiring, and for passing over a much more qualified woman in the process. This is in keeping with the Timberjay's well-established high journalistic standards, so I'm not a bit surprised. Well done, Marshall!

Lynn Scott

#### Milwaukee's Best drinker should take some responsibility

My wife and I picked up the litter between McKinley Park and the Soudan Store on Sunday. We ended up with five garbage bags full. All of the bags were mostly full of "Milwaukee's Best" cans - It was in the hundreds. This is ridiculous! If you know who it is that doesn't care about pollution, please turn

Why can't he bring them home for recycling, taking responsibility for what he deems as personal pleasure? This is what a good citizen would do.

Daryl Lamppa Lake Vermilion

#### I will miss my trips to Lake Vermilion

The good times at Lake Vermilion started the day I met Craig Nelson and his family. After going to work at Moccasin

Point it didn't take long to make me feel like I was at home. Down through the years I met so many people who came through Moccasin Point who I became friends with. People who live around the lake are so laid back. What a place to spend the summer. I'm going to miss the lake and all its people. I'm getting too old to make the trip from Iowa to Minnesota. I want to thank all the friends I made on and around the lake. Thanks for all the fond memories that I think about all the time.

Footnote: Don't you dare forget your mom on Mother's Day. Remember, you'll miss her when she is gone.

**Dan Fleagle** Lake Vermilion/Iowa

#### Many questions on the E-G-Virginia school referendum

I have researched the proposed Eveleth-Gilbert and Virginia school referendum question to understand the pros and cons of it. I clearly understand that the two schools would be able to offer a better education if the schools jointly worked together. And, the proposed Career Academy teaching style seems to have merit. However, all of the money that will be obtained by selling \$183 million in bonds is designated for bricks and mortar. The schools justify this by saying that operating costs are too high in the old schools.

I believe that the operating costs are too high and should be reduced, allowing more money to go toward education. Literature states that present operating costs are annually \$2.4 million more than the average school district in Minnesota. If you analyze this, it is clear that costs are high in the Eveleth-Gilbert District because even though they consolidated years ago, they are still maintaining most of the properties they had before they consolidated. Studies have pointed this out. The district has yet to bite the bullet, by reducing overhead and by closing or selling its unused

Based on information from the Eveleth-Gilbert School District website, of the 620,384 square feet of buildings that the district manages, 226,350 are needed. Operation costs are high! It is a difficult position that the school board is in. Closing school buildings is difficult for communities. But, to now say that we need to build essentially all new schools will not reduce the overhead if we don't dump the old ones, including the ones being utilized now. We haven't even closed the excess buildings from the last consolidation; how can we bring ourselves to demolish buildings that are in good shape? The past track record of re-purposing the other vacated spaces pretty clearly demonstrates what will happen.

The schools that I am most familiar with are the Franklin Elementary School in Eveleth and the Eveleth High School. For these facilities alone, millions and millions of dollars have been spent making classrooms larger, adding space, re-wiring, re-plumbing, replacing windows, building new bathrooms and common areas, upgrading security and technology, etc.

A 2014 study rated most of the spaces in the Eveleth High School and the Franklin Elementary School as generally adequate to very good to excellent. Both schools are ADA (American Disabilities Act) compliant. The study paints a fairly positive image of the schools. Is it possible that the schools have deteriorated

that much over five years to the point that they should be abandoned? (See www.egschools. org/sites/evelethgilbertpublicschools.new.rschooltoday.com/ files/files/Private\_User/dberry1/ Facilities%20Study%202013-2014\_0.pdf) Of course, improvements

are needed. And maybe some of

the Virginia schools have serious

maintenance issues. But don't we owe it to ourselves to make some hard choices and spend this money wisely? Just think of what the \$183 million dollars could do to actually educate kids. And yes, I do understand the funding mechanisms. The IRRRB has money that can only be used for consolidation efforts. The law says nothing about building buildings. It was set aside to encourage districts to work together. My gut says there are ways to work together without all new buildings. What if we did add on to the campuses we already have without throwing away what we have built up and maintained over the last 100 years? What if the districts passed operating levies to put more dollars toward educating kids rather than buildings? What if we reduced operating costs by making hard choices, putting that money toward education rather than maintaining facilities we no longer need? And, yes, the literature says

do-over. What does that mean? I think it means that if we go back to the drawing board, come up with a more reasonable project, there is a chance another school gets to the money first. There is also the chance that a consolidation could be accomplished without this magnitude of funds.

this is a one-time offer, there is no

Sharon S. Legg **Graduate of Eveleth High School** 

#### Why spend money to send wolves to Isle Royale?

This letter is in response to placing wolves on Isle Royale.

To my understanding, moose have the same privileges on planet Earth as the wolves. In other words, God created the moose to live on Earth, without being killed by a predator. Moose and the wolf are the same food in the beginning of creation. Life on Earth was great, until Satan entered the picture and all things changed. Everything now dies, humans, animals, birds, trees. grasses, etc. Everything. The wolves, lions, tigers, cats, etc. They now kill for their food.

How about the wolf being trapped and placed on the island. To kill an innocent creature, there has got to be a better way

in God's eyes for His creation. Let's look at a different approach. How about trapping moose and placing them on the mainland? Have the government hire hunters to kill the overpopulated animals, and have the meat processed in supermarkets in Minnesota. This way humans, as God's greatest creation, can have a taste of moose steaks. The people who purchased the meat would help offset the cost. Also, the veterans and the less fortunate could enjoy the meat, instead of the wolf. Rather than our government putting money towards ideas like the Iran deal or the Mueller report, etc. I think this would be a pretty good deal myself. You know, Jesus Christ is coming back down to take charge of His creation, and He will make all things new again. Found in Isaiah 11:6-9, please look up and read this. A prophecy

> **Darwin Mickle Tower**

that will be fulfilled.

#### **GENERATIONS**...Continued from page 4

dignity, and modesty, as well as personal responsibility. They valued careful saving, a good work ethic, and keeping their commit-

Silent Generation, 1928-1945, 74 to 91. These were children of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl, World War II, the first atomic bomb, and McCarthyism with his fear-mongering hunt for communists through the House Committee on Un-American Activities. Their "Silent" label refers to their image as conformist and civic-minded with general attitudes of pessimism, unrest, and fear, even though the post-WWII optimism and economic boom prompted returning soldiers to marry and spark the Baby Boom. They were able to buy homes and get an education through the GI bill. The economy was brimming with new ideas, many of them spinoffs from research done for

the war effort like plastics and fertilizers. Work was considered a commitment and obligation, and people often expected they would have their job for life. Values included working hard, respecting authority, and putting duty before

Baby Boomers, 1946 to 1964, 55 to 73, were also known as "the me generation" who nurtured the birth of personal growth and self-help groups. As children of the 50's and 60's, they grew up in the heart of the civil rights movement and the violence that ensued with the assassinations of John F. Kennedy, Bobby Kennedy, and civil rights leaders Martin Luther King, Malcom X, and Medgar Evers among others. Politically, it was the era of the Cold War, televised politics, and the Watergate investigation with President Nixon's resignation, causing or deepening the citizenry's

distrust of government. It was also the era of Woodstock and flower children, love and peace.

At the same time, we entered the space age and saw men walk on the moon. Lyndon B. Johnson's Great Society, intended to eliminate poverty and racial injustice, brought in Medicare and Medicaid, Head Start and a Job Corps. Boomers were considered independent, rebellious, optimistic, and extremely good consumers. Work characteristics included crusading for causes, questioning authority, and a desire to work efficiently. With productivity and quality work valued highly, workaholism was often a result.

Generation X, 1965 through 1980, 39 to 54. Gen X'rs, also known as the MTV generation and the latchkey kids, came of age experiencing the fall of the Berlin Wall, the Challenger explosion, AIDS, the Iranian hostage crisis, and Desert Storm. With the advent of the personal computer in the 80s, work, home, and communication would never be the same. Gen X'rs can be cynical and challenging, but also resourceful, self-reliant, and flexible, adapting well to change. They value freedom and fun in the workplace and dislike micro-managing as either employee or

manager. Millennials, 1981-1997, 22 to 38, came of age with the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars, Y2K, 9/11, the Columbine school massacre, and the recession of 2008-2009. They were the first generation to have cell phones, then smart phones, along with Facebook, Google, Twitter, and video games as part of their young lives. They have been known as the "the me, me, me generation." While Gen X'rs were largely ignored as the "middle" generation, Millennials have been the most maligned, accused of being overconfident, self-involved, and narcissistic. In fact, they are noted for their sense of adventure and concern for the environment and other important causes.

In the work environment, they are often entrepreneurial, goal-oriented and tenacious, with an attitude of "what's next?" They may challenge traditional values, gender roles, religion, and issues concerning abortion and homosexuality. In spite of the changing global economy, huge student loans, and a difficult job market, they remain hopeful, not cynical.

Generation Z, 1998-2010, 9 to 21. Gen Z'rs experienced the extremes of President Obama and President Trump in power during their youth. Their world also was impacted by ISIS, Sandy Hook, Arab Spring, and marriage equality. Racial or ethnic minorities make up 48

percent of this generation. which is expected to be the most well-educated generation. Progressive readers will be happy to hear that Gen Z'rs, a generation comfortable with social change, show the highest disapproval rating of President Trump in public polling. They are entrepreneurial, tech savvy and want to be part

of reinventing the culture. A new one I discovered this week: Generation Alpha, 2011-2025, children of the Millennials. described as "Millennials on steroids" by Henry Rose Lee, an intergenerational speaker and author.

I know a number of young people, I'm impressed by their passion. They will bring their energetic resilience and their challenges to us older folks, as they are meant to do, and we will all be on board for the adventurous ride into the future.

#### **COUNCIL**...Continued from page 3

ground, although a budget presented by the city clerk-treasurer in the fall of 2017 indicated the fee increases and additional revenue from the creation of seven new seasonal RV sites, would generate about \$31,000 a year.

The council did approve the purchase and installation of a new furnace for the campground store building. The old furnace had stopped working. The city accepted the quote from North Country Heating for a Goodman brand furnace at a cost of \$13,600.

#### Council meeting location

A request from Mayor

Orlyn Kringstad to hold the next regular meeting, May 13, at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center prompted discussion, but no final decision was made.

"The feedback I got on the last meeting at the civic center was very positive," Kringstad said. The city council cham-

bers, even for this second meeting of the month with a light agenda, had 13 in the audience at the start of the meeting, which just about filled up the council seating area. "This is a huge

change," said Keith, arguing against the suggestion. "It is not the easiest thing for us."

The April 8 meeting

had at least 60 in atten-

Kringstad said there will be a report on the Gundersen Trust at the next meeting. The trust board is meeting on May 6, the first meeting that board has held since 2016. Kringstad said this was an issue that many Tower residents are interested in learning more

Kringstad said he would like to make a habit of holding the first meeting of the month at the civic center. "That's the worst meeting to have," responded Keith.

"Well, that's the meeting when we have the treasurer's report, financial report," said Kringstad.

"For that very reason," responded Keith.

"This is one of the

best reasons to have it transparent and open," said Kringstad. The council did not

vote on the issue, since Monday's meeting was a special meeting and the issue was not on the agenda.

Kringstad said a decision on the location for the May will be announced prior to the next meeting, and the council is expected to discuss the issue again.

In other business, the council: ➤ Approved a change

in the retirement calcula-

tions for former mainte-

nance supervisor Randy

Keith said. The change does not affect what the city has actually paid to Johnson, Keith said, just the paperwork. ➤ Approved moving

Johnson. The auditors had

uncovered the mistake,

the ambulance fund from the city's general fund to a special revenue fund, as suggested by the auditors.

➤ Tabled any action on either repairing or removing the snowmobile trail kiosk behind the

➤ Approved the application for a \$1,725 DNR grant for the cross-country ski trails maintenance and grooming for next winter. Keith noted that the newly-formed Wagoner Trails

Club is actively working on improving the trails.

➤ Approved the ambulance subsidy agreement for the city. Keith noted that the city does pay into the subsidy account, along with the area townships.

➤ Approved the airport maintenance/operations grant from MnDOT for \$22,019 for 2020-2021.

Applied for a DNR 50/50 matching grant for two new radio/pager units and two smaller portable water pumps. Approved rehiring

EMT Kim Mattila.

#### Chimpy's Family Fun Night on Tuesday

TOWER- Tower-Soudan Community Education is hosting a Chimpy's Family Fun Night on Tuesday, May 8 from 2 - 4:30 p.m. There will be rolling globe, tightrope walking, spinning plates, bounce house and more at the Tower-Soudan School in the Gym and Flex Room. Food is provided. Parents are encouraged to attend. Activities are available for pre-school and above. There is no charge but all participants need to fill out a registration form before participation.

#### Tower-Soudan area singers invited to participate in Memorial Day program

TOWER- Tower-Soudan area singers are invited to participate in the annual Memorial Day program to be held on Monday, May 27 at 10 a.m. at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center in Tower.

Two rehearsals will be held in preparation at St. James Presbyterian Church at 6 p.m. on Monday, May 13 and Monday, May 20.

Music will be provided and all singers are asked to come and share their skills to help commemorate the military personnel's service to our

#### **Little Church meeting and spring** clean-up, May 11

VERMILION LAKE TWP- A Little Church meeting and spring clean-up day will be held on Saturday, May 11 at 10 a.m. All are welcome, especially people interested in keeping the Little Church preserved and maintained in our community. The Little Church men's group meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. for coffee and conversation. The Little Church is located in Vermilion Lake Twp. on Co. Rd. 26/Wahlsten Rd. For questions, contact Len Hujanen at 218-749-2014.

#### Register now for Juniors and VFW baseball teams

SOUDAN- Anyone who is interested in playing Juniors (Babe Ruth) or VFW (Junior Legion) summer baseball should call Greg Dostert at 218-753-3047 or 218-248-0648. Greg Dostert, Braylon Lislegard and Brett Rosendahl will be coaching the teams this year. Summer residents are welcome to play. The team fields players from the Tower-Soudan, Embarrass and Babbitt areas. Homeschoolers are encouraged to play. The team's home field is in

#### Wagoner Trails Club meets May 8

TOWER- The Wagoner Trails Club will meet on Wednesday, May 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower. The club consists of cross-country skiers and hikers who maintain and promote the great City of Tower/Howard Wagoner Trails. The agenda will include planning for maintenance and improvements to accomplish this summer on the existing trail system. Plus there will be discussion on the potential development and promotion of other snow-free seasonal hiking opportunities or new trails in the Tower-Soudan area. Have an idea? Interested in rolling up your sleeves sometime this summer or fall and helping out? Come to the meeting! Call Mary Shedd at 218-830-2457 with any questions.

#### St. Martin's 10th Annual Rummage Sale on May 18

TOWER- St. Martin's Catholic Church will host their annual rummage sale on Saturday, May 18 from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. (Early bird shoppers may come in at 8 am for a \$5 fee). The event includes the rummage sale, a bake sale, and a luncheon. There will also be a 50/50 cash drawing – tickets are \$1. Winner will be drawn at 12:45 p.m. Proceeds from this sale will go towards the purchase of a new tabernacle. Call the church for more information. St. Martin's is handicap accessible. (If you have items to donate, donations will be accepted through Monday, May 13.)

#### **Soudan Men's Breakfast moved to** Saturday, May 18

SOUDAN- The Soudan Men's Breakfast is cancelled for May 11 and moved to Saturday, May 18. The breakfast will be held at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Soudan at 8 a.m. and Tower Mayor Orlyn Kringstad will be speaking. For questions, call Greg Dostert at 218-248-0648.

## **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

#### BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

## **Breitung clean up days May 6 and 8**

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA Staff Writer

BREITUNG- The Breitung Town Board set township cleanup days for Monday and Wednesday, May 6 and 8. The township will pick up residents' yard waste, brush, scrap metal, and appliances, free of charge. No hazardous materials, demo, or household waste allowed. Please call 218-753-6020 or 218-780-6903 to schedule a pick

In other business, the board:

- ➤ Heard that McKinley Park Campground will open May 1.
- ➤ Heard from Maintenance Director Dale Swanson that ice rink boards will go up this summer and heard that other parties are interested in the old boards, but he was not sure if the old boards are salvageable.
- ➤ Heard a complaint that vehicles are not making complete stops at the Church and Main Street intersection, and that children have nearly been hit. The board had a discussion and ultimately decided to move the stop sign at the Church

Street and Main Street intersection further back and add a painted line marking where to stop.

- ➤ Acknowledged a blight complaint for a property on Echo Point and will send a letter.
- ➤ Gave no opposition to a variance request to St. Louis County for a porch on 3rd Street.
- ➤ Heard from engineer John Jamnick that Bougalis and Sons will clean up the Church St. sewer project from last summer within the next couple weeks. The company was unable to finish cleanup last fall due to the weather.
- ➤ Discussed that the township building rehab project is now out for bids. Bids will be opened on May 7 and are scheduled to be awarded on May 9.
- ➤ Discussed that the repaying of the township's fire hall, post office, and community center parking lot will be handled separately from the building project and go out for bids on May 16. The bid will be awarded at the township's regular meeting Wednesday, May 22. The bid includes an alternate bid for paving the attached Vermilion

would be paid for by Vermilion Housing.

➤ Will wait to sign the Tower

ambulance subsidy contract.

- ➤ Authorized an agreement with St. Louis County to use the township's State Park Road Aid grant for the paving of the State
- ➤ Set the township 4th of July picnic for Friday, July 5 from 1-4 p.m. at the Soudan park.
- ➤ Acknowledged the replacement of a culvert on Junction Rd.
- ➤ Heard from Maintenance Director Dale Swanson that he had a request to sweep sidewalks and roads. He said he will so as soon
- ➤ Heard from Supervisor Greg Dostert who told the board that signage for the northern slot limit had to be sent back to the DNR.
- ➤ Upcoming meetings will be held on Thursday, May 9 at noon and Wednesday, May 22 at noon.

### Early registration and memberships now open for 2019 **Old Settlers Reunion and Picnic on Saturday, July 20**



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

Old Settlers The 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.

### **Gregg Rice to speak at Tower's Memorial Day** program on Monday, May 27

TOWER- Colonel Gregg P. Rice will speak at Tower's Memorial Day Program, Monday, May 27 at the Herbert Lamppa Civic Center in Tower, starting at 10 a.m.

Colonel (Ret) Gregg P. Rice was born on Sept. 18, 1947 in Duluth. He graduated from Edina-Morningside High School. In 1969 he earned a B.A. in Business from Bemidji State University and joined the U. S. Air Force. While in the Air Force he earned an M.S. in Systems Management from the University of Southern California.

His professional military education includes Squadron Officer School. Maxwell AFB, Alabama; U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; and Joint Services Staff College, Canberra, Australia.

During his 23-year career in the USAF he flew 4.000 hours as a fighter pilot in the F-16, F-4, T-37, T-38 and T-41. He is a Vietnam War veteran who flew 116 combat missions in North Vietnam. His staff and senior level executive positions included Operations Commander of a Tactical Fighter Wing; Deputy Commandant for the Air Force Academy Cadet Wing; Tactical Flying Squadron Commander; Chief of Rated Officer Assignments for the Pacific Theater; and Air Division Chief of Safety.

After retiring from the USAF he flew 13 years as a commercial pilot for Southwest Airlines.

Gregg is married to the former Ilene Heimsjo of Cloquet. They have two adult married children and two grandchildren. Gregg and Ilene currently live in Colorado Springs, Colo., and on Lake Ver-

## **Baby Shower for Life—Fill the Bassinet**

ing a Baby Shower for

Life. All items/money

donated will be given to

the Women's Care Cen-

ter. We spoke with The

Crib Club manager and

specific items needed are:

Travel size lotions, hand

sanitizers, chap sticks,

gifts for our mothers, In-

fant Hygiene Products

(lotion, sunscreen, sham-

poo), Outfits of any size –

summer/fall (9 mo. to 12

mo. most needed), Infant/

toddler toys, Infant carri-

ers, Hooded Towels and

Washcloths, Boppy pil-

lows and covers, Bumbo

Seats, Infant Play Mats,

Crib Sheets, and Diapers.

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cated at the front entrance

Donations may be

TOWER- The St. Martin's Catholic Church Quilt Ministry has once again partnered with the

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of the church or dropped Women's Care Center in Duluth. We have been off at the rectory. busy making quilts for Let's fill the bassinet them, but they have more for the Women's Care needs. During the month Center! Questions may of May, we are sponsorbe directed to Maryann at

218-753-4310. Why do we partner with the Women's Care Center? The Women's Care Center is a non-profit pregnancy center in the heart of downtown Duluth. Their mission is simple: to love, serve and support women, children and families, reaching the most vulnerable and in need. Their focus is to provide to those who are less fortunate without judgement; they support their community through affirmation, education, resources and referrals. All of the services are provided completely free which

in unplanned pregnancy crisis situations, medical grade pregnancy testing, ultrasounds, life skills counseling, prenatal and child development education, group classes that incorporate nutrition education, and self-sufficiency training.

When we visited with the staff at the Women's Care Center they told us that they never have enough diapers! Our goal is to send diapers to them every other month. Would you be willing to donate to St. Martin's Diaper Club? If so, make a check payable to St Martin's and make a note that it is for the Diaper Club and we'll take care of the

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counseling for women

**TOWER** 

## Religious folk songs program on Friday, May 10, at Immanuel

TOWER- A Religious Folk Songs Program will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower on Friday, May 10 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. A light lunch of Norwegian Smorbrod (open face sandwiches) and dessert waffles will be served prior to the noon program.

Pastor Gunnar Kristiansen of Norway, former pastor at Mindekirken, the Norwegian Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, is returning to Tower for the third time. He will present a program on religious folk songs from Norway, and folk songs from Sweden, Israel and the USA. Most of the songs are translated into English and he will accompany himself on his guitar. Some of the religious folk melodies have texts from two well-known Pastor/Poets of Norway, Petter Dass (C.1647-1707) and Elias Blix (1836 - 1902).

is founder and executive director of IHELPFRIENDSHIP in Bohol, Philippines. Pastor Gunnar first came to Tower to accept offerings from the 2017 World Day of Prayer at Immanuel, as the ELCA focus was on the Philippines that year. Donations received were

Currently, Pastor Kristiansen



used for "Baby Grace", who needed a very specialized surgery offered only in Manila.

IHELPFRIENDSHIP is a charity started by Kristiansen and provides support to marginalized people in Bohol, Philippines and the surrounding area. Aid includes medical and mental healthcare, as

well as educational scholarships for students. For more information, visit www.ihelpfriendship.

Kristiansen will also give an update on IHELPFRIEND-SHIP. All are welcome. A free will offering will be received and given to IHELPFRIENDSHIP.

#### Defensive driving fourhour classes set for June 13

SOUDAN- The Defensive Driving 4-Hour Refresher will be held on 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 eighthour 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.

#### **Estate planning class set** for May 22

TOWER- Local attorney, Kelly Klun, from the Klun Law Office will lead you through key fac-

tors to drafting and personalizing wills and trusts, preparing probate documents, creating documents for long term health care, drafting durable power of attorney, and preparing health care directives. Class will be held on Wednesday, May 22 in the Tower-Soudan Elementary School library at 4 p.m. 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 how to spell your name, the class you are interested in, and its date.

The Resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth changes everything!

Listen to Pope Benedict reflecting on the Resurrection. He says, 'If there were no resurrection, the story of Jesus would have ended with Good Friday. His body would have decayed, and he would have become a has-been. But that would mean that God does not take initiatives in history, that he is either unable or unwilling to touch this world of ours, our human living and dying. And that in turn would mean that love is futile, trivial, an empty and vain promise. It would mean that

would be no judgment."

ceit and injustice?

The Resurrection changes everything. It gives us a reason for living. We now know that in the end love defeats selfishness. Goodness is

wins out over injustice. Now, that's an existence that I can live with. Although, many times in this life on earth, evil triumphs over good, we know in the end, because of the Resurrection, goodness has the final say.

So what does this mean? Let's draw the final conclusion. It means we can devote ourselves to virtue, justice, goodness, and self-sacrifice, because goodness will win out in the end. It's worth following Christ because followers of Christ will be vindicated in the end. It means we can trust God because he is a God who keeps his promises.

No one ever rose from the dead before Jesus. And no one has risen since. What a shot in the arm the Resurrection was to the world. What motivation it is to us today! Evil, deceit, injustice may seem to be everywhere, and it may seem to get the upper hand, but we know that is not the case. The Resurrection is the victory of goodness, virtue, and justice. The Resurrection proves God is a God who keeps his promises! This makes life worth living well! Good has won! God keeps his promises! Life is worth living well!

> Fr. Nicholas Nelson St. Martin's **Catholic Church**

#### Letters from Readers stronger than evil. Justice there is no judgment and

no justice. It would mean that this moment is all that counts and that right belongs to the cunning, the crafty and those without consciences. There

We could say, without the resurrection, evil, and injustice would have the upper hand. Abusive power, deceit, sin would have won. But is an existence where love and integrity are defeated even tolerable? What kind of an existence is it where justice, goodness, and virtue have no enduring value and lose out to de-

### St. Louis County **Solid Waste Facility** Area site hours

Northwoods Transfer Station 9384 Hwy 21 N., Ely/Babbitt

Summer Hours Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am-3pm Tue: 9:30am-3pm

Wed: noon-6pm County 77 Canister Site

2038 County Rd. 77, Greenwood Twp Summer Hours

Tues: 1-6pm Thurs: 8am-1pm

Embarrass Canister Site 7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass Hours Sat: 12:30-4:30pm

Thu: 10am-5pm Household Hazardous Waste Facility 5345 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia Hours

Tues and Sat: 8am-1pm

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

Soudan Canister Site 5160 Hwy 169, Soudan Hours Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun:

8am-5pm Aurora Transfer Station 5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora

Hours Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am-4pm Tue, Wed:10am-4pm Sat: 8am-noon Regional Landfill

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

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

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



#### **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 walkins 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 May 6

Monday- Chicken al Fredo with Bread Stick Tuesday-Chicken

Sandwich, Vegetable Wednesday-Spaghetti, Meat Sauce,

**Bread Stick** Thursday- Chunky Pork Gravy over Mashed

Potatoes, Vegetable, Din-

ner Roll Friday- Hamburger Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll

### **Neek of May 6**

#### Monday

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

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

#### Tuesday

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

Breitung Town Board-12 noon on May 9

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

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#### **ELY HIGH SCHOOL PROM 2019**

ELY-Memorial High School students gathered for their spring prom last



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weekend. Couples posed for photos on the school steps before heading to local nursing homes to visit residents. The students conducted a grand march at Washington Auditorium before enjoying a banquet at Grand Ely Lodge.

Classmates Brielle Kallberg and Ericka Mattson, right, showed off their gowns to Holly Dirks. photos by K. Vandervort



THE GREAT OUTDOORS

## Winners named in BWCA essay contest

## Teens receive a parent-free canoeing adventure

ELY - Ely Outfitting Company this week named Shea Frawley and Josie Donaldson as the two grand prize-winners of its second annual "Boundary Waters Teen Essay Contest."

Frawley Donaldson will each receive a parent-free, fullyoutfitted package this summer for a self-guided, five-day excursion into the Boundary Waters Canoe Area (BWCA). The free package includes up to three friends for each group ranging in age from 15 through 18.

With the success of the 2018 contest, Ely Outfitting Company doubled its grand prize this year in partnership with Friends of the Boundary Waters, who sponsored the

second outfitting package. The Boundary Waters Teen Essay Contest is a celebration of unstructured time outdoors and a chance for young people to safely challenge themselves. build self-confidence and eventually take the reins as this country's future leaders.

"We hope this contest motivates young people to get outdoors, seek adventure and love the Boundary Waters," said Jason Zabokrtsky of Ely Outfitting Company.

#### **Meet the winners**

Frawley, 16, is from Ventura, Calif., and a junior at La Reina High School in Thousand Oaks, Calif. In her essay, she wrote that as a child the nature in her backyard quickly replaced her toys and became her own little



Two groups of teens will be heading to the **Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness this** summer as winners of an essay contest sponsored by the Ely Outfitting Company. submitted photo

entirely from tree bark. But as she grew older, she fell prey to a "mainstream message"that didn't allow time for exploring the outdoors. The demands of attending a college preparatory school, social pressures, and reliance on technology caused her to slip away from nature. However, she recalled a family vacation in 2016 that was her first and only trip into the BWCAW. She reconnected with her former self and the love she had for the outdoors.

"Society's hold on me was released, and I was free," she wrote. "Without that trip to the Boundary Waters, I would still be spiraling down the media-riddled path of negativity and comparison.'

What's more, she said she'd like her friends to experience the wilderness with her. "My wish is that they not only have the chance to free themselves from whatever burdens hold them back, but to also try their hand at something new."

Donaldson, 16, is a

ice cream shop constructed homeschooled junior and participates in sports at St. Anthony Village High School in St. Anthony, Minn. She wrote that can attain big goals. she's the odd one out in her family regarding love of the outdoors. This will be her first visit into the BWCAW. However, she discovered nature at a summer camp when she things," he said. was nine. She said part of her feels like a caged animal who can't stand walls, indoor voices or standing still. She yearns for "nature's ability to provide an unrivaled stillness." That stillness has helped calm her during times of stress like wrestling with feelings of guilt after a close friend com-

> rately prescribed drug." "The wilderness doesn't push, it simply lets you be. It lets you explore and learn its many lessons at your own pace," she said in her essay. "[Teens] are being forced into a world we haven't been given

mitted suicide. Donaldson

called wilderness "the 21st

Century American teen's

best teacher and most accu-

time to explore yet." She added, "It's every high schooler's dream to go on an unsupervised camping trip. Most kids can't comprehend the freedom of letting everything stressful fall away and letting their minds run wild, sitting in

the calm.' Her parents, Jeremy and Kathleen Donaldson, said they're confident in their daughter's abilities to have a safe, successful trip. Though reactions from other people about her self-guided excursion can be a bit unnerving, she's made good decisions in the past. Her father added that he hopes she'll become more confident in her abilities and realize she

"I think teenagers today often suffer from a lack of responsibility and that often comes because we don't give them opportunities to do noteworthy

Frawley's mother, Linda, said she had some initial concerns about her daughter's group of friends being alone in the wilderness. But in the end, she reasoned they are four level-headed young ladies who can handle the trip together. Close friends sharing an experience in a setting like the BWCA is something they'll look back on with joy and pride.

'The main challenge would be conquering their own fears. That is a good place for all of us to be from time to time because it makes us stronger," she said.

Read both winning essays online at elyoutfittingcompany.com/essaycontest.

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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.

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#### VERMILION COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## VCC Foundation awards \$111,365 in scholarships

ELY -The Vermilion Community College Foundation held their annual Scholarship Awards Banquet last week to celebrate the generosity of the Foundation's donors and to recognize the achievements of the scholarship recipients.

Through Foundation donors, 126 scholarships valued at \$111,365 were awarded to 97 students in 2019.

The emcee for the evening was former Foundation Board Secretary Jodi Martin. Following dinner, Bill Maki, president of the five-college Northeast Higher Education District, congratulated the students and their parents, recognized the faculty and staff for their support and mentorship, thanked the Foundation Board for



Donors to the Vermilion Community College Foundation contributed scholarships totaling more than \$111,000 for 2019. Recipients gathered for a banquet last week. submitted photo

their dedication and commitment to Vermilion students, and recognized the donors for their generosity that makes higher education more affordable and accessible to all students.

Maki gave special thanks to St. Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald who was in attendance, and the county board for their support of the St. Louis County Mineral Royalties

Scholarships Program. Again this year, each twoyear college in St. Louis County (Hibbing, Lake Superior, Mesabi Range,

and Vermilion) received \$37,500 for scholarships for students graduating from high schools located in St. Louis County and attending one of the four colleges listed above.

Patti Zupancich, Foundation executive director announced that Lori Schmidt, graduate of Vermilion Community College (1983) was honored with the Foundation's 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award. (See separate story in next week's Timberjay).

For more information about the scholarship program, or to learn how to establish or donate to a Vermilion scholarship, contact Patti Zupancich, Foundation Executive Director at 218-235-2166 or by email at Patricia. Zupancich@vcc.edu.

#### 2019 VCC Foundation Scholarship Recipients

Academic Persistence Award -April Lindberg

American Legion Drum and Bugle Corps Scholarship - Tyler Housey Anne Rozman Scholarship -Melissa Nelmark

Barbara and Bill Rom Scholarship - Lillian Nelson

Bert Hoyer Memorial NRT Internship Scholarship - Isaiah Meinen, Brandon Rothauge, Christina Wright

Bob and Lil Cary Memorial Scholarship - Brandon Rothauge Brunfelt-Sainio Memorial

Scholarship - Alexis Hughes, Kaitlynn

Charles D. Novak Scholarship -Onterial Carter

Christy Skraba Scholarship -Terren Sugita

Darlene McDonald Memorial Scholarship - Collin Breen, Alexis Hughes

Edward and Esther Nelson Scholarship - Travis Loewen

Ely Branch, AAUW Scholarship -Amanda Bendel

Ely Pickleball Club Scholarship -

Ely Rotary Club William Mills Memorial Scholarship - Zachary

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Erik Ness Memorial Scholarship -Elizabeth Hintze **Everett Laitala Memorial** 

Scholarship - Nathaniel McCarthy Friends of Boundary Waters Wilderness Scholarship - Amanda MacArthur

George Covich Memorial Scholarship - Terri Sutton Harold and Nita Martin Scholarship - Widly Francois

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- Elizabeth Hintze, Melissa Nelmark John E. and Lorraine Zupancich Memorial Scholarship - Onterial Carter Joseph and L. Patrick Markovich

Scholarship - Hunter Churness, Gavin Dobosenski, Derrick Dye, Andrew Gaub, Ashley Golly, Aren Green, Charles Greenberg, Seth McDermeit, Jacob Rankila, Patrick Selly, Serena Soine, Carrie Wilts Joseph and Theresa Popesh

Memorial Scholarship - Brandon Kiwanis Club of Ely Scholarship -

Brandon Martin

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Memorial Scholarship - Maggie Isbell **Listening Point Foundation** Scholarship - Connor Lange

Living the Dream Scholarship -Terren Sugita, Terri Sutton

Mark M. Welter World Citizen Award - Elizabeth Rios

Mary Hutar Memorial Scholarship - Tyler Housey Merle Lunceford Scholarship -

Kaleb Beane, Caleb Berg, Cody Leslie Michael S. and Janice Smith Scholarship - Alissa Eck

MN Workforce Development Vet Tech Scholarship - Sophia Bruber, Katie Hamman Natural Resources Education

Group Scholarship- Amanda Bendel New Student Achievement

Scholarship - Max Tostenson, Hayden Vanderberg Northshore Mining/Cliffs Natural

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Cook, Morgan Folz, Alex Hebl,

Nelmark, Angelina Olson, Ryne

Tyler Housey, Maggie Isbell, Ashley

Sampson, Hannah Shaw, Carter Smith,

Lindgren, Preston Morgan, Melissa

- Abigail Drevlow, Crystal Stignani VCC Faculty Scholarship - Abigail Drevlow, Kendra Fink, Aaron Mollin-

Kling, Lillian Nelson VCC Foundation Scholarship -Paige Falt, Raina Graeber

Vermilion Range Trap Club Scholarship - Zachary Eustice Vermilion Veterans Scholarship -Storm Beard, Patrick Selly VFW Post 2717 Scholarship -

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Dog obedience class begins May 7

the Ely School campus. The class fee is \$120.

Sign up at elyclasses.com

ELY – Registration is now open for the spring dog obedience class offered by Ely Community Education.

The class begins Monday, May 7, and runs for eight

weeks from 6-7 p.m. at the Ely Ice Arena, located on

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Enforcement Scholarship - Derrick Dye

ELY MIDDLE SCHOOL



ELY - A group of Ely 4th and 5th graders from Washington Elementary School have been busy rehearsing the musical "Giants In The Sky" since mid-February.

Their performance of this musical will be Friday, May 3, at 7 p.m., in the Washington Auditorium.

"It has a great story-line, some wonderful music, and most importantly, a very talented young cast," said Director Michael Rouse.

Admission will be a free-will donation at the

Rouse added, "This magical story explores the

world of Giants who live above the clouds. Ever since they left Earth a long time ago, the Giants have made a life up above where their job is to keep the sky beautiful. They polish the stars, poke the clouds to let it rain and paint the sunsets. But there is one curious Giant who wonders what

life is like on Earth, so she steals a key to the locked up beanstalk and embarks on an adventure down below.'

"Giants In The Sky" was the winner of the 2017 Children's Musical Theater Festival in New York City.

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Office hours 8-4:30 Monday through Friday

#### News In Brief Ely Free Clinic

ELY - The Ely Community Health Center is open every Monday evening from 5:30-7 p.m. in the AFU Building, 111 S 4th Ave. E.

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

#### ELY - The upcoming Tuesday Group schedule is

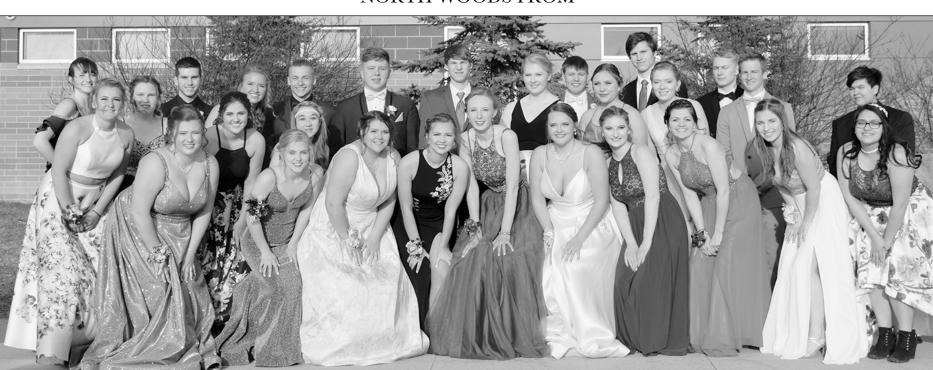
**Tuesday Group** 

listed below. All talks are at 12 noon on Tuesday at the Grand Ely Lodge. May 7 - Dani and Denise Pieratos - Food Sovereignty

Movement and Harvest Nation

May 14 - Valerie Myntti and Sally Koski - Eagles Nest Co-op Point, with optional field trip to site

#### NORTH WOODS PROM



A group shot of graduating seniors at the Grand March before heading off to the 2019 North Woods Prom. photo by C. Stone

# t night to remember









Clockwise from top right: Senior girls were jumping for joy and having a great time celebrating their last prom. Claire Beaudry, Regan Ratai, Kate Stone, Maddy Serna, Kylee Lange and Hanna Sandberg; Junior Class Vice President Trevor Morrison escrting Regan Ratai; Ryan Mogensen, Stefen nansen, Christopher Chaulklin, Kiehm, Blake Scofield and Trevor Morrison out on River Street in Cook; Seniors Kylee Lange and Tyler Kiehm arrive to the Grand March. photos by C. Stone

## Community Notices

#### **Upcoming 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 confirms registration. Mail to NWFA, PO Box 44, Cook, MN 55723.

➤ Artist Adam Swanson presents a Day Long Acrylic Painting Class

Cook Optical

on Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Cook Community Center.

**≻**Photo Contest "Your Best Shot" Adult and student submissions.

Exhibit: May 1 -May 24. Reception: May 24, 5-7 p.m. ➤ 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.

#### **Readers and** Rappers

club has its next meeting

books for the upcoming year are asked to come early at 12:30 p.m. MeetLittle Black Dress" by Rhoda Janzen. Liz Storm is the mod-

erator and the hostess. Meetings are held

in the community room at the Homestead Apartments in Cook. New members are always welcome.

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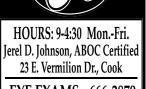
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## COOK - The book

on Tuesday, May 14. Members who are interested in choosing

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NEWS FROM THE LAKE

## The Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



The weather continues to try to play tricks on us! Okay, Mother Nature—we give. Just please bring us Spring! We've waited such a long time for it.

However, it is great to see open water outside the windows. One morning, the ice was just all gone, and water was where the ice used to be. The water level on Crane Lake seems to be higher than normal. The word is that there has been an adjustment as to how much water is allowed through the Kettle Falls Dam. Hope we don't get an abundance of rain or we'll see floating docks again. Surprisused to be, in spite of the slow melt, the ground is quite dry. Hopefully, some moisture will come so the grass doesn't dry up. What a conundrum!

A funeral service remembering the life of Marge Rutchasky will be held on Friday, May 3, at Holy Cross Catholic Church at 1 p.m. Luncheon will follow at the former Orr Legion Club.

Ruth Carlson is

planning her return to Crane Lake. If all goes as planned, she should be home for the weekend. She vowed not to return until she wouldn't have to shovel! Wouldn't one think that May 1 should be pretty safe?

S u m m e r Minko, daughter of Scott and the late Kathleen Minko, fell and broke her ankle. Can anyone say "pothole"? Speedy recovery, Summer.

Opening of Fishing Season is but a week away. Resorts and businesses are humming to be ready. It will be good this brings, and how good to see our neighbors and friends ready for another tourist season. It is hoped that by

this time all your Easter eggs have been found and consumed. Eggs contain a wealth of nutrients—vitamins, minerals, good fats, high-quality protein, and other essential nutrients. They have about 21 essential amino acids needed by the body. They just shouldn't be kept around for two weeks!

The NFL Draft has come and gone for another year. What do you think of the Vikings picks? They say they are "excited" with their new prospects. We have awhile to think about the potential impact to the team, but come fall, we'll all have expert comments.

On a recent trip to Texas, a Dame and her hubby were surprised to see three ostriches running in a fenced area of a residence. Ostriches are the largest birds in

largest eyes of any bird in the world. Their eyes are about five times bigger than the human eye and are the size of billiard balls. They take up so much room in the skull that the ostrich's brain is actually smaller than either one of its eyeballs. This may be the reason why the ostrich, despite its tremendous running speed, is not very good at escaping predators - it tends to run in circles!

the world, having the

Happy Cinco de Mayo! The Dames plan on having a couple of margaritas to celebrate. Join in—you may even see some ostriches. They'll be right next to the pink elephants.

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!

GRIZZLY UPDATE

## Meet Ms. Heather Tuthill

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

This week I interview another one of our veteran elementary teachers. I never thought that I would be running out of time this school year before running out of teachers to interview!

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

Ms. T: I'm from Woonsocket, South Dakota, which is about 35 miles northwest of Mitchell in South Central South Dakota. I went to Woonsocket High School and our mascot at the time was the Red Men, but now their mascot is the Blackhawks. I went to Augustana College in Sioux Falls and received my teaching degree. Before that I played college basketball at Westmar College, a small college in northwest Iowa. I was there for two years.

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

Ms. T: Yes, Mrs. Moody was my biggest influence. I had her for six years in a two-room schoolhouse. In seventh grade, it was very scary because we went to school in town then. I was the only student in my grade in elementary and was terrified to have to go into a class of over



Heather Tuthill and John Vukmanich take a selfie at North Woods. submitted photo

twenty. Mrs. Moody was great and could run all those grade levels. I don't know how she did it.

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

Ms. T: She took the time with everybody and made everyone feel special. She was also very knowledgeable. She knew her stuff and taught K-6. She was a great classroom manager. She kept us in line, all the time.

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

Ms. T: I teach fourth grade, but have also taught Special Education, Title I, and a combined third/fourth grade for our

Mr. V: Why did you choose teaching as a pro-

Ms. T: Because I didn't want to be a social worker. I started in social work but decided after a practicum that I didn't want to do it but still wanted to work with

Mr. V: What are your hobbies?

Ms. T: Boating, home improvement, the outdoors and walking.

Mr. V: What is something you really like

about North Woods? Ms. T: I like the fact that for the most part, our kids are really accepting

of each other. Our little

school has great diversity and our kids really work well together.

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

Ms. T: To make sure that every fourth grader loves reading!

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

Ms. T: The lakes. I love boating and we have the lakes.

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

Ms. T: Listen to your parents, or the important adults in your life.

Mr. V: Do you have a favorite saying or expres-

Ms. T: It's on my classroom wall, "No one is you! That is your Su-

perpower!" Mr. V: What do you hope that your students

will remember you for? Ms. T: Being kind and fair.

Thank you, Ms. Tuthill for your thoughtfulness. I think it is really interesting that you went to school in a two-room schoolhouse. Wow! We appreciate the great job you do at North Woods.

Go Grizzlies!

Your principal, John Vukmanich

### At the Cook City Council

COOK - The city council here met briefly last Thursday evening for their regularly scheduled monthly meeting.

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A small handful of items was discussed, with the meeting lasting about ten minutes. A report was submitted by JPJ Engineering on

the status of the Cook Water Tower. The report stat-

ed that the interior wet coating was failing below the high water mark with "widespread delamination and pinhole rusting. Additionally the report recommended a few

structural modifications to the tower during its next maintenance cycle.

The estimated cost of the maintenance is between \$135,000 and \$145,000 if the city completes the work within two years. The cost could rise to as much as \$330,000 if left unattended for longer. Aside from the water tower, a plan to replace the

airport's beacon has been put on hold until more information could be obtained from the DNR on vegetation on the site. A patch of trees on the property would need to

be removed in order to complete the repair work, but the DNR has requested the work be held off until they can determine what wildlife lives in the affected area of the property.

In other council business, councillors:

➤ Approved a temporary liquor license for the Northwoods Friends of the Arts.

➤ Approved usage of the park by the Cook Farmers Market.

### **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.



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#### Four Mile Portage featured musicians at folk dance at Ely Senior Center on Friday, May 10

ELY- On Friday, May 10, from 7-10 p.m., you'll want to kick off your shoes and dance... dance...dance to the lively foot-stomping bluegrass music of Four Mile Portage. For more than a decade, Brandy Forsman and Tom Maloney have been playing music and calling dances with the Tamarack Dance Association in Duluth, the Tapestry Dance Association in Minneapolis, and North Country Fiddle and Dance, in East Grand Forks. They play a variety of instruments ranging from banjo, fiddle, mandolin and lap dulcimer. This lively music and dancing is fun for all ages. Come join us at 27 S First Avenue E (Ely Senior Center building). All dances are taught, and easy to learn. Admission is \$10 for adults, children are free. The dance is sponsored by the Ely Folk School and is made possible in part by a grant from the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust.

#### Ely City-Wide Rummage and Business Crazy Day Sale, May 18

ELY- No one can resist a good sale, especially when the whole town gets involved. Saturday, May 18 marks the ninth annual City-Wide Rummage and Business Crazy Day Sale. Businesses are preparing for the event by offering sales and discounts galore. Dozens of rummage sales are participating too.

Power shopping creates a huge appetite, so set aside time to stop in at one of our many local restaurants. They will be serving delicious table fare to satisfy the hungriest of shoppers.

The City-Wide Rummage Sale runs from 8 a.m. – 4 p.m. Business Crazy Day participants will have varied hours, so plan your shopping day accordingly. You don't want to miss any shopping stops during this once-a-year event.

New this year is a used gear and watercraft sale. Participating outfitters and resorts will have used gear - tents, sleeping bags, packs and every other type of gear - available for purchase, along with a variety of watercraft. Don't miss a great opportunity to add to your camping cache.

Visit www.ely.org/mn/events to obtain a map with a list of participating businesses and rummage sale locations. The map will be available online starting Monday, May 13 and at the Ely Chamber of Commerce at 1600 E Sheridan St. The chamber office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, May 18.

#### **Grizzlies hosting Baseball &**

#### Burgers on May 10

FIELD TWP- Join the North Woods baseball team for a Family Night Out! On Friday, May 10 the Grizzlies take on the Cherry Tigers at home. Come on over to the North Woods baseball field for a fun evening out for the whole family. The Honor Guard will start the game at 4:20 p.m. with the presentation of the flags and the singing of the National Anthem with the first pitch to follow.

Remember the good ol' fashion Baseball Burger stand from Timber Days of past? Well burgers are back! We will be grilling burgers and brats, have an ice-cold keg of 1919 Root Beer, cotton candy, and there will be a bake sale! All proceeds from the burger stand will go to the baseball booster fund.

You can't beat an evening of baseball and burgers! We hope you come out and support the

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM

# Luffarslöjd: Scandinavian Wirework with Faith Clover, May 6 & 11

REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present Luffarslöjd: Scandinavian Wirework with Faith Clover, a free, 90-minute program being offered for ages 14 and older at Ely, Babbitt, and Cook libraries.

The program will be held on Monday, May 6, 1 p.m. at the Ely Public Library; on Monday, May 6, 6 p.m. at the Babbitt Public Library; and on Saturday, May 11, 10 a.m. at the Cook Community Center.

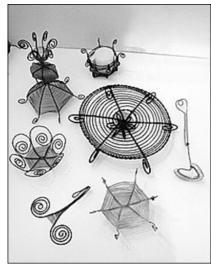
Luffarslöjd is part of the tradition of making beautiful and useful objects for everyday use, using one's hands and simple tools. Farmers used wires to mend fences and make basic tools around the farm. Leftover bits of wire were then used to make household items like whisks, cake tickles, trivets, or egg holders. More decorative items like candleholders, baskets, and hanging birds and other decorations were also commonly made. The design of wire items is really limited only by one's imagination.

After a talk and exhibit of luffarslöjd items, each person will make a basic hook or two to take home. All tools and materials will be provided. Maximum participant number preference is 40 attendees. Please check with your local library to see if there is a sign-up sheet for



this event.

Born and raised in Minnesota, instructor Faith Clover has always been a crafter of eclectic interests. After 27 years of living and teaching in Oregon and Arizona, she returned to Minnesota in 2000 to teach art education at the University of Minnesota. As the granddaughter of Swedish immigrants, she has immersed herself in all things Swedish, worked with educational programs at the American Swedish Institute, researched the history of Swedish home crafts, and personally practices several crafts including figure carving, birch bark weaving, and spoon carving. Study



abroad trips with her students introduced Faith to luffarslöjd and she has taken classes at Sätergläntan, the national folk craft school in Dalarna, Sweden, to learn more about this relatively unknown craft.

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, please see our calendar at www.alslib.info, follow us on Twitter @ ALSLibraryNews, or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/alslibinfo.

RENEWABLE 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 conservation

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.

#### Senior Bingo in Tower on Monday, May 6 TOWER- Senior Bingo will l

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.

## 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.

#### 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@vlmcamps.org.

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June: 4th Year Kick Off for the Art & Soul Gallery
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cannot be altered to fit a particular candidate and that internal documents may not identify a particular candidate as the holder of the position prior to their official hiring. Layman then offered a friendly amendment to Ecklund's provision, which codifies a policy change announced last month by Gov. Tim Walz, into state law. The change would require that

vacant state positions be posted and applications accepted for a minimum of 21 days. Any deviations from this policy would require a waiver and public notice of the waiver to be published within 14 days in the State Register.

Both Layman's amendment and the underlying Ecklund amendment were adopted into the State Government Finance bill on voice votes.

The posting time proved one of several issues of concern raised in the *Timberjay's* story. Officials at the IRRR had sought a special exemption to post a newly-created position for just 24 hours. Current state policy recommends at least 21 days and sets a posting minimum of seven days, but agencies can seek

an exemption from that requirement. The new legislation would make such exemptions much more difficult to obtain and more transparent.

"It's important that the Legislature makes these changes to help ensure an embarrassing hiring incident like this doesn't happen again," Layman said. "I believe this is a strong first step

in reforming and restoring the integrity of our state agency hiring practices. I will continue to look at other ways to repair these processes and make sure Minnesota is free of cronyism."

The state Senate adopted similar hiring language last week that is now included in the Senate's own version of the state government finance bill.

The legislation will now head to a House-Senate conference committee to approve identical language. The passage of the measure by both the House and Senate significantly increases the likelihood that the new hiring language will be enacted into law.

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process "fell far short of my expectations."

The letter stated Phillips failed to follow the state's "requirement that all classified positions be posted competitively for at least seven days and recommendation that such positions be posted for 21 days are designed to ensure inclusiveness, openness, and transparency in the hiring process for classified positions."

The governor has since moved to ensure that all state agencies follow a 21-day posting requirement for all state government positions.

"As a matter of policy, I want to ensure that the state hiring process for classified positions is inclusive, competitive, open, and transparent to encourage people across Minnesota to consider state service," Walz stated in his letter to Phillips. "By following the new 21-day posting period, I am confident that we will receive well-qualified applicants from all corners of Minnesota and with diverse and interesting backgrounds and experiences. The inclusiveness, openness, and transparency of this process is important to show the public our values as an Administration—to show Minnesotans that we are worthy of their trust."

#### Radinovich resignation

In a short resignation letter, Radinovich said the circumstances surrounding his hiring had taken the agency's focus off of its core mission. "It's my intent to refocus the public's attention on the important mission of the IRRR through my action

The story had generated extraordinary news coverage around the state since the Timberjay first published it online on April 17, including significant reporting of the issue in newspapers and on radio and television in the Twin Cities metro area, and even nationally as the story hit the Associated Press wire service. The widespread coverage intensified the pressure on Gov. Walz as well as officials with the IRRR. GOP lawmakers, who took advantage of an opportunity to embarrass the new DFL governor, appeared eager to express their displeasure over the

That made Radinovich's decision something of a relief for officials at the IRRR. "We appreciate his concern for the agency and the region it serves," stated IRRR Communications Coordinator Sheryl Kochevar. "We accept his decision to step down."

Rep. Sandy Layman, R-Grand Rapids, lauded Radinovich's decision to leave. "This is an appropriate step that will help restore the credibility of the IRRR. I care deeply about improving and maintaining the integrity and reputation of the IRRR because it does critical work for the residents of the Iron Range."

DFL lawmakers agreed. "I think he (Radinovich) did the honorable thing," said Rep. Rob Ecklund, DFL-International Falls. "It's a mess that wasn't necessarily his fault. I think he got put in a tough spot."

Radinovich's resignation likely won't be the last word on the subject. "This incident was embarrassing for the IRRR, and I have many questions that still need to be answered about the process and the involvement of the governor's office," said Layman.

#### **Hiring at issue**

Last month when the Timberjay broke the news that the IRRR had fast-tracked the hiring of Radinovich, passing over a potentially more qualified candidate, Phillips had acknowledged to the newspaper that he had intended to bring Radinovich on board at the agency after the Deputy Commissioner position went to former DFL legislator Jason Metsa. Metsa had also run unsuccessfully for the Eighth District seat vacated last year by Rick

Unlike Metsa's position, which was a temporary political appointment, the job created for Radinovich was listed as a permanent state position, which required an open and competitive hiring process.

Yet, as the *Timberjay* reported, officials at the agency sought special exemption to post the job for no more than 24 hours and claimed that the short posting was backed by the governor's office, something that Gov. Walz later denied and cited in his subsequent letter of reprimand. "It was inappropriate for you to seek to vary from MMB's [Minnesota Management and Budget] requirements in this case. It was also inappropriate to use my Office as your stated rationale for requesting an

exemption," wrote Walz.

The *Timberjay* also revealed that officials at the agency had prepared an organizational chart for the new position, which had Radinovich's name written in nearly a week before the job was posted.

What's more, the IRRR passed over a female candidate and long-time Iron Range resident, Lorrie Janatopoulus, who had far more relevant work experience, a master's degree in public affairs, and a recent Bush Fellowship which included leadership training at Harvard as well as strategic planning work at the IRRR.

Radinovich attended classes at Macalaster College in St. Paul, but never completed a degree.

Phillips still must be confirmed by the Republican-controlled State Senate in St. Paul.

Requests for comment to Sen. Justin Eichorn, R-Grand Rapids, on that issue were not returned as of press time.

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rative projects involving a number of other school districts on the Range. "If you look at the next 20 years, the cash flow in that account does not sustain much more than an additional \$2 million per year," he said. "And there is a three-year period where (cash flow) drops below one million. They are getting to the end of money they have available."

Cerkvenik has been in the legislative lobbying and public relations business for 30-plus years. Anderson, an Ely native, joined Cerkvenik's firm, the Costin Group, Inc. earlier this year after working for Rep. Rick

"We want to make sure, when we work with you, that we have alternative paths to work on so that we can creatively

Nolan for six years.

help the Ely community to advance this large project and to lessen some of the property tax impact," Cerkvenik said.

The IRRR's Iron Range Collaborative Fund, he said, "is a unique program designed to drive cooperation for better academic outcomes for students." The IRRR works with school administrations to design a funding program that will likely be unique in scope and impact, he added.

"They want to see how (your project) improves academic performance, and how does it drive cooperation among school districts," Cerkvenik said. "They look at how you make smart use of resources, and address building needs. However, it is not just a building fund, and if you approach it that way,

you probably won't be successful. The (school) systems that have been successful in access to that money have had cooperative programs."

He described the Mt. Iron-Buhl School District's collaboration model with ISD 2142. They integrated their transportation system, business office, implemented superintendent and curriculum director sharing, language arts teaching, and expanded the video teaching

"It is only logical, because you don't have any other nearby school districts except the one (ISD 2142), to leap ahead and have that (collaboration) discussion with

them," he said. He offered that programs such as sharing classes with Northeast Range School could cut administrative costs and improve academic performance. "If you can put together a package that addresses a lot of those types of things, it then has some legs, rather than just concentrating on buildings," Cerkvenik said.

Marsnik agreed that collaboration with the nearby school district is an important step for Ely and pushed to have a discussion with the ISD 2142 school board sooner rather than later about any options that could be

considered. Cerkvenik told school board members that he greased the wheels with the ISD 2142 board about such a conversation. "Reggie (Engebritson, ISD 2142 superintendent) is open to such a discussion," he said. 'She did talk with the

school board there and they are open to talking."

He laid out a necessary process to implement a collaboration effort. "You need to develop a relationship and a memorandum of understanding to work on and present that to your voters, the IRRR leadership and legislators," Cerkvenik said.

Marsnik made clear that ISD 696 is not advocating consolidation with ISD 2142. "We are not talking consolidation, but collaboration; there is a big

difference.' Cerkvenik noted that many areas of collaboration already exist on the Iron Range, "including the Arrowhead Consortium for health insurance, school supplies, computer services, financial advice and other things that are economically efficient."

He suggested that Ely school board members continue to try to access school collaboration funding from the IRRR. "It is set up to drive increased cooperation and to improve academic performance," he said. "When you cooperate administratively to save money, you can put that (savings) into the classroom, and offer more opportunities for

your kids." Marsnik agreed. "It is worthwhile to look into this. We will have further discussion with our full board (two members were absent from the meeting) and see how we want to move forward. The next step should be to meet with the 2142 board. It doesn't hurt to talk," he said.



## Thank You

Justin Grotberg would like to thank everyone who came to his benefit spaghetti feed. It was wonderful seeing all my old and new friends! And it was wonderful to see how much support I have from this community.

This benefit would not have been possible without the hard work of a team of volunteers, as well as these businesses and individuals who donated food and/or prizes for the event. If we have missed listing anyone, we apologize in advance!

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#### WORKING TOGETHER

## Volunteer group lends a hand to help flooded restaurant

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY - Community spirit is an important thread in the fabric of every small town. That spirit and generosity has been evident in Ely for the past two months for the new owners of Sir G's Italian Restaurant.

Heidi and Dan Peace, who took over ownership of the Ely business last fall, were staring at a disaster on the evening of March 13 when a frozen storm sewer and heavy rains resulted in the flooding of their restaurant.

As they waded through the damage contemplating their next steps, Ely residents came to their rescue, and after nearly two months of work, Sir G's was set to open this

"The story is pretty simple," said Susan Laine, who focused her efforts on gathering an army of volunteers to help the Peace family.

"My husband Curt (a professional photographer) and I were celebrating our first wedding anniversary over the St. Patrick's Day weekend," she said, "and as we celebrated our lives in Ely, we asked ourselves, 'who needs our love?""

They immediate-



flooded in March. Volunteers helped get the business back on its feet. A grand-reopening was held this week. photo by K. Vandervort

ly thought of their new friends at Sir G's, whom they met during the Ely Winter Festival as they collected wooden nickels. Susan planted the idea on Facebook to organize, promote and celebrate a grand reopening of Sir G's once they recovered from the flood damage.

"Helping our friends prepare for their first summer was critical," Susan said. "Ely had a long, cold, hard winter. We lost friends, we lost businesses, we lost too much. And we did not want to lose the opportunity to come together and help our

They formed the "I Heart SIR G's Grand Re-Opening Volunteer

Curt and Susan met with Heidi and Daniel to discuss their immediate needs, which were at that time, physical labor. "We each explained what we could bring to the table. Curt is a commercial photographer and business owner and I have a long background in sales and marketing," Susan said. "I put out a request on Facebook and asked people to help out, if they were available.'

An initial meeting of volunteers included Tom Omerza, Zach Huberty, Steffi O'Brien, Kris Winkelman, David Wigdahl, Misty Merhar, and the Laines. "Following the great news that the insurance adjuster approved a new floor, we brain-stormed and developed media teams," Susan said. "I was getting a lot of great feedback. I knew that people in Ely were on board. I contacted the Chamber of Commerce and started the ball rolling for an official ribbon cutting, featuring the giant scissors and the Ely mayor. The teams were in place and we were getting busy with what needed to get

By the end of April, the grand re-opening for the restaurant was in sight. Sir G's was operating on a limited basis for several weeks providing take-out and delivery service of the Italian menu.

The website was updated with Curt taking food pictures. A new map for the entryway was ready. The marketing team continued to post updates on Facebook and reach out to local media agencies.

"There has been so much love from so many people in Ely," Heidi Peace said last Saturday as the staff prepared dough, and the new carpet was installed. "It has been so overwhelming how much support we have received from so many people."

A 10-day grand re-opening celebration kicked off on Thursday with a ribbon cutting ceremony. The celebration will continue all week until the state fishing opener on

Saturday, May 11.

"This has been a huge success," Susan Laine said. "David Wigdahl contributed gift baskets from Potluck and Insula for nightly drawings, and the musical stylings of a young accordion player will be featured during the grand re-opening week. Northern Expressions has generously donated two free ice cream cone gift certificates for each night of the grand reopening. Heavy Metal Sports is donating gift certificates. Sir G's is donating a pizza a month for a year. We have other local businesses that are donating as well."

On Monday, Susan said the restaurant was in need of 300 white ceiling tiles to be donated. "Just like that, the Taste Of Ely helped us out. It was amazing getting that message."

Susan said she posts almost every day, creating excitement and talking to people who like to share their Sir G's experiences. "I invite people to meet the new owners and make new memories. The community is coming together to save their favorite Italian restaurant, but mostly it's to save their friends and neighbors, the Peace

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Tribes and the Bois Forte are hoping to transfer title on the approximately 32,000 acres owned by the MCT, to the band. She said the band was working to advance legislation that could make that transfer possible.

She said Potlatch-Deltic was also another large landowner on the reservations and that the tribal agencies have developed a 10-year plan to repurchase as much of that land as possible.

"We strategically selected land for timber harvesting, for hunting, and also for borders," she said.

Chavers also highlighted ongoing efforts to address the abuse of drugs and alcohol on the reservation. "This is not only plaguing Bois Forte, but the entire country,"

she added. "It's taking our people way too soon."

She said tribal officials were successful in obtaining new funding to help upgrade the tribal court facilities as well as update the tribal code, which she described as "totally outdated."

The new funding will allow for additional court system staffing, new software, and a metal detector for the court's entrance to enhance security.

The new court building, which Chavers said was built with 85-90 member labor, is nearly completed, she said. "We will be having a grand opening on May 30," she added.

Chavers said the Bois Forte police have also recently purchased a new drug-sniffing dog, named

Mika, which is stationed at the police headquarters. "Officer Mika is now a member of the Bois Forte law enforcement and she will stay at Bois Forte for the duration of her

Chavers said the band

is also working out an agreement with St. Louis County which will allow the band to house prisoners on short-term stays at the St. Louis County Jail in Virginia. She said that change will help to reduce the time that Bois Forte police are away from the percent Bois Forte band reservation on prisoner transfers. Currently, prisoners are being transported all the way to Sherburne

> an eight-hour roundtrip. While the courts and law enforcement are currently part of the answer with substance abuse,

County, near St. Cloud—

Chavers said the tribal council is also focusing on the mental health and treatment aspects of the problem. She said the council is currently considering the creation of a drug abuse treatment and healing center on property the band owns on Johnson Lake, near Ely.

"It's beautiful, pristine property on Johnson Lake," she said. "We want to build a healing center there and use it either for after-care or as an educational facility."

She said the council is hoping to utilize a variety of partnerships to help facilitate the concept.

On workforce development, Chavers said new approaches are needed to help band members improve their job skills for positions that are available. "One of the statements we keep hearing from band members is 'I can't get a job.' So, we need to give our band members the needed services, resources and skills to gain employ-

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ment."

She said the council is in the process of creating their own workforce development office to replace some of the services that were previously funded by federal programs. "It's important for our band members to have that "one-stop-shop" where you can get the services you need. Maybe you need emergency assistance, maybe you need help with education or training, maybe you need help with an application or a resumé. Whatever. This one-stop-shop is where it's going to be, and it will be located at the tribal government building.'

Chavers said helping band members in such ways will not only help build their skills and make them more successful. It can also help the tribal government find the workers it needs to provide effective services. "We have jobs, but we don't have people applying for them," she said. "We need counselors, we need accounting people, we need maintenance, we need every kind of worker you can imagine but we can't get people to

## apply." Other issues

Chavers also thanked staff with KBFT tribal radio and Chas Wagner for increasing the amount of cultural programming now being offered on the reservation. "It's really nice when you can just go out the door and down the road and there's an event going on where you don't have to travel to Cook or Virginia. This has been a really big benefit for us," she said.

On the economic development front, Chavers noted that the band's previous efforts at diversification had mixed results and have left considerable debt. She said the current council believes in more input from band

tribal government had taken a cut in its annual distribution, from the previous \$5 million to \$2.6 million, from the facility in order to make that possible. She said recent upgrades include new carpeting,

members before under-

taking such initiatives in

was focused primarily on

reinvesting in the Fortune

Bay facility, and that the

She said the council

the future.

generator. "In years past, as you know, we didn't have the ability to reinvest, but we have taken a cut from the tribal government side to allow Fortune Bay to invest in themselves," she said.

new machines, a new

roof, and a new back-up

Chavers also championed more transparency in tribal government, noting that the current council had recently finished a report on where tribal officials have spent the Fortune Bay distribution dollars over the past ten years. She said that report will be distributed to all band members at the end of May. "We're trying to improve communication," she said, citing improvements to the band's website, located at www.boisforte.com, as well as the start of a Facebook presence.

Finally, Chavers took note of the some of the political gains made by Native Americans and women in the past year. Chavers, herself, was named the President of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribes, the first woman to hold that position. She noted, as well, that two new Native Americans were elected to Congress and that White Earth band member Peggy Flanagan was elected Lt. Gov., making her the first Native American elected to statewide office in Minnesota history. "It is an exciting time in the state of Minnesota for tribes," she said.





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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

## **Bois Forte aims to lessen mental health stigmas**

by MARCUS WHITE

Cook/Orr Editor

NETT LAKE - May is Mental Health Awareness month, and workers with Bois Forte Behavioral Health are working to lessen negative associations with seeking treat-

"We want people to change their perceptions," said Behavioral Health Supervisor Melissa Wright. "Taking care of your mental health shouldn't be any different than a normal doctor's visit."

The team of mental health workers has devised several strategies to implement their plan, including a kickoff community event as the Timberjay went to press on Wednesday, May 1, in Nett Lake to bring to light community concerns over combatting negative stigmas.

The event will be followed on May 16 at Nett Lake at the Tribal Government Center with a class on suicide awareness training from 9 to 10:30

The Behavioral Health Unit has previously offered classes on mental health first aid and plans to do another in the future. That class trains people in helping others during a crisis.

"People may have relatives or friends who may need help," Wright said. "People are afraid of coming in for help. There is a negative attitude of feeling or being labeled as 'crazy.'"

In addition to the community events, all Bois Forte and Fortune Bay Resort Casino employees will begin to receive pamphlets and other educational material with their pay stubs.

Wright said the Bois Forte community faces both similar and unique challenges when compared to the wider northern St. Louis County community.

She said, much like the rest of the region, the tribe faces a shortage of mental health workers to serve the community. She said the tribe could easily add at least one more counselor to their staff to help with the number of clients the behavioral health office visits with on a regular basis.

During the St.



Bois Forte mental health workers hosted an information booth at the recent State of the Band event at Fortune Bay Resort Casino. photo by M. White

Louis County District 4 Commissioner race in 2018, candidates frequently cited the need for more mental health workers in the region. Just one full-service inpatient center is currently in operation on the Iron Range and only a handful of outpatient options are available, such as Scenic Rivers Clinics and Bois Forte Behavioral Health.

Wright said the tribe is working with other area health providers, such

as the Cook Hospital, to bring more services to the region.

In addition, different cultural challenges need to be overcome when serving the tribal community. Mental health practitioners who work with Native American communities need to be "culturally competent" in knowing about generational and historical traumas faced by indigenous communities.

"Many people have

parents and grandparents who were forced into boarding schools," Wright said. As a result of these life events, many in Native American communities have a high "ACE Score", a mental health exam which rates adverse childhood experiences. The higher the score, the more likely someone will suffer from mental health issues such as Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Wright said that counsellors need to change their focus from their own expectations to better understand what clients expect when they meet with them. Wright said often counselors will set their own benchmarks of where they feel a patient should be after certain time periods. She noted, however, that counselors should be asking their patients about their own goals rather than following one-size-fits-all formulas.

In addition to the community workshops this month, Bois Forte will host this year's annual meeting of the American Indian Mental Health Council for Minnesota Tribes, in September. The meeting is an annual summit that addresses mental health concerns on reservations across the state.

"We need to come together as a community, not just as Bois Forte, but all around," Wright said. "How can we help our neighbors, friends and family?"

More information on mental health services at Bois Forte can be found at http://www.boisforte. com/divisions/human\_ services.htm or by calling 218-757-3295.



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"I remember coming here with my family for many years," Litherland said. "It was nice to see that it was up for sale. It gives us an opportunity."

The Landing won't just be about burgers and beer. It will offer plenty of other food options as well, including sandwiches, salads, and weekly specials to choose from. The kitchen staff plan to work with the Cook Farmers Market to bring fresh local produce to the restaurant

for the first time.

In keeping with their vision for a family atmosphere, kids meals will be offered for just \$4.

Matt said they are also planning events throughout the summer to entertain both locals and visitors to the lake. "We want this to be

a place for everybody to come, eat and relax." On Tuesday, Mark

was finalizing menus as workers from a local pop distributor were finishing the installation of the bar's new soft drink system.

Mark said the first few days would be about training new staff and acclimating to the new point of sale system as customers arrived.

If re-opening a restaurant isn't a big enough job, the trio is also in the process of renovating and expanding Moosebirds, the long-time gift store and ice cream shop located just down the road from The Landing, which they recently purchased from the previous owner.

"We are making very big changes at Moosebirds," Litherland said. "We're going to bring food big time to the lake. When we heard Zup's burned down, we wanted to give people another place to get food."

Work is being done to bring a small grocery to the lakeside shop, along with a bigger cooler to hold more flavors of ice cream to keep visitors cool in the summer.

New futures for the two lakeside businesses aren't the only reason the family has gotten into the restaurant business. They say they also want to help preserve family memories, both for themselves and other families around the west end of the lake.

"About 17 years ago my dad came up here looking for a place to build a cabin," Litherland said. In the end, his father built that cabin less than a mile

from The Landing, so it was a frequent spot for family gatherings. "This is where we came. We knew a few previous owners,"

Litherland said. The Landing had a soft opening this week;a later opening date for Moosebirds has not yet

been set. More information can also be found on the restaurant's Facebook page at "The Landing on Lake Vermilion".

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### **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 longterm 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.

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

results were announced. Candidates ran unopposed in Districts 2 and 4. Results were: District 2: Michael Forsman, Ely,

Director election 614 votes; District 4: Craig Carlson, Cohasset, 374 votes; District 8: Jim Huhta, Cromwell, 455 votes; and Danny Smith, Tamarack, 284 votes.

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TRACK AND FIELD

## Ely boys take top spot at Eveleth meet

by MARCUS WHITE

Cook-Orr Editor

EVELETH - Ely varsity track looks headed toward another strong season after an outstanding showing here last Saturday. The boys squad finished first by an over-

whelming margin among 12 regional teams, racking up 128.5 points, far ahead of the 91 points tallied by second-place finisher Mesabi East. The girls weren't far behind, taking third place with 66 points out of 12 teams.

Ely earned first-place

finishes in the 4 x 800meter relay, with a time of 8:51.85, nearly a second faster than Greenway-Nashwauk-Keewatin. In individual competition, Luke Olson and James Schwinghamer each notched first-place finishes in the 800 and 3,200-meter

races respectively.

Isaac Gawboy narrowly missed a first-place finish with a time of 11.94 seconds in the boys 100meter dash, good for second place. He finished just 0.3 seconds behind Mt. Iron-Buhl's Jericho Peterson.

Raif Olson and Kjetl Midtunn took third and sixth place respectively in the 110-meter boys hurdle

Among the girls, Ely freshman Lauren Olson finished second in the 300meter hurdles, with a time of 53.82. Olson took third

place in the 100-meter hurdles.

Eighth-grader Zoe Devine had a second-place finish in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:39.18.

SOFTBALL

## Mixed results for Grizzlies

## North Woods wins on the road and loses at home

by MARCUS WHITE

Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP— The inconsistent spring weather has kept the North Woods Grizzlies girls softball team off the playing field much of the season and it showed last Friday in a 9-6 loss to Mt. Iron-Buhl. The Rangers, who have managed to play five more games than the Grizzlies so far this season, took advantage of their experience to put five runs on the board in the first inning, setting the stage for their cruise to victory.

"I think my girls were a little down after that inning," said Head Coach Dee Ann Sandberg. "I'm proud they stuck it out and tried to come back. They didn't give up, but we didn't win in the end."

Senior outfielder Kate Stone led the team offensively, posting three hits. Senior second-base player Hanna Sandberg and senior pitcher Alanna Rutchasky each had two RBIs. Rutchasky also notched 21 first-

Last Thursday, the Grizzlies had more success on the road, outhitting Nashwauk-Keewatin, 12-9.

Windy conditions on the field led to multiple errors by both teams, with scoring going back and forth throughout the game, according to Sandberg.

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Top: Kennedy Wardas puts down a tag on 3rd base for the out. Above: Regan Ratai with a catch in centerfield for the out. At left: Claire Beaudry with a safe slide into home. photos by C. Stone

**TOURISM** 

## Ely Outfitters Association talks BWCAW

Stauber continues to help BWCAW outfitters; LOTTERY Act could take effect next year

by KEITH VANDERVORT

ELY – With a light snowfall hitting the streets of Ely last Friday and most area lakes still gripped in ice, the Ely Outfitters Association, Ely Tourism Bureau, and the Ely Chamber of Commerce met with federal officials here in another attempt to address concerns over the new entry permit reservation system for the Boundary Waters Canoe

Area Wilderness.

"These issues have a

the Ely area," said Bob LaTourell, a member of the Ely Outfitters' Association. "We have concerns that need to be clarified," he told Rep. Pete Stauber, field representative, Spencer Igo, Pete Makowski, outreach director for Sen. Tina

huge effect on tourism in

Smith, and Ida Rukavina, representative of Sen. Amy Klobuchar. As many as 15 Elyarea outfitters and tourism

officials attended the "When I was here

Rep. Stauber (right) meets with the Ely Outfitters Assocciation. photo by K. Vandervort

with you all last February," Stauber said, "I heard something that still sticks with me, the U.S. Forest Service just doesn't listen. They are supposed to represent and support us. Together, we must come up with the best possible plan to make (the reserva-

tion system) work." Shortly after that meeting in February, Rep. Stauber introduced legis-

lation to return the BWCA



non-motorized and motor-Outdoor Tourism Thrive ized boats, back to the for Every Recreation lottery system in place Year, or LOTTERY, Act prior to the USFS changing it to a first-come, first-

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## **Sports** week

#### **BASEBALL**

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

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

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

Saturday May 4 Ely at Cook County, 12 p.m. Monday May 6

NE Range hosts Mesabi East, 4:30 p.m. Ely hosts Silver Bay, 4:30 p.m.

**Tuesday May 7** North Woods hosts Littlefork, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday May 9 North Woods hosts Nashwauk, 4:30 p.m.

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

Ely at Cherry, 4:30 p.m. Friday May 10 Ely at Virginia, 12 p.m.

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

NE Range at Mt. Iron-Buhl, 4:30 p.m.

#### SOFTBALL

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

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

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

Saturday May 4 Ely at Cook County, 12 p.m.

Monday May 6 Ely hosts I-Falls, 4:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday May 7 Ely at Cherry, 4:30 p.m.

North Woods hosts Deer

River, 4:30 p.m. NE Range at Chisholm,

4:30 p.m. Thursday May 9

Ely at Eveleth-Gilbert,

North Woods at Cherry, 4:30 p.m.

NE Range at Mt. Iron -Buhl, 4 p.m. Friday May 10

2:30 p.m.

Ely hosts North Woods,

Ely hosts Floodwood, 4:30 p.m.

#### BASEBALL

### **Grizz routed at South Ridge**

CULVER - The Grizzlies couldn't hold their own here last Friday, suffering an 11-1 loss to the Panthers in five innings.

"We couldn't find a hit when we had runners in scoring position," said Head Coach Jeff Smerud. "It was a learning game against arguably the toughest team in the area."

The team had just four hits collectively with eight runners left stranded

during the five innings.

was a message to his players about the level of play expected of them this

Subsequent games scheduled for this week were cancelled due to the weather. The Grizzlies will enjoy a home stand over the next several days, hosting Chisholm on Friday and Littlefork-Big Falls on Tuesday. First pitch is set for 4:30 p.m.

#### SOFTBALL

#### Ely girls struggle against Carlton

CHUB LAKE— The Ely girls softball team struggled to reach base against Carlton pitching last Friday, and they came home nursing a 11-1 loss to fall to 3-2 on the season.

The Wolves took a 1-0 lead after two, but Carlton exploded for four runs in both the third and fourth innings and added three more in the fifth to send Ely home early on the ten-run rule.

An RBI double by Jenna Merhar in the second inning was the only hit of the game for the Wolves. "We gave up three unearned runs in the fifth inning with three errors, which didn't help our cause," said Ely Head Coach Tom McDonald.

Merhar worked the

Smerud said the loss season.

mound for Ely, giving up eight hits and walking

seven in five innings

Ely had a much better outing against Chisholm last Thursday, as they ten-runned the Bluejackets 17-4. Chisholm pitchers aided Ely's cause as they issued 17 walks and hit three batters to put 20 runners on base. Ely batters tallied eight hits, with Lida Dodge and Adrianna Bishop notching two apiece. Jenna Merhar and Charly Flom each

Erika Mattson worked the mound, allowing four hits, striking out six and walking just two.

tallied three RBIs.

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would require the USFS to switch the current first-come, first-serve reservation system back to a lottery system by 2020. "Many people were

concerned when the Forest Service made the ill-advised decision to forego the successful lottery system for a first-come, first-serve online system, and rightfully so," Stauber said. "When the new reservation system crashed, my office was inundated with calls from constituents who were worried about the severe impact on their small businesses and the local economy, which is heavily dependent on tourism. The small businesses in and around Ely also expressed frustration that the Forest Service didn't listen to their initial concerns and weren't taking the users seriously."

With Sens. Klobuchar and Smith introducing a similar bill in the Senate, Stauber said he is working to get both chambers to agree on a like-minded bill. "My job is to get this legislation passed that works for our outfitters right here. The haphazard change to the BWCA reservation system is yet another example of unelected government bureaucrats making decisions that hinder rather than help small businesses and our way of life."

Some of the outfitters described ongoing problems with the new system put in place for 2019. Ginny Nelson, of Spirit of the Wilderness Outfitters, was one of them. "When the new system crashed, we were brought together and had a productive session and we felt like we were listened to. But the system is not user-friendly. The problems that we described were just not listened to."

Nelson also voiced her frustrations with the simplistic training procedures by the USFS and website vendor. "We start issuing permits on May 1 and they had a training last week. I got so frustrated that I gave up. They weren't prepared," she said. "They just wanted to get through it and not take any comments from us. And there were a lot of comments because there were a lot of issues."

Jason Zabokrstsky, of Ely Outfitting Co., expressed his concerns with a commercial needs assessment being conducted by the Forest Service. "We currently have no information on the process and worry that by the time we do, it will be too late to comment," he said. The Forest Service has suspended the process for obtaining recreational permits for new businesses to legally operate on the Superior National Forest while they are conducting the assessment, Zabokrtsky added.

The Forest Service will use the needs assessment as the basis for potential changes to its management of recreational commercial services on the national forest. "These potential changes could be sweeping and economically devastating for current and potential outfitters, guides, and towboat operators, who provide services on the forest," Zabokrtsky said.

The suspension of new permitting is not just preventing new businesses that serve users of the Boundary Waters from opening, noted Zabokrtsky. "It also prevented the opportunity for existing outfitters and guide service businesses to expand to new recreational uses, for example, a summer guide service business could not expand to new winter guide services," Zabokrstky said.

The needs assessment is the result of a settlement agreement in a lawsuit filed against the Forest Service by Wilderness Watch related to commercial towboat activity in the Wilderness. "The Forest Service

has promised but failed to deliver updates on the status of the needs assessment, and has operated in an insular and opaque manner on this issue," said Zabokrtsky.

Nelson also voiced her frustration with the

BASEBALL

**Timberwolves outlast Deer** 

newly implemented firstcome-first-served day-use motor permit system in the Chain of Lakes area. "If the day-use motor (reservation system) was put into a lottery, that would ease a ton of stress in this area," she said.

LaTourell agreed. "The way the new system was set up, we have been taken out of the equation. We need to be able to serve our customers," he said. "We are going to get (potential customers) leave our area. With just two groups that have already cancelled, I lost \$15,000, plus I could lose a lot more than that."

Stauber was taken aback by the potential monetary loss for Ely-area outfitters because of the new reservation system. "That's real money," he said. "If I take nothing else from this meeting, that monetary loss is real."

The outfitters and tourism officials attending the meeting agreed with Stauber that any changes are not coming for the current season's reservation system, and they all supported a return to the lottery system starting in 2020. "We have one chance to get this right," he said. "We need a way to move forward with no mixed messages. I will work on a solution for 2020 with this LOTTERY Act. I will go back and fine tune this."

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followed by a jazz performance and discussion around mental illness with jazz guitarist Sam Miltich at 6:30 pm.

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River on the road by Marshall Helmberger themselves to a comfy 6-1 lead by the end of five. They added three more in the top of the sixth and

Timberwolves survived a seventh innings to take a 9-3 lead into the bottom of five-run Warrior seventh the seventh. That's when inning here last Thursday, the Warriors came alive, as Ely eked out a 9-8 win pounding out six hits good to improve to 3-1 on the for five runs, too little, too season. Ely scored two

late as it turned out. Tyler Housey once again paced Ely with three more hits, while Bryce Longwell and TJ Banks rapped two hits apiece with Banks driving in two runs as well. Dalton Schreffler pitched six and two-thirds

innings, striking out ten while giving up ten hits and eight runs. Longwell got the save, recording a strikeout for the last out of the game.

The Wolves were set to host Mt. Iron-Buhl on Thursday and will hit the road Friday and Saturday to face Greenway and Cook County respectively. They'll be back home to host Silver Bay on Monday. The Saturday game features a noon start, while the first pitch for the other match-ups is set for 4:30 p.m.

## GRIZZLIES...Continued from

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"This was a great win for us," she said. "I don't think we have beaten Nashwauk-Keewatin since I've been coaching here."

Stone would again lead with three hits, this time adding three RBIs as well. Senior outfielder Maddie Serna also had

three RBIs.

The Grizzlies were set to play Ely on Thursday after the Timberjay's deadline. They host a double header against South Ridge on Friday with first pitch set for 4 p.m.



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#### AWARD-WINNING THEATER PRODUCTION

### The Sins of Sor Juana by Karen Zacarías, May 6 in Virginia and May 9 in Bigfork

REGIONAL-Ten Thousand Things will close its season with the company's first-ever production of The Sins of Sor Juana, by Latina playwright Karen Zacarías. The romantic and humorous play was inspired by the true story of famed writer Juana Inés de la Cruz, a woman of great resilience who was determined to break the conventions of 17th century Mexico.

Free public performances (reservations required) will be held on Monday, May 6 at 7 p.m. at the Lyric Center for Arts, 510 Chestnut St. in Virginia, on Wednesday, May 8 at 2 p.m. at Bigfork Valley Villa Assisted Living, 258 Pine Tree Dr. in Bigfork, and on Wednesday, May 8 at 7 p.m. at The Edge at

Village Hall, 200 Main Ave. in Bigfork. Suggested donation is \$5 for adults. Tickets are available at tenthousandthings.org or by calling 800-838-3006.

"I chose this poetic play because it so brilliantly celebrates the resilience and drive of the human spirit," said director Marcela Lorca. "Sor Juana fought for a woman's right to education at a time when this idea was considered absurd. The play also brings to life the rich complexity of Mexico. At a time when the rhetoric about our neighboring country is often dismissive, it is tremendously valuable to remember both the beauty of its culture and our common humanity."

Playwrighter Karen Zacarías

won the Helen Hayes Award for The Sins of Sor Juana. Her most recent critically-acclaimed plays, Native Gardens and Destiny of Desire, have been produced in major theaters across the country, including the Guthrie, Old Globe, Arena Stage, South Coast Repertory, and Goodman

Ten Thousand Things brings lively, intelligent, professional theater to people with little access to the wealth of the arts, who in turn help our artists and traditional audiences re-imagine what theater can be. Theater-goers experience the immediacy and vibrancy of theater through a performance in which there is no stage and the finest actors perform in the



middle of the audience, inches away from patrons with minimal

sets and costumes.

#### Obituaries and Death Notices



#### Shirley A. Charles

Shirley Ann Anderson Charles,92,of Virginia,formerly of Mt. Iron and Lake Vermilion-Tower, passed away on Sunday, April 28, 2019, at Edgewood Vista in Virginia. Visitation will be from 5 until 7 p.m. on Friday, May 3 at Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia and will continue on Saturday, May 4 from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. funeral service at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower with Pastor Liz Cheney officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Greenwood Cemetery in Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to Immanuel

She was born on March 20, 1927, in Baudette, to William E. and Isabelle "Mimi" (Comeau) Peterson and graduated from Virginia High School. Shirley was united in marriage to Raymond F. Anderson on Oct. 4, 1946, and they had five children together. On June 19, 1982, she married James Charles. She was a member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower and a member of the "Victory Farms".

Lutheran Church.

Inducted into the Virginia Bowling Hall of Fame in 2010, Shirley was an avid bowler for over 50 years. She loved spending time with family, especially on Little Lake 14. Shirley and Jim enjoyed traveling together, listening to polka music on Saturday mornings, cross-country skiing, and boat rides on Lake Vermilion.

Shirley is survived by herhusband, James Charles of Virginia; children, Bruce (Anne) Anderson of Berthoud, Colo., Gerry (Cheryl) Anderson of Owatonna and Jackie (Mike) Unrein of Delano; daughter-in-law, Peggy Anderson of Mt. Iron; stepchildren, Wendy Villanueva of Minneapolis and Jim Charles of Alexandria; 19 grandchildren; 20 great-grandchildren; special daughters, Nancy (Rick) Marwick and Wendy (Squillace) Jacobsen, both of Virginia; and special son, Danny

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Ray; son, Rick; daughter, Carol; sister, Betty; and brother, Larry.

Oates of Eveleth.



#### John J. Musech

John J. Musech, 94, of Cook, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, April 26, 2019, two months before his 95th birthday. John was a family man, a successful businessman and a community leader. He will be remembered for his devotion to his family, his kind spirit, his sense of humor, and his love of the Cook community.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at noon on Wednesday, May 8 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cook. Visitation will be held at St. Mary's on Tuesday, May 7 from 5 to 7 p.m. and on Wednesday from 11 a.m. to noon. Military honors will be accorded by the Cook VFW Post 1757 Honor Guard and Orr American Legion Post 480 Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to St. Mary's Catholic Church Prayer Park and the Cook Lions Club. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

The son of Slovenian immigrants, John was born in Aurora, on June 28, 1924, to Ignatz and Mary Musech. He was the youngest of seven children and grew up in Kitzville near Hibbing, where he worked in the family grocery store. At the age of 19, John was drafted into the U.S. Navy and served his country in the Pacific Theater for three-and-ahalf years during World War II. He returned from the war and took over the family grocery store in Kitzville.

John was married to Verdella Jaunich, of Delano, on Sept. 26, 1953. For 65 years John and Verdella were life, business and travel partners, as well as proud parents of nine extremely well-behaved children. A born entrepreneur, John owned and operated a number of businesses in the area along with Verdella. In 1958 they moved their young family to Cook and bought a grocery store on the main street. They later expanded the business and built a new SuperValu store that offered both groceries and clothing. With nine children at home, they had a built-in workforce and they also employed a

number of area residents

over the years. They later purchased property on Highway 53 and built the Country Store and remodeled and expanded the Vermilion Hotel. In his "retirement" John invested in and later operated Island View Lodge on Rainy Lake, outside of International Falls. John believed that

Cook was a great place to raise a family and do business. He was actively involved in building the community and was a member of Saint Mary's Catholic Church, a past president of the Chamber of Commerce, a founding member of the Lions Club, Chief of the Volunteer Fire Department, a founding member of Vermilion Fairways golf course, and a proud member of the Montana Cafe Coffee Club.

John was a fun-loving participant in life. He enjoyed fishing, waterskiing, downhill skiing, golf, curling, and making sausage. John and Verdella enjoyed playing bridge and traveling with close friends. He will be missed at family holiday gatherings and summer weekends on Lake Vermilion, where he was known for cooking on the grill, captaining his pontoon boat, and winning at cards.

John is survived by his loving wife, Verdella; and all nine of their children, Jennifer (Greg) Peterson, Alan (Julie) Musech, Cary (Gina) Musech, Christine (Ron) Geist, Susie Fry, Margaret Horn, Tom (Cyndi Rowland) Musech, Joan Musech and Mary (Doug) Cleary. John was an influential role model and friend to his children and his extended family, including 21 grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews, and their spouses. He was preceded in

death by his parents; and six siblings.

#### Lucille M. **Bontems**

Lucille M. Terdon Bontems, 94, of Eveleth, died on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at Essentia Health-Virginia. A gathering of remembrance will be held at a later date. Arrangements are entrusted to Cron-Sheehy Funeral Home in Eveleth. The family would like to thank St. Michael's Health & Rehabilitation Center in Virginia and Essentia Health-Virginia's emergency room, intensive care unit and second floor for the kind and wonderful

care given to Lucille. She is survived by her children, Joe of Montreal, Quebec, Canada, Paul (Wendy) of Gilbert, Roger

(Robin) of Iron, Jerry

(Jill) and granddog "JJ" of Tower, Daryl (Dawn) of Eveleth, Tom (Steffani) of Mesa, Ariz., and Gary of Gilbert; 13 grandchildren; numerous great-grandchildren; great-great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews, including a special niece, Mary Jean Wheeler of Chico, Calif.; and special friend, Virgie Zarnec.



#### **Myron Meier**

Myron "Mike" Meier, 79, of Austin, Minn., died on Wednesday, April 24, 2019, at St. Mark's Skilled Nursing Facility in Austin. A celebration of Mike's life will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, May 6 at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin, with visitation at 10 a.m. and following the service. Mike's life will also be celebrated in Ely later this summer. Instead of flowers, the family prefers donations to Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin, First Presbyterian Church of Ely, Mayo Clinic Hospice, or the Hormel Nature Center. Clasen-Jordan Mortuary of Austin is in charge of arrangements.

Mike was born in Brownsdale on April 18, 1940, to Ralph and Naomi (VanRiper) Meier and was welcomed into the family by big brothers, Eldred, 12 and Dallas, 6. He moved to northern Minnesota when he was two and loved to tell stories of growing up in Askov and Finlayson at a time when all the kids played outside year-round, the big kids taking care of the littler ones. When Mike was in fifth grade, his family moved to Grand Rapids. In high school he was an honor student, sang in the choir, was the junior class president, ran track, played basketball, and was a captain of the football team. He attended South Dakota State with a scholarship to play football and study pharmacy, but after a year knew it wasn't a good fit. He had always loved children so a counselor suggested teaching. He graduated from Bemidji State and agreed to teach sixth grade in Hayfield,

Minn. After adding a mas-

ter's degree in elementary

administration, he became

the principal and stayed

in the Hayfield system for his entire career. The faculty and staff often felt like family and worked together to shape the lives of hundreds of children.

Mike married Carolyn Schendel in 1964 in Grand Rapids. They had two children, Scott and Kristin. The family enjoyed summer trips camping across the country and even a trip to Brazil to meet their AFS son's family. But they always felt the pull of the special cabin in the woods north of Ely, built by Grandpa and Grandma Schendel. As the extended family grew, Mike took on the challenge of planning and building an additional cabin at the lake, a project he was very proud of. After Mike and Carolyn retired, they enjoyed traveling, visiting all 50 states, Hungary, Germany, England and Costa Rica, but summers were reserved for wonderful family memories at

Fenske Lake. Mike helped get the Oaks Golf Course built near Hayfield and was a charter member; he was a charter member and president of the Brownsdale Lions Club; and was president of the Brownsdale park board for many years. He was a member of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Austin for almost 50 years.

Mike is survived by his wife, Carolyn; children, Scott (Monica) Meier and Kristin Tapp (Troy Tigner); grandchildren, Katie (Mitch) Haugen, Addison Tapp, Jack Meier, Max Tapp and Reece Tapp; sister-in-law, Jean Meier; brother-in-law, Paul (Jessica) Schendel; nieces and nephews, their children and grandchildren; very special cousins; and a lifetime of wonderful friends.

#### Rosemary H. Coombe

Rosemary Helen Rudman Coombe, 88, passed away peacefully on Sunday, April 21, 2019, at Trinity Health Service in Farmington, shortly after moving there from Edgewood Vista in Virginia. A Funeral Mass washeldon Saturday, April 27 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Virginia with Fr. John Petrich as celebrant. Arrangements were with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia. Special thanks to the staff at Edgewood Vista for their care of Rosemary in the last years of her life. She is survived

Aspen, Colo., and Brian

(Cathy) Coombe of Ely;

stepbrother, Lawrence

by her children, Cyndi (Steve) Hagen of Farmington, Douglas (Deborah) Coombe of

Dusich; stepsister, Mary Pendergast; half-brother, Bernie Dusich; sisterin-law, Renee Johnson; brothers-in-law, Tom Coombe and Mike Coombe; grandchildren, James (Krista) Hagen, Matthew Hagen, Ashley Coombe and Jennifer Coombe; step-grandchildren, Kimberly (Paul) Breimeier and Bridget Karasti; great-grandchildren, Sam, Ingrid and Fred; step-great-grandchildren, Caleb, Elijah and Calvin; and many special nieces and nephews.

#### **Elaine D. Storbeck**

Elaine D. Hegge Storbeck, 93, longtime resident of Babbitt, passed into the arms of her Lord on Monday, April 22, 2019, at the Trinity Care Center in Farmington. Funeral services were held on Monday, April 29 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Babbitt with Pastor Art Dale officiating. Burial was in the Argo Cemetery in Babbitt. Arrangements were with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her daughters, Cindy Storbeck of Babbitt, Tammy Gilmore of Lakeville and Theresa Hage of Prior Lake; grandchildren, Angela, Toni, Rachel and Jason; great-grandchildren, Shea and Leo; and numerous nieces, nephews and friends.

#### **Margaret M.** Rutchasky

Margaret "Marge" Marilyn Kotnick Rutchasky, 72, of Buyck, passed away on Saturday, April 20, 2019, surrounded by her devoted family. A Memorial Mass will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, May 3 at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Orr. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service. A luncheon in honor of Margaret will be held immediately after the service at the Orr American Legion Hall. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook. She is survived by

her loving husband of 49 years, William "Bill" Rutchasky; children, Ronald Rutchasky (April) and Pauline Rutchasky (Cory); stepchildren, Billy (Patty) Rutchasky Jr., Daniel Rutchasky (Margie) and Lois (Tim) Reing; grandchildren, Ryan, Logan, Cash, Bayla, Josh, Jolene, Jenny, Steven and Jerry; numerous great-grandchildren; and brothers, Gene (Connie) Kotnik and Donnie (Brenda) Kotnik.

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# Jutdoors Our lives in the Northwoods

**TECHNOLOGY** 

## **Buying a** hot spot

Lake Vermilion resident launches new website to connect guides with anglers

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA Timberjay staff writer

REGIONAL—Hiring a fishing guide is a great way to learn the ropes when you're fishing a new lake, but it can also be expensive. Now those who don't want to hire a guide for the day can still pick up a hot spot or two, for significantly less than a guide's typical rates.

A new website, which is going live in time for this year's fishing opener, is designed to help connect fishing guides and those casual fishermen who may not want the full-service guide experience.

EZfishUSA.com provides an online platform for guides and other professional anglers to sell fishing locations, along with other information, like species that have recently been caught there, successful methods and techniques, descriptions from the guide, GPS coordinates, and Google Maps integration.

The website is the brainchild of JT Almeida, who lives on Lake Vermilion with his family, near Tower. Almeida has been guiding fishing trips in the Midwest, West, and Canada for nearly 30 years and is also the owner of The Finished Look construction company.

The fishing locations, posted only by verified guides or experienced tournament anglers, are personally vetted by Almeida. They have a count to show you how long locations have been up, and expire after 30 days to keep pace with fish movement. By its launch later this month, Almeida expects to have about 25 guides from around the state listing their hot spots on about 400-500 lakes, mostly in central and northern Minnesota.

For anglers, particularly those with at least some experience, it's a quick and easy way to put themselves in promising locations. Almeida said the GPS coordinates that he offers through the website are extremely precise, helping to ensure that anglers get to just the right location. For guides, said Almeida, it's a way to make extra money from the valuable information they otherwise keep in their heads.

Guides set all their own prices, and they can range from a few bucks for the location of a regular spot that's probably already well-known to locals but still produces a few fish, to \$100 for a hot spot that's providing lots of action right now. Eventually, Almeida plans to take his concept to a national audience and will even offer salt water locations, some of which might sell for thousands of dollars, depending on the species. There's no charge for guides to post their



SIGN OF THE TIMES?

# A wary new visitor

Appearance of a wild turkey suggests deer feeding is having many consequences

he story behind an unusual visitor to our yard only confirms my suspicion that deer feeding is allowing more species-including some not well-adapted to the harsh conditions of a North Country winter, to survive here.

Corn is a potent source of energy, and as we spread it across our landscape for the deer, other species are taking advantage. The female wild turkey that showed up in our yard in late April is almost certainly one such example.

When I first saw the bird on April 25, I saw it as a sign of the times, just one more example of the ways in which climate change was altering the

ecosystem here at the southern edge of the boreal forest. That's happening in many ways, but it's not clear that the turkey strutting through the young spruce and balsam fir on the west side of our house, on the edge of the Lost Lake Swamp, was the example I initially feared.

Keep in mind, historically, wild turkeys shouldn't be

living here in the North Country. They're hardy birds to be sure and can clearly survive the temperatures we experience here. But they need food to generate the energy to keep them warm when the thermometer falls to

In much of their traditional range, turkeys relied on natural, energy-rich sources of food, particularly in winter. Before blight nearly wiped out the American chestnut, that sizable nut comprised a significant part



of a turkey's diet. These days, they rely heavily on acorns, hickory nuts, beech nuts, butternuts, white ash seeds and, in the

southwestern U.S., on the large seeds of the pinyon pine.

What you might note from that list of food sources, is that only acorns can be found in the North Country, and they are widely scattered at best. Black ash do produce seeds, but those crops tend to be so variable that turkeys couldn't rely on them during lean years, which would

make it difficult to sustain a population here.

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That's generally how things work in nature. Species can sustain themselves in a habitat only if they are sufficiently-adapted to the climatic conditions and if they have habitat in which they can find adequate food and shelter. Temperatures are only part of the picture. While snow tends to be intermittent in many parts of the U.S., making it easier for species to find nuts on the ground, deep and continuous snow cover typically lasts for several months here, and that limits a turkey's ability to access what limited food might be available.

Corn, spread regularly by humans primarily for deer, has changed that dynamic here in the North Country.

It's allowing species like turkeys and raccoons to move into the area and is pushing traditional residents, like moose, into the most remote parts of the Arrowhead, like the Superior National Forest interior, where few humans live. That's because deer feeding has artificially sustained deer numbers in the region, which has negatively affected the region's moose herd.

The hen turkey who came strutting into our yard last month almost certainly is the same one that has fed regularly at a residence located about a mile-and-a-half from our house, where the family feeds deer. It's been coming, by itself, every winter for the past several years, but when the family stopped feeding their deer in mid-April, the turkey vanished. A few days later, a lone hen turkey suddenly

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#### WILDERNESS

### **Possible human** remains found at Boundary **Waters campsite**

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

CRANELAKE—Authorities have discovered what they believe to be the remains of a New Mexico man in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, and the circumstances of the find suggest that the victim could have been the subject of animal scavenging.

According to Sgt. Steve Borchers of the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, 29-year-old Jordan Grider's vehicle was found parked at the Sioux-Hustler trailhead late last October. Officers from the U.S. Forest Service and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources had determined that Grider had decided to spend the winter camped in the wilderness.

Grider had alerted family members of his general whereabouts, according to authorities, but U.S. Forest Service officials and DNR conservation officers could not locate his campsite

Girder's car remained parked at the trailhead this spring, which prompted officials to begin a search. On April 5, Forest Service officers found Girder's campsite about 1.5 miles into the wilderness from the start of the trail, which is located near Meander Lake, just off the Echo Trail. The roughly 35-mile-long Sioux-Hustler trail is located in the far northwestern corner of the BWCAW, about 20 miles southeast of Crane Lake.

St. Louis County Sheriff's investigators along with St. Louis County Rescue Squad personnel responded to the area, according to an incident report.

Grider was not present but there was a large amount of blood found at the apparent campsite. Grider was not located, but evidence obtained from the campsite confirmed that the site was his, Borchers said. Extremely deep snow made searching difficult, so search efforts were suspended until the snow melted.

The search resumed on Thursday, April 25, and possible human remains were found scattered across a large area around the campsite. The remains were sent to a medical examiner to confirm whether they were, in fact, human, and to possibly identify them.

The sheriff's office said foul play is not suspected, and that positive identification will take some time. Family members have been notified of the discovery. The case remains under investigation.

#### **Outdoors** briefly

#### **5K race set to raise** funds for cancer victim

AURORA — You can start the running season off for a good cause this year by participating in a 5K Run/Walk Fundraiser to support Christi (Seppi) Sickel, a wife and mother of four. Sickel has taught special education at Mesabi East for 20 years, and enjoys running, including half marathons.

Christi was diagnosed with an aggressive form of breast cancer last April. She has completed surgery, chemotherapy, and radiation. She is currently receiving targeted therapy to prevent recurrence.

The race has a \$30 registration fee which includes a t-shirt and bib with timing chip. The race begins at 9 a.m. at the Aurora Community Center. Brunch will be served after the race for \$6.

Register or donate at rangerunners.org. Call Carol Haasl at 218-750-7175 or email haasl1@ mediacombb.net for questions.

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from NOAA weather

showed up at our house, where it has been feeding on cracked corn I spread on the ground this time of year for the migrating sparrows, juncos, and newly-arrived redwings. If a deer finds the

corn, I chase it away. Given its history, it seems likely this bird could have escaped from a flock someone raised in the vicinity. It's apparently managed to survive several winters, thanks to corn, but it's unclear whether it's ever found a mate. While residents in the area have reported seeing a single hen turkey on several occasions, no one has reported seeing it with another bird, or with young. That's something I'll be watching for over the next few weeks.

Regardless of the

 ${f TURKEY...}$ Continued from page  $4{f B}$ origins of this bird, it's undeniable that a breeding population of wild turkeys has taken hold in many parts of our area, particularly in places with more agricultural activity. While climate change might be a factor in that, I suspect that it's the spread of corn across the landscape that is the largest factor of all.

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One thing is for sure. Wild turkeys are tough critters. The hen that has shown up in our backyard is a survivor and has probably managed to hang on by being incredibly wary. The slightest sound or motion from inside our house sends the bird scurrying into the

Then again, if you had tasty drumsticks the size of this bird, you'd be wary, too.

#### **HOT SPOT...**Continued from page 4B

information except for a small charge to maintain the web platform.

Users can search the site by lake or by fish species. Hundreds of Minnesota lakes will be listed, including Boundary Waters lakes. He also has a few guides posting from some Wisconsin lakes as

So, if the fish aren't jumping in the boat this summer, check out EZfishUSA.com to help improve your odds. And

watch for an EZfishUSA app, which Almeida expects to begin working on as soon as the website version is launched.

And if you're looking for a real fishing guide, who can spend the day with you on the water and even cook you an outstanding shorelunch, there are plenty working in the area. On Lake Vermilion, check out www.lakevermilionguidesleague.com for more information.

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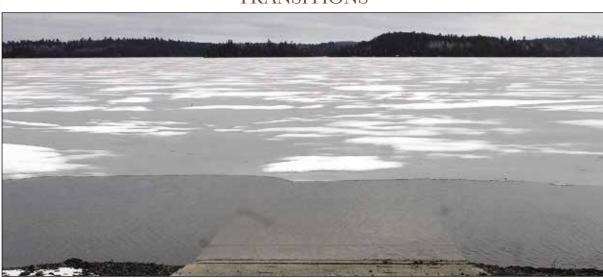




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#### TRANSITIONS



Burntside Lake, near Ely, was one of only a handful of area lakes still holding ice cover as of Wednesday, May 1. photo by K. Vandervort

## Most area lakes now clear of ice

by Marshall Helmberger

Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Despite clouds and unseasonably chilly weather this week, the march of spring could not be denied as ice cleared from most area lakes in recent days. Pilot John Burgess declared Lake Vermilion free of all but lingering floating ice as of 2 p.m. on April 30, but that ice was gone by the morning of Wednesday, May 1, which makes April 30 the official ice-out date under the longstanding rules for declaring ice-out on Vermilion.

That's actually right on track with normal, since the median Lake Vermilion ice-free as of April 30

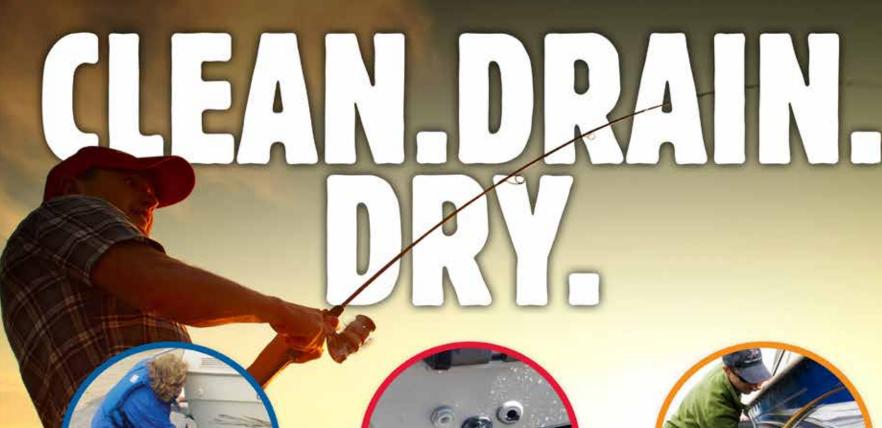
ice-out date for Vermilion with more than 100 years of records is April 30. Despite a colder than average

winter, significant amounts of snow and plentiful early season slush likely resulted in ice that was weaker than usual, allowing it to clear a bit sooner than some longtime local weather watchers had expected.

As of April 27, which is the date of the last clear satellite image for the past week, it appeared that significant portions of Lake Vermilion had already cleared, but Big Bay still appeared locked in white ice.

To the northwest, Pelican Lake appeared virtually ice-free from the satellite image, although some lingering ice remained on the west end. Kabetogama appeared to have only scattered ice remaining as of April 27 and local reports had the lake ice-free as of April 30. Crane Lake, which benefits from significant current, was free of ice as of April 24.

To the east, Shagawa Lake was declared ice-free as of April 29. Burntside Lake still had significant areas of ice cover as of May 1.





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#### PUBLIC NOTICES

**GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR SEALED QUOTES FOR** I AWN MOWING AT **GREENWOOD TOWN HALL COMPLEX 2019 SEASON** 

The Greenwood Township board is accepting sealed quotes for the lawnmowing at the Town Hall for the 2019 The quote should season. state the cost of mowing all areas of the Town Hall complex at 3000 Hwy 77, Tower MN 55790.

The contractor must provide a certificate of insurance as to general liability insurance coverage. Successful quotes must carry equipment and general liability insurance for no less than \$1,000,000.00 for personal injury and property damage. Sealed quotes will be accepted until 1:00 PM June 10, 2019

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 guotes. to waive any irregularities and to accept any quote deemed most advantageous to the

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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 asses-

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your Assessor's Office\* to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with the assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The Board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed.

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

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

Crystal Alaspa, Town Clerk Vermilion Lake Township

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**Legal Notice** In The

Bois Forte Band of Chippewa Indians **Tribal Court Civil Division** Minnesota Chippewa

In the matter of Harvey and Rachell Thompson obo A.T. and D.G., petitioners vs Nicholas Strong, respondent.

The above named respondent, Nicholas Strong.

You are hereby notified and notice is hereby given a hearing will be held on the 22nd day of May 2019, at 1:00 p.m. CST, or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, at the Bois Forte Tribal Court. Bois Forte Indian Reservation, 12907 Palmquist Road, Nett Lake MN 55772, on the Order for Protection Petition filed in this court on February 27, 2019. This hearing is to determine if the order for protection should be granted or denied.

You have a right to attend this hearing to either agree or disagree, failure to appear will result in a default against you and the order for protection being granted.

By The Court Megan Treuer, Chief Judge Tracey Howg, Clerk of Court Attorney for Petitioner, Benjamin Pachito 12907 Palmquist Road P.O. Box 25 Nett Lake MN 55772 Tel: 218-757-3462

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#### **Bearville Township Call for Bids**

Bearville Township will be accepting bids for the sale of a 1977 Ford L9000 Fire Truck. Details: Air brakes, 5-Speed manual transmission, Detroit Engine,1250 **GPM** Waterous water pump, 500 gallon tank, Odometer-116,399 miles. "As-is" condition-Truck may be seen at the Bearville Fire Hall: 13949 Co. Rd. 22 (one mile east of Hwy 65) view contact: Kathy Cressy - Clerk 218-376-4495 Minimum bid: \$2,000.00. Submit your sealed bid postmarked by June 3, 2019 to: Bearville Township-Fire Truck 62949 County Road 557, Cook, MN 55723.

Bids will be opened and considered at the Bearville Town Board meeting, June Wednesday, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Bearville Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

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The May Field Township Board Meeting will convene May 14, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the Field Township Cemetery for cemetery inspection, followed by township road inspection.When the inspections are completed the meeting will re-convene at the Field Town Hall.

Pat Chapman, Township Clerk

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#### **BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP Honor Guard Ceremony** Saturday, May 25 at 11:00 a.m.

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

Kathy Cressy, Bearville Township Clerk

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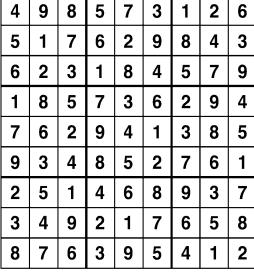
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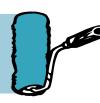


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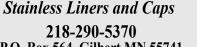
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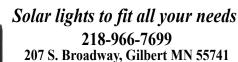




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