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SULFIDE MINING

A call to reverse course on Twin Metals

Former Superior National Forest professionals detail 'grave concerns' in letter to Trump

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Nearly three dozen former Superior National Forest resource professionals have signed their names to a letter urging top officials in the Trump Agriculture and Interior

departments to reverse course on the proposed Twin Metals mine near Elv.

The letter, which details "grave concerns" was written primarily by former Superior National Forest Supervisor Brenda Halter and is signed by 32 other former officials on the

Superior.

"Collectively, we have nearly 1,000 years of experience in such fields as wildlife biology, hydrology, recreation, NEPA, wilderness management and natural resource man-

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It is indisputably a high-risk business and there is no mine plan or design feature that eliminates that risk.

Former Superior National Forest Supervisor Brenda Halter

BOAT RESTORATION



An Oscar-worthy pedigree

Tower company restoring wooden boat once owned by actor Robert Redford

by JODI SUMMIT

Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- Sunrise River Boatworks, in Tower, is used to treating every single wooden boat it restores as a one-of-a-kind project, but the current beauty being restored in their shop has a very special story to tell.

"Sunray" is a 23-foot Grand-Craft Tahoe Hardtop, built in Holland, Mich., in 1984. Grand-Craft is a wooden boat shop started by retired Chris-Craft employees, after Chris-Craft shut down its Holland

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Jeff Larson, of Sunrise River Boatworks in Tower, is helping to restore a 1984 23-foot Grand-Craft Tahoe Hardtop wooden boat. photos by J. Summit



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Ely school board hits the brakes

Collaboration talk, supt. interviews, slow facility project

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY – After six hours of interviews with four superintendent candidates, and a discussion with a lobbyist on IRRR collaboration funding possibilities, the Ely school board took a hard stop last week on a proposed facility renovation project as well as replacing the district's lead administrator.

Superintendent interviews last Wednesday and Thursday brought mostly uncertainty, as none of the candidates stood out to the interview committee as a likely successor to current superintendent Kevin Abrahamson, who is planning to leave when his contract expires at the end of June.

Just two days prior to the interviews, district lobbyist Gary Cerkvenik, Iron Range political activist Jeff Anderson and St. Louis County Commissioner Paul MacDonald suggested that district officials seriously consider sharing

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VIRGINIA-EVELETH-GILBERT-SCHOOL COLLABORATION

Questions raised over improper use of tax dollars to promote bonding measure

by MARCUS WHITE Cook/Orr Editor

EVELETH-GILBERT - Concerns are mounting that the school district here and in Virginia may be improperly spending tax dollars to promote passage of a \$178.5 million school bond measure ahead of a public vote set for Tuesday, May 14.

The project would see high schools in both Virginia and Eveleth closed and replaced by a unified campus, what school officials call a "career academy high school," that would be built and shared by the districts, near the Eveleth campus of the Mesabi Range College. Franklin Elementary in Eveleth would also be closed and relocated to the same vicinity.

Eveleth High School would be razed in a collaboration project with Virginia School District. photo by M. White

The Gilbert campus would also close.

Neither school district has publicly released campaign finance reports and

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Ely VA Clinic open house on 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.

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.

Upcoming musical programs at B'nai Abraham in Virginia

VIRGINIA- B'nai Abraham Museum and Cultural Center in Virginia will be hosting several musical programs this summer.

Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m. A Touch of Class, a men's and women's choral group.

Saturday, June 8 at 7 p.m. Steven Sokela from Rowan University will perform a selection of opera and popular music.

Growing up Biracial at Mesabi UU

VIRGINIA- Bhupesh Pattni will present "Growing Up Biracial on the Iron Range: Challenges and Opportunities as a Community with a Growing Diversity" at Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, May 12 at 10:30 a.m.

"My hope is that through a discussion, we can come up with ideas on how we individually can build a more inclusive community and take steps to welcome those who may not feel a part of the community as a whole," said Pattni. Pattni was born and grew up in Minnesota and graduated from Virginia High School. His father is of East Indian descent and was born and raised in Africa; his mother is Caucasian. Following law school Pattni returned to Virginia and is currently practicing law. The church is located at 230 7th St. S in Virginia. The building is handicap accessible.



BLACK BEARS

Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary opens May 25; see and photograph bears

ORR-The Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary in Orr, known for offering close viewing of black bears in their natural habitat, opens for the season on Saturday, May 25.

In addition to regular visiting hours (5 – 8 p.m. daily except Monday) special events planned for summer 2019 include: Breakfast with the Bears, book signing with renowned wildlife photographer Stan Tekiela, youth programs, and two weekend photography workshops in June and August.

The sanctuary features an elevated viewing platform at the edge of a 2.5-acre meadow that offers a perfect perch to safely observe the natural behaviors of American black bears. From the viewing platform, the bears can be seen up-close playing, climbing trees, and foraging on natural and specially prepared foods that trained staff distribute daily.

Normally reclusive in the north woods, black bears have become used to humans since the 1970s when logger Vince Shute began leaving food out for them to dissuade the bears from ransacking food supplies. Today, regulated feeding continues from May-October to preserve the extraordinary opportunities for observation and learning that this unique situation provides.

Summer 2019 Programs

Breakfast with the Bears- 7 a.m.-9 a.m., July 6 and Aug. 6. Early morning light offers great opportuni-



Visitors, safe on the observation deck, get a close-up look at both young and old bears wandering and feeding at the sanctuary. file photo

ties for photos. Enjoy watching the bears from the safety and comfort of the viewing platform. Continental breakfast included.

Wildlife Photography Weekend Workshops- June 8-10 and Aug. 3-5. In small-group workshops with experienced wildlife photographers participants spend hours in the field in different light conditions to capture photographs of bears and other wildlife.

Book Signing with Wildlife Photographer Stan Tekiela- Aug.
6 from 5 – 8 p.m. Wildlife photogra-

pher Stan Tekiela has authored more than 130 field and nature guides for nearly every state in the nation. Stan will be on hand for Breakfast with the Bears from 7 – 9 a.m. and again during visiting hours from 5 – 8 p.m

For details on these programs contact the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary at 218-757-0172, email bears@americanbear.org, or visit www.americanbear.org. The last day the sanctuary is open for the season is Sunday, Sept. 1.

EMBARRASS

Nelimark Museum opens May 30; Sauna Day celebration on June 8

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage and the Nelimark Farmstead Artisans are getting ready to kick off the summer season with the museum opening weekend beginning Thursday, May 30; a community concert at the historic Apostolic Church on Sunday, June 2; and the National Sauna Day celebration on Saturday, June 8 at the Nelimark.

The Nelimark is open weekly on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. beginning Thursday, May 30. Coffee, fresh breads and goodies, along with new crafts and goods, will be available. There will also be a new traveling St. Louis County Historical Society display.

A community concert will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, June 2 at the Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church on Hwy. 21. You won't want to miss the "Whirled Muse" trio performing. Tickets will be available at the door, \$10 for adults, \$8 for Sisu members, and children 12 and under free. This will be the first of hopefully many more concerts at the church.

Family Eye Care Center



On Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. is a wonderful opportunity for your family to come out to the Nelimark for the National Sauna Day celebration. There will be building displays, visiting saunas, and a reasonably-priced noon luncheon of mojakka with artisan breads and butter and hot coffee. Walk the homestead grounds, visit and shop in the museum, have a cup of

coffee, take a ride and community tour of Finnish historical sites with Mike Salo, sit and enjoy visiting with friends and neighbors, or picnic with your kids. Admission is free but donations to Sisu are always welcome and door prizes will be offered.



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Who really sits on the Gunderson trust board?

Uncertainty following falsification of city commissions roster prevents reorganization of board

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

TOWER-A potential dispute over the proper makeup of the Gunderson Trust Board delayed the reorganization of the trust board during its first meeting in two years, held this past Monday.

Reorganization was among the items on the agenda, but Mayor Orlyn Kringstad argued for delaying that action until the city council could properly determine who should sit on the board and in what capacity.

Under the trust board's founding documents, members are to be appointed by the city council to three-year terms. Two members are designated as council representatives, two as representatives of the forestry board, and three are designated as "at-large."

Both Lance Dougherty and Josh Carlson had served as the council representatives, whose terms on the trust board expired at the end of 2018.

At Monday's meeting, Kringstad said he believed Carlson's term had expired. "Josh, I'm sorry but you were council rep through 2018 and then somehow was moved to resident and I haven't found that in any minutes," he said.

But City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith responded, noting that the city council had voted on an updated slate of trust board members during their reorganization in January, a slate that included Carlson. "Yes, but I wasn't aware of

the alterations in the roster at the time that we had that meeting, so we need to go back and redo that," responded Kringstad.

The alterations to the trust board were part of a series of changes to the city's roster of commission and committee terms, apparently made by Keith, that appeared designed to keep her political allies in key positions, while limiting the ability of the new city council to replace members whose terms had expired.

In the case of the Gunderson Trust Board, it appears Keith not only altered the terms of members, by removing term dates entirely, but changed the structure of the board to include three "residents" (a designation that is not part of the trust's founding documents), one at-large member, one forestry board member, one council member, and a combined forestry board-council position. It appears those changes were made by Keith unilaterally, without authorization of the council or of the court that oversees the trust.

By making the alterations, it appears Keith changed Carlson's designation on the trust board from his previous council representative position, which expired with his leaving office, to one of Keith's newly-invented "resident" positions. In addition, by reducing the number of council representatives from the two required in the founding documents, to just one, it reduced the number of available appointments for the new council from the usual two, to just one.

Kringstad had expressed concern about the trust board's member roster when Keith presented it to the council back in January, with Kringstad noting that it appeared inconsistent with his review of minutes from previous reorganizations. Gunderson trust board vice-chair Sheldon Majerle made note of the changes in January as well, arguing that the roster presented by Keith was inconsistent with the approved structure of the trust board.

When council member Kevin Fitton motioned to approve the roster anyway, and was seconded by Brooke Anderson, Kringstad and the rest of the city council let the matter drop, at least temporarily.

But Kringstad signaled Monday that the issue would be addressed soon by the city council, which means the makeup and designation of trust board members is likely to change. The length of terms is another issue likely to be clarified. The trust's founding documents and minutes from previous city council reorganizations indicate the trust board members are appointed to threeyear terms. But when asked Monday about the term length for members of the board, Keith said she did not know. As part of the alterations that Keith apparently made, the expiration dates of the terms of the trust board members were removed. Those dates had always appeared in previous

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CITY OF ELY

Council continues work on new social media policy

by Keith Vandervort

ELY-City council members here discussed the city of Ely's new Social Media Policy during a brief business meeting Tuesday night and took no action on implementing the policy due to uncertainty over whether to allow public comments on the city's proposed Facebook page.

Mayor Chuck Novak said he was concerned with recent court rulings pertaining to how government agencies handle comments on Facebook postings. "If you allow comments, whether you like them or not, you cannot remove them because this is a freedom of speech issue,"

Novak said he recalled that when the social media policy was first proposed, that councilors had agreed that commenting would not be allowed. Yet, based on minutes from last month's meeting of the Telecommunications Advisory Board, the discussion assumed that city departments would be able to decide on their own if commenting would be allowed. Ely Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski noted that the clerk's office would not allow comments, but that the library, and police and fire departments would have the ability to determine how posts are handled.

The city of Ely is looking to join Facebook in an effort to disseminate critical information and notices to the public in a more-timely manner.

At least one city council member, along with the Ely Police Department and Public Library, already regularly post information on Facebook.

For example, following the council meeting Tuesday night, after Langowski announced that the city's calendar street parking restriction was lifted as of May 7, council member Al Forsman and the EPD both posted that information to their individual Facebook pages.

The social media policy,

as presented, includes the following disclaimer: "Comments expressed on the city of Ely's social media tools do not reflect the opinions or positions of the city of Ely, its employees, or its appointed officials." The policy also retains the city's right to remove any comments, questions or postings pertaining to such things as profane language, personal attacks or threats. content that promotes discrim-

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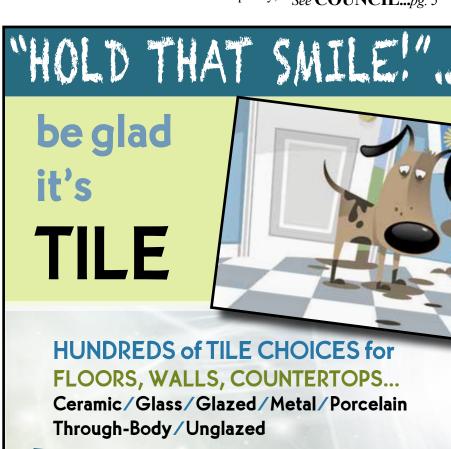
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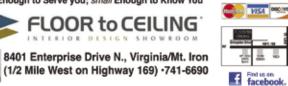
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Editorial

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Promoting referenda

East Range school districts may run afoul of the law in rush to pass school bond

Voters in the Virginia, Eveleth, and Gilbert areas are set to vote this coming Tuesday on a \$178.5 million school bond referendum designed, in part, to build a massive new, merged high school building serving both school districts.

We generally don't cover these school districts and we're not about to weigh in on the merits of the proposal. That's for the voters of those two school districts to decide.

Yet many residents in our region do have a stake in what happens on Tuesday, because of the way in which this school bond measure has been marketed to East Range voters. And we use the word "marketed" deliberately, because the two school districts involved in this effort appear to have used taxpayer dollars for a promotional campaign clearly designed to influence voters ahead of Tuesday's vote.

That campaign has included huge ads in the local newspapers, and large, glossy, professionally-designed, multi-page brochures apparently mailed to every postal customer in Virginia. Such campaigns cost many thousands of dollars. And the ads and brochures indicate that they were paid for by the school districts.

Just four years ago, residents of our area completed five years of litigation seeking accountability for a similar abuse of tax dollars by the St. Louis County School District. As a result, the Supreme Court in Minnesota concluded that school districts are subject to campaign finance reporting requirements if they use public funds in an effort to influence a ballot measure. We contacted both the Virginia and Eveleth-Gilbert school districts for copies of those districts' campaign reports. The Virginia School District, on its website, posts such reports for various individuals and privately-funded groups seeking to promote passage of Tuesday's referendum, but have posted nothing related to the school district's own spending, which probably dwarfs that of the traditional

To be clear, whether the school districts disclose their spending in a campaign finance report isn't the most important issue at stake here. The far more important question is whether school districts should be spending tax dollars, at all, on one-sided

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campaigns to win passage of ballot measures. Minnesota Attorney Generals have consistently determined that the answer is no. Minn. Stat. 8.07 requires school districts to follow a formal opinion filed by an attorney general unless a court rules to the contrary. So far, in Minnesota, no court has done so.

The law does allow school districts to inform voters of the specifics of a bond measure or excess levy, including what the funds will be used for and how much it will cost taxpayers. And, for decades, school districts complied, consistently providing voters with a "just the facts, ma'am," presentation of the issues.

Yet as consultants and engineering firms began to get more involved in advocating for capital projects— which entail big paydays for all involved- they have too often led school districts to overstep their spending authority. That puts taxpayers at an enormous disadvantage, since citizens are rarely organized enough, nor have sufficient resources, to effectively challenge a well-financed school district campaign. It's because of that mismatch that school districts have a profound obligation to ensure that the information they provide to residents is purely factual and balanced. From all appearances, the two school districts in this case have not met that responsibility.

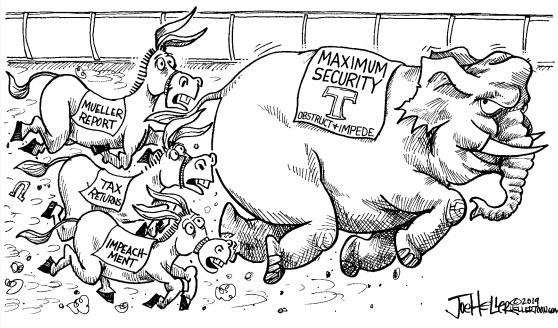
The push to require school districts to file campaign finance reports was not just about transparency— it was designed to prompt school districts to, essentially, confess their own sins. By filing the report, a school district is acknowledging spending tax dollars on ballot measure promotion, which leaves them clearly exposed for a taxpayer-standing lawsuit on the broader question of whether such spending is even authorized in Minnesota.

Case law from around the country demonstrates that courts have consistently frowned on the use of tax dollars to fund one side of a political campaign.

The law, of course, only matters when the public is willing to speak up. Will voters on the East Range take a stand, like those of us "north of the divide" did in the case of the St. Louis County Schools.

Time will tell.

RACE TRACK INTERFERENCE



Letters from Readers

Have you stopped beating your wife yet?

When you have no factual basis for an argument, the oldest and (apparently) most successful alternative is to slander your opponent. A few months ago, a local newspaper that supports mining in the BWCA headwaters did the following:

First, they quoted a local environmentalist out of context, ignoring the entirety of her remaining, well-reasoned arguments. That brief quote was then used as a basis for a 500-word essay, filled with insults but devoid of facts or arguments to support the mines' cause. This is called 'ad hominem (slander used to dismiss the opponent's arguments). It is an ancient debating fallacy.

Of course, the technique depends on the ignorance of its readers, many of whom are happy to rely on unfounded gossip, even slander, if it supports their short-term employment goals. That's just easier, you know, than listening to or thinking about why those goals will, in the end, (a) decimate the land, then (b) eliminate the recreational opportunities that currently support thousands in the region and draw millions more to its incredible beauty.

I cannot help but feel that when unfounded personal insults are publicly launched against an individual with an opposing viewpoint, it is an admission that the attacker's platform is indefensible. But I guess there's money to be made. . . .

Duane Behrens

Thanks for exposing IRRR shenanigans

Your investigation (see April 19 story on IRRR hiring) amazes me. We can always count on reading it first in the Timberjay.

I remember when the Phillips name in Virginia stood for honesty, integrity, fair dealing and reliability (as in Reliable Motors). Now that name smells of shady politicians.

I was raised to believe that

the DFL Party was comprised of folks as common and trustworthy as the folks they were elected to represent and work for. Now, from the top down, the Minnesota top brass have that same shady smell.

Governor Walz designates Phillips to head up the IRRRB. He had to in order for everything to fall in line. Phillips makes a new job for Jason Metsa, then another job is created and Phillips and Metsa decide Joe Radinovich is the best man for it. So we have two recent losers in great paying positions in the IRRRB, which we were told was created to provide jobs for working class folks who prefer to stay in the area, rather than having to move elsewhere to support their families. For sure it wasn't meant to provide prime positions for politicians and their cronies. But they had to keep those names in the public eye, lest people forget. They seem to think we're all too stupid to remember, or to be able to see through this latest hoax.

Had Jason been more patient and continued to serve where he was, I believe he would have risen through the ranks on his own merit.

Not so "traffic ticket" Radinovich. He who believes "everybody gets them." No, Joe, I don't think everybody gets them but those who do have to pay them in a timely fashion if we're honest and trustworthynot wait until we need a reason to clean things up. I'm afraid the stigma will follow Joe.

I just don't see how I can vote for any of these good ol' boys in the future. I'm not saying I'm ready to change parties, but I'm surely going to be selective!

R. Simpson **Angora**

One Ely council member deserves credit for attending

I want to apologize about a mistake I made in my letter last week asking why no City Council members were at the Yoons' presentation at Tuesday Group. Angela Campbell was there. I appreciate her atten-

Carol Orban Ely

"Liberal" media misleads on conditions in Venezuela

The New York Times, National Public Radio and the Washington Post, media that progressive people mistakenly trust, support U.S. foreign policy. When they have an item about Venezuela it's always negative and usually misleading and incorrect-outright lies. Listen to who they interview. You won't hear anything close to balanced reporting. The reason why Venezuela is suffering is because the U.S. wants it to suffer, wants to destroy the Bolivarian Revolution which has helped to improve health care, education, housing, and other social programs for the majority of Venezuelans— i.e. the poor. The people of Venezuela have given the presidency to President Maduro. Two times he has won national elections. It's not a dictatorship as NPR and the liberal press say it is. It is a democracy. The U.S. is using economic warfare and threats of invasion to try to destroy

something that is beautiful. The U.S. is always trying "regime change" with every country that becomes democratic or with any country that doesn't agree with the U.S. The U.S. has destroyed democracies many times. We must stop it from destroying what the people are benefiting from in Venezuela.

The only regime change that I would be in favor of is that of the U.S. Washington is controlled by the mega rich. It is not only sad but is also destructive when the so-called progressive people of this country are brainwashed by the "progressive" media which in reality are also in the pockets of the ultra rich.

Steve Johnson

What my mother used to say... a Remembrance

My mother never raised her voice. She didn't need to scream or spank. She had guilt: a weapon that cowed the four of us in one glance or quiet word.

"Mrs. Fritz should not have had to turn around in her pew and

Mrs. Fritz had grey hair, and in winter wore a beige wool coat



around her neck. I'd never liked sitting behind her because those beady black fox eyes glistened at me, threatening to snatch my heart in a glance. "Smiling is nice. I think she likes me."

"She was smiling because you were fidget-

topped with a fox fur wrap with ing, making too much noise. faces and claws chasing a circle Her smile meant she was embar-

rassed for me."

We were not supposed to embarrass my mother even though dad often snored right beside her as the sermon droned on. No one turned and smiled at him although I think he did go home with bruises in his side because of all the times mother elbowed him before giving up and letting him snore until a hymn bolted him upright again.

My mother had rules, some that I actually liked. Others were

just plain cumbersome. Pick your battles. Most

aren't worth fighting because they diminish you as a human

If you're reading, studying, or playing the piano, you can get out of doing the dishes and sweeping floors.

Creativity is not just good,

it is essential.

Your guests should never go home hungry.

Everyone is worthy of your kindness.

Work hard.

Don't brag.

Tell the truth.

when you travel in case you get in an accident and need to go to

your help.

the hospital.

Learning never stops.

with a shovel whether they are

on your land or the neighbor's.

someone else can have more.

Thistles can't be killed with a hoe - you need to dig them up

Take the smaller portion so

Say YES to people who need

Wear your best underwear

Always vote.

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Letters from Readers

A large bond measure could threaten Ely's independence

I'd like to start by apologizing for the mistake I made in a letter to the editor of another paper about Ely School District's potential building/ bonding project. Superintendent Abrahamson and I had been exchanging emails when he wrote to me that he "had been there (with district 2142) for the entire North Woods building project". I assumed that he had been there as the superintendent, and said so. He was in fact the principal. I apologize for making that assumption.

During that exchange, the superintendent wrote that he "wasn't sure he knew what I was referring to" when I said that we didn't want what happened with the North Woods building project to happen here. Needless to say, I was very surprised that he was down-playing the problems with 2142's building projects during 2142's restructuring. Those problems haven't been resolved to this day, seven years later.

Many of us remember 2142's restructuring not just

because of the numerous problems with the building projects, but because it's when Tower-Soudan High School was closed.

Which brings me to the primary reason why the process for determining a bonding project has been so frustrating for me. I believe that first and foremost, the school board has to consider how every major decision will affect keeping quality, K-12 education in Ely for the foreseeable future.

I believe that we currently have an excellent school system in Ely, especially considering our size. I also believe that the county schools don't do it as well. I also believe that it's much better for our district if decisions about the school are made in Ely by folks who live in our district, not by folks who live in different parts of St. Louis County and whose primary allegiance is to their own school/ community. And I'm also very concerned that if we have to join 2142, there's nothing to stop 2142 from closing one or both of our schools, just like they did in Tower-Soudan.

So, with that backdrop, you have to look at how we might end up being forced to join 2142. Well, the usual way is from financial problems. While there are multiple ways for school districts

to get in financial difficulty, what I worry about with this project is that in its current form, it adds future annual financial obligations and might delay major repairs, possibly until the district can never catch up.

Building additional square footage usually brings additional annual cost. How much that cost would be, with Architectural Resources (ARI) \$16.5 million plan, we don't know. It's been asked multiple times with no real answer given.

Also, at this time, our school has, in my estimation, at least \$5 million worth of critical, or near-critical repairs that need to be addressed. Trying to force thru a \$16 million project that has a minimal chance of passing, likely puts us no closer to addressing those repairs.

The expert, hired to make an educated guess at Ely's future K-12 enrollments, estimated that Ely would have about 20 fewer students by the time this bond was paid off. At almost \$10,000 per student annually, that's \$200,000 less funding the district will receive from the state every year. We were told multiple times that the 20 fewer students was a guess, and that it could be better than that or it could be 40 or 60 fewer students. How do you continue to have an independent school district if you lose hundreds of thousands of dollars of annual revenue, add more building space than you can afford, and have millions of dollars in unaddressed building repairs hanging over the district's

There is much more that needs to be said on these issues, but this letter, at least, lays out a context for the school board and community to consider a potential bonding project.

Ross Petersen

Broadband funding has to remain a legislative priority

The Minnesota Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program has pushed the state to 91-percent penetration toward its goal of universal statewide high-speed internet access for all Minnesotans by 2020. In the next few weeks, the Legislature will decide on the level of funding the program will receive over the next two years.

The MN Rural Broadband Coalition (which RAMS is a member of) and Governor Walz recommended \$70 million over the biennium, and the Minnesota House adopted that recommen-

dation. The Senate funds the program at \$30 million for oneyear only. The House proposal is obviously the better choice, especially when you consider the 2018 bill was vetoed by former Gov. Dayton, over issues not related to broadband. That disruption put the program on ice for a full year, leaving 14,500 homes, businesses, schools, emergency service providers and other entities on the dark side of the digital divide.

Given the on-going needs of the Not-Served-Nine-Percent of people in the state, many right here in St. Louis County, still without access to high-speed internet, and the veto-induced gap in program funding from 2018, it is imperative that the legislature fund the Border-to-Border Broadband Development Grant Program at \$70 million for the biennium. I do believe that all members of the Iron Range delegation support the \$70 million in funding and Representative Rob Ecklund is the chief author in the House.

Steve Giorgi Executive Director Range Association of Municipalities & Schools

MOTHER...Continued from page 4 -

Every time the field is plowed, more rocks surface. Pick them up. They don't belong there. You can't watch TV

without a project to work

You can get your point across without yelling. Don't throw your

apple core behind the couch---throw it in the garbage, or better yet in the garden. Never wear red and

yellow together. Or two different patterns.

Nice girls are never "hot," they are "warm".

Go to Sunday School. The one thing she never explained was what to do if my underwear fell while walking to Sunday

My mother was frugal. In grade school, she made the underwear for my sister and me. But, her waist bands were too loose. More than once, about the time I hit Main Street in order to trek the six-block business district to get to the Methodist church at the opposite end, it inched its way down. It was usually before the theater, often between the hardware and appliance stores, that it started to slip. By the time I reached Fjords Drugstore, which stayed open Sunday mornings to sell coffee and hot chocolate from its lunch counter, my pale pink undies with lace around the legs, were starting on their downward march. About Five and Dimetime, where I typically spent half of my collection plate money on penny candy, I was walking wide to keep it from dropping below my knees. But, before I

made it to Krogers, it had invariably dropped to my ankles and my only choice was to slip into the entry of a darkened store front and kick it off.

What then?

My friend Susan said. "Just leave it. Kick it back in the corner.'

"But what about Sunday School and church?" I knew my mother expected me to be one of those 'nice young girls who didn't wear red and yellow together, didn't say they were hot, and certainly never went to church without their underwear.' I wasn't even sure God would like my bare butt very much. "Keep your legs

together. Don't bend over. No one will know."

And no one did know the number of Sundays I was underwear-less while I sang in the choir, or slid across a pew in back of Mrs. Fritz and her foxes. Well, God maybe. Jesus probably. As a Methodist I didn't have to worry about the Virgin Mary caring one way or the other. I could never quite get a fix on the

Holy Ghost and whether he/she would care about underwear.

I do imagine my mother wondered where all her nice daughter's underwear went. But my sister and I were wearing the same size, so I could claim, if asked, I didn't have a clue where Nancy lost her underwear.

Oh wait---that's on the list, 'always tell the truth.'

Kay Haden lives in

TRUST...Continued from page 3

committee term rosters.

In other business on Monday, the trust board:

➤ Approved a change recommended by the city's attorney and auditor to drop a requirement that the trust retain a percentage of its annual proceeds equal to the official Consumer Price Index, or CPI, in order to not lose ground to

inflation. But because the trust is primarily invested in certificates of deposit yielding less than one-percent interest, its annual proceeds have fallen short of the CPI figure in most years, technically leaving the trust in violation of its court-ordered responsibilities.

➤ Was unable to

approve minutes from the board's last meeting, held in 2017, since Keith said she only had one printed copy available, preventing members from reviewing them. No one on the board inquired about the copy machine in the adjoining room, and Keith never offered to make copies.

➤ Transferred \$2,707

in unreserved proceeds from the trust to the Wagner Trails Club for use on the city ski trails. Club president Mary Shedd said that would be just enough to purchase a new trail grooming device which the club needs to maintain the ski trails.

➤ Discussed recommendations by the city's auditor before approving the audit. The report recommends development of a budget, an investment policy, and a conflict of interest policy. The board said they'll discuss recommendations at their next meeting, which they set

for Wednesday, June 26. ➤ Heard from Majerle that he'd like to have a list of the trust's investments for consideration at the next meeting.

➤ Heard from Keith who told the board that she does not have the ability to unilaterally transfer or expend funds from the Gunderson Trust. She suggested that stories to the contrary have circulated in the community.

COUNCIL...Continued from page 3

ination, unrelated topics, political endorsements, and other content.

Novak said Tuesday that he prefers that no comments at all be allowed on any of the city's social media. Council member Heidi Omerza, who first proposed developing a Facebook presence for the city and a social media policy, was absent from the meeting.

The council, in the end, took no action. A revised social media policy will be discussed at their next regular meeting.

Other business

In other business, the council:

➤ Approved hiring a utility person to fill the

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vacant position in order to help implement the city's automatic meter reading system and assist in other departments, as proposed by the budget committee;

➤ Approved the recommendation to apply for a Minnesota Department of Natural Resources fire grant of \$10,000 to fund the conversion of the fire department's water tanker truck;

➤ Agreed to nominate the American Federation Union building for a preservation award in the state's preservation rehabilitation category;

➤ Approved a Water Tower one-year lease with Treehouse Broadband, at a cost of \$240 per month, to

218-365-2424

provide wireless Internet service in the city;

➤ Approved a bid from Mike Motors for a new police department vehicle, a 2019 Dodge 1500 crew cab 4x4 pickup, at a cost of \$28,765, to replace the department's 2007 Ford Expedition;

➤ Authorized the land sale purchase agreement and closing documents with Richard "Chip" Hanson for the land at the Ely Veterinary Clinic;

➤ Named Hannah Bermel to the vacant Library Board position;

➤ Approved the first reading of the city's mobile food truck ordinance;

➤OK'd a raffle permit for the Dorothy Molter

Memorial Foundation; ➤ Approved an on-sale and Sunday sale liquor license for the Anchor and the Ark establishment at 101 N. Central Ave, in the former Chocolate Moose restaurant location.



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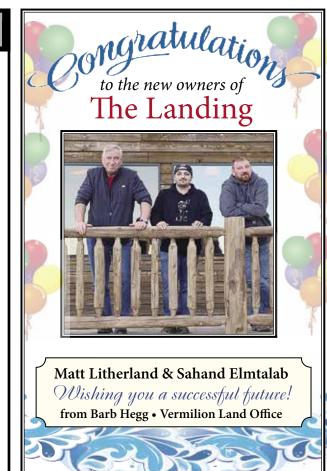
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Tower-Soudan area singers invited to participate in Memorial Day program

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 Soudan.

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 a.m. 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.

Soudan Little League Signup set for Monday, May 13 at Soudan field

SOUDAN- Ages four-12 who are interested in playing Little League should sign up on Monday, May 13 at Soudan Baseball Field at 6 p.m. For questions, call Nate Dostert at 218-780-2242.

Spring Salad Luncheon at St. James, on Thursday, May 23

TOWER- A Spring Salad Luncheon will be held at St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower on Thursday, May 23 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Takeouts will be available. A free-will offering will be taken. Proceeds will go toward community events or children's events such as Vacation Bible School and the annual Easter party.

Special this year, the ladies of the church will be decorating the hall with their doll collections. We hope all ladies and men will come for this wonderful event that helps children in our commu-

LAKE VERMILION CULTURAL CENTER

LVCC Midsummer Gala set for Saturday, June 22; choir members needed, practices begin June 10

TOWER- The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center announces its annual gala and benefit, "An American Songbook." The musical program, food, and decorations will have a red, white, and blue theme. Gifted California actress and singer Deborah Prutsman will be the featured soloist. Save the date for Saturday, June 22 at the Tower Civic Center beginning at 4:30 p.m. Invitations will be mailed soon. If you would like to receive an invitation. vermilionculturalcenter@ gmail.com or call 218-753-4100.

Choir members are needed for the Midsummer Singers. Rehearsals will begin Monday, June 10. If you are interested in participating, contact Mary Batinich at 612-360-7079. The first four rehearsals will be held at St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower. The final two will



be held at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center in Tower.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule: Monday, June 10 from 7-8:30

Tuesday, June 11 from 7-8:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 13 from 7-8:30

Wednesday, June 19 from

7-8:30 p.m. Friday, June 21 from 2-5 p.m. Saturday, June 22 from 10:30 a.m.-12 p.m.

TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY



Buy One, Get One Free Bookfair at T-S Elementary, Mav 13-17

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan PTO is preparing for the Spring Buy One. Get One Free Bookfair. The community is welcome and the bookfair will be open at the following dates and times.

Monday, May 13 from 9:30 a.m. -

Tuesday, May 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, May 15 from 9 a.m. -

12 p.m. and 2 - 3 p.m.Thursday, May 16 from 9 a.m. - 12

Friday, May 17 from 9 a.m. – 1

p.m. Extra "fun stuff" will also be available for purchase on Friday only.

Spring Farm Fling at Tower-Soudan Elementary on Tuesday, May 14

TOWER- A School Spirit event will also be held on Tuesday, May 14 from 1 - 3 p.m. There will be face painting, crafts, farm animals, balloon animals, drawings and prizes, and free food. All area families are invited to

Tower-Soudan Elementary spring concert on Tuesday, May 21 at 1 p.m.

The public is cordially invited to this year's spring concert at Tower-Soudan Elementary. The concert has a "Hee Haw" theme, and features plenty of foot-stomping country music, and even some square dancing, which the Kindergarten, first, and second-graders are busy practicing (at left).

Correction

In the Tower City Council report last week, the Timberjay incorrectly reported the total amount of the bid for the Hoodoo Point furnace. The council approved accepting the bid for the Goodman 80,000 BTU furnace for \$3,500. The *Timberjay* reported the price of the entire quote (\$13,600)

which had also included an air conditioner system, and two new water heat-

Embarrass roadside cleanup this month, appreciation lunch June 1

EMBARRASS-May is roadside cleanup month in Embarrass. Please call the Town Hall at 218-984-2084 to sign up to clean a specific road or location. Garbage bags are available at the Town Hall. Call when your bags are ready to be picked up.

If there is enough interest, there may be an appreciation lunch on Saturday, June 1 at noon. Please RSVP by Thursday, May 23. Thank you

for helping to keep Em-

Embarrass Memorial Day Observance

barrass beautiful!

EMBARRASS- The Embarrass community will observe Memorial Day on Monday, May 27 at 9 a.m. at the Embarrass Cemetery followed by coffee an' at the Town Hall.

Free smoke detectors for **Vermilion Lake Township resi**dents

VERMILION LAKE TWP- The Vermilion Lake Fire Department has smoke detectors that department members will install in township residents' homes or cabins, free of charge. If interested, please call Sarah Schmidt at 218-750-2524 or Jake Schmidt at 218-750-1024 to set up an appointment. All township res-

idents are reminded to check their smoke detectors on a regular basis, and replace batteries as needed!

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Tue, Wed:10am-4pm

Sat: 8am-noon

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FOURTH OF JULY

Spaghetti Feed fundraiser set for Saturday, May 18 at Civic Center

TOWER- It's that time of the year again, and the Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board is shifting into high gear to get ready for the Fourth of July in Tow-

As many of you know, the entire celebration is made possible by the support of the public, through fundraisers and generous individual and business donations.

A spaghetti feed fundraiser will be held on Saturday, May 18 from 1 - 5 p.m. at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center. The meal will include spaghetti and meatballs, garlic bread, beverage, and dessert. There will also be a silent auction and raffles for some great prizes. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids under 12.

Donation cans will be out at local businesses very soon, and we will be selling raffle tickets at our tent set up at the Zup's parking lot on many weekends prior to the Fourth. Five lucky winners will take home their share of \$1,000 in

Prizes for the Kiddie Parade have been increased this year. All children (ages infant-17) who participate in the Kiddie Parade will now receive \$5, up from \$2. In addition, there will be 28 individual prizes awarded in seven categories, plus the Simply the Best prize



Prizes for the grand parade are as follows: Best of Show \$500; First \$350; Second \$250; Third \$150; Most Patriotic \$300; Most Comical \$100; and Best Family Float \$100. Start planning your parade entries soon. You will entertain the crowd and possibly take home some cash in the process. For questions or to register your parade entry, call Julie Johnson at 218-750-7242 or email tseventsboard@gmail.com.

The events board is always welcoming new members. Everyone is invited to attend our meetings. The next meeting will be held on Monday, May 13 at 5 p.m. at the Civic Center.

TOWER-SOUDAN LOCAL NEWS

The Breitung Community Picnic will be held on Friday, July 5.

The "Harborpolooza" flotilla event will be on Saturday, July 6 at the harbor in Tower. Elvis will be back this year to entertain the crowd. There will be food, beverages, and other booths. This event is fun for the whole family. We are hoping to have a parade of boats coming through the harbor. The winners of the Fourth of July raffle will be drawn at 3 p.m.

Donations

Several donations have already been received for this year's Fourth. Donations can be mailed to T-S LV Area Events Board, PO Box 461, Tower, MN 55790. Names of all donors are printed in the newspaper unless otherwise

The board would like to thank the following:

In memory of Jerry & Carol Kolstad from family and friends

Amber Zak, Lee Majerle, Julie Johnson, Kenny Folstad from their bocce ball winnings

Vince & Dorothy Vesel Nate Dostert **Brad Matich** Eddie Udovich

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 13

Monday- Beef Fried Rice, Bread Stick

Tuesday-Chunky Chicken Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Green Beans

Wednesday- Breaded Pork Patty, Country Gravy, French Toast Bites Thursday- Meatloaf,

Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Vegetable, Dinner Roll Friday- Pizza, Vege-

Neek of May 13

Monday

TOPS - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tower,

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

Tower City Council-5:30 p.m. on May 13

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.

Greenwood Town Board-6:30 p.m. on May 14

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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

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).

Currently, Pastor Kristiansen 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. IHELPFRIENDSHIP is a charity started by Kristiansen and provides support to marginalized people in Bohol, Philippines and the surrounding area. For more information, visit www.ihelpfriend-

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



Yes, dear readers, 'tis spring and all us elderly English majors from BSU (Go Beavers!) have stood and chanted this old English rhyme:

Lhude sing cuccu Growep sed and bloweb med and springh me wed nu Sing cuccu!

Well, it HAD to be spring quarter, a warm spring Friday and, most important, you had to have Dr. Philip von Rohr Sauer for 'British Literature: Part Three.' He would recite this little poem, which takes maybe a minute and announce, "You are excused and have a great weekend!"

Off we would race to various secret wooded dales and dells to celebrate the arrival of the

'cuccu,' we from Solway, Cass Lake, Flom, and Black Duck, and would celebrate with what we thought was a true fullfledged, Middle English bacchanalia.

As the evening progressed and the bonfire burnt low, some pony-tailed English major would rise, Mogen David bottle in hand, and recite the poem as best he could remember.

Ah youth, ah spring, and ah cuccu...!

It IS spring, I have YET to hear the cuccu, Mogen David wine gives me hives, but we did have a rather nice bonfire...dead branches, weeds... all the dead vegetation that had been covered with snow!

The arrival of a member of the local fire brigade explained ALL the spring burning rules, how it is more blessed to compost then to burn, and how much the fines can be for unlicensed

So, we put out the flames, loaded up the cool, slightly charred compost, and announced to the

official that we were

off to the dump, and when we unloaded the truck and ignited the pile, danced about the flames and yelled, "Sing cuc-

We AWAYS wonder why we have few friends.

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After four weeks clarify the mead as you pour it into a five-gallon jug; store in a dry, dark space.

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Hilda and I BOTH feel this would be an excellent addition to our local community education program.

Ta, Ta my loves, off to weed the flower beds and plant the six new GIANT Hosta that have arrived in the mail.

Ms. Vera Milion

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ELY TOURISM

Ely Marathon seeks new leadership

by KEITH VANDERVORT

Ely Editor

Ely Editor

ELY-The Ely Events Coordinator Bureau is in search of a new vendor to organize the 2019 Ely Marathon after negotiations to sell the rights for the event broke down this week.

According to the bureau's chair Paul Ivancich, Stone Soup Events, the organizing body in charge of conducting the event, was looking to buy the rights to the successful marathon event. "Negotiations have been ongoing since last fall, but no agreement could be reached and we parted ways this week," he said.

Ivancich explained that Stone Soup Events was looking to acquire the licensing rights to the Ely Marathon from the events bureau. "Wendy (Lindsay) wanted full autonomy and we tried to adhere to her wishes. We felt we made a good offer to her, but we just couldn't come to an agreement. She walked away and decided not to run the event anymore. We are now looking for a new organization to run the marathon," he said.

Ivancich said that new vendors are being solicited immediately to run the event, slated for the end of September. "The vendor is responsible for executing the event, including providing registration opportunities, timers, race-day security, marketing and everything else involved

Events Bureau, Stone Soup Events part ways



The 2019 Ely Marathon is scheduled for Sept. 20-21 despite a change in leadership. file photo

with making the marathon happen," he said. "We are talking with at least two vendors that do nothing but run marathons."

The Ely Marathon is one of a couple of new events added to the Ely calendar over the last several years. The marathon is entering its fifth year and is gaining popularity in the marathon running community. Upwards of 500 participants were entered in the 2018 full-and half-marathons. The Ely Marathon is a Boston Marathon qualifier event.

Last year's new event, the Canoe Marathon, made the Guinness Book of World Records. A Kids Run and a Glow Run add to the excitement of the late September weekend.

"The Ely Marathon will still continue," Ivancich added. "This event lost money in the first couple of years, but Stone Soup Events worked hard to build it to a very successful and popular running event that brings in nice revenues. This is an important happening for the entire Ely

Community."

Eva Sebesta, Ely Chamber of Commerce executive director, said this week that she is excited that the Ely Marathon will be continuing. "The marathon adds that economic bump to our community at the end of the tourist season in late September."

Plans for the 5th annual Ely Marathon and Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon are under way, she added. The Northern Lights 5 K Glow Run is set for Friday, Sept. 20. All other events kick

"Ely's marathon experience is unique with its unrelenting hills and scenic race course winding down the Echo Trail to Winton and finishing at Whiteside Park," Sebesta said. "While most

off on Saturday, Sept. 21.

marathons tend to be flat and fast, Ely's marathon provides plenty of challenge for endurance racers. We have such a beautiful setting and runners are excited totake on our north woods race course."

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SUPPORTING THE ARTS

The artist and the taxman: Business-of-art books available

ELY - Looking for indispensable business-of -art guides? While webinars and blog posts are fantastic, it can be nice to do a bit of off-screen learning.

According to artworkarchive.com, businessof-art books are a perfect alternative. From career development and art marketing to legal guidance and grant-writing, there's a book for almost anything you want to know.

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Here are several useful books, according to the

artists' blog: ➤ Art Career Development - The Artist's Guide: How to Make a Living Doing What You Love, by Jackie Battenfield. Battenfield has made a living selling her art for over 20 years. She also teaches professional development programs for artists at Creative Capital Foundation and Columbia University. Art Biz Coach Alyson Stanfield believes this book is "quickly becoming the standard for artist career developbrimming with field-tested information on how to build and maintain a professional

➤ Fine Art Techniques and Professional Advice - Fine Art Tips with Lori McNee: Painting Technique and Professional Advice. Learn fine art and art career tips from 24 of today's best and brilliant artists. The book covers a wide range of subject, style, and includes 26 step-by-step demonstrations in oil, pastel, and acrylic. Author Lori McNee is the professional painter and social media pro behind the acclaimed

blog FineArtTips.com. ➤ Art Marketing - I'd Rather Be in the Studio: The Artist's No-Excuse Guide to Self-Promotion, by Alyson Stanfield. Stanfield, an art marketing expert and consultant, wrote this book to help artists get their art out of the studio and into the spotlight. She's worked with professional artists for more than 20 years and is the voice behind The Art Biz Blog. Her book covers everything from social media and blogging secrets to insightful newsletter and artist statement tips.

➤ Art Prints - How to Profit from the Art Print Market: Creating Cash Flow from Original Art (2nd Edition), by Barney Davey. Davey is an authority on the world of fine art reproductions and giclee prints.. It's loaded with guidance on distribution, selling art online, publicity, and social media and email marketing. The book also includes a comprehensive list of 500 art business and art marketing resources.

➤ Legal Guidance - Legal Guide for the Visual Artist, by Tad Crawford. Art law expert Tad Crawford has created an indispensable legal handbook for artists. The book covers everything about contracts, taxes, copyright, litigation, commissions, licensing, artist-gallery relationships and more. All the topics are accompanied by clear, thorough, practical examples. The book also includes plenty of sample legal

forms and contracts as well as ways to find affordable

legal advice. > Finance - Arts and Numbers: A Financial Guide for Artists, Writers, Performers, and Other Members of the Creative Class, by Elaine Grogan Luttrull. The author makes finances, budgeting, and business affairs approachable and engaging. This CPA and artist wants artists to feel comfortable handling their finances so they can succeed in their business endeavors. Read this for help with taxes, creating a budget, money management, business

etiquette, and much more

Grant-writing

The Artist's Guide to
Grant-Writing, by Gigi
Rosenberg. Looking to
improve your finances?
This engaging book shows
artists how to take advantage of all the financial
resources available. The
book includes field-tested
tips and advice from grant
officers, outstanding grant
writers, and fundraising
specialists.



ment."Jackie's book is



we too rise up and flower

sunshine infusions



For the past two years, the Ely Winter Festival committee has donated \$1 from the sale of each Ely Winter Festival pin to the Ely schools' arts programs. In 2018, Kelly Chick and the school's visual arts program received \$527. Last week, the Ely Winter Festival board presented \$643 to Sarah Mason and the Ely school band program. The board was serenaded with an energetic ABBA medley before the check presentation. submitted photo

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT

VCC honors Lori Schmidt

ELY – The Vermilion Community College Foundation Board recently selected Lori Schmidt as the recipient of the 2019 award for her outstanding accomplishments and exceptional commitment to the natural resource

Lifetime The Achievement Award was presented at the VCC Foundation's annual scholarship awards banquet on April 25 at the Grand Ely Lodge.

In 2004, the VCC Foundation Board of Directors established the Lifetime Achievement Award to annually honor a graduate of Ely Junior College or Vermilion Community College who has made a significant local, regional statewide or national contribution.

"The award demonstrates the important role Vermilion plays in the academic, career, and civic development of our graduates," said VCC Foundation Executive Director Patti Zupancich

Schmidt received Natural Resource Technology AAS degree and AA degree from VCC in 1983, earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Natural Resource Management from the University of Minnesota in 1994, and a Masters in Forestry from Lakehead University in Thunder Bay, Ontario, Canada, in 2000.

Since 1990, she has been an instructor at VCC, initially in Vermilion's Environmental Studies department, and by 1995 she was a full-time instructor in the Natural Resource department teaching in NRT, Fish and Wildlife and Surveying degree programs.

She serves as the advisor for VCC's Forestry Wildlife Club, the VCC Society of American Foresters student chapter and is the Natural Resource Program Coordinator.

"Lori has had a variety of field positions that began with the federal youth conservation corps at the age of 14," Zupancich said, "and expanded into a multi-season position for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources throughout high school."

She began her college career in the University of Wisconsin system before moving to Ely to attend VCC in 1981. "Since arriving in Ely, Lori interned with the Minnesota DNR Wildlife Research Division working as a summer technician caring for a captive deer herd and assisting with necropsies on moose suspected with brain worm," Zupancich said.

After graduation from VCC, she was a member of a NASA Forest Biomass Research team studying carbon dioxide issues in the boreal forests surrounding Ely. "This research was based out of the Hubacheck Wilderness Research Center and she had some opportunities to work with Fire Ecologist Bud Heinselman and Forest Researcher, Cliff Ahlgren, instilling a high caliber of integrity in terms

of data collection and

Schmidt worked two

research," she said.



The Vermilion Community College Foundation Board selected Lori Schmidt, shown here with VCC students, as the recipient of the 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award. submitted photo

field seasons at Hubacheck and assisted with data entry and analysis in the offseason, even getting a mid-winter trip to Houston to enlighten NASA statisticians on the field methods used in data collection.

"They couldn't believe someone would stand in a swamp for hours on end measuring individual tree branches,' Zupancich said. "They were enlightened about the work ethic and dedication of VCC graduates. While still contracting with NASA, she accepted a job as a forest technician for St. Louis County and joined a newly-funded department called Land Investment, investing in forest regeneration, forest road construction, timber stand improvement, inventory and forest health monitoring."

Schmidt's office was originally in Eveleth at the old tree nursery, then moved to the County Land Department office in Virginia before settling into a truck with a file box on the front seat at the County Garage in Embarrass, she added. "She covered a lot of ground in those years, including some site prep windrow raking projects with a 450 John Deere Cat. This project resulted in thousands of acres of timber stand improvement, forest liberations, fuels reductions and trees planted, some ready for a second thinning by now."

As NASA Earth Resources funding diminished, Schmidt continued the two-iob lifestyle, but diverged her Forestry focus with Wildlife. By April of 1986, she began volunteering with Dave Mech and Jim Brandenburg on a local wolf project that eventually led to a position as the wolf curator for the International Wolf Center's temporary exhibit in the summer of 1989.

It was the work through the Wolf Center that led to her employment at the college. In the early years, the Wolf Center's educational operation was coordinated through VCC's Environmental Studies department. By 1990, Lori resigned from the county, worked as the Wolf Curator for summer exhibits and began teaching part-time at VCC conducting wolf research ON weekends and Earthwatch programs within the

Superior National Forest

USGS Wolf Project study

"By 1995, a permanent position opened in VCC's Natural Resource department and this is the position that Lori currently holds today," Zupancich said. "Lori is adamant about maintaining relevancy in Natural Resource issues and current research to enhance her classroom teaching."

Schmidt has participated in the following specialized projects:

➤ Supervising a VCC fieldcrew for the University of Minnesota's Forest Biodiversity research project at Hubacheck's Station on Fall Lake;

➤ Lead Wildlife Biologist with the Minnesota Power Ecological Assessment Project for the reauthorization of the Winton Power ➤ Contractor writing

the Northern White Cedar Conservation Assessment for the Northern Forests in the Great Lakes Region; ➤ Providing on-site

consultation and wolf transportation for filmmaker Jim Dutcher's ABC documentary "Wolf: Return of a Legend in Stanley, Idaho.

In 2014, Schmidt received the prestigious Dr. Janet S. Boe Memorial Award from the Minnesota Chapter of the Wildlife Society. According to the Wildlife Society, she was presented the award because, "For over 30 years, Lori has worked tirelessly to coordinate between VCC and other agencies to broaden her students' professional experience and provide hands-on labor to resource professionals throughout the state. Under Lori's mentorship, the VCC Wildlife Club has done a substantial amount of work for the Tower/Ely DNR. She coordinates students for semi-annual brush cuts for the MN Sharptailed Grouse Society and encourages student attendance at meetings of professional natural resource groups such as the Wildlife Society and Society of American Foresters on a regular basis. Many of her students have been

top-notch wildlife man-

agement interns and many

now work as wildlife staff,

foresters, and conservation

officers. She has been

an excellent instructor,

co-worker, and mentor

a significant difference in natural resource science in Minnesota."

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In 2001 and 2002, Schmidt received the Minnesota Society of American Foresters (SAF) Outstanding Service award for services and support of the State SAF chapter. By October of 2002, Vermilion's student SAF chapter was founded as an extra-curricular partner to the SAFA ccredited Natural Resource Technology program.

Lori became a SAF Certified Forester in December of 2002 and served several terms on the National SAF Forest **Technology Accreditation** Committee as well as the Minnesota State Chair for SAF in 2011. In 2015, she was selected as a SAF Fellow. The Fellow Award is a prestigious recognition of a SAF member for long-standing service to forestry at the local, state, and national level.

"In addition to maintaining accreditation for the Natural Resource program in Forestry, Lori also sought accreditation for Vermilion's NRT and Wildlife curriculum through the North American Wildlife Technology Accreditation," Zupancish said. She served as the president of that association in 2007-2008. "Lori is a significant donor to the VCC Foundation supporting the Bert Hoyer Memorial NRT Scholarship Fund. Lori has continued association with the International Wolf Center as either a consultant or curator since 1989, marking this year as her 30th year associated with the Center and has announced her phaseout retirement plan from Vermilion effective in fall 2019," she said.

Past VCC Lifetime Achievement Award recipients are Simon Bourgin (2004), Jim Klobuchar (2005), Milt Stenlund (2006), Larry Klun (2007), Lee Anderson and Pat Groom (2008), Chip Elkins (2009), Dr. Luke Lukas (2010), John Artisensi (2011), Everett Laitala (2012), Theresa Popesh and Dr. Stefan Kapsch (2013), L. Patrick Markovich (2014), Emily Wahlberg (2015), Annette Horvat (2016), Barbara Soderberg (2017), and Tony Pecha (2018).

News in Brief

Ely Area Food Shelf open on May 15

ELY-The Ely Area Food Shelflocated at 15 West Conan Street will be open on Wednesday, May 15 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Shopping assistance is available from 4-6 p.m.

For further information please call 235-8527 or visit the Ely Area Food Shelf web site.

The Food Shelf welcomes and appreciates volunteers, food donations and monetary donations.

PEO meets Thursday

ELY -PEO Chapter FD will be meeting on Thursday, May 16 at 1 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church, E Conan Street. Visitors from other PEO Chapters are welcome. For more information, call 218-365-3708.

Yesterday's news, this week

from the archives of

THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

May 9, 1919

Ely to Texas

The first post with the new marking of the Woodrow Wilson Way was decorated Saturday by officials of the All-Minneapolis Good Roads council. This initial post of a string that is to stretch from Ely to El Paso, Texas, is one mile from Minneapolis on the Excelsior Blvd. and is the first of a series of signs that are to be painted this week on that road as far as Shakopee. The marking is a blue field 14 inches high with a three-inch white band above and below. In the center is a "W" eight inches high.

Minnesota takes rank as one of the leading states in the union this year in roads improvement, Highway Commissioner C.M. Babcock announced. Approximately \$25,000,000 of public money will be available for road construction in the state by July 1, 1920.

It will be the beginning, Babcock said, of the adoption of the trunk highway amendment by the people next year that will make \$100,000,000 available for hard surfaced roads in the next decade.

Henry Ford on Vermilion

Henry Ford of Detroit is seeking an iron mine on the Vermilion Range, according to Skillings' Mining Review. For two years, Ford was known to have started to put plans in place for acquiring iron properties in the Lake Superior region to support ore for furnaces which were to be part of expansion of the Ford Motor Co.

The McDonald Construction Co. of Minneapolis has an option on the 320 acres of land in the mineral belt on the Vermilion, now owned by Nebewa Iron Co., better known locally as the Oppel lands.

This week, a representative of the Mining Review was shown a letter written by one of the men interested in the Nebawa Iron Co. in which was stated that Henry Ford had leased the land. It is understood that the Ford option for lease or purchase is pending results of exploration



CORRECTION

Annual Dinner and Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11. Please call the office at 365-3226

to make reservations.



St. Louis County **Area Solid Waste Facility** Site hours Northwoods Transfer Station Aurora Transfer Station

9384 Hwy 21 N. between Ely and Babbitt Summer Hours Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am–3pm Tue: 9:30am-3pm

Wed: noon-6pm **Embarrass Canister Site** 7530 Koski Rd.

Hours Thu: 10am-5pm Sat: 12:30-4:30pm

Household Hazardous Waste

Facility 5341 Regional Landfill Rd Hours

Tues and Sat: 8am-1pm

8am-5pm Regional Landfill 5341 Regional Landfill Rd (east of Virginia)

5910 Hwy 135 N.

Hours

Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am-4pm

Tue, Wed:10am-4pm Sat: 8am-noon

Soudan Canister Site

5160 Hwy 169

Hours

Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun:

Hours Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm

Sat: 8am-3:30pm Summer hours effective April 15 through September 30th

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St. Louis County Environmental Services Department

1-800-450-9278 Office hours 8-4:30 Monday through Friday

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The end of season banquet for the North Woods Boys Basketball team was last Wednesday, May 1. This year saw the team 3-peat at the state tournament in Minneapolis taking second place overall after a hard-

played season by the team.

Pictured at right: Top and middle rows from left to right: Dylan Chiabotti, Ian Sherman, Cade Goggleye, Chase Kleppe, Blake Scofield, Trevor Morrison, Darius Goggleye, TJ Chiabotti, Brendan Chiabotti and Tanner Barto. Bottom Row: Lillian Voges, Parker Jones, Hailey Bogdan, Kayla Towner, Davis Kleppe and Alex Hartway.



HOSPITAL UPDATE

Stroke and trauma awareness month at Cook Hospital

by WENDY LAAKKONEN RN, Cook Hospital

photo by C. Stone

The Cook Hospital has been designated as a Trauma Level IV Hospital with the Minnesota Department of Health. The most important reason for a hospital to be trauma-designated is to allow the hospital to better serve the community. A Level IV Trauma Center has demonstrated an ability to provide advanced trauma life support (ATLS) prior to transfer of patients to a higher-level trauma center. It provides evaluation, stabilization, and diagnostic capabilities for injured patients. Elements of Level IV Trauma Centers include:

➤Basic emergency department facilities to implement ATLS protocols and 24-hour laboratory coverage. Available trauma nurse(s) and physicians available upon patient arrival.

≻Has developed transfer agreements for patients requiring more comprehensive care at a Level I or Level II Trauma Center.

➤Incorporates comprehensive quality

assessment program. ➤Involved with prevention efforts and must have an active outreach program for its referring

communities.

The mission of the Cook Hospital is to provide comprehensive care to the people it serves. The physicians and nursing staff attend specialized emergency medical training for rural health care. The education focuses on the unique needs of emergency care in rural or remote communities, and includes teaching how to plan for interactive care in cardiac, traumatic, pediatric, obstetrical, neonatal and medical advanced life support.

Cook Hospital is also designated as an Acute Stroke Ready Hospital by the Minnesota Department of Health. The Acute Stroke Ready Hospital designation recognizes that Cook Hospital is equipped to evaluate, stabilize and provide emergency care to patients with acute stroke. We have a stroke team response, CT scanner on site and can administer life-saving medications. This designation allows smaller and rural hospitals to demonstrate excellence by complying with standards of care for the initial treatment of stroke patients when rapid action and proper medications can save lives and limit the long-term disabling effects of strokes.

A stroke occurs when

on Saturday, May 18, 9

a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Cook

Adult and student sub-

missions. Exhibit: May

1 – May 24. Reception:

2019 - Calling all artists

who want to exhibit and

businesses to host an ex-

hibit from June 5 to 28.

Businesses and artists are

listed in brochures and

Every Saturday from 9

➤Open Studio Art

publicity.

➤Spring Art Expo

Contest

Community Center.

"Your Best Shot"

May 24, 5-7 p.m.

≻Photo

the blood supply to your brain is interrupted or reduced. This deprives your brain of oxygen and nutrients, which can cause your brain cells to die. The severity of a stroke can range from mild to severe, and will affect different parts of the body depending on how much of the brain tissue is affected.

Act FAST

FAST is an easy way to remember and identify the most common symptoms of a stroke. Recognition of stroke and calling 9-1-1 will determine how quickly someone will receive help and treatment. Getting to a hospital rapidly will more likely lead to a better recovery.

Use FAST to remember the warning signs of a stroke:

F = FACE Ask the person to smile. Does one side of the face droop?

When your facial muscles become weak or appear to droop, this is part of the facial paralysis that occurs when someone suffers a stroke. This happens because the lack of blood damages the nerves in the brain that control the facial muscles to the area, or because of direct pressure from a blockage. Af-

fecting either one of even both sides of the face, as well as a lack of movement, the face or side of the face may feel numb. A simple test is to look in the mirror and smile. If one side of your face does not lift as the other does, you may be experiencing some facial paralysis. If you are concerned about someone else, ask him or her to look directly at you and smile.

A = ARMS Ask the person to raise both arms. Does one arm drift downward?

The sensation of your arm, or arms becoming weak is called Hemiparesis and is the second sign in the FAST method of detecting stroke. This arm weakness may still let you move your affected limb, but with severely reduced muscular strength, or it may be as strong as restricting your arm movement altogether. Whether it is your left or right side depends on which side of the brain has been affected by stroke. The right side of the brain will affect the left side of the body, and the other side, vice versa. The test for this is to raise both arms out in front of you and keep them aloft for a few seconds. If the arm is unable to rise, or if it slowly drifts downwards when both arms

weakness.

S = SPEECH Ask theperson to repeat a simple phrase. Is their speech slurred or strange?

Experiencing speech difficulties is a common sign of a stroke, and a clear one to look out for. These speech symptoms occur because of the problems with the nerves in the brain, which control the larynx and vocal cords and facial muscles, all which are imperative to clear speech. You may feel your speech becoming slurred, or notice other people not being able to understand you. To test your speech, you'll need to speak a few simple sentences out loud, in the mirror or to another person to see if they understand you properly. See if the other person can repeat what you say.

T = TIME If you observe any of these signs, call 9-1-1 immediately!

Stop the Bleed

Stop the Bleed is a national awareness campaign and a call to action. This campaign is intended to cultivate grassroots efforts that encourage bystanders to become trained, equipped, and empowered to help in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives.

No matter how rapid

the arrival of professional emergency responders, bystanders will always be first on the scene. A person who is bleeding can die from blood loss within five minutes, therefore it is important to quickly stop the blood loss. Those nearest to someone with life-threatening injuries are best positioned to

provide first care. You may be able to save a life by taking these simple actions immedi-

ately after the trauma. Apply Pressure with

EXPOSE to find where the bleeding is coming from and apply FIRM, STEADY PRES-SURE to the bleeding site with both hands if possible.

Apply Dressing and

EXPOSE to find where the bleeding is coming from and apply FIRM, STEADY PRES-SURE to the bleeding site with bandages or clothing.

Apply Tourniquet(s) If the bleeding doesn't stop, place a tourniquet as high on the extremity as possible above the wound. The tourniquet may be applied and secured over clothing. If the bleeding doesn't stop, place a second tourniquet next to the first tourni-

Office hours 8-4:30 Mon. thru Fri.

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Community Notices

Upcoming Events

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 Swan-

son presents a Day Long Acrylic Painting Class



HOURS: 9-4:30 Mon.-Fri. Jerel D. Johnson, ABOC Certified 23 E. Vermilion Dr., Cook EYE EXAMS • 666-2879

Call for Appointment

with Dr. Jensen, Optometrist

Concert in Cook

a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

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 COOK - The book

club has its next meeting on Tuesday, May 14. Members who are

interested in choosing books for the upcoming

year are asked to come early at 12:30 p.m. Meeting begins at 1 p.m. The book to be discussed is "Mennonite in

a Little Black Dress" by

Rhoda Janzen.

Liz Storm is the mod-

are up, it is a sign of

erator and the hostess. Meetings are held in the community room at the Homestead Apartments in Cook. New members are always wel-

Email your community notices to editor@timberjay.com



3994 Landfill Rd, Hibbing

Sat: 8am-1pm

Household Hazardous Waste Facilities

Summer hours effective April 15th through September 30th

5345 Regional Landfill Rd., Virginia

Tue, Sat: 8am-1pm

The Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



The calendar says that we are entering everyone's favorite season, now all we need is for the temps to reflect this optimism. Only 40s and low 50s predicted for the week, but hopefully 60s, 70s, and even 80s cannot be too far out of reach.

Mother's Day is upon us. Is it coincidental that Fishing Opener is the same weekend? Is it part of some great plan to get the fellas out of Mom's hair for a whole weekend? Or was it meant that moms would be the first fishing partners of the season?

The modern holiday of Mother's Day was first celebrated in 1908, when Anna Jarvis held a memorial for her mother at St Andrew's Methodist Church in Grafton, West Virginia. St Andrew's Methodist Church now holds the International Mother's Day Shrine. Her campaign to make Mother's Day a recognized holiday in the United States began in 1905, the year her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, died. Ann Jarvis had been a peace activist who cared for wounded soldiers on both sides of the American Civil War, and created Mother's Day Work Clubs to address public health issues. Anna Jarvis wanted to honor her mother by continuing the work she started and to set aside a day to honor all mothers because she believed a mother is "the person who has done more for you than anyone in the world."

In 1914, Woodrow Wilson signed a proclamation designating Mother's Day, held on the second Sunday in May, as a national holiday to honor mothers. Although Jarvis was successful in founding Mother's Day, she became resentful of the commercialization of the holiday. By the early 1920s, Hallmark Cards and other companies had started selling Mother's Day cards. Jarvis believed that the companies had misinterpreted and exploited the idea of Mother's Day, and that the emphasis of the holiday was on sentiment, not profit. As a result, she organized boycotts of Mother's Day, and threatened to issue lawsuits against the companies involved. Personally, most moms would rather get a card and a box of chocolates or a bouquet of flowers than a dozen minnows, but not all moms are the same. So, whatever your mom prefers, remember her one way or another. Local resorts and

businesses will be initiating their summer schedules with the Fishing Opener. The Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener has been a tradition in Minnesota since 1948. It was designed to improve Minnesota's economy through development and promotion of the state's recreational opportunities, especially fishing. The first opener was a cooperative promotion between the state's resort industry, media, and public officials. Today, the emphasis is even broader. It celebrates the kickoff of the summer tourism season. The special partnership continues with a promotional focus on a host community as well

as recreational opportu-

nities statewide. This year's Governor's Opener is May 9-12 and will be held in Albert Lea.

FYI: The Service Department hours at Handberg's Marina are Monday-Saturday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday hours are from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Store opened May 1 with current hours from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all the days of the week or 24/7 as some say. Extended hours will begin in the future; check their website if you want to keep updated.

Can't you just about taste the ice cream already? Voyagaire will be opening on Friday, May 10 at noon. Full menu from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. on opening weekend, then 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. during the week until Memorial Day. After that, they will be back to 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. for the balance of the season. We are waiting for Bingo to begin again more to follow. Nelson's Resort is opening on May 10; dinner available from 5 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. Those fabulous Fatheads will be performing their special music May 17 and 18, June 28 and 29, July 18 and 19, and August 16 and 17. Steve Johnson will be providing music from his special piano every Thursday evening (smorgasbord) and all the weekends that the Fatheads are not there, beginning June 27 and running through August 15. Sounds like another great season in store, so mark your calendars. Trail's End will be back to their regular summer season beginning May 9. The Dames hope to see lots of people out and about and participating in our summer fun at the lake.

Chuck and Shannon Bibeau hosted their third annual BBQ this past weekend. Delicious Pork Butt was the specialty cooked and served by Chuck. Everyone enjoyed the delicious sides to the pork and the great hospitality. The great grounds of the Bibeaus are an excellent setting for the large gathering of the BBQ. Many thanks to Chuck and Shannon for hosting the grand party.

grand party.

Have you noticed the lineup of ATV's in front of the Pine Ridge Motel across from Anderson's Outfitters? Rental is possible so that those who don't own an ATV (or need an extra) can experience the trails. The ATV Club has

been working very hard at getting, improving, and starting more trails for riding. Word is out that a bridge across the Vermilion River is in the works. There currently more than 800 members in the club. Thanks to all who have contributed to another tourist and local source of enjoyment. Memorial Day is May 27—bet that will be here before we know it, and then Summer will officially be in swing. Growing up in Southern Minnesota, an Old Dame always heard that potatoes should be planted on Good Friday-now living in Northern Minnesota, the Dame waits for Memorial Day to get her plants and planting her garden. That is—if she can figure out a new plan of "deer protection," as the last couple of plans have not turned out to be

too successful.

Let us hear from you!

Send news by e-mail to info@thelakecountry.

com, by fax at 218-7573533 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 Mrs. Erin Bryson

This week we get to meet the other half of our fourth grade team, Mrs. Erin Bryson. Mrs. Bryson is well known at our school for her expertise in technology and math!

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

Mrs. B: I am from Cook, growing up on Lake Vermilion, and graduated from Cook High School. I went to college at Bemidji State University.

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

Mrs. B: Yes, Ms. Mannes and Mrs. Bidle. Ms. Mannes in fourth grade was all business and had high expectations but made us all feel special. Everyone loved Mrs. Bidle, my high school math teacher. She worked really hard to



JOHN VUKMANICH

make sure we all learned the math and made it fun.

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

Mrs. B: They made learning fun, made us feel special, and I appreciated that they were "no-nonsense."

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

Mrs. B: Fourth grade, but I also have taught fifth grade at

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ERIN BRYSON

North Woods. I taught eighth grade English and Title I in South Dakota. I also have taught blended classrooms in Alaska, plus I taught middle school in Brainerd and also at Nett Lake.

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

Mrs. B: I have always been a teacher. I played school when I was little, I tutored my friends. I was born to do it

Mr. V: What are your hobbies?

Mrs. B: I love being on the lake, with my family, I like to run, I love being at home, I enjoy camping and the BWCA. I pretty much enjoy anything with the outdoors!

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

Mrs. B: I like it because it is like home. It is home. I get to work with people that I went to school with, with my sister, and it's just great to be here.

Mr. V: What is a pro-

fessional goal for you?

Mrs. B: I want to stay current in education. I will be teaching for many more years, and things are going to change. I want to stay with the changes and stay

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

Mrs. B: Summer. But also, it is beautiful here. We have four seasons, even though winter is most of it! It's a great place to get outside.

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

Mrs. B: Be kind.

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

Mrs. B: This comes from Dr. Seuss. "Kid, you'll move mountains."

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

Mrs. B: I hope they will remember that I cared about every one of them, and believed in every one of them.

Thanks to Mrs. Bryson for the insight and highlights. Our kids are very fortunate to have you as their teacher!

Also, May 6-10 is Teacher Appreciation Week, so please thank a special teacher for their hard work or the impression they made on you. It's a challenging and rewarding job, but most of all we love our students.

Go Grizzlies!

Your Principal, John Vukmanich

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NOTICES

Grocery delivery services offered to Cook residents after Zup's fire

COOK - Registrations are being taken here for a grocery delivery service following the fire at Zup's Grocery. The program, offered by the AEOA, is for seniors 60 years of age or older. Resgistrations will be taken over the phone by calling the agency at 1-800-662-5711 ext. 6899.

Cook Senior Citizens Club

COOK - The Cook Seniors meet monthly on the first Wednesday at 1 p.m. For more information, call Nancy at 666-2726 or Lois at 666-5578.



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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

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.

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.

There is no admission to the game, so plan to have dinner and enjoy a great game of baseball! See you at the field!

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

REGIONAL- The annual 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.

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. 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.

Four Mile Portage featured at folk dance at Ely Senior Center on Friday

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. 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.



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ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM

Sons and Daughters of the Northern Lights with The Sutter Brothers, at libraries May 29-30

REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present Sons and Daughters of the Northern Lights with The Sutter Brothers, a free program being offered for adult audiences at Cook, Ely, and Babbitt libraries.

The group will perform on Wednesday, May 29 at 6 p.m. at Cook Public Library; Thursday, May 30 at 10 a.m. at Ely Public Library; and Thursday, May 30 at 3:30 p.m. at Babbitt Public Library.

The Sutter Brothers - Ross and Bart - will present a 50-minute program of music, stories, poetry, and song that explores the experience of Scandinavian immigrants, their ancestors, and their descendants. For more than thirty years, The Sutter Brothers have performed shows that integrate Bart's original writing with Ross' versions of traditional Scandinavian and American songs and tunes. Sons and Daughters of the Northern Lights will offer glimpses of early settlers, memories of a vanished village school, a lament for ghost towns, and celebrations of colorful farm folk and fishermen. The show will be specially designed to evoke memories a n d provoke curiosity about regional history, ethnic culture, and the

porary lives. This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and

presence of the past in our contem-

Ross and Bart of the Sutter Brothers.

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.

COOK

Spring and summer events at NWFA

COOK- Northwoods Friends of the Arts, inspiring, nurturing and celebrating the arts on main street in Cook now will be open for regular summer hours, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. -1 p.m. The address is 210 S River St., next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon. The telephone number is 218-780-7130. The website is nwfamn.org and email is nwfamn. org@gmail.com.

Cellist Drachman and pianist Stevenson to play May 17: A public concert will be held in Cook at First Baptist Church, 109 6th St. NE on Friday, May 17 at 7 p.m. featuring cellist Evan Drachman and pianist Doris Stevenson. Donations will be accepted at the door to cover the cost.

Open Art Saturdays: Open studio art takes place every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Enjoy doing art with other artists. All ages are

Wood carvers group will resume in fall: The wood carvers

group is done for the summer and will resume again in the fall. For questions, call Howard Hilshorst at 218-741-7941.

May meeting: NWFA will hold its May meeting at the gallery on Tuesday, May 21 at 11 a.m. The public is welcome.

Simple Gifts with Billy McLaughlin concert and fundraiser, June 14: A concert and fundraiser featuring Simple Gifts with Billy McLaughlin, "Young and the Rest", will take place Friday, June 14. Tickets are on sale now.

The show is an acoustic tribute to Neil Young and the rest of your favorite artists who defined an era and whose popularity endures - Crosby, Stills and Nash, The Eagles, Joni Mitchell, America and more. The fundraiser will be at the Cook Community Center with 5:30 p.m. social food and drink, basket raffles, silent auction and opening music by local musician, Eric Pederson. Concert begins at 7 p.m. Tickets cost \$20 and \$25 at the door. See

NWFA Gallery or call Lisa at 218-780-1151, Shawna at 218-780-6510, or Andrews Cameras in Virginia for reserve tickets.

Spring Art Expo goes from June 5 to 29: Wednesday, June 5: Opening

reception from 5 to 7 p.m. Art work displayed at the gallery

and Cook area businesses 50/50 raffle with prize of a framed Wanda Parks pen/ink

drawing "Wolf" Timber Days activities and float. Friday, June 14 NWFA fundraiser concert: Simple Gifts with Billy McLaughlin: "Young and the Rest." Tickets on sale at the NWFA Gallery

and Andrews Cameras in Virginia. Open Mic-Readings by NWFA

Music in the Park: Summer Wednesdays beginning June 12 at

Annual Meeting on Tuesday, **June 18:** Potluck with speaker, Dr. Ellie Larmouth, "The Kalevala: The Voices of our Ancestors."

New YMCA Camp Northern Lights grand opening celebration May 25 on Bear Island Lake

ties and tours to commemorate the grand opening of new YMCA Camp Northern Lights on Bear Island Lake in Babbitt on Saturday, May 25. Tours and camp activities will go from 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. A food truck will be available for lunch purchases and the program will take place at

The new family camp, located at 9089 Hwy. 21 N in Babbitt, will continue the YMCA's 162-year tradition of creating access to nature through meaningful outdoor experiences. The YMCA operates eight overnight camps and ten day camps in Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

Attendees will have the opportunity to tour the new Camp Northern Lights, hear from YMCA and community leaders on the importance

invited to enjoy fun camp activi- and enjoy special camp activities a two-week program that provides such as pontoon rides, craft projects, s'mores, hikes and much more.

The new YMCA Camp Northern Lights features two nice swimming beach areas, an excellent fishing lake, and 22 beautiful lakefront cabins with full kitchens and bathrooms, decks and/or screened porches. The Y will be adding eight new tent sites, four new bungalow cabins, several new program spaces, a nursery, an arts and crafts building, and large and small group campfire spaces.

The YMCA Summer Family Camp program offers three, four, and seven-day options. Camp staff lead age-specific programming for a portion of the day and all-family programs in the afternoons and evenings. In addition to family camp, teens age 15-18 years old can develop

BABBITT- The community is of this new camp serving families, valuable leadership skills through hands-on training assisting camp counselors and facilitating programs.

During the school year YMCA Camp Northern Lights has seven winterized, cozy cabins that are available for a Book Your Own Getaway experience. Families and groups can enjoy groomed ski trails, snowshoeing, hiking and other outdoor adventures.

For more information on YMCA Camp Northern Lights and how to register for camp programs, visit http://campnorthernlights.org.

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agement," notes Halter in the six-page letter dated May 1, 2019. "Acid mine drainage

from hardrock mines such as the one proposed by Twin Metals MN and Chilean conglomerate, Antofagasta, is a worldwide problem," notes the letter. "The highly complex and interconnected surface and subsurface waters of the Rainy River Watershed provide an immediate and irremediable transport mechanism for toxic material to move through the BWCAW, Voyageurs National Park, and Quetico Provincial Park."

The letter calls on the federal agencies to undertake several steps, including:

➤ Reinstatement and completion of the study of a 20-year mineral withdrawal. "Until the question of whether mining is appropriate and feasible within this watershed is answered," writes Halter, "all other actions are premature."

➤ Recognition of the Forest Service's authority to deny or consent to lease renewal. To date, Trump administration officials have largely ignored the rights that the Forest

Service has under federal law to approve or reject the surface impacts that a mine would entail.

➤ A suspension of all authorizations related to new federal mining lease applications in the Rainy River Watershed pending completion of a reinstated withdrawal study.

➤ Suspension of the two federal mineral leases that the Trump administration reinstated last year, a decision that is now being challenged in court. "Moving forward with renewal and development of the leases represents a significant waste of resources given the probability of success in litigation challenging lease reinstatement," notes the letter. The letter also calls the Trump administration's abbreviated environmental analysis of the lease renewal "wholly inadequate." In an interview with

the *Timberjay*, Halter acknowledges that the views of even a significant number of retired Forest Service officials is unlikely to have much impact at the highest levels of the Trump administration. "I certainly hope that those at the higher levels of the Forest Service will find

it impactful and that the public will find it interesting and powerful as well," she said. "I think these people have a unique combination of experience and expertise," she said, referring to the signatories. "It should be a powerful voice and a powerful tool."

Halter said she's concerned that expertise and science are being disregarded by the administration in its quest to undo environmental safeguards and advance environmentally risky projects. She noted that the Forest Service had assembled a considerable amount of scientific data that raised doubts about the ability of Twin Metals or the Forest Service to prevent contamination of waters leading to the 1.1 million-acre Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. According to Halter, that evidence was essentially discarded by the administration with its decision to end the study just a few months prior to completion. She said the latest environmental analysis conducted by the Trump Interior Department on the renewal of the Twin Metals leases is virtually devoid of any analysis of scientific evidence.

"You really are left wondering what they are basing their decisions on," she said. "For all of the signers, that's our main concern. There's a lot of information out there that is just not being considered as this administration moves forward with Twin Metals."

Focus on Twin Metals

The letter from the retirees only addresses the proposed Twin Metals mine. It doesn't mention PolyMet's proposed NorthMet mine near Hoyt Lakes, which would primarily discharge into the St. Louis River watershed, which drains into Lake Superior. Halter and some of the other signatories of the letter were involved in helping to advance a land exchange that was necessary for that project to go forward, although Halter had retired from the Forest Service before that final decision was made. That land exchange is currently in litigation.

While Halter said her concerns about the environmental impacts of both mine proposals are the same, she said the PolyMet case presented a different set of issues for the Forest Service since PolyMet's mineral rights are privately owned. She said that would have made it very difficult for the Forest Service to deny access to the company. The mineral rights in the case of Twin Metals, by contrast, are owned by the federal government.

Halter said she believes that conducting a land exchange with PolyMet was the best way to ensure that the Superior National Forest maintained its acreage available for wildlife habitat and recreational uses.

Questioning the need

The letter also takes issue with one of the primary talking points used by supporters of the copper-nickel mining in the region— namely that the world is desperate for copper that has to be mined somewhere. Citing the Copper Development Association, the letter notes that known global copper resources are estimated at nearly 5.8 trillion pounds, of which only about 0.7 trillion pounds, or 12 percent, have been mined throughout human

history. "And nearly all of that is still in circulation because copper's recycling rate is higher than that of any other engineering metal," notes the letter. Given the abundance of copper in the world, Halter said "there are surely more ecologically-suited places to meet the demand for copper than directly upstream from millions of acres of water-rich wilderness."

Given the troubled history of copper mining, Halter predicts the Twin Metals mine would eventually contaminate the downstream watershed. "It is indisputably a high-risk business and there is no mine plan or design feature that eliminates the risk."

Halter cites the Forest Service's own experience with sulfide-based mining. "Even in the most arid environments, there are significant risks to this type of mining requiring continuous management and perpetual water treatment. Within the Rainy River Watershed there is simply no way to contain contamination without sacrificing the wilderness and the long-term ecologic and economic sustainability that it supports," the letter concludes.

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superintendent services and other collaboration options with neighboring St. Louis County School District. They argued that those steps might strengthen a district bid for bond funding assistance from Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation. Such funding could go a long way in helping pay for a campus renovation project that could cost as much as \$17 million.

Adding to questions on how to move forward was an admission by school board chair Ray Marsnik that an error was made in the screening process of the candidates for the part-time superintendent position, and that an unidentified candidate was unfairly disqualified.

Interviews for the four superintendent candidates went forward anyway. Kevin Ricke and Steve Thomas were interviewed on Wednesday night. Beth Zietz and Bruce Houck were interviewed on Thursday night.

Ricke is currently superintendent at Fosston School District in north-western Minnesota. He has more than 30 years of education experience, including working as the former principal at Park-Audubon, and teaching at Wadena-Deer Creek.

Thomas is currently the superintendent at South Koochiching School District that also includes Indus and Northome-Kelliher schools. He also taught at Nett Lake.

Zietz formerly served as superintendent at Cook County School District. She resigned last year from the superintendent's position at Parshall, N.D.

Houck was the superintendent of Russell-Tyler-Ruthton school district and left after being put on administrative leave in 2016. He also worked as the superintendent in southwestern Minnesota educational cooperative.

Following the interviews, the school district's athletic director, who is employed as the editor of a local newspaper, claimed to have witnessed

as many as seven searches for school administrators at ISD 696 over the last two decades, and was the first to answer Marsnik's request for comments from the audience. "I'm sure (the four candidates) have qualifications, but I think you need to look beyond that," said Tom Coombe. "Who would be a fit for this district, especially at this particular time? I didn't hear anybody really tell us why they wanted to be in Ely. At this time, when you are looking at a major bond referendum, the person who sits in that chair has to be the cheerleader and the expert. To me, I think you are setting one of these four up to fail."

Coombe urged the school district to slow the process of searching for a new superintendent and to seriously consider the option of pursuing funding from the IRRR.

Cerkvenik conceded last week that the IRRR collaborative fund account is quickly drying up because of various ongoing collaborative projects involving the Mt. Iron/Buhl, Virginia, Eveleth/Gilbert, and ISD 2142 school districts. "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."

Other people who observed the interviews also voiced concerns that the candidates "did not understand the area" and "may have trouble adjusting to Ely."

Krista Moyer, a middle school reading interventionist for ISD 696, said she approached the interviews from the perspective of being a superintendent intern next year. "I look at the role of a superintendent, and for me two candidates (Ricke and Zietz) focused on a balance of instructional programs, especially reading oppor-

tunities that are extremely

important." Apalonia Homer, a junior at Memorial High School, said she did not consider the building renovation as the most important aspect for the next superintendent. "I understand the walking between buildings when its freezing cold, but I also think that it is important, even under the stress of a building renovation, to consider the students themselves. I have undergone some questionable years as a student where the teachers didn't seem that they were totally qualified for the rigors of

the course."
Grades 6-12 Principal
Megan Anderson called
for "strong leadership
in this exciting time" at
Ely schools. "We need
someone who is going to
be passionate about being
here. I was not inspired by
any of the candidates," she
said. "We have some time

to continue the search."

K-5 Principal Anne
Oelke agreed with other
stakeholder committee
members. "The school
board is in a really tough
spot, and this is a critical
time with the building
facilities project practically underway," she said.
"There is a pull to try to
find somebody who might
fit that project only, but I
don't know if that's the
right decision.

right decision.

"Really smart people that are passionate about this job and this area can probably get the answers that are needed, no matter what, if they were really vested in this position. I will echo what other people were saying, that none of them were really drawn to wanting to be here in Ely, which is a little disheartening."

Marsnik asked the board if they were ready to begin the process of considering the candidates who were interviewed.

School board member Tony Colarich made a motion to delay the superintendent selection decision in order for the board to pursue any IRRR collaboration funding. "This is too important of a project to cut it short and not consider all alternatives," he said. The motion was supported by board member

Tom Omerza.

Marsnik agreed that collaboration funding should be pursued. "Ithink the public would expect us to do that if there is money there," he said. "(ISD) 2142 people are willing to sit down and talk with us. Nothing is decided. I myself think we should have a meeting and listen to where we could do some collaboration."

He stressed that ISD 696 is not considering consolidation with the St. Louis County school district. "I'll be the first one

to fight consolidation," he said.

He noted that just one of the areas of possible collaboration is sharing a superintendent with ISD 2142. "But that alone is not going to do it, nor sharing

won't carry much weight.
We are going to show how
the kids will benefit from
this. It won't hurt to take
a look at this."
School board member
Heidi Mann pointed out

that the agenda only called

for the four interviews over

two nights and no further

action on selecting a super-

a business office or a trans-

portation director. That

intendent was stipulated.

Colarich agreed to

rescind his motion with the assurance that the board would meet with ISD 2142 officials to discuss collaboration options.

Previously, Abrahamson told the school board that he would consider staying with the school district on a temporary basis after his contract expires on June 30.

Marsnik said the board will continue their discussion on the four interviewed candidates, as well as a potential meeting with the ISD 2142 school board to discuss collaboration, at their next meeting on Monday, May 13.



Vermilion Country School UPCOMING EVENTS

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have declined repeated requests from the Timberjay to obtain the information. Based on attorney generals' opinions in Minnesota, school districts are generally prohibited from spending tax dollars to promote passage of a ballot measure. They are allowed to distribute basic factual information, such as the size of the ballot measure, the tax implications, and the planned uses of the funding.

Yet the materials distributed by the Virginia and Eveleth-Gilbert school districts, including newspaper advertising and full color brochures mailed to area residents, have been highly promotional in nature and, critics argue, are presenting misleading or incomplete information

A similar effort by the St. Louis County School District in 2009 led to years of litigation that set a statewide precedent requiring that school districts file campaign finance reports if they spend tax dollars to influence voters on ballot measures. The reporting requirement presents a potential problem for school districts, however, since disclosing campaign spending is an acknowledgment that a district spent tax dollars on referendum advocacy, which violates guidance from attorney generals. Minn. Stat. 8.07 gives an attorney general's opinion the effective force of law as it applies to school districts. Eveleth-Gilbert

administrative assistant Justine Henry told the Timberjay that the district has not spent funds on advertising yet, which is why no reports have been prepared.

Yet based on a video of the E-G School Board from March 25, the board did vote to approve \$14,183 in expenditures for the referendum's campaign.

It's the one-sided or promotional nature of those expenditures that is rubbing some the wrong

way.
"I just feel that all the facts are not being put out to the public," said E-G School Board member Tom Gentilini. "There are many things that should be brought into this." Both Gentilini and fellow school board member PollyAnn Sorcan went on record at the March 25 meeting objecting that information in the brochures produced by the district was not complete.

Promoting passage

The mailings prepared and mailed by the two school districts do not specifically urge residents of the districts to vote yes on the measure, but administrative rulings stemming from the St. Louis County School Board case determined that school district publications could be found to be promotional even without such obvious requests for support.

In May 2014, the Office of Administrative Hearings found that: "When a district's communications or statements, however, are so one-sided that they cannot reasonably be read to mean anything but urging the passage of the referendum, then such communications have crossed the line from information to promotional," wrote Administrative Law Judge Ann O'Reilly in her ruling in the St. Louis County School District case.

The brochures and other materials used by the Virginia and E-G school districts appear to offer just such a one-sided approach to the issue, offering glowing accounts of the district's plans for a joint career academy, confusing and potentially misleading information regarding the tax implications, and prominent quotes from supporters of the measure. In several instances, the mailings sent by the two districts include highly favorable quotes from prominent individuals including Sen. Tom Bakk and Steve Giorgi, the Executive Director of Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS). Comments from educators and students, all in

support, are also included throughout.

No quotes from opponents were included in the mailings, which undermines any suggestion that the materials presented information on the ballot measure in a neutral

Attorney advised caution

None of the concerns about improper promotion should come as a surprise to school officials in the E-G school district. In a March 4, 2019 ,letter, attorney Margaret Skelton, of Ratwik, Roszak, and Maloney, warned school officials against running afoul of the rules against ballot measure advocacy.

"The School Board and Superintendent should ensure that all School District publications regarding the referendum must be factual and informative, as opposed to 'promotional,'" wrote Skelton in her letter, which was addressed to the school board. "There is a fine line between permissible 'informative' publications and impermissible 'promotional' publications. Whether an individual publication is promotional or informative will depend on numerous factors, including the subjectivity or objectivity of the language used and the accuracy or inaccuracy of the facts addressed in the publication."

While the attorney's comments generated some discussion at a subsequent board meeting, it's not clear that school officials ultimately followed the advice.

Sorcan, when asked, declined to comment on whether she believes the E-G school district is abiding by the attorney's advice. The firm of Ratwik, Roszak, and Maloney, is among the state's top law firms on matters of school law.

Adequate facilities in Eveleth?

Former E-G Facilities Director Mark Skerjance is among those taking issue with claims made by school district officials that the district's current facilities are substandard and in need of replacement.

"They (district officials) make it sound like the buildings are falling apart. It's not true," Skerjance said. "I'm in favor of the project, but it doesn't need new buildings."

Skerjance's comment touches on one of the other concerns about the push to sell the bond measure. While school officials highlight educational changes they plan to implement, like the career academy approach to teaching, the funds the districts are seeking will only pay for new facilities. Gentilini and Sorcan

have raised similar questions. The Timberjay obtained two letters submitted by Gentilini and Sorcan to the Department of Education (MDE), which delved further into their concerns.

In his letter, Gentilini raises concern that the districts are misleading taxpayers about the financial implications of a yes vote. He also notes the Hibbing School District is pursuing an academy model similar to what is being proposed by E-G and Virginia, but is doing so with existing facilities in place.

Sorcan agrees that the switch to an academy model does not require new facilities. She told MDE that both of the E-G district's consultants, Kraus-Anderson and ICS, have indicated that they could achieve the same thing through renovations. And the extent of the renovations that would be necessary is unclear, given the status of the facilities already available. Sorcan said the consultants have stated that the cost of a "heavy remodel" could be about the same as new construction. Sorcan said she's been unable to obtain a list of the types of renovation that would actually be required for the academy approach to learning.

Some E-G school officials argue that the school district spends far too much on maintenance and operation of its facilities. In a recent letter to the editor of the Mesabi Daily News supporting next Tuesday's referendum, Carey noted that the district currently maintains 620,384 square feet of facilities, while it only needs 228,150 square feet.

Yet Skerjance said that's because the school district has failed to close, demolish, or sell facilities that it no longer uses. Skeriance argues that the facilities that the district currently uses are generally in good condition and most have been renovated in recent years.

Two facilities studies produced within the past six years, one by Worner and Associates and the other by Unesco, confirm Skerjance's claim. Both consistently rated spaces currently used for students from adequate to excellent. In addition to reno-

vations, Skerjance notes that new media, arts and science wings were added to the schools; the last addition was as recently as 1999.

"Some people say 25 years is old," Skerjance said. "For a facility, I don't think it is." In addition to major

renovations, virtually all windows, plumbing and electrical have been replaced in the schools within the past decade. The issues the build-

ings are facing now are not major, Skerjance said, they are routine maintenance. "When you need your car's oil changed, you don't get a new car," he said. Additionally,

Skerjance noted that the new building would be across Hwy. 53 from Eveleth, making access difficult from most residential parts of the city. "It's a bad deal for

Eveleth. There will be no access to the new school from the community.'

Question of taxation

E-G board member Gentilini has taken issue with the claims made by the school districts regarding the tax impacts of the proposed bond measure. While the plan, as devised, would benefit significantly from funds from both the state of Minnesota and Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation to fund the bulk of the cost, the enormous scale of the project means that local taxpayers will still be on the hook for about \$34 million.

Gentilini, however, is concerned that promotional materials produced by the district make it appear as though taxpayers will actually get refunds should the bond measure pass. Indeed, the materials produced by the districts tout a provision in Minnesota state law that provides for refunds if a homeowner's property taxes jump by more than 12 percent in

One mailing also includes estimated refunds residents could be eligible for. While the mailing does note that the information is for taxes raised between Jan. 2, 2019, and Jan. 2, 2020, it does not inform voters that the refunds would likely only apply for the first year of the tax increase, and would not apply in subsequent years unless taxes continued to increase by at least 12 percent each year.

Gentilini said this would create increased taxation of district residents for the remainder of the 20-year bond term without recourse.

School district response

The *Timberjay* emailed both Carey and Dr. Noelle Schmidt, Superintendent of Virginia Public Schools, to seek out their responses to concerns and questions raised in this story. Schmidt did not respond, while Carey responded with a statement that did not answer the questions posed.

"The Virginia and **Eveleth-Gilbert Schools** have been working together for the past two years through a very open and public process to improve educational opportunities for all of our students," he said. "The board members who have contacted you are trying to sabotage the referendum vote in the eleventh hour by spreading misinformation in an attempt to cast doubt with

In fact, the *Timberjay* was not contacted by any board members from Eveleth-Gilbert or Virginia but did seek out comment from them when others with concerns about the project contacted the newspaper.

Carey also questioned why opponents were "contacting a paper from Tower right before the election with concerns" and that other local papers would have already picked up the story if they felt there was an issue.

The Timberjay, however was contacted by concerned alumni who felt their voices were not being heard by various institutions in the Quad City area.

The referendum will go to voters on Tuesday May 14. Voters in both districts must vote yes in order for it to pass.

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Deadline extended for Tower Economic Development Authority applicants

by JODI SUMMIT

Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- The Tower Economic Development Authority (TEDA) extended the deadline to May 31 for applications from Tower residents and business owners who are interested in filling empty seats on the board.

The city has received three applications to date, from Tower residents Dick Larmouth and Dena Suihkonen, and Tower business owner Nate Dostert. But TEDA members noted that a few others had told them they intended to submit an application.

The TEDA board will then forward a recommendation to the Tower City Council for approval. The council will also need to replace Brooke Anderson, who served as a council representative on TEDA. Anderson, however, recently announced her resignation from the city council. Councilor Rachel Beldo currently has a seat on TEDA, along with Steve Peterson Sr., Richard Hanson, and Joan Broten, leaving three vacancies on the seven-member board. One of those seats,

however, was previously held by former TEDA chair Marshall Helmberger, who the prior city council removed illegally in January of 2018 in retaliation for critical reporting on city actions.

Helmberger was appointed to a three-year term on TEDA in 2017 and had continuing rights to the seat under state law through 2019. City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith apparently falsified city records in order to make it appear that Helmberger's term on TEDA expired in 2017. Her action, and related actions by former mayor Josh Carlson are currently under investigation by the St. Louis County Sheriff and the St. Louis County Attorney.

Other changes in the TEDA roster were also made without council approval, and in apparent violation of state law.

Broadband

TEDA voted to accept a \$75,000 grant from the Blandin Foundation, contingent on updating some details in the contract, getting approval from the broadband committee, and approval by the Tower City Council. The city would be the fiscal agent for the grant, and spending guidelines will need to be developed. The grant will cover initial broadband-related projects in the Tower-Soudan area, which includes Greenwood, Bois Forte/Vermilion, Eagles Nest, and Vermilion Lake townships.

The grant requires matching funds from the community, but some of this can be in-kind services. Broten said that grant funds used to purchase equipment need to be matched one-to-one, while other types of projects involve a three-to-one match (one dollar value for each three dollars spent).

The next step in this process is identifying funding sources to pay for a study to identify ways to bring broadband quality internet service to different parts of the region.

Disc golf

TEDA will ask the company interested in designing and installing a disc golf course in Tower to look at options on the

Vermilion Community College commencement set for Tuesday ELY - In keeping with

Vermilion Community College's tradition of bringing back a recent successful VCC alum to speak to the graduating class, Eli Dotts will be the 2019 commencement speaker.

VCCCommencement will be held on Tuesday, May 14, beginning at 7 p.m. in the VCC Gymnasium.

Approximately 90 grads will participate in the ceremony. Candidates for Graduation include: Associate of Arts – 33; Associate of Science -35; Associate of Applied Science – 44; Certificate - 37; and Diploma three. There are 82 Honors Graduates.

Eli is a member of the Bois Forte Band of Chippewa and a graduate of North Woods High School. He attended Vermilion from 2012 to 2014, during which time

he completed an Associate of Arts Degree. While attending Vermilion, Eli participated as a member of the Vermilion Ironmen Football Team and the Men's Basketball Team.

Immediately following graduation, Eli transferred to Bemidji State University where he completed his bachelor's degree in Elementary Education in 2016.

After completing his college education, Eli transformed his passion for helping others and his love of teaching and sports into his current career. Eli teaches at West Central Area Schools in Barrett, where he also coaches football, girls' basketball, and track.

Eli is getting married this fall to Vermilion graduate, Megan McDonald, and they continue to care for Eli's thirteen year-old brother Nasir.

Upcoming musical programs at B'nai Abraham in Virginia

VIRGINIA- B'nai Abraham Museum and Cultural Center in Virginia will be hosting several musical programs this summer.

Sunday, May 19 at 3 p.m. A Touch of Class, a men's and women's choral group.

Saturday, June 8 at 7 p.m. Steven Sokela from Rowan University will perform a selection of opera and popular music.

Saturday, July 13 at 2 p.m. The Northern Lights Music Festival performers under the direction of Veda Zuponic. Saturday, July 27 at 2 p.m. The Singing

Slovenes directed by Frank Bucar.

Saturday, Sept. 28 at 3 p.m. The Harbormasters led by Steve Lapatka.

north hill, in addition to the signs. The larger, lighted area adjacent to the Tower sign has been in storage at Ski Trails. The developers the sign builder in Ely for were very excited about the about two years, waiting for the city to finalize the possibilities by the ski trail, saying the topography in sign's location.

that area would make for

an exceptional course, one

that would attract out-of-

At their meeting,

Monday, the board heard

updates on ongoing proj-

ects, including the instal-

lation of the new Welcome

to Tower signs. The city's

Main Street group received

a grant several years ago

for multiple projects,

including the purchase

and installation of new

town players.

projects

Main Street

permit from MNDOT, because the sign will be in the highway right-of-way. The location of the larger sign has been a moving target, but it appears the sign location has been changed back to the initial choice of the intersection of Highways 169 and 135, just west of Tower. A second, smaller sign will be installed on the east edge

Broten said the city

is waiting for the required

Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith told the TEDA board

of Tower.

that the city hadn't heard back from MNDOT yet.

Committee also had concerns about the condition of the sidewalks on Main Street. Keith said the city's new capital improvement plan will consider sidewalk renovations, but she warned there would be

"The frost is coming out now," Keith said, "so it is going wild. The wet spring is really hard on the frost."

limited funding available.

Keith said the city is not liable if someone is injured after tripping on the sidewalk.

Other business

In other business, the

Will continue assembling information The Main Street for a Main Street building inventory.

➤ Discussed options for watering the flowering baskets on the Harbor Bridge.

➤ Discussed updating the sign in front of the vacant Main Street lot between the Timberjay building and Tower Car

of creating a brochure highlighting the biking, hiking, skiing, and ATV trails in the area. ➤ Will hold their July

➤ Discussed the idea

meeting on June 27 instead of on July 4.



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ONLINE SECURITY

L&M Supply acknowledges online breach

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL—The growing issue of online security hit the North Country this week as Grand Rapids-based L&M Supply acknowledged an unauthorized breach of credit and debit card information from the company's online store.

The company revealed the breach in an April 23 letter to customers who shopped on the company's online site.

The breach did not affect credit or debit card

purchases from any of the company's retail stores located in the region. L&M Supply maintains retail facilities in ten cities in northern Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin, including stores in Mt. Iron and Hibbing.

In the April 23 letter to customers, company co-CEO Shawn Matteson stated that the breach appears to have affected payments processed for online purchases between Dec. 5, 2018, and Jan. 21, 2019. On April 9, according to Matteson, the company discovered the

breach and took immediate steps to contain it. The breach may have compromised credit or debit card numbers, expiration dates, and CVV numbers (three or four-digit numbers that appear on the back of the card). That information, in combination, could allow those acquiring the data to use affected credit or debit cards for surreptitious purchases.

"Because we value our relationship with you, we wanted to make you aware of the incident," stated Matteson in the letter. "We also wanted to let you

know what we are doing to further secure your information and suggest steps you can take."

According to a statementissuedtothe Timberjay by L&M Supply this week, the company "immediately commenced an investigation and worked with external cybersecurity professionals." In addition, the company stated that it has implemented enhanced security safeguards to protect against similar intrusions. "L&M is also conducting ongoing monitoring of its website and payment portal to ensure that they are secure and clear of any malicious activity," reads this week's statement.

The company, in its April 23 letter, offered recommendations to any customers who believe their information may have been compromised. "As a best practice, you should call your bank or card issuer if you see any suspicious transactions. The policies of the payment card brands such as Visa, MasterCard, American Express and Discover provide that you are not liable for any unauthorized

charges if you report them in a timely manner." The company recommended that customers pay special attention to their monthly statements to look for fraudulent purchases.

The company has set up a dedicated response line for its online customers who might have questions about the breach. That number is 1-844-416-6280.

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plant. The inboard boat sports a unique phoenix inlay on the dash, one of only five boats, all built in 1983 and 1984, with such a detail.

But what is truly of interest to folks who are not wooden boat aficionados is that this very boat was built for Robert Redford, who owned it for 10 years, and used it for waterskiing and entertaining guests on lakes near the Sundance Ski Resort in Utah, and on Lake Powell in northern Arizona.

In 1987, the Redfords traded in the boat for a smaller 20-foot Grand-Craft.

The 23-footer was sold to its second owner, who renamed it "Phoenix," in honor of its unique dashboard inlay. The boat spent a year cruising on Lake Michigan before being sold to its current

owner, who has a cabin on Burntside Lake. The boat is now called "Sunray" in honorand in memory of the family's award-winning Palomino stallion.

Sunrise River is doing a "bottoms up" restoration of the boat. The boat, which has clocked in a little over 640 hours of use, was regularly maintained and professionally serviced throughout its life.

The restoration included removing the hard top, chrome, and engine, so work on the boat's hull could begin. Wooden boat bottoms were not made to last a lifetime.

"We have about 1,700 hours into this project so far," said Jeff Larson and Dana Hein, who have truly enjoyed working on what is most likely a once-inalifetime project. Plans are to have the boat ready for water testing in early

May, and to have the boat finished and "show-ready" by later this spring. They started working on the boat in the fall of 2017.

"This is the biggest project we've ever done," they said.

Redford is aware the boat is being restored and was glad to hear that news, said Larson.

This restoration included rebuilding the original "soaker" bottom with a more modern technique, which uses a special type of caulk to create a watertight seal between the original mahogany planking. Traditionally, these types of boats needed to soak in the water, in order to swell the mahogany planks and create a watertight bottom. The newer method means the boat can go in and out of the water without having to soak. The new bottom is warrantied for ten years, but should easily last 30-40 years, they said.

Besides rebuilding the hull, the restoration included rebuilding the engine, new stain and varnish, and rebuilding the boat's hardtop and top decks.

The boat was in remarkably good condition, they said. Only one of the boat bottom planks needed to be replaced, and the 454 V-8 engine was given an overhaul, but was also in remarkably good condition. The boat can cruise at speeds of up to 47 miles per hour.

Restoring the 1980s vintage boat, however, did create some challenges.

"The overall restoration process, while posing some disassembly challenges, has provided many insights into a more modern wooden boat," they said. "And although

new products and technologies were incorporated during its original production, the basic concepts of wooden boat designs still applied."

The boat is being brought to what is called "preserved" in the wooden boat show community.

The wooden exterior, dash, and interior all received 18 coats of varnish. Some of the wooden details were redone in a golden color of varnish, to match the phoenix inlaid on the boat's dashboard.

New chrome was installed on the hull, and the rest of the chrome was re-chromed to look brand new.

A sign-painter from Clear Lake, Minn., spent two days in the shop, repainting the boat name and numbers in real gold leaf.

The shop generally works on two to three boats at a time, and some projects can take over a year to complete. But not all the projects are high-end.

"Wooden boats don't have to be over the top like a Grand-Craft," said Larson. "One of the boats we are working on now is a Thompson boat, and very affordable."

Larson and Hein said they hope to bring the boat to some wooden boat shows, including the one on Lake Vermilion at The Landing on Labor Day weekend.

They said there is one other Grand-Craft boat in the area— a boat named "Miss Vermilion" that is docked on its namesake lake.



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TRACK AND FIELD

Timberwolves take top spots at area meets

by MARCUS WHITE

Cook-Orr Editor

VIRGINIA - The Timberwolves girls took the top spot here with 77 points at Tuesday evening's track invite. The boys came in second with 103 points.

Junior Brielle Kallberg claimed four first place finishes, in the 100meter dash, long jump, high jump and triple jump. Eighth-grader Zoe Devine took home a first in the 1,600-meter run with a time of 5:58.4

The girls also took home the trophy in the 4x200 relay race.

Junior Nate Nettifee took first in discus with a score of 126-01'. Senior Jasiah

Wigdahl finished first in boys shot put with a score of 44-10.5', nearly five points ahead of the runner-up. Wigdahl also took

third in the discus throw. Junior Luke Olson

took first in the boys 800-meter run with a narrow 1:59.41 win against Cameron Stocke of Virginia. Olson also took second in the 1,600meter run.

In the boys 3,200-meter run, the Timberwolves took all three top spots with junior James Schwinghamer in first, freshman Gabriel

Pointer in second and junior Finn Leisching in

Junior Eric Omerza and senior Isaac Gawboy took first and third respectively in long jump.

The Timberwolves boys earned another top spot in Hibbing last Friday, finishing first with 105 points across 17 events. The girls finished seventh with 51 points in 18 events.

In relay events, the Timberwolves took the top spots in three relay events, including in the 4x100 with Gawboy, Leisching, Omerza and Nettifee, finishing in 47 seconds. In the 4x400 relay, with Nettifee, Emmett Faltesek, Raif Olson and Luke Olson finished in 3:44.7, nearly three seconds faster than the runners up from Mesabi East.

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Sports week

BASEBALL

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.

Saturday May 11 Ely at Blackduck, 12:30 p.m.

Ely vs Nevis in Blackduck, 3 p.m.

Monday May 13 North Woods hosts Wrenshall, 4:30 p.m.

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

Tuesday May 14 North Woods at I-Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Ely at Mesabi East. 4:30 p.m.

Thursday May 16 North Woods hosts Cook County, 4 p.m.

NE Range at Silver Bay, 4:30 p.m.

SOFTBALL

Friday May 10 Ely hosts North Woods, 2:30 p.m.

Ely hosts Floodwood, 4:30 p.m.

Saturday May 11 NE Range at Cook County, 1:30 p.m.

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

Monday May 13 NE Range hosts Mesabi East, 4: 30 p.m.

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

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

Tuesday May 14 NE Range hosts Ely, 2:30 p.m.

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

Wednesday May 15 Ely at Littlefork - Big Falls, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday May 16 NE Range hosts Chisholm 4:30 p.m.

North Woods hosts I-Falls, 4:30 p.m.

In the event of a cancellation, check local school calendars for updates

SOFTBALL

Extra innings topple Grizzles

Timberwolves fight back against a late game surge by North Woods

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

FIELD TWP-The Timberwolves rallied late in their Section 7A softball tilt against North Woods last Thursday and scored in the ninth to edge the Grizzlies 7-6 in extra innings.

Ely grabbed the early lead in the contest, with single runs in the first and second innings and two more in the third.

The Grizzlies scored one run in the first inning but trailed 4-1 through three. But the Grizzlies drew blood on their second run through the order, as they scored three in the bottom of the fourth and two more in the fifth to take a 6-4 lead.

The Wolves edged back into the game with single runs in the sixth and seventh to send the game into extra innings knotted at six. The Grizzlies couldn't answer a single Ely run in the top of the ninth, to suffer the loss.

Erika Mattson took the mound for Ely, allowing seven hits and striking out Above: Hanna Sandberg is pitching stats were available for North Woods. Ely had a strong performance from the plate, with 15 hits to seven for the Grizzlies.

Both Mattson and Charly Flom ripped three hits on the night, while Jenna Merhar notched two hits and an RBI. McCartney Kaercher also notched an throw to first base. RBI for Ely.

Senior outfielder Kate Stone drove in two runs for the Grizzlies.



11 in a complete game. No safe with a slide to home plate as Erika Mattson attempts to put down the

> Far right: Lauren Arvila picks up a ball on third

Near right: Hanna Sandberg scoops up the ball in the infield for a photos by C. Stone





GOLF

The Wilderness at Fortune Bay turns 15

TOWER-The award-winning Wilderness at Fortune Bay golf course is celebrating the 15th anniversary of its opening with a number of special promotions.

"We are proud to work for a facility that has had continued support by the local community, driven staff and passionate golfers," said The Wilderness at Fortune Bay General Manager and Head Golf Professional Ryan Peterson. "We have a lot of exciting new promotions for our 15th

anniversary celebration, including College Days, Happy Hour, Friday and Saturday night dining specials, 9 Hole Special and special local golf rates."

The Wilderness opened to rave reviews on May 28, 2004. Since that time, it has won numerous national awards from such prestigious publications as Golf Digest and Golf Magazine. Most recently, The Wilderness was rated #57 on Golf Digest's America's 100 Greatest You Can Play and #2 **Public Best Golf Courses**

in Minnesota.

In addition, the National Golf Foundation has awarded Wilderness within the top five to ten golf courses in the country for its National Customer Loyalty Award.

"The Wilderness at Fortune Bay is a great asset to the community in many ways," said Peterson, a Virginia-native, who is in his second year as general manager."The Wilderness brings thousands of visitors to the area each year to boost our local economy. It

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daughter, Lida Dodge, 2 years old, stands on hole #2 known as "The Pine Marten." submitted photo

SOFTBALL

Tough week for Timberwolves

Managing Editor

CHERRY — It's been a tough stretch for the Ely softball girls as they suffered three straight losses this past week to fall to 5-5 on the season.

On Tuesday, they fell hard to the 13-1 Tigers here, losing 11-1 in six innings. The loss wasn't as bad as it seemed, at least according to Ely Head Coach Tom McDonald. "We competed well against them except for a couple of four-run innings in which we didn't play very well defensively,' said McDonald.

Junior Jenna Merhar

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER took the loss from the mound, while striking out four. Merhar and sophomore Sydni Richards both added two hits for Ely.

Playing at home on Monday, the Wolves struggled at the plate enroute to a 15-4 loss to International Falls. "We really struggled in all areas in this game," said McDonald. "We could never get anything going offensively or defensive-

Ely junior pitcher Erika Mattson gave up 14 hits and walked nine to aid the Broncos' cause, while also managing to fan ten batters. Charly Flom, Lida Dodge, and Jenna Merhar combined for Ely's three

In action last Saturday in Grand Marais, an Ely rally fizzled leaving the Wolves on the short end of the 11-10 final. "We were flat from the start," said McDonald. Trailing by seven in the top of seventh inning, Ely put six on the board, but it couldn't get the tying run in.

Merhar struck out six, while Flom and Dodge notched two hits apiece

Last Friday, at Ely, the Wolves held on for a 5-4 win over Two Harbors in extra innings. Ely led 2-0 until the top of the seventh, when the Agates

tied it up to send the game to extra innings. Two Harbors scored two more in the top of the eighth, but the Wolves put up three in the bottom of the frame for the win. The Wolves were

set to take on Eveleth-Gilbert on Thursday and were scheduled to host a doubleheader on Friday. They'll take on North Woods at 2:30 p.m., with Floodwood arriving for the nightcap. They'll remain at home on Monday against Mt. Iron-Buhl and head to Babbitt on Tuesday to take on the Nighthawks.

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In the 4x800 relay it was more of the same with the boys taking another first place with Schwinghamer, Dylan Fenske, Faltesek and Luke Olson finishing in 8:44.67, more than five seconds ahead of Greenway.

Schwinghamer, as an individual, took the top spot again in the 3,200meter run outpacing Mt. Iron-Buhl's Aaron Nelson by nearly 30 seconds with a time of 10:12.2.

Luke Olson claimed a first in the 400-meter dash narrowly beating out Hermantown's Darby Gamradt with a time of 52.73 seconds.

Gawboy would take home second place in the boys 100-meter dash with a time of 11.69, only 0.9 second off the top spot.

Wigdahl placed second in boys shot put. He would also take home third place in the discus

Omerza placed third in triple jump.

On the girls side, Kallberg took first and third place in long jump and triple jump respectively.

Freshman Kellen Thomas took first place for the girls in the discus throw with a score of 86-01.

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has also created the option for locals to golf for the first time and experience a high-quality facility in their back yard."

Since 2004, the golf course has also been certified through Audubon International for its environmental practices. Vincent Dodge, Golf Course Superintendent, has led the effort to maintain "sanctuary status" for The Wilderness at Fortune Bay.

"Vince does a tremendous job for us," said Peterson. "They have been busy preparing for the 2019 season, and from the looks of it, the course will be in phenomenal shape. That's a tribute to his tireless work ethic and attention to detail."

Peterson said that sentiment rings true for many of The Wilderness at Fortune Bay staff.

"The Wilderness is a dependable employer for a variety of individuals in our community," said Peterson. "We have a strong core of team members representing several generations whether it be high school or college students to parents seeking a second job or retirees looking for a little extra income."

The Wilderness Grill

has also received recognition through Golf Advisor and a variety of local events. Most recently, The Wilderness Grill won the Best Dessert Award at Flavor of the North hosted by United Way on April 25, 2019.

"Executive Chef Doug Sperry whipped up his famous Banana Mazatlán Waffle for the win," said The Wilderness at Fortune Bay Sales and Marketing Director Rachel Indihar. "Be sure to check this tasty item on the menu this summer!"

Indihar said she is thrilled to be part of such a great team at The Wilderness and looks forward to the 2019 season, which officially begins Friday, May 10.

"Whether you are looking to play one of the top golf courses around or just want to have an amazing dining experience, The Wilderness at Fortune Bay is looking forward to seeing you,"

said Indihar. For more information, visit golfthewilderness. com or check out The Wilderness at Fortune Bay's Facebook page.

BASEBALL

Ely edges out Silver Bay

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

ELY— Senior Tyler Housey struck out seven and allowed just four hits and three runs in four full innings of work on Monday, helping Ely to edge Silver Bay 5-4. Sophomore Lane

Anderson drove in three runs for the Wolves while junior Dalton Schreffler scored three times. Sophomore Will Davies added two hits for Ely. Junior Bryce

Longwell pitched three full to finish up for the Wolves, allowing just one run on two hits as Ely improved to 6-2.

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On Saturday, Ely came in on the short end of a one-run game at Grand Marais as a passed ball in the bottom of the seventh with the bases loaded allowed Cook County to edge the Wolves 6-5.

Senior Trevor Mattson struggled through five innings on the mound for Ely, giving up five walks and four hits. Bryce Fairchild took the loss for the Wolves, pitching the final two innings. Both Tyler Housey and freshman Mason Davis continued to swing their hot bats, with Housey

The Wolves, on the road last Friday, made easy work of Greenway as they smashed out 12 hits enroute to a 14-4 win over the Raiders. Davis picked up three hits, scored three runs and notched three RBIs to pace Ely, while Housey and Schreffler notched two hits apiece.

Freshman Harry Simons was exceptional in his varsity debut from the mound, striking out three and allowing just

The Wolves had another good outing last Thursday, May 2, against Mt. Iron-Buhl, as they topped the Rangers 11-1 in a five-inning game

called on the ten-run rule. Davis added two hits and drove in three runs as the Wolves capitalized on weak Rangers' pitching for an easy win. Housey claimed the win, scattering four hits while striking out five The week ahead will

pose some challenges for Ely, according to Head Coach Frank Ivancich. "The tough part of our schedule is coming up the next couple of weeks," said Ivancich. "Our goal is to get better every week and stay healthy and eligible. It has been exciting to watch our young inexperienced players get some opportunities at the varsity level." The Wolves will take to the road for the next several games, including a Thursday night match at Cherry, followed by a Friday contest with Virginia. They'll play a doubleheader on Saturday at Blackduck and will visit Mesabi East on Tuesday.

Grizzlies get two losses and a win

FIELD TWP - North Woods notched their only win of the week here Tuesday evening, outscoring Littlefork-Big Falls,

Sophomore pitcher Andrew Zika led with four innings pitched with four earned runs and three strikeouts. Junior Danny Crocket pitched for two innings with two strikeouts.

Senior Jake Hyppa went 2-4 with one double, while sophomore third basement

Zach Cheney rapped a double. Junior outfielder Nathan Crain notched two RBIs.

Last Friday, the Grizzlies went hitless as they were shutout at home by Chisholm. Cheney tallied two strikeouts over five inningspitched. Chisholm's Eli Sundquist fanned 17 North Woods batters.

Stats for last Thursday's 9-11 loss against Mesabi East were unavailable as of press time.

Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive, May 11

REGIONAL- With the help of sponsors, volunteer organizations, and U.S. Postal Service employees in 10,000 communities nationwide, the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC) will conduct its 27th annual Stamp Out Hunger Food

Drive on Saturday, May 11. Stamp Out Hunger is the nation's largest single-day food drive.

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for distribution. While all non-perishable donations are welcome, foods that are high in protein such as canned tuna, salmon, beans, and peanut butter are most needed. Canned fruits and vegetables, whole grain, low sugar cereals, macaroni and cheese dinners, and 100 percent fruit juice also top the list of most needed items.



connecting for three hits and two RBIs while Davis added two hits. TIMBERJAY Continue Northern St. Louis County, Minnesota **Check out** the NEW Timberjay website! www.timberjay.com • Read the latest Timberjay stories • Browse the archives, legal notices, and classifieds • Find and search obituaries Subscribers get full access to the weekly e-edition Janisch Realty Fortune Bay Resort Casino 1-800-992-PLAY Lundgren's Ford Mike Motors 218-780-6644 1-888-524-4196 1-877-830-4515 elycardeals.com janischrealty.com lundgrenford.com fortunebay.com ANISCH IKE of Minnesota. Inc. Lundgren's 📑 ${f R}$ ealty OTORS Aronson **Rocks The** Waschke Family Sundell Eye Associates 1-877-741-4411 sundelleye.com Jewelers **Boat Works** Chevrolet 218-741-ROCK Find Us On Facebook 218-666-5901 218-753-4190 aronsonboatworks.com waschkechevrolet.com **ROCKS** THE SUNDELL EYE **JEWELERS** North Star Credit Union Laurentian Deal & Pineo Advanced Optical Monument 218-741-3000 **Attorneys** 218-741-3641 218-666-5940 advoptical.com aurentianmonument.com 218-741-0475 orthstarcreditunion.org 202 4th Street South advanced OPTICAL NORTH STAR Virginia, MN 55792 Vermilion Insula ReMax North **Lake Country** Restaurant **Land Office** American 218-753-8985 218-365-4855 218-757-3233 Bear Center vermilionland.com thelakecountry.com insularestaurant.com 1-877-365-7879 RF/MAX bear.org INSULA **Piragis BIC Realty** Ely Surplus Mealey's Gift Northwoods 218-666-5352 218-365-4653 & Sauna Shop

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Tree inspector visits Ely; city celebrates Mulching Day

by KEITH VANDERVORT

Ely Editor

ELY- A tree inspector who recently visited the city of Ely reported that as many as ten older trees need to be removed from city property this spring.

According to Tree Board member Mary Groeninger, the trees slated for removal are located on streets that will be undergoing major construction this year. That includes replacement of sewer and water lines, curbs, and sidewalks along Pattison Street, from Central Avenue to Third Avenue. "This kind of construction does significant damage to the roots of old trees, and so the advice by both the certified tree inspector we consult with and the University of Minnesota is to cut and replant trees in those situations," she

"We will be keeping the healthy young trees on the block," she added. "However, there are several middle-aged trees on those blocks as well. While we sometimes suggest that the city keep the healthiest trees of that age, this time around we've recommended that they all be removed because they are all ash trees."

Many Ely residents are likely familiar with the devastation the Emerald Ash Borer has caused in Minneapolis and St. Paul, and most recently Duluth, where thousands of mature trees have been cut.

Aerial spraying was conducted over parts of Ely just a couple of years ago in an attempt to slow the migration of the Emerald Ash Borer. "It has not yet arrived in Ely, but it is inevitable, and so the Tree Board made the decision to replace any and all ash trees during street construction projects in hopes that we will not feel the loss of our ash trees as much as other communities have," Groeninger

"As always we will be replanting trees this year, and we're looking for volunteers to help us plant, water, and prune our new trees to keep our future urban forest safe, healthy and enjoyed for generations," she said.

"For more information about why a particular tree is slated for removal, email the tree board at treesofely@gmail. com and we'll let you know why the determination was made," Groeninger added.

The Friends of the Trees of



Above: Ely families and VCC students volunteered to help mulch trees at Whiteside Park and around the city on Saturday, May 4. At right: VCC student Christina Wright. photos by K. Vandervort

Ely group held an Arbor Day Mulching Party on Saturday. Dozens of volunteers, including families and Vermilion Community College students, met at Whiteside Park for a quick mulching tutorial by Groeninger. They split into teams and visited the city's many new trees to mulch, check stakes, and learn how to take care of them as the weather gets warmer.

Participants gathered at Ely Presbyterian Church for a reading of the Arbor Day Proclamation, required for the city of Ely to maintain its designation as a Tree City U.S.A., and were treated to a free lunch. Members of the Tree Board answered boulevard tree questions, and distributed information available on how to keep trees healthy.





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TREATY RIGHTS

FDL completes another limited harvest

Several days of netting on Lake Vermilion yield 1,200 pounds of walleye as of midweek

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

LAKE VERMILION-A handful of Fond du Lac Band members were up early in recent days to collect their fishing nets here, as part of

Left: Matt Weske with the Fond du Lac Resource Management Division was busy measuring walleye caught during the recent harvest in Pike Bay.

photo by M. Helmberger

the Band's exercise of fishing rights guaranteed under the 1854 Treaty. The annual harvest, which was cancelled last year due to a late ice-out, went ahead as usual this year with a maximum allowable harvest of 2,500 pounds of walleye.

It's doubtful that the eight or nine band members taking part in the harvest will actually take that many fish. In 2017, Fond du Lac band members harvested just 282 pounds of walleye. Their largest harvest, to date, was in 2016, when band members tallied 1,757 pounds of walleye on the lake's west end.

Band members are allowed to deploy just two nets apiece and they do so under the supervision of the band's fisheries staff, who carefully track the harvest. Fond du Lac biologist Brian Borkholder and his crew set up their weigh station and recording operation at the Hoodoo Point public access this year. Band members set their nets at night and must pull them early each morning during the brief harvest period, which normally lasts no more than a few days. Fond du Lac staff are waiting each morning at the landing to assess and record the results. "We'll be measuring every single fish," said Borkholder. They typically work at public

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FISHING

Outlook for opener

With ice-outs close to average, local guides optimistic for an "active bite"

REGIONAL - Minnesota's 2019 walleye opener is set for this Saturday and area guides are optimistic that the conditions favor a successful one. "I think we'll have a pretty active bite," said longtime Lake Vermilion walleye guide Cliff Wagenbach. "The females should be done spawning so we should see a few more of those in the catch."

That's a contrast to last year, when lake ice that lingered right up until opener meant

a later-than-usual spawn. This year, most area lakes cleared of ice within a day or two of their long-term average. Walleyes congregate in rivers, streams, and shallow bays for their annual spawn and tend to feed only lightly during that period. Once they've completed spawning,



the walleye typically leave those areas and begin to feed aggressively — offering

year for anglers. Yet, as Ely-area guide Rob Nelson points out, that assumes that anglers can find the fish, since they likely won't be clustered in their spawning grounds any more. "Some will still be in the current, but they'll likely be more scattered," said

one of the most productive periods of the

Nelson. "That means we'll have to go look for them." Nelson said he's likely to work the usual early-season current in the morning,

in hopes of picking up the stragglers from

Above: Anglers are likely to be out in force on Lake Vermilion's Pike Bav this Saturday for the opener of the 2019 walleye season.

Below: An angler nets a walleye from Frazer Bay during the 2017 walleye



the spawn, before heading out into the main basin to search for the dispersing fish.

Despite the average ice-outs this year, the continued cool and cloudy weather in recent weeks has left water temperatures still on the cold side—in the mid-forty degree range as of Monday. Such chilly conditions should prompt walleyes to continue to linger in shallower bays, where water temperatures warm the fastest.

"I think there should be a pretty hot

Pike Bay bite," said Wagenbach. "It should be packed with boats." Vermilion guide Doug Knoer, of Cook,

agrees. "Target those shallow, warmest

areas first," he said. "Look for entrances to shallow bays, then work your bait really

That's advice that a lot of guides will offer in the early season, since the cool water temperatures keep the walleye somewhat sluggish. Knoer suggested anglers could even try anchoring in a likely spot. dragging your bait across the bottom.

From there, just cast and try a slow return, This time of year, that generally starts with a jig and a minnow. "Probably

80-percent of the fishermen out there will be

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Outdoors briefly

VNP posts closures for nesting bald eagles

VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK-Biologists here are advising visitors to the park of planned closures in the vicinity of nesting bald eagles to prevent disturbance to the nesting birds. Each year since 1992, the park has temporarily closed the land and water areas around active bald eagles nests to visitor use during the nesting period, which generally runs from April to August.

The closed areas are marked with closure signs and buoys, and park officials are asking both motorized and non-motorized watercraft users to refrain from traveling within 200 meters of the nesting sites.

Two of the park's 291 developed day use sites are affected by the temporary closures. Those include the Happy Landing campsite (K-11) and Yoder Island Houseboat site (K-37), both on Lake Kabetogama.

Park biologists point out that humans play an important role in protecting nesting eagles and other birds. Individual eagles differ significantly in their tolerance of human activity. While some may adjust to the presence of humans in relatively close proximity, such disturbance can cause other eagles to abandon nest sites.

Recent research in Voyageurs has confirmed that protection of eagle nests close to developed sites increases the chance for nesting success and has contributed to the overall recovery of bald eagles in the park.

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 on May 18 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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using jigs and minnows," said Wagenbach. He'll be one of them, at least to start, although he's quick to change his approach if necessary. If jigs aren't the hot ticket, he'll switch first to a Lindy rig, again baited with a minnow, which can often be more effective.

If those don't work. try deploying crankbaits, like rapalas, in shallow bays. "That often works well, especially in the early

morning and evenings," said Wagenbach. While Wagenbach encourages anglers to try the shallows, he won't be found there himself. Instead, he'll be working his usual deep-water haunts in Vermilion's Big Bay, where he'll be going after the male walleyes that can frequently be found in anywhere from 25-40 feet of water this time of year.

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landings, both for convenience and so anyone from the public can come and observe their operation. "We have nothing to hide," said Borkholder.

While the Fond du Lac reservation is located near Cloquest, Borkholder said most of the band members participating in this year's harvest on Lake Vermilion live on the East Range. "Only two are from the Cloquet area," he noted.

While treaty right netting has generated some controversy in other parts of Minnesota, mostly in the 1837 treaty zone, it has remained relatively uncontroversial on Lake Vermilion. The band's limit of 2,500 pounds, for one thing, is less than four percent of the allowable annual harvest set for the lake by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

As of Wednesday morning, the 18-20 nets deployed by band members

have caught 1,200 pounds of walleye and assorted other fish, and Borkholder said he expected a few band members to be back out for one more try Wednesday night, although incoming weather, including snow, could put a damper on that.

Declining interest in fish netting, particularly among younger band members, means that band members rarely take anywhere near the limits that tribal officials set on the various lakes they designate each year for harvest.

Last year, for example, Fond du Lac declared harvest on 15 lakes in the 1854 treaty area, with a combined allowable take of 14,488 pounds of walleye. In fact, they harvested just 116 pounds.

In 2017, the band's annual declaration included 13 lakes and a declared limit of 9,963 pounds of walleye, yet band members harvested just 318 pounds. BE AWARE

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Don't let a tick illness ruin your summer

by MARCUS WHITE

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REGIONAL - When Sharon Sterle returned to her cabin on Lake Vermilion's Grassy Point last year, it wouldn't be the summer she was hoping for.

"About eight days into it, I knew I wasn't going to be able to stay up there," she said. "I thought I would have to call the ambulance I was so disorientated."

Lyme Disease tests came back negative, and the flu-like symptoms would only get worse before a doctor in Duluth finally diagnosed the problem - anaplasmosis, one of three infections caused by the common deer tick.

In 2017, the most recent reporting year, the Minnesota Department of Health Reported 1,408 cases of Lyme Disease in the state, along with 638 cases of anaplasmosis. The much rarer babesiosis infection affected just 59 people in the state in 2017, but it is more common in livestock and small mammals.

Lyme Disease and anaplasmosis are bacterial infections spread through black-legged ticks,

commonly known in the state as deer ticks. Caught early, both are cured with a regimen of antibiotics. Should they go undiagnosed for long periods, however, both can cause severe long-term health effects including arthritis and cardiovascular problems.

"Our area provides the perfect environment for these ticks because of our largely wooded habitat," Infection Preventionist Denise

Forsline at the Cook Hospital said. "The early symptoms of these three diseases are very similar and may include some or all of the following: rash, fever, chills, headache, muscle or joint pain, and fatigue.'

Forsline said there are a number

of precautions those out in the woods and even around their cabins can take to prevent tick bites. For those who spend a lot of time in the woods, using a repellent that contains the chemical DEET can add a layer of protection. Others recommend the use of the chemical permethrin, which is known to be among the most effective tick repellents. Permethrin can be sprayed on outdoor clothing and after it has dried, the effects of the chemical

can last through several washings.

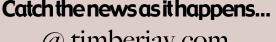
Animals, such as dogs, can also be safeguarded using a pill or spray prescribed by a veterinarian.

If you are spending time outside, taking a shower as soon as you come inside to look for ticks will help catch them right away. Additionally, putting your clothes in the dryer for 10 minutes on high heat will also kill any ticks in the fibers.

If you do find a tick, Forsline says to remove it right away. The best way is with a pair of tweezers that can grasp the tick's small head. She said not to squeeze the tick's body since doing so can push infected juices into your skin.

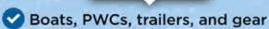
To cause infection, ticks typically need to be attached to your skin for at least 24 hours, so catching them early is the best form of prevention. If you miss a tick, symptoms of tick-borne illnesses generally appear two to four weeks after being bitten, though rashes can often appear near the bite after 72 hours. In rare cases, anaplasmosis may not show any symptoms.

Sterle says she's happy that her doctor eventually diagnosed her ailment and, with antibiotics, wiped it out in a matter of days. Still, she cautions others to know their surroundings during tick season and to seek medical attention if they suspect they may have been bitten by a tick.



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Sandra L. Puttonen

Sandra Lee "Sandv" Puttonen, 69, of Britt, passed away peacefully at her home on Friday, May 3, 2019. A Celebration of Life will be held from 3 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, May 16 at Ryders on Main, 402 Chestnut Street in Virginia. Family and friends are invited to come and share their stories of Sandy. She will be laid to rest in Bemidji at a later date. The family would like to express their gratitude to St. Mary's Medical Center and the East Range Hospice team for their care and for making Sandy's last days very comfortable.

Sandy was born in Bemidji on July 9, 1949, to Joseph Jr. and Patricia (Brown) Premo. She graduated from Bemidji High School and then attended cosmetology school in St. Cloud. Sandy was one who loved to laugh, have fun, and be around her friends and family. She was always up for having a good time.

Sandy was involved in the Tower Jaycees and local pool leagues and made friends and knew many people from having lived in Bemidii, Babbitt. Embarrass, Tower and Britt. She had also owned and operated Dale's Bar in Biwabik many years ago.

Sandy loved watching the Minnesota Vikings and the Minnesota Twins. We will miss her comments made while watching her games. She also loved looking out the window while she played cards, being outside, playing loud music, cooking and getting together with friends.

She is survived by her daughter, Christina Premo Hujanen of Mt. Iron; sons, Chad Puttonen of New Orleans and Cory Puttonen of Las Vegas; grandchildren, Justin and Mark Grotberg, Ryan and Logan Hujanen, Cody Stangland, Brittany Kruchowski, Jace and Kadin Puttonen; brother, Jeff Premo and sister, Patti Young, both of Bemidji; many nieces and nephews; her partner of 17 years, Rich Lind of Britt and their dog, Molly.

Sandy was preceded in death by her parents, Joseph and Patricia Premo.

Doris L. Dianoski Doris Lorraine

Kimball Dianoski, 90, of Babbitt, died peacefully on Friday, May 3,

2019, at Carefree Assisted Living in Babbitt. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 9 at Woodland Presbyterian Church in Babbitt with Rev. Terese Tomanek officiating. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of

She is survived by her children, Dean (Crystal), Donna (Dan Wolf), Dave (Mary) and Dale (Sandy); 13 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.



Carol J. Antus

Carol Jean Antus, 91, of Cook, was called to heaven on Monday, May 6, 2019, at Cook Care Center in Cook. Funeral services were held on Thursday, May 9 at Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook. Burial was at the Alango Cemetery and a luncheon followed at St.Paul's Lutheran Church in Alango/Angora.

Carol was born to

Richard and Winifred (Sundeen) Anderson on July 30, 1927, in Duluth. Carol spent much of her childhood growing up in Silverdale with her grandmother, Matilda Sundeen. She graduated from Cloquet High School, where she met Gerard S. Antus, the love of her life. Carol and Gerard were married on Nov. 27, 1946.

Carol was a homemaker who loved spending time with her many grandchildren, especially reading the "Heidi" book to them. In addition to her grandchildren she had many pets, loved gardening and picking berries.

Carol is survived by her three children. Greg (Arline) Antus, Carl Antus and Geraldine (Jon) Pylka; grandchildren, Kurt (Jenny) Stromlund, Sarah (Henry) Trivino, Rachel (Dan) Kern, Chester Antus, Josh (Candi) Antus, Carly (Chris) Antus Wilk. Bridget Negrete, Cuyler Antus and Stephanie Pylka; great-grandchildren,

Nicholas, Gabe, Kai, Danika, Ilee, Ava and Patrick; sister, Sharon (Ted) Melgeorge; and many special cousins. nieces and nephews.

Carol was preceded in death by her parents; and husband, Gerard.

Highway 135 construction detour begins Monday, May

REGIONAL- Hwy. 135 from Virginia to Gilbert will be closed for road construction beginning Monday, May 13.

Hwy. 135 from the intersection of Hwy. 53 in Virginia to the Hwy. 37 intersection in Gilbert will be closed until Friday, May 24, weather permitting. A detour is planned uti-

lizing Hwy. 37 from Gilbert to Hwy. 53 in Eveleth.

The detour is to facilitate culvert replacement and grading work to add turn lanes on that section of the highway. Roadway milling and paving operations will happen later in the summer for the driving lanes.

Also along Hwy. 135, beginning

May 13, additional shoulder closures will be in effect from Gilbert to Biwabik for bridge rehabilitation work. Starting mid-June, traffic will be reduced to one-lane traffic utilizing a signal system at each bridge until August. The entire Hwy. 135 project is

estimated to be completed by the end

Ely Young Life Sweet Spring Auction Recognition

We want to express our heartfelt thanks to our donors, bidders, and bakers for making our 2019 auction more successful than we ever imagined. We were blessed with a record number of financial contributions. We are continually astounded by the support from our community from both businesses and individuals, and Ely Young Life would truly not exist without you.

Thank you for supporting the youth of our community with your endless generosity.

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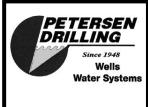
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1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Novak called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. PRESENT: Council mem-Kess. bers A.Forsman, Debeltz, Omerza, Callen, Campbell, and Mayor Novak ABSENT: None

3.APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the minutes from the April 2, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA: A. Addition 9.A.ii Quotes for Mountain Bike Skills Trail at

Hidden Valley B. Addition 9.A.iv. Removal of 10,000 gallon heating oil tank from 30 S 1st Ave E $\,$

C. Addition 9.A.vi. Comments on Planned Amendments to Rules Governing Water Quality Standards Classification 3 and 4 Addition 13.F

Governor Walz- Broadband Task Force Additions A-D were added

without objection.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Novak was in St. Paul and talked with Senator Tom Bakk and Attorney General

Keith Ellison about the filling Department of Revenue jobs in Ely. Mayor Novak stated that there are now 4 jobs posted in Ely for the Department of Revenue which before they were just posted in St. Paul.

6. CONSENT AGENDA: A. Motion to waive readings

in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda Approve Council and

Staff to attend the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Lobby Day & Ice Cream Social on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 in St. Paul.

Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the consent agenda items A & B. Motion Carried

7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR: A. International Wolf Center Yearly Update Schulze-Executive Director, Krista Harrington-Interpretive

Center Manager Rob Schulze the Executive Director of the International Wolf Center gave an update on the Wolf Center. This last year they saw a significant visitors in a non-pup year. They expanded their billboard advertising this year to include six sites. They also made a major push to get the "Wolves at Our Door" program in as many local classrooms as possible this last year, as well as in schools throughout the Arrowhead Region. A total of 678 classrooms were visited throughout the State of Minnesota, representing an 11% increase over 2017. Thirteen Minnesota State Parks also had "Wolves at Our Door" programming over the summer months. Their

education webinars continue to grow as well and continue to be an excellent extension of their Ely Interpretive Center and they are being watched by wolf enthusiasts around the world. Last year was the fourth year of the implementation of the 2nd Day Re-Entry and it has continued to grow in the number of visitors that have been utilizing it. Installation is beginning on their new Discover Wolves Exhibit, which is expected to be completed by mid-May. The Grand Opening of the new exhibit will be held on Friday, June 28th, they would like the council to come to be recognized for the support that was given. In May, the popular multi-day admission feature will expand: Visitors who purchase an admission will be able to use it for three consecutive days. The International Wolf Center thanked the City of Ely for their continued support.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS: A. Standing/Special Heritage Preservation Commission -Minutes included in the packet

Ely Utilities Commission Minutes included in the

Planning and Zoning Callen stated that Attorney Klun will be discussing the following items later in the meeting. Recommendation from Planning and Zoning to

establish an annual mobile food cart and vehicle fee of \$300 and a \$25 daily fee option for mobile food cart and vehicle permit. The \$25 daily fee applies for the peddler's, solicitors, and tran-

sient merchants. Recommendation Planning and Zoning to send the food truck fee structure recommendation to the city council and for the council to move forward with the ordinance process for Peddler's, Solicitors Transient Merchants Mobile Food Carts and Mobile Food

Projects Committee Callen/Debeltz moved to

approve the recommendation from Projects Committee to approve the proposal for the scope of services from EcoSolutions to complete the replacement plan for wetlands impacted on the Trailhead Project for \$1,995. Motion Carried Unanimously

Callen/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Committee to apply to the IRRRB for funding needed for the downtown fiber project. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Emergency Management **Update- Matter of Information**

Lodging Tax Report - Matter of Information

Housing and Redevelopment Authority - Minutes included in the packet.

9.DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

The following items of busi-

ness were recommended for approval at the regular EUC meeting of Wednesday, April Approved to extend the Variance at 1543 Miners

tank/lake water) on the following conditions: · Provide a copy of the contract the homeowner has with a licensed septic pumping

Drive/Steve Joffrion (holding

contractor · Install a water meter and provide meter readings along with the holding tank pumping records on an annual

 The property is not to be used as a rental

If the property is to be used for more than seasonal private use it must either be connected to City sewer or a St. Louis compliant septic system be installed · All other conditions of the

original agreement remain. Authorized replacement and installation of the failed variable frequency drive

(VFD) for the number #1 High lift pump station at the Water Plant from In-Control in the amount of \$11,350.00 3. Authorized replacement of

the service truck air compressor, from Air Compressor Direct in the amount of \$2,752.00

Authorized the purchase of 21 pole mount transformers from T&R Electric in the amount of \$8,334.08

Approved payment of the January EUC Bills in the amount of \$449.530.64 Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the EUC Consent Agenda items 1-5. Motion Carried Unanimously

Quotes for Mountain Bike Skills Trail at Hidden Valley Omerza/A.Forsman moved to accept the quote from Dirt Candy Designs, LLC for the construction of a Skills Loop at Hidden Valley for \$37,500.00 and to proceed with the project. Motion Carried Unanimously

MN DNR Proposal for Land Exchange property swap waiver of payment

Langowski stated that this pertains to the old dump site and working with the county to complete a land swap for 60 acres of tax forfeited property from St Louis County. St Louis County is interested in completing a trade of property with the City to acquire the 60 acres of property near the dump. The County is interested in parcel 465-0010-00530 or 465-0010-00540. Part of the agreement is that the exchange will not include any money; it will be land for land exchange.

A.Forsman/Omerza to waive payment for the land exchange with St. Louis County. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Removal of 10,000 gallon heating oil tank from 30 S

Langowski stated this is part of the sale of the Community Center. The city is required to remove the old heating oil tank beneath the sidewalk This work was bid last fall with a contracted price of over \$53,000. To reduce cost we have decided to complete the excavating and restoration work with City staff. To complete this work requires the oversight of a properly licensed contractor. Debeltz/Callen moved to recommend the work be awarded to Environmental Troubleshooters \$4,912.00. Motion Carried

Through our Broadband Coalition we have had an individual come forward who is interested in starting a fixed base wireless system, which would allow residents and township residents to be provided another option

for internet service. This requires him to have a lease to the water tower

Omerza/Callen moved to proceed on the project and the City Attorney will work on the lease for the next council meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Comments on Planned Amendments to Rules Water Governing Quality Standards Use Classification 3 and 4 Langowski stated that this was forwarded to the City from Northeast Technical

Services who does a lot of City's environmental work. This is a positive move that the MPCA is making. Omerza/Debeltz moved to sign a support letter and send it to the MPCA regarding the planned amendments to the rules governing water quality standards using classification 3 and 4. Motion

B. Fire Chief

Debeltz/A.Forsman moved to recommend Greg Jonas for Safety Officer of the Ely Fire Department starting May 1st. Motion Carried Unanimously

Carried Unanimously.

Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve Library Director Heinrich to attend the

C. Library Director

Arrowhead Library System annual summit on May 1st. Motion Carried Unanimously Library Director Heinrich gave an update of the upcoming events at the library which can be located on the Library Website.

Burger discussed Distracted Driving Campaign,

D. Police Chief

and also the Hands Free law that will go into effect on August 1st. Sergeant Burger spoke at the Ely Business Women Club

about Traffic Safety a Local Approach. Campbell presented Burger with a check for \$55 from the Business Women Club. Burger indicated that the presentation is available if any other clubs would like for him to speak. Burger stated that the Coffee with a Cop is going well; the discussions and questions have all been very informative. For the month of April they will continue to have it at the Front Porch from 9am-10am on Wednesdays. If any other business would like to participate in future months call the police depart-

E. City Attorney Summary of Ordinance No 332, 2nd Series Attorney Klun discussed the summary of Ordinance No. This ordinance regulates Pedder's, Solicitors, Transient Merchants, Mobile Food Carts, and Mobile Food Vehicles. One thing that changed in this ordinance is if someone sells fruits and vegetables out of a stand or out of a truck they will need to get a permit from the City, unless their product is produced by themselves on a farm and they will need to show proof that the product was grown by them. The other part of the ordinance is about Mobile Food Carts or Vehicles. The City is regulating the Food Trucks by following State Law. The law states that a Mobile Food Truck cannot be in any one location for more than 21 days annually. After 21 days the Department of Health has rules set in place that the Food Truck would need to follow. The city is not imposing additional restrictions other than what is required by the state and the

Department of Health. Food

Trucks cannot be within 40

feet from the public entrance

to any restaurant, unless the

food truck obtains permission

from the restaurant owner

or manager. Licensed Mobile

Food Vehicles can reserve a

3) Model # 305 Biloxi

pre-designated spot at either Whiteside or Semers Park for 2 concurrent days to sell to the public; however, spots must be reserved at least 48 hours in advance. A \$40/ day is required to reserve a spot in addition to the permit fee. The fees are as follows: Peddler, Transient Merchant, Solicitor \$25/day, Mobile Food Cart or Mobile Food Vehicle is \$25/day or \$300 annually.

Omerza/Campbell moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 332, 2nd Series An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Amending Chapter 6, Section 6.31 Peddler's Regulating Solicitors, Transient Merchants, Mobile Carts, and Mobile Food Vehicles. A.Forsman stated that a lot of work has gone into this different laws. Planning and

Zoning and the Clerk's Office did a lot of research on this Langowski indicated that the old ordinance was only for 14 days and the city was not law for vegetable carts. The

new ordinance gives some

flexibility for vendors. Mayor Novak indicated that this will add clarity and help alleviate some phone calls in the summer.

Called A. Forsmanyes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-yes. Campbell- yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Omerza/Campbell moved to approve the Summary of Ordinance 332, Second Series for Publication. Motion Carried Unanimously.

F.City Engineer

10.COMMUNICATIONS: Matter of Information St Louis County Hazardous Waste Community Collection Schedule and Take it to the box Medication Disposal Information

11.CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT: Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the City and EUC claims for April 16, 2019 for \$303,410.42. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. OLD BUSINESS: A. Sale of Land where Ely Vet Clinic is located

Hanson stated he would like to obtain the property where the Vet Clinic is located since if he would ever sell the business he needs to own the property. Hanson was the first business in the Business Park, at that time the land did not have a clear title so it could not be sold. Over the last 28 years he has paid the annual lease payment of around \$18,000 total, paid the property taxes for the building and land, and has created at least a dozen jobs. Hanson indicated that he feels like he paid for the land already with the lease

and property taxes. Mayor Novak indicated that paying for the lease is a valid argument for payment over the years, but the property taxes would have been paid

no matter what. Debeltz/Campbell moved to recommit the Sale of Land where the Ely Vet Clinic is located to the table. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Campbell/Debeltz moved to sell the land where the Ely Vet Clinic is located to Dr. Chip Hanson for \$1.00 and for Attorney Klun to draft the purchase agreement, ordinance and closing doc-

Kess indicated that Hanson has enjoyed the use of the land for the last 28 years and that is what the lease payment has paid for. The City should be getting value for that land for the taxpayers

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Debeltz stated that the business next door received the land for free for the creation

of iobs.

Hanson stated that he understands where Kess is coming from; nothing was set legally in the lease A.Forsman stated that it

is a unique situation since there was not the option to purchase at the time of the lease. A.Forsman stated that Hanson helped to develop the Business Park. Campbell indicated that Patty Steger contacted her and Steger feels Hanson should receive the same fair treatment as she did. Omerza indicated that she

appreciates what Hanson does for the community Mayor Novak indicated that he will be voting in favor, because of the jobs that have been created in town. The Ely Vet Clinic brings in a lot of customers from out of town to their business, which then those customers spend the other businesses in town Motion Carried 6-1 with Kess voting No.

B. Social Media Policy Omerza indicated that the boxes on page 4 of the Social Media Policy would be on each Social Media site. The Fire Department, Police Department, and Library each have a Social Media accounts already.

Discussion was had to bring the Social Medial Policy up at the next Council Meeting so it could be reviewed by the council members before the meeting.

C. Omerza/Debeltz moved to post for openings for the Cemetery Committee and Airport Commission. Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Alternate RAMS Member Kess/Omerza moved to recommend Angela Campbell the Alternate to the RAMS Board. Motion Carried Unanimously.

13. NEW BUSINESS: A. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve Resolution 2019-011 Resolution Authorizing the City of Ely to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the Development Infrastructure Grant Program. Roll Called: A. Forsmanyes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. Omerza/Callen moved to approve Resolution 2019-Resolution Adopting the 2019 City of Ely Fee Schedule. Roll Called A. Kess-yes, Forsman-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes, Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

C. Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve Resolution 2019-013 Resolution Authorizing Conservationist Common Sense to Apply for Raffle Permit. Roll Called A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-yes, Campbellyes, and Mayor Novak-yes.

Motion Carried Unanimously. D. Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the transfer of

off sale intoxicating liquor license from Lakeshore Liquor, LLC to HE, LLC, DBA Lakeshore Liquor pending proper paperwork and insurance. Motion Carried Unanimously. E. Debeltz/Omerza moved

approve the transfer to tobacco license from Lakeshore Liquor, LLC to HE, LLC, DBA Lakeshore Liquor pending proper paper-work and insurance. Motion Carried Unanimously F Broadband Task Force

Omerza/Debeltz moved to

send a letter of recommendation for Mayor Novak to apply to the Governor's Task Force on Broadband. Motion Carried Unanimously

14. OPEN FORUM

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 7:08pm without

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CITY OF ELY

ORDINANCE NO. 334,

2nd Series AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELY, MINNESOTA, **AMENDING CHAPTER** 20, SECTION 20.2 SALES OF LAND CITY CODE OF THE CITY

THE COUNCIL OF THE DOES CITY OF ELY HEREBY ORDAIN: SECTION 1. Chapter 20 Section 2, of the City Code of

OF ELY

the City of Ely, Minnesota is amended to read as follows: 20.2.54 AUTHORIZING SALE OF REAL PROPERTY TO Richard E. Hanson. Council of the City of Elv is hereby authorized to transfer, for the price of One Dollar (\$1.00) and the Mayor and authorized to execute all doc uments and perform all acts necessary for the transfer to Richard E. Hanson, subject to terms and conditions of the Purchase Agreement Between The City of Ely and Richard E. Hanson executed on May 7, 2019 and subject to easements of record on the real property legally described as follows: Tract D REGISTERED LAND SURVEY NO. 12

SECTION 2. Effective Date: Pursuant to Section 3.08 of the Charter of the City of Ely, Minnesota, the adoption of this Ordinance is effective immediately after final adoption and publication.

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Ely City Council Board of Appeal & Equalization Meeting April 11, 2019 The Ely City Council Board of

Appeal & Equalization meeting was called to order by Acting Mayor Omerza 5:00 p.m. on April 11, 2019 at the Ely City Hall Council Chambers PRESENT: Council Members

A.Forsman, Debeltz, Acting Mayor Omerza, Callen, and Campbell ABSENT: Council Member

Kess and Mayor Novak Also present: Ben Thomas and Andrew Olson of the St. Louis County Assessor's

The meeting was scheduled as required by Minnesota State Law to review the ues of properties within the City of Elv boundaries as established by the St. Louis County Assessor's Office.

There were 67 residential

sales that took place in the City of Ely between October 1, 2017 and September 30, 2018. The overall median ratio for those sales was 89.7%. The state mandated level of assessment is between 90% and 105% of sale prices. In order to get the level of assessment to fall within the level required by state law a 1.64% increase was placed on the buildings in the City. Following this change the City of Ely had an adjusted median ratio of 91.405% which falls within

the level of assessment of 90% and 105% mandated by

David Oliver asked for a lowered valuation for parcel 030-0070-00300. was had between Thomas

and Oliver A.Forsman/Callen moved to make No Change for PID 030-0070-00300, David Oliver and Keiko Williams. Motion Carried 5-0-2 with Kess and Novak Absent.

Anne Koskinen asked for a

lowered valuation for parcel

030-0010-02510. Thomas asked her if she would allow an assessor to go look at the house. Olson went with Koskinen to assess the Debeltz/Campbell moved to lower the valuation of PID 030-0010-02510 from

\$85,700 to \$81,000 an EMV change of -\$4700. Olson stated that 5% was for the functional layout, kitchen and most living space is on the second level, and changed the bath count to 1.75. Motion Carried 5-0-2 with Kess and Novak Absent. Hilligoss Partnership sent

a letter stating that the values of their properties are decreasing and asked why the property taxes are increasing? A.Forsman/Debeltz moved

to have Clerk Langowski work with Deputy County Assessor Thomas to draft a letter to Hilligoss Partnership explaining that the values have not gone up and their taxes have gone up very minimal. Motion Carried 5-0-2 with Kess and Novak Absent. Brian Nichols sent a letter stating that the valuation for

purchased the property for \$50,000. Thomas met with the Nichols at the property and suggested the valuation Debeltz/A.Forsman moved to reduce the value of PID 030-0010-00620 to \$50,000 from \$61,000. Motion Carried

PID 030-0010-00620 was set

at \$61,000 and he recently

5-0-2 with Kess and Novak Absent. A.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the following chang-

Kess, David PID 030-0010-03650 requested the building evaluation be decreased. Olson suggested lowering the quality of the house from a 6 to a 5 which would decrease the building assessment by

\$4000.

Monica PID Freeman, 030-0500-00185 requested the land evaluation be decreased. Olson suggested adjusting the shoreline due to steepness to lake and lowered the site quality by \$33,100. Motion Carried 5-0-2 with

Kess and Novak Absent. Callen/Debeltz moved to make no changes on the

following properties per

recommendation from the Assessor's Office and discussions they had with the property owners. Stowell, Scott PID 030-0200-01400 Joffrion. Steve PID 030-

0500-00187 Motion Carried 5-0-2 with Kess and Novak Absent.

adjourned the meeting at 6:00 p.m. without objection.

Acting

Mayor Omerza

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May 10, 2019

City of Ely Tornado Drill

The City of Ely will be activating the outdoor warning siren as part of a city tornado drill on Wednesday, May 15, at 1:00 pm. The siren will be activated to give individuals, families, schools, businesses, and organizations an opportunity to practice their severe weather plans. The siren will sound for one minute.

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CITY OF ELY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City of Ely is calling for interested applicants to fill the following vacancies on the Airport Commission - 1 Mid term

Cemetery Committee - 1 Mid Term

Please remit a letter of interest and qualifications by 4:30 p.m. on May 20, 2019 to the Ely City Clerk's Office, 209 E. Chapman Street, Ely, MN 55731 or email casey.velcheff@ely.mn.us. Questions, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer's Office 218-226-5449.

Casey Velcheff, Deputy Clerk

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Boat Club Vermilion at 1-218-753-3033, or by emailing

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EMPLOYMENT



Ely Community Health Center Position Opening

The Ely Community Health Center is a non-profit free health clinic serving Ely and the surrounding communities. The Center provides basic health care at no cost to those who are uninsured or underinsured. The clinic is located at 111 South 4th Avenue East in Ely and is open every Monday evening from 5:30-7:00.

Executive Director

This part time position (15-20 hours/week) position is responsible for the operations, staffing, and administration of the Ely Community Health Center. The Executive Director works closely with the clinic Medical Directors. Responsibilities include:

- Supervise volunteer staff
- Create and maintain data and reporting systems, including budget and grants
- Maintain relationships with other service providers, donors, and funding resources
- Oversee all operations and functions of the center

Note: There is the potential for additional hours to include Insurance Navigation.

We are seeking an individual with the following qualifications:

- Administrative, managerial and organizational skills
- Communication skills (both written and verbal)
- Computer skills
- Ability to be self-directed and demonstrate sound leadership and judgment
- Grant writing experience desired
- Background in healthcare is not necessary

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter and resume to Dr. Mary Bianco at mcbianco520@gmail.com. Please also contact Dr. Bianco for a full position description. Applications review will begin immediately until the position is filled.

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ISD 696, Ely Public Schools

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF ELY Advertisement for Bids

The City of Ely is accepting sealed bids at Ely City Hall, 209 East Chapman Street until 2 pm Tuesday May 21, 2019 for rehabilitation of the existing aviation fueling system to include tank sandblasting and painting and pipe and fuel cabinet rehabilitation at the Ely Airport. The project is being partially funded from a MNDOT Aviation grant. For additional information concerning this project contact Harold R. Langowski at 218-235-3083 or elyod@ely.mn.us The successful bidder will be required to be licensed, bonded and insured in the state of Minnesota and follow all PEI and FAA requirements. The City of Ely reserves the right to reject any and all bids and award the project in the best

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MOWING QUOTE CORRECTION

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Drobac, Greenwood Township Clerk at 3000 Hwy 77, Tower MN 55790. Questions or

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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 transmission, 671 Detroit Engine,1250 GPM Waterous water pump, 500 gallon tank, Odometer-116,399 "As-is" condition-Truck may be seen at the Bearville Fire Hall: 13949 Co. Rd. 22 (one mile east of Hwy 65) Kathy To view contact: 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 Board Town meeting, Wednesday, June 12, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. Bearville Township reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Kathy Cressy, Bearville 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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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

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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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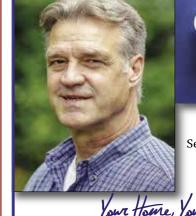


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