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TIMBERJAY INVESTIGATION

U.S. Steel seeks weaker standards for Dark River

Company's petition would raise pollution limits from Minntac tailings basin discharges

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Tribal officials and environmentalists are react-

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ing with alarm over a proposal to remove some water quality standards affecting a portion of the Dark River

the Dark River, located northwest of Virginia.

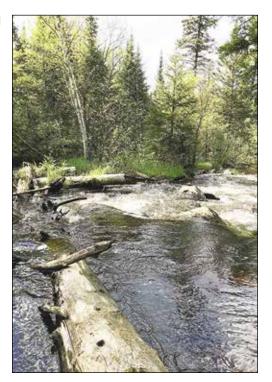
The proposal is part of a petition

The Dark River is located about 15 miles southwest of Cook in the Superior National Forest. photo by M. Helmberger

submitted last Aug. 31 by U.S. Steel, which has, for decades, sought to fend off efforts by state and federal regulators to force the company to clean up pollution discharges from its 8,000-acre Minntac tailings basin.

The discharges, which enter both the Dark River and the Sandy

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CITY OF ELY

'Fish or cut bait'

Council takes action to deal with blight house

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY –After almost five years of blight reports, inspections, negotiations with the owner, and last-chance ultimatums by the city council here, a solution appears to be on the horizon for a blighted property on Shagawa Rd.

Following a public hearing Tuesday night, the city council unanimously approved a resolution to take the property owners to court if the blight conditions are not corrected by July 5. That action came after property owner Brian Sherwood "promised" to get most of his property at 21 W Shagawa Rd. back to a livable condition.

It's a promise that council members had heard before, and they made it clear they

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CELEBRATION

Lumberjack show returns to Timber Days

by JODI SUMMIT

Tower-Soudan Editor

COOK- Don't miss the three days of fun this weekend at Cook's Annual Timber Days, June 7-9.

This year's festival includes the return of a lumberjack show on Saturday at 3 p.m. and 5 p.m.; Adam LaSalle and his crew will be entertaining spectators downtown near the Comet Theater.

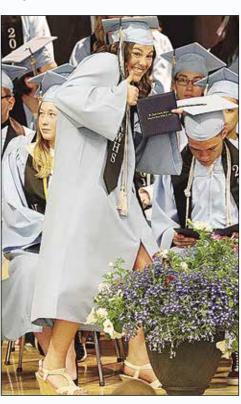
On Friday, June 7, the food and beverage and arts and crafts vendors are open from noon to 6 p.m. on River Street. Northwoods Friends of the Arts will open their Art Fair at the Gallery at 10 a.m., and Friends of the Cook Public Library will begin their annual Book Sale at noon at the Book Barn on 1st Street. The "bounce house" and other games for kids will be available downtown, from noon - 6 p.m. Friday afternoon features a new Timber Days activity, an Escape Room at the Cook Public Library from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Music in the Park will begin at 4 p.m., the Beer Garden will open at 5 p.m., and the bean bag tournament at 6 p.m. Evening entertainment brings "Elvis" back to the VFW Post 1757 at 7:30 p.m. with karaoke to follow. The Old Muni will have live music 8 p.m. to midnight to close out Friday's festivities.

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Class of 2019



The Vermilion Country School Class of 2019, includes, from left, Presley Johnson, Shaylin Peliska, Daqari Shanks, Jacob Karasti, Jason Premo, and Katarina Schmidt (not pictured).





Kate Stone, left, gives a thumbs up as she walks across the stage after receiving her diploma at North Woods High School last Friday. Ely Memorial High School valedictorian Charles Dammann and salutatorian Madelene Johnson spoke to fellow graduates Saturday night. Timberjay photos

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GOMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Sauna Day celebration set for Saturday at the Nelimark

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage will be celebrating National Sauna Day on Saturday, June 8 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nelimark Homestead and Museum in Embarrass. A number of traveling saunas will be on display, including several new ones this year.

Outdoors, rain or shine, there will be a lunch of Finnish mojakka and fresh bread, games for kids and adults, door prizes, and raffle tickets for sale. Bill Maxwell and Cowboy Angel Blue will be providing live music.

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

National Sauna Day is generously sponsored by these local businesses: Lamppa Manufacturing, Fortune Bay Resort Casino, C&C Winger, Como Oil and Embarrass-Vermillion Credit Union.

The Nelimark is located on Hwy. 21 at the intersection with Salo Rd., across from the Embarrass firehall.

Book Barn open during Timber Days, June 7-9

COOK- The Friends of the Cook Public Library will hold their annual book sale during Timber Days, at the Book Barn on 1st St. SE. Stop by the Timber Days Information Booth next to the library for directions to the Book Barn. The sale hours will be the same as other vendors during Timber Days: noon - 6 p.m. on Friday, June 7; 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. on Saturday, June 8; and 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. on Sunday, June 9. In addition to the many books for sale, the Friends will be selling "Cook Library" T-shirts and book bags. Membership registrations and renewals will also be available at the book sale

Cook Friends of the Library annual meeting, June 13

COOK- The Friends of the Cook Public Library have scheduled their Annual Membership Meeting for Thursday, June 13 at 5 p.m. at the Cook Public Library. Election of officers will be on the meeting agenda. Following the meeting, potluck refreshments will be served. The public is welcome and encouraged to attend.

Town hall with Rob Ecklund on Wednesday, June 12 at the Crescent

COOK- State District 3A Representative Rob Ecklund (DFL) will have an end-of-session town hall on Wednesday, June 12 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crescent Bar and Grill in Cook. Ecklund will talk about the legislative session and answer questions. This civic event is hosted by the DFL Operating Unit 3 "North of the Divide" outreach committee and the Northern Progressives. Everyone is welcome.

Cook Ruby's Pantry. June 13

COOK- The next Ruby's Pantry food distribution will be Thursday, June 13 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the old Cook School. Registration begins at 3 p.m. with a \$20 cash donation at the door. Volunteers are asked to please arrive at 3 p.m. Please bring your own containers. Ruby's Pantry is now offering online registration at rubyspantry.com starting Friday, June 14 for July's distribution with a \$21 donation at signup. Ruby's Pantry is sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Alango. For more information, contact Amy Viita at 218-666-2220.

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TOWER HISTORY

Family history: lost and found

TOWER- Sometimes it does take a village, or at least a little serendipity, to fulfill a dream.

Eugene and Marge (Gornick) Osland had been searching for memorabilia from the former Gornick's grocery store, which through two generations of the family, and in several locations, had been a mainstay on Tower's Main Street. The store first opened for business in 1902 and continued through 1956, when Marge's father Ralph agreed to sell to the Zup's family. About a year later, Ralph moved his family, including seven children, to the Twin Cities.

"We had a cabin on Lake Vermilion that we came up to every summer,' Marge said, "but we sold that back in 1992." Since then, Marge and Eugene have come and spent time in Tower-Soudan most summers, especially for the Fourth of July, staying in their RV.

Two years ago, the couple stopped by UBetcha Antiques and Uniques, and talked with owner Victoria Meloche, asking her to keep an eye out for anything with the Gornick name on it.

Gene and Marge, who have been married for 53 years, had started exploring the history of the family business, and the couple also liked to collect antiques, so they were excited to see the new antique store open in

Meloche said she often gets requests for specific items but finding this one was quite a surprise.

Meloche had been asked to look over items that had been put into storage after the death of Delores Lakso, a longtime resident in Tower. Delores's niece, Ann Locke, was in charge of the estate, and had stored items in her Lake Vermilion cabin's garage after Delores' house was sold. Locke had taken ownership of the family cabin (which previously had been owned by Lakso), a few years previously.

Linda Burgess, Locke's neighboronLakeVermilion, was helping Locke clean out the house, and said the crate almost went into the dumpster, but she told Ann that someone may want it, because Gornick was a



Eugene and Marge (Gornick) Osland with the Gornick's Fairway box found by Ubetcha Antiques in Tower. submitted photo

common name in the area.

The items remained in storage in the cabin garage. In the meantime, Locke had fallen ill and never came back to her cabin. Linda Burgess had offered to help sell any of the items of value, to help with Ann's medical expenses.

Meloche came out to see if there was anything of value.

"When I saw the crate I realized this is the holy grail!" she said. "Finding a crate like this was at the top of the Oslands' wish list."

Meloche snapped a photo and sent it to the Oslands.

"I saw the surprised expression on my wife's face," said Gene, remembering when they received the call. "We would have driven up right away but had some commitments with our grandchildren."

The couple drove up a few days later and now proudly owns a prized piece of their family history.

Burgess said she wished Locke had lived long enough to see the crate find its new home.

built a new store on the original location. Ralph ended up running the store on his own, and it was renamed Gornick's Fairway, which later became Zup's.

sons, until he died in

1936. Anton's two older

sons, Tony and Joe,

ran the market after his

death. Ralph attended

college at the University

of Minnesota but moved

back home after he

graduated to help his

brothers run the store,

then called Gornick

Brothers Fairway. The

three sons tore down

the old building, and

temporarily moved back

to a different location on

Main Street while they

Still looking... The Gornicks are

still looking for additional memorabilia, photos, or newspaper articles about the store, to preserve as part of the family history they are compiling. They have been spending time at the Minnesota Discovery Center researching genealogy and the history of all the family-owned

They are especially interested in any photographs of the stained glass window from the old St. Martin's Church that had the Gornick name on it (it was donated by Marge's father), as well as any items from the Gornick grocery or People's Market (one of the markets run by Anton).

Randy Semo, the owner of Good Ol' Days, gave the couple a framed newspaper ad that had been hanging on the wall of his business's basement.

The Gornicks aren't sure why the ad was important enough for someone to mat it and frame it. They think it might have come from the grand opening of the Gornick Brothers Fairway store, but the ad didn't have a date on it.

Anyone who may have something to share with the family, can contact the Oslands by email at eugenemo@msn.com.



done by Gene and Marge, Anton Gornick, Marge's grandfather, opened a meat market in Tower in 1902. He had emigrated from Romania when he was 17, and moved to the Pittsburgh area, where a relative was living at the time. But then another relative helped him move to the Iron Range, and he came to Soudan, working for nine years in the mine. In 1902, Anton and a group of Slovenians created a cooperative to purchase meat, since no meat was being raised in the area. The Austrian Provision Company opened up on Pine Street, near the train depot. Later, Anton went into a partnership with two others and purchased a meat market from Max Shapiro, which was located kitty-corner from where Zup's Grocery is now located. Anton eventually bought out his partners and moved to the other side of Main Street where the market was located until 1922. In that year, he moved the market to where Bauman's Funeral Home is now located (the

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Forest Service continues prescribed fire program

by KEITH VANDERVORT

ELY - U.S. Forest Service officials completed about 1,200 acres of prescribed burning this past weekend, and the smoke kicked up by the two separate fires caught the attention of many residents and visitors here.

Crews from the Kawishiwi Ranger District completed fires both southeast and northwest of Ely. The closest to town, known as the North School Section fire unit, was ignited on Sunday morning, along the western side of the Burntside Lake narrows from School Section Bay to Furganger Bay. Smoke was clearly visible across portions of the lake and north of Ely Sunday afternoon, lighting up social media with comments from concerned residents. The Minnesota Pollution Control

Two Ely area burns completed this past weekend

Agency issued an air quality index of "moderate" for the Ely area, although much-larger fires in northwestern Canada were also contributing to the air quality concerns.

According to Forest Service officials, the North School prescribed burn, which blackened about 700 acres, was part of the North Arm Fuels Reduction Project encompassing several areas on and near Burntside Lake and along the Echo Trail.

Sunday's blaze was a follow-up to the Pitcha Pine prescribed fire, which burned about 500 acres southeast of Ely the day before. That total included an 18-acre spot fire which burned in an adjacent unit that was planned for later this year. "The spot fire was quickly suppressed east of Hwy. 1 but still within the overall prescribed fire project

boundary," said Sarah Shapiro, a Forest Service public information officer in the LaCroix Ranger District. Fixed wing and helicopter aircraft responded to the spotting and doused the fire.

The Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade and state and regional fire personnel also assisted Forest Service crews with the weekend's efforts, which were geared to reduce the risk of catastrophic fire near populated

"These areas were treated to reduce fire risk in the wildland-urban zone in order to protect private property and organization camps," said Shapiro, "The understory fuels consisted of balsam fir, a volatile ladder fuel. The overstory consisted of mature pine and mixed hardwoods."

Shaprio noted that the Forest

Service hand-treated nine areas within the larger fire perimeter back in 2013 and 2014. "A heavy concentration of understory and mid-story balsam fir within dense patches of white pine were cut and the slash pulled away from the pines," she said. In 2015 the unit was

burned to reduce the amount of hand-cut slash. reducing the amount of hazardous fuels, and to kill the balsam fir seed source in the soil, according to

"Regular prescribed fire treatments also create a patchwork or mosaic of fire-resistant forest stands in the landscape that can also reduce the intensity of future wildfires," she said.

Additional prescribed fires



may occur this spring if conditions are favorable, depending on fuel moisture, relative humidity, temperature and wind. Exact dates will determined by weather conditions as they develop.

To keep informed on future prescribed fire projects, go to https://inciweb.nwcg.gov.

MINING LITIGATION

Court: PolyMet doesn't need updated EIS

Mine critics argue PolyMet wants to build much larger mine than permit would allow by Marshall Helmberger tons per day of low-grade copper sufficient information to form in place by law has been folstate's history," said Jon Cherry,

REGIONAL -The Department of Natural Resources won't have to conduct a supplemental environmental impact study of a possible expansion of PolyMet Mining's proposed NorthMet mine near Babbitt at least for now. That was the decision issued last Tuesday, May 28, by the Minnesota Court of Appeals.

Several environmental groups had argued that the company has no intention of moving forward with its current plan for mining about 32,000

and nickel ore due to the project's lackluster economic prospects. Instead, they point to financial projections the company has been providing to potential investors that call for rates of mining as much as four times greater than PolyMet originally proposed. Financial projections show the higher rates of mining could boost economic returns from the current estimate of about ten percent, to closer to 20 percent.

But a three-judge panel of the court of appeals found that, for now, the proposed expansions remain speculative and lack

the basis of additional environmental review. "We defer to the DNR's judgment and conclude that the DNR's analysis is based on a proper application of the law, supported by substantial evidence, and is not arbitrary and capricious," wrote the court. To date, PolyMet has requested no additional permitting for a proposed expansion, although the company has announced no timeline for its plans to proceed based on its current mine plan.

Supporters of the mine proposal hailed the decision. "The Court's decision affirms the thorough review process lowed," stated Nancy Norr, of Jobs for Minnesotans. "In addition to long-term employment for skilled tradespeople, the NorthMet Project will generate an estimated \$515 million annually to cultivate a more diverse and thriving regional and statewide economy, and create access to essential metals to power the green economy and our modern world," stated Norr.

PolyMet officials were equally pleased. "The court's decision reaffirms the environmental review for NorthMet, which was the most comprehensive and lengthiest in the PolyMet president and CEO.

Critics of the mine proposal. meanwhile, noted that the recent case was just one of several, both in state and federal court, that challenge various aspects of the PolyMet project and indicated that they intend to continue to make the case that PolyMet has misled the public about its true intentions for its proposed copper-nickel mine. "The current Environmental Impact Statement reflects a project that is only 30-percent of the size of the mine that PolyMet has

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Polluting the Dark River

U.S. Steel wants to lower water quality standards rather than clean up its act

U.S. Steel has never been shy when it comes to undermining Minnesota's water quality regulations, particularly as they apply to its Minntac facility north of Virginia. As we've reported before, the company's 8,000acre tailings basin continues to discharge millions of gallons of highly contaminated water each day into the Dark and Sandy Rivers, as well as into wetlands that encircle much of the massive dike system that contains more than a half century's worth of taconite tailings.

Yet the company's latest effort to escape regulation is their most brazen to date and suggests that U.S. Steel is, increasingly, regulating the state's Pollution Control Agency rather than the other way around.

As we report this week, the company has proposed to change the use classification of an eight-mile stretch Dark River trout waters in order to eliminate the company's need to clean up a number of pollutants, including sulfate, aluminum, and total dissolved

Currently, the company's discharges to the Dark River cause frequent violations of water quality rules, particularly for sulfate. Fortunately, trout aren't very sensitive to sulfate levels, but plenty of other aquatic organisms are, so there is little doubt that U.S. Steel's pollution is harming some forms of life within both the Dark and Sandy rivers.

Rather than clean up its pollution, the company is proposing to drop three use classifications, including drinking water, industrial consumption, and agricultural irrigation, that currently apply to the trout waters of the Dark River and that come with stricter water quality standards than waters designated for other types of uses. U.S. Steel argues that the waters of that portion of the river aren't currently used by industry or agriculture, or for drinking. While that may be true, the impact of the change will be to allow the company to continue to pollute the river as it has done for decades. Under the company's recently-issued water discharge permit, the company would be required to take measures to reduce its pollution discharges to the Dark River, but the company has been ordered to do that before and has managed to delay taking action.

If U.S. Steel can pressure

the MPCA into altering the use classification of portions of the Dark River, and effectively weakening water quality standards, it will almost certainly argue that it is in better compliance with those standards and, therefore, wouldn't need to address its contaminated discharge into

MPCA officials argue that the change won't impact water quality in the Dark River, but that's just sophistry. While it's true that the change won't worsen water quality in the river, which has been damaged for years by Minntac's discharges, adopting the company's proposed changes to the use classification will likely lead to the weakening or elimination of any requirement for the company to actually clean up its act.

While U.S. Steel's proposal is couched in the legal technicalities of Minnesota's somewhat arcane water quality rules, the bottom line is clear: the company isn't complying with water quality standards and, rather than reduce its pollution discharges, U.S. Steel wants the MPCA to approve weaker standards.

For a Walz administration that has taken a relatively pro-environment stance to date, approving such a request from any industrial polluter would be questionable. But to accept this proposal from a corporation with a long history of bad faith when it comes to addressing the environmental impacts of its pollution, would be jaw-droppingparticularly at a time when state regulators are trying to convince the public they can protect the state's water quality from copper-nickel mining, a far more dangerous type of mining than taconite.

At a time when the Trump administration is working overtime to weaken or scuttle environmental protections across the board, we need state leaders who are willing to backfill the breach and stand up for Minnesota's waters. Approving U.S. Steel's proposal would demonstrate a state government that's willing to take advantage of the Trump administration's hostility to environmental regulation to aid one of the state's biggest and most stubborn polluters. That would be a shameful legacy for any Minnesota governor. It's a legacy that Gov. Walz should work to avoid.



Letters from Readers

It shouldn't take three years to rule on cause of Skibo fire

Three years ago this month we in Hoyt Lakes were warned that we might have to evacuate our homes due to a fire that started east of town near Skibo settlement along the railroad tracks. Fortunately, the fire headed east and away from town and we did not have to endure a forest/urban inferno like California so often does. There were no fatalities and no major building damages even in Skibo if I recall correctly.

What is concerning is that it has taken three years and there is still no publicly-announced verdict as to what caused the fire. A look at the real-time fire map showed skips and jumps in the fire all along the RR tracks, indicating it was one or more sparking events from the rail ore cars or locomotive itself. From what I have been told. the case has been concluded, but is waiting at the Attorney General's office in D.C. as per decision to fine the rail company

A contact in federal law enforcement in another region has told me that rail corporations have heavy clout in Congress and the Executive level as well. They have lobbied for and gotten rules enacted that if they do not agree or like the verdict concerning their cause in a fire, they can conduct their own investigation and present their side to the Attorney General as well.

By contrast, if you are an individual suspected of causing catastrophic damage to private and public property like the Ham Lake Fire (Gunflint Trail Area) did back in the mid-2000s, you are not going to enjoy lobbying protection or high dollar attorneys. An unfortunate individual who made a mistake and tried to perhaps cover his tracks concerning an abandoned campfire paid dearly. He enjoyed and revered the BWCAW, visiting it annually. He was looking at some serious prison time and a big fine, but probably the heaviest weight was the fact he had accidentally caused one of the worst fires to the forest he loved and ruined many people's cabins and homes. The pressure was so great he unfortunately took his own life before trial.

I have talked to both Nolan's aides and Stauber's staff about making it mandatory for railroads to run high-railer fire trucks behind trains during periods of high fire danger. I think this has fallen on deaf ears. At least I have seen this rail company use caution when maintenance welding or torching along the tracks by stationing water tankers and fire trucks handy in case of blown sparks. Wise move. Too bad they were not as cautious before the Skibo incident.

The Skibo fire didn't cause heavy property damage like some fires have in our forested region, but it shouldn't take three years to investigate the

> **Mark Roalson Hoyt Lakes**

Americans getting a false picture of reality in Venezuela

The media (and U.S. government) would have us believe that the Venezuelan government is not democratic. They want our support for whatever nasty deeds the U.S. is doing

The Venezuelan government has been working hard to improve education, health care, eliminate hunger, among many programs to raise up the living standards of the poor.

President Maduro has been elected twice in national elections. Venezuela has a democracy. The U.S. has an economic war against it and it is this that is making it very hard on the Venezuelan people. What you hear in the mainstream media including the NY Times, Washington Post, NPR is that it's a brutal dictatorship. This

If you listen to NPR for example they interview mostly those in the opposition to

Venezuela's government but they don't interview anyone who supports it. (This is the same with the Palestine/Israel thing. Anyone who is pro-Palestine is not interviewed.)

The U.S. government works against democracy. It doesn't want us to know this and so it becomes more and more secretive. More and more the press is becoming controlled. Remember Chelsea Manning who, as a soldier working with secret documents, discovered that the US was torturing in Abu Ghraib in Iraq and in Guantanamo and that civilians were being targeted in Iraq. It's easy to find a particular video on You Tube to verify this. She was so shocked that she felt it was her duty to inform the American public so she sent these secrets to Wiki Leaks. Now the Wiki Leaks founder Julian Assange is being threatened with many years in U.S. prison when he is finally extradited from England to the U.S. He is a journalist for goodness sake. Chelsea Manning is a whistle-blower and a hero but spent many years in prison. These people need our support. Secret government is not a democratic government.

The U.S. is not now or never was a real democracy. Early in its history there were Fugitive Slave Laws that said slaves who ran away to the North had to be returned to the South. The Constitution allowed only white male landowners the right to vote.

Today the press and Washington are in the hands of the mega-rich parasites. And we have allowed them to kill millions in Vietnam, Iraq. Nicaragua (1980's), and many more countries with not only our tax money but with our youth sent over somewhere to not only occupy and kill people in other lands but to die themselves. This is not a service for America.

I believe in an open and honest government which the U.S. is not. I want the U.S. to become a land of PEACE. We need to be outraged!

Steve Johnson

Searching for peace and stillness in a frenetic world

Quiet. Inner stillness. The soul yearns for it. Creative imagination runs dry without the rehydration of long, liquid moments of just being. The immune system quivers and weakens into auto-immune dysfunctions without the strength and balance offered by deep relax-

ation and recharging. Healers



and meditators have always known that our human systems need to have respite from our intense, overly-busy lives, that we need it at all levels in order to

We live in an insanely complicated world with ultrahigh levels of activity, noise, and

stimulation. It is a testament to the resilience of our minds and

bodies that we're not all completely nuts. (I would argue that we're all a little bit nuts, each in our own way, but still able to function, mostly.) Regardless of our age, we're often overloading our capacity. I hear about the schedules that kids have with school all day and constant activities after school and on weekends: Scouts, 4-H, dance lessons, sports of all kinds, volunteering, church activities, participation in theater, instrumental and choral performances with lessons, practice, and rehearsals. Somehow,

homework and family time are layered in there somewhere. Families with infants live in a chronic state of sleep deprivation and tiredness. People throughout their careers are urged to give 150 percent at work and then network in their spare time to make those all-important connections. And it doesn't quit. I frequently hear retired friends express amazement at how busy they are, "busier than when I was

Only in a world such as ours would anyone have thought of

speed dating, where a bunch of people pay \$30 or more for an opportunity to play musical chairs and learn snippets about other people. My Cheeky Date is advertised as Speed Dating UK-style without explanation. Does that mean everyone has to speak in British accents? Or are they limited to dry, curt answers of 10 words or less? Participants rotate through the group every six minutes or so, for strange encounters of a brief

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Letters from Readers

Twin Metals will have to comply with strict standards

Anti-mining groups and politicians rail against copper nickel mining, but never mention the six-year EIS that was already completed in 2012.

In December 2016, President Obama signed an executive order to withdraw 234,328 acres of land in the Superior National Forest from mining exploration and denied Twin Metals the renewal of their leases.

They never mention that according to the Federal Register, a study was to take 'up to two years' to determine if a 20-year ban should be placed on future mining and exploration.

When President Trump took office in January 2017, the twoyear study began. It ended in 21 months with no new science to require a 20-year ban of copper nickel mining. Rep. McCollum doesn't

acknowledge that the process is being followed, not only by Twin Metals, but also by the Trump Administration. The ones continually side-stepping the process are the anti-mining groups, politicians like McCollum, and now senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, and the Obama Administration who never asked for input from state, county, or city officials, or had a public comment period before signing the executive order withdrawing thousands of acres from future mining. There was no transparency to this action in the last month of Obama's presidency. McCollum and the anti-min-

ing groups ignore the National Materials and Minerals Policy, Research and Development Act-referred to as the "Minerals Policy Act." At the time, Democrats held a solid majority of both houses, and President Jimmy Carter signed the act into law in 1980. The Minerals Policy Act

clearly states we must simultaneously protect the environment and develop minerals:

"The federal government, as a fundamental aspect of national minerals policy, must seek balance between the environmental, health and safety statutes and regulations...and the need to ensure the reliable availability of strategic and critical minerals."

In other words, the law mandates a balance between mining and the environment, and directs the secretaries of Agriculture and Interior to consider the vital importance of minerals and give equal weight to mineral production and environmental

It should be noted that the Rainy River Gold Mine, between Baudette and Fort Frances, Ontario is in the very same Rainy River watershed as Twin Metals proposed underground mine. Also ignored by all is the fact that the high sulfide Dunka Pit has been monitored since 1977 without any impact to Birch Lake or to the Boundary Waters. In fact, Cleveland Cliffs-Dunka Pit recently received an award from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for its wastewater treatment.

Twin Metals formally received the renewal of their mineral leases and we thank the Trump administration, the Western Caucus, U.S. Reps. Pete Stauber and Tom Emmer in getting this done.

Twin Metals has been researching the deposit, the geology, and the surface and groundwater in the area of the potential underground mine. Based on hundreds of millions of dollars of research, they are confident that the tailings produced will be non-acid generating. In addition, waste rock will be stored underground and surface impacts will be minimized.

Twin Metals will be submitting their underground mine plan to state and federal regulatory agencies in the coming months. A lengthy and costly multi-year EIS will then be conducted.

Today's environmental regulations tightly restrict how mines are designed and operated. State and federal agencies require strict adherence to regulations surrounding key environmental issues, including surface water and groundwater quality, threatened and endangered species, air quality, plant life, wetlands and more. The Twin Metals Project must meet or exceed environmental requirements and receive permits to be authorized to move their project

We should allow the process to move forward.

Working together for future generations.

Nancy McReady President, Conservationists with Common Sense **Gerald Tyler** Chairman, Up North Jobs Mike Cole CEO, Minnesota Miners

I once believed the promises of a mining company. Never again

The only thing I can say for myself is that people can - and sometimes do - change.

I was a union miner in the Gas Hills of Wyoming (east of Riverton) from the mid-1970s to the mid-1980s. Uranium, not copper. Lucky Mac Mine, then Union Carbide. In their engineering department, my crew calculated "cut and fill" quantities and set stakes in the field for the excavation crews.

This was hard rock mining. In most ways, and without knowing what was coming, it truly WAS a good job. I was proud of and believed in the mines' commitment to the reclamation plans and maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) that they had agreed to as a condition of their permit.

The union wages they paid helped a lot of young families in the Riverton area purchase homes and vehicles. And at first, the reclamation plans they'd prepared for their mining permit WERE implemented. They actually FILLED IN and re-seeded their first excavations.

Whenever the subject of mining came up, I defended these mines. I believed their mission statement: employment opportunities created by responsible mining interests, overseen by state and federal government agencies, employing hundreds for decades. What could go wrong? Yessir. I was, at the time,

the staunchest of defenders; the strongest of mining advocates. And then it all went south.

By the mid-eighties, mine production had declined, along with ore grade and quality. Public acceptance of nuclear plants declined with awareness of the dangers. New plant construction waned or halted. All combined to suppress, then crush, market prices paid for our product, U-238. With no new revenue, reclamation of existing pits stopped, pumps were shut off, and dewatering ceased. These ventures are, after all, meant to turn a profit. Maintenance and reclamation don't turn a profit, so they were stopped.

One day we were all told not to report to work. Maintenance to the mill and tailings ponds ceased. Abandoned equipment stood idle. Acid leaching into groundwater increased. Tailings dams failed. Maximum contaminant levels for surface and groundwater were exceeded, first by a bit, then exponentially.

How did the mine holding company respond? They applied for something called "Alternate Contaminant Levels", or ACLs. These ACLs were higher much higher - than the original MCLs. And they were approved! Later, and in at least one case, the overseeing agency (NRC) gave notice that it would cease groundwater monitoring in the region, since "the water is now contaminated anyway." To my knowledge, no person

or corporation has been charged or tried for the above, even though the terms of their contract with the people of Wyoming were clearly violated. And this sequence of events is the rule, not the exception. In fact, I have yet to see an example of a large, operating mine that has NOT contaminated the region in which it was excavated. In the Gas Hills, ranchers now import their drinking water. The abandoned mine pits have remained, leaking arsenic, uranium and other heavy metals into streams and groundwater, for 30 years now.

So here's the thing. I still believe, absolutely, in the living wages and benefits that unions bring to their members. That has nothing to do with the fact that they, we, the state and the nation are continually lied to by mining interests who will promise ANYTHING to begin ore extraction, then run roughshod over the land and its people until the riches are consumed, and finally...leave it and us behind with nothing but a disfigured landscape, a profound sense of loss, and water we cannot drink. **Duane Behrens**

Alabama legislators must be missing the days of slavery

Alabama Sons and Daughters, I'm a great-grandmother in Minnesota. If you want to take charge of the bodies of women, isn't that a form of slavery? If my recall of history is correct didn't you own enough slaves in your past? Are you nostalgic for the good ol' days of owning people and ordering them what to do? Shame on you! As I recall it does take "two

to tango," but it only takes one jerk of a fellow to accost a woman, girl, or wife. Did I hear correctly that she must take the blame and have no recourse to correct the situation? Hadn't you better go after the other half of the equation? The men and boys! Get out of your medieval mindset and protect the women and girls from guys who get off SCOT FREE. No woman or girl should have to raise a child that was forced on her or had a man make promises that he did not keep. The dirty rat!

Throughout the ages of tribes and clans, men have had men's issues and women have had their issues. Intelligent leaders – usually men – did not meddle in women's issues. It was beneath them? Or? So here we are with a philandering male supremacist in the White House, as cold as ice Kavanaugh as a judge and a judgmental "holier than thou" radical religious right!

Hats off to the Alabama citizens who do have a heart

for women and girls in distress! Janet Y. Schultz Sturgeon Lake Twp

STILLNESS...Continued from page 4 kind, and everybody rates hours per night. By the or caffeine and drugs taken

everybody to see if love is

Many of us who moved to Northern Minnesota did so to find a quieter place with fewer crowds, so maybe we're a little bit saner than a lot of the world's population, but don't let that go to your head. We still are often in overdrive and don't recognize what we're doing to ourselves. I have heard from so many people that they don't sleep well, and sales of sleep apnea kits are booming, but a good night's sleep is essential for a strong immune system and a healthy mind and

Henry Emmons, MD and author of "The Chemistry of Joy," explains that prior to the availability of electricity, our sleep cycles were tied to sunrise and sunset with people averaging over nine mid-1900's, the average seven or less, which he says is "disastrous for our brain chemistry" and leaves most Americans relatively sleep-deprived. We all are influenced by ultradian rhythms, cycles of fluctuating energy. For about 90 minutes, we are alert, productive, and creative. Then we flag a bit and may have brain fog with fatigue or even boredom or sadness. These cycles are the reason you may be exhausted but can't sleep if your energy cycle is off kilter or because you shifted into the "perky" portion of your rhythms.

Andrew Weil, MD, and practitioner of natural and preventative medicine, cautions about losing sleep due to overstimulation from noise, a busy mind, TV and computer screens,

earlier in the day. Pets was closer to eight hours, romping on the bed don't and today it's down to help. He also warns against overuse of sedatives, which depress the function in the central nervous system, are all addictive, and suppress rapid-eye-movement (REM) sleep during which dreams occur. He says that "dreaming is necessary for the health and well-being of the brain and mind; if you are not dreaming, you are not getting quality sleep, even though the quantity appears sufficient." He recommends reading to divert a busy mind, having a good mattress, and a dark room. Taking synthetic melatonin, a non-addictive, nondepressant hormone that regulates the biological clock can even help you reset your ultradian rhythms.

> However, I'm advocating for more than just a

good night's sleep, important as that is. I invite and challenge readers to consider the pace of your days and nights and see if you can unhook from that busyness and stimulation. Although I keep my house very quiet, I tend to have a very busy mind, which does not make for internal quiet. I'll carry my breakfast out to my deck on a lovely morning and will automatically reach for a book to read, my journal, a pen, and the little notebook that has my interminable to-do lists, just in case I think of something to add while I eat. I laugh at my propensity but still resist leaving all that out of reach to just sit down to eat, enjoy the sweet air filled with birdsong, the hummingbirds coming for breakfast, and the antics of my cats.

Carl Honoré, author of "In Praise of Slowness,"

notes that in our speedy modernity "even instant gratification takes too long" and praises those getting in touch with their "inner tortoise." Slowing down and being more thoughtful does not mean being lazy and unproductive; often, quite the opposite. But too often, we are so acculturated to constant activity, we will feel uncomfortable functioning at less than full speed and uneasy with periods of silence and stillness.

It has been recognized that taking regular breaks are very important for focus, creativity, and productivity, a benefit often not available to employees in many workplaces. Even when we have that choice, when we're feeling blocked or start to make silly mistakes, our inclination is often to knuckle down and work harder, but that's the time to take a break for 15 or 20 minutes. Push away from the computer or project, take a walk, change your focus, and you may find fresh ideas with new inspiration when you return and more energy at the end of the day.

Many in our neck of the woods find deep quiet in that woods, a sanctuary of water and wind, trees and sun, dark sky illuminated by moon and stars. Peter Leschak writes beautifully about his experiences out in nature. He loves canoeing, taking daring rides down rapids, but he also reflects on the opportunity for introspection. In The Bear Guardian essay titled "No Stopping," he says, "The music of the wilderness forms a psychic loop in your mind. The outside sounds draw your awareness inward. The quietness of the forest is natural habitat for the vibrations of thought."

POLYMET...Continued from page 3

touted to their investors. PolyMet is misleading Minnesotans about the true size and risk of their proposal, while telling investors a different story," said Elise Larson, an attorney for the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy. "DNR's obligation is to investigate the real proposal. PolyMet's financial documents show that the version studied by the DNR isn't financially viable. By allowing this bait and switch scheme

and failing to study the real risks of the proposed mine, DNR puts Minnesotans in

danger." **Project financing** unclear

With court battles likely to continue for some time, the company is still working to raise approximately \$265 million through what's known as a "rights offering" to recoup its pre-development debt to global commodities broker Glencore. "Proceeds from the rights offering, which is fully back-stopped by Glencore, will be used to pay off our outstanding debt. This strengthening of our balance sheet will help clear the pathway to construction financing for the NorthMet Project, a process which is likely to take several months," said Cherry in a recent press statement.

The rights offering gives current holders of PolyMet stock the ability to purchase an additional 2.12 shares for every share they currently own at a price of 38.8 cents per share. According to the company, those shareholders who choose not to exercise their rights stand to see their stock value significantly diluted. That dilution "may be significant," according to a company statement. Under the rights offering, Glencore has agreed to backstop the deal, which means the company is likely to assume an even greater

percentage of ownership in the company. Currently, the company owns approximately 92 million shares, or 29 percent, of PolyMet's common stock. The company's stock

price was already heading sharply lower and closed at just 41 cents per share as of Monday this week. The mine's prospects, at least in the near-term, continue to be clouded by low metals prices, particularly for copper and nickel, which would make up the vast majority of the revenue generated by the proposed mining operation. The company's most

recent 43-101 technical report, which predicted sharply diminished financial returns compared to earlier estimates, assumed average copper prices at \$3.29 per pound and a nickel price of \$7.95 per pound. As of this week, copper was hovering around \$2.65 per pound while nickel was trading at \$5.46 per pound.

TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY



Sixth-grade graduates (from left): Cole Schuster, Greyson Reichensperger, lan Sunsdahl, and Zach Poderzay. Not pictured is Alexus Childs.



Graduation

Tower-Soudan Elementary sixth-graders and Kindergarten students held their graduation ceremony on May 28. The entire elementary also held their awards ceremony. photos by S. Ukkola





The Kindergarten class included Shenze Chavez, Dylan Crego, Josie Feather, Cora Goodbird, Gus Larson, Blake Pineo-Vogh, Ivy Russell, and Kiersten Schoonover.

Immanuel and St. James hosting joint VBS

July 8-12 TOWER- Immanuel Lutheran and St. James Presbyterian churches, in Tower, are hosting a joint Vacation Bible School, "Roar VBS" from July 8-12. At Roar, kids discover that God is good even when life gets wild! Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Wild Bible Adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Family members and friends are encouraged to join in daily for

this special time at noon. Roar is for kids from ages four to grade six (completed). Hours will be Monday, 9 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., Tuesday - Thursday, 9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m., and Friday, 9:30 a.m. – 12 p.m. Early registration is appreciated. Forms can be emailed, mailed or picked up at either Immanuel or

St. James.

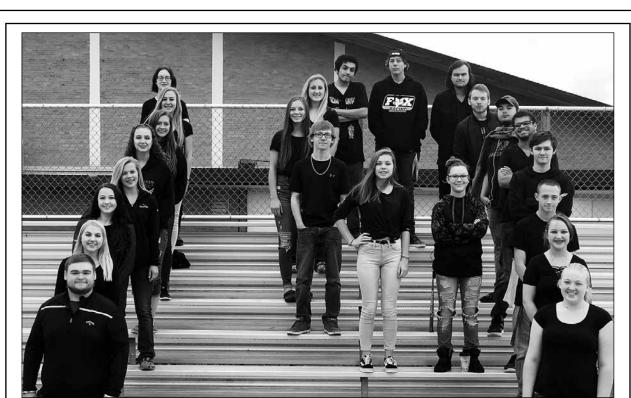
Fourth of July donations

The Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board would like to thank the following indivuals and businesses for their generous donations to this year's Fourth of July fund. 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 noted. Linda Myklebust

& John Burgess Banyon Data Systems Mesabi Sign Company North Country Quilts Chuck & Nancy Tekautz Mark & Cindy Zollar

Hazardous waste collection at Soudan Canister, June 19

The **BREITUNG-**Soudan Canister will be accepting household hazardous waste on Wednesday, June 19 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. In the event of an emergency or bad weather, the collection will be delayed or canceled. Collection is for residential waste only. Businesses, commercial farms, schools and nonprofits need to call the B-Clean program at 1-800-450-9278.



Northeast Range Class of 2019

BABBITT- The Northeast Range Class of 2019 Graduation was held on Friday, May 31. Graduates included Chloe Aase, Jacob Bjork, Dean Boese, Thomas Eckman, Heidi Houghton, Robert Jacks, Joshua Kesler, Taina Koivisto, Kellsie Konstenius, Chelsea Larson, Sophie Lenz, Shayler Lislegard, Elijah Lopac (not pictured), Maija Maki, Mikayla Mellesmoen, Ruth Morgan, Taelan Mumme, Omo-dada Obanor, Brett Porisch, Justice Porisch, Mersadies Stordahl, Carl Sundblad, Austin Wagner, and Zacariah Warlof. submitted photo

Some hazardous waste materials accepted include aerosol products, bug spray, cleaners, polishes, drain cleaners, fertilizers, insect killers, mercury wastes, old gasoline, paint thinner, rat poison, rodent bait, spot removers, thermometers, antifreeze, button batteries, concrete cleaner, driveway sealers, fuels, lighter fluid, moth balls, oven cleaner, pesticides, rechargeable batteries, roofing tar, stains, varnish, weed killer, brake fluid, carburetor cleaner, degreasers, epoxy products, furniture stripper, liquid paint products, paint stripper, roach/ant killers, solvents, thinners, stump remover, wood preservers. Fluorescent lights and compact fluorescent lights are taken, six free per trip. Asbestos is a regulated waste that is only taken at the landfill in Virginia.

Year-round disposal is available at the Regional Landfill Household Hazardous Waste Facility, 5345 Regional Landfill Road in Virginia. The facility is open Tuesdays and Saturdays from 8 a.m. to 1

For more information, contact the St. Louis County Environmental Services Department at 1-800-450-9278 or visit stlouiscountymn.gov/hw.

Tower Farmers Market opens June 14

TOWER- The Tower Farmers Market will open for the season on Friday, June 14 from 4-6p.m. at the Tower Depot - same time, same place. same location, and same great offerings as in previous years. Throughout the season, local vendors will have fresh produce, bread, sweet baked treats, eggs, pickles, jams, jellies, BBQ sauce, wood carving, furniture, rugs, photography, jewelry, soap and much more.

Hope to see you there! Vendors can commit to the whole season or pay for a week at a time. Old and new vendors can just show up on June 14 with their table, chair, awning and produce or product. Call Janna at 749-2186 or Mickey at 984-3951 with questions about who can sell, what can be sold, or any other details.

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YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

It will be much appreciated if you can contribute to the Tower Cemetery Fund.

Let's not forget all of our servicemen and women who are buried in the Tower Cemetery. We all have the freedom in our country because of them. Then too, let's not forget our own loved ones.

Thank you to all who have given in the past and for your continued support.

The Tower Cemetery Board

Checks are to be made out to: Tower Cemetery Association PO Box 874, Tower, MN 55790

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May 15-June 15

THE TOWNSHIP WILL HAVE BAGS

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PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR

TOWNSHIP LOOKING AS GOOD

AS IT CAN!

VERMILION COUNTRY SCHOOL



VCS choir students performed eight selections from the musical Hamilton during their year-end concert on May 29. Performers included Andrew Sauls, Alex Dorman, Layssa Pratt, Jacob Karasti, Jacob Dorman, Shaylin Peliska, Danny Anderson, Todd Zibrowski, Kelsie Walker, Michael Stellmach, Danica Starkman, Gage Mounsden, and Jeremiah Lindberg. Several students also accompanied the music with Alex Dorman on piano, Lindberg on guitar, Sauls on piano, Jacob Dorman on guitar, and Zibrowski on ukulele. The choir is directed by Karin Schmidt, photos by S. Ukkola

Hamilton







Scenic Rivers walking club meets weekdays

on Monday, June 3, Scenic Rivers Clinic is hosting a Walking Club in Tower. The 5 p.m. at the Tower clinic, rain or shine, and will take a light

2405.

Week of June 10

Monday

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

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

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 June 18.

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

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





THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



Hilda has a cold, which means (it's a house rule) that she gets to watch anything SHE WANTS on television. There she sits, covered with Vicks, swathed in an electric blanket, sipping hot buttered rums as if they have just been declared the medical breakthrough of the century by the Nobel Prize committee. Her cold is the worst summer cold EVER, if they should call and ask!

In the olden days, when we only had three TV channels on a good day, you curled up on the sofa with a pot of tea laced with lemon and read a good book! "Giant," "Grapes of Wrath," or a personal favorite, "Peyton Place."

I think I had ten or eleven colds one summer, which kept me sofa-bound. I was hypnotized by the trials and tribulations of Constance Mackenzie and Selena Cross and was astounded to find out who her daughter Allison's real father was.

And then "Gone with the Wind" - I still use some of the lines: "I'll think of it tomorrow, at Tara. I can stand it then. Tomorrow, I'll think of some way to get him back. After all, tomorrow is another day." "Death, taxes, and childbirth! There's never any convenient time for any of them." and "Frankly, my dear, I don't give a damn." I tend to use the last one most frequently!

The other day I wished that I had a good book or even a so-so book. I was ill, I was bored, and all I had was television and a remote. I ended up at some television station that had nothing on but those half-hour programs that sell stuff or are just, well, odd. "Keeping Up With the Kardashians," was the first hit I was offered. Next came "Kourtres Balance in the Bedroom," I think it was about a sort of bed...

in Tower

FIFA AU-20 World Cup Poland, "How Far is a Tattoo Too Far?" And, what would have been Moose's favorite had he been home, "Hot Tub Paradise." I turned off the TV and found some good books to while away the hours. An old Earl Stanley Gardener. A couple of Nero Wolfes which topped ANY-THING on TV... including the Queen and the Donald. But how can one not be a part of history? And so I turned to the Don and Lizzie show. I made myself a pot of tea and settled in to see what faux pas Don might commit this time? Nada! So,

I turned off the TV and started to page through the pile of seed catalogs that had arrived. I created my seventeen-page list of must-have plants for the summer. I am, as a result, looking for part-

time work. Well, ta-ta - no, wait, wait, wait - just for the Queen, toodle-oo, or maybe even toodle-pip, pip! I was looking for some British recipe to end this. It seems that at many teas a favorite is cinnamon toast. Run to the toaster!

Ms. Vera Milion

at 5 p.m. TOWER- Starting

group will meet Monday through Friday at walk around town for about 30 minutes every

To sign up, please arrive at 4:45 p.m. and sign up at the registration desk. Active participants will be entered into a drawing for a prize basket on June 28. All are welcome. If you have questions, please contact us at 218-753-

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St. Louis County **Solid Waste Facility** Area site hours Northwoods Transfer Station 9384 Hwy 21 N., Ely/Babbitt

Summer Hours Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am-3pm Tue: 9:30am-3pm Wed: noon-6pm

County 77 Canister Site 2038 County Rd. 77, Greenwood Twp Summer Hours

Sat: 8am-5pm Sun: noon-6pm **Embarrass Canister Site** 7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass

Hours Sat: 12:30-4:30pm Thu: 10am-5pm Household Hazardous Waste Facility 5345 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia Hours

Tues and Sat: 8am-1pm

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

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

Aurora Transfer Station 5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora Hours Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am-4pm

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

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

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

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



Libraries

Ely library
Hours: Monday — Friday,
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturdays — 8 a.m. to noon
Closed on Sundays
Phone: 365-5140

Babbitt library

Monday Noon-6 pm
Tuesday Noon-6 pm
Wednesday Noon-6 pm
Thursday Noon-6 pm
Friday Noon-5 pm
Phone: 827-3345

Support groups

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous AA - 7 p.m. Mondays, First Lutheran Church, 915 E. Camp St., Ely

WOMEN'S AA - Noon Mondays, St. Anthony Church basement, Ely BABBITT AA - 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, Woodland

Presbyterian Church.

AL-ANON - Sundays 8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. For persons who encounter alcoholism in a relative or friend.

BABBITT AL-ANON

- Thursdays, 7 p.m. at Woodland Presbyterian Church.

CO-DEPENDENTS'

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Tuesday Group schedule

ELY - The upcoming Tuesday Group schedule is listed below. All talks are at 12 noon on Tuesday at the Grand Ely Lodge.

June 11 - Nancy Scheibe and Pam Davis - Update on the Art and Soul Gallery

Play Smear at Senior Center

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

Ely Free Clinic

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

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

Breathing Out

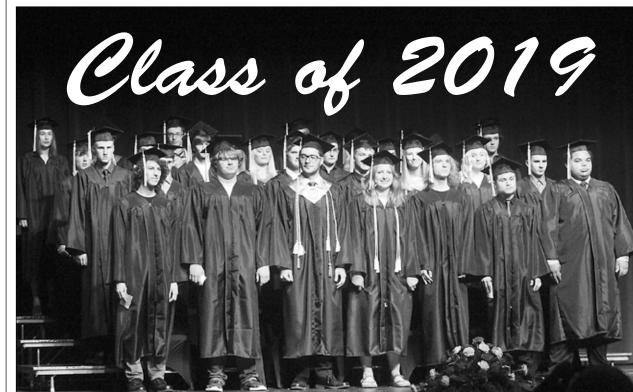
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out on the big lake loon fishing along the boats

who gets the most fish

ELY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL



Ely High School honors 32 graduates

ELY – The Ely Memorial High School class of 2019 was honored at a commencement ceremony last Saturday in the Washington Auditorium, with 32 graduates walking across the stage to receive their diplomas.

A processional by the Ely Memorial High School Band, under the direction of Sarah Mason, featured "Fanfare and Processional," and "Star Spangled Banner," to open the program.

A welcome to family and friends by 6-12 Principal Megan Anderson was followed by remarks from class valedictorian Charles Dammann and salutatorian Madelene Johnson.

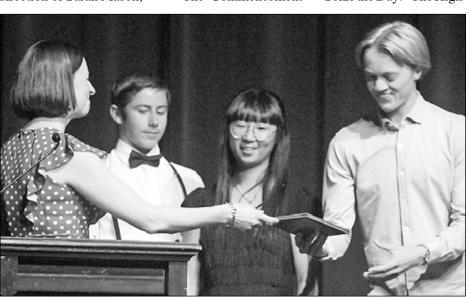
The Commencement

Address, was delivered by teacher Todd Hohenstein, who just returned from a year's absence while pursuing further education in California.

The Ely Memorial High School Choir, under the direction of Mike Rouse, performed "For Good," and the four-memberSenior Choir presented "Seize the Day." The High

School Band followed with selections from "The Greatest Showman."

Principal Anderson presented the Class of 2019, followed by the presentation of diplomas by Ray L. Marsnik, School Board Chair, Rochelle Sjoberg, Treasurer, and Kevin Abrahamson, District Superintendent.





Megan Anderson, left, Ely Memorial School principal, presents certificates of attendance Saturday to foreign exchange students Finn Liesching, of Germany, Selina Sun, of China, and Kjetil Midttun, of Norway. Ely teacher Todd Hohenstein, right, gave the commencemnt address. photos by K. Vandervort

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-2950], and PO Box 718, -365-3114]. Fax number is WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



A second-grade student at Washington Elementary School, above, appeared to have no interest in participating in the school's end-of-year Spring Concert on May 23 in Washington Auditorium. Kindergarten students, below, opened the show with the National Anthem, photos by K. Vandervort



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ON TO STATE COMPETITION



Which way to state? Ely Memorial High School senior track team member Jasiah Wigdahl, center, hams it up with team members last week at the section meet. The Minnesota State High School League state meet is at Hamline University this week. Competition was scheduled for Thursday and Friday at Klas Field. Ely Individual State Qualifiers include: Brielle Kallberg - Long Jump; Eric Omerza - Triple Jump; Luke Olson – 800; Raif Olson -300 Hurdles. Ely Relay State Qualifiers include: 4x800 -Dylan Fenske, James Schwinghamer, Emmett Faltesek, Luke Olson, Gabriel Pointer and Jasper Johnston; and 4x400 -Nate Nettifee, Raif Olson, Emmett Faltesek, Luke Olson, Eric Omerza and Finn Leisching. submitted photo

ELY-WINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Brunfelt: What it means to be an Iron Ranger

ELY - Historian Pam Brunfelt will be the guest speaker at this year's Ely-Winton Historical Society annual meeting. Her subject is "Visions and Realities" and she will explore what it means to be an Iron Ranger.

The public is invited to attend this program which will be held on Tuesday, June 11, beginning at 7 p.m. in Classroom 104 at Vermilion Community College. There is no charge to attend this program.

Through the use of themes such as Continuity and Change, Extraction and Exploitation, Distrust, Hope, Foresight, and Loyalty, the history of the people of the Iron Range is explained. The program is revealing to both Iron Rangers, who will recognize themselves, and to people who know little about the area and its unique heritage.

Brunfelt is a historian who until this spring taught at Vermilion Community College in Ely. Her

research focus has been Minnesota's Iron Ranges with special emphases on the Cuyuna Iron Range and on political history. Other research emphases are the Great Depression and the impact of the New Deal in Minnesota, and the importance of the Iron Range to the United States. Among her publications is

"Minnesota's Communist Mayor: Karl Emil Nygard", Minnesota History, Fall 2002 and "Political Culture in Microcosm: Minnesota's Iron Range" in Perspectives on Minnesota Government and Politics, 6th edition, 2007. Four of her articles were published by the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation on their website under the title "A Walk Through Our History." She has written book reviews for Minnesota History magazine and the Finnish American

She was also the co-lead human-

ities scholar for "Building America: Minnesota's Iron Range, U.S. Industrialization, and the Creation of a World Power." The seminar was a National Endowment for the Humanities Landmarks of American History project for K-12 teachers from throughout the United States. The program was held on the Iron Range in 2008 and in 2010. The result of the Landmarks seminar was a documentary, Iron Range: Minnesota Building America, which won 2009 regional Emmy for Best Cultural Documentary. Brunfelt was one of the scholars who appeared in the film. It was produced by Lisa Blackstone in conjunction with TPT (Twin Cities Public Television), the Minnesota Humanities Center, and the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board.

For more information, call the Ely-Winton Historical Society at 218-365-3226.

Vermilion Community College beginning at 7 p.m. Copies of this digitized film now on DVD will be for sale at \$10 each.

Movies at EWHS History Nights

The Ely-Winton Historical Society will show

home movies at History Nights on Wednesday, June 19. This film covers everything from school children on field trips to Winton on the train, to the

fire hall, to a farm and more. Watch again as St.

Anthony's Church is demolished and the new one

built. You will roam through long-lost resorts and

This program will be held in CL 104 at

a whole lot more. Look for familiar faces.

Yesterday's news,

from the archives of

this week

THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

June 6, 1919

Largest Ely class in history

With 52 graduates and a class motto of "America First, Last and Always," the largest class in Ely history conducted commencement exercises at Washington Auditorium.

The class was strong in scholarship with 18 members having an average of 90 over their four years. The honors for the class were awarded to Miss Mary Camaish as valedictorian and Miss Saimi Miettunen as salutatorian, with a 95.12 and 94.62 average.

Miss Camaish was also honored for establishing the unique record of having been neither absent nor tardy during her entire school career, from kindergarten through high school.

Peter Bezek received the highest average among the young men in the class.

Dr. M. Levkowitz of Duluth delivered the address at the commencement. Dr. Geo. T. Ayres, president of the board of education, presented diplomas. The Eighth Grade graduating exercises of the

Ely and White Iron schools will take place tomorrow at the auditorium.

Genealogy Workshop scheduled for June 12 the online Duluth News

ELY - A two-part genealogy workshop, hosted by the Ely-Winton Historical Society, will Wednesday, June 12.

Part one will begin at 1 p.m. and the second session will begin at 6 p.m. The workshop is free and open to the public. It will be held in CL 104 at VCC.

Bobbi Hoyt has been doing genealogy for more than 30 years. She is president of the Twin Ports be held at Vermilion Genealogical Society and Community College on has been a member of that organization for over 20 years. She is also the editor of TPGS's quarterly newsletter and part of the cemetery committee that creates indexes of local cemeteries, with photographs, and registers them with "Find a Grave."

Hoyt is a retired

teacher for a vocational program in childcare and education careers and was learned for two reasons director of Kinder Korner Preschool for 23 years with the Duluth school system.

A volunteer at the Duluth Public Library, she spends 12 hours a week doing data processing on

Tribune Obituary Index and offers genealogy help as well. "I share what I have

Hoyt said. "Ibelieve family is the most important circle we have and secondly, other people helped me along the way and in genealogy the motto is 'pay it forward."

News in Brief

Ely Library hosts book sale ELY - The Annual Book Sale by the Friends of the

Ely Public Library will be held at Semer's Park Pavilion, Thursday to Saturday, June 20 - 22. The "members only" sale will be held on Thursday,

June 20, noon to 6 p.m. People can join or renew memberships at the door. The public sale will be held on Friday, June 21, 10-6

p.m. The "bag or books" sale will be held on Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Donations are accepted at Semer's Park Pavilion

during the following times: Thursday, June 13,10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Friday, June 14, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday, June 15, 9 a.m.-noon; Monday, June 17, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.;

19, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tuesday, June 18, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Wednesday, June Ely Friends must be present to accept donations of books, puzzles, CDS and DVDs. Absolutely no mag-

azines, textbooks, periodicals or encyclopedias will be accepted. Local artist receives grant

ELY - Jacob White of Ely was awarded a \$2,000 Technology and Equipment Grant recently from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council to assist in the purchase of a mirrorless digital camera, including accessories, to use in documentary filmmaking.

The Arrowhead Regional Arts Council is a regional nonprofit that has been encouraging local arts development in northeastern

aracouncil.org.

Minnesota through arts funding and services for For the complete list of those awarded in the Arrowhead Region, visit our website at www.

seniors and \$8 for children ages 4-12. Members are free. For more information, visit wolf.org.

Three days for the price of one at IWC ELY-Visitors to the International Wolf Center in Ely

will now get even more wolf education for their money. All admission tickets are valid for three consecutive days. "It is our hope that this change will benefit visitors

to Ely who will now be able to get a weekend-plus of wolf watching for the price of just one day," said Chad Richardson, the Wolf Center's administrator. "Changes like these will keep tourists in Ely longer, which has the potential to benefit the local economy. Visitors will receive a non-transferable wristband

when they check in at the Center, and those wristbands will serve as their admission ticket for three consecutive The change is being rolled out at the same time as

the IFC's new exhibit, Discover Wolves!, wthat opens

to the public this summer. 'We're excited to give our visitors more value with their admission ticket and, at the same time, an even more entertaining experience at the Wolf Center," Richardson

said. "We're hearing very positive reviews from people who have explored the new exhibit, with its howling room and research fly-over experience."

The Wolf Center had adopted a second day of free admission in recent years, and that proved to be popular

with visitors. The policy allowed visitors the opportunity to come back to see a unique daily program they may have missed, or to get a second chance to observe the behavior of the ambassador wolves. The popularity of the second day of admission prompted the consideration of including a third day, which was recently approved

St. Louis County Environmental Services Department by the board of directors. 1-800-450-9278 Regular admission fees are \$14 for adults, \$12 for

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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

Regional Landfill 5341 Regional Landfill Rd (east of Virginia) Hours

Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm Sat: 8am-3:30pm

5910 Hwy 135 N.

Hours

Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am-4pm

Tue, Wed:10am-4pm

Sat: 8am-noon

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Hours

Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun:

8am-5pm

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

Office hours 8-4:30 Monday through Friday

NORTH WOODS GRADUATION









The North Woods School held its class of 2019 graduation this past Friday. Top: The class sits on the stage in the North Woods gym. Left to right; **Kirsten Cook** getting a congratulatory hug; Alex Byram with Principal John Vukmanich; Hanna Sandberg and Jacie Lakoskey give the student address. photos by B. Smith

At right: The graduating class throws their caps in the air on the front lawn at North Woods underneath the Grizzlies water tower. At left: Parker Jones proudly shows off his diploma as he leaves the stage.

The 2019 graduating class was awarded the most scholarships in the history of the school, bringing in more than half a million dollars for this year's class to use in higher education.

photos by B. Smith





NORTH WOODS FOURTH QUARTER HONOR ROLL

A Honor Roll

Seniors

Madison Antikainen Claire Beaudry Emily Benoit Bria Chiabotti Kristen Cook Jakob Hyppa Parker Jones Chase Kleppe Regan Ratai Ian Sherman Anna Trip

Juniors

Rebecca Triska

Brielle Anderson Bethany Cotten Daniel Crockett Kenzie Fox Clayton Janssen Trevor Morrison Olivia Niska Nicole Olson Karlyn Pierce Nicole Roy Kayla Towner

Michaela Tschida

Sophomores

Jocelynn Carver Zachary Cheney Emily Fosso Samuel Frazee Olivia Fultz Aubrey Koskovich Brynn Simpson

Freshmen

Morgan Burnett Trey Gibson Michelle Hagen Alex Hartway Anneliese Isham Taylor Jones Abby Koch Owen Land Michaela Luecken Sean Morrison Jacob Panichi Olivia Udovich Brandie Walker

Eighth Grade

Cooper Antikainen Kohen Briggs Kaden Ratai Karah Scofield

GRADUATION

Steven Sopoci **Emily Trip** Skyler Yernatich

Seventh Grade

Jonah Burnett Annabelle Calavera Addy Hartway Helen Koch Autumn Swanson Madison Taylor Trinity Vidal Jacob Whiteman Keenan Whitney

B Honor Roll

Seniors

Samantha Fultz Carlie Hadrava Katlyn Hartwig Tyler Kiehm Kylee Lange Katie Lundemo Kayla Palm Blake Scofield Drayke Snidarich Kate Stone Braden Thom

Juniors

Trevor Adelmann Lauren Arvila Zander Carr Katrina Chapman Luke Gabrielson Amia Kisch Morgan Malecha CeCilia Martinez David Moes Kylie Parson Meadow Prescott Hope Robinson-Zebro Neiva Smith Taylor Vagle Macy Viita Kennedy Wardas

Sophomores

Courtney Woods

Monique Benner Megan Cote Shandra Hanninen Joey Lakoskey Tyrus Leinonen Logan Nurmi Andrew Peak Zuly Roach Austin Sokoloski

Cole Thiel Zoe Trip Andrew Zika

Elijah Squires

Freshmen

Haley Bogdan Ivy Chaulklin Tyler Chiabotti Joshua Copeland JessieAnne Drift Ty Fabish Christopher Fairbanks Aayanna Goodsky-Spears Erik Hagen Joseph Hoagland Sierra Jensen Timothy Lilya Cole Snidarich James Towner

Eighth Grade Mason Clines

Jaden Whiteman

Thomas Debeltz Kia Deegan Brielle Hujanen Hannah Kinsey

Grace Koch Benjamin Kruse Dillon Musakka Halei Nicholson Anya Pearson

Seventh Grade

Elias Smith

Brandon Cook Madison Dantes Talise Goodsky Rhonda Hoagland Riley Las Zefrym Mankowski Steven Morrison Victoria Olson Jessy Palmer Caleb Thom Luke Will

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Summer library programs

COOK - Reading is the blockbuster event this summer at the Cook Public Library! Starting May 31 kids can pick up a summer reading playbill and get started on their reading adventure.

Butter the popcorn and grab some Junior Mints because It's Showtime at your Library! Story time for young children and Book Club for upper elementary kids are both held Wednesdays at 10:30 a.m. Teens are invited to join TAB (Teen Advisory Board) members for special events in Teen volunteers June. are needed!

Kids who complete their playbill activities will receive a reward in August. Teens who participate in the 100-point

TAB challenge are invitber Days by Northwoods ed to a Star Wars themed Friends of the Arts volovernight party in the liunteers. Look for the brary.

This summer, let's

put books center stage

reading throughout the season.

and help prevent sum-

mer slide by encouraging

Timber Days Art Classes For Kids, Saturday

COOK - From 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. kids may make small art projects on Saturday during Tim-

booth on River St. among

Timber Days concessions

in or near the park.

NWFA is a membership arts organization with a gallery on main street next to Dream Weaver Salon at 210 S River St. open from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

NEWS FROM THE LAKE

The Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



June is busting out all over. June is the sixth month of the year in the Julian and Gregorian calendars, the second of four months to have a length of 30 days, and the third of five months to have a length of less than 31 days. A great tradition of June is weddings. The idea that June is the best month to get married dates back to Roman times, as June was the month of the God Juno and his wife Jupiter, the Goddess of marriage and childbirth. The bridal shower tradition originated in sixteenth century Holland. Birthstones for the month of June are moonstone, alexandrite and pearl. June is also National Safety Month, focusing on reducing the leading causes of injury. One of those causes is

Use these five tips to help you stay on your feet. Practice balance and exercise regularly,

falling.

take the recommended allowance for vitamin D, get your eyes and ears checked, use walking aids when necessary and clean up tripping hazards around your home. Stay healthy in June!

Best wishes to Trent Bak for a speedy recovery from his recent surgery. Trent is home and doing well, so continue recovering, Trent.

Sympathy to Sandy Lundgren and family on the passing of her husband Scott. Everyone remembers Scott as a great sheriff and airplane pilot. Arrangements were pending at the time of this article.

Handberg's Marine held a very successful open house last weekend. Hot dogs and refreshments were served to a large crowd. On display were in-water boat demos, USCG Auxiliary Boat Safety Inspections, fishing trip presentations, Women of the Water presentation and education, activities and live music. This was the second annual Open House presented by Handberg's. Hosts Jeff and Lori Sanborn are to be given many thank yous for the wonderful event they have provided.

Birds are back in our area and many are just taking a rest before going further north for the summer. Shirley Sanborn counted five swans in her bay this week.

Sue Hankner has returned from a trip to Peru. Kathy Hahne was her traveling companion. One of the pleasures of traveling to different countries is to learn of their culture and eat some of the local foods. Sue had two foods she had never eaten before, ginny pig and alpaca. The natives actually raise guinea pigs. Sue reports if you have eaten rabbit and squirrel, as she has, you will like guinea pig. The alpaca was a delicious steak. It is always interesting to hear of Sue's travels and what other people eat. The Singing Dames will pass on guinea pig and alpaca.

On returning home from Sue's trip she treated herself to a present: a lawn mower. Not a riding one, it is powered by man or woman. It got the grass cut. The Annual Chap-

el meeting was held on Sunday after the services. Giving annual reports were Gretchen Janssen as chairman of the board of trustees, Nancy Hazlett as treasurer and secretary, reading the previous annual meeting and treasury report and a very interesting report by Pastor Barb on activities for the past year. New

membership of Trustees elected to the Board is Gretchen Janssen second term, Shirley Sanborn to replace Sandy Bodkin and Ed Schmidgall. Serving on the Board the past year included Nancy Hazlett, Gini Stahnke, Ruth Carlson, Gretchen Janssen, Jim Reiling, and Jody Driggs. Other action taken was to approve the installation of gutters for the chapel. The Chapel budget for 2019-2020 was presented and approved. Following the Annual meeting the new Board of Trustees held a meeting. Election of officers was Chairman Shirley Sanborn, Vice Chairs Gretchen Janssen and Ed Schmidgall. The meeting was closed with a prayer.

Our Pastor Barb will be leaving us for another church. We shall miss her. A farewell reception will be held Sunday, June 9 from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. at the Orr Center. Everyone is welcome.

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

Until next week the Teapot Dames are sing-

Wi-Fi hotspots available for checkout at Cook Library

COOK- The Cook Public Library owns five wireless hotspots available for check out. A hotspot is a portable Wi-Fi device that allows you to connect your computer, tablet, smart phone and other devices to the Internet.

Hotspot Terms of Use Eligibility: Borrowers must have an Arrow-

in good standing. Borrowers must sign the Hotspot User Agreement at check out. If under 18, a borrower must have a parent or caregiver sign the Hotspot User Agreement at check out. Check Out Terms: The hotspot loan period is seven days. Hotspots cannot be renewed. Hotspots

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on an AT&T 4G signal. There may be some areas without coverage.

Funding for these hotspots was provided through the Blandin Broadband Grant. This grant was awarded to the Grizzlies community to support projects and raise awareness about Internet resources and services.

Mail-A-Book services available

REGIONAL-The Mail-A-Book service from the Arrowhead Library System (ALS) loans paperback books and other items via the U.S. Mail, free of charge. This tax-supported service delivers library items directly to your mailbox, including the cost of postage. They arrive in a canvas bag with a return label and prepaid return postage.

Items can be ordered by postcard, e-mail, phone, or a form on the ALS website at www.alslib.info/ services/ mail-a-book and mailbook@alslib.info, or 218-

Find Mail-A-Book on Facebook at www.facebook.com/alslibinfo.

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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Community Notices

Squires named to Michigan Tech **Dean's List**

HOUGHTON, Mich. - Michigan Technological University, in Houghton has released the Dean's List for the 2019 spring semester. Nearly 1,700 students were named to the Dean's List this spring

To be included, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Among the honorees are Noah R. Squires, North Woods High School, Mechanical Engineering.

Michigan Technological University is a public research university, home to more than 7,000 students from 60 countries. Founded in 1885, the University offers more than 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science and technology, engineering, forestry, business and economics, health professions, humanities, mathematics, and social sciences. The campus in Michigan's Upper Peninsula overlooks the Keweenaw Waterway and is just a few miles from Lake Superior.

Make your own jewlery in June at the NWFA **Gallery in Cook**

COOK - Create your very personal jewelry, a pendant converting metal washers using alcohol ink, wire and beads. Karen Lamppa, Fiber Artist, and Quilter will show you how its done and provide the basic kit for \$5. Students can use their own broken jewelry parts or charms. The class is on Thursday June 20 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the NWFA Gallery. To register call Alberta at 218 666-2153.

Bill Conger's Jazz Class explores an American past-time

COOK - On Thursday, June 13, Bill Conger's Jazz at the NWFA Gallery: an exploration into the ap-

preciation of a true American musical art form. These sessions aim to equip the listener with tools that unlock an understanding and appreciation of Jazz (and other music types) to enhance the listening experience. Program starts at 7 p.m. All ages welcome.

This is part of Spring Art Expo 2019 and the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Summer Arts program, Art and Heritage: passing down creative techniques that speak to family traditions and/or cultural backgrounds. To register, call Lisa Hyppa at 218-780-1151.

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Tue: 9am-1pm, Thu: 2pm-7pm Sat: 8am-noon, Sun: 10am-2pm Cook Transfer Station 2134 S. Beatty Rd.

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Hours

Sun: 10am-4pm

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2038 County Rd. 77

Summer Hours

Tue:1-6pm, Thu: 8am-1pm

Sat: 8am-5pm, Sun: noon-6pm

Office hours 8-4:30 Mon. thru Fri. stlouiscountymn.gov/recycle

Sat: 8am-1pm Summer hours effective April 15th through September 30th

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Preparations underway for Midsummer Gala; choir rehearsals begin June 10, more singers needed

TOWER- The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center (LVCC) committees and volunteers are busy getting ready for the annual Midsummer Gala and Benefit to be held on Saturday, June 22 at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center in Tower. The theme this year is American Songbook.

The Midsummer Singers will begin rehearsals soon. Half of the chorus prepares in the Twin Cities, under the direction of Janice Kimes. The northern singers prepare in Tower under the direction of Larry Reynolds. Rehearsals will begin on Monday, June 10. Singers are still needed.

Rehearsals will be held at St. James Presbyterian in Tower: June 10, 11, 13 and 19 from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. The June 19 rehearsal will be at the Vermilion Park Inn. The full tech rehearsal at the civic center will be on Friday, June 21 from 2 - 5 p.m., and the final run-through at the civic center will be Saturday, June 22 from 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon. The actual performance is the evening of Saturday, June 22.

More singers are needed. If you are interested in being part of the Midsummer Singers, please call 218-753-4100.

The live and silent auctions promise to once again be an exciting part of the event. New this year in the streamlined live auction will be a Zamboni ride along with tickets to a Minnesota Wild Hockey game. There will also be week-long trips to beautiful Lake Placid in upstate New York and a warm weather beach vacation in Delray Beach, Fla.

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Tickets are going fast for this gala event. If you would like to receive an invitation email vermilionculturalcenter@gmail.com or call 218-753-4100. Reservations may also be made online at lakevermilionculturalcenter.org. The RSVP deadline is June 15.

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Graduation milestone for Tower's charter school

First year with students who spent entire high school career at VCS

by JODI SUMMIT Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- This year's graduation at Vermilion Country School was special for a few more reasons than usual. Yes, the teachers and staff at the school were enormously proud of this group of six students. Yes, their families, who filled almost every single available chair in the school, were also very proud. And yes, their younger classmates

This was the sixth year VCS has been in operation, and half the graduating class were inaugural members of the school.

were on hand to say a final

in-school goodbye.

"Three of the six of these graduates started here in seventh grade," said school administrator Kevin Fitton. "They exemplify the best we have to offer."

The class, as a whole, were seen as school leaders, Fitton said, participating in all the extra-curricular and arts classes the school offers.

The guest speaker at the ceremony, on June 1, was Michael Joint, a former VCS paraprofessional who had worked at the school in its second and third year. Joint left the school to finish up his own college degree, and now works as the associate program director at the Northern Tier High Adventure Base in Ely. Joint had gotten to know many more VCS students since Northern Tier partners with VCS to offer summer and winter canoeing and camping trip for the students.

"When I first met you," he said to the graduates, "I was only a few years older than you are

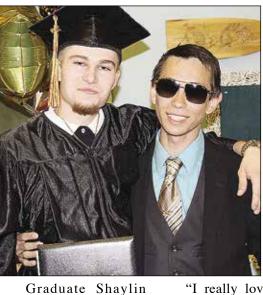
Joint urged the students to work hard, be honest with themselves, and acknowledged a lesson he had learned as an adult, that it is hard to be perfect. "Give yourself a break," he said, "and give your family and friends a break too." You need to hold on to those relationships, he added.

He told the students they won't always have a job that they love, but they need to keep their goals in mind, and reach towards what they want.





Graduates (clockwise from above left) Daqari Shanks, Jacob Karasti giving a hug to Shaylin Peliska, Presley Johnson got flowers from her family, Jason Premo with Jeffrrey Mattson VCS '18. photos by J. Summit



"I really love her," he said. "VCS is a second

"I came here in eighth mates to follow through grade," she said. "I wasn't doing well at my other

She talked about how VCS has helped her through so many things, and how the friendships she had made her first day at school continued through her time at VCS.

Peliska spoke about the

impact the school had on

Graduate Daqari Shanks said his six years at VCS had been "amazing."

"Our staff here is so special," he said, singling out his teachers, one by one, for special praise, or in some cases, some comedic relief. These were teachers with the energy to power him through a rough day, teachers who were always watching ("like a hawk") to make sure everything was going smoothly, staff who he considered "a walking library", staff who supported him in the resource room, and a school office manager who he said was the "school mom."

home to me.'

Daqari urged his class-

on their goals and dreams "with all your heart." "We made it!" he said. VCS math teacher Al

White thanked the parents and families in attendance. "Nothing would have been possible without

your support," he said. "We share in the trials and tribulations of their lives." White reminded the students that they will continueonthispathoflearning. "You can learn more than you know, and more than

you learned before," he said. "You are unaware of the limits of your capabilities." VCS special education advisor Morgen

Carlon reminded each of the graduates how far they had come during their time at VCS.

"You make us hopeful for your future and our future," she said. " Carlon singled out

each of the graduates for

their signature strengths. Jason Premo for this sense of style, Presley Johnson for her free spirit, Shaylin Peliska for her artistry, Jacob Karasti for his love of adventure, and Daqari Shanks for his sense of self and unique spirit, comparing him to a peacock, and urging him to show off his feathers brightly and often.

V C S graduate Katerina Schmidt was not at the ceremony. Kat had spent the last two years as a PSEO student at Vermilion Community College, where she graduated with her AA degree a few weeks ago, and had already moved out of state to continue her education.

Vermilion Country School is a grades 7-12 free public charter school located in Tower. The school offers transportation from Ely, Virginia/Mt. Iron/Eveleth, Aurora/Hoyt Lakes/Embarrass/Babbitt. and the Tower/Soudan/ Lake Vermilion areas.

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River, regularly exceed what limited water quality standards are currently imposed on the company, including for sulfates, specific conductance, and total dissolved solids. U.S. Steel's petition is

highly technical in nature and seeks to change the official classification of a portion of the Dark River that supports wild and stocked trout. Public waters in Minnesota are regulated based on their classifications, which reflect potential uses of those waters, such as drinking water, recreation, industrial or agricultural irrigation. Those classes include: Class 1 (drinking water), Class 2 (aquatic life, recreation, and wildlife) Class 3 (industrial), Class 4 (agricultural), and Class 5 (aesthetic enjoyment).

Many public waters have multiple designated uses and, when taken together, those designations can impact the water quality standards that the MPCA is required to enforce for those lakes or streams. U.S. Steel is seeking

to drop three designated uses, including drinking water, industrial, and agricultural, for the trout stream portion of the Dark River, which begins about a mile and a half downstream from Dark Lake. According to the company, the change makes sense, since the stretch of river is unlikely to be used for industrial or agriculture and it is not currently used in any significant means for drinking water. The trout stream segment of the Dark River extends eight miles and is located within the Superior National Forest, about 16 miles northeast of Chisholm.

The agency, back in March, issued a call for public comments on U.S. Steel's proposal, which were due at the end of April. Other steps still lie ahead and MPCA officials say they don't have a clear timeline at this point as to when they might be ready to issue a decision on U.S. Steel's proposal.

Yet MPCA officials U.S. Steel's petition and agree that the information submitted supports the requested review of the designated uses. The MPCA tentatively plans to develop a "use and value demonstration" to remove the uses as U.S. Steel is seeking, "based on the determination that the specific beneficial uses of drinking water, industrial consumption and agricultural irrigation do not currently exist for the trout reach portion of the Dark River, and are reasonably unlikely to occur in the future."

In many cases, the designated uses are applied to waterways based on little actual analysis or review, but a use and value determination is one way to more thoroughly assess the appropriateness of a use designation.

According to MPCA officials, "all other use classes, and the standards that protect those uses, including the protection of aquatic life and the identification of this water as a trout water, will not be affected by the use classification changes being considered."

"It looks so reasonable on its surface," said Nancy Schuldt, water protection coordinator for the Fond du Lac Band, which strongly opposes the change. "You have to really understand the Clean Water Act and the underlying motivation of industry to recognize that this really is appalling."

At issue, according to critics, is that the three designated uses for the river that U.S. Steel wants to eliminate are the only uses in state rules that come with the strictest numeric standards for some of the very pollutants that U.S. Steel is discharging into area waterways, like the Dark River.

The drinking water standard, for example, sets a sulfate limit of 250 milligrams per liter. Discharges from Minntac's tailings basin routinely exceed 1,000 mg/l, or four times the allowable drinking water standard. The industrial and agricultural classes also include say they've reviewed limits for sulfate, total

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dissolved solids, and specific conductance, which the Minntac discharges typically exceed.

U.S. Steel doesn't deny its motivation. In fact, the company is not requesting removing other designated uses, such as livestock watering, because the company isn't currently violating those standards. "Available data show that these classes' numeric and narrative standards are met in the Dark River designated trout stream," states U.S. Steel in its petition filing with the MPCA.

By contrast, U.S. Steel's discharges into the Dark River have regularly exceeded the water quality standards established for the types of uses that U.S. Steel wants to eliminate. The most significant is the company's ongoing violation of the drinking water standard for sulfate, of 250 mg/l.

The company has also exceeded standards for hardness, bicarbonates, total dissolved solids, specific conductance and aluminum.

The Dark River would still be designated as Class 2, for aquatic life, recreation, and wildlife, but those public waters are not protected by any numeric water quality standard. Instead, they are covered by what's known as a narrative standard, which ostensibly requires protection of the environment. Yet those standards, because they are not clearly spelled out, have proven difficult to effectively enforce in the past, note environmental advocates. As a trout stream, the eight-mile stretch of the Dark River in question, is subject to other requirements to maintain cold temperatures and sufficient dissolved oxygen to support trout, but those standards don't appear to be threatened by

Minntac's discharges. "It's pretty clear they're trying to gut all the surface water quality standards to which they might have to comply,'

said Paula Maccabee, legal counsel for Water Legacy. "They're trying to roll back a half century of environmental laws.'

MPCA spokesperson Darin Broton doesn't see it that way. "The MPCA is not considering weakening any protections to trout streams, including the Dark River," he said in response to questions from the Timberjay. "U.S. Steel has requested a change in the designation, which is permitted under Minnesota rules.

The MPCA has taken public comments on this proposed change and is still reviewing them. Any petitioner would not only need to prove the trout stream is not harmed, but also ensure downstream standards are also met - an extremely high bar for any petitioner."

Ulterior motive?

Tribal officials acknowledge that the change likely wouldn't make much difference to the Dark River's trout population, which has managed to persist despite the fact that Minntac has been discharging pollutants into the river for decades.

"The fact that trout might be hanging on isn't really the issue," said Schuldt, who notes that other types of aquatic life are more sensitive to some of the pollutants that Minntac is discharging than are trout.

That's not really the issue, anyway, insists Schuldt. "They're [U.S. Steel] trying to game the system. The only place they want a change in use classification is where there is any link to a numeric standard that they have to meet."

While MPCA officials claim that the change won't impact water quality in the trout portion of the Dark River, that assumes that U.S. Steel won't use the change in classification as justification for changes in its newly-issued permit. Minntac's new permit requires the

company to eventually install a seepage collection and return system at the outlet to the Dark River in order to reduce its pollution outflow into the Dark River. The MPCA required the company to install a similar system at the outflow of the Sandy River several years ago and officials believe that's reduced pollution discharges into that river by about 40 percent. The Sandy River is a tributary to the Pike River, which discharges into Lake Vermilion.

According to Broton, the MPCA expects a seepage capture and return system at the Dark River outflow will capture all of the surface discharge, although subsurface seepage would likely continue as is the case for the Sandy River. But that's based on the projections of engineers in a hydrogeological system that Broton acknowledges is "very complex and variable" in different parts of the basin. "Because of this uncertainty, it is difficult to estimate the projected overall capture efficiency (of total seepage) of the Dark River system," he stated.

If the MPCA were to change the use classification on the Dark River, as U.S. Steel proposes, it could bolster a subsequent argument by the company that seepage collection isn't necessary.

The company has aggressively resisted the MPCA's authority for years, deploying a wide

range of strategies to hold off regulators. When that's failed, they've tapped the political clout of Iron Range legislators to get their way in St. Paul.

The MPCA and the state of Minnesota had come under increasing pressure from the federal **Environmental Protection** Agency in the later years of the Obama administration for the state agency's longstanding failure to clamp down on pollution discharges from Minntac and other taconite mines on the Iron Range.

Environmental advocates now worry that the lax enforcement of the Trump EPA is being seen by industry as an opportunity to weaken regulations across the board, in a way that EPA officials under prior administrations would have never allowed.

"I think that's exactly what's happening," said Maccabee. "Under Trump, there's a license to do all this stuff. We're in a period of disregard for the environment and general lawlessness - and it's terrifying to me."

In the case of Minntac. Schuldt said the company's ongoing strategy to undermine water quality enforcement predates the Trump administration. "It is just a bonus for them to have an EPA that's so lax its oversight capacity. That makes it easier for them to do these things. I'd like to think that the MPCA could not get away with it otherwise.'

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IN BRIEF

Children's Art Camp opens on Monday

ELY - It's again time for all young Ely area artists who will be 2nd thru 6th graders in September to sign up for the Ely Arts and Heritage Center's Summer Children's Art Camp.

This year, camp will run from Monday, June 10 until Wednesday, June 12 from 8:45 a.m. the first day of camp and on 9 a.m. the following two days until noon each day. On Wednesday June 12, parents and friends are invited to attend the noon public art exhibit of the Camp's projects.

Students in grades 2-6 visiting family and friends in the Ely area are also welcome to register and Camp is held at the

Ely Miners Dry Building located just below the Pioneer Mine head frame at 401 N. Pioneer Road.

Questions should be directed to co-chairs Muffin Nelson at 218-235-1912 or Sue Syverson at 319-610-3812.



Ely-Winton Historical Society

Summer History Nights Programs

With the exception of June 12, all programs begin at 7 p.m. They will be held in CL 104 at Vermilion Community College. All programs are free and open to the public. A free-will donation is appreciated.

June 12: Genealogy with Bobbi Hoyt: This is a two-part program with sessions at 1 p.m. and 6 p.m.

June 19: Movie Night: Home movies of Ely people and places.

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IRRR set to approve regional infrastructure grants

by KEITH VANDERVORT

Ely Editor

REGIONAL - The Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board will have 13 infrastructure grants, totaling more than \$2.3 million, on their agenda when they meet June 7 at the agency's headquarters in Eveleth.

The Community Infrastructure program helps regional cities, townships and tribal units of government fund much-needed infrastructure projects, on a matching basis, to support community development.

Three such grants, if approved, will directly aid the communities of Babbitt, Cook and Ely. Those projects include:

➤ \$350,000 for the city of Cook to help fund construction of a new water main loop on the west side of Hwy. 53, from the alley east of South River Street to Third Street SE to provide adequate potable water and fire protection for the existing commercial businesses in the area.

The waterline upgrade will enhance opportunities for business growth in the vicinity as well as support the redevelopment of Zup's Food Market, which was destroyed by fire last November. The Zup's owners are planning to rebuild at the location where the original facility operated. The project is expected to retain 44 permanent jobs and create 36 construction jobs.

➤ \$120,000 for the city of Ely to help extend high-speed broadband fiber on both alleys on the north and south side of Sheridan Street from Third Avenue West to Eighth Avenue East.

The fiber will be installed on existing utility poles owned both by the city of Ely and Frontier Communications. The city will construct and own the fiber and CTC will lease the line to provide service to the customers. The lease payments will be used to pay off anticipated debt service on the project as well as invest in future expansion once the debt is paid back. The project is expected to create two construction jobs.

➤ \$250,000 for the city of Babbitt to help with a utility extension as part of their second phase of a campground development project. The

project includes expanding the existing Birch Lake Recreation Area to add a new 22-acre campground with 49 new campsites that will accommodate recreational vehicles as well as tent campers. Two restrooms and a camp office/shower/restroom facility will also be constructed at the campground.

Phase II includes city utilities (water, sewer, electrical) to be extended to the campground and to the existing facilities in the recreation area. The infrastructure extension will open up areas for new

commercial and housing development.

The Birch Lake Recreation Area sits on a 37-acre, city-owned parcel located on Birch Lake. The campground will be connected to an existing paved pedestrian/ bike trail that connects to the city of Babbitt and eventually to the Mesabi Trail. The campground will also connect to the new Prospector ATV trail that will serve campers seeking off-trail vehicle opportunities.

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Saturday, June 8, opens with the "Shake-a-Leg" 5K race registration at Doug Johnson Park at 8 a.m. The softball tournament will start at 9 a.m. at Dan Swanson Memorial Field. All the vendor booths, the "bounce house," kids games, and the Book Sale at the Book Barn will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Pet Show registration will begin at 9:30 a.m., with the show starting at 10 a.m. at the Gazebo. Following the Pet Show, the kids competition races will be held in the Post Office area. The annual Car Show registration will begin downtown at 11 a.m. on Saturday. The cars will be on display for voting until 3 p.m., when the winners will be announced. At noon on Saturday the Lock/Stock action will begin in the Gazebo area. The "bail money" to release those "locked up" will be used to

stock the Food Shelf. Bingo will take place at VFW Post 1757 from noon until 3 p.m. From 2 p.m. to 6 p.m., spectators can see chainsaw carving demos by local artist Mike Hanson downtown. Then at 3 p.m. the first of two Lumberjack Shows by Adam LaSalle and his crew will begin. The second show will start at 5 p.m. There will be live music at the VFW from 8 p.m. to midnight and at the Old Muni from 8 p.m. to 11 p.m. At dusk, the spectacular Fireworks Display will begin at Doug Johnson Park.

On Sunday, June 9, food and beverage, arts and crafts vendors, and Friends of the Library Book Sale at the Book Barn will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The softball tournament at Dan Swanson Memorial Field is scheduled from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. The ever-popular lawn mower races will begin registration at 10:30 a.m. with the races starting at 11:30 a.m. Kids games and the "bounce house" will open at 11 a.m. downtown. An ecumenical church service with Pastor Foss will be held at the Gazebo at 11 a.m. Mike Hanson's chainsaw carving demos can be seen from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

And don't miss the parade on Sunday at 2 p.m. featuring Grand Marshal Mark Eyre. After the parade, VFW Post 1757 will conduct the flag retirement ceremony and the raffle ticket winners will be announced at the Gazebo. Music in the Park will follow. The 2019 Cook Timber Days festival will wind down with live music at the Old Muni.

Those who have questions about the schedule may contact Carrolle at 218-248-0170 or Diane at 218-780-2537.



Tower native Adam LaSalle and his crew will be entertaining crowds with a lumberjack show at the Cook Timber Days celebration this weekend. submitted photo

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Council member Jerome Debeltz, who motioned for the resolution setting the deadline, was also eager for reso-

lution. "We've been at this for many years and it would be nice to get rid of this problem," he said.

City attorney Kelly Klun noted that the resolution calls for the abatement of as many as six specific blight conditions at the property, including removing the front and back porches, ensuring rafters and the roof are structurally sound, and the complete removal of the detached garage.

Previously, council members had agreed with city building official Doug Whitney that re-roofing and repairing the garage could be completed rather than razing the structure. In fact, Sherwood notified council members during the public hearing prior to the council meeting that he obtained a building permit that very day for the garage

At the opening of the public hearing, Sherwood asked for a continuance of the proceedings because he claimed he was not given a 10-day notice of the public hearing. The notice, however, was dated May 24, for a hearing on June 4.

He said he hoped to "do enough that is suitable, and that Doug (Whitney) and I can get an agreement where everyone is happy."

He added, "I think that by your next meeting, I can get everything resolved, except for the front porch." He said he wanted to complete the work on the front porch when the street reconstruction is finished.

Whitney reviewed the list of blight abatement items that have not been resolved. "The back porch that goes upstairs was just left hanging. The side porch is partially done but there is no railing. The garage roof is just sheeted and not shingled. The front porch was partially shingled," he said.

"Basically, a whole lot has not happened in the last two years, and that's why this is back before the council. He just comes back and asks for more time and still nothing happens," Whitney said.

Council member Heidi Omerza noted that the homeowner should be awarded "some compassion," but she also asked for compassion for the other residents in the neighborhood. "This is hard for me," she said. "He was here many times since 2016. Do we just have faith

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that he will get this done in two weeks? Does this council have the courage to move forward on this? We didn't last year."

Novak asserted that he was ready to move on. "If you look at the number of times (Sherwood) has been before this council with the same issues and giving us promises that have never been fulfilled, it is very hard to give him more slack," he said. "The neighbors will be livid if

we don't take action." Klun noted that the building code does provide for the issuing of penalties if a blight abatement order is not followed. "The original order from 2016, at a \$100 per week fine, would be almost \$12,000 in penalties that could be assessed," she said.

The council did not have the appetite to assess the penalties to Sherwood. The unanimously approved the resolution declaring the property at 21 W Shagawa Rd. to be in blight condition, and will move for summary judgment in court if corrective action is not completed by July 5.

Sanitation committee

With the city's notice that it will not renew the waste disposal contract with G-Men Environmental Services when it expires at the end of the year, the business requested a meeting of the Sanitation Committee to discuss the issue.

Council member Albert Forsman suggested the council discuss the matter at a study session. Novak asked that all interested parties be allowed to attend and weigh in on the city's waste disposal options.

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council: ➤ Approved temporary liquor licenses for the Ely Jaycees for Crapola Fest on June 29, for Music at the Bandshell on July 11, for the Blueberry Arts Festival, July 26-28, and the Ely Marathon, Sept.

➤ Hired Joe Shusta for the utility person position, pending background check and pre-employment screening.

➤ Assigned Ely Police Officer Chad Houde as a temporary sergeant until Sgt. Koponen returns to duty following surgery.

➤ Named a union contract negotiating committee as recommended from the Employee Relations Committee.

➤ Issued a civil citation to the owners of the property at 79 W Chandler for ongoing blight condi-

➤ Agreed to purchase a 2019 RAM 2500 Tradesman from Mike Motors for \$26,854. The vehicle will be used primarily for snowplowing.



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Birch bark canoe project underway at Ely Folk School

ELY-Work is underway once again on the birch bark canoe project at the Ely Folk School, offering participants handcrafting skills and more as they learn, in detail, the many aspects of creating a birch bark canoe.

This summer, the class meets on Mondays from 5-9 p.m. through Aug. 12. Participation is free for visitors who'd like to give the class a tryout. For project member-builders, the fee is \$30 for the entire year.

"Our goal is to complete and paddle our new 20-foot, traditional Ojibwe-style birch bark canoe, which is in its third and final year of construction," said instructor Erik Simula, a Finnish-American outdoor educator and master birch bark canoe builder, who has overseen the project the previous two summers. Folk school students completed a smaller, 13-foot Ojibwe-style birch bark canoe under Simula's guidance during his first summer at the EFS.

Typically, the class meets in the North Classroom next to the red blacksmith shop behind the folk school. "Participants are free to come and leave when they want," Simula said.

Their focus this week was on lacing canoe hull bark with spruce roots and constructing endframes. Ongoing work includes crafting with broad hatchets, draw knives and shaving horses, and using crooked knives to produce cedar gunwale caps, planks, and ribs.

He noted that this year, the birch bark canoe project is receiving more assistance from class 20-foot Ojibwe-style craft should be completed be summer's end



Erik Simula is leading an Ely Folk School project this summer to finish contruction on a 20-foot Ojibwe-style birch bark canoe. Work is taking place in the facility's north classroom. Erik is shown fitting the end pieces at top right, and below right he works with Phyllis Brown to shape the gunwale caps from a single piece of cedar. photos by K. Vandervort

members and interested volunteers harvesting materials needed to complete the watercraft. Bear grease or some other type of animal fat is added to the cooked-down pitch and charcoal is added as a bonding agent, according to Simula.

"Even the best spruce pitch erodes and wears away. You constantly have to apply more, so we always need more spruce pitch," he said. "Seepage is normal on a birch bark canoe. We put the word out and people just bring it in on their own." As much as five gallons of the "liquid duct tape" will be needed for the project.

Simula is also the executive director of the Minnesota Canoe Museum here in Ely, and continues to promote its growth and exposure.

With extensive teaching experience at Voyageur Outward Bound School, Vermilion Community College, Ely Folk School, and the North House Folk School, Simula said he enjoys giving back to the Ely community. He lives in Finland, Minn., and spent most of his 50-something years in the northeast part of the state. "Canoeing has always been a big part of my life," he said. "This community has great people and I'm glad to be a part of it. Ely has always been a special place for me."

He has experience as a National Park Ranger at Grand Portage National Monument, wilderness mushing guide in Alaska, Lapland, and Minnesota, and as a John Beargrease Sled Dog Marathon finisher.

In 2009, Erik and his dog Kitigan paddled a solo birch bark canoe around the perimeter of Northeast Minnesota on a four month, 1,000-mile voyage and he is currently writing of his travels in Arrowhead Journey.

"I am surprised that many people wanted to build a canoe from start to finish. It has been my experience that you just can't build a canoe in two weeks," he said.

Centuries ago entire Native American communities would be involved in the construction of their watercraft and the process would take several weeks at best. "It was a family and community endeavor and they were skilled at it. It was part of their life and they were proficient," Simula said. "There has been a large disconnect in the last 100 years or so, with the loss of many cultural skills and native knowledge."

He added, "We draw a lot of interest. The people twho have helped have great pride in what they are doing. There is a real cultural and community connection to constructing a birch bark canoe."







WILDLIFE

Bear sanctuary opens new welcome center

by MARCUS WHITE Cook/Orr Editor

ORR - After three years in planning, the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary will host a grand opening of its new welcome center on Hwy. 53 south of Orr

The welcome center is located in the old Ferrell Gas building, which also was home to the Timberjay when it first began publish-

on Saturday, June 15 at

11 a.m.

ing in the late 1980s. "We're finally ready to open it to the public," center director Stephanie Horner said. "It will raise the profile of the sanctuary with a more visible pres-

ence on the main road." The sanctuary itself is located about 15 minutes away on Nett Lake Road.

As part of the festivities, the new welcome center will have a ribbon cutting with Orr Mayor Joel Astleford along with prize drawings on the hour.

Many of the prizes are donated, Horner said, from local businesses in Orr.

She said they will also play a documentary series from National Geographic and the Smithsonian Institute that features the sanctuary.

The added space allows the center to expand program offerings with

a larger space which includes a classroom. The added parking space will allow for more visitors at the center. formerly owned by Vince Horner previously told the Timberjay in December a shuttle service will be offered between the new welcome center and the sanctuary.

The sanctuary has been open since 1995 when the American Bear Association assumed ownShute, who had begun feeding bears at his former logging camp back in the 1970s. Since taking over the site, the association shifted the feeding operation to healthier fare, ended handfeeding of bears, and built a protected viewing platform to keep humans



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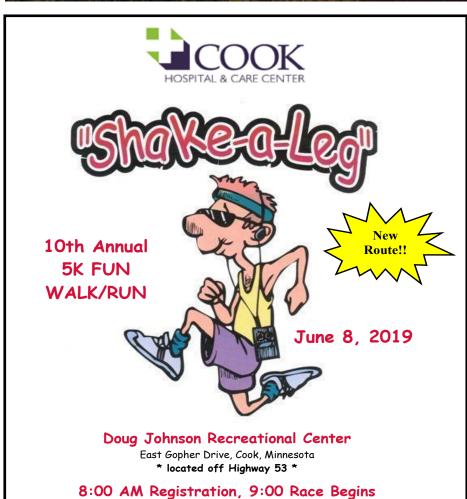
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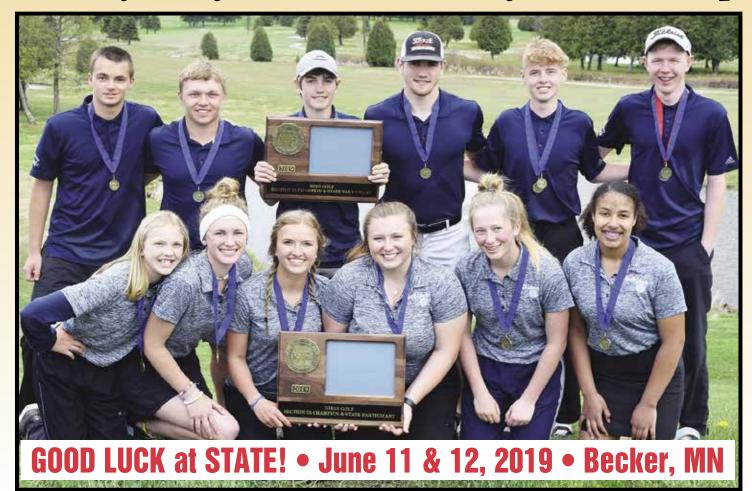
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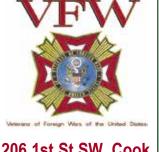


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Twelve Timberwolves qualify for state

Boys take second, girls take 15th at section tourney

by MARCUS WHITE

Cook-Orr Editor

DULUTH - Twelve students from Ely are headed to the state tournament at Hamline University in St. Paul after placing high in the section tournament last week.

Luke Olson proved the team's lone first-place finisher in the section meet, narrowly winning the 800-meter run with a time of 1:57.76, just shy of three-tenths of a second ahead of Cameron Stocke of Virginia.

Raif Olson qualified with a second-place time of 43.44 in the 300meter hurdles.

Eric Omerza placed second in triple jump with a score of 41-10.

For the girls, Brielle Kallberg will represent the team in long jump after placing second out of 14 competitors with a score of 16-01.5. Kallberg has been consistently scoring in the top three in long jump all season long.

In team sports, the boys qualified with second-place finishes in the 4x400-meter relay and the

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James Schwinghamer runs a relay.

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GRAND OPENING

YMCA makes big move in Ely area



Camp Northern Lights opens on Bear Island Lake

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

BABBITT - "This is hallowed ground," said Camp Northern Lights Executive Director Niki Roussopoulos Geisler during a May 25 ribbon-cutting and grand opening dedication at the newest Ely-area YMCA

Last fall, the Greater Twin Cities YMCA purchased the Timberwolf Lodge and Northern

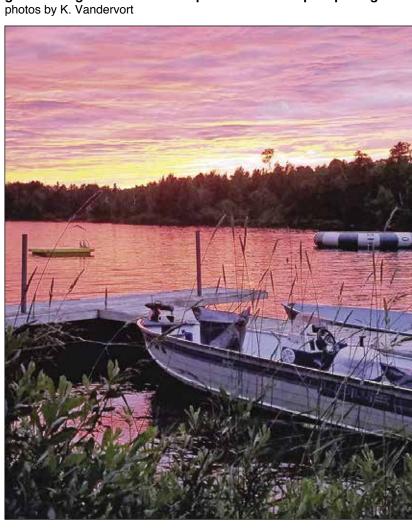
tion, located on Hwy. 21 between Ely and Babbitt, continues the YMCA's tradition of creating access to nature through meaningful outdoor experiences.

This second family camp facility in northern Minnesota joins Camp Du Nord, which opened in 1960 on Burntside Lake. The YMCA operates eight overnight camps

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Lights Lodge and Resort Above: Local officials cut the ribbon on the YMCA camp: on Bear Island Lake. Below: sunset over the new camp docks. Bottom-left: Pro-The \$4.1 million acquisi- gram Manager Jim Schwartz speaks at the camp's opening.



Grizzlies three-peat at golf tourney

by MARCUS WHITE

Cook-Orr Editor

BECKER - Will this be the year? It was a common question heard around the halls of North Woods in the days before summer break this year, as both the boys and girls golf teams make their third straight run at a state title in Becker, beginning next Tuesday.

the boys basketball team made their third straight run at a state title, and finished as runners-up for the second year in

Earlier in the year,

"The team is excited," said junior Coley Olson. "You can

feel it at every practice. I

can't wait to experience

state with my younger

sister, and the rest of the

girls who have already become family to me.'

Olson is a familiar face in the tournament, having gone to the tournament in Becker the past three years, helping the team place sixth in 2017. Last year the boys took third-place on the strength of Coley's older brother's performance. Then a senior, Tate Olson finished fourth

overall in the individual competition.

"The whole team is excited to get down to Pebble Creek and start our state golf adventure,"."We have a young team that has grown dramatically during the season," said Girls Head Coach Kandi Olson. rience, noted Olson. "They have continued to "They are very comfortwork hard during these last few weeks. We

expect that there will be a few 'jitters' that we'll need to work through, but hopefully the kids will get a good feel of the course during the practice round." Both Kylie Parson and Coley Olson have previous state tournament expe-

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BASEBALL

Wolves stay alive at section tourney

by Marshall Helmberger

Managing Editor

WADE STADIUM—Junior Dalton Schreffler tossed a fivehit shutout on Tuesday to help lead Ely to a 4-0 win here to stay alive in the Section 7A baseball playoffs. After a rainout in the second contest of the evening, the Wolves were set to play in the semi-final round on Wednesday as the Timberjay went to press.

Ely took the lead in the first inning, when senior Trevor Mattson drove in senior Tyler Housey and junior Nils DeRemee. Housey added insurance runs on a two-RBI single in the sixth after senior Ryan Quick drew a walk and freshman Mason Davis ripped a double.

"Schreffler was stellar in the pitching win to advance Ely," said Head Coach Frank Ivancich.

Ely made it to the Wade after beating both Cherry and Nashwauk-Keewatin in quarterfinal round action on May 30. In the opener last Thursday, Nils ReRemee posted two hits and batted in two, while Bryce Longwell and Mason Davis tallied two hits apiece, as the Wolves dumped Cherry 8-3.

Dalton Schreffler got the win, giving up three runs on seven hits while fanning seven.

In the nightcap, Longwell scattered six hits and struck out three to shut out the Spartans, 3-0. Sophomore Lane Anderson had a strong day at the plate, with two hits including a double and an RBI.

Junior TJ Banks and Schreffler tallied two hits apiece.

Grizzlies out after back-to-back losses at section tourney

HIBBING - The Grizzlies saw their season come to a close here, this past Thursday, after a 10-0 loss to Cook County. The loss was the second of the day for North Woods, and it ended their hopes to advance in the double elimination tournament for Section 7A baseball.

The Grizzlies fell to South Ridge, 11-6.

The loss came on the heels of strong opening wins in section tournament play earlier last week, when the team upset both Deer River and first-seeded Ely.

Stats for games and coaches' comments were unavailable as of press time.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Building a sustainable house in Ely

curious about living sustainably, but find yourself discouraged by all there is to learn? Between the technical jargon, home design issues, and a growing small house movement, it's never been easier to dabble in environmental living— or more intimidating. Maybe you've felt intrigued by the sustainable building process but haven't had a chance to actively engage in the process. What if you could take a front row seat to the physical building over a series of months and have an active hand in constructing a sustainable home right here in Ely? Perhaps you'd feel an accessibility that you previously hadn't known, or better yet, be motivated to change your lifestyle, too.

Andy and Paula Hill's mission with their home project is to build an affordable, energy-efficient, environmentally-responsible home within the city limits, and share the process through a series of informative articles and hands-on classes. Their goal is to document the entire project through stages, including site analysis, architecture and



MARSCHKA

design, material choices and construction, all while fostering a community involvement that typically would prove difficult in an out-of-town, off-thegrid home. You may have read about the project in the Timberjay's Home Improvement section last month. Over the next few months, you'll have the opportunity to learn more, in person.

Some of the main project goals that will be top of mind in the coming months include the installation of passive solar, hydronic in-floor heat for heating the home. The Hills would like to burn less than one cord of wood a year, and use less than 100 gallons of propane.



The pair are also eager to build the house for under \$200/sq. ft. and showcase durability and sustainability in their building practices and material choices.

Through accessible language void of technical jargon, they hope to create a process that's easy to follow and is approachable to all. One of the main concerns with building sustainably is sourcing the right materials. Andy and Paula are grateful to the city for their help in the beginning stages, as well as their sponsors locally and nationwide that specialize in sustainable resources and share the couple's values in conscious building for future generations.

In fact, the Ely Folk School is collaborating with the Hills in a class structure that will allow individuals to participate in the construction and learning process on Saturdays from June to September. Specifically, June and July will offer teaching on wall and construction design, in addition to floor assembly. August and September will provide opportunities for learning how to install solar hot water and photovoltaic panels, appliances, mechanical and water recovery systems.

In September, the group will move outside and build raised garden beds. More information will be available before the first Saturday class on the Ely Folk School website, set to begin on June 8. The target audience for Saturday classes is young and young-at-heart sustainability enthusiasts are interested in learning more about the process of building green in a residential environment. in addition to those who may have a bit more experience in construction, but are interested in learning the financial advantages of building affordable and environmentally conscious homes.

Following project completion, Andy and Paula will conduct a fiveyear study monitoring the home's performance. This will result in a once-ayear comprehensive document detailing how the house performs in terms of energy use and comfort level, as well as issues that could be improved upon and what they would have approached differently.

With a site located five minutes from downtown, and adjacent to the Trezona Trail, the Hills hope that those interested can physically join in while they're out and about, and actively engage in the process to learn skills for their own endeavors. Stay tuned here for biweekly articles as the home begins its building process from the ground up.

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and 10 day-use camps in Minnesota and western Wisconsin.

Camp Northern Lights sits on 115 acres, features 24 lakefront cabins with full kitchens and bathrooms, and decks or screened porches. Located on a popular fishing lake, the facility also boasts a half mile of shoreline and two swimming beaches.

"We are still under construction and have much work to do," Geisler said. The Y will be adding eight new tent sites and four new bungalow cabins so it can accommodate as many as 180 guests and 40 staff at one time.

The Kobe family first bought the property in 1939 and maintained a popular resort on the lake, according to Geisler. Two daughters of the original owner, Barb and Suzanne, attended the dedication.

Tom Kranz, the Y's vice-president of camping, noted that the need for a second family camp in northern Minnesota was obvious for many years, as a lottery for camping reservations at Camp Du Nord typically fills up in a matter of hours each year.

"We looked at the Gunflint Lodge and another place on Boy Lake near Walker," he said. "We fell in love with the Timber Wolf Lodge here, and waited another two years to purchase the adjacent Northern Lights Resort because we need more room."

YMCA's donors, along with a grant from a Twin Cities foundation, provided the roughly \$3 million needed to purchase the resorts, Kranz said. Another parcel of land between the two resorts was also purchased over the winter, and will become accessible after the summer. "We'll have a total of 124 acres to grow on," Kranz added.

"With YMCA Camp Northern Lights, we are ensuring the Y continues to serve our community with great outdoor experiences for all to enjoy," said board member Tony Bassett.

"This is a new opportunity for us," added Chief Operating Officer Greg Waibel. "We are providing an all-inclusive environment where we welcome all people. The YMCA is committed to providing everyone opportunities to get away from daily distractions, unplug and enjoy nature year-round."

The YMCA Summer Family Camp program offers three-, four- and seven-day options. Camp staff lead the age-specific programming for a portion of the day and all-family programs in the afternoons and evenings. In addition to family camp, teens 15-18 years oldcan develop valuable leadership skills through a two-week program that provides hands-on training assisting camp counselors and facilitating programs.

During the school year, YMCA Camp Northern Lights has seven winterized cabins that are available. Families and groups can enjoy groomed ski trails, snowshoeing, hiking and other outdoor adventures.

Northern Lights campers will have access to fishing boats and trained guides, pontoons, kayaks and paddleboards during the warm weather months.

Prices for the new family camp range from \$550 per week to \$3,000 for larger cabins. Financial assistance is available.

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

YOGA



A yoga session at Cook's Country Connection. submitted photo

Yoga on the farm returns

Baby goats, chickens, alpacas and more join in for meditation under the sunset for a third year in a row

by Marcus WHITE

Cook-Orr Editor

COOK-For some, the idea of relaxing involves a nice quiet evening at home. Others take a different approach.

This week saw the return of Cook's Country Connection's Yoga on the Farm program on Thursday evenings. The popular program involves a typical yoga session with added farm animal participants.

"We have a lot of critters that like to get in on the action," owner Lois Pajari said. "There's alpacas, baby goats, and sheep. Last year we had baby yaks. They all want to do yoga."

Pajari said the program started two years ago on a whim after a friend forwarded an article about farms holding yoga sessions with baby goats.

"I thought it would be interesting to try," Pajari

The farm soon had a smash hit on its hands drawing in people every Thursday evening to lay a mat down on the grass with the animals and try to manage yoga while being cuddled and nuzzled by every animal imaginable.

"People get more one-on-one time with the animals, more so than when the farm is open during its regular hours," she said. "There is something about listening to the birds and hearing the animals around you that is so relaxing."

With or without animals, studies, such as one conducted at the Harvard Medical School in 2012, show relaxing through yoga can improve heart health by reducing blood pressure and muscle tension.

Pajari noted being able to do yoga under the backdrop of the sunset it also another major benefit.

Classes at the farm cost \$10 and are payable to the instructor conducting the class for that week. Most classes are held on Thursday evenings, but Pajari said to check the farm's Facebook page before heading out for

updated times. The classes are held rain or shine with rainy weather pulling the class under the roof of the "big red barn". Smaller animals are moved inside as well to make sure they still get

to partake in all of the fun. Pajari said the tin roof of the barn adds another level of relaxation to the atmosphere.

Participants should take note however on what to bring

"Bring your own mat, but not your favorite," Pajari said, especially since one of the class' furry regulars has an affinity for eating yoga mats.

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4x800.In the 4x400, the team ran 3.34.24, two seconds behind the team from Mesabi East. In the 4x800, the team was eight seconds behind first place with a time of 8:28.01.

Overall, the boys tallied 60 points, good for second place among the 26 teams in the competition, one point behind Mesabi East and one point ahead of Esko.

The girls had a somewhat disappointing performance, placing 15th in the 25-team field with a score of 22.

Coach Megan Devine said that all of the team were champions in her

The state tournament was getting underway as the Timberjay went to

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I'll think they'll be ready

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For the boys, soph-

repeat at the tournament

able with the course, so to go the moment they get down there. We are

this year."

after helping lift the boys to their third-place finish last year. At the section

carded an impressive 72.

The tournament will tee-off next Tuesday in Becker and will conclude

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World Wild Rice Hotdish-Eating

This inaugural event will take place over eight minutes of sanctioned competition time. A new world record will be set in the wild rice hotdish dis-

"We are thrilled to announce the first-ever Wild Rice Hotdish-Eating Championship, on top of Fortune Bay Resort's Indian Taco-Eating Championship," said Richard Shea, President of Major League Eating. "There will be a dramatic showdown between Breeden and Sudo in the fight for this new title," he said.



The Dollipops! perform June 12-15 at local libraries

REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present The Dollipops!, a free program being offered for kids ages 4-9 with their parents/ caregivers/families at Ely, Babbitt, and Cook librar-

Shows will be Wednesday, June 12 at 9:30 a.m. at Ely Public Library; Wednesday, June 12 at 3:30 p.m. at Babbitt Public Library; and Saturday, June 15 at 10 a.m. at Cook Public Library.

Get ready to sing, dance, and laugh with the engaging, high-energy, highly interactive kids' show - The Dollipops! "Dolli" and "Pop" are sisters who have traveled all the way from Sweet Tart City to bring you on a magical and musical road trip that is sure to get kids (and their parents/caregivers) moving, grooving, and making memories. From classic beach tunes to current Hollywood and pop hits, Dolli and Pop use music to allow kids the chance to use their imaginations to sing and dance along, and even to enjoy their very own four and a half minutes of fame! Program length is 45 minutes.

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

Sign up now for Camp Invention, STEM summer programs

REGIONAL- Camp Invention, a program of the National Inventors Hall of Fame, is coming to Virginia, Hibbing, and Grand Rapids during the months of June, July, and August. Camp Invention is sponsored locally by Range Engineering Council. Range Engineering Council (REC) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that was organized exclusively to support and facilitate educational programs and activities across the Iron Range that promote awareness of and encourage participation in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) programs. Dozens of kids enjoy REC's Engineering, Cool! after-

From June to August, Hibbing Community College, Itasca Community College Engineering, and Iron Range Engineering will be hosting the week-long Camp Invention Supercharged day

What does the all-new summer 2019 program look like? Kids will explore the electrifying relationship between frequency, circuitry, motors and gears through reverse-engineering and rebuilding their very own remote-controlled robot. They will unearth hidden fossils, then build ships and innovative equipment to embark on a research expedition to uncover more exciting information about their discovery. They will code and program a robot, Bot-ANN-E, to take on duties and help turn a polluted wasteland into a fruitful farm and successful business. Lastly, kids will collaborate with the Innovation Force, a team of National Inventor Hall of Fame Inventors turned action-packed superheroes, to design superhero gadgets and disguises, explore the fields of engineering and fabrication and take on the sinister villain, the Plagiarizer.

Camp Invention will take place at Hibbing Community College on June 24 - June 28; Itasca Community College Engineering on July 22 - July 26, Iron Range Engineering on August 5 -Sign up today. Programs are limited to 70 par-

ticipants and are filling up quickly! Camp Invention is open to kids in grades 1-6 during the 2019-2010 school year. Thanks to generous funding provided by REC, our local programs have a reduced registration fee of \$175 (normal registration is \$210). Need-based scholarships are still available for our ICC location. Sign up today by calling 1-800-968-4332. Please contact Lisa Rudstrom at lrudstrom@

vmps.org for more information and visit the Camp

Invention website at www.invent.org/programs/

camp-invention.

Obituaries and Death Notices



Nancy L. Berens

Nancy Lee Berens, 82, of Embarrass, passed away on Wednesday, May 29, 2019, at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. A family gathering to celebrate Nancy's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of

Nancy was born to John and Elsie Johnson on April 16, 1937, in Hibbing. She attended school in Hibbing. Nancy soon met the love of her life, Kenneth Berens, and they were united in marriage on Sept. 25, 1954, in Hibbing. They were blessed with three children.

Nancy was a natural born caregiver, raising her children and then working as a CNA for Arrowhead Nursing Home (St. Michael's) in Virginia. She lovingly cared for the residents for 19 years until her retirement in 1992. She retired the same year as Kenneth so that they could enjoy their retirement together. The couple loved to go camping and fishing together, venturing as far as Oregon and Kansas on a few of their trips.

Nancy's life was centered around her family; they were her pride and joy. She enjoyed cooking, crafting, sewing and quilting for them. She spent many hours crocheting afghans for her grandchildren's graduation gifts.

Nancy is survived by her husband, Kenneth Berens; sons, Michael (Rosemary) Berens and

Richard "Rick" (Janet) Berens; daughter, Beverly Berens; 10 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and sister, Delores Sampson.

She was preceded in death by her parents, John and Elsie; sister, Violet Campell; and brother, Ray Johnson.



Doris Milbridge

Doris Peterson Milbridge, 89, of Tower, passed away on Jan. 18, 2019, at Essentia Health Care in Virginia. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, June 17 at St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower with visitation for one hour prior. Pastor Douglas Workman will officiate. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

Doris Peterson was born in Duluth and grew up in Proctor. She attended UMD in the class of 1955 and flourished as a tennis and softball team player. She earned a teaching license and taught in Wisconsin upon graduating.

Doris married Ray Milbridge in 1956 and moved to Tower later. Doris and Ray operated Ray's Minnows for nearly 20 years until Ray passed away. Doris carried on solely for another 30-plus years. Doris and Ray often invited nephews and nieces to stay for extended summer vacations at their home/business. They taught all of these kids the virtues of hard work and play. Doris worked at several jobs such as teacher, guide, mine laborer, and bookkeeper as well as managing her business to support herself.

Doris expressed sincere special thanks to Ruth Hotakainen, who was a wonderful friend.

Doris is survived by numerous nieces and nephews and their children.



Kay F. Zika

Kay Frances Zika, 81, of Orr, passed away peacefully in the comfort of her own home on Tuesday, June 4, 2019, in the company of her children and grandchildren after a short battle with cancer. At the request of the deceased, there will be no memorial or funeral services. In lieu of flowers or gifts, if anyone would prefer, please donate to St. Mary's Hospice East Range Team, 901 9th St. N, Medical Building, Suite 215, Virginia, MN 55792.

Kay was born on April 11, 1938, in Duluth, to Peter Donnell and Elaine King. She was married to Alan Zika on Feb. 10, 1956, and they resided in Orr the entirety of their 62 years of marriage.

She is survived by her siblings, Dennis (Mary) Donnell, Marlene (Joe) Bosinsky, Alvin (Teresa) Donnell and Jenine (Tim) Oakley; children, Bob (Leigh) Zika, Dan (Laura) Zika, Joe (Cindy) Zika, Elaine (Ed) Lake,

Wendy Zika, Mary Zika and Jean (Pat) Tuomala; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Peter (Jen) Donnell and Elaine King; husband, Alan; son, Peter; and great-granddaughter, Mariah.

"Mother is the name for God in the lips and hearts of little children." William Makepeace Thackeray

John Zbasnik

John Zbasnik, 100, of Ely, a proud World War II veteran, passed away on Sunday, June 2, 2019, at the Ely Bloomenson CommunityHospitalinEly. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, June 6 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

Timothy B. King

Timothy B. King, 61, of Lakeville and formerly of Orr, an award-winning educator, devoted father. beloved husband and son. loved by all who knew him, died unexpectedly on Monday, May 27, 2019. A gathering of family and friends was held on Sunday, June 2 at Hosanna Church in Lakeville. Memorials preferred to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation. Arrangements were with White Funeral Home in Lakeville.

He is survived by his father, Bill; wife, Laurie; children, Tyler and Jayme; many nieces, nephews and cousins; and the countless friends, colleagues and students he touched during his 61 years of life. If love could have saved him, he would have lived forever.

Simple Gifts with Billy McLaughlin performing June 14 at the Cook Community Center

June 14 there will be a special concert at the Cook Community Center featuring Simple Gifts with Billy McLaughlin, performing "The Young and the Rest..."

This concert is sponsored by Northwoods Friends of the Arts. It is NWFA's annual fundraising concert. Simple Gifts and Billy McLaughlin invite you to a new, yearround show "The Young and The Rest... 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."

Doors open at 5:30 p.m. with a pre-concert by regional talent Eric Pederson. There will be refreshments, basket raffles, and silent auctions until 7 p.m. when Simple Gifts begin their music.

Tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. To purchase advance tickets, call Lisa at 218-780-1151, Shawna at 218-780-6510, or you may stop by Andrews Cameras in Virginia or Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery, open on Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. and Saturday from 9

a.m. to 1 p.m. The gallery

COOK- On Friday, is on Cook's main street for the annual Spring Art hours in participating local at 210 S River St. The concert takes place at the Cook Community Center on the grounds of the Doug Johnson Recreation Area, 510 E Gopher Dr.

NWFA marks its ninth year since its creation by community members of Cook to inspire, nurture, and celebrate the arts. The gallery exhibits the work of about 40 artists yearround. June is the month

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PROTECTING THE RESOURCE

Tips to successfully catch and release a fish

by Marshall Helmberger

REGIONAL — For many anglers these days, catching and releasing fish is part of their normal experience. Whether it's done to comply with a protected slot limit, or simply a personal decision to leave larger breeding stock, many of the fish anglers catch these days are no longer automatically headed to the frying pan.

But will the fish we catch and return ultimately survive? In truth, not every one of them will, depending on the extent of their injuries and how long they were kept out of the water.

In order to improve the survival of released fish, the DNR has developed some tips that anglers should consider in order to increase the likelihood that released fish will live to fight another day.

Tips for improving fish survival include:

➤ Taking care to hook fish quickly when they bite. Fish hooked in the mouth almost always survive, so set the hook quickly to avoid hooking a fish deeply. Jigs, circle hooks and active baits like crankbaits are more likely to hook a fish in the mouth.

➤ Use some restraint when fish are really biting, and it is a good idea to avoid deep water when planning to catch and release fish. Fish pulled from deep water are less likely to

➤ Have pliers ready that work well for taking hooks out. Cutting the line and leaving the Right: A Lake Vermilion angler gently returns a slot limit walleye to Big Bay this past opener.

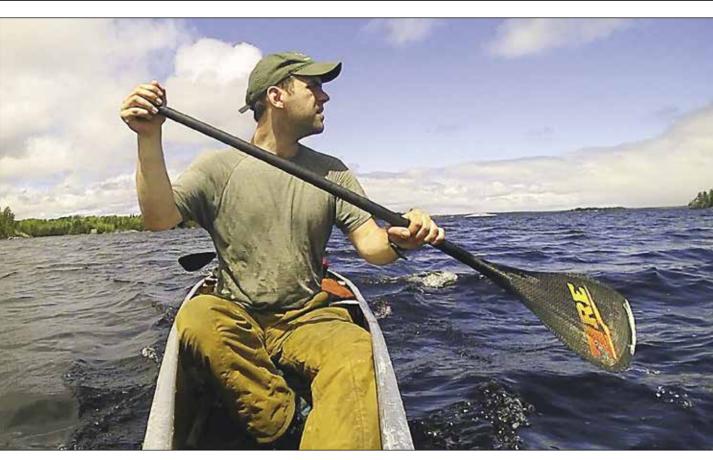
photo by M. Helmberger

hook in the fish is also a good option if you can't remove it

➤ Quickly land a fish to minimize a fish's time out of water. Handle the fish firmly but carefully. Wet your hands before touching a fish to

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A legendary record falls

Minnesota pair completes 260-mile "Falls to the Fort" route in just 69 hours

by JODI SUMMIT

Tower-Soudan Editor

THE BOUNDARY WATERS—Two Minnesota men here have topped a record that many thought could never be broken.

Peter Wagner, of St. Paul, and Matt Petersen, of Crosby, stumbled, near exhaustion, into Grand Portage in the early morning hours of May 28, just 69 hours after leaving Sha-Sha Resort on Rainy Lake, located over 260 miles to the west.

Their journey traced the route traveled by canoeing legends Clint Waddell and Verlen Kruger over a half-century ago, who had completed the route in 80 hours and 20 minutes. Many had since tried to beat Waddell and Kruger's mark, but none had come close until Wagner and Petersen combined strategy and astonishing stamina to topple the long-standing record last week.

Wagner and Petersen took part last year in the annual competition, known as the Border Route Challenge, which includes teams of canoeists competing to complete the route in as little time as pos-

Not surprisingly, the competition has a bit of history. Waddell and Kruger had already made a name for themselves by winning other canoe marathon competitions when they set out to beat the

border route record origi-

Above: Matt Petersen looks left while paddling from Rainy Lake to Grand Portage. Petersen and his canoe partner Peter Wagner, both of Minnesota, set a new speed canoe marathon record over the Memorial Day weekend.

Right: After a day of recovery, Wagner and Petersen pose with their canoe at the Grand Portage historical marker.

nally set back in the era of the Voyageurs. Hudson Bay Company Governor Sir George Simpson documented that early competition, in which Simpson and a companion traveled in a birch bark "North" canoe from "The Falls" to the fort at Grand Portage in six-and-a-half days.

As far as anyone has recorded, that record stood until Waddell and Kruger smashed it in 1968, completing the journey in less than three-and-a-half days. Waddell wrote a brief article of their trip, which the Minnesota Canoe Association published 51 years ago in their newletter, The Hut, forever enshrining the competition in Minnesota canoeing lore.

Wagner and Petersen proved the fastest of the ten teams that competed in the Border Route Challenge last year, finishing in 98 hours. But the two figured they could do better, given slightly different

conditions.



Event organizers held the race in October last year, which has some disadvantages. So, Wagner and Petersen decided to give it a second try, this time in May, setting off at 6 a.m. on Saturday, May 25. Their strategy proved effective, as well as brutal.

"It was pretty cold, and we were miserable," said Wagner. "It was a blessing in disguise because we were motivated to keep moving to stay warm."

The two knew that keeping warm, and getting enough calories, were the keys to successfully completing the journey. And the combination of other factors helped them complete the trip in record time. "The water is pretty high this time of year," Wagner said. "This is why we chose this weekend." The Pigeon River, still swelled from snow melt, was at near-record high water levels. "We ran it at a record pace," Wagner said. "It was probably dangerous."

The two also timed the start of their journey to take the greatest advantage of expected tailwinds on Saturday, which helped the two travel 100 miles in their first 24 hours on the trail. "That big first day put us ahead of schedule," Wagner The late May trip date also

meant more daylight, and less time navigating in the dark.

That can be an issue since, in keeping with the technology of an earlier era, competitors avoid using navigational assistance, like GPS, relying instead on map and compass to find their way through the labyrinth of forest and water

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Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower **PURPLE CLEMATIS**



Look for wild Purple Clematis, Clematis occidentalis in bloom right now in dry locations, like rocky outcrops or sandy areas with partial shade. It's a climbing vine that can grow several feet high, but is typically no more than about three or four feet in our area. You'll often find it clinging to beaked hazel or other common underbrush.

It's purple-to-magenta blossoms typically droop, bell-like from the stem, with two-inchlong petals, making these particularly dramatic early season wildflowers.

Ely area

Walleye fishing has remained fairly constant as the fish are starting to range further than their shallow spawning grounds. The fish are still roaming the shallow flats that have been holding the post-spawn "eyes" in search of bait fish that are searching for the warmer waters. Water temps remain in the lower 50s, so this should be the best place to target them up until the temps increase. Shallow diving crank baits and live bait presentations have been working well under these conditions. Some anglers have reported success in deeper waters, but this is the exception rather than the rule. As long as the bait remains shallow, the predators will be seeking them there.

skinny water and are readily picking up sucker minnows or dead baits fished right on the bottom. Some anglers are beginning to pick up some bragging-size fish on slow trolled cranks and spinner baits, and this action should steadily increase as the season wears on. Best place to target the lunkers has been around emergent weed beds, or soft muddy bottoms.

Pike, too, are patrolling the

Lake trout are still hanging in waters from fifteen to twenty-five feet and will readily take trolled crank baits and spoons trolled around two to two and a half miles per hour. Neutral colors seem to be working best.

Courtesy Babe's Bait located at Ely's west entrance.

from NOAA weather

RECORD...Continued from page 4B -

that comprises the border country. The pair did carry a GPS, which sent out a steady stream of updates on their locations for family members and canoeing enthusiasts to keep track of their progress.

The two practiced their navigation skills prior to the trip and spent many hours studying the maps. Wagner, who paddled in the stern, acted as the trip navigator. The prospect of getting lost was a major concern, especially while navigating in the dark through large lakes populated with many islands. But the two did manage to stay on course the entire

The final leg of the journey, portaging their Minnesota II Kevlar canoe on the Grand Portage Trail, proved to be the most extreme challenge.

"We portaged that trail at night," Wagner said. "It was awful. The trail hadn't been cleared, and we had to go over at least 100 downed trees."

The final leg, which had taken about three hours when they did the trip in 2018, took about five, but still got them to Grand

Portage in plenty of time to break the record.

'We were delirious at that point," he said. "But we knew we could break the record and nothing could stop us."

The pair didn't sleep the entire journey, and barely stopped to eat, relying on endurance drinks, and ready-to-heat meals they heated using hand warmers, along with a lot of Cliff bars, precooked rice in pouches, and straight olive oil (to drink).

The two are not sure they will attempt the route again. "We are both pretty much toast right now," he

But Wagner said someone is planning to try to break their record in August, and if they succeed, the two may have to consider tackling the route again.

Wagner, who is 25, is a research engineer at a medical device firm in St. Paul, but is leaving Minnesota to attend divinity school in Fort Wayne, Ind. Peterson, who is 28, is a mechanical engineer who lives on a farm in Crosby.

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prevent removal of their protective slime coating. Rubberized nets help, too.

➤ Unhook and release the fish while it is still in the water, if possible, and support its weight with both hands or with a net when removed from the water. Never lift them vertically from the water.

➤ Do not place fish you

plan to release on a stringer or in a live well.

➤ Revive a fish by cradling it under the belly and gently moving it forward in the water until it swims

➤ Do not release a fish that can be legally kept if it is bleeding heavily or can't right itself.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

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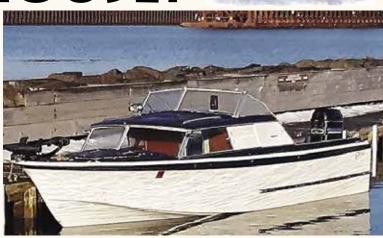
WHAT'S IN YOUR **BOATHOUSE?**

by ROBERT MATSON Columnist

It's time to ramp up my columns for the summer. If you have a boat story, I'd love to hear it!

My featured boat in this issue is a 1964 Glasspar Seafair Sedan, powered by a 1977 115HPMercury outboard. The boat is owned by Jim Andrews of Two Harbors.

Jim remembers sitting in the cozy cabin as a four-year old. He was crushed when the family sold it. Then, 35 years later, the boat came up for sale again and he knew he had to purchase it. He made it seaworthy again and has spent many an hour fishing out of the boat with his sons. Now that they have grown up, the boat is for



sale again on Craigslist. But who knows, he still dreams of restoring it himself one day. It is seen here, sitting in front of the ore docks at Two Harbors.

If you would like to see your boat featured here, contact me at 218-343-5719, or email at rcmely@frontiernet.net.

Fishing reports

Kab-Nam area

Guide reports:

Travis Carlson: It was another good week to be fishing Kabetogama! I spent most my time during the day in deeper water usually around 30-36 feet.

Jigs 3/8 oz. size tipped with a minnow produced many "keeper" walleye as well as many nice catch and release fish. We also found fish shallow in about 6-12 feet. Jigs 1/8 oz tipped with a minnow again but either slow trolled behind the boat or fan casting from the boat worked well. The shallow bite should only get better as the lake warms and we

get more weed growth.

Tim Watson: Fishing has been good and some days very good. Depending on the day, bright sky and wind, etc. I have found them casting light jigs in water as shallow as 5-6 feet. Other days, I have moved deeper and have been getting nice eater fish. Bug hatches are going on so food is available. Getting more active with

the warmer water.

Trent Snyder: The bite has been steady— at times it's been on fire Jigs with minnows is still my go-to approach, using bright colors on bright days and dark colors on dark days. Drop offs and rock piles seem to be producing the best right now



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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF ELY Council Minutes -May 21, 2019 **Regular Meeting Ely** City Council – City Hall, **Council Chambers**

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

2. PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, Campbell, and Mayor Novak ABSENT: Council Member Callen

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the minutes from the May 7, 2019 Regular Motion Carried Meeting. 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

ADDITIONS OMISSIONS TO AGENDA: A. Addition 6.C. Approve 4th of July Parade Route and have the Police Department secure necessary permits. Invitation to the City Council, Ely Police Department, and Ely Fire Department to participate in the 2019 4th of July

Parade. B. Addition 8.A. Park and Recreation Board C. Addition 8.A. Budget

D. Addition 10.C. Gift Card Scam - Ban on Buying Certain Gift Cards with Credit

E. Addition 10. D. Care of Whiteside Gardens F. Addition 13.D. Sanitation Contract

G. Addition 13.E. 79 W Chandler Additions A-G added without objection.

5 MAYOR'S REPORT Mayor Novak attended the

Minnesota Mayors Matter Get Together in Edina last 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 Conference Summer Bemidji, MN July 24-26, 2019.

C. Approve 4th of July Parade Route and have the Police Department secure to the City Council, Ely Police Department, and Ely Fire Department to participate in the 2019 4th of July Parade. Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the consent agenda items A-C. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR: None

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS: A. Standing/Special Cemetery Committee

Debeltz/A.Forsman moved to approve the recommendation from the Cemetery Committee to approve the new Cemetery Kiosk Design with the approved changes, and for the Kiosk not to exceed \$30,000. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen

Telecommunications Advisory Board Meeting A.Forsman/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from the Telecommunications Advisory Board to approve the Social Media Policy as

A.Forsman stated that each City page that would have comments would have to abide by the policy and be responsible for it. At the League of MN Cities Loss Control workshop they talked about the dangers of having comments on a City Page Currently the Ely Social Media pages that have comments have not had any

Langowski stated that the intent was for the City of Ely page to not have comments, it will be for informational purposes, and if people have questions or want more information they can contact us in the Clerk's Office. The Police Department, Fire Department, and Library all allow comments and it will be there choice to continue to

Omerza stated that she is in favor of the City of Elv's Facebook page having comments. If someone is going to say something negative on Facebook about us they are going to say it. Omerza stated she will vote for the policy, it is past time for us to have a social media presence, but she feels that they should allow comments.

A.Forsman stated that there is definitely a risk with having comments.

Mayor Novak indicated that the City of Ely Facebook page will not have comments with agreement from the other council members. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

Heritage Preservation Commission: Minutes includ-

Elv Utilities Commission: Minutes included in the pack-

Projects Committee

Omerza/Debeltz moved to from Projects Committee to approve the purchase agreement for \$20,532.60 for the required wetland replacement credits and to proceed with the wetland impact application for the West End Development project. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

Debeltz/A.Forsman moved to from Projects Committee to not participate in the traffic signal painting project with St. Louis County due to the cost increase compared to the estimate.

A.Forsman asked if it is possible to do some painting on the lower areas of the poles. Langowski stated that the part-timers will paint the poles this summer.

Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

Omerza/Campbell moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Committee to direct JPJ Engineering to provide cost estimates and concept drawings for the four options for the portion of Trezona Trail that is on private land.

A.Forsman asked what the 4

Langowski stated one option is to keep the existing trail, another is to keep the existing trail and to move a portion of the trail to the south towards city property, another option is to use the MN Power powerlines and get an easement from them, or to move the trail to Pioneer

Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Committee to approve the driveway permit at 1142 E Chapman St and require that the construction meet the standards provided by the City. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

Airport Commission: Minutes included in the packet

and Recreation

Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from Park and Recreation approve the to Semer's Park Pavilion Rental application for Music on the

Semer's Park Picnic Pavilion from 6-9pm with the understanding that the rental will also include the new picnic

Langowski stated that this will be a non-alcoholic family friendly event during a lull time for 4th of July activities. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

Omerza/Campbell moved to approve the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board to reimburse the Ely Nordic Ski Club for \$2121.00 for grooming the Trezona Trail for the 2018-2019 ski season which represents 20% of machine operating costs plus direct operator wages. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent Omerza indicated that on

June 3rd the concrete is scheduled to be poured for the Wheel Park. This is very exciting since many years of planning have gone into this

Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Information in the

RAMS: Minutes in the packet- Kess went through the major items RAMS is work-

Budget Committee Kess/Debeltz moved to

approve the recommendation from the Budget Committee to get new quotes for the **Building Maintenance Truck** which will include a regular cab, long box, V8 engine, and capable of having an 8'2" Boss V Plow installed Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

Kess/A.Forsman moved to approve the recommendation from the Budget Committee to purchase a 2005 Ford Freestar for \$6000 to be used as the Utility Departments vehicle. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

9.DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:

A. Clerk-Treasurer

i. The following items of business were recommended for approval at the regular EUC meeting of Wednesday, May 08, 2019:

Denied the customer refund request after meter was tested and found accurate. 2. Approved the Ely Water

Tower Access Lease with Treehouse Broadband, LLC. 3. Approved posting the Utility Person Position.

Authorized Backflow Prevention Training for one emplovee.

5. Approved payment of the EUC February, 2019 Bills for \$450,315.31. Approved the J&L Hardware CIP rebate for

\$2,093.89. Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the EUC Consent Agenda item 1-6. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen

ii. Letter from Eric Mavranen regarding the Examination of Trees in Veterans Forest Langowski indicated that the forested land located south of the Old City Garage is a Veterans Forest; a tree was planted for each person who served in WWII from Ely. Last summer the trees took a hit with a storm. Eric Mayranen examined the land which is approximately 7 acres and all high ground. The tree cover type is dominated by a Red Pine stand approximately 75 years old, Jack pine, White Birch. and White Spruce are also present. If the area was to be logged off the money generated could go towards the perpetual care for the new Veterans Memorial by Trezona Trail, the Veterans Memorial at City Hall, and the Veterans Memorial at the Cemetery. Langowski stated

that we can schedule a pub-

lic hearing this summer to

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inform the residents.

B. Fire Chief

C. Library Director Library Director Heinrich gave an update of the upcoming events at the library which can be located on the Library Website.

D. Police Chief

E. City Attorney i. Quit Claim Deed for Lot 3, Block 4, East Spaulding Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Lot 3, Block 4, East Spaulding. Attorney Klun indicated that

this parcel along with Hills parcel is what the council had previously deemed as not sufficient for building a residential unit, the council considered the option of allowing parcel to place a garage on that parcel. Palcher's have purchased the neighboring parcel and they are asking for the release of the reversionary clause. This would require an ordinance change as well since each parcel is required to have a residential unit. By approving the council is stating that it is acceptable to build only a garage on Lots 1 and 3 in Block 4 of East Spaulding. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

ii. A.Forsman/Omerza moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 335, 2nd Series, An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, amending the Ely City Code, Chapter 20, Section 20.2.33, Sale of Land Located in the East Spaulding Plat. Roll Called A. Forsmanyes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-absent, Campbell-yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

iii. Easement for Lot 1, Block 4, East Spaulding Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the Easement for Lot Attorney Klun stated that this easement is for the portion of the Trezona Trail that goes through Lot 1, Block 4 in East Spaulding, this is the

property that the Hill's just purchased. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with

Trezona Trail Non-Motorized Recreational Trail License Agreement Extension

Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the Trezona Trail Non-Motorized Recreational Trail License Agreement Extension. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

F. City Engineer

Callen Absent

10.COMMUNICATIONS: Matter of Information . Voyageur Country ATV Ride Rally September 20, 2019

Tour of Minnesota Information C. Gift Card Scam - Ban

on Buying Certain Gift Cards with Credit Cards

Gardens CLAIMS PAYMENT:

Care of Whiteside

A. City and EUC claims for May 21, 2019 – \$768,263.18 B. Burntside Ridge Trail Association - 2019 dues \$200.00

C. Pay Request #2 for Trail Improvements and Vermilion River Bridge Construction Project Voyageur Country ATV for \$15,770.00 to George Bougalis and Sons D. SEH Invoice 367006 for the Voyageur Country ATV Trail for \$244.70

Debeltz/A.Forsman moved to approve the Claims for Payment items A-D. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

12. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the 2nd Reading

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of 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 of Ely. Roll Called A. Forsmanyes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-absent, Campbell-yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

B. 21 W Shagawa Rd Mayor Novak stated that the council has addressed this issue many times, we have updated photographs, and we have had zero progress. Building Official Whitney provided a 4th Re-inspection report for 21 W Shagawa Rd. Whitney stated that the Council looked at this property in 2016 and gave him time to get the issues resolved by May 1, 2017, it is now May of 2019 and not much has been done.

A.Forsman asked what the next step is within the City Attorney Klun stated that there is an existing order from 2016, Resolution 2016-

we could revise the

order for 2019 and repost with notice. A.Forsman/Omerza moved to reissue an enforcement order for 21 W Shagawa Rd. Attorney Klun stated that Sherwood would get the option to come to the council at the next Council Meeting. We would serve him with

notice, he would have the

option to come to the next

council meeting, and then

the Council would initiate the

order. Whitney went through the inspection report and stated what things have and have not been done. Whitney indicated that no permits have been pulled for the work that was done.

Omerza stated that it is a shame that we have allowed it to get to a 4th Re-Inspection Whitney stated that the hope was he was going to take care of things, but nothing has really changed in the last two years.

Mayor Novak stated he has had numerous neighbor complaints from that area, and they are not happy that the council has not taken any action. Sherwood has had ample opportunity to remedy

Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent. Attorney Klun clarified that

we would not demo the property, we would just remedy the issues and assess it to the property's taxes. 13. NEW BUSINESS:

A. EEDA Enabling Resolution Kess indicated that after looking at the council minutes from February 16, 1993

and March 16, 1993 he is unclear if it is needed to redo an enabling resolution. indicat-Novak ed that the City does not have a signed copy of the

Resolution. Omerza indicated that from the minutes of the March 16. 1993 Council Meeting. Resolution 1993-20 states that on February 16, 1993, the Ely City Council went on record approving Resolution 1993-9, calling for a public hearing on March 16, 1993, at 5:30pm for an Economic Development Authority to consist of seven (7) memthose seven (7) bers. members being all current members serving on the Ely City Council. In the minutes it indicates who voted Yes and No with all seven council member voting in favor of the City of Elv establishing an Economic Development Authority according to the original resolution 1993-9 which was adopted on February 16, 1993.

Mayor Novak stated that there were changes in 2007/2008 that changed the membership of the EEDA to include EADA, Joint Powers,

226-5449.

record of that Omerza stated that at the last meeting Novak was concerned that the EEDA did not exist, so we needed to go back and have an enabling

resolution.

etc. and we cannot find

not exist just that it was put together quickly to get the Sato Building in place, and it was put in place that EEDA was to consist of the seven council members. In 2007/2008 there was an attempt to change the members of the EEDA to include other groups in the EEDA By-Laws and that is the resolution that we cannot find. There should have been a resolution to change the original enabling resolution of the EEDA to change the members of the EEDA. If there was not a resolution in 2007/2008 then the original enabling resolution stands.

Attorney Klun stated that the enabling resolution enabled the EEDA and in it, it says the establishment of the Economic Development Authority will meet and adopt By-Laws and rules of procedure. Internally the organization will update its By-Laws and rules of procedure Attorney Klun stated that she doesn't disagree that the By-Laws from 2007/2008 might not be fully viable, she has seen a copy of them. The By-laws can be changed by the EEDA itself since it has been established by resolution. We can reinstate the enabling resolution of the EEDA if the council would

Mayor Novak clarified that we would reinstate the enabling resolution to mirror what was done in 1993 and we would pass it at the next council meeting, then the next EEDA meeting we would reestablish the By-Laws to the effect of that enabling resolution, then that would eliminate the reference to the membership of the other groups in the **EEDA**

Mayor Novak stated that the City Attorney will bring the reinstated enabling resolution to the next council

B. Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve Resolution 2019-017 A Resolution Requesting Funds From The State Of Minnesota For Ely Trailhead And Ely Bloomenson Access Improvements Roll Called A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-absent, Campbellyes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

to approve the Temporary On-Sale Liquor License for Ely Arts and Heritage Center for July 12, 2019 at the Miners Dry House for the opening night of the Gala pending proper paperwork, insurance, and fees. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

C. Omerza/Debeltz moved

D. Sanitation Contract A.Forsman/Campbell moved to direct the City Attorney to provide notice that the City would like to renegotiate certain terms of the Waste Disposal Contract, and will

not be renewing the agree-Mayor Novak stated that he never indicated that it did ment as it stands. Kess asked if we open the contract up, will we have to go out for bids for the whole contract or just the certain

Attorney Klun stated that if the City issues a non-renew, the contract will be open and it will need to get posted

for bids. A.Forsman stated that Council Member Callen had provided information in the packet, but it is not relevant to this motion. People have raised issues that we would like to discuss in the contract, and this is the first step to renegotiate and give them the 90 day notice.

Motion Carried 6-0-1 with Callen Absent

E. 79 W Chandler Building Official Whitney stated that we have received numerous complaints about 79 W Chandler over the last few months. In the past the owner has had permits open for siding and other work on the property, but virtually nothing has been done with the construction on the siding and windows. We sent a letter about the blight issues for the property; the property is posted as uninhabitable for

the shut off of utilities. Chief Lahtonen indicated that the police department has received numerous complaints about this property from the neighbors. Chief Lahtonen asked what the council would like the police department to tell the neigh-

Langowski stated that we have had approximately 95% success rate of compliance with the blight ordinance, but there is a few that do not follow the rules. We need the council to support our efforts with compliance. Chief Lahtonen indicated that

the water and light has been shut off for non-payment and the taxes are past due, these people will not comply.
Whitney stated he will proceed with an inspection report and to bring it to the

A.Forsman/Omerza moved to make a motion of support for Building Official Whitney and Chief Lahtonen as they pursue a solution to this Motion Carried problem. 6-0-1 with Callen Absent.

next council meeting.

14. OPEN FORUM 15. ADJOURN

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:54pm without

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Ely 4th of July Parade and Fireworks

The City of Ely's 4th of July Parade will be on Thursday, July 4th at 1:00 pm. Line up starts at 10:30 am on 4th Ave. from Harvey Street to Boundary Street including the Ice Arena Parking lot and the green space. If you are participating in the parade please enter the lineup area at 4th Ave. and Boundary Street.

entering decorated bikes, trikes, wagons and/or costumes. Judging will be at 12 Noon. Parade starts at 4th Ave. and Harvey St. and follows Harvey Street to 2nd Ave. East and then down Sheridan St., ending at 8th Ave.

Please call City Hall, Clerk's Office at 218-226-5449 to sign up to

be in the parade. There will be ribbons and prizes awarded for kids

(Whiteside Park). Volunteers are needed to assist with the parade. If anyone is interested please contact the Clerk's Office for more information, 218-

VETERANS WANTED to ride in the parade; a chair lift is available for those that may need assistance. The Fireworks Display will be put on by Premier Pyrotechnics. The

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show is scheduled to start at 10:00 pm over Miners Lake.

City of Ely 2018 Drinking Water Report

Making Safe Drinking Water

Your drinking water comes from a surface water source: surface water drawn from Burntside

Ely works hard to provide you with safe and reliable drinking water that meets federal and state water quality requirements. The purpose of this report is to provide you with information on your drinking water and how to protect our precious water resources.

Contact Harold R. Langowski, Clerk-Treasurer, at 218-235-3083 or elyod@ely.mn.us if you have questions about Ely's drinking water. You can also ask for information about how you can take part in decisions that may affect water quality.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency sets safe drinking water standards. These standards limit the amounts of specific contaminants allowed in drinking water. This ensures that tap water is safe to drink for most people. The U.S. Food and

Drug Administration regulates the amount of certain contaminants in bottled water. Bottled water must provide the same public health protection as public tap water.

Drinking water, including bot-tled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants

does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Ely Monitoring Results

This report contains our monitoring results from January 1 to December 31, 2018.

We work with the Minnesota Department of Health to test drinking water for more than 100 contaminants. It is not unusual to detect contaminants in small amounts. No water supply is ever completely free of contaminants. Drinking water standards protect Minnesotans from substances that may be harmful to their

health.

Learn more by visiting the Minnesota Department of Health's webpage Basics of Monitoring and Testing of Drinking Water in Minnesota (https://www.health.state.mn.us/ communities/environment/water/ factsheet/sampling.html).

How to Read the **Water Quality Data Tables**

The tables below show the contaminants we found last year or the most recent time we sampled for that contaminant. They also show the levels of those contaminants and the Environmental Protection Agency's limits. Substances that we tested for but did not find are not included in the tables.

We sample for some contaminants less than once a year because their levels in water are not expected to change from year to year. If we found any of these contaminants the last time we sampled for them, we includ-

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ed them in the tables below with the detection date.

We may have done additional monitoring for contaminants that are not included in the Safe Drinking Water Act. To request a copy of these results, call the Minnesota Department of Health at 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

AL (Action Level): The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements which a water system must follow.

EPA: Environmental Protection

MCL (Maximum contaminant level): The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in

drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.

MCLG (Maximum contami-

nant level goal): The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.

Level 1 Assessment: A Level 1 assessment is a study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why total coliform bacteria have been found in our water system.

Level 2 Assessment: A Level

2 assessment is a very detailed study of the water system to identify potential problems and determine (if possible) why an E. coli MCL violation has occurred and/or why total coliform bacteria

have been found in our water system on multiple occasions. MRDL (Maximum residual dis-

infectant level): The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants. MRDLG (Maximum residual disinfectant level goal): The level of a drinking water disinfectant

below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

NA (Not applicable): Does not

apply.
NTU (Nephelometric Turbidity Units): A measure of the cloudiness of the water (turbidity). pCi/I (picocuries per liter): A

measure of radioactivity

CONTAMINANTS BELATED TO DISINEECTION - Tested in drinking water

ppb (parts per billion): One part per billion in water is like one drop in one billion drops of water, or about one drop in a swimming pool. ppb is the same as micrograms per liter (µg/l).

ppm (parts per million): One
part per million is like one drop

in one million drops of water, or about one cup in a swimming pool. ppm is the same as milligrams per liter (mg/l). **PWSID:** Public water system

identification.

TT (Treatment Technique): A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.

Variances and Exemptions: State or EPA permission not to meet an MCL or a treatment technique under certain condi-

Monitoring Results – Regulated Substances

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Action Level	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	90% of Results Were Less Than	Number of Homes with High Levels	Violation	Typical Sources
Copper (07/13/16)	90% of homes less than 1.3 ppm	0 ppm	0.09 ppm	0 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.
Lead (07/13/16)	90% of homes less than 15 ppb	0 ppb	9 ppb	1 out of 20	NO	Corrosion of household plumbing.

Contaminant (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources
Nitrate	10.4 ppm	10 ppm	0.06 ppm	N/A	NO	Runoff from fertilizer use; Leaching from septic tanks, sewage; Erosion of natural deposits.

Potential Health Effects and Corrective Actions (If Applicable)
Lead: Infants and children who drink water

containing lead in excess of the action level could experience delays in their physical or mental development. Children could show slight deficits in attention span and learning abilities. Adults who drink this water over many years could develop kidney prob-lems or high blood pressure.

Turbidity: Turbidity is a measure of the cloudiness of the water. We monitor it because it is a good indicator of the effectiveness of our filtration system.

Some People Are More Vulnerable to Contaminants in Drinking Water

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. The developing fetus and therefore pregnant women may also be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water. These people or their caregivers should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.

Learn More about Your Drinking Water

Drinking Water Sources
Minnesota's primary drinking water
sources are groundwater and surface water. Groundwater is the water found in aquifers beneath the surface of the land. Groundwater supplies 75 percent of Minnesota's drinking water. Surface water is the water in lakes, rivers, and streams above the surface of the land. Surface water supplies 25 percent of Minnesota's drinking water.

Contaminants can get in drinking water sources from the natural environment and from people's daily activities. There are five main types of contaminants in drinking water sources.

 Microbial contaminants, such as viruses, bacteria, and parasites. Sources include sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, pets, and wildlife. Inorganic contaminants include salts

and metals from natural sources (e.g. rock and soil), oil and gas production, mining and farming operations, urban stormwater runoff, and wastewater discharges. Pesticides and herbicides are chemicals used to reduce or kill unwanted plants

and pests. Sources include agriculture, urban stormwater runoff, and commercial and residential properties. Organic chemical contaminants include synthetic and volatile organic compounds.

petroleum production, gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems. · Radioactive contaminants such as radium, thorium, and uranium isotopes come from natural sources (e.g. radon gas from soils and rock), mining operations, and oil

and gas production.

Sources include industrial processes and

The Minnesota Department of Health provides information about your drinking water source(s) in a source water assessment, including:
• How Ely is protecting your drinking water

source(s);

 Nearby threats to your drinking water sources:

·How easily water and pollution can move from the surface of the land into drinking water sources, based on natural geology and the way wells are constructed. Find your source water assessment at

Source Water Assessments (https://www. health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/swp/swa) or call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 between 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Lead in Drinking Water You may be in contact with lead through

paint, water, dust, soil, food, hobbies, or your job. Coming in contact with lead can cause serious health problems for everyone. There is no safe level of lead. Babies, children under six years, and pregnant women are at the highest risk.

with a laboratory to test your tap water. Testing your water is important if young Lead is rarely in a drinking water source, but it can get in your drinking water as it children or pregnant women drink your

ONTAMINANTS RELATED TO DISINFECTION - Tested in drinking water.								
Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Limit (MCL or MRDL)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG or MRDLG)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources		
Total Chlorine	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	1.75 ppm	1.22 - 2.06 ppm	NO	Water additive used to control microbes.		
Total Trihalomethanes (TTHMs)	80 ppb	N/A	48 ppb	31.00 - 67.50 ppb	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.		
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA)	60 ppb	N/A	57.8 ppb	34.30 - 65.60 ppb	NO	By-product of drinking water disinfection.		

Total HAA refers to HAA5

OTHER SUBSTANCES	OTHER SUBSTANCES – Tested in drinking water.									
Substance (Date, if sampled in previous year)	EPA's Limit (MCL)	EPA's Ideal Goal (MCLG)	Highest Average or Highest Single Test Result	Range of Detected Test Results	Violation	Typical Sources				
Fluoride	4.0 ppm	4.0 ppm	1 ppm	0.89 - 1.00 ppm	NO	Erosion of natural deposits; Water additive to promote strong teeth.				

TREATMENT INDICATOR – Tested during treatment.									
Substance	Removal Required	Lowest Monthly Percent of Results in Compliance	Highest Test Result	Violation	Typical Sources				
Turbidity	Treatment Technique	100%	# NTU 0.18	NO	Soil runoff.				

DISINFECTION BY	PRODUCT INI	DICATOR – Tested i	n source water and in	drinking wa	ter.
Substance	Removal Required	Range of Percent Removal Achieved	Average of Percent Removal Achieved	Violation	Typical Sources
Total Organic Carbon	Variable	6 - 29	19	NO	N/A

The percentage of Total Organic Carbon (TOC) removal was measured each month. The system met all TOC removal requirements, unless there is a "YES" in the Violation column.

passes through lead service lines and your household plumbing system. Ely provides high quality drinking water, but it cannot control the plumbing materials used in private buildings.

Read below to learn how you can protect yourself from lead in drinking water.

1. Let the water run for 30-60 seconds before using it for drinking or cooking if the water has not been turned on in over six hours. If you have a lead service line, you may need to let the water run longer. A service line is the underground pipe that brings water from the main water pipe under the street to your home.

You can find out if you have a lead service line by contacting your public water system, or you can check by following the steps at: https://www.mprnews.org/ story/2016/06/24/npr-find-lead-pipes-inyour-home

The only way to know if lead has been reduced by letting it run is to check with a test. If letting the water run does not reduce lead, consider other options to reduce your exposure.

2. Use cold water for drinking, making food, and making baby formula. Hot water releases more lead from pipes than cold

3. Test your water. In most cases, letting the water run and using cold water for drinking and cooking should keep lead levels low in your drinking water. If you are still concerned about lead, arrange tap water.

Contact a Minnesota Department of Health accredited laboratory to get a sample container and instructions on how to submit a sample: Environmental Laboratory tions on now ...
Environmental Laboratory
Accreditation Program (https:// eldo.web.health.state.mn.us/public/accreditedlabs/labsearch.seam) The Minnesota Department of Health can help you understand your test results.

Treat your water if a test shows your water has high levels of lead after you let the water run.

Read about water treatment units: Point-of-Use Water Treatment Units for Lead Reduction (https://www.health.state. mn.us/communities/environment/water/ factsheet/poulead.html)

Learn more: Visit Lead in Drinking Water (https://www.

health.state.mn.us/communities/environment/water/contaminants/lead.html) Visit Basic Information about Lead in Drinking Water (http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead)

Call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1-800-426-4791.To learn about how to reduce your contact with lead from sources other than your drinking water, visit Lead Poisoning Prevention: Common Sources (https://www.health.state.mn.us/ communities/environment/lead/sources.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

2019-2020 & 2019-2021 **Cook Hospital Bids** For Propane

Two separate sealed propane bids will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., June 24th with contracts to begin October

Propane Bid #1: 180,000 gallons for 2019-2020 Propane Bid #2: 360.000 gallons for 2019-2021

A contract for 24-hour emergency service and biannual maintenance of vaporizers must be included in Bid #1 and #2. Must be able to provide backup propane tank of 2,000 gallons or more and keep it filled in the event of an emergency or main propane tank failure

The sealed bids must be marked "Propane Bid #1 and #2" and be delivered to Cook Hospital, Teresa Debevec, CEO, 10 Fifth Street SE, Cook, MN 55723.

Bids will be opened at the board meeting of the Cook-Orr Healthcare District on June 24th at 6:30 p.m.

Teresa Debevec, CEO

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KUGLER TOWNSHIP MEETING NOTICE

The Kugler Town Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, June 11, 2019.

The board will conduct their annual road inspection at 6 p.m. followed by the regular meeting

Julie Suihkonen, Town Clerk

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EMPLOYMENT

POSITION OPENING - ISD No. 696, ELY PUBLIC SCHOOLS for the 2019-2020 school year INDIAN EDUCATION

HOME/SCHOOL LIAISON

PLACE OF WORK: District; HOURS: approximately 6 hrs. per day/5 days per week, student contact days; RATE OF PAY: To be determined by funding; QUALIFICATIONS: AA Degree or 2 years of college required, Indian preference. Background check required. Application (non-licensed) available at www.ely.k12.mn.usor in the General Office. Send materials to: ISD #696, Attn: Superintendent, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731. Deadline for application: Friday, June 14, 2019. 6/7

Moose Bear Wolf

is a New American Cuisine pop up restaurant opening mid-June 2019 in Ely.

We are seeking to hire the following:

HOSTS • WAIT ASSISTS • SERVERS DISHWASHERS • LINE COOKS

Applicants need to be able to commit to a short term season, June 15 through October 15.

While experience is preferred, we are open to training applicants who are good communicators, enthusiastic team contributors, curious thinkers, and driven to take ownership in their work.

Send your resume and a short cover letter, subject "Attention Sarah Knapp" to: mbwelymn@gmail.com.

Pelican Bay Foods is accepting applications for the Store Manager position. Interested individuals should forward their resume, letter of application with salary expectation, and at least three work related references with contact info to:

STORE MANAGER

Pelican Bay Foods PO Box 155, Orr, MN 55771

All applications must be received not later than noon on June 14, 2019.

> Questions may be directed to: doug@pelicanbayfoods.com



Full-Time Reporter/ **Editor**

If you'd like to live and play in Minnesota's beautiful North Country while working at one of the state's most highly-re-

arded newspapers, this is your opportunity. The Timberjay Newspapers will soon have an opening for a full-time reporter/editor to work from our main office in the historic mining town of Tower.

We're looking for a creative and entrepreneurial journalist to join our small but talented staff of four full-time editor/reporters. The ideal candidate is a motivated, self-starting reporter/editor who understands how to cultivate sources and work a beat. They should also have both layout (InDesign) and photographic experience, and the ability to assist in maintaining our website and social media presence. The right candidate, if interested, would have opportunities for advancement in the organization.

Please send resumé, cover letter describing your interest, and links to clips to marshall@ timberjay.com, or call 218-753-2950 and ask for Marshall or Jodi. Position opens early-July 2019.

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GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP SEEKING PROPOSALS

Greenwood Township, 3000 County Rd 77, Tower MN 55790 is seeking proposals to repair and seal the parking lot at the township hall. Quotes will be received until 3 PM on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 and will be opened at the regular Town Board meeting on that date.

Proposals should include: Cost to repair failed bituminous pavement as marked on the lot; Cost to provide proper drainage on east end of lot near the flag pole; Cost to sealcoat all remaining surfaces; Cost to provide striping as currently exists

Proof of insurance will be required-1 million dollars minimum coverage

Please provide a description of the repair and seal coat process that will be provided. On site meetings with road supervisor Ralston can be arranged by contacting the Township Clerk at 218-753-2231.

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CITY OF ELY 4th OF JULY DONATIONS NEEDED!

The City of Ely needs your donations to continue to provide the display of Fireworks and the Parade that are enjoyed by hundreds of families and visitors every year.

Please make your contribution now for Ely's 2019 4th of July Events.

The Parade will start at 1pm on the 4th of July. Flyover from the 148th Fighter Wing (time to be determined)

Activities in Whiteside Park from 11am-4pm sponsored by Young Life

City Band in Whiteside Park Band shell at 3pm Van and the Free Candies playing at the new Semer's Park

Pavilion from 6pm-9pm The Fireworks will be put on by Premier Pyrotechnics and are scheduled to start around 10 pm, shot over Miners Lake.

Donations can be dropped off or mailed to: City Hall, Clerk's Office at 209 E Chapman St., Ely MN 55731.

Thank you, Casey Velcheff, Deputy Clerk

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EMPLOYMENT

POSITION OPENING - ISD No. 696, ELY PUBLIC SCHOOLS for the 2019-2020 school year

1.0 FTE K-12 Physical **Education**; Coaching Desired

Salary and fringes as per Master Agreement Between ISD #696 and the Ely Education Association and School Board policy. Include district application, resume', official transcripts, letters of recommendation and current Minnesota teaching license; background check required. Application available at www.ely.k12.mn.us, click on District then on Job Openings, then Application for Employment in Licensed Position or at the General Office, 2nd floor of the Memorial Building; return materials to: ISD No. 696, Attn: Superintendent, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731. Application deadline: Tuesday, June 18, 2019. 6/14

POSITION OPENING - ISD NO. 696 EARLY CHILDHOOD FAMILY EDUCATION CLASSROOM ASSISTANT

Approximately 240 hours; \$11.71/hour. Start date: September 3, 2019 – May 8, 2020. Background check required. Application (non-licensed) available at www.ely.k12. mn.us or in the General Office. Send materials to: ISD 696, Attn: Superintendent, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731. Deadline for application: Wednesday, June 19, 2019. 6/14

Charter School Administrator Vermilion Country School

Qualifications: Minimum 4-year degree in relevant area. Administrator licensure or coursework preferred but not required. Experience with charter schools and school leadership. Experience/interest in project-based learning, with an environmental education focus, working in a teaching team environment. Ability to write/manage grants, interact with state agencies, help with school technology, and all stakeholders. This is a .50 position, with the remainder of the position to be filled with a teaching, or special education position, if desired.

Job Summary: The Vermilion Country School is a grades 7-12 public charter school that opened in the fall of 2013. It is located in Tower, Minn. The school serves a multicultural student body of 40-50 (est. 70% White, 25% American Indian), with a higher special education population and higher free/ reduced lunch rate population than neighboring districts. The school offers a project-based learning model that is uniquely-adapted for our students. Our school attracts students from a 30-mile radius and provides individualized learning plans for students who have not been well served in the traditional public school model. For more information, visit our website at www.vermilioncountry.org or see our facebook page.

The Vermilion Country School Administrator will assist in several aspects of program development and implementation while working side-by-side with our staff to oversee the educational programming. Our school's staff oversees day-to-day student management. The administrator is responsible for guiding our staff to reach our school goals, and will report directly to the school board, and act as our administrator of record for MDE and our authorizer. VCS is authorized by Audubon Center of the Northwoods. The school was just re-authorized for five years, which shows our authorizer's confidence in our school model and record of student achievement.

Job Description: For complete job description, email Board Chair Jodi Summit at vcs. charter@gmail.com. Interested applicants, please email resume, cover letter, and any letters of recommendation to vcs.charter@ gmail.com.

Vermilion Country School, 1 Enterprise Dr., PO Box 629, Tower, MN 55790 VCS is an Equal Opportunity Employe

> **SUBSCRIBE TODAY** 218-753-2950

City of Ely Public Hearing Notice The Ely Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday

June 19th at 5:30 pm in the 2nd Floor Board Room of City Hall to consider issuance of an interim use permit to Well Being Development for the 3rd annual Northern Lights Club House 5K Glow Run. The event will take place on Friday, September 20th, 2019. All interested parties may submit comments to Planning and Zoning, 209 E Chapman St. Ely, MN 55731, 218-226-5475, pzadmin@ely.mn.us, or in person at the public hearing.

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EMPLOYMENT





OPEN POSITIONS

Care Center

PT Nursing Assistant (sign-on bonus) Casual Restorative Nursing Assistant PT RN/LPN (sign-on bonus)

Imaging Full Time Radiologic Tech

<u>Rehabilitation</u> FT Physical Therapist (sign-on bonus)

<u>Hospital</u>

PT Registered Nurse (sign-on bonus)

Part-Time Housekeeper Full-Time Housekeeper

<u>Dietary</u> Full-Time Cook/Dietary Aide

Casual Secretary/Receptionist

Environmental Services

Casual Housekeeper & Laundry Aide

Business Office

More Info? Contact Human Resources 218-666-6220 humanresources@cookhospital.org

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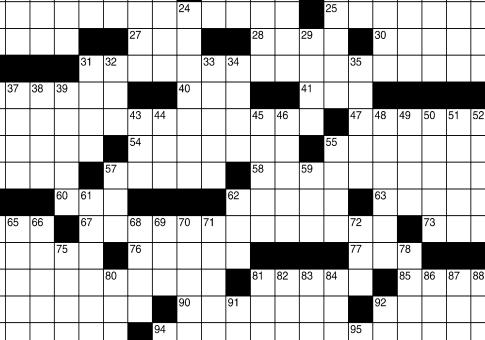
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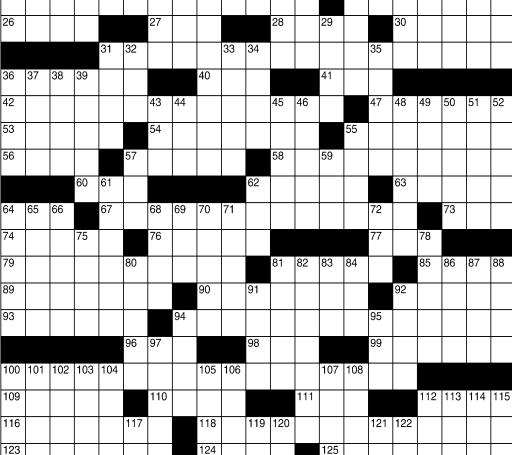
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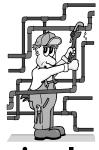
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