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CITY OF TOWER Clerk-Treasurer suspended Linda Keith faces investigation of multiple allegations

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

TOWER— The city council here voted unanimously on Monday to place Tower City Clerk-Treasurer

Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith was suspended this week by the Tower City Council. photo by M. Helmberger

Linda Keith on paid administrative

suspension pending the outcome of an investigation into a laundry list of allegations against her. The council also authorized itself to investigate those allegations, which the council will undertake with guidance from the League of Minnesota Cities.

The city charter gives the council broad investigative powers, including the right to subpoena witnesses and take testimony under oath. Exactly how the investigation will play out remains to be seen, but council members indicated they wanted to see it completed quickly.

In the interim, the council authorized Mayor Orlyn Kringstad to contact former Tower City Clerk-Treasurer Ann Lamppa about returning to her old office on a part-time, temporary basis. Kringstad told council members on Monday that he had been in touch

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Bayview RV park opens for business

by JODI SUMMIT Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP—Bayview is back in operation, with two new businesses now in place at the longtime Lake Vermilion establishment. The new Bayview Bar and Grill, which is expected to be operating by the end of June, will be open daily in the summer for lunch and dinner, offering a selection of appetizers, salads, sandwiches and burgers.

The bar and restaurant will be owned and operated by Vermilion Club owner Greg Archibald, and Vermilion Club staff Talia Miko and Autumn Jacobson. Meanwhile, a new RV park, known as Bayview RV Resort, opened at the location on June 14 and the creation of the RV sites, by new owners Dean and Becky Ribich, has transformed the former resort. The old cabins adjacent to the lodge are now gone. The site has been leveled with 14 parallel RV sites, with crushed rock surfaces, and green spaces surrounding. The area closest to the lake and the brandnew docks provide common space for the RV park residents, and will have a fire pit, picnic tables, and room for yard games. A golf cart trail connects the RV sites to the dock area. New sand has been added to the beach area. The dock, with one slip for each of the RV spots, also has power, so boaters can be sure to keep their boat batteries charged up.

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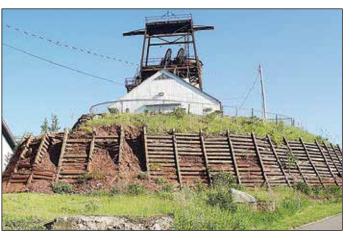
City council faces \$2.5 million preservation assessment report

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY – The city council here, on Tuesday, learned of another significant need in the community, one that could cost millions of dollars to address. Celia Domich, of the city's Heritage Preservation Commission, provided the council

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The Captain's Dry House exterior, above, and failing retaining wall, right, are top priorities to preserving the Pioneer Mine in Ely. photos by K. Vandervort



at Pioneer Mine

historic site

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Gheen logger gains national honor

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

GHEEN—Cliff Shermer says his logging business based here remains a "mom and pop" operation— but that hasn't stopped his small company from making a name for itself at the national level. The Shermer Logging crew includes, from left, Rick Quaas, Troy Wood, Levi Shermer, Adam Luecken, Richard Luecken, Eric Gabrielson, Cliff Shermer, Keith Wallin, and Jerry Wardas. photo courtesy Minnesota Timber Producers

Indeed, the Forest Resources Association and STIHL Inc. recently honored Gheen-based Cliff Shermer Logging with the title of National Outstanding Logger of the Year during its

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES



Lake Vermilion Pow Wow set for June 21-23 at Vermilion Reservation

VERMILION RESERVATION- The Lake Vermilion Traditional Pow Wow will be held June 21-23 at the Lake Vermilion Pow Wow Grounds on the Vermilion Reservation (behind the social center). Lake Vermilion Singers and Burntside Lake Singers are the host drums.

Warm ups are on Friday at 7 p.m.

Saturday features two grand entries, at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. There will be a bean bag tournament at the Vermilion Wellness Center at 1:30 p.m. This year's pow wow features a Two Step Championship on Saturday during the 7 p.m. Grand Entry.

Sunday's Grand Entry is at 1 p.m. Sunday morning there will be a walk/run event. Registration is at 9:30 a.m. at the Wellness Center, with the walk/run starting at 10 a.m.

MC is Terry Goodsky, spiritual adviser is Darrell Kingbird, and arena director is David Morrison Jr.

The public is invited to attend. Food vendors, craft booths, and children's activities available. This is a commercial smoke-free event, and no drugs or alcohol are allowed. For more information, contact Muriel Deegan at 218-750-7772 or murieldeegan@yahoo.com, or Tracey Dagen at 218-780-1478.

Ruby's Pantry on Saturday, June 22

BABBITT- Ruby's Pantry food distribution will be held at the Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Drive, Babbitt on Saturday, June 22 from 10-11:30 a.m. A \$20 cash donation buys an abundance of food. No income or residency guidelines. Bring two large boxes or baskets. Sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church. Volunteers are always welcome.

Family Discovery Day: In the Dark at the MDC on June 27

SUMMER ARTS FOR KIDS



Alice @ Wonderland on Friday at NER

BABBITT- The cast for "Alice @ Wonderland" invites everyone to their performance on Friday, June 21 at 7 p.m. at the Northeast Range School in Babbitt. Admission will be a donation at the door.

These students are taking part in new and very exciting program ... the Iron Range Collaboration Summer Camps. The cast consists of students in grades 5-8 from six area schools ... Chisholm, Ely, Homeschool, Mesabi East, Mt. Iron-Buhl, and Northeast Range. As participants in the IRCSC, transportation is provided to and from Northeast Range from each student's own school. They also receive breakfast and lunch every day. The cast started rehearsals on June 4 and has met weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

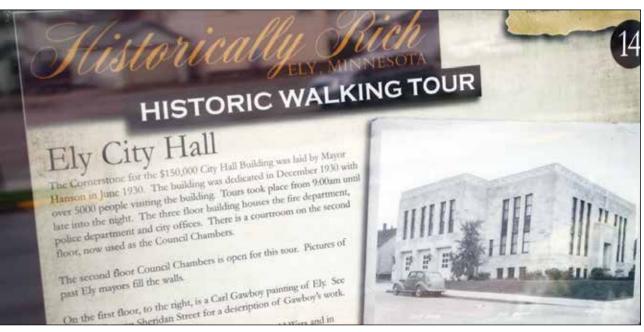
This musical is directed by Mrs. Crystal Poppler and Mr. Michael Rouse. They report that the cast is very talented and that the rehearsals are going quite well. This is a production you will not want to miss!

In this version of "Alice @ Wonderland", the folly of the 21st century collides with the madness of Wonderland in this rockin' musical

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adaptation that remains fairly faithful to Lewis Carroll's original tale. The twist? Alice is a texting, tweeting and Googling girl of the modern digital era, yet she finds herself in the Wonderland of old. With all of the characters you know and love including the Mad Hatter, the White Rabbit and the Queen of Hearts, this musical imagines a present-day Alice encountering the Wonderland so many of us treasure.

Free walking tour of Ely's historic downtown offered on Tuesdays and Saturdays



CHISHOLM- Join the Minnesota Discovery Center (MDC) for their Family Discovery Day: In the Dark on Thursday, June 27 from 4-7:30 p.m. The Lake Superior Zoo Zoomobile will be there with some fascinating nocturnal (active during evening and night time) animals. Come to MDC learn about the lives of nocturnal animals in northern Minnesota and around the world. The Zoomobile will be at MDC from 4- 7 p.m. Other activities continue until 7:30 p.m. As always, there is free admission into MDC every Thursday from 3-8 p.m. plus Bands, Brews & BBQ.

ELY – The Heritage Preservation Commission and the Ely Winton Historical Society invite you to attend a walking tour of Ely's fascinating downtown. Hear the stories of the mayor who was run out of town on a

rail, the fraternal unions that provided some security for the early immigrants, and the fascinating story of Big Tom Brown, an early businessman with ties to the Chicago and St. Paul mobs. Tours are held at 10 a.m. on Saturdays and at 4 p.m. on Tuesdays from June 18 through Aug. 20. Participants should meet in front of City Hall. This tour is free to the public.

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SCHOOLS

Ely, St. Louis County districts talk collaboration

by Keith Vandervort Ely Editor

ELY - School board members here met last week with representatives from the St. Louis County School District to discuss possible "bottom up" collaboration options to enhance educational opportunities for students in both districts.

ISD 2142 superintendent, Reggie Engebritson, and school board member Chris Koivisto met with ISD 696 board members last Wednesday to talk about educational experience enhancement and teacher-sharing options, rather than "top down" administrative leadership or district-office sharing. The discussion was a continuation of collaboration efforts initiated this spring by Ely board members to tap into available funding by the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation for a facilities renovation project that could cost as much as \$12 million, and require a voter-approved bonding referendum.

Earlier this spring, Ely officials listened to lobbyists Gary Cerkvenik, Jeff Anderson and St. Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald on the importance of superintendent-sharing and collaboration efforts with other Iron Range school districts that could catch the attention of IRRR officials when it comes to disseminating funding.

Marsnik and Abrahamson then met with their counterparts, Engebritson and board chair Dan Manick at ISD 2142, to gauge interest in an administrative-sharing concept. The idea received a cool reception from many members of the ISD 2142 board. Several members of the ISD 696 school board also questioned the wisdom of working with an absentee superintendent.

Abrahamson said both school districts "moved beyond"

the superintendent-sharing idea and other "top down" initiatives.

"There is the option of collaborating from the bottom up, and that could take quite a long time, six months to a year, to flesh out," he said. He proposed an arrangement where both districts would capitalize on their strengths and minimize their weaknesses.

'We have been very deliberate about not wanting to cut staff," Abrahamson continued. That is not the intent. The intent is to broaden opportunities for kids."

Koivisto, who represents ISD 2142's Babbitt and Embarrass attendance area, said some sharing with ISD 696 is already happening, including a German teacher, and swimming and hockey activities. "To be honest, sharing a superintendent is not on our menu right now," he said, "based on our already sharing a superintendent with Mt. Iron-Buhl."

Koivisto noted that Northeast Range and the Tower Elementary also already share a principal. He was more in favor of sharing individual courses with ISD 696. "We all have a limited number of students, but we too are trying to enrich their opportunities," he said.

Marsnik noted that career academies are gaining in popularity in Virginia, Eveleth and Hibbing."That's where the trend is and should be one of our major areas of emphasis when two districts get together," he said. "We don't have the resources nor the students to do that on our own, and you are probably in the same position. This could benefit both districts.'

Omerza pointed out that he heard from discussion with Cerkvenik that collaboration monies from IRRR should be based on bottom-up rather than top-down options. "We should focus on helping the kids and

expand their offerings," he said.

Engebritson said both districts already share staff training and principal meetings to look at common schedules and ways to work together. "Teacher-wise, we have been coming together for professional development for the past six years to cross boundaries and get to know each other," she said.

ISD 696 board members Rochelle Sjoberg and Heidi Mann both stressed their opposition to sharing a superintendent with another school district. "I really don't think we need to spend any more time worrying about that," Mann said.

Marsnik said the two school districts are in competition for kids and Ely has to "take a hard look at curriculum or we'll be losing kids. We're going to have to do something, and if we work together we can offer more."

Engebritson responded, "Let's keep talking."

WHISTLEBLOWERS

Union releases email, alleges MPCA pressured EPA staff

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

REGIONAL-The union representing Minnesota staff at the federal Environmental Protection Agency released an internal email this week that bolsters the case that top officials with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency sought to convince EPA officials to withhold public comments as the state agency finalized a water discharge permit for PolyMet

Mining. Canadian-based PolyMet is proposing to build Minnesota's first copper-nickel mine near Hoyt Lakes.

The American Federation of GovernmentEmployees(AFGE) Local 704, indicated in a press statement that they obtained the email, written by Shannon Lotthammer of the MPCA, in an anonymous leak from an apparent EPA whistleblower. The union released the email in response to news reports raising questions about the permitting process for the controversial PolyMet mine. Lotthammer was Assistant MPCACommissioner at the time she sent the email on March 13, 2018, but she has since transferred to the Department of Natural Resources.

"We are releasing internal correspondence which shows that the state of Minnesota pressured EPA Region 5 to delay submitting its comments on the PolyMet mine permit until after the public comment period elapsed," said Nicole Cantello, President of AFGE Local 704. "The apparent actions by both EPA and MPCA leadership to avoid transparency about the environmental impact of the PolyMet mine should raise serious flags," added Cantello.

Rather than submit the comments in writing, as it typical on major permits, EPA whistleblowers state that EPA's Great Lakes

region director Cathy Stepp required staff to read their comments over the telephone to the MPCA, rather than submitting the written comments, where they would be considered part of the administrative record that a court might examine. MPCA officials acknowledge the phone call from EPA staff, but state that they subsequently destroyed their notes of the conversation. Last week, under pressure from a lawsuit, the EPA publicly released the written comments that agency staff had prepared to submit to the MPCA on the PolyMet permit. Portions of those comments raised serious

questions about the permit's compliance with key requirements of the Clean Water Act. The leaked email from Lotthammer to EPA Region 5 Chief of Staff Kurt Thiede shows that MPCA pressured EPA to delay the submission of comments on the PolyMet permit, even though those comments, if submitted, were legally required to be published during the public comment period. "By asking EPA to submit its comments after the public comment period, in whatever form, MPCA was attempt-

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Editorial

Investigate the MPCA Did top agency officials conspire to keep EPA concerns from the public?

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has tough questions to answer as more information is being revealed about apparent efforts by the state environmental agency to keep critical comments regarding PolyMet Mining's water discharge permits from the public and the courts.

Let's make no bones about it- this appears to be a significant state agency scandal suggesting intentional malfeasance by top officials in the MPCA. Failure to investigate how this happened would seriously undermine the public's confidence in state environmental regulators.

As we reported last week, the Environmental Protection Agency, under legal challenge from Minnesota tribes and environmental groups, finally released comments prepared by professional staff in the Great Lakes regional office that expressed serious concerns about a water discharge permit for PolyMet. Those comments included concerns that the permit appeared to violate the federal Clean Water Act as well as water quality standards for the state of Minnesota in multiple ways.

For groups fighting the permit in court, it was a game-changing document. It is no longer just environmentalists and tribal officials alleging that the permit that the MPCA issued late last year is flawed. Their arguments are now backed up by professional staff at the EPA. It's no wonder that top officials at MPCA may have attempted to keep those views under wraps.

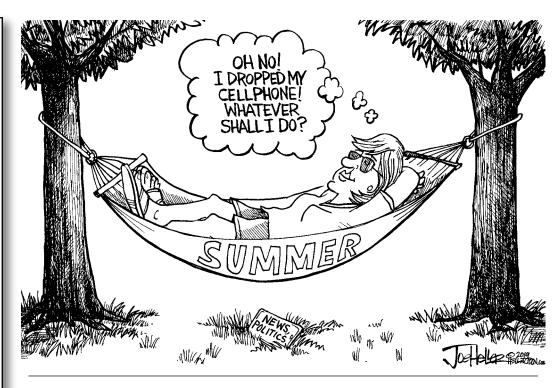
The revelations should bolster the arguments of tribes and environmentalists to move the case to district court for additional fact-finding. The courts have an interest in getting to the bottom of this. If, as it appears, top state officials at the MPCA colluded with the Trump-appointed director of the EPA's Great Lakes regional office, in an effort to suppress these critical comments, the implications are staggering. Judicial review of executive agency decisions is fundamental to our system of governance, yet it can only work if the agencies involved can be trusted to operate in good faith, by ensuring that the full and complete record of their decision-making process is made available. If critical comments from fellow agencies with considerable expertise are simply deep-sixed in order to keep the courts from getting a look at them, judicial review loses all meaning and purpose.

Finally, questions need to be answered on why it is that the MPCA issued a water discharge permit to PolyMet Mining that includes no water quality-based effluent limits. We have reported more than once on the lax nature of far too many of the water discharge permits issued to mining companies in our region.

Minnesota may have sound environmental laws, but enforcement of those laws has been a major issue for decades. If the MPCA has fallen victim to what's known as "industry capture" then it's time to clean house at the agency and hire people who are willing to enforce Minnesota law, not play bureaucratic games to avoid doing so.

While the apparent wrongdoing here dates back to the Dayton administration, it is up to Gov. Tim Walz to make sure that this kind of thing doesn't happen again. The EPA's Office of Inspector General has already opened a federal investigation into what happened surrounding the PolyMet water discharge permit. The governor should follow suit by referring the matter to the Office of the Legislative Auditor for a special state investigation.

What is alleged in this case is public malfeasance and such actions, if true, are grounds for dismissal. If anyone at the MPCA was, in fact, involved in this apparent subterfuge they should be out the door. This is a serious matter. If necessary, heads should roll.



Letters from Readers

We should all know proper flag etiquette

OPINION

I would like to use this column to remind my fellow area residents of a troubling trend that myself and others have noticed of late.

As a member of the Ely Area Honor Guard and a Veteran, it's been noticed that folks seem to have forgotten the proper etiquette when the American Flag is presented. This could be at a parade, funeral, or a ceremony, indoors or outside.

Below is information taken from a few different websites, they say the same things in different ways.

In a nutshell, when the flag passes, stop what you're doing, remove your headgear, stand up, pay attention, and be quiet.

I would make the argument that clapping and cheering is acceptable after the flag passes you.

The U.S. Flag Code, passed by Congress in 1942, provides guidelines regarding American flag etiquette. It can be accessed via the U.S.Flag.org website.

Saluting the flag: When the flag passes in a procession, or when it is hoisted or lowered, all should face the flag and salute.

There may be many US flags in the parade (small flags waved by parade participants, flags on parade floats, etc.). You do not need to salute them all. If an honor guard is carrying the U.S. flag, or the U.S. flag is presented in a group of flags, stand and salute.

Now a lot of "baby boomers", my generation, reading this will say, it's the younger generation.. I am here to tell you from experience, that this flag problem encompasses all generations.

I have personally witnessed Veterans, parents of Veterans, school teachers, and parents not observing proper etiquette, while their kids did! Whether it's adults, kids, teens, or grandparents, I think it's a matter of apathy and not knowing or forgetting the proper etiquette.

I personally think 99.9 percent of the folks ARE NOT doing it as a political statement, or anti-American sentiment.

In this time of such divisiveness in our country, let's at least agree on respecting the flag and what it represents.

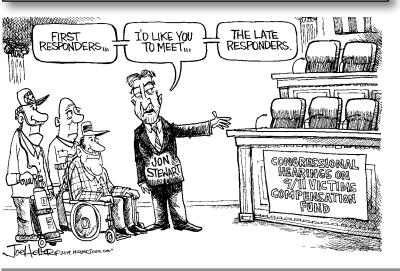
PS: The same applies if the flag, (colors) are officially presented indoors, i.e. school presentation, patriotic choir, during the national anthem, etc.

Also, at a funeral for a

This has cost Lamppa Manufacturing dearly. The city clerk wouldn't even give us a key so we could go in and inspect to make sure everything was done correctly, and it wasn't.

Until you've been involved with this kind of stuff you don't realize all the hoops you need to jump through, all the meetings, design questions, in-fighting, egos, lies, engineering booboo's, stress, paperwork, time, and frustration you meet head on to get something like this done. Even in a small town like Tower dealing with city politics and all this turmoil for just one building! Now, more than ever before, I'm super impressed with what my dad (Herbert), his city council, and his three clerks (Wallace Heikenen, Tim Kotzian, and Ann Lamppa) accomplisted during his four terms as Mayor. My hat is off to them. They certainly did a lot for Tower. (Team work.)

Just imagine Tower without the mini park, industrial park, new DNR building, new historic train location, tourist information site, East Two River expansion, 16 new airplane hangars, charter school building, North Star Addition, harbor front development startup, city hall elevator, Howard Wagoner ski trails, thousands



To salute, all persons come to attention. Those in uniform give the appropriate formal salute. Citizens not in uniform salute by placing their right hand over the heart and men with head cover should remove it and hold it to left shoulder. hand over the heart

Observing the U.S. flag:

As the U.S. flag passes your position on the parade route, please observe the following parade etiquette rules:

► Make sure you are standing

► If you are wearing a hat, remove it.

≻Cover your heart with your right hand (military members should give a military salute).

► And, temporarily stop conversations as the flag passes.

►Non-U.S. citizens should stand quietly.

Veteran, when the honor guard renders the military salute and taps are played.

Very respectfully, **Michael Pope Ely Area Honor Guard**

Tower's troubles highlight the work of former officials

What a fiasco! Ever since the city of Tower got the green light and funding for our new manufacturing facility it's been one setback after another. We were supposed to be in our new building on Oct. 1, 2018, and now it's June 2019. It still may be months away. The city never followed up on the work and it didn't even evoke the \$250/ day penalty for it not being completed on time that they could have had. Too late now!

of feet of new water and sewer lines, the civic center, and Lamppa Manufacturing.

Just think of all the time and effort that was needed. It took a dedicated leader and some very civic-minded men and women to get it done. Egos had to be put aside for the good of all. The chain of command had to be from the council and mayor down and NOT from the clerk up and down trying to control everything.

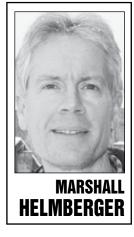
This is a classic example of the wrong person gaining a little power that they weren't able to handle. Unfortunately, it went to their head and got the best of them, hurting both the city of Tower and Lamppa Manufacturing at the same time

Daryl Lamppa Tower

Story falls short in charge that IRRR funding is politically skewed

Has political favoritism toward theIronRange'smost powerful elected official brought an unfair share of funding from the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabiliation to communities in Sen. Tom Bakk's Third District?

That was the contention in a report in the Star



Tribune this past Sunday. I read it with interest, since it isn't every day that the Strib reports on our region. The headline,"Lopsided grants spark questions of favoritism," had plenty of sizzle. But as I read it, and then read it again assuming I had missed something, I kept thinking of the old Wendy's com-

mercial: "Where's the beef?"

The basic story line was that Bakk was somehow using his personal or political relationship with Commissioner Mark Phillips to bring an inordinate share of IRRR funds to communities in his district since 2015. This story line faced obstacles in that both Bakk and Phillips denied they have a personal relationship and Phillips said Bakk doesn't weigh-in with him on projects that the agency considers for funding. The story notes they both have homes on Lake

Vermilion, but that's evidence that Lake Vermilion is a popular place and nothing more.

The story noted that Bakk is "widely credited with having helped save Phillips' job after the *Timberjay* reported on the hiring process for Joe Radinovich back in April. That may be, but it's tough to link that to funding decisions that were made prior to that event.

The bigger problem is that since 2015, the lion's share of IRRR funding for community projects hasn't gone to Bakk's

district- it's gone to Sen. Tomassoni's district. In fact, \$23.8 million went to community projects in Tomassoni's Sixth District compared to \$11.3 million to communities in Bakk's district. Justin Eichorn's Fifth District received \$4.7 million, while the Tenth District, located in the Crosby area, received \$2.2 million.

But the Strib pointed out that if you compare the average grant on a per-capita basis, Bakk's haul

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Letters from Readers

President Trump does show concern for others

I refer to the editorial of June 14 that says, "Trump ultimately cares only about himself." It points out his many personality flaws of "vanity, selfishness, ignorance, and needless cruelty." My friends' granddaughter

has worked daily with President Trump in the White House since

the beginning of his administration. And she always flies with him on Air Force One. She tells her grandparents he is kind, caring, and wonderful to work for.

Moreover, an acquaintance

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who stayed in a Trump hotel, asked a waiter, who happened to be African American, what his impression was of the president when he visited.. He enthusiastically said that Trump called him by name, asked about his

family, and seemed interested in his well being.

Marilyn Cummings Orange County, Calif.

EPA's OIG to investigate handling of PolyMet permit

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

REGIONAL- The handling of the PolyMet water discharge permit is now the subject of a federal investigation. The Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Inspector General announced June 12 that it will conduct a full audit of allegations by EPA whistleblowers that officials with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and Cathy Stepp, the Trump-appointed administrator of the EPA's Great Lakes regional office, may have conspired to suppress concerns within the federal agency that the PolyMet permit did not comply with the Clean Water Act.

Meanwhile, calls for a state investigation have also been appearing since the EPA, under the pressure of a federal lawsuit, agreed to release the agency's written comments last week. Those comments appeared to confirm the claims of EPA whistleblowers that the MPCA sought to keep EPA comments from appearing in the official record that was likely going to face judicial review.

For now, Gov. Mark Walz isn't committing himself to a state investigation into the matter.

"The Governor believes that mining projects should be subject to a rigorous environmental review and permitting process before they go forward," stated spokesperson Teddy Tschann." His office is currently reviewing the recently released EPA document and MPCA's process to ensure it meets the standards he expects for sound environmental decision making and public transparency."

PolyMet Mining proposes to build Minnesota's first copper-nickel mine near Hovt Lakes. The MPCA granted the company its water discharge permit, known as an NPDES permit, last December.

EPA professional staff, who had worked on the PolyMet permitting process had drafted written comments outlining their concerns but were allegedly told they could not submit them to the MPCA as would normally be done as part of the process on a major permit. Instead, in April of 2018, the EPA staff read portions of their written comments to MPCA officials over the phone. MPCA officials acknowledge the phone conversation took place but have since stated in court filings that they destroyed their notes of the call.

In order to address an ongoing legal fight over access to the EPA comments, the federal agency released the seven-page comment letter to environmental groups, including Duluth-based Water Legacy, on June 12. The comments cited several instances where the EPA officials believed the PolyMet permit did not comply with federal and state

water quality laws and rules, and was likely unenforceable.

A retired EPA attorney, Jeffry Towley, had filed an affidavit with the court in that case, alleging that a top official with the MPCA, possibly former Commissioner John Linc Stine, had asked Stepp to withhold the comments. EPA whistleblowers allege that the MPCA wanted to keep EPA's concerns out of the administrative record, which courts must rely on to determine whether an agency's decision was appropriate. Tribal governments in Minnesota along with several environmental groups are currently suing the MPCA over the issuance of the NPDES permit to PolyMet.

Now released, the EPA comments are likely to pose a major headache for the MPCA as the agency attempts to defend its permit decision in court.

In her June 12 letter, Khadija Walker, with the EPA's Office of Inspector General, informed Stepp that the OIG's objective "is to determine whether the EPA followed appropriate Clean Water Act and NPDES regulations to review the PolyMet permit approved by Minnesota and issued in 2018.'

As part of that investigation, the OIG is seeking "analysis and meeting documents from all staff and management related to the review of the PolyMet permit issued in 2018, to include Region 5's written comments for the permit."

In her letter, Walker indicated that her office would be in touch about setting up an initial meeting within two weeks to discuss the investigation, answer questions, and obtain documents for review by investigators. The letter provides no timeline on how long the investigation might take to complete.

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stood well above the other senate districts. That may well be true, but it's not clear that it's a meaningful statistic.

Bakk's district has, by far, the largest number of cities in the taconite tax relief area and they are, as a rule, very small in population- think Orr, Cook, Tower, Babbitt, Silver Bay, Tofte, Lutsen, and Grand Marais. The nature and size of the communities in Bakk's district inevitably skews any comparison based on per-capita. There are basic realities to most public projects, in that they cost a lot whether it's a project in Hibbing or a project in Orr.

Let's assume that the IRRR awards Hibbing \$1 million for a sewer project. If the agency was expected to fund equally from a per-capita basis, Orr could expect no more than about \$14,000 for a similar project there. But that wouldn't even cover mobilization costs, even for a modest job. I've monitored and reported on IRRR spending for decades and, in general, the agency does a pretty good job of "spreading it around." In doing

so, the smallest cities are almost inevitably going to see more funding on a per-capita basis. With the vast majority of the small cities in the Taconite Tax Relief Area found in Bakk's sprawling district, I suspect that this disparity has existed for a long time, which suggests it's more a matter of geography and demographics than political influence. The alternative, of course, is to direct even more of the IRRR's money to the bigger Iron Range core cities, which already see the bulk of the funds. That would have a hugely negative impact on smaller communities in the TTRA and I would hope the IRRR doesn't move in that direction.

What's more, the comunity projects examined mostly in Tomassoni's district.

And, ultimately, if you assume that the funding process is actually based to some degree on merit (which I believe it is), the funds are more likely to go towards communities that are the most proactive in community and economic development. Ely has certainly been a good example of that and they've attracted a significant amount of funding in recent years. The Lutsen/ Grand Marais area also has a very active economic development authority which has been developing worthy projects on workforce development and strengthening the Lutsen Mountain facility, which is a major economic driver

in Cook County.

ita approach to project funding? That would be a disaster for communities outside the core Range.

If the Grand Rapids area sees less funding, that could well be because community organizations there tend to turn to the Blandin Foundation,

which pours millions into that community.

Let's hope the IRRR stays the course and doesn't let questionable statistical analysis divert them from their mission to help all the communities of the TTRA.





by the Strib represent just one of several funding streams. The analysis did not consider the millions of dollars that the agency directs to Giants Ridge (which is in Tomassoni's district) or to area school districts through their school collaboration program. It didn't consider funds directed back to mining companies for reinvestment in plants located

These areas, while part of the TTRA, are more tied to outdoor recreation and tourism than the core Range cities and they are attracting new businesses and new residents with a strong interest in community and economic development who are getting involved and generating sound proposals. Should the IRRR ignore merit and focus on a per-cap-

COUNCIL....Continued from page 3

ing to suppress those comments from public review," said Cantello. "This suppression is completely inappropriate and allowed those comments to remain secret." Lotthammer's email, in part, states: "The concern we have expressed to Region 5 staff/mgrs is the timing of EPA comments, not the ability for EPA to comment. The draft permit that is the subject of this discussion is on public notice until March 16. We know that we will be making some changes to the draft permit in response to public comments, and also questions raised by EPA. We have asked that EPA Region 5 not send a written comment letter during the public comment period and instead follow the steps outlined in the

MOA, and wait until we have reviewed and responded to public comments and made associated changes before sending comments from EPA." Apparently following Lotthammer's urging, the EPA did not submit any written comment during the public comment period, nor did any such comments appear in the public record for the PolyMet permit.

The union also alleges that the MPCA may have misled the Minnesota Court of Appeals in a May 31, 2019, filing when agency officials stated that the agency "did not receive written comments from EPA, did not take efforts to keep EPA's written comments out of the administrative record, or fail to disclose the existence of EPA comments."

"Based o n Lotthammer's email, we believe this statement, just recently filed with the Court by MPCA, may be false," said Cantello."EPA and MPCA appear to have acted together to evade rules devoted to public transparency. This is unacceptable. In addition, the document seemingly contradicts statements made by MPCA to the Minnesota Court of Appeals, raising issues of public integrity and trust for all involved. Minnesotans deserve full transparency when it comes to the safety of the water they and their children drink every day. EPA and MPCA owe the public an explanation, and those involved in these communications must answer for them.'



local advertisers.

Kiddie Parade

Entries needed for the

TOWER- The Fourth of

July Kiddie Parade is only a

few weeks away. Children can

register starting at 9:30 a.m. on

July 4. Only 50 children regis-

tered last year. This year orga-

nizers are hoping to increase

participation this year, closer to

100. Parents, grandparents, and

older siblings are encouraged

to help our area children with

pates in the Kiddie Parade will

receive a gift of \$5, instead of

the \$2 from previous years. In

addition, 28 other cash priz-

es are awarded, including

one called "Simply the Best."

First through fourth places are

awarded in each category: boys

Each child who partici-

their costumes and floats.

FOURTH OF JULY

parade route will be able to hear and join in if they like.

Please come a few minutes early so the singers can be organized. There will be plenty of time to get back to your parade position or viewing place before the parade starts at 11 a.m.

Fourth of July donations

TOWER-SOUDAN- The Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board would like to thank the following individuals 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.

Thank you to: Pike Bay Lodge-Jay & June Schelde Rod & Judy Politano In memory of Jerry Kolstad from Dan & Bunny Kearney Everett Bay Lodge Kugler Township Norri Distributing Lee Branwall Russell & Theresa Berg Daryl & Cheryl Lamppa Sunny Hill Distributing Vermilion Club **Delores Branville** Cope & Peterson, LTD Barbara Bodine Embarrass-Vermillion

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TOWER-SOUDAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY Salute to Servicewomen exhibit on display in the old Tower Fire Hall TOWER- We salute the million women veterans, includ- tion it is "the oldest community

women in our Armed Forces! The Tower-Soudan Historical Society has a special exhibit highlighting local Iron Range women who have served in the United States military. The traveling exhibit is on loan from the St. Louis County Historical Society and will be open on weekends in the historic fire hall located next to the Tower Post Office. Hours of operation vary depending on volunteer support at the historic fire hall which is open primarily on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. in June and July.

Women have served in the military since the Revolutionary War but it was not until 1948 that women were given permanent military status. Today, women officers and enlisted personnel make up 15-percent of active duty United States Armed Forces personnel, 20-percent of Reservists, and 15-percent of the National Guard. We have more than 1.85 million women veterans, including 23,000 in Minnesota.

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motorized, floats, most patriot-

Any questions, call Pam at

ic, and most comical.

National Anthem

singers needed for

July 4 flag raising at

TOWER- As part of the

Fourth of July Parade celebra-

tion in Tower, the Tower-Sou-

dan Area Singers, under the

direction of Rolf Anderson,

wanting to sing the National

old Legion Hall, at 10:30 a.m.

Anthem to join them at the

on July 4, for the raising of

the flag. The singing will be

broadcast, so that many on the

invite any and all persons

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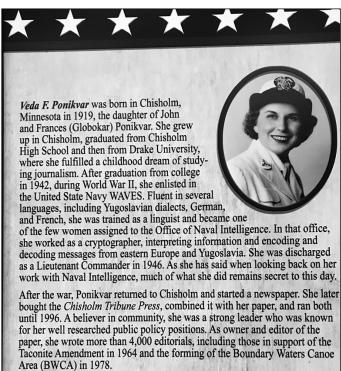
Legion Hall

Learn about local women from Aurora, Virginia, Lakeland, Gilbert, West Eveleth, Hoyt Lakes, Chisholm, and Grand Rapids - who proudly served our country in combat and noncombat zones throughout the world. Learn about the Vietnam Women's Memorial Statue which is located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C. In 1984, a small group of women from Minnesota founded the Vietnam Women's Memorial Project and solicited donations for the statue to honor the more than 7,000 women from across the country who served in Southeast Asia.

Tower is the oldest city north of Duluth and the Tower Fire Hall is a significant building in our region. Built in 1895, it is the oldest public building on the Iron Range. It was listed on the National Register of Historic Places on July 17, 1980. According to the National Register nomina-

fire hall on the Iron Range". It was also used as the Tower city hall and city jail until 1935. The building housed the fire equipment until 1965 when a new fire hall was constructed. Stop by the fire hall at 504 Main Street in Tower to learn about its extensive restoration plan and see the newly restored original windows and doors on Main Street. The work was financed in part by local individual donations, Minnesota's mining industry through the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, and the State of Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society. Please consider a tax-deductible donation to the restoration project by sending your donation to Tower-Soudan Historical Society, P.O. Box 465, Tower, MN 55790.

Right: One of the exhibit panels now on display.



Ponikvar has received much recognition for her work, her commitment to community, and her leadership in Chisholm and on the Iron Range. This is reflected in her nicknames, "The Iron Lady of Chisholm" and "The Iron Editor of the Iron Range." In 2008, on the 150th anniversary of Minnesota statehood, she was recognized in the book, *Minnesota 150: The People, Places, and Things* that Shape Our State.

Movie Night at St. James, June 23

TOWER- Stop by St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower on Sunday, June 23 for a movie night featuring "Finding Normal" beginning at 6 p.m.

Slow down to see normal. The only thing standing between Dr. Lisa Leland and the wedding of her dreams in the Hamptons is a 2,600-mile drive from Los Angeles to Long Island. However, a run in with the law in the country town of Normal, North Carolina, leaves Dr. Leland with a choice- jail or community service. Sentenced to serve three days as the town's doctor, Lisa has her world turned upside

down by a man she would never expect. Quickly, Lisa finds that there's a lot more to Normal than she could have ever imagined.

Vacation Bible School in Soudan, June 24-26

COMMUNITY NOTICES lots of fun games to play tinuing every Mo

Tower-Soudan 60th class reunion, July 5

too.

SOUDAN- The Tower-Soudan High School class of 1959 will have their 60th class reunion tinuing every Monday throughout the summer, the Greenwood Community Recreation Board will have bocce ball equipment out from 4 to 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to stop by for one game or the entire time for camaraderie on a great renovated set of reer education programs.

Zachary Hrvol named to Northern State University spring 2019 Dean's List

ABERDEEN, S.D. – Northern State University in Aberdeen, S.D.,

has released the dean's

list for the spring 2019

semester. Students who

have earned at least a 3.5

grade point average for

the semester are eligible.

Zachary Hrvol, of Tower,

was named to the 3.50-

Rebecca Nelmark

Minnesota State

Moorhead Dean's

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becca Nelmark, of Em-

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to the Minnesota State

University-Moorhead

Dean's List. She is ma-

joring in Social Studies.

Students must be in de-

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maintain a 3.25 or high-

er grade point average

while completing a mini-

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to qualify for the honor.

3.99 Dean's List.

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MSU Moorhead, with an enrollment of approximately 5,800 students, is a comprehensive university offering 141 majors, emphases and options, 11 pre-professional studies programs, and 15 graduate programs.

Immanuel and St. James hosting joint VBS July 8-12

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SOUDAN- Soudan Baptist and St. Paul's Lutheran Churches will be holding Vacation Bible School classes on June 24, 25, and 26 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., ending with a picnic on June 27. All classes will be at Soudan Baptist Church. VBS will include Bible lessons, singing, and snacks. The theme is "Christmas in June" and there will be

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on Friday, July 5 at Vermilion Park Inn (old Soudan Hospital) at 2 p.m. Remember to bring your own beverages and an appetizer to share.

Bocce ball open play on Greenwood courts

G R E E N W O O D TWP- Starting on Monday, June 17, and con-

NOW

OPEN

Fridays

four bocce courts. Stop by and have fun, refresh your game, or learn to play.

Gunnar Olson named to Central Lakes College President's List

BRAINERD- Central Lakes College, Brainerd and Staples, has named Gunnar Olson of Tower to the spring semester President's List.

The President's List includes 336 students who earned a gradepoint average of 3.75 to 4.0 while enrolled for at least 12 credits. Central Lakes College is a comprehensive community and technical college and is a member of Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The college serves about 5,500 students annually in liberal arts and ca-

WANTED CRAFTERS for Orr's July 3 • FUN DAY

Inside and outside spaces available. Contact Ruth 218-290-7266

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.

4-6 PM FRESH at the train depot in Tower Norwex on the Porch! FRIDAY, JUNE 28 10 AM - 2 PM at NORDIC HOME NORTH 303 Main Street, Tower **NORWEX** is celebrating **25** years! **REGISTER FOR PRIZES!...** "What's your birthday wish?" Norwex www.RobinMajerle.norwex.biz Norwex consultant/Robin Majerle 218-780-1739

BRIETUNG TOWNSHIP



Breitung Township offices have moved over to the Mineview Apartment's common room while the township's town hall building is remodeled. The work is expected to be completed later this year. photo by S. Ukkola

Breitung renovation project now underway

by Stephanie Ukkola Staff Writer

BREITUNG- The Breitung Township building renovation project, which seemed like a dream just last year, is now well underway. Lenci Enterprises has already made significant progress in the demolition phase and is expected to complete the project on time, before winter.

The township clerk/treasurer office has temporarily moved into the community room of Vermilion Housing/Mineview Apartments in Soudan. The office will keep the same hours of operation, Tuesday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., and the office phone number is also the same, 218-753-6020. Township meetings will now take place in the Surface Building,

41 1st Ave., until further notice.

At their meeting on June 13, the township submitted the first payment to Lenci Enterprises for \$38,000. Supervisors Greg Dostert and Chuck Tekautz got into a heated debate on the storage closet addition onto the community center. Rebar was not installed in the center of the closet. Dostert argued that it should have been, and it will eventually crack. Tekautz rebutted that the soil conditions were taken into consideration and Lenci and ARI both agreed it was sufficient. It would cost an additional \$3,000 to put the rebar in now.

In other busines, the board:

► Heard a suggestion from treasurer Jorgine Gornick to install Dog Waste Stations around town, or at least at the park to encourage citizens to pick up after their dogs.

> Heard from supervisor Chuck Tekautz that a few property owners have yet to mow their lawns and will receive blight letters.

► Heard an inquiry about purchasing Lot 1 Block 4 Parcel. The lot is located between the skating rink and the highway. The board will research fair market value and get back to the person.

> Approved a memorial bench for Rick Tomsich to be placed on the Breitung bike trail, at the top of the hill straight up from McKinley Park. The family will install the bench.

► Heard from JoAnn Bassing, who encouraged the board to apply for grant money to install a public computer at the Breitung Community Center or another similar project of their choice.

▶ Heard from Fire Chief Steve Burgess who asked the board to set a price on the Chevy fire truck they are selling. The board decided it should first be posted for \$5,000 exclusively for area fire departments.

➤ Heard from Colleen Kowalski who inquired about a \$600 variance charge on a deck she is building with Art Dale. The township told her they do not do any planning and zoning and she would have to contact the county.

➤ The next meeting will be Wednesday, June 26 at noon in the Surface Building.

June 21, 2019 **7**

Week of June 24

Monday

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

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

Tower City Council-5:30 p.m. at city hall on June 24

Tuesdav

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 July 16.

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.

Breitung Town Board-12 noon on June 19. Meeting to be held in the MINOS Surface Building.

Thursday

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

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

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May 2019

Calls: 352 Arrests: 3 Citations/formal charges: 13 Monthly Mileage: 2.229 (Tahoe: 1,175, Explorer: 1054)



May **Police Report**

BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Breitung Police Chief Dan Nylund

Washington, D.C. Whether the drug is legally prescribed or illegal, driving while drug-impaired poses a threat to the driver, vehicle passengers, and other road users.

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Additional Shifts

During the month of May the Breitung Police Department worked two TZD shifts.

Squads

Current end-of-the-month mileage for the Gold 2012 Chevy Tahoe (Tower) is 83,844. Current end-of-the-month mileage for the 2017 Ford Explorer is 19,593.

During the month of May the Tahoe had repairs done to fix leaking transmission lines and the water pump replaced.

Drive High – Get a DUI

Drug-impaired driving is a problem on America's highways. Like drunk driving, drugged driving is impaired driving, which means it is dangerous and illegal in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and

Citations/formal charges/arrests

- (1) DWI 3rd degree test refusal
- (3) Citations Speed
- (2) Citations DAR
- (3) Citations Disorderly con-
- duct
 - (1) Assault Terroristic threats
 - (3) Assault 5th degree
 - (1) Warrant arrest

OLD SETTLERS

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



BREITUNG TWP-Committee members are urging area residents to register in advance for this year's Old Settlers Reunion and Picnic. Early registration helps with planning and makes the registration lines on picnic day move quickly. Members also save \$2 if they register by June 30. The Annual Old Settlers Reunion and Picnic

will be held on Saturday, July 20 starting at 12 noon at McKinley Park Campground. Old Settlers is open to anyone born or living on the Vermilion Iron Range (Tower and Ely). Dues are \$6 if paid prior to June 30, and then \$8 after that. The Old Settlers Picnic features a delicious booyah dinner, entertainment, and door prizes.

For the price of membership, it's the best value around!

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

Transfer station

Soudan Canister

Expanded h	ours year-round
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For info: 1-8	00-450-9278

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Summer Hours through Sept. 30 Tuesday 1 p.m. - 6 p.m. Thursday 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 12 p.m. - 6 p.m. Recycling canisters available daily at the Greenwood Town Hall. For info: 1-800-450-9278

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, July 10, 31; Aug. 21

Bois Forte Boys/Girls Club Greenwood Town Hall Soudan Fire Hall **Tower Civic Center** Embarrass, Four Corners

11:00-11:30 a.m. 12:00-12:30 p.m. 1:45-3:00 p.m. 3:15-4:15 p.m. 5:15-6:00 p.m.

For further information, call the Arrowhead Library System at 218-741-3840 or www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us

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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

Noon-6 pm Monday Tuesday Noon-6 pm Noon-6 pm Wednesday Thursday Noon-6 pm Noon-5 pm Fridav 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. Anthonv'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'**

12-step support group, noon Fridays, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Ely.

ELY FOOD SHELF -Third Wednesday each month, 15 W. Conan St. ADULT BASIC **EDUCATION** GED - Study materials and pre-test available.

Tower by appointment. Call 365-3359, 827-3232, or 1-800-662-5711.

Tuesday Group

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

Rom - Update on Save the Boundary Waters July 2 - Ann McNally and Doris Kolodgi - Ely Girl

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

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

by Cecilia Rolando ^{© 2019}



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June 25 - Becky

ELY - The Ely



color along the roadsides

ELY – Ely Memorial School art students participated in the Ely Community Paddle Art

Project this past school year with the goal of preserving and promoting the art, history, and culture of canoeing.

The project was developed by the Minnesota Canoe Museum and collaboration from local organizations to enrich local heritage, enhance tourism, and to support the museum's educational mission.

Participants included Ely Memorial High



Ely Memorial art students helped preserve the local art, history and culture of canoing this past school year. submitted photo

School. Other painted paddles are being donated to the Dorothy Molter Museum, Ely Chamber of Commerce, Ely Folk School, Ely-Winton Historical Museum, and contributing outfitters. "The remaining paddles are destined for repainting and future placement in the community," Simula said.

The Minnesota Canoe Museum's 10-canoe exhibit is on display in the Ely Folk School at 209 E. Sheridan Street and can be viewed during open hours: Thursday through Saturday, 1-4 p.m. There is no charge for viewing the exhibit although donations are encouraged to help support the Minnesota Canoe Museum and the Ely Folk School.

OUR COMMUNITY



Ely Wheel Park ready to roll

ELY - Crews from Rock Country Masonry floated concrete last week on the new Ely Wheel Park project, located at the Ely Rec Center.

The Ely Wheel Park will include a combination of a half pipe, flat ground trick area, and a pumptrack. The pumptrack is a serpentine track with rhythmic rollers and banked corners that can be used with bikes, skateboards, longboards, rollerblades, or scooters. Momentum is provided by "pumping" or pushing down on the downhill portions and using momentum to your advantage. It can be used at any speed or ability level.

The city's vision is to create an alternative recreational site where any resident can engage in exercise, develop skills, and socialize in a community-sanctioned space. Ely will have the first poured concrete pumptrack in the United States.

This is a collaborative project between the city of Ely, Independent School District 696, Vermilion Community College, the city's Parks and Recreation Department, Ely Community Resource, Focus Program, and Ely area businesses and community.



Concrete for the new Ely Wheel Park was poured last week by Rock Country Masonry. The new facility located at the Rec Center will be ready to use by the end of the week. photos by K. Vandervort

MEMORIAL SCHOOL

Canoe Paddle Art Project completed

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School art teacher Kelly Chick, 45 art students, and maintenance employee Kirt Hartshorn; Ely artist Andy Messerschmidt; Minnesota Canoe Museum grant writer Jeanette Cox, director Erik Simula; and used paddle donations from individuals and local outfitters.

Funding was provided by Lake Country Power's Operation Round-Up and the Elmer L. and Eleanor J. Anderson Foundation.

During the school year, art students learned from consulting artists about the project's goal of designing and painting attractive paddle art that is creative, representative of local canoeing heritage, and culturally sensitive, according to Simula.

"The results are impressive," he said. Eight paddles were selected for a permanent hallway display in the Ely High

For more information, contact Simula at 218-226-8482.

AROUND TOWN

New Ely Wolf Center exhibit opens June 28

ELY - The grand opening for the new International Wolf Center exhibit will be held on Friday, June 28 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in Ely.

The event is free, and the public is invited to come experience the new exhibit, titled Discover Wolves! After a brief welcoming ceremony, the center's doors will open to the family-friendly adventure that features wolf howls, northern lights and a simulated airplane ride.

Discover Wolves! was funded in part with a grant from the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources, plus a major commitment from the board of directors at the Wolf Center and its donors.

A photo mural leads visitors down a ramp and into the new exhibit space. The mosaic, which looks from afar like a wolf resting, is made up of thousands of small images. The closer one gets, the less like a wolf the mural looks, as individual images reveal themselves. Once you step back, those individual images fade and the bigger picture of the wolf is again visible.

Just inside the new exhibit hall, a wolf den is built into a rocky cave. Visitors are able to step up to the den and look inside to see video footage of real wolves in a real den.

In another display, the distance covered by a wolf on a given day is highlighted on a map of the northern United States. The distance, 30 miles, is but a small track across the vast north country. That illuminated track grows considerably when visitors press the second button, showing how far a wolf can travel in a month (600 miles). The third and final track shows what 3,000 miles looks like on a map of North America-the distance wolves can travel in a year. The display also notes wolves sometimes travel much farther, up to 8,000 miles a year, if prey is scarce.

Nearby, a simulated airplane gives visitors a chance to see how researchers track wolves from the air. Once a guest takes a seat in the cockpit and pushes a button, the adventure begins. Four screens encircle the guest, making it appear as though he or she is in the cockpit of a small airplane. The plane takes off from an ice-covered lake in Ely with

Shannon Barber-Meyer riding in the front seat next to the pilot. Barber-Meyer, a wolf biologist with the United States Geological Survey, explains how she uses radio telemetry to track wolves in the wild. Near the end of the adventure, Barber-Meyer and the visitor successfully find the wild pack.

Historic artifacts aim to show how important wolves were to various cultures over time. Included in the display is a stunning hand-beaded mask in the shape of a wolf's head. The mask was donated to the Center's founder, Dr. L. David Mech, who in turn donated it to the Center for display.

For more information about the International Wolf Center, visit www. wolf.org.

YOUTH RECREATION



Ely-area youth attend golf camp

by LORI CASEY Golf Camp Director

ELY - Last week at the four-day Ely Golf Club Youth Camp, 58 participants and coaches focused on driving, chipping, putting, rules and etiquette. Sixteen coaches and two main volunteers were amazed how many sunny hours of outdoor play were enjoyed despite the number of rainy days thus far this May and June.

Meteorologists warned of rain on Friday so the usual competitive stroke-play and skills test day was held on Thursday. Friday, of course, was sunny and beautiful, so groups were over-joyed to just play golf, eat lunch and receive awards and new golf caps.

On Thursday, the more experienced students played a Kangas and Vertin Memorial mini-tournament. First-year students in the boy and girl categories showed their skills hoping to win the firstplace medal. Other groups combined the skill results with scores from two holes of golf. Coaches used the same skills required at Drive, Chip and Putt Competitions (DCP) soon to be held throughout the country. Regional DCP winners compete the Sunday before the Masters at Augusta National Golf Club in 2020.

The Youth Golf Program, for ages eight to 14, relies on its low cost registration fee, volunteers and donors who provided funds and equipment directly to the youth program, the Ely Golf Course or Ely Area Golf Foundation.

This year, ten sets of clubs and more driving mats were purchased along with improvements to Tipton's Chipping Area by the maintenance staff. Thank you volunteers, donors and the entire Golf Club staff for contributions to this program. You helped provide 2019 golf memberships and four days of fun to dozens of enthusiastic, well behaved Ely area youth. Hope to see you on the course.





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 of books" sale will be held on Saturday, June 22, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Help needed to water new trees

ELY - The June rains have been bypassing Ely and city trees are parched, according to the local Friends of the Trees organization. They suspect this is one reason the trees on Sheridan Street have been taking so long to leaf out this spring.

City of Ely workers will get out when they can to water, but they can't do this work alone.

How can you help?

If you live near a boulevard tree, fill its water bag with your garden hose. Or pour a bucket of water on a tree further down the street. If you don't live in town, you can help by adopting a tree that isn't being watered. Just carry water to it once or twice a week. Message the Ely Friends of the Trees on Facebook to get water containers.

Have coffee with a cop

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

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

Yesterday's news, this week

from the archives of

THE ELY MINER Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

June 20, 1919

Circus Day on June 24

The Dear Old Circus! What a flood of memories they bring to the grown-ups. What a world of wonderment to the kid at his side as they both gaze at the pictured pageantry of Hippodrome and the Menagerie as pictured on the neighboring barn. And indeed we feel sorry for the grown-ups too old or callous or embittered to himself, forgotten when he himself was a child; or if he finds no joy in the fact that the youngsters of his town and country are to know the thrill, the fathomless child wonder that comes to them only on the day when the red wagons arrive; and the big elephants and the funny old clowns, the trumpeting bands and the tooting calliopes.

A person's taste may be educated to the point when the most classical music is appreciated in the symphony concert, an eagerly appreciated treat, the Grand Opera a delight. But it is doubtful if any of these really stir the heart to that rapture inspired by the first lust notes as the calliope in the days gone by, when every little urchin vied in being up early to carry water for the elephant for admission to fairyland. Were there ever such wonderful little ponies, such bespangled girls, such bewildering funny clowns? That man is old indeed whose heart does not wax to the memory of that long-ago boy who is yet like the boy of today, with his mop of unruly hair and his quota of stubbed toes, and stone bruises. Circus Day! There is nothing like it under the sun. Be a boy again and see the Walter L. Main Fashion Plate Shows when it visits Ely next Tuesday.



Tournament Winners, above, include, front row from left, Asher Adelson, Miriam Messerschmidt and Owen Marolt, and back row from left, Claire Thomas, Deegan Richards, Travis Bird, Lauren Kourath, and Erin Nylund. Not pictured: June Nelson and Eli Olson.



Amateur Radio Field Day is this weekend in Ely

ELY - Members of the Vermilion Range Amateur Radio Club are participating in the national Amateur Radio Field Day exercise this Saturday and Sunday, June 22–23, at the St. Louis County Public Works Facility located at 2210 Hidden Valley Road.

Ham radio stations annually establish temporary public locations during Field Day events to showcase the science and skill of Amateur Radio. This event is free and open to the public.

Field Day demonstrates ham

radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications network.

Hams can literally throw a wire in a tree for an antenna, connect it to a battery-powered transmitter, and communicate halfway around the world. In today's electronic do-it-yourself (DIY) environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology, and numerous other scientific disciplines. In addition, amateur radio is an asset to any community during disasters or emergencies if the standard communication infrastructure goes down.

Anyone may become a licensed Amateur Radio operator. There are more than 725,000 licensed hams in the United States, as young as nine and as old as 100. And with clubs such as the Vermilion Range Amateur Radio Club, it's easy for anybody to get involved right here in the Ely area.

For more information about Field Day or Amateur Radio, contact the Vermilion Range Amateur Radio Club at 218-235-0059, www.vermilionrangearc. org, or visit www.arrl.org/whatis-ham-radio.

Fine business

The ladies of the Catholic societies who staged a bazaar and picnic at the old Catholic church two weeks ago report that net proceeds as \$1,254.98. The ladies wish to extend their thanks to all those who helped make the affair a success both by their work and their presence there.

NOTICE Boat Ramp Closure

For the week of Monday, June 24, to Friday, June 28, 2019 the Farm Lake Boat Ramp will be Closed while it is being re-built. Canoes will still be able to gain access to Farm Lake through this access. The nearest public water access for motor boats will be on White Iron Lake off of Pine Road. Call the MN DNR Parks and Trails, Tower Area Office at 218-300-7841

with any questions.

Briefly

Northwoods Friends of the Arts summer events schedule

COOK - Summer exhibits are now open, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Events beging held by the NWFA this summer include:

Spring Art until June 28. Artists are exhibiting their new art in communities in Crane Lake, Buyck, Tower, Cook, Orr and at the NWFA Gallery in Cook.

Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1p.m. is open studio art. Enjoy doing art with other artists, everyone is welcome.

Tuesdays, June 25, July 9, July 23 and August 13: NWFA Writers Group 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. All those interested in writing and talking about writing are invited to attend this group facilitated by Dr. Ellie Larmouth.

Each Wednesday is "Music In The Park". June 26 features "Robert Walker Outlaw Country", a collection of originals and rocking country classics beginning at 6 p.m.

Food concession by St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Sponsored by Cook Lions Club, Cook VFW and Auxiliary Post 1757, Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club, Cook Fire Association, Lisa Hyppa Consulting and NWFA.

Wednesday, June 26 from 12 to 2 p.m., "Elsie and Lisa Hyppa's Pasta Making: Garganelli, Farfalle, Maltagliati, Mama-mia." Tips and tricks on making hand rolled pasta at NWFA Gallery. Call Lisa Hyppa to register at 218-780-1151.

Thursday June 27, 10:30 to 11:30 a.m, Family Heritage Exploration. Interview and document some family history. A workbook is provided. You must have a family member or friend in residence at CareFree Living in Cook to attend this class.

Midsummer Festival at Mesaba Co-op June 21-23

HIBBING- Mesaba Co-op Park's 90th annual Midsummer Festival, "90 Years for the Common Good," will be held Friday through Sunday, June 21-23. Friday evening features a pasty supper and an open stage at 7 p.m. with music, dance, humor, and surprises.

Saturday offers morning yoga, and the "Mesaba Café," a two-hour informal storytelling by past and present park caretakers. Lunch is available at noon in the dining hall. At 1:30 p.m. in the dance hall, a speakers forum begins: Pam Brunfelt, professor and historian, will speak on "Co-op History and Mesaba Park." Rolf Anderson of the Minnesota Historical Society will present "Mesaba Park: the FBI Files." Special activities for children will be offered throughout the afternoon. At 4 p.m. Terrence Smith's Maypole Dance enlivens the crowd, prior to a social hour on the pavilion breezeway. Dinner at 6 p.m. is a creation by chef Colleen Betts of Food Magic featuring a mouth-watering menu with amazing fare for vegetarians and omnivores alike. At 9 p.m. the evening accelerates as "The Confused Brothers" take the stage, playing standards and original music. At 11 p.m. the traditional Juhanuus bonfire will be lit. Sunday morning features breakfast and the Park's annual meeting, followed by a mojakka (beef stew) lunch at noon. A special afternoon concert begins at 1:30 p.m. in the dance hall. First up is Steve Solkela, singer, accordion player and comic. At 2 p.m. singer/songwriter Clair Brockway from North Carolina takes the stage. And at 2:30 p.m. the headliner, the magnificent fiddle player Gaelynn Lea, winner of NPR Music's 2016 Tiny Desk Contest, will perform. Cost for the weekend is \$30 for adults. Children under 12 enter free. Mesaba Park is located seven miles east of Hibbing at the intersection of Hwy. 37 and County Rd. 5, near the Thirsty Moose.

ORR FUN DAY



Lions club members grill hamburgers and hot dogs at the 2018 Fun Day. file photo

Orr Fun Day goes sky high

by MARCUS WHITE

Cook-Orr Editor

ORR - Visitors to the annual July 3 Fun Day here can have fun in the air with the debut of float plane rides over Pelican Lake.

For \$80 a person, you can soar above the northwoods and take in the view of the festivities from hundreds of feet in the air.

For those who like to keep their feet on solid ground, the day won't disappoint with a host of sales, shows, dancing and even a mechanical bull ride.

"It's a fun way to come and celebrate Independence Day," said organizer Sandy Wardas of Lake Country ReMax.

The day kicks off bright and early at 7 a.m. with a pancake breakfast at the American Legion building.

At 9 a.m., a 5K walk/ run will begin at the tennis courts next to the Orr Center along with a basement sale at Cavalry Lutheran Church.

All afternoon, visitors will be able to take in live music from the Beefeater Brothers along with a craft fair at the Legion.

Also at noon, a children's parade will wind its way around the town before float winners are announced at 1 p.m.

At 4 p.m. you can dress up your Teddy bear at the Legion and then take it to the street dance starting at 8 pm. If dancing isn't your jam, a petting zoo, pony rides and a bouncy house will also be available. The day will come to an end with fireworks over Orr Bay at dusk.

Wardas said about 500 people are expected to attend the day's events.

Most of the events will take place in and around the American Legion building with additional sales and promotions at the Orr Center and down the road at the Vince Shute Bear Center south of town.

For more information, see the advertisement on page 3.

PERFORMING ARTS





Inside and outside spaces available. Contact Ruth 218-290-7266

Aidan Einhorn as Charlie and Logan Bitz Daum as Willy Wonka. submitted photo

Willy Wonka comes to the Edge Center for Arts in Bigfork

BIGFORK – Ten years after making its first appearance in Bigfork. the whimsical world of Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka returns to the Edge Stage. The new musical adaptation, based on the book "Charlie and The Chocolate Factory" by Roald Dahl, follows the adventures of Charlie Bucket and the other Golden Ticket holders through Willy Wonka's mysterious Chocolate Factory filled with Oompa-Loompa, fun, candy and magic around every corner. The play, presented in Bigfork and produced by the Stages Theatre Company is a sweet treat for the entire family. This musical will be on stage at the Edge Center in Bigfork Friday, July 19 through Sunday, July 21. Performances are at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m. Sunday. Cost is \$15 for adults and \$5 for children. Directed by Nikki Swoboda, this production of the children's classic was adapted for the stage by Leslie Bricusse and Timothy Allen McDonald, and features the enchanting songs from the 1971 film, along with new songs by Leslie Bricusse and Anthony Newley. "Willy Wonka is filled with big dreams and a generous sprinkle of candy, which just so happens to be the ingredient for an excellent summer," said Swoboda. "Charlie's big heart and open eyes bring us on a fantastical journey from nothing to everything, and all kinds of wild adventures in between." Every year Stages Theatre Company brings a treat with their special productions filled with

music and laughter for a wonderful experience for both the theater and the Bigfork Community. This show, filled with color and excitement, will be sure to transport audiences to a world of pure imagination! "We are grateful to continue that amazing partnership with Edge and the experiences that our summer tour to Bigfork provides for our young actors, families, and the community, said Sandy Boren-Barrett, Artistic Director of Stages Theatre Company. Roald Dahl's Willy Wonka is presented through special arrangement with Music Theatre International (MTI).

Home for the Edge Center for the Arts is in the northern Minnesota city of Bigfork located where the Big Fork and Rice Rivers join. This "wildly unexpected" gem exists "to enhance the Edge of the Wilderness by providing a welcoming and well-managed space where creating, enjoying, and sharing art experiences build community." Its 283-seat, state-of-the-art theatre and 1400 square-foot art gallery provide opportunities for residents, guests and vacationers. All this is in a city under 500 people. The Edge is attached to and part of the community's school enjoying the energy and vitality that only an education-based facility can offer. Visit us on the internet at https://edgecenterarts.org or www.facebook.com/ EdgeCenterArts, email us at admin@edgecenterarts.org, or call us at 218-743-6670.

Community Notices

Old McDonald had a banjo

COOK - The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present Old MacDonald Had a Banjo, a free program being offered for kids ages 3-8 with their parents/caregivers/families on Saturday, July 6 at 10 a.m. at the Cook Public Library.

The children's show. Old MacDonald Had a Banjo, imagines a farm full of songs bursting out to entertain, educate, and involve the audience in singing, movement, and silliness. Folk musician Paul Imholte plays the part of Old MacDonald as he sings original and classic children's songs. During the show, Paul will play the fiddle, guitar, hammered dulcimer, autoharp, cello, harmonica, spoons, jaw harp, and, of course, banjo. Children and adults alike will leave the show singing and smiling after this energetic program. 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 @ALSLibrary-News, or like us on Facebook at www.facebook. com/alslibinfo.

Stitches of Love at Bear River Lutheran Church

BEAR RIVER Even during the warmth of summer we can appreciate the enveloping warmth and beauty of quilts - along with the enveloping warmth and beauty of God's love and grace. That's what will be happening at the Bear River Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 22 at 11:30 a.m. as we gather for "Stitches of Love."

It will be a time of story, song, food, and a plethora of lovely quilts and quilted items. Please join us as we celebrate! We will also be drawing for a beautifully sewn lap quilt, an incredible hand-created coffee table, and a whole lot of other prizes. Tickets for the drawing are available at the church that day as well as at any time from church members. The dinner and entertainment is just \$5 – with proceeds going toward siding the church. Bear River Church is located at 11141 Hwy. 22 in Bear River, three miles west of the intersection of Hwy. 5 and Hwy. 22 or four miles east of Hwy. 65. If you have any questions, please contact Carol at 218-376-4534 or Gloria at 218-376-4673.

Kenny Ahern - To Laugh is to Live!

COOK - Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present family comic Kenny Ahern and his To Laugh is to Live! program. This event is free and for all ages. Join us on Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m. at the Cook Public Library.

To Laugh is to Live! is a hilarious family escapade. You are introduced to a whimsical, comic world where the audience happily becomes partners with Kenny's lovable eccentric character. Extraordinary artistry mingles with delightfully daring antics. The result is a dazzling, heartwarming, 45-minute family-friendly program for all ages. For more information about Kenny Ahern, go to https:// www.glberg.com/kenny_ahern.

Church declares "Service Sunday"

COOK - On Sunday, June 30, Cook's Evangelical Covenant Church will be out in the community blessing people.

Interim Pastor Linda Freeman announced "Service Sunday" - instead of gathering inside their church on June 30, the congregation will be doing random acts of kindness and brotherly love to strangers and friends in the community who don't come to the church.

Then, the first Sunday in July, church regular worship services will resume at 10 a.m., as congregants share their adventures and celebrate the goodness of God.

The Evangelical Covenant Church grew from its Swedish Lutheran and Pietist roots to serve worldwide, reaching all ethnicities with the good news of Jesus Christ. Cook Covenant celebrated 100 years in Cook in 2012.

Summer library programs

cial events in June. Teen volunteers are needed!

Kids who complete their playbill activities will receive a reward in August. Teens who participate in the 100-point TAB challenge are invited to a Star Wars themed overnight party in the library.

This summer, let's put books center stage and help prevent summer slide by encouraging reading throughout the season.

Help choose Cook **Public Library's Next Great Read**

COOK - Everyone is welcome to help choose our Next Great Read. Community members and library staff chose 104 books for the Next Great Read list. Voting on the books will take place throughout the summer.

Place your vote by stopping at the library, visiting our Facebook page, Twitter page or library website, www. cookpubliclibrary.org. One vote per person per day.

The winning book will be our community read during the 2020 Winter Reading Program. A complete list of all the books is available at the library and on the library website.

Your story as art

COOK - Your story matters! Be guided in creating a visual of YOU at this workshop with Kris Musto. From 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. on Monday, July 29 at the NWFA Gallery. Use clippings, collage and drawing to create. Paint and paper provided (or other materials you bring) to create a finished art piece on canvas, board or paper.

This class transcends the technique of 'how to' draw, paint, etc, by diving into concepts, symbolism, representation and metaphor in a fun and stress-free environment! We will spend some time developing our stories and experimenting with materials. Then the class will continue to learn about composition, visual symbols, drawing, surface treatment, current artists that are using story and any other art questions that come up. Students from 12 to 100 years of age are welcome!

memory, fiction, dream, story, idea, poem, opinion, struggle, victory, comedy, tragedy, etc. We can work with anything! If you have questions, you may contact Kris at kmusto@mcad.edu 612-325-0258.

Please register for the class through NW-FAMN.ORG or by calling Alberta Whitenack at 218-666-2153 or Shawna Kishel at 218-780-6510. Checks written to NWFA can be dropped off at the NWFA Gallery in Cook or mailed to NWFA, PO Box 44, Cook, MN. 55723. The cost is \$40 for NWFA members or \$55 for non-members, plus an additional \$5 supply fee paid to Kris Musto on the day of the class. Class size is limited to 12 students. The gallery is open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday to Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Kris Musto is one of NWFA's young instructors still fully involved in her career. She makes art about thinking and feeling with paint, drawing, sculpture, installation, photography, collage, fiber, fabric, printmaking, text and anything else within reach. She holds a Fine Arts degree from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and has worked in MCAD Admissions since 1999. For NWFA she has contributed classes in acrylic painting, handmade books and co-chaired exhibits "Aprons In April" and "The Adventures of Jeanne & Kris". This is her second "Your Story As Art" class at NWFA this year.

June at NWFA is Spring Art Expo 2019, so see the art exhibits in in Crane Lake, Tower, Cook and Orr, as well as at NWFA Gallery in Cook. See the website at nwfamn.org and contact volunteers at nwfamn. org@gmail.com or at the Gallery at 218-780-7130.

Briefly

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 218-741-3840.

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

Wi-Fi hotspots available for checkout at Cook Library

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

Hotspot Terms of Use

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

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

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

Coverage Area: Disclaimer: The hotspot relies 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.

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.

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 - Reading is the blockbuster event this summer at the Cook Public Library! 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 spe-

Please bring:

1. A story: well-developed or a very loose idea. 2. A handful of art materials you would like to use. 3. An open mind. 'My Story' is a

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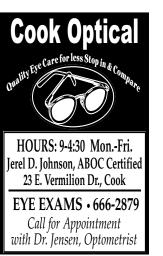
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GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

Greenwood says no to Blandin Broadband grant

by JODI SUMMIT Tower-Soudan Editor

G R E E N W O O D TWP — Greenwood Township won't take part in the Blandin broadband grant following town board action here on June 11.

The grant would have provided the township with \$5,000 for computer equipment, supplies, software, and networking. The township's matching portion of the grant would include hosting and overseeing a public computer station at the town hall, which would be available during scheduled office hours for the township clerk. Both the town clerk and treasurer, who staff the office, appeared in favor of the proposal.

But town board members have been cool to the proposal, which was presented by Joanne Bassing, who chairs the area broadband committee that was established to work under Blandin's auspices. The project was to include the purchase of a new computer and printer, as well as networking the public computer and the township's office computers into the high-speed fiber which is already available at the town hall. The township currently uses Frontier DSL for Internet.

Initially, township officials balked at the cost of the computer included in the proposal, saying they would rather see a more economical model for public use rather than a model that cost about \$3,200. Bassing said that Blandin preferred the purchase of a higher-end computer, to fully take advantage of the broadband capabilities. At their May meeting, the majority of the board did seem open to revising the project and moving forward, but tabled a decision until June.

At their June 11 meeting, DeLuca had plainly soured on the proposal. Without allowing any discussion or input from Bassing, he put a motion on the floor to deny the project. The motion failed 2-2, with Byron Beihoffer voting in favor, and Mike Ralston and Larry Tahija voting against.

At that point, DeLuca appeared to think the issue was over.

Treasurer Pam Rodgers reminded the board that the issue could still be considered, since the previous motion had failed.

'The township would benefit from this," she said, although she added that she wished the township had been given more information on the grant guidelines, and what qualified for grant funding and what didn't. Rodgers said the township could look at a proposal that included hard-wiring the office computers into the available fiber optics, getting a less expensive public computer, adding in a security system to oversee the public use area, and including the cost of a service agreement for the new computer.

But DeLuca insisted there was no need for a public computer at the town hall.

"Everybody I talk to," he said, "nobody says we need a computer here."

But others on the board disagreed.

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"The goal is highspeed Internet for the public," said Ralston.

Rodgers said that the available Frontier DSL service "goes up and down like a freaking yo-yo." She added that many residents would come to the town hall to access reliable service when their home Internet was down or they couldn't complete business just using their phones.

"The computer would be paid for by the grant," reminded Ralston. "The other things would benefit us. They would pay for hard-wiring our office."

But a motion by Ralston to seek a grant for a less expensive computer, hard-wiring the office, security cameras, maintenance contract, new router, and a dedicated printer failed, again on a 2-2 vote with DeLuca and Beihoffer voting against.

Grant proposals are set to be approved this month, so Greenwood was basically bowing out of the grant opportunity.

"It's more important to have security cameras at the canisters," said DeLuca.

Bassing then asked the town board to consider making a donation to help fund the feasibility study. She said that if the township refused to participate in the feasibility study, it would eliminate the township from future broadband projects.

A coalition of three areas are jointly funding the study and need to raise approximately \$75,000, which will be matched one-to-one by Blandin.

"Our standard dona-



tion is \$100," said DeLuca. Bassing said she was not sure what level of donation would be considered for inclusion in the study but said there was a possibility of finding other donations in the township to count towards the township's participation.

Decides to move forward with upgrading Internet service at town hall at township expense

John Bassing then spoke to the board about the feasibility study process. He said once the study is done, the group will apply for a Border to Border broadband grant, which could cover up to half the cost of installing broadband at local residences.

Bassing noted that fiber optic cable, which can give access to broadband-level Internet service, is already in place in many areas in the township. He pointed out that the fiber runs by several of the board member's residences already, strung on telephone poles.

Beihoffer refuted John Bassing's claim.

"That's just conduit for future use," Beihoffer said. "I never saw anyone putting new cable on the poles."

Ralson noted the town hall had fiber optic cable brought in three years ago, and it still wasn't connected.

Rodgers said the estimate to get the township connected and to have additional wifi hotspots installed was about \$2,300.

The board did appear to agree on getting the town hall computers connected to the fiber.

A motion to have a new wifi hotspot installed at an estimated cost of \$486, to give broadband

access to users in the parking lot, passed unanimously. The town board tabled a motion to get the hard-wiring done, since they felt they needed more information on the cost, but said they would consider it at their July meeting.

New deputy clerk appointed

Chairman DeLuca expressed his concerns about deputy clerk Mary Richard, who had filled in for Clerk Sue Drobac during regular office hours the previous month. But he seemed surprised to hear that Richard had resigned from the position at the end of May.

Before hearing of the deputy clerk's resignation, DeLuca refused a request from Drobac to have the deputy clerk attend an upcoming MATsponsored clerk training, though permission was granted to the clerk. A motion by DeLuca on the matter passed 4-0.

The town clerk has the authority to appoint their own deputy, who is then trained in to take over in cases where the clerk is not available.

Drobac informed the board that she had appointed John Bassing, who formerly has served on the town board and as town board chair, to the position. "He has already been

sworn in," she told the board.

Ralston welcomed Bassing to the position. Rodgers said she would need to get Richard taken off the bank paperwork and Bassing put on.

"You should have told me," she said to Drobac.

Ambulance subsidy

The town board has yet to approve the increase in the ambulance subsidy contract for 2020.

"Tower needs to get its accounting procedures accountable," said "They got into the transfer business, it is a money maker," he said. "In reality there was no reason to ask us to double our contribution."

Ralston said the costs of new ambulances have doubled.

"They just can run on the same subsidy," Ralston said.

Peterson said the primary reason the new ambulance was needed was for the transfers, not for responding to local emergency calls.

Other business

In other business the board:

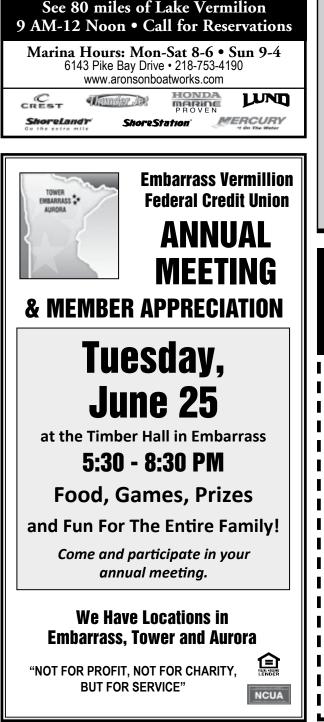
➤ Did not award bids for the town hall paving project. The one quote that came in prior to the published deadline was much higher than expected. The township did receive one other quote but it came in after the deadline. The board will seek an opinion from their attorney about accepting the after-deadline quote.

> Approved the use of the pavilion for free summer yoga classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

>Heard a complaint from Beihoffer, who wanted to see a list of anyone who had keys to the town hall, and for what purpose. Drobac said the only person with such a key was Kathy Lovgren, who used it for the painting group, exercise group, and Vermilion Lake Association when they use the town hall. But Beihoffer didn't accept Drobac's explanation. He pointed to Pam Lundstrom, sitting in the audience, and accused her of having town hall keys "right now in your purse.

Drobac told Beihoffer that Lundstrom had been given the key to use when she had rented the town hall and had returned it when she was done.

"I am sorry," said Beihoffer to Lundstrom, "I made a mistake."



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Ralston.

Resident Lee Peterson said he felt that townships should share in the profitability of the ambulance transfers, since they were helping to fund the purchase of the ambulances. ➤ Heard that Fire Department Training Officer Ed Borchardt is retiring."He did a bang up job taking over as safety officer," said Fire Chief Dave Fazio. Ralston told Borchardt he had done a great job.

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2-3:30pm	Dorothy Molter Museum: Camp KWITCHURBELIAKIN, outdoor learning, Kids 4-12, registration recommended
2-4pm	Pioneer Mine/Ely Arts & Heritage: Historic Ely Pioneer Mine Museum Open
4pm	Historic Walking Tour: Meet Your Guide in front of City Hall
5-7pm	Whiteside Park: Farmers Market
5-7pm	Whiteside Park: NLAA Artist Market
6-7pm	Whiteside Park: City Band
5:30-6:30pm	Mealey's Tiki Deck-Music: Heidi Schiltz from the Candies
7-9pm	Mealey's Tiki Deck-Music: Gene LaFond & Amy Grillo
6-9pm	Rockwood-Music: Allen Phillips
7-9pm	Snowbank Lodge-Music: Barb Hall
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"Everything is brand new," said Dean Ribich. "Our goal is for all the sites to be rented out seasonally. We want to build a community, an extended family."

Dean's family had a cabin on Birch Point when he was growing up, and the family often celebrated special occasions at the restaurant in Bayview's main lodge. They hope to create a similar family atmosphere in this new community.

While the couple worked on plans for the site for over a year, the project kicked into high gear in January when they completed the purchase of necessary property, including two adjacent parcels that allowed them room to build a new access road from County Rd. 77 and a second tier of 30 more RV sites in the future. "This doesn't happen without a great team," Dean said. The contractors they have been working with have been exceptional, he said, especially Dincau Construction and Holmes Excavating.

The sites all have 30/50 amp power and are all metered; each site pays their own electric bill at the end of the season. The park put in holding tanks, which will be regularly pumped, said Dean.

The coordination with the opening of the bar and restaurant inside the old lodge is the final piece that will make the RV park a standout, said Ribich, and the steady stream of customers from the RV park will also benefit the bar and grill.

"The east end of the lake needed this," he said. The Ribiches say they're committed to insuring that their RV park residents make good neighbors. They require a background check before signing any agreement, and RV park rules are in place with required quiet times and curfews for children.

Dean grew up in Biwabik, and Dean and Becky were frequent RV campers when their children were younger. The couple has two grown children, one grandchild and another on the way any day. They purchased the old Wayside Café property a few years ago and had always planned to retire on Vermilion. Right now they're both still working, Dean at his accounting firm and Becky at her law firm. They plan to be up Thursdays through Mondays and said the RV park will be overseen by an on-call maintenance team.

Ross and Roxy Morelock, from Osceola, Wis., were the first to get

Dean and Becky Ribich own the new Bayview RV Resort on Lake Vermilion. photo by J. Summit

a spot at the park. They chose site one, closest to the lake, and couldn't be happier.

"This is going to be the only place to be," they said, "How could it be any better?"

This is the Morelocks' first year RV'ing. Roxy is retired and Ross drives semi-truck three days a week, so they will be going back and forth to Osceola this summer. The couple, who have been married for 47 years, arrived on June 14. They said they had visualized how it would look but were surprised at how great it was.

"This is a new adventure," they said. The couple has friends in the area but are excited to meet the other RV'ers who will be moving in soon.

clerk-treasurer on several

occasions, including

the status of a \$140,000

insurance settlement, and

inaccurate claims about

a TEDA loan to Tower

Harbor Shores. Keith also

claimed last December that

a tax abatement plan that

the previous city council

had approved was illegal

because it exceeded a pur-

ported statutory limit on

interest rates. In fact, there

is no such limit on interest

rates as they pertain to

erly execute the Aug. 14

primary election in Tower,

which led to the forfeiture

of the votes of nearly

20 percent of the city's

electorate. It appears the

Keith also failed to follow

through on a requirement

by the city council that she

contact St. Louis County

elections coordinator

Phil Chapman in writing

seeking a special audit

of the city's November

general election. The

council discussed the issue

on Sept. 26, 2018, and

Keith told the council at

the time that the letter

to Chapman was sitting

on her desk and only

► Failure to prop-

municipal indebtedness.

They already have plenty of family, including grandchildren, scheduled for visits this summer, and they said they can't wait for the restaurant and bar to open.

As of last week, there were five sites still available for the 2019 season. You can learn more about the business at www.bayviewrvresort.com.

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with Lamppa, who had indicated a willingness to help out the city during the investigation and possible transition to a new clerk-treasurer. Lamppa began her duties as of Tuesday this week.

The situation at city hall proved complicated following Keith's suspension. While the council passed a motion requiring Keith to provide passwords to her city computer and accounting program, the passwords that Keith provided on Monday did not appear to be functional and city officials were not able to access her computer. Keith did not respond to phone calls or texts from city hall, Kringstad said on Wednesday, and city officials were still trying to determine how to handle the situation but were considering asking the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office to contact Keith to demand the passwords.

The sheriff's office is already conducting an investigation into a criminal complaint against Keith and former Mayor Josh Carlson and former Acting Mayor Kevin Fitton stemming from allegations that they were involved in illegally removing Marshall Helmberger from his position as chair of the Tower Economic Development Authority in January of 2018 in retaliation for critical reporting on actions of the city. Investigators from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office served a search warrant in that case June 11 in order to obtain emails between those three individuals for the period of Nov. 1, 2017-Jan. 31, 2018. The council removed Helmberger from TEDA on Jan. 22, 2018. Investigators served that warrant on Eveleth-based Tech Bytes, which hosts the city's website and email system and the owner of the business quickly complied. A copy of the search warrant was made available to council members and the media during Monday's council meeting. Kringstad also released a copy of the criminal complaint submitted by Helmberger to County Attorney Mark Rubin back in February. During opening comments on Monday, Kringstad said the serving of a search warrant indicated that the criminal investigation had taken "a serious turn," in that an independent judge had determined there was probable cause to believe that Keith and

others had committed a crime. Given that the investigation stemmed from apparent falsification of city records by Keith, Kringstad said the council could not responsibly leave her in her current position while investigations by both the city and county were ongoing.

Helmberger's complaint alleges that Keith and the two former council members violated Minn. Stat. 609.43, titled Misconduct by a Public Official. The law makes it a gross misdemeanor to use official authority to deny someone their rights, to take actions beyond lawful authority, or to present official documents knowing they are false in any material way. By dismissing Helmberger without cause, the three allegedly denied Helmberger rights to due process established in state statutes for members of an economic development authority and also exceeded their legal authority in doing so. Finally, the apparent falsification of Helmberger's term of office from his original appointment through 2019, to suggest his term expired at the end of 2017, constituted an additional violation The city's own investigation is likely to include what's known as a "forensic audit," which the council authorized on Monday as part of a series of motions. Kringstad said the St. Louis County investigators recommended the forensic audit and provided the name of an individual with the state auditor's office who conducts such reviews. A forensic audit is typically undertaken to search for evidence of financial wrongdoing, such as embezzlement or other financial improprieties

was denying her due process because she did not have representation from her union and blamed Kringstad for providing notice too late in the day last Friday for her union representative to make plans to attend the meeting on Monday evening.

"Andy [Peterson] called me at 3:55 p.m. and that was the first time I'd heard of it [the special meeting]," Keith claimed.

Kringstad said he had sent her an email hours earlier asking her to post the special meeting.

"No, you didn't," Keith shot back.

"I have the email, Linda," Kringstad said.

"So do I," responded Keith. "At this point you've denied my right to representation."

At the request of the *Timberjay*, Kringstad forwarded the emails exchanged between the two, which indicate that Keith's version of events was incorrect. The initial email from Kringstad to Keith was sent at 1:38 p.m., more than two hours before Keith said she learned of the meeting.

Regardless of the

mishandled her responsibilities, was insubordinate, dishonest, created a hostile work environment, and created "an environment of stagnation in city development."

Allegations outlined

In prepared remarks, Kringstad reported on the origins of his concerns about the clerk-treasurer, which began shortly after his election as mayor last November. He said he had requested a number of city documents after the election, including the current budget, a copy of the charter, and other items. He also requested a copy of the roster of commission and committee terms, which Keith provided to him on Nov. 14, 2018. But in his review of city council minutes, Kringstad said he noted discrepancies between the terms of office of members of several city committees reflected in the minutes and terms that appeared in the roster that Keith provided to him.

He said he had several other concerns at the time, including missing minutes on the city's website from the council as well as other commissions. He also reviewed audit reports from prior years and found the city had taken little or no action to address concerns raised by auditors. Kringstad then consulted a private attorney in Duluth back in December to seek legal guidance on how to proceed once he assumed office in January. Kringstad said he was concerned he could be complicit in possibly illegal actions if he did not inform the council of the alterations to commission and committee terms. Other concerns that Kringstad outlined in a printed document provided to the council on Monday included:

Other business

In related business, the council appointed Steve Abrahamson to serve as zoning administrator in place of Keith. The council also directed deputy clerk-treasurer Terri Joki-Martin to serve as clerk for the Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board for the interim.

In other business, the council heard from city attorney Andy Peterson, who explained his reasoning for recusing himself from offering legal advice to the city while the council worked through how to handle a grievance from Keith that had sought to limit the council's authority to investigate the clerk-treasurer. That decision had been criticized by some members of the council and the public, but Peterson said he believed that since he was not going to be involved in any investigation of the clerk-treasurer, that it was best for him to recuse himself from the grievance issue as well. "It was not a decision I took lightly," he said.

Peterson also lressed his adv ice that the city council could continue to hold closed meetings to discuss allegations against the clerk-treasurer. He said he had consulted with the League of Minnesota Cities, whose legal counsel had agreed with him that the meetings could continue to be closed. But the Department of Administration, based on an advisory opinion request from the Timberjay, determined that once the council had determined that an investigation was warranted, any subsequent meetings to address the matter had to be public. "These are difficult issues," said Peterson. "Are we always correct? Certainly not, but we always try to do our best."

Due process questioned

While the council opted to suspend Keith, any decision to terminate her employment can only come after the completion of due process. Under Keith's union contract, she can only be discharged for just cause, and Keith has access to the contract's five-step grievance process, which could end in binding arbitration if no agreement is reached earlier.

Prior to the council's action on her suspension, Keith claimed on Monday that the council timing of the notice, Kringstad read from the city charter, noting that the city council has the right to exclude the clerk-treasurer from any meeting during which the council would address disciplinary action or dismissal. By extension, he said, that means that the council can exclude the clerk's union representation from that meeting. Kringstad noted that the council had not exercised its right and was allowing Keith to be present for the meeting.

Moments later, the council voted to suspend Keith until both the city and county investigations play out.

The council then passed a second motion requiring Keith to turn over her keys and passwords to city computer systems, including the accounting program. Kringstad then called for a five-minute recess to the meeting to allow Keith to gather her personal belongings and comply with the council's requests. Breitung Police Chief Dan Nylund then led Keith out of the building. The 16 people in the audience remained quiet throughout the process.

Following Keith's departure, the council proceeded to pass a series of motions, including authorizing an investigation into allegations that Keith ➤ Misleading or false statements by the

needed the mayor's signature. However, according to Chapman, he never received the letter from Keith and no special audit was conducted following the general election.

➤ Failure of the clerk-treasurer to follow through on directives by the council regarding the posting of city council agendas, sending draft minutes to council members, and the posting of approved minutes on the city's website.

➤ A general lack of confidence in Keith by the public and members of city commissions. Those concerns include her handling of the Lamppa Manufacturing facility construction, and her conduct as zoning administrator and as secretary to the city's airport commission.



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Ely school board to interview two more superintendent candidates

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY - Two school administrators with Iron Range connections are the newest candidates to be considered for the next superintendent post for the Ely School District. Board members selected John Klarich and Erik Erie as finalists for the district's soon-to-be-vacant parttime position at a special meeting last week.

Klarich was superintendent at Mt. Iron-Buhl School District for 12 years and previously served as a principal and superintendent at NashwaukKeewatin School District for 21 years.

Erie is recently retired after working as high school principal at Mesabi East in Aurora for the past 11 years. He was previously a principal in the Fisher School District in Illinois from 2002 to 2008.

Both are scheduled to be interviewed on Tuesday, June 25. Interviews are open to the public.

The two finalists were selected from a list of nine candidates in the board's second attempt to fill the position that Kevin Abrahamson hopes to vacate when his contract expires at the end of the month.

Ely board members had a difficult time selecting a top administrator earlier this spring. They considered as many as 10 applicants and completed four interviews in early May with finalists, Kevin Ricke, Steve Thomas, Bruce Houck and Beth Zietz, but could not agree on offering the position to any of those candidates. As many as six of the original applicants asked to be reconsidered in the board's second attempt, according to Abrahamson.

With a huge price tag facing the district for a building renovation project, board members

then delayed their search for a top administrator to explore a possible collaboration with the St. Louis County School District that could have included sharing a superintendent. They hope to tap into funding from the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation by working together with other school districts to enhance educational opportunities for their students. A major bonding referendum, at first considered for this fall, will now likely be delayed until early 2020, or later. The school renovation cost has been

estimated at between \$5 million and \$12 million.

According to two sources who did not want to be named by the Timberjay, Erie is apparently the unidentified "Candidate H" who was originally passed over for an interview in the first search because he did not hold a superintendent's license.

School board chair Ray Marsnik suggested "Candidate H" be added to the pool of interviewees last month. Other board members rejected the idea and instead agreed to repost the job, with the requirement that a new administrator have state licensure by Oct. 1. Apparently, "Candidate H" needs to complete an eight-week practicum, overseen by a licensed superintendent to obtain his licensure.

Abrahamson's contract expires on June 30, and he has indicated he would consider staying on until a new superintendent is seated. Earlier this month he also indicated he would be willing to help a candidate complete the on-the-job practicum required for licensure, Any temporary contract with Abrahamson has yet to be worked out.

ANNUAL MEETING

Embarrass Township lowers levy to \$153,300, less than one-percent reduction

by MICKEY WHITE Staff Writer

EMBARRASS-Embarrass Township reconvened its Annual Meeting on Wednesday, June 12 and set the 2020 levy at \$153,300, a less than one-percent reduction from 2019. The board had originally proposed to keep the levy at \$154,00, at the March 12 Annual Meeting. It returned in

June with a proposed levy of \$185,300, a 20-percent increase over 2019. This new amount was intended to cover an increase in the Fire Department contract, to fund the purchase of a new plow truck, and to increase the Insurance Fund to include the new post office and the new truck. After a short discussion, the lowered levy passed on a 7-3 vote with one abstention.

Only eleven of the township's approximately 600 residents attended the meeting. It began with a discussion about whether it had been properly posted. Although notices had been posted in the usual locations, there had been no official notice published in the newspaper of record. The issue remained unresolved and the meeting continued.

Two motions were

passed to forward to the town board. These motions are advisory in nature and not binding on the board.

The first motion asked the board to look into selling two township properties, the Nelimark and the Phyala homesteads. The Nelimark Homestead on Hwy. 21 is leased to Sisu Heritage, Inc., which runs the Nelimark Museum and Farmstead Artisan gift shop in the old farmhouse. The Phyala Homestead,

on the Embarrass River at Salo Rd., is part of the township's Heritage Park, which also includes the campground and a paved trail. The Phyala Homestead is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Both properties are included on the Heritage Homestead tours, run by the township. The motion passed 7-4.

The second motion asked the board to present an accounting of how

much money is spent on the township's historic properties. The clerk had preliminary numbers for the years 2009 to 2019 to-date. The total was \$27, 434. The motion passed 6-2 with 3 abstentions.

Other of concernsw to residents were the condition of the Embarrass Cemetery grounds on Memorial Day and the condition of the Heritage Park Campground.



Ely-Bloomenson nmunity Hospital

Upcoming Art and Heritage classes start June 26 in Cook

COOK- Northwoods Friends of the Arts is offering free classes for children and adults at various locations throughout the area. This summer's theme is Art and Heritage: passing down creative techniques that speak to family traditions and/or cultural backgrounds. The classes are available for free thanks to sponsors Art Unlimited and Operation

Round Up" (Lake Country Power). This schedule may change and expand. See the NWFA website, nwfamn. org, for more information. Please pre-register by calling 218-780-1151.



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with the results of a recent assessment of the Pioneer Mine complex site, which shows that as much as \$2.5 million in renovations are required to maintain this significant piece of Ely's history and culture.

Domich asked for the city's help in obtaining funding for the continuing efforts to maintain the site.

Ely's last mine closed in 1967 after shipping 41 million tons of iron ore during its operating life. The city acquired the property in 1977, and the site was placed on the National Register a year later.

Significant restoration work has already been completed on the Pioneer Mine site over the past 40 years, noted Domich, including:

► Head frame rehabilitation.

➤ Smokestack tuck pointing and repair.

➤ Shaft house renovation, including roofing, ventilation and electrical upgrades.

➤ Significant Miner's Dry building renovation including roof, wall and window replacement, heating and safety improvements, floor repair and fire suppression additions.

> Other site improvements to the road and parking lots, lake access and retaining wall.

'We can safely say that the city and community have been very supportive in keeping the Pioneer Mine an asset of this city," she said. She noted that many sources of funding over the last 40 years, including IRRR, MnDOT, Minnesota Historical Society, Ely Greenstone/ Arts and Heritage Center, Gardner Trust and the city of Ely, have all contributed to maintaining the Pioneer Mine.

Domich aknowledged that the recent assessment report "took her breath away" as she reviewed the amount of money needed for continuing preservation needs.

The total of \$2.472 million includes two high-priority items, the retaining wall reconstruction (\$190,000) and the Captain's Dry building roof (\$150,000). Other work needed includes:

➤ Captain's Dry building exterior (\$1.2 million).

> S m o k e s t a c k masonry (\$75,000).

► Shafthouse repainting (\$90,000).

➤ Miner's Dry building painting and trim (\$277,000).

➤ Miner's Dry building interior renovation (\$120,000).

➤ Miner's Dry and shaft house HVAC (\$120,000).

► Head frame and water tower painting (\$250,000).

"The total number is large by anyone's standards," Domich told council members. "We would like to know what your priorities are and what you are thinking about the Pioneer Mine site?"

Mayor Chuck Novak asked Domich of her top priorities, and then offered to try to obtain funding to get work completed. "What we do for the city is prioritize our projects and put a timeframe to it," he said.

Domich pressed her point, "Do we still have support from the city?" We are not expecting a \$2.5 million check from the city. Will you stand beside us as we try to get money from these bigger entities? We hope to work with you to figure out where we can find money to help support the site and keep it standing."

Council member Paul Kess played the role of devil's advocate. Work on the Captain's Dry building alone will cost as much as \$1.35 million, he noted. "Is it worth it?" he asked. Domich conceded

Domich conceded that she asked herself the same question, and admitted that it may not be possible to save every building on the site. "It is not an easy thing to walk away from, but we have to be realistic about what can be done."

Kess said he does not understand the significance of the Captain's Dry building. "What else can you do with the \$1.5 million needed for that building?"

Domich noted that the Historical Preservation Commission determined that every building needs a purpose. The quoted cost for the Captain's Dry building work is just for stabilizing the building. "It is not about making it useful as art studios, event space or even offices. This about fixing the exterior," she said.

Council member Angela Campbell commended the efforts of the Heritage Preservation Commission. "I find that this is a valuable asset to this city. We will find a way. This is our heritage, and I fight for the heritage of Ely's miners. I value this as an economic tool for the city as a tourist destination."

Domich said that between 1,500 and 2,000 people visit the Pioneer Mine site in a given summer. "I think the site has value, but we have problems there that we need to work on," she said.

Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski lauded Domich for her efforts to obtain grants for historical preservation work around the city. "This study does give us a priority list of what needs to be done," he said. "There are funds available."

He noted that the city is working with the Department of Natural Resources for possible state funding to improve the road down to the Miner's Lake boat access. "The DNR is looking at putting in a new fishing pier down there in the next year or so," Langowski said.

He also agreed that a purpose must be found for the Captain's Dry building to justify the amount of work that needs to be completed on the building.

Equal pay

Members of the American Association of University Women and Ely Rotary Club presented a request to the city council and the city of Ely to be the one-hundredth employer here to affirm a commitment to providing equal pay for equal work for employees.

A key initiative for the national AAUW organization is to advocate for equal pay for women, according to Ely AAUW member Pam Ransom. The local chapter is partnering with the local Rotary Club in advancing the initiative.

"We believe that pay should be based on the kind and quality of work done, and not according to age, race, sex, religion, political association, ethnic origin or any other individual or group characteristic unrelated to ability, performance orqualifications," Ransom said.

"Here in Ely there have been 99 businesses that have signed the equal pay affirmation. We are asking the city council to the 100th signer of this affirmation. Your support will significantly help us in reaching our goal of Ely being a 100-percent equal pay community."

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national convention held last month in Fernandina Beach, Fla.

It's just the latest recognition for this small North Country business, which won the same designation for the FRA's Lakes States region earlier this year. Shermer Logging was also named Minnesota Logger of the Year last year by the Minnesota Sustainable Forestry Initiative.

Shermer and his wife Mary have run the family logging business for 29 years. Their operation employs nine full-time and four part-time workers, and Cliff was quick to give the credit to his employees. "It's said to succeed in business you'd either better be really smart or be able to hire people who are dedicated and smart. I think in our case it's the latter," he said. "Seriously, though, we have some really skilled guys who take a lot of responsibility for our success."

Tim O'Hara, of the FRA's Lake States region, credited Cliff and Mary for their company's success and said they are both well-deserving of the honor. "Shermer Logging is known for working with family forest owners," noted O'Hara. That's different from most loggers, who tend to focus on public lands to access their wood. "I think that's what attracted the attention of the others in the industry," said Shermer.

help them develop their own management plans. Some are looking for money, others want deer habitat. We've even done cuts for warbler habitat."

O'Hara said such innovations are one reason that Cliff Shermer Logging is so respected within the industry.

Shermer has long been an advocate for the timber industry and for improving the practices of loggers - and he talked about that in accepting his most recent award. He touted the statewide forest management guidelines developed by the state of Minnesota in the 1990s. "These guidelines cover everything from road building, forest regeneration, riparian management, and wildlife habitat. The guidelines have raised the level of professionalism for the logging community," said Shermer.

Shermer, who has worked in logging since returning to the region after ten years of military service, said it's been a time of rapid change within the industry, and logging operations that have survived have had to manage their operations closely and pay attention to the increasingly volatile wood markets. The loss of the Ainsworth OSB plant ten years ago was a

major test for loggers in the region, but Shermer was able to adjust, taking advantage of new markets, such as biomass, to maintain profitability. In addition to a plaque,

STIHL Inc. awarded Shermer with a check for \$1,000, which Shermer donated to the Log-A-Load for Kids-Gillette Children's Hospital program.

The Forest Resources Association (FRA) represents the interests of nearly 300 organizations and businesses in the forest products industry. FRA members include forest landowners, suppliers, consuming mills, associated businesses, and state forestry associations.





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GOLF

North Woods Girls take fifth, boys sixth at state

Junior Coley Olson takes seventh place overall with 173 strokes

by MARCUS WHITE Cook-Orr Editor

BECKER - Teams from North Woods finished in the top ten here at the State Golf Tournament last week. The Grizzlies girls tied for fifth place along with Murray County Central with 800 points, 96 off the top spot.

The boys finished in sixth with a team combined score of 699.

"The first day all of the

players had rounds lower than their season average; that helped us get a solid start for the tournament," Girls Head Coach Kandi Olson said. "We set a goal to move up as a team by the end of the tournament and we achieved that goal."

Standout junior Coley Olson had the best run out of all of the North Woods players, tying for seventh as an individual, carding a 173. Olson came into the tour-

nament strong, finishing the first round in third place, but fell behind during the second round. A rally on the back nine helped her secure a top ten finish and a place on the state medal stand.

For the boys, sophomore Sam Frazee was the top finisher with 161, good for 11th place in the individual rankings.

Junior Kylie Parson finished in 26th place among

girls golfers with 189, while freshman Haley Bogdan carded a 208, good for the 58th spot. Seventh-grader Victoria Olson scored 236 to finish in 79th, while freshmen Kadence Holland and Morgan Burnett finished with 238 and 239 respectively.

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Coley Olson with her medal. submitted photo



A LOVE OF CARS



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FUNDRAISER Community rallies for **Team Zeke**

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY - Team Zeke kicked it in to high gear earlier this month as many supporters in the Ely area gathered at the Longbranch in Winton to help raise financial support for the Urbas family and to raise money for the Masonic Cancer Center at the University of Minnesota

ZekeUrbaswasdiagnosedlastJuly with Embroynal Rhabdomyosarcoma Stage 2 Group 3 of the prostate/ bladder. The brave boy continues to go about his life despite the challenges and setbacks of enduring the illness.

The benefit last Saturday featured a silent and live auction, raffles, taco dinner, games, kids' activities and entertainment and more. Top raffle prizes included a Polaris side-byside ATV, Zup's on Lac La Croix fishing adventure, and a big-screen TV, sponsored by the Winton Rod and Gun Club.

Zeke, with the help of his grandfather and uncle, was stationed at a lemonade stand for part of the day, with breaks in-between to play with his dinosaurs.

Tower car restoration and collision shop turns 25

by MARCUS WHITE Cook-Orr Editor

TOWER - Dan Lenci surveyed his work on a 1967 Camaro last month. With the smell of cigarettes, used car oil and paint in the air, he chats with customers coming in and out all morning at Northern Restoration on Tower's Main Street. This September will mark 25 years since he opened shop in town and he still enjoys restoring vehicles to their former glory.

"Most of them don't drive in, they're towed in," said the tall and lanky Lenci. "We want to start with something that isn't so rusty that you can't fix it. A lot of time you're lying on the ground in a pile of dust or in a work suit. Not a lot of people do it."

Lenci's love of cars hasn't just been his business- it's been one of his life passions since he was a junior at Virginia High School in the 1970s.

"My uncle was a real car guy," Lenci said. "I got an interest in them and it never left."

The potential to make a living out of his passion came with his first car.

"It started when my grandmother gave me a car,' he said. "None of the other grandkids wanted it, so I fixed it up since I liked old



cars. My friends then wanted their cars done. It went from being in my parents' garage

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Top: Dan Lenci stands over a 1962 Corvette brought into his shop for work. Above: A disassembled 1967 Camaro at Northern Restoration. **Right: A refurbished** steering wheel of a 1970 Buick GSX. photos by M. White



Sadie Urbas posted an update on Zeke's progress on the family's fundraising page at www.caringbridge.org.

Zeke just reached the completion of a 43-week regimen of chemotherapy for Intermediate Risk Rhabdomyosarcoma. "The 43rd

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SCAM

Commerce Department warns against precious metals scams

REGIONAL- The Minnesota Department of Commerce is warning Minnesotans about an investment scheme from Metals.com, an unregistered California-based precious metals company. Company representatives are cold-calling elderly residents across the nation to convince them that their money is not safe with registered brokers and investment advisers and should be moved into precious metal investments.

The Minnesota Commerce Department issued a cease and desist order on May 16, to prevent Metals. com from making any transactions involving bullion products or investments in the state. Metals.com is not currently licensed as a bullion products dealer or investment advisor in the state of Minnesota.

According to a cease and desist order issued by the state of Texax, representatives of Metals.com were targeting older adults with scare tactics and threats, and advising them to sell

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SUSTAINABILITY

Building the Perfect Wall: Hills' Sustainable Home Project

A building's enclosure is the sweet spot to achieving a high-performance home. Andy and Paula Hill have put considerable focus on the structural envelope of their environmentally-responsible building project within the city limits of Ely.

The Ely Folk School is collaborating with the Hills to offer people a hands-on opportunity to learn about sustainable building practices. Classes are held every Saturday morning until September from 9 a.m. to noon, with Andy and interested participants working on the home.

An overview and orientation of the project was held last Saturday, with seven people in attendance. Andy spoke at length about the foundation, floor and wall building techniques, and discussed the spatial situation of the house to maximize the sun for solar panels. The project has escalated in the past couple weeks, with the structural skeleton in place, ready for the next stage of creating a sustainable enclosure design.

Historically, buildings used to breathe, as many were not well-insulated – and sometimes, not at all. Thus, people began to increase energy efficiency and create a tightly-sealed structure to save on heating costs. Yet, with a tight envelope,



homes don't breathe as well, and if there's a defect in the vapor barrier, moisture build-up can lead to rotten wood. The concept of a 'building envelope' is a philosophy designed to manage all of these issues.

One engineer's theory has struck a chord with the Hills. The "perfect wall system" developed by Dr. Joe Lstiburek provides a different solution: a robust enclosure of rain, air, and vapor control layers all outside the structure, with a thermal insulation layer on the outermost side to protect and control the membrane from temperature extremes, expansion, contraction, and corrosion.

Thermal bridging is also minimized with the perfect wall system. Traditionally, many buildings are insulated with fiberglass batts between the wood studs. In this case, each wood stud will act as a conductor, bridg-



Andy Hill works with students. submitted photo

ing heat from the inside out. When the insulation exists outside of the wall, it prevents the wood studs from becoming a conductor, creating a more consistent barrier - especially important for a northern Minnesota climate, where frosty temperatures are the norm.

To demonstrate the construction of this moisture-managed envelope system in a cost-effective, accessible manner, Andy is keen on sourcing the right materials, which in most cases for him, are salvaged.

"When I moved to Canada at 24-years-old, I salvaged the insulation off of a curling rink. From that point on, I was hooked. Salvage is available all the time. If you're interested in discovering what's there, it can save you thousands of dollars.'

Ely-area residents Mike Gilgosch and Linda Sutton attended the introductory class to get a first-hand look at the Hill project.

"I've always been interested in energy saving building practices and wanted to learn more about the concepts they were putting into practice," said Mike. "What impressed me most was their use of 'scrounged' or re-used material to the maximum, 'stuff' Andy has been salting away for decades."

Mike was intrigued by the Hill's use of the latest energy-efficient building practices, notably the perfect wall techniques. "The insulative armor goes on the outside, like Army tanks," says Mike. "There is no insulation in the framing, which is somewhat revolutionary." For Andy, this project

is the culmination of 50 years of experience in building and remodeling homes. He has implemented creative, sustainable practices as a general contractor along with his previous off-the-grid homestead located outside of Ely. He is also a certified solar installer.

Sustainable enclosure design is all about connecting these four control layers on all sides of a building: walls, roof, foundation and floor assembly. Next week, Andy will focus on the ceiling insulation, and discuss the unconventional system for preventing thermal bridging.

Participants can sign up for the whole summer season of eleven Saturdays or choose individual Saturdays for the phases of construction that most interest them.

Watch for details and register online at elyfolkschool.org.

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For the boys, Ian Olson carded 176, good for 45th place. Seniors Chase Kleppe and Blake Scofield scored 186 and 187 respectively for 60th and 61st place. Freshman Davis Kleppe carded 189 to finish in 65th, while freshman Ty Fabish rounded out the Grizzlies with 230.

"I felt the boys had a good tournament experience," said Boys Head Coach Will Kleppe. "There's a lot of pressure to play your best when you get down there and it can throw you off a bit."

Kleppe added that all of the players were close to their season averages.

The top players from both teams will be back to compete next year, and both Kleppe and Olson say there is plenty of room for improvement to keep the teams competitive for another run at the state title next June.

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week will be completed on Monday, June 17 when Zeke has his end of treatment scans. We pray that he continues to stay NED (No Evidence of Disease)," she said.

She added, "Our last day of the big stuff had a few bumps. Zeke's port was extra finicky and the nurse couldn't get blood return for labs after flushing it. So they decided to de-access then re-access his port. Zeke was not happy about this at all. I feel for the guy, and Dave and I were both frustrated." Since Zeke was not hooked up, he was able to do physical therapy outside on the playground and play football with his physical therapist, she said. "Zeke absolutely loved this, especially running after the football and tackling it. Zeke did not wear his 'super boots' during this time and did well. It was noticeable



Zeke with his Uncle Eric. photo by K. Vandervort

toward the end that his left hip was getting weak and he more him him the family. "This ending to the big stuff after about

just went through for the last 10 months. We still have months to go of treatment but we are thankful to be where we are now and with the support and love we have had along the way.'

Sadie related the lyrics of a song she heard recently that hit home with her. "Life ain't always beautiful, sometimes it's just plain hard. Life can knock you down, it can break your heart. No, life ain't always beautiful, tears will fall sometimes.

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their securities and invest in precious metals through a self-directed IRA. One of the victims, an 80-year-old Dallas woman, liquidated \$850,000 in retirement funds and invested with the

company. "Upon learning of the nation-wide scheme, Commerce investigators acted quickly to issue a cease and desist order against the company," said Commerce Commissioner Steve Kelley. "Nevertheless, Minnesotans must remain vigilant. These financial schemes exploit vulnerable seniors because they are friendly, trusting and more likely to have accessible funds."

Commerce offers the following tips for Minnesotans to protect themselves against financial exploitation:

Challenge fear tactics. Scammers exploit fears of a big economic downturn and claim their product will provide financial protection. Do not let fear distract you from making a sound decision.

Do not fall for a sales pitch that creates a false

should always take time to make an informed decision. Avoid investments that are pitched as having no

sense of urgency. You

risk or offering unrealistic returns. If a deal sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

Stay in control. When investing, be wary of anyone who suggests putting your money in something you do not understand or anyone who urges you to leave everything in their hands.

As with any investment decision, ask questions and understand the risks involved. Carefully research the investment and read any recent reports that the company has filed with the SEC.

Check with the Commerce Department to see if the bullion products dealer or the investment advisor is registered to do business in Minnesota.

If you believe you may have been the victim of a scam or fraud, contact the Commerce Department's Consumer Services Center by email at consumer.protection@state.mn.us or by phone at 651-539-1600 or 800-657-3602.

and he would swing his left leg out a bit and trip more. So we knew it was time to end.'

She also noted, "Due to Zeke's new love of plain bread, pretty sure he ate a whole loaf yesterday by himself, that his port wasn't as noticeable under his skin. Our boy is up to 32.7 lbs all on his own."

The completion of the major cancer treatment routine is a big relief for

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to a full business."

That first car was a 1967 Ford Fairlane.

"It was kinda rusty and it looked like a 'grandmother's car," Lenci said. "I converted it to a GT model muscle car. No one believed it was grandma's car."

After running a small business out of his parents' garage, Lenci moved to Brainerd where he attended college for auto repair. He briefly lived in Minneapolis before opening up shop at his current location in Tower. "I married a girl from Soudan, and she wanted to live here and not Virginia or Minneapolis," he said. "It is a nice community,

not a lot of crime, raised four kids here. Restoration work keeps me busy when the collision work isn't coming in."

Since then he has been fixing cars after collisions and bringing in one or two major restoration projects per year during the slow season when he has much more time to spend on reconstructing the old automobiles.

"The average collision repair is limited to one corner of the vehicle," Lenci said. "The average job is three to five days. Restoration jobs can be three to four months. It can be much more tedious and require more persistence."

Most cars come in

10 months feels like, instead of hanging on by our fingernails on a high speed merry-go-round, we now have about a middle knuckle grip and the speed is down to medium," Sadie said.

"It is somewhat overwhelming as we were in high-speed fight mode and now the speed has been turned down. And we actually get to sit and realize what the heck we

"People want them

Life ain't always beautiful but it's a beautiful ride."

Country singer Gary Allan, who has long been Sadie's favorite, performed that song. "I knew there was a reason I've always loved his music," she said.

Check out the Urbas family Facebook page for more information on Zeke's journey. To support the family, go to www.caringbridge.org.

amazing the availability of after-market parts. It costs a lot of produce them, so there must be a need."

Lenci said he's also amazed with how many people these days are interested in collecting and restoring old cars. He said on his frequent trips to old car shows, he meets people of all ages and backgrounds.

And while many auto repair shops in the region have changed hands or gone out of business, Lenci said he has a lot of life still left in him.

"I'm 55 years old right now," he said. "I am going to keep going until I can't do it anymore."



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from junkyards and are barely operational.

> to look shiny and nice so they can go to car shows and drive them around," Lenci said. "They want the fancy paint job." And the cost of getting

it all done can be pretty steep, with Lenci saying a complete restoration can range anywhere from \$10,000 to \$30,000.

Lenci has been doing this work long enough to have experienced some of the changes that have come to the industry.

"When I first started, you had to hand-form parts out of metal," he said. "Now you can buy almost every part. It's

TOWER **TEDA demands copy of Keith's complaint to auditor**

by Jodi Summit Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- The Tower Economic Development Authority (TEDA), at their June 6 meeting, had several pointed questions for City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith relating to issues recently raised on the Tower Harbor Shores loan payouts that were approved by the city and IRRR back in 2017. Last month, the Tower City Council, at Keith's urging and over the objections of Mayor Orlyn Kringstad, moved to forward issues raised by Keith and Ambulance Director Steve Altenburg to the state auditor for review.

But some TEDA members questioned Keith's motivation, the timing of her concerns, and why she never brought her concerns to TEDA itself.

"I feel very frustrated with what has gone on with the loan," said TEDA member Joan Broten."We signed off on the harbor loan, and now there are questions on how it was handled. I feel like it is a personal attack on our committee members. We felt like everything was handled correctly."

The \$125,000 funding package to Tower Harbor Shores came from Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, passed through TEDA, to help fund pre-development costs like concept planning, architectural drawings, engineering, and marketing. At the time, TEDA officials reviewed

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the project's finances and examined related invoices to be sure they were qualified expenses. Keith, as grant manager, had the final say on approval of any invoices submitted to the IRRR under the project. The loan monies, once repaid, were then earmarked to be used to fund future TEDA development projects.

Broten questioned Keith's handling of the issue and suggested it won't help the city attract potential development. "This will turn people away from wanting to conduct business in Tower," she said.

Newly-reinstated TEDA member Marshall Helmberger agreed, and said the concerns appear politically-motivated. "This grant was closed out in August 2017," said Helmberger, who was directly involved with getting the loan from the IRRR. "All the invoices were approved by the city clerk and by the IRRR."

Helmberger said the concerns raised on the loan appeared politically-timed to hurt Kringstad, who was elected as Tower's Mayor in November 2018.

"This was never an issue for a year and a half," said Helmberger, "until Mr. Kringstad ran for mayor. And then it became a five-alarm fire in city hall, raising a lot of smoke to try to defame people."

TEDA member Rachel Beldo, who also sits on the city council, said the council did not know how the issue came to the concern of the auditors, wondering if "there is more to this story of why it was all of a sudden a concern." The city's most recent

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audit did raise a question on one invoice, indicating there was insufficient documentation to determine whether it was an allowable cost and recommended that the city get more information to be sure that the invoice was for actual expenses. The invoice made note that the project's architect, Dewey Thorbeck, was resigning as a member of the development team, and Keith has suggested the invoice was potentially a buyout rather than a bill for qualified services. Thorbeck, in a written response, categorically denied that the payment was a buyout and specified the services that his office provided. But Keith indicated that Thorbeck's explanation did not satisfy her and that she would include his explanation with the material sent to the state

auditor Helmberger said TEDA should demand to see all the information that had been submitted to the state auditor and made a motion to have the clerk-treasurer provide the members of TEDA with a complete packet of all information sent to the state auditor by their June 27 meeting. The board approved the motion unanimously.

New members seated; terms corrected

The TEDA board, after months of confusion over the makeup of the board, took quick action this past week to restore TEDA's members to their original terms. The roster of TEDA members and their terms of office that

the clerk-treasurer provided to the city council during their annual reorganization included unauthorized changes to the terms of five of the seven members of the board. Board chair Steve Peterson Sr. said he had reviewed the city council minutes from 2017 when the council first established the seven-member TEDA board and he provided a new chart showing the proper terms of office for TEDA's members.

The city council, at their May 28 meeting, unanimously reinstated Marshall Helmberger to his seat on TEDA. Helmberger, who had been appointed to an initial three-year term back in 2017, was removed by former Mayor Josh Carlson one year later in apparent retaliation for critical reporting of some city actions. The removal of members of an economic development authority is governed by state law, however, which includes a requirement for due process, which the previous city council never provided. It appears that city officials chose to get around that requirement by altering Helmberger's term in city records to make it appear his term had simply expired. That action, and any coordination by city officials in connection with that act, is currently under investigation by the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office as a potentially criminal act.

At Thursday's meeting, the board clearly labeled each seat with its term end date and passed a motion to have the council memorialize the corrected chart by motion at their next council meeting. The city's auditor, back in April, had raised concerns about inconsistencies between city minutes and the terms of office provided by the clerk-treasurer this past winter as part of the city's reorganization. The roster is maintained by the clerk-treasurer.

In addition, TEDA passed a motion to have the council retro-actively reinstate Joan Broten, effective January 2018, to a six-year term. Broten's initial term had been for one-year, but the unauthorized change in the roster had extended her term to three years.

The board also passed a motion to recommend the city council appoint Nate Dostert, as a business owner, and Dick Larmouth, as a resident, to fill the remaining two vacancies on the TEDA board. Broten noted that Larmouth is a retired Ford executive, with expertise and time to add to the board.

Current TEDA members are Steve Peterson Sr., Joan Broten, Rachel Beldo (councilor), Sheldon Majerle (newly-appointed councilor), and Marshall Helmberger. Richard Hanson, who had been serving on the board, submitted his resignation at this month's meeting. Current TEDA secretary, deputy clerk Terri Joki-Martin told the board she was resigning as secretary. Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith told the TEDA board she would be assuming that role.

The board plans to do its formal reorganization at their next meeting, June 27, when it seats the final two members.

Tower Harbor Shores

Michael Wood, an investor in the Tower Harbor Shores project, asked TEDA to approve continuation of the interest-only loan payments on the TEDA loan for the next six months, since the project still is stalled due to the lack of a finalized plat.

"To make sales we need correct drawings and legal representations," Wood said. "For almost a year that process has been stalled....we have been dead zero in the water for almost a year."

Keith said the city still did not have a timeline as to when the plat would be approved.

"TEDA needs to do everything it can to support this project," said Beldo.

TEDA asked that Keith get a list of everything that still needs to be completed for the plat to the developers by the next council meeting on June 10.

The developers need a finalized plat to draft the legal descriptions for the property they hope to sell to town home buyers. so the months of delay in finalizing the harbor plat has left the project stuck in neutral.

TEDA passed a motion to allow the interest-only payments to continue, as the developers requested.

Keith urged them not to extend the interest-only terms, since she said the loan is under investigation.

"I don't think you should do anything," Keith told TEDA.

Beldo asked that TEDA be allowed to act as oversight on the harbor

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RECREATION

Fuel shortage could hamper boaters, ATVers

Premium gasoline is in especially short supply due to flooding, other factors

by MARCUS WHITE Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL - If you're planning to gas up your boat or ATV with premium fuel in advance of the July 4 holiday, you might have a tough time actually finding it. Gasoline inventories are down nearly 15 percent, compared to the three-year average, this summer, creating a headache for local gas companies.

According to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, gas inventories in the state fell by almost a third in the last three weeks of May before slightly rebounding in the early part of June, but with the July 4 holiday weekend looming, Jim Aker with Rainy Lake Oil's Cusson office said there could be more trouble ahead, especially for boaters and ATV users.

"We're short on premium

gas for recreational vehicles," he said. "Since Memorial weekend we haven't been able to secure gas from our supplier in Wrenshall."

Emma Bauer at the DOC said both suppliers for the Arrowhead region in Wrenshall and Esko have run dry after flooding in Oklahoma shut a key refinery in Tulsa. That closure was already on top of the shutdown of the Husky Refinery

in Superior, Wis., last year following a major fire.

Aker said Rainy Lake Oil, which services about 80 resorts and gas stations in the region, now has to travel further to find product for their customers, often traveling to the Twin Cities or Fargo to secure a steady supply.

That in itself has created a major headache with a

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You might want to gas your boat up early this year due to ongoing fuel shortages. file photo

Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower BUCKBEAN



You might need to get your feet wet to get a good look at Buckbean, Myanthes trifoliata, which is a showy flower of boggy wetlands. The brilliant white flower petals flare backwards, revealing lace-like hairs at the front of the flower. You'll find five rusty-colored stamens at the center surrounding a yellow style (pistil if you're old school) at the center of the bloom.

They are regularly found along the edges of bogs or lakes, preferring sunnier locations. You won't find them in deep shade. Their flower stalk can grow up to a foot high, making them quite



EXPLORATIONS Sounds of the pond

From frogs to swans, a beaver pond always attracts plenty of wildlife

UPERIOR NATIONAL FOREST- Out here in the backwoods, you can usually hear a beaver pond before you can see it. The winnowing of snipe. The chorus of frogs. The slap of a beaver's tail on the still water. The "konk-a-ree" of the red-winged blackbird. The persistent chatter of the eastern kingbird- a member of the appropriately-named tyrant flycatcher family- which lords over most beaver ponds like an over-caffeinated Napolean.

These are the sounds

of life, which is why I find myself attracted to beaver ponds whenever I'm ready to pull out the camera to see what I can put in the

HELMBERGER

"crosshairs" of my camera lens.

This particular beaver pond, located a couple miles west of the Pfeiffer Lake campground off an old logging road, had been calling out to me for a while. I like to mountain bike on the old road and had stopped a few times on an overlook to just listen to the sounds of the pond. It's a big pond, one that has clearly provided a home to a wide assemblage of life for



Top: A ghost forest of black ash reflects in the water of the beaver pond.

Above: A pair of trumpeter swans in flight over the pond.

Right: An angry beaver swims by for a look at an unexpected intruder.

Lower right: Water arum, or wild calla lily, was in bloom along the pond's edges.

photos by M. Helmberger

decades.

Finally, this past weekend, I loaded my kayak into the back of the pickup, and drove as close as I could get, dragging the kayak (it's indestructible) the rest of the way through the woods in order to explore the pond's twists and turns.

Much of the pond is dominated by the ghosts of the black ash forest that once grew in this narrow valley, tucked between two ridges of glacial till. The bleached "bones" of those trees





still stand high above the pond, creating perfect reflections on the glass-like water.

The beavers' lodge was tucked into a far corner of the pond and as I passed by it, two of the resident beaver came out to make their displeasure known. I'm sure I was among the first human intruders into their world and they weren't about to let my presence go without objection, as they circled around me, slapping their tails every minute or so until I decided to move on down the pond.

Red-wings and grackles both inhabitants of swamps and beaver ponds in the North Country, flew back and forth noisily, no doubt tending to nestlings as well as territorial boundaries.

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showy while in bloom.

The three-lobed leaves grow at the base of the plant.

Fishing reports Ely area

Walleyes have begun to take up residence in their summer haunts. Look for fish in transition zones where islands and reefs transition into a mud or sand bottom. This is a good time to dust off those deeper running crank baits and troll along these areas where baitfish and their predators congregate. Varying the speed of your trolling patterns is important right now as fish will respond differently to a crank bait that can be running too slow as opposed to running too fast.

Azig-zag approach can help in this process and will help you determine your speed. When making the sweep, take note if you recieve a strike on either the inside or outside turns. Baits will speed up on the outside sweeps and slow or stall on inside turns. If the outside baits take the hit, then it's time to speed up. Whenever you mark fish and they don't seem to respond to a trolled crank bait, then it's time to anchor up just off the area and work it over with a jig and live bait presentation.

Another thing to consider is that the walleyes will bunch up according to size, If you begin to catch fish on the small side, then maybe it's time to search for another area that may be holding larger fish.

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



Fishing reports



13-year-old Gavin Forrest of Grand Rapids was all smiles over this beautiful 24-inch walleye he caught recently on Lake Kabetogama. submitted

Kab-Nam area

Spring is still in the air but fish are on the move to more summer-like patterns.

Big change in walleye behavior. Even though water temps continue to hover in the low to mid-60's, walleyes have begun showing up on the mid-lake reefs in good numbers. On a recent trip we caught fish on every reef we dropped a line. 22'-27' was the magic depth, with Lindy rigs tipped with a leech being the most productive. With that being said, don't overlook your traditional spring areas as we also found fish relating to shallow weed lines. Pitching a jig and minnow was a better option here. Walleyes are scattered throughout Kab right now and fishing is very good!

Northern pike are shallow as weed beds are emerging quickly. Casting just about anything

is working. The same goes for small mouth bass working the shallow rocks and weed beds.

Crappies were on a tear last week and continue to be caught in Sullivan Bay but the bite seems to be dropping off as they move out to deeper water. It's still worth a try using small jigs tipped with plastics. Look for open holes in shallow weed beds. Cast into these areas with a slip bobber and give your jig a couple twitches. Continue to hit these holes until you find active fish as the opportunity exists to get into some 12-13 inch fish!

Don't forget, fishing isn't the only thing to do on Kab. When you get some time, check in with the National Park Service as they have many opportunities to mix in a great adventure along with great fishing.

Courtesy Gateway Store, Lake Kabetogama.

Friday Saturday Sunday

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Further down the shore, I found sign that a moose had recently been feeding on aquatic vegetation in the shallows. Around the next bend, I saw the pair of trumpeter swans, off at a distance, eyeing me warily through the dead trees. How long they had been watching me was unclear, but they seemed to know the moment I spotted them and quickly disappeared from view into a thicket of cattails and other vegetation. They would reappear later, their deep trumpeting adding to the sounds of the morning, only

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> to take flight briefly before settling back in on the other side of the pond. It wasn't clear if the swans were nesting since I saw no sign of any cygnets. It's not unusual for younger adult swans to pair up and identify a nesting site, such as a large beaver pond, but then wait several years before finally breeding. That's not unusual in large, long-lived birds. Trumpeters can live up to 30 years in the wild.

Trumpeters are one of the species that has certainly benefitted from the return of the beaver in recent years. The sharp reduction in beaver trapping has allowed beavers to thrive and they're creating new habitat for waterfowl all throughout our region. While I know that beavers can be destructive at times, they remake the North Country in ways that few other denizens, other than humans, can achieve. Which is why I'll continue to listen as I explore the backroads for the telltale sounds of life at the beaver pond.

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shortage of available drivers with HAZMAT certification.

"If we have to haul further, we have to hire more drivers, but we're not getting them," Aker said. "There is a severe shortage of hazmat drivers to haul gas. It's worse than the general truck driver shortage."

He said the issue is compounded by changing regulations from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in the past few years, reducing the size of fuel storage tanks that some businesses can keep on their properties. The smaller capacities require more truck runs to re-supply.

Without any assistance, Aker worries that some boaters with engines that can take regular unleaded fuel will start dipping into that supply chain as well, which could cause a further shortage of gas products at not only resorts, but area gas stations as well.

'There could be resorts and even some stations that will run low," he said.

If that happens, gas prices could spike locally. Aker pointed to the winter of 2014 when propane in the area ran low and prices jumped sharply across the region.

The pricing issue, he said, comes from the business model of gasoline.

"Margins and delivery prices are static, costs are not," he said. "At the refinery level, if there is a shortage, there could be a spike. If boaters turn to standard unleaded gas, it could be even worse."

Back at the DOC, Bauer said the government is keeping a close eye on the state's fuel supply as the July 4 weekend draws closer.

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Tuesday

from NOAA weather

Monday

CLEAN

🕑 Boats, PWCs, trailers, and gear

🐼 Remove all weeds, mud, and hitchhiking contaminants from axles, wheels, undercarriage, motor, prop, skis, wakeboards, ropes, and life jackets before leaving

DRAIN

- 💙 Water from boat, bilge, motor, ballast tanks, and bladders. PWCs - run motor for 10 seconds to blow water out of jet drive
- 💙 Remove drain plug and open all water draining devices



DRY

- Everything at least five days before going to other waters
 - 🕗 (Or) Decontaminate with high pressure water (120°F or warmer)

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Fortune Bay to host Wild Rice Hotdish-Eating Championship on Saturday, June 22 at the lakeside tent

TOWER—Fortune Bay has already hosted two MLE (Major League Eating) Indian Taco Eating Contests, but now things will be even more interesting later this month as the first annual MLE Wild Rice Hotdish-Eating Championship takes place.

The No. 3 ranged competitive eater in the world, Geoffrey Esper from Oxford, Mass., and the No. 5-ranked competitive eater in the world, Darron Breeden, from Orange, Va., are among the topranked eaters who will gather Saturday, June 22 to seek the title and \$2,500 cash prize.

Esper is a local favorite, having taken top honors at the first and second Indian Taco-eating contests held at Fortune Bay.

The competition will take place at 3 p.m. at Fortune Bay's Lakeside Tent. There is no charge to attend this event.

"We are excited to welcome the top competitive eaters in the nation for this historic eating contest for this distinct rice dish," said Fortune Bay's Sammy Richter. "This event continues a series of exciting events for guests of the Fortune Bay Resort Casino."

This inaugural event will take place over eight minutes of sanctioned competition time.

"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."

Breeden will face fierce competition. Other top-ranked MLE competitors include the #7-ranked Miki Sudo from Las Vegas, Nev.; #23-ranked Eric "Badlands" Booker from Selden, NY; #36-ranked Darrien Thomas from Ontario, Can., and #38-ranked Matthew Raible from Edwards, Ill.

Fortune Bay Resort Casino's IT Director Alex Cook will participate in the event. Cook also participated in the 2018 MLE Indian Taco-Eating contest this past November. Fortune Bay's other representative will be Senior Technology Specialist Paul Shryer.

The winners of the Wild Rice Hotdish-Eating Championship will receive \$2,500, with the second through sixth-place finishers receiving \$1,250, \$650, \$350, \$200 and \$100, respectively.

ORRiginality Gallery. Studio. Coffee. opens at Orr Center, June 22

ORR- The Orr Center proudly announces the grand opening of our newest venture, ORRiginality Gallery. Studio. Coffee., on Saturday, June 22 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The art gallery will be located at 10690 Hwy. 23 in Orr, the old school building.

ORRiginality is a place for Minnesota artists and community members to connect, create, work, and play. Art will be displayed and sold in the gallery and the studio will host art and craft classes for all ages. The coffee shop is a place to relax, play a game, or look through the many art books and magazines on hand.

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission designated CenturyLink as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within its service area for universal service purposes. CenturyLink's basic local service rates for residential voice lines are \$15.96-\$20.76 per month and business services are \$34.61-\$43.29 per month. Specific rates will be provided upon request.

SUICIDE PREVENTION

ThriveRange.org brings suicide prevention to our area

REGIONAL- The Ely Behavioral Health Network is excited to announce the launch of ThriveRange.org, an important component of its partnership with St. Louis County Public Health to prevent suicide in our region.

In our community you would be hard-pressed to find someone who hasn't been touched by suicide. Across the state of Minnesota suicide rates have doubled in the past 20 years and rural areas in particular have been affected by this crisis. Rural St. Louis County has a suicide rate that is one-and-a-half times that of the Twin Cities metro area. Seven percent of adult Iron Rangers think about suicide each year- the equivalent of about 840 people in the Ely, Babbitt, and Tower service area alone.

ThriveRange.org was created to increase access to mental health services through online interventions, available 24 hours-a-day, seven days a week to those who need them. The website connects visitors to crisis resources as well as mental health and substance use programs. The landing page includes links to four online programs: online computerized therapy and skill-building for depression; an online mental health and substance abuse program for men (men have a significantly



Josh Gorham, St. Louis County Public Health Program Coordinator, announces details of a \$320,000 grant to help suicide prevention efforts on the Iron Range and northern St. Louis County. submitted photo

higher rate of suicide in our area) a website featuring tools to help manage suicidal thoughts; and educational resources for people who are struggling with substance use or addiction.

ThriveRange.org is just one of three initiatives of Thrive Range, a collaborative effort led by St. Louis County Public Health, whose major hubs include Ely, Virginia, and Hibbing. In addition to the website, suicide prevention efforts will also focus on work within schools and healthcare systems. Thrive Range is funded for the next four years through the Minnesota Department of Health.

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project, to facilitate its progress.

Broadband projects

Members of the Broadband Project Committee spoke with TEDA about the process for approving projects to be funded under a \$75,000 Blandin Foundation grant. Chairman Joanne Bassing gave a general outline of the current project proposals, and also talked about the group's efforts to raise money for a matching grant to fund a feasibility study, which is the next step in the process. The Tower-area group is working with two other groups, from Aurora-Hoyt Lakes, and the Laurentian Chamber, to raise up to \$75,000 that would be matched oneto-one by Blandin, to fund the study. The feasibility study would identify the best possible technologies to expand broadband access, gather information on potential customers, and work to attract a telecommunications provider partner for the project. At that stage, the group would apply for available state funding for broadband expansion.

TEDA members noted that fast and reliable Internet connections are at the top of the list for businesses areas.

The TEDA board approved a request from the broadband committee to let the committee approve the actual projects. TEDA is the fiscal agent for the project, and payments will be processed through Tower City Hall.

TEDA said it would look at options for financially supporting the feasibility study at its next meeting, once it has an updated treasurer's report.

Welcome to Tower sign

Tower Economic Development Authority (TEDA) member Joan Broten reported that the permits needed to install the new Welcome to Tower signs have been received from MnDOT.

"Thank you Marshall [Helmberger] for getting that moved along," Broten said, noting that a data practices request from the *Timberjay* publisher had shown that the city's request for a permit had been stuck on hold for over nine months because paperwork sent to the MnDOT office in Duluth had not been forwarded to St. Paul for final processing.

Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith

Street up to the Lee Mine area, and the other by the Tower Ski Trails on Highway 135.

The estimated cost for an 18-basket course is \$7,000, Broten said.

Grant-funding for the project is available. The course would be designed by a professional disc golf designer, who will be in the area this week to tour the two sites and along with some TEDA members, make a decision on the final site.

TEDA members would like to see the course as close to downtown Tower as possible, so the hillside site is preferable.

Day care

Marit Kringstad, a former TEDA member, asked if TEDA was interested in working to restart the day care center. The center closed about six months after it opened due to a staffing shortage, but the license to operate the center is still active through the end of 2019.

The day care was overseen by the Community Development Corporation, whose members were merged onto the TEDA board in 2017

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be on either wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 18 Mbps download and 2 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-888-833-9522 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



looking to locate to this area.

"We don't want to be at the back of this bus," said Peterson.

Helmberger noted that the broadband cable is already in the city of Tower, but funding is still needed to attract providers to complete the connections to interested businesses.

Providing broadband speeds to customers in the rural townships is more complicated, but the feasibility study would investigate which options would work best in specific said the contractor hired to do site prep had been contacted so that work could begin as soon as possible. Broten said she would follow up to make sure work begins soon.

Disc golf course

TEDA continues to move ahead with a proposal to build a disc golf course in the Tower area. Two sites are being considered, one on the wooded hillside behind North Third 2017.

Rachel Beldo noted that lack of day care limits people's ability to work. "This is a crisis situation in Tower," said Broten.

Helmberger said TEDA might want to look at attracting a homebased center, possibly providing help getting a home day care licensed, because that process is much simpler that the logistics of running a center-based program. Broten noted that a day care center provides a higher quality of care.

Red Hat Belles to meet on Thursday, June 27

GREENWOOD TWP- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet on Thursday, June 27 at 12 noon at the Vermilion Club, on Old Highway 77. The group will be ordering off the menu. Please call Judy at 218-753-5504 to RSVP. Visitors and new members are always welcome.



Everyone is invited to attend Dinner and Dessert will be served

Eagles Nest Twp Lakes Association annual meeting and picnic, June 29

EAGLES NEST TWP- The Eagles Nest Township Lakes Association (ENTLA) annual meeting and picnic will be held at the Eagles Nest Town Hall on Bear Head Lake State Park Road on Saturday, June 29 at 12 noon. All township residents are welcome to attend. Grilled chicken is provided. Please bring eating utensils, plates, and a food item to share.



TOFTE LAKE CENTER IN ELY

April Sellers Dance Collective performs Man Blossom Man, June 28

ELY- With funding from the Minnesota State Arts Board and the James K. Spriggs Foundation, April Sellers Dance Collective heads to the Tofte Lake Center in Ely to create a new dance work, Man Blossom Man. This new dance work will explore contradictions in the American male experience with customary insight and humor. Man Blossom Man will validate contradictions in the American male experience, depict complexity in the male identity, and soften barriers of the traditional gender binary. Man Blossom Man, the work in progress, will be performed on Friday, June 28 at 7 p.m. The show is free and open to the public.

In addition to the live

performance, the collective will be in residence at Tofte Lake Center Monday through Sunday, June 24-30, and during this time videographer Hamil Griffin Cassidy will post video blogs of the company's daily explorations. Art makers and community throughout the state will be invited to post feedback and suggestions. The video blog is available at www.aprilsellers. com.

April Sellers is a choreographer who lifts and celebrates ignored streams in society. She founded April Sellers Dance Collective in 2002 to choreograph and perform stories of her generation, illuminated with dance craft, controlled bedlam, and superb comedic chops. April Sellers Dance Collective is a platform for transgender voices and queer feminists, and the dancers are integral to her art. They are skilled movers, singers, actors and improvisers, bringing their entire selves to a rigorous process. With tender hearts of anarchists the ASDC ensemble views life's extreme moments with humor, and offers alternative futures to audiences. Past works have explored women's sexual identity (Jousting, 2014, In Her Place, 2000), queer explorations of feminism (Big Baby, 2014, Double Drag, 2015), cultural and personal rituals of loss (Unveiling Grace, 2003), and vulnerability of the body (The V Project, 2007). Based in the Twin Cities, the company



has performed all around the United States, including New York, Chicago, Boston, Detroit,

Tallahassee and Santa Cruz.

Obituaries and Death Notices



Loretta Frances Zabinski, 94, of Ely, died on Saturday, June 15, 2019, surrounded by family and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, June 20 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. Arrangements were with Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

Loretta was born on

June 25, 1924, in South Bend, Ind., the daughter of Modest and Sophie (Budnik) Borkowski. Loretta attended St. Joseph's Academy in South Bend and was active in the Young Christian Workers' Catholic Action movement through the University of Notre Dame. On Nov. 18, 1950, Loretta married Eugene Zabinski, a native of St. Cloud. They lived and worked in Chicago, Ill., then moved to Huron, S.D., and then to Hollandale and Abbotsford, Wis., where Eugene worked in the public schools. Offered yet another teaching job, they moved with their growing family to Ely in 1961 and made it their permanent home.

Loretta was active

in numerous community volunteer roles and, with Eugene, received a Certificate of Commendation from Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton for their extensive volunteerism. She was a member of St. Anthony's Parish Council, the Ely Arthritis Education and $Support\,Group, Ely\,Health$ Council, and Minnesota Shared Housing Alliance.

Loretta maintained a list of available rentals as a volunteer service for Elyarea newcomers seeking housing. She fielded these calls until the day before she died, connecting newcomers with local landlords to pay forward the kindness of others who helped her family when they first moved to Ely.

Loretta is sur-

vived by her brother, Ron Borkowski; seven children, Ed (Mary Pat) of Grand Rapids; Mary of Albuquerque, N.M.; Joe of Hardwick, Vt., Ann Pizzitola (Dale) of Summit, Wis.; Charles (Deditra) of Bloomington; Cathy(Remy)ofBozeman, Mont.; and Paul (Bryce) of Annandale; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Eugene.

Bonnie J. Christensen

Bonnie Jo Paul Christensen, 68, of Ely, passed away at her home on Tuesday, June 11, 2019. Her funeral was held on Wednesday, June 19. Donations can be made in Bonnie's memory to cancer research at the Mayo Clinic.

She is survived by her daughters, Kayla Christensen and Bethany (Scott) Christensen-Kunz; sisters, Judy (Tom) Lehtinen, Vicki (Jerry) Baumann and Jan Shambow; brother, Jim Paul; grandchildren, Bryn, Brentley, Evan, Jordyn and Tristan.

E. Virginia Smith

E. Virginia Torkkola Smith, 89, of Babbitt, passed away on Monday, June 10, 2019, at the Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely. Thanks to the employees of Boundary Waters Care Center, Carefree Assisted Living and Ely Bloomenson Hospital. A private family burial will be held in the Waasa Cemetery. Memorials may be made to East Range Hospice. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her daughter, Leanne L. Smith of Babbitt; sons, Walter (Pam) Smith of Benson, Ariz., Lewis (Pat) Smith of Duluth, Robert (Julie) Smith and Jon (LuAnn) Smith, both of Babbitt; sister, Delores Murphy of Grand Rapids; special daughter-in-law, Wendy Beaulieu; 12 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and numerous step-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF ELY **Council Minutes -**June 4, 2019 **Regular Meeting Ely** City Council - City Hall, **Council Chambers**

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

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

July 26, 27, and 28, 2019 at Whiteside Park, and the Elv Marathon on September 21, 2019 at Whiteside Park pending receipt of proper paperwork and fee and to waive the requirement of an

on-site police officer at these events Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve A and B consent agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously.

None

7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR:

on the Library Website.

Chief Lahtonen reminded people that 2-Hour parking is being enforced effective today. Also it is Grass Cutting Season; if you do not comply you will be receiving a letter and eventually a ticket. Pedestrians have the right a way at crosswalks; you must stop to let them cross.

E. City Attorney

library which can be located Ensure rafters and roof are structurally sound, d. Entire

D. Police Chief

roofing structure must be completely code compliant, e. Proper building permits shall be pulled prior to execution. f. Complete removal of the detached garage. Attorney Klun indicated that this includes the front porch finality by July 5, 2019, at the public hearing Sherwood stated he would have the items done by the next council meeting, except for the front porch. Attorney Klun

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

C. Letter From G-Men requesting a meeting with the Sanitation Committee

A.Forsman/ Debeltz moved to discuss the sanitation contract at the study session in July and to send notice the public to hear comment. Kess stated that it would be better to see what the council

the Police cite it is Criminal and if Whitney cites it is Civil. In the past Whitney has sent notice which is served by the police.

Omerza/Campbell moved to have Whitney serve 79 W Chandler with notice of blight per the inspection report. Motion Carried Unanimously

13. NEW BUSINESS:

to approve the Residential Rehab Loan for LuAnne Bialik at 626 S 6th Ave E A.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the Bill of for new windows and doors Sale from Minnesota Power and for sewer inspection and potential repair for \$10,000. for the electric car chargers in the library parking lot and

very close

Kess/Campbell

quote for \$26,854.00.

to award Mike Motors the

Building Maintenance Truck

A.Forsman indicated that

the quotes we received were

Motion Carried Unanimously.

F. Debeltz/Callen moved

moved

ABSENT: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the minutes from May 21, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADDITIONS OR 4 OMISSIONS TO AGENDA: A. Addition 8.A. TAB B. Addition 8.A. Employee Relations Addition 13. E

Building Maintenance Truck Bids

Addition D. 13. Residential Rehab Loan for LuAnne Bialik at 636 S 6th Ave E for new windows and doors and for sewer inspection and potential repair for \$10,000, pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and to proceed with loan processing Additions A-D added without objection.

5. MAYOR'S REPORT

Minnesota Mayors Matter -Mayor Novak indicated that the Minnesota Mayors Matter works on bringing mayors together in conversation to build civic trust. They are working on the urban/rural divide. Mayor Novak indicated that it is not a real divide, but more of different issues between communities

Mayor Novak indicated there will be a ribbon cutting on June 21st for the 17th Avenue Project and Groundbreaking for the Trailhead Project.

Mayor Novak also congratulated the High School graduates.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:

A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda

B. Approve the Ely Jaycees Temporary Liquor Licenses for the CrapolaFest on June 29. 2019 on 1st Avenue East, Chamber sponsored Music at the Band shell on July 11 at Whiteside Park, the Blueberry Arts Festival on 8. COMMITTEE REPORTS: A. Standing/Special Planning and Zoning -Minutes included in the pack-

Heritage Preservation Commission - Minutes included in the packet

Library Board -Omerza stated that the Library Board passed a policy for Service Animals in the Library.

Telecommunications Advisory Board - Minutes included in the packet

Employee Relations Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from the Employee Relations Committee to hire Joe Shusta for the Utility Person position pending background and pre-employment screening. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from the Employee Relations Committee to recommend that Chad Houde be assigned a temporary sergeant until the return of sergeant Koponen from injury. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the recommendation from the Employee Relations Committee to approve Mayor Chuck Novak, Councilor Heidi Omerza, Councilor Angela Campbell, Commissioner Warren Nikkola, and Attorney Klun for the negotiating commit-tee and to request AFCSME to start negotiations with the City. Motion Carried Unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: A. Clerk-Treasurer

B. Fire Chief

upcoming events

C. Library Director Library Director Heinrich gave an update of the at the

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS: Α. Correspondence from the League of Minnesota Cities – Matter of Information

11.CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT: A. City and EUC claims for June 4, 2019 - \$277,188.85. B. Partial Pay Estimate #2 To KGM Contractors for \$157,838.66 for the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation Project for State Project #A6920-48. Partial Pay Estimate C. #2 to KGM Contractors for \$130,419.39 for the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation Project for State Project #A6920-49. Callen/Debeltz moved

to approve the Claims for Payment items A-C. Motion Carried Unanimously. 12. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the 2nd 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.Forsman-yes, Kessyes, Debeltz-yes, Omerzayes, Callen-yes, Campbellyes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. Callen/Debeltz moved to approve Resolution 2019-018 Resolution and Order of the City of Ely: A Resolution and Order of the City of Ely, Minnesota Declaring the real property at 21 West Shagawa Road Blight Pursuant to the Ely City Code. Debeltz indicated that the council had dealt with this

property for many years, hopefully something will get resolved this time. Attorney Klun stated that this resolution and order includes all items A-F under the findings in 6. a. Remove front porch and ensure access is code compliant, b. Remove back porch and ensure

access if code compliant, c.

12 on the resolution will need updating with information on the hearing, who was present and who gave testimony. Council agreed to amend the resolution with the changes stated by Attorney Klun. Building Official Whitney indicated that item f. under the findings should be changed to fix garage not remove garage, since Whitney was

also indicated that 11 and

working with Sherwood on how to fix the garage.

Council agreed to amend the resolution to fix the garage not remove.

Omerza stated that we want to have compassion, but he has been here how many times, we also need to have compassion for the neighbors. Omerza asked what the next step is; do we have faith that he will get this done in two weeks? Does the council have the courage to move forward on this?

Mayor Novak stated that he is ready to move this item, Sherwood has been to the council numerous times promising to get things done and nothing has been done. The neighbors need us to work better for them.

Attorney Klun stated that the code allows for \$100 per week fine for non-compliance, which could be around \$12,000 in back fines from the last order.

Debeltz indicated that he would rather have Sherwood put the money into the house rather than pay a fine.

Kess indicated that Sherwood has until July 5, 2019 per this resolution and order to remedy, the first step is this resolution and order then after July 5, 2019 if the property is not in compliance we will have the opportunity to assess the fine and move forward with the order.

Attorney Klun stated that the council should invite him back to the next meeting to get progress.

Building Official Whitney indicated that the notices have previously indicated that the \$100 fine can be assessed if work is not completed.

wants to do rather than the sanitation committee.

Debeltz indicated that if anvone has and complaints or changes in the contract they would like to see they should come to the study session in July.

Omerza also indicated that the council would like to hear about people supporting our current vendor

Motion Carried Unanimously.

D. Debeltz/Omerza moved approve Resolution to 2019-019 Restating and Reaffirming The EEDA Enabling Resolution. Roll Called A.Forsman-yes, Kessyes, Debeltz-yes, Omerzayes, Callen-yes, Campbellyes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

E. 79 W Chandler - Inspection Report

Building Official Whitney reported that he completed an Inspection Report for 79 W Chandler. Based on the blight conditions, the following are to be performed to abate the conditions: a. Finish siding and roofing of dwelling; every exterior wall shall be free of holes, breaks, and major portions of loose or rotting boards or timbers. All structures and accessory structures including detached garages shall be maintained in the workmanlike state of maintenance and repair. b. Completely remove all junk and debris from all structures; every structure shall be maintained in a sanitary condition, free of accumulation of garbage and refuse. c. The property cannot be used as a salvage and recycling site. d. Remove all household furnishings, appliances, tires and scraped materials covering the property. Mayor Novak asked if

Whitney recommends that we cite this property per the blight ordinance.

Whitney indicated yes

Mayor Novak asked who would cite this property the police or the Building Official. Attorney Klun stated that if

solar panels on the Library Motion Carried Unanimously

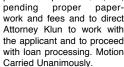
B. Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the letter from Young Life requesting in kind services for the 4th of July Festivities in Whiteside Park. Motion Carried Unanimously

C. Debeltz/Omerza moved to request for funding from MNDOT as well as approving the bids received for the Airport Fueling System Rehabilitation. Motion Carried Unanimously

D. Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the Cemetery Kiosk Bid for \$25,800 to Jeff Kemmer.

Callen stated that he was originally concerned with the price, but zero tax dollars are being used, the city received a donation to the cemetery and the Korpi Trust donated to the Kiosk. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Building Maintenance Truck Bids



14. OPEN FORUM

Mike Banovetz - 427 E Harvey St

Banovetz asked what the purpose of dog licenses is. Mayor Novak indicated that it the animal gets picked up by the Police Department they can look it up on the tag and try to get in touch with the owner rather than bringing it to the vet and we require a rabies certificate in order to get the license.

15. ADJOURN

Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:31pm without objection.

Casey Velcheff, Deputy Clerk

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W Shagawa Rd indicated

that he applied for a permit

this morning for the garage.

By the next council meet-

ing he will have everything

resolved except the front

porch and he will work with

Building Official Whitney to

Debeltz asked if Sherwood

has talked to AEOA or

IRRRB for funding to help

Sherwood stated that he has

Omerza asked if the back

porch was taken care of or if

Whitney indicated that the

back porch is hanging with

a door that has not been

resolved. The side deck is

remedy the situation.

contacted AEOA.

that is still an issue

out.

Partial sets of

U.S. mail.

Duluth Builders Exchange.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

Sealed Bids for the construction of the West End Redevelopment District Phase 1 will be received for a single prime contract, by the City of Ely (The Owner), at the office of the City Clerk until 11:00 a.m. local time on July 11, 2019, at which time the Bids received will be publicly opened and The Project consists read. of constructing approximately 10,300 cubic yards common excavation, 500 cubic yards rock excavation, 2,600 cubic yards select granular borrow, 3,100 cubic yards aggregate base, Class 5, 2,900 linear feet concrete curb and gutter, 1,500 feet ductile iron pipe water main, 900 feet sanitary force main, 400 feet storm sewer, seeding and related appurtenances.

CITY OF ELY Public Hearing Minutes June 4, 2019 Ely City Hall, Council Chambers

Call to Order: Mayor Novak called the public hearing to order at 5:15pm

PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess. Debeltz, Omerza, Callen. Campbell and Mayor Novak ABSENT: None

Purpose: This hearing will be held to discuss 21 W Shagawa Rd, Ely, MN 55731

Brian Sherwood owner of 21

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 2019.

Propane Bid #1: 180,000 gal-

STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT DISTRICT COURT **PROBATE DIVISION**

Court File No. 69VI-PR-19-71 NOTICE AND ORDER

EMPLOYMENT

Charter School Administrator **Vermilion Country School**

Office. Neither Owner nor Prospective Bidders may Engineer will be responsi-Bidding ble for full or partial sets of Documents at the Issuing Bidding Documents, includ-Office and may obtain coping Addenda if any, obtained ies of the Bidding Documents from sources other than the Issuing Office. from the Issuing Office (Office of the Engineer): JPJ Engineering, Inc., P.O.

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partially done, but there is

no railing. The garage roof

was sheeted, but it was not

papered or shingled. The

front porch is partially shin-

gled, and it was lacked up.

Whitney indicated not a lot

has been done in the last

two vears and that is why it

is being brought back to the

Campbell asked where

Sherwood indicated that he

is living in the residence at 21

W Shaqawa Rd. Sherwood

stated that he will get every-

thing done except the front

porch by the next meeting,

as long as it doesn't rain for

keep it filled in the event of an

emergency or main propane

Sherwood is living

the next two weeks.

tank failure.

Council.

an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, Section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, in an amount not less than 5% (five percent) of the Total Bid. The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance Bond, Payment Bond and a Certificate of Insurance.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities and to award the contract in the best interest of the OWNER. By order of the Ely City Council.

June 17, 2019 Harold Langowski, P.E., Clerk, City of Ely

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has not rained during the last full two years and Sherwood could have got these things taken care of a long time ago.

Attorney Klun indicated that in the mailing that Sherwood received included the last 4th Re-Inspection that Whitney preformed and on the letter is the list of items needing to get remedied.

Adjourn: Mayor Novak adjourned the public hearing at 5:24pm.

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Mayor Novak indicated that it

lons for 2019-2020 Propane Bid #2: 360,000 gallons for 2019-2021

The sealed bids must be A contract for 24-hour emergency service and biannual marked "Propane Bid #1 and maintenance of vaporizers #2" and be delivered to Cook must be included in Bid #1 Hospital, Teresa Debevec, and #2. Must be able to provide backup propane tank of 2,000 gallons or more and

> HEARING ON DUANE

been filed with the Court. The Petition represents that the Decedent Allen Duane Kemppainen died intestate on March 7, 2019, leaving to Nathan W. Kemppainen and Kate Rice, his son and daughter, heirs and devisees a homestead, bank account and an unencumbered vehi-

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Petition may be granted and the Court may issue a Decree for Summary Assignment of

S, Virginia, Minnesota 55792.

BY THE COURT Dated: May 24, 2019

Judge of District Court Amy Turnguist/ Court Administrator Chelsea Opdahl/Deputy

Gary Pagliaccetti

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Attorney for Petitioner Angela E. Sipila Sipila Law Office LLC 412 1st Street South, Suite 1 Virginia, MN, 55792 No: Attorney License

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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.

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 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. (Whiteside Park).

Volunteers are needed to assist with the parade. If anyone is interested please contact the Clerk's Office for more information, 218-226-5449.

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The Fireworks Display will be put on by Premier Pyrotechnics. The show is scheduled to start at 10:00 pm over Miners Lake.

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CEO, 10 Fifth Street SE, Cook, MN 55723 A Petition for Summary

ESTATE OF ALLEN KEMPPAINEN,

Also know as ALLEN D. KEMPPAINEN

FOR PETITION FOR SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT OF EXEMPT PROPERTY- INTESTATE

Assignment of Exempt Property-Intestate has

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Bids will be opened at the

board meeting of the Cook-

Orr Healthcare District on

June 24th at 6:30 p.m.

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<u>Care Center</u> PT Nursing Assistant (sign-on bonus)

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<u>Hospital</u> PT Registered Nurse (sign-on bonus)

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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, and 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.

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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@ amail.com.

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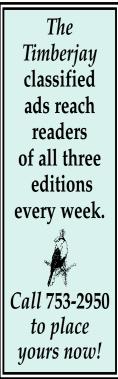
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CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Erik & Jessica Lietz. the new owners of "Sunset Bar & Grill", from Steve Bragg, Business Broker

Plans for the future include a renovation and then to reopen as a full service restaurant. The Lietzes see much potential

for growth in Rice Lake. Now with full city utilities being installed they hope to attract some larger retail developers to the area. Tentative plans would see a spring 2020 grand opening for the restaurant/bar.



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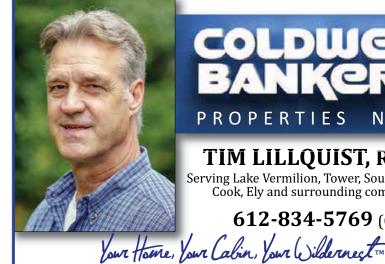
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