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CITY OF TOWER

Miscues mar harbor progress

Mismanagement could put grant funding at risk

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

TOWER— It appears that mismanagement of the latest improvements at the city of Tower's harbor could well leave the city on the hook for

The Tower harbor project could lose grant money due to mismanagement by city officials. photo by M. Helmberger

\$120,000 in costs due to an error by suspended city clerk-treasurer Linda Keith. At the same time, the project is likely to face additional scrutiny from the

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources, which provided \$679,000 in funding

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FOURTH OF JULY





ELY - Ely's annual Fourth of July celebration will take place on Thursday, with many activities centered around the traditional parade, which begins at 1 p.m. A fun run, pancake breakfast, family picnic with games, a concert, and other activities will fill Whiteside Park throughout

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

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

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TOWER- With only a few details left to button down, the Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board is all set to put on another amazing Fourth of July weekend in Tower-Soudan.

This year's celebration will feature all of the regular favorites, with

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MANUFACTURING

Lamppa project agreement heads to city council

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

TOWER - City officials here were expected to approve an agreement on Monday night that will ensure that Lamppa Manufacturing moves into their new manufacturing facility as soon as new equipment is installed. The action came after the Timberjay's early 4th of July week deadline, but the terms of the deal were not expected to be controversial.

Representatives of the city, Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, and Lamppa Manufacturing met last week in Eveleth to get the project back on track after delays and disagreements over some of the equipment installed in the facility prompted Lamppa Manufacturing officials to walk away.

Under the agreement worked out last week, the city would agree to swap out the current welding room fume extractor for a different unit, will incorporate the cost of a gas manifold system for the welding station (at a cost of \$8,300) into the project loan, will cover the company's moving expenses (estimated at \$4,000), and will provide free rent from the anticipated move-in date of Sept. 1 through the remainder of the year. The term of the original 10-year lease will be extended to Dec. 31, 2029.

The Tower Economic Development Authority was expected to approve the agreement at a special meeting on Monday night, followed immediately by a special city council meeting to authorize the deal. Lamppa Manufacturing owner Daryl Lamppa and manager Dale Horihan have already signed off on the agreement.

The new sweeteners will be rolled into the overall project, which means the

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BOIS FORTE

Immersion weekend highlights culture

by MARCUS WHITE

Cook/Orr Editor

NETT LAKE - Darren Landgren and George Strong surveyed the progress being made on a traditional birch bark canoe last Saturday morning, as part of a weekend of activities here designed to reconnect Bois Forte band members with the traditions

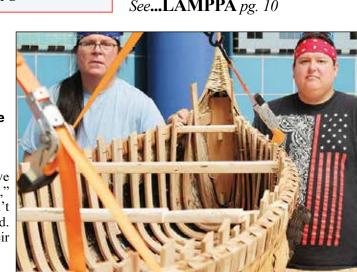
Darren Landgren and George Strong were led by an Ojibwe master boat builder last weekend in constructing a traditional birch bark canoe. photo by M. White

of their culture and language.

Landgren and Strong were part of team being led by Wayne Valliere, one of only five remaining Ojibwe master boat builders in North America.

"People like to say that See...CULTURE pg. 11

birch bark canoes are primitive crafts; they're superior crafts,' Valliere said. "The shape hasn't changed since they were created. Europeans even abandoned their



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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Vermilion Dream Quilters to meet on Thursday, July 11

TOWER- The Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet on Thursday, July 11 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Catholic Church Social Hall in Tower.

We look forward to hearing what those of you who attended the Minnesota Quilt Show in Rochester have to share. Member Rebekah Casey will lead our program with information on English Paper Piecing. Hostesses are Maggie Manion, Diane Frerichs, and Liz Villnow.

Our members are from throughout the Iron Range. We encourage, instruct, and share tips with each other. Guests and visitors who are interested in quilting and creative sewing are welcome. For more information, please contact Corrine Hill in Tower at 218-753-4600.

Annual meeting of Elbow Lake Association, July 13

ELBOW LAKE- Elbow Lake Association will hold its annual meeting on Saturday, July 13 at 10 a.m. at Elbow Lake Lodge. The meeting is open to all property owners on Elbow Lake and Susan Lake. A cook-out lunch will be provided by the lodge after the meeting.

For more information, contact ELA secretary Mary Ann Knox by emailing maryannknox21@gmail.com.

Tower Senior Bingo on July 8

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, July 8 at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center in Tower from 11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m. Call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950 with any questions.

Burger Bash for Roadrunners

REGIONAL- The Roadrunners Special Olympic team is hosting a Burger Bash-Dance from 4:30 - 9 p.m. on Friday, July 12 at the Mt. Iron Community Center. Come join the Roadrunners for a burger, chips, coleslaw and beverage. Cost is \$8 for ages 10 and up, \$4 for under age 10. There will also be root beer or orange floats for \$2 each. Music will be provided by Kevin Turner TNT Entertainment. Take-outs will be available.

Genealogy Genie at the MN Discovery Center

CHISHOLM- Join MN Discovery Center's (MDC) Archivist, Christopher Welter, for the next Genealogy Genie class on Saturday, July 13 starting at 10:30 a.m. The topic for the evening is "Hey, what do you have in there? The Iron Range Research Center (IRRC) genealogy database". There are more than a dozen different kinds of records included in the IRRC's database. The IRRC staff will share with you examples and illustrations of those records, from the most popularly requested to those that you might know little or nothing about. As always, this event is free and open to the public.

COOK HOSPITAL AUXILIARY

Thrift Shop continues to be a popular place to shop

COOK – Summer has officially arrived and with it the bustle of activity in town. We greatly miss our local Zup's grocery store and are eagerly awaiting its rebuilding. Meanwhile, other businesses in town continue to thrive, including the ever-popular Thrift Shop.

Our donation bin and store are bulging with donated items and we continue to have a steady stream of customers – thanks to all who donate and shop at our store! All is to the benefit of our local health care facilities.

While clothing, smaller house-hold items, bedding, and a miscellany of art and crafts continue to be the most received items as donations, we also welcome small furniture. Given our limited space, we cannot accept items such as electronics, mattresses or large furniture.

We do not accept appliances, microwaves, building materials, damaged items, or anything that is considered hazardous waste. Any of these items that we do receive have to be discarded at our local transfer station at our cost. Not only is it an inconvenience, it takes a bite out of our income which we would rather be able to donate back to our community



than spend in waste disposal costs.

As always, volunteers are welcome. We are a volunteer-based, not-for-profit business and we can always use the extra help at the shop.

The store is located at 320 SE 3rd Ave. Our store hours are from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. every Thursday and Friday, and the second and fourth Saturday of each month. Due to the Fourth of July holiday, we will not be open on July 5 this year.

You can follow us on Facebook on the Cook Area Healthcare Auxiliary Thrift Shop page for occasional updates or news on the shop.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and stop at the Thrift Shop to see what great bargains and treasures there are to be found. Something new every week!

By Kirsten Reichel, Cook Health Care Auxiliary President

ELY

Ely Chamber sponsoring 2nd Annual Business Appreciation Day on July 9

ELY-Shopper Alert! The second annual Ely Business Appreciation Day is slated for Tuesday, July 9. This year's event is in celebration of the Ely Chamber of Commerce's birthday. "We are excited to celebrate the ripe old age of 111 and want to recognize the people who made it possible: our area businesses," stated Eva Sebesta, Ely Chamber of Commerce executive director.

The event will run in conjunction with the regular Tuesday Nite Live on July 9. Shoppers need to visit ten area businesses using a special registration sheet. Once shoppers have signatures from ten or more businesses, they can stop in at the Chamber office (1600 E Sheridan St.) to register for one of two \$100 Chamber Buck prizes. All registration sheets must be received before 5 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10. Drawing for winners will occur

on Friday, July 12. No purchase is necessary to enter the drawing. If you don't make a purchase, please let the business know you appreciate their presence in Ely and what they offer our community. Event registration forms will be available online at www.ely.org/events/birthday or at the Chamber office, and at a number of Ely area businesses.

"We have a very strong and dynamic business community," commented Sebesta. "Concerns have been raised about the loss of several businesses, but I would like to point out the number of new businesses who have opened in the last two years far outweighs the number of businesses that have closed. We are not losing ground in the business community, we are gaining. Decisions made in corporate offices beyond Ely are responsible for three business closures – it is definitely

not a reflection on the status of our local economy. There are hundreds of businesses in the Ely area that provide a vast array of goods and services. We are also fortunate to have so many locally-made products ranging from knife sharpening systems to granola to gun holsters. All area businesses have made a huge financial commitment to our area and they need our continued support. Our Business Appreciation Day is a great opportunity to recognize these very dedicated businesses."

Even though the Chamber's Business Appreciation Day is marked for July 9, they hope you will remember to always shop local, which keeps revenue, jobs and businesses strong and continuing in the Ely area.



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MINING

Glencore assumes majority stake in PolyMet

by Marshall Helmberger

Managing Editor

REGIONAL—The Swissbased international commodities broker and mine operator Glencore is now the majority owner of the proposed NorthMet mine near Hoyt Lakes.

Glencore, which is currently under investigation by the U.S. Justice Department for international money laundering and corrupt practices, acquired just under 72 percent of the outstanding shares of PolyMet Mining last week at the conclusion of a private rights offering. Glencore has been PolyMet's primary source of financing and technical expertise as it led development of the copper-nickel mine proposal for more than a decade.

PolyMet announced Glencore's effective takeover of the mine project in a release issued June 27. The takeover came at the conclusion of a "rights offering" by PolyMet,

which allowed existing shareholders to acquire additional shares in the company at a discounted rate.

PolyMet issued the offering in hopes of repaying an outstanding debt to Glencore of \$265 million that helped pay for development, environmental review, and permitting of the mine plan. Glencore had agreed to backstop the offering and, in the end, it was Glencore that acquired the vast majority of the stock, offered by PolyMet, at 38.8 cents per share.

"We thank all of our shareholders for their interest in and support for this project and are grateful to those who participated in this offering," said Jon Cherry, PolyMet president and CEO. "The issuance of the federal wetlands permit in March, which brought the project to a fully permitted status, and clearing our balance sheet of debt with this rights offering,

puts us in a much stronger position to obtain construction financing for the project. We could not have achieved either one of these major milestones without Glencore's longstanding technical and financial support."

Implications vary

Glencore's takeover does not mean that PolyMet will disappear as the public face of the NorthMet project. Company spokesperson Bruce Richardson notes that PolyMet will remain a publicly-traded company and will continue to be led by the existing team, at least for now. "Glencore has provided technical and financial support for the project for about a decade and has been supportive of the steps we have taken to move this project forward all along the way, which would include meeting Minnesota's strict environmental standards and the Project Labor Agreement," said Richardson.

Nonetheless, Glencore's

newly-acquired majority stake is likely to raise political complications for the planned mine. Glencore, a company founded by former fugitive financier Marc Rich, has frequently been described as "notorious" in the international press. Critics of the company have gone much further in their denunciations. "Glencore's worldwide record of environmental disasters, violations of human rights and disregard for workers and labor rights speaks for itself," said Kathryn Hoffman, CEO of the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy. "With former BPCEOTony Hayward at the helm of Glencore, Minnesota may soon face our own version of the Gulf oil spill. The terrible record of Glencore and its leaders should concern every Minnesotan."

Unions representing Glencore workers also had harsh words for the company after it closed the Sherwin Alumina plant in Texas in 2015 as workers pressed the company for better pay and conditions there. Ruben Garza, District 13 Director of the United Steelworkers, called Glencore "one of the most irresponsible companies on the planet," noting that the company's questionable behavior was not limited to the Texas facility. "Glencore has mistreated workers and harmed communities on nearly every continent. When a company that generates hundreds of billions in revenue each year consistently engages in this kind of reckless behavior, there must be consequences," said Garza.

In a related development, Reuters reported that at least 36 illegal miners were killed June 27, 2019, when a copper mine owned by Glencore collapsed in a southeast Congo, according

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ELY SCHOOLS

School board extends superintendent's contract

by ${\sf K}$ eith ${\sf V}$ andervort

ELY – The Ely school board and superintendent Kevin Abrahamson reached a contract extension agreement at a special meeting last week.

Abrahamson was set to resign his position here when his contract expired on June 30 but agreed to extend his career a bit longer to support the district in transitioning to a top admin-

Abrahamson, who has been with ISD 696 for four years, signed a memorandum of agreement following a short school board meeting Friday night, that will keep him with the district until Oct. 1. or until such time as a qualified successor superintendent has been seated.

Beginning July 1, Abrahamson will be paid \$6,000 per month during the transition

Abrahamson will continue in his duties as superintendent during the extension period, and will assume the additional duty of mentorship of ISD 696 superintendent candidate Erik Erie, who must complete 280 hours of unpaid practicum mentorship necessary to qualify to obtain a superintendent's license in Minnesota.

Board members agreed to offer Erie the position on a 4-2 vote earlier last week after an extended search period where six candidates in all were interviewed for the part-time position. Background and reference checks must be completed and a contract must be negotiated with Erie once he obtains his superintendent's license.

Erie recently retired as high school principal at Mesabi East in Aurora, a post he had held for 11 years. He was previously a principal in the Fisher School District in Illinois.

Other business

In other business at a special meeting on June 24, the school

➤ Approved propane purchase contracts for 2019-2020 with Superior Fuels and Lakes Gas Co. at \$1.01 per gallon for the tank and \$1.12 per gallon for the bobtail, respectively.

➤ Accepted the lone quote received from Fat Chicken Feed Store for winter snow removal.

➤ Approved the MREA membership renewal for the 2019-2020 school year at \$1,679.

➤OK'd a managed services contract with Voltz for IT services for 2019-2020. ➤ Approved a quote from

Per Mar Security Services for

security cameras on the playground, Washington Elementary and the Industrial Arts building. ➤ Agreed with a memo-

randum of understanding for a shared German teacher with ISD 2142 for the 2019-2020 school year. ➤ Hired Clara DeRemee for

the second-grade teaching position and Brenda Check Olson for the sixth-grade teaching position for the 2019-2020 school year.





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OPINION

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Editorial

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Three strikes on SEH

After three straight fiascos, it's time to reconsider a troubled relationship

In baseball, it's three strikes and you're out. The same should apply to the city of Tower's engineering firm, Short, Elliot and Hendrickson, or SEH, which has swung and missed on the last three projects it's handled for the city of Tower.

As we report this week, a series of questionable, possibly unauthorized, decisions regarding the recent improvements around the harbor could put at least some of the state funding at risk for that project. At a minimum, it now appears that the city's suspended clerk-treasurer, Linda Keith, miscalculated in bidding the project, leaving the city potentially on the hook for \$120,000 in fees to SEH that were supposed to have been covered in the grant. That's \$120,000 the city doesn't have.

While the clerk-treasurer deserves much of the blame for this devastating situation, it's a mistake that SEH's project manager should have caught as well.

While the work around the harbor looks nice, it's not the project that city officials proposed to the Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources in 2016. That grant proposal had called for a aggregate sidewalk around the harbor, a half-mile-long bituminous connecting trail to the Mesabi Trail, and signage for a designated kayak and canoe route along the East and West Two rivers and a portion of Lake Vermilion.

But somewhere along the way, the Mesabi Trail connection was dropped, the kayak route was all but forgotten, and the money was diverted to pay for decorative lighting and fencing and a 150-foot section of floating dock/boardwalk at

Such a major change to an LCCMR project requires approval of a modification proposal, which neither Keith nor SEH submitted to the LCCMR. Both parties should have known that what they did put at least a portion of the city's funding

They also could not have been unaware that a second phase of funding is supposed to pay for a trailhead kiosk associated with the connecting trail. Do Keith and SEH now propose to build a trailhead with no trail?

If this were an isolated case, it could possibly be forgiven, but it's just the latest example of questionable project management by Keith and SEH. As we've reported in recent weeks, the Lamppa Manufacturing facility has been plagued by months of delay and miscommunication over the kind of equipment that Lamppa officials wanted installed in the new plant- which has now prompted even more delay. In the end, this project will be delivered nearly a year after it was supposed to be completed.

And that project came on the heels of an even worse debacle involving a massively-expensive and unnecessary sewer extension to the Hoodoo Point Campground. We've previously documented some of SEH's failures in the handling of that project, which is now in litigation.

Questions about this project abound, including the complete lack of due diligence surrounding the issue of need. The SEH engineer on the project recommended connecting the campground to the city sewer without documenting that the robust triple-mound septic system (designed for 40-50 years) that had served the campground for just 25 years, even needed replacement. The engineer told city officials that St. Louis County didn't have a copy of the septic system's design, but that was untrue.

Equally dubious was the initial application to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for connection to the city's municipal wastewater system. That application showed just six RV sites would be connected to the wastewater system when both city officials and SEH engineers knew the entire campground, and it's more than 70 sites, would be connected to the system. It's unimaginable that such an oversight could have occurred on a wastewater connection application and have been overlooked by both the clerk-treasurer and the engineer, each of whom signed the application under penalty of perjury.

SEH officials clearly have some explaining to do. If the company's services were inexpensive, one could at least recognize that you get what you pay for. But SEH has a well-deserved reputation for bringing big-city prices to engineering on the Iron Range. As for big-city delivery, it appears the firm has fallen woefully short, at least in Tower.

The big question at this point is where do we go from here? City officials in Tower need to be asking themselves if SEH is up to the job. Given the company's poor performance, the city should be demanding compensation, and forgiveness of the \$120,000 in engineering fees for the harbor project would be a good starting point. SEH has made a fortune off the city of Tower for more than a decade. City officials need to be asking if they're getting what they're paying for.

MEANWHILE AT THE GERRYMANDERED BORDER



Letters from Readers

Supreme illogic on gerrymandering

The Supreme Court conservative majority just further undermined democracy by ruling that Federal Courts cannot remedy gerrymandering designed to effectively nullify a citizen's vote in her or his legislative district. They said drawing such districts for the purpose of nullifying votes for partisan advantage is a "political question." The opinion not only will cause even more damage to democracy than Citizens United (which effectively legalized corporate ownership of elected officials), but it also makes absolutely no logical sense. Here is what the conservative majority of the Court asserts: The only remedy for having your vote so diluted that it is meaningless is to vote the people who took your vote away out of office. Mrs. McGuinty was my fifth-grade writing teacher. Her cardinal rule was even if you misspell words or use poor punctuation, at least make sure what you write makes sense. These five guys on the Supreme Court are supposedly among the sharpest folks in America, and they get a big fat "F" written in blue pencil from Mrs. McGuinty.

Kelly Dahl

Think toxic industry will save your town? Just ask Čass Lake

I was visiting a friend and picked up a copy of the Timberjay while shopping in

Sometimes you don't know what you've got till it's gone.

Ex-Mayor Mark Skelton, of Hoyt Lakes, compared the economic benefits of the Super Bowl to the benefits that the PolyMet copper nickel mine would bring to parts of Northern Minnesota. (That was from a letter he wrote to the Star *Tribune*) He is wrong. Tourism is not a hazardous industry. Let me tell you about another town that thought they would benefit from a hazardous industry. The city of Cass Lake is in

the Chippewa National Forest alongside one of Minnesota's premier fishing lakes. For a while in the 1980s, Cass Lake was my town. There was a bakery, bars, hardware store, department store, pizza place and others. The city allowed Wheeler Lumber to open. It polluted the groundwater and was later made a Superfund site. Have you been to downtown Cass Lake lately? I didn't think so, because there is no bakery, cafes, brew pubs or music venues. No pizzerias, outfitters or sporting goods. No movie theater, restaurants or clothing stores. No souvenir, boutique or coffee shops. They are all gone and no private business has replaced them. People stopped visiting. People moved away. The polluting company closed and the city never recovered.

How long will the mine operate? Wheeler lasted 30 years and the town is still suffering 40 years later.

The benefits from the mine are temporary. Benefits from the BWCA, Superior National Forest and Voyageurs National Park and more could be forever if we protect it.

Tourism dollars are one of the best, cleanest revenue sources. Money from out of town and out of state is deposited in your town and people leave without leaving a disaster in their wake. They actually have an incentive to NOT pollute because they appreciate the beauty or they wouldn't be here.

A foreign mine company has no such incentive. I have heard people say that "strict standards" will protect us. Who is checking to make sure these strict standards are adhered to? The government? Since when do you trust the government? Here in the North Country we take pride in taking care of our own and not relying on "Government" to take care of us. Do not let a foreign entity take our God-given precious resources and leave a life altering mess behind.

It's not a game. It's not a stadium, it's a poisonous mine

operation that has the potential to ruin cities and wilderness. They say it won't pollute. It will. Pollution is part of the process (look it up). If you think this multinational corporation has your best interests in mind I have some storefront property in Cass Lake I'd like to sell you.

Kitura Main Bemidji

Better Internet would do more for Ely than a mine

Telecommuting to my southern California office from Ely for the past two and a half months, I have reviewed, revised, compiled and SENT more than 250 environmental testing reports, indoor air quality studies, and hazmat abatement work plans, all of which were first drafted and electronically transmitted to me by a dedicated team of nine, excellent professionals. We accomplished this, despite the daily challenges of a Frontier cable connection that is prone to (and famous for) lost feeds, dropped connections and slow service response. Frontier is working on the problem, and it is much better than it once was, but it's still an Internet feed coming through a tele-

Ely doesn't need a mine. We need a better and faster Internet feed to service those would-be residents who would like to live and work from here. Tragically, if the mines come with their 100-percent record of landscape and environmental decimation, those would-be residents will stay away, in droves, and forever.

The answer to Ely's declining population is staring us in the face. And it doesn't require the acceptance of dead fish floating upside-down in muddy orange water.

Duane Behrens

Where the North Country Sounds Off!

Some thoughts on this Independence Day

In northern Minnesota, the 4th of July just might be the holiday that surpasses Christmas in its power to pull families together for an all out celebration blow-out. Perhaps because it occurs during, arguably, our most beautiful season - Summer! For many, it's "meet at the cabin", hang



MCQUILLAN

and of course, fireworks — and let's try to outdo the neighbors! Yes, we tend to go all out for Independence Day but often overlook what the holiday is really all about. Maybe, this year will be different.

Not sure about you, but lately I find myself embroiled, too frequently, in out the flag, BBQ, beer on ice, vociferous debates about what

our country stands for. What are its core guiding principles? Moving on, "And are we living up to them?" And if any of those "hot button" issues gets thrown in, like "Where were you born?" and "When and how did you get here?", the conversation swiftly shifts to the big underlying and often unspoken question, "Who has the right to be here?" Touchy stuff! I think most of us know what I'm getting at. Welcome to America. The Land of the Free. The Home of the Brave. Hh-hm. Excuse me while I clear

Once, America, this "Land of Immigrants", was a haven for the "huddled masses". But in 2019, it doesn't seem quite fitting for our country. Our history is more complicated than this. Often we forget that before this benevolent invitation etched on the Statue of Liberty, we were more aptly a land of colonialists. Our fair continent had been seized from its original inhabitants and divvied up primarily between the British, French, and Spanish. Once the

first peoples of the continent had been pushed aside and overrun, with an apparent goal of total elimination, the new arrivals recognized the vast wealth and opportunity of the "New World". Feeling the effects of colonial rule, they sought, and fought, to take greater control over this new land and defend their way of life, which at that time included owning slaves when slavery was about to be abolished in England. Nothing short of full

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The MPCA has ignored the Clean Water Act for years

Your recent articles, regarding PolyMet's water discharge (NPDES) permit and apparent malfeasance at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency expose only the tip of the iceberg. My thirty years of experience in Minnesota environmental science qualifies me to speak to such issues. Malfeasance has infiltrated the water quality division of the MPCA as far back as the late 1980s, when I was one of the industrial (includes mining) water quality enforcement staff. We had a total of five staff to enforce every NPDES permit

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region V was only interested in reviewing "major" permits. The USEPA and the MPCA had quietly agreed upon definition of a "major" permit as any discharge over 1 million gallons of wastewater per day, regardless of its toxicity to organisms in the water. A handful of industrial permits met this arbitrary criterion, the rest of the NPDES permits were left totally to the whims of the MPCA.

NPDES permits must follow USEPA "guidances," unless there is good documented reason not to. The main guidance

document for these permits is called the EPA Permit Writer Manual (EPA-833-K-10-001). This document outlines what EPA headquarters expects all NPDES permits must evaluate and contain. Yet this document is basically ignored by MPCA permit writers.

Numerous permits that I reviewed for compliance were written with such limited water quality-based standards that they could not be enforced. If the companies submitted their required monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports they were home free, regardless of the water quality-based standards in the state or in federal regulations. If a company did violate its permit, it was allowed negotiate terms of enforcement for years, tying up staff and preventing other reviews.

The MPCA, when it even bothered with enforcement, routinely issued fines that were far less than it would cost a company to stop polluting, which meant the companies saved money by not complying with their permit. The MPCA routinely ignored EPA penalty guidance designed to make compliance less expensive than non-compliance so there is no incentive to pollute or delay clean-up.

Years ago, some environmental groups tried to take enforcement action by using the federal law (Clean Water Act section 505). This section allows citizens to sue companies that violate permits which regulators have failed to enforce. The MPCA rapidly took enforcement actions, which by law nullified the groups' lawsuit, essentially resulting in endorsing the corporations' violations. In one case the MPCA subsequently wrote a consent decree for \$58,000, instead of collecting the millions of dollars in accrued fines, which would have gone a long way toward enforcing Minnesota's surface water and ground water

Since the mid 1970s EPA environmental experts and most other environmental scientists have recognized that chemistry alone cannot evaluate pollution. Innocuous chemicals can degrade into toxic ones, such as what occurred with DDT. Other single chemicals, which are considered at acceptable levels, can prove biologically toxic when discharged with mixtures of other chemicals. In mining this can occur with the addition of multiple flotation chemicals and tailing thickeners to the processing circuits.

Any chemical mixture may be toxic to aquatic life, and mixture toxicity to humans is seldom studied due to the huge number of chemicals in use. To attempt to address such problems the EPA recommends that water quality-based effluent limitations include testing on small aquatic plants and animals (algae and invertebrates); these tests are called bioassays. Bioassays are not a cure-all, end-all test, but they are a necessary addition to single chemistry testing. Test organisms can help to determine mixture toxicity. The MPCA has desperately avoided using bioassays in permits since their inception in the 1970's. Rarely bioassays are conducted far downstream of any discharge so the results are diluted, and only portions of the EPA tests and protocols are followed.

Depending on whether the EPA's inspector general has been untouched by the recent political desire to return to the good old days of the 1930's, a review of questionable EPA Region V NPDES practices might be of

If Gov. Walz requests the legislative auditor to review the MPCA for malfeasance, I have very low expectations because the auditor's staff is not technically equipped to deal with the environmental, scientific, technical, and regulatory issues involved in NPDES permitting. As a result, they will almost surely be forced to rely on the

same agency management that has supported the malfeasance.

Legislatures and governors of both parties have pushed the MPCA and the Minnesota DNR, which has the conflicting mission of both promoting and regulating mining, to marginally enforce, or not enforce at all, existing laws and regulations. In doing so, they have intentionally created a public facade that Minnesota is far ahead of states such as Alabama, Louisiana, and Mississippi in protecting water quality. To insure this façade continues, elected officials have appointed and approved technically unqualified commissioners, who then install senior management so both political parties' mantra of "jobs, jobs, jobs" protects polluters. Inseparably connected, the health of humans and of nature and the long-term economy of the state pays the price.

I must also state this is not an MPCA staff problem. Over the years MPCA has had many devoted, excellent staff. However, reality dictates that if you want your job you obey your management or leave. Ethics are very important to me, so I chose

Bruce Johnson is a retired biologist who worked for the MPCA and the DNR.

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independence would do.

The 4th of July is our day to celebrate "full independence" from overseas oppressors headquartered in Britain who had no interest in the colonists well-being, other than that which could be extracted or harvested "for the Crown". The colonists reaction? "How dare they treat us so badly?" The phrase, "Give us liberty or give us death!" best summed up their outrage. In fact, the "founders" were so upset that they went to war to make their point. Amazingly, they won! That's how important the concept of "freedom" can be! Freedom from disregard, oppression, and exploitation. Freedom from threatened annihi-

We've been described as a "nation of immigrants". It's true. Since its

inception, our shores have received wave upon wave of migrants coming from other continents hoping to help build this nation and someday call it their own. Most of us needn't go back very far in our ancestry to find stories of the desperate and brave. My father's grandparents left Ireland in the mid-1800s to avoid starvation when crop failure and colonial oppression triggered mass famine. It was "Leave Ireland or die." If they made that treacherous journey to America, they and their children might survive. In the 1890s, my mother's father fled Greece during a tragic civil war. His widowed mother paid the steerage for her 15-year-old son to board a ship to America, hoping he'd survive the journey and eventually send for his younger brothers. I can

only imagine their fear, not knowing if they would see one another again. Arriving alone at Ellis Island, Grampa George sold newspapers in cities en route to Detroit for a real job. He met my grandmother in a Windsor, Ontario dancehall. They married at 18 and 16 respectively, against her parents' wishes. It was said, because "Grampa's skin was too dark." They settled in the Brightmore neighborhood of Detroit, raised five children and later became proud American citizens. Mom always hung the flag with fanfare, on every federal holiday, especially July 4th, in homage to her immigrant parents!

It's understandable why we honor our family immigrant stories, and recognize their sacrifices and contributions made to this nation. But we should never forget that this land belonged, and in many places still belongs, to dozens of sovereign nations comprised of those whose ancestors lived here first. Tribal people lost their land and much of their way of life so that we can continue to live and regenerate here on this magnificent continent. We should remember it was their knowledge and generosity, that allowed for the earliest European arrivals to survive. The resilient spirit of First Nations' peoples still permeates the land upon which we

When that ever-soprecious document, the U.S. Constitution, introduced us as a new nation, aspiring for "liberty and justice for all", the writers could not have predicted how hard it would be to implement. Or who would actually reap the benefits of those laudable goals? And that question remains unanswered today. Meant to outline our most fundamental rights, it has continued to be a "work in progress" for nigh onto two and a half centuries since its signing! And the meaning of "liberty and justice for all" continues to trigger vicious long-lasting debate over the intended definition of "all".

The great sages, representing varied cultures and traditions, remind us of the oneness of creation, including that of all human beings. Despite centuries of ignorance or insensitivity, this great truth remains. There should be no "exclusive club", with specific criteria determining to whom dignity, respect and the "inalienable rights of life, liberty and the

pursuit of happiness" can be ascribed. Compassion and justice must never be doled out on the basis of skin tone, gender identity, annual salary, surname or first language. Down with the notion of "worthiness" because who ultimately decides who is "worthy"?

This year, come the 4th, maybe I'll hang my flag with a little fanfare, and acknowledge the privileges that being an American has afforded me. I want to remember the people who have made my life here possible and celebrate my freedoms. And finally, I'm re-upping my commitment with others to help shape this nation into a more hospitable and welcoming place. Happy holiday, with peace and justice for all!

GLENCORE...Continued from page 3

to the provincial governor there. The accident occurred in the KOV openpit mine at the Kamoto Copper Company concession, in which Glencore

owns a 75-percent stake. While the politics of Glencore's newfound majority status on the NorthMet project could prove problematic, the financial implications are likely to be considerably more positive. Glencore, collectively owned by some of the world's richest individuals, has annual revenues in excess of \$200 billion, which would seem to make the \$1 billion price tag to build and open the NorthMet mine relatively modest. "The NorthMet project would be a minor part in Glencore's overall portfolio," noted the consulting firm EOR, which has been reviewing the mine plan's finances for years under a contract with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "In this regard, there would be no economic reason for this project not to be suc-

cessful so long as Glencore

guarantees the financing

and the financial assuranc-

es, especially when there

are unexpected dips in the

cash flow."

Glencore's financial heft is clearly an advantage for the NorthMet project in the long term, yet the project's currently marginal economics could put the project lower on the priority list for a company that already has vast global holdings in the sector. While a small start-up like PolyMet might be eager to get mining underway, since it has no other source of revenue, Glencore is primarily a commodities broker, which benefits when metal supplies are tight and prices are high. Adding new production capacity at a time when flat demand for both copper and nickel has left prices comparatively low, would seem counter-intuitive for Glencore. The company clearly could afford to sit on a deposit like NorthMet, possibly for years, until an increase in the price of metals or a new mine plan makes the project more economically viable. Both copper and

nickel are currently trading at well below the prices that PolyMet assumed in its most recent financial update, issued in March 2018. That financial projection substantially downgraded the project's prospects from earlier estimates, which led the company to explore changes to the mine plan that would improve prof-

PolyMet spokesperson Bruce Richardson cautioned against speculation on what might happen in the future. "We also won't speculate on Glencore," said Richardson. "We are focused on financing and building the project subject to the terms and conditions of the state and federal permits that have been issued to us."

Permit faces questions At least one of PolyMet's recently-issued permits is under increasingly intense scrutiny over revelationsthattopofficials at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency urged political appointees at the federal Environmental Protection Agency to withhold written comments from the agency's professional staff, who had expressed concerns that the water discharge (NPDES) permit that the MPCA proposed to issue for the mine, did not

Environmental and

comply with the Clean Water Act.

tribal opponents of the mine won a court victory in a lawsuit over the NPDES permit on June 25, when the Minnesota Court of Appeals sent that case to the Ramsey County District Court for further discovery into the allegations that the MPCA tried to keep EPA's concerns out of the official record that the court would review.

The EPA's Inspector General has also launched a probe of the allegations, as has Minnesota's legislative auditor.

MPCA spokesperson Darin Broton said the agency has no plans to suspend PolyMet's NPDES permit, although environmental groups are expected to ask for a stay on the permit until the various issues surrounding the permit can be fully resolved.

Meanwhile, environmental groups like Duluthbased Water Legacy have been calling for more than a year to add Glencore to the mining permits issued to PolyMet. "We could read the writing on the wall based on PolyMet's and Glencore's official security disclosures at

the time," said Water

Legacy legal counsel Paula

Maccabee. "We don't know why state agencies didn't look beyond PolyMet's shell company to the multinational corporation-Glencore-putting in the money and calling the shots for the NorthMet mine project."

PolyMet's Richardson questioned the need for a change in the permits. "Permits aren't issued to shareholders. We're still a publicly-traded corporate entity, governed by the board of directors and led by the PolyMet team," he said. "The permits are issued to PolyMet Mining."

Maccabee said it comes down to liability. "Glencore, right now, is not responsible for any NorthMet mine treatment, financial assurance or any liability for NorthMet mine toxic pollution or a catastrophic dam failure at the NorthMet tailings waste disposal facility."



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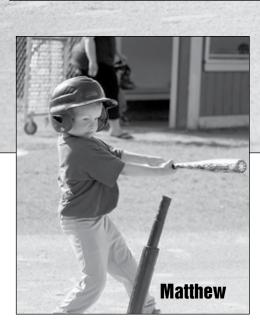
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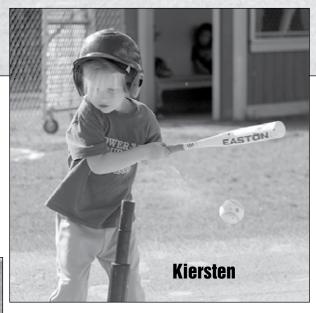
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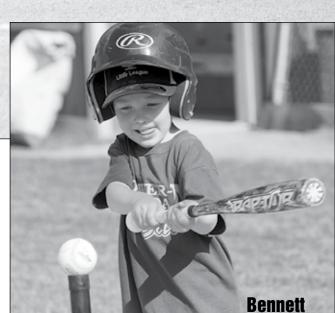
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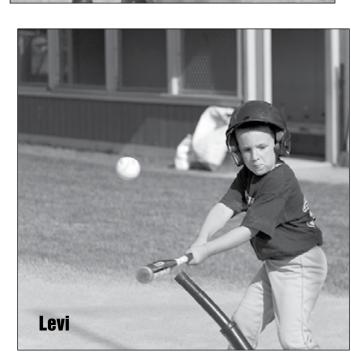


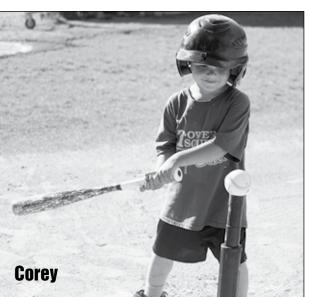
















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COMMUNITY NOTICES

Joanna Boyer named to Normandale CC **Dean's List**

BLOOMINGTON-Joanna Boyer, of Tower, has been named to the Normandale Community College Spring 2019 Semester Dean's List. To qualify, a student must be enrolled in at least nine credits and have achieved a grade point average of at least 3.5. Normandale congratulates these individuals who reside in your community for their outstanding academic performance. Normandale Community College in Bloomington, enrolls over 14,000 students each school year.

The college is a member of the Minnesota State System, a network of 30 community and technical colleges and seven state universities serving approximately 375,000 students annually.

Lake Vermilion 12x12 group to host annual speakers, July 27

TOWER- The Lake Vermilion 12x12 group will hold its annual speaker meeting on Saturday, July 27 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower. A social time with food begins at 6:30 p.m. Mel C. of Nashwauk (Tuesday Night - AFG) will be the Al-Anon speaker at 7 p.m. At 8 p.m., Heidi B. of Ely (Friday Night - Happy, Joyous and Free) will be the AA speaker. The meeting is open to all.

T-S class of 1979 plans reunion Aug. 2-3

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan class of 1979 is planning 40th reunion activities for the first weekend in August. On Friday, Aug. 2 there is a pizza mixer at the Vermilion Club at 7 p.m., followed on Saturday, Aug. 3 by dinner and sharing of memories at Benchwarmer's at 6 p.m.

It doesn't matter if you graduated from Tower or not. If you shared a class, they want to see you! Call Bill at 218-735-8009 with any ques-

St. Martin's salad luncheon and silent auction, July 10

TOWER- St. Martin's Catholic Church is hosting a summer salad luncheon and silent auction on Wednesday, July 10. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost for the lunch is \$8. Bidding on the auction baskets will start at 10:45 a.m.; winners will be announced at 12:30 p.m. In addition to the luncheon and auction, there will also be hand-crafted items available for purchase (sponsored by the Quilt Ministry).

This is a great opportunity to sit back and let someone else do the cooking, and a chance to visit with neighbors and summer visitors.

Tower-Soudan 60th class reunion. July 5

SOUDAN-The Tower-Soudan High School class of 1959 will have their 60th class reunion 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**

GREENWOOD TWP- Starting on Monday, June 17, and continuing 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 four bocce courts.

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

TOWER- Immanuel Lutheran and St. James Presbyterian churches, in Tower, are hosting a joint Vacation Bible "Roar VBS" School, from July 8-12. At Roar, kids discover that God is good even when life gets wild! Kids participate in memorable activi-Bible-learning ties, 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

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.

Inspiring Women, Sharing Hope on July 25

TOWER-Carmel Irons Anderson of Ketchikan, Alaska, will share her story, "Sharing Hope" on Thursday, July 25 at 1 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. Cost is \$15 and includes dessert, coffee, tea, and more. Door prizes will also be drawn.

Anderson is a visual artist who creates art installations that give voice to the unheard and often marginalized. Carmel's desire is to utilize art to help bring awareness and healing to individuals and communities.

There will also be a bonus fashion boutique and show. Gently-used stylish clothing and accessories will be available for purchase. Fashion items may be donated

on that day for the sale.
All proceeds from this event will be donated to the two co-sponsors after a stipend is given to the speaker. The sponsors are PEO DX-Local Chapter, an international organization devoted to charitable projects and to the support and promotion of educational opportunities for women, and Women of St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower to support church sponsored annual events such as the Easter Egg Hunt, Vacation Bible School, Free Thanksgiv-

ing Dinner, and others. Tickets may purchased in advance from Jaynee Yocum at 218-753-3121, Denise Forcomi at 218-428-7095, Betty Irons at 520-490-2559 or at Sulu's Espresso Café, Nordic Home North, or St. James Presbyterian Church before or after Sunday services. Checks should be made payable to St. James Presbyterian Church.

Week of July 8

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

Thursday

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

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



THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



want to Anyone make a Hypertufa Trough? Hypertufa is the latest rage in all the garden magazines. To make the trough you need peat moss, Portland cement and perlite that is!).

And, the directions remind the potential trough-makers, that you buy STRAIGHT PORT-LAND CEMENT and not pre-mixed concrete.

The person who wrote this article gets quite giddy about the whole process. I have ALWAYS mistrusted giddy craft people. They get some emotional high making Christmas decorations from wooden clothes pins and curtain

I am, however, going to try this. Hypertufa troughs are just the perfect pot for cacti and other succulents.

What the heck, if I get good at this, everyone gets a Christmas present which will take several people to deliver and even more to take to the dump after Christ-

Speaking of the dump...last year I recognized many of my fruit cakes, which I had given to many of you, in a dumpster. This year it will be rocks, willow switches, and castor oil. Some people do NOT appreciate baked goods!

We are also considering getting rid of cable which means extra money for perlite and concrete.

I felt a bit queasy last week and took to my bed (the sofa in the living room). Wrapped in a quilt, smeared head-totoe with Ben-Gay, with a Hot Toddy in one hand and the remote in the other, I took to my sick bed-to SUFFER!

We chose the UL-TIMATE package, \$60 month for 250 channels.

I clicked on the guide ready to be entertained, informed and soothed.

Something entitled 'Copa Mundahl Sub 20 Delta FIFA,' was on three channels.

I really had no idea what that was all about, so I switched to 'Younger Skin in 10 Minutes.'

The 10 minutes required the purchase of a device that looked like one of those doohickeys people buy to look for lost coins in parks and other grassy areas.

I moved on!

'I Hate My Aching Joints.' We have 360 joints in our body, and I swear there was a thirty-minute program for each joint. They too offered a doohickey that looked like the one that was going to make my

skin taut. However, this device had a red flashing light and a high-pitched hum that sounded like a dental drill.

'The Roy Rodgers Show,' and in small letters...from the death of Trigger.'

'Suman Cup Badminton,' the National Badminton Championships of India. If your bookie hasn't called and you didn't have money riding on either Japan or China...loser!

If badminton seems a bit too simple, there was Toulon Tournament Soccer, Stanley Cup Playoff, NBA Playoff, NFL Red Zone, NFL Up to The Minute, NFL Live, and NFL NEWS.

NFL NEWS reported that some eighteenyear-old footballer was getting a 'Two Million Dollar Collar!' I'm sure that someone will explain that one to me---a football collar? 'The Naked Mile,' (no one was naked).

Oops, almost forgot the FIFA U-20 World Cup from POLAND!!!

To cap off this cornucopia of athleticism other cable stations offered unique programming experiences and 'The Stephan Smith Show' offered a re-recap!

In case you NEVER kept up, three channels were offering 'Keeping Up with the Kardashians!' 'How Far is Tattoo

> 'Balance in Bed' 'Vegas Line: Exotic

Garnets'

'Sin Tu Mirada,' a Mexican soap opera about Marina, a blind woman who because of her disability, has developed a great sensitivity...babies traded at birth, orphans and rich, RICH people.

And then 'Pinkalicious & Peterrific' American-Irish educational animated children's television series... PBS you are on your own when Peterrific Fundlicious Driverenio.

If you feel like trying your hand at Hypertufa...get a book from the library with formula, technique and ideas.

Get-A-Book-Bada-Boom.

Ta-ta loves...anyone got any extra hosta or some peonies that need a new and loving home?

Ms. Vera Milion

Editor's Note: had to look up Hypertufa and they are really beautiful garden planters. You can find instructions online at https:// www.finegardening.com/ article/make-a-hypertufa-trough. The components (cement, peat moss, and perlite) create a container that is lighter-weight and more porous than terracotta, and can be colored any way you wish. The material provides excellent air circulation to the roots of your plants, making them stronger and healthier.

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Support groups

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous

AA - 7 p.m. Mondays, First Lutheran Church, 915 E. Camp St., Ely WOMEN'S AA - Noon

Mondays, St. Anthony Church basement, Ely BABBITT AA - 7 p.m. Tuesdays. Woodland

Presbyterian Church.

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

BABBITT AL-ANON

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CO-DEPENDENTS'

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

July 9 - Sharon Friedler and Stephen Long - Dance For Parkinson

July 16 - Bruce Anderson - Loss of Wildlands

Play Smear at Senior Center

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

Ely Free Clinic

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

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

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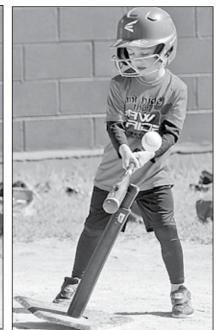
fourth of July fireworks blast

candy in the streets

SUMMER RECREATION









Aspring baseball stars ages 4-5 have been learning the basics of base running, top, hitting and catching this summer at T-ball camp. Carter Hatfield, above, takes a swing. Coach Kim Kerntz, below left, gives advice on the correct way to hold the bat. The snug fit of the batting helmet, below, right, is essential. Throwing technique, bottom, becomes second nature. photos by K. Vandervort







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AROUND TOWN

Summer History Nights Programs 2019

ELY - The Ely/Winton Historical Society Summer History Night schedule: ➤ July 17: Archaeology with Sue Mulholland

➤ July 31: The History of Co-op Point with Sally Koski and Val Myntti ➤ Aug. 14: Ethnic Diversity on the Iron Range with David Kess.

All programs begin at 7 p.m. They will be held in classroom CL 104 at Vermilion Community College. All programs are free and open to the public.

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PATRIOTIC CELEBRATION

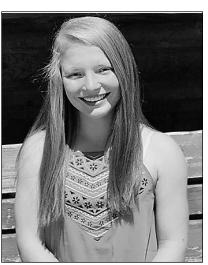


The Patriotic Choir and Band presented a pre-Fourth of July celebration Sunday afternoon at Washington Auditorium. The 2019 Patriotic Communiuty Concert was directed by school band director Sarah Mason. A packed house endured warm, humid conditions in the auditorium and

listened to patrioic songs, including the Procession of Patriots that honored each branch of the United States military. photo by K. Vandervort

OUR COMMUNITY

Candidates named for 2019 Miss Ely program



Kalyssa Eilrich

ELY-Theparticipants nave been named for the 2019 Miss Ely Scholarship and Community Service

Program. Miss Ely Participants:

- ➤ Kalyssa Eilrich, sponsored by WildWoods Land Company;
- ➤ Sydni Richards, sponsored by Ely Northland Market;



Lauren Anderson



Sydni Richards

Spa Company.

Little Particpants:

- ➤ Lauren Anderson, sponsored by Ely DQ Grill and Chill;
- ➤ Jorden Borchert, sponsored by Ely Fire Relief Association;
- ➤ Kalya Larsen, sponsored by Tara Kay

➤ Lindi Zemke, sponsored by Heavy Metal Sports.

The girls will be appearing in the Ely 4th of July Parade and will be hosting a brat sale at Ely Northland Market on Friday, July 5, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The participants are also selling chance drawing tickets over the

Proceeds from these events go directly to the



Madelyne Roderick

scholarship fund. To date \$7,000 in scholarships has been awarded.

One of the community service projects for the group is the Ely Relay For Life, set for Friday, Aug. 16. The girls will be selling luminaria to help raise money for the American Cancer Society. To date \$3,605 has been raised.



Kayla Larsen



Skywarn training offered by Ely Fire Department

ELY-The Ely Fire Department is sponsoring a National Weather Service Skywarn training program on Tuesday, July 16.

This program provides training to volunteers in the detection and reporting of life-threatening thunderstorms-those that contain large hail, damaging winds, and

The free training program begins at 6 p.m. at Vermilion Community College Room CL104.

There are 1,700 Skywarn spot-

ters across northeastern Minnesota

Jorden Borchert

and northwestern Wisconsin reporting to the Duluth National Weather Service. The Skywarn training course,

taught by NWS meteorologists and staff, covers the following topics: ➤ The mission of the National

Weather Service and how Skywarn spotters play an important role in

the warning process; ➤ Thunderstorm formation and the types of thunderstorms. We'll study the meteorological dynamics involved in thunderstorm

production and what it takes for a

storm to produce damaging winds,

large hail, and tornadoes;

Weather Service; and

➤ Thunderstorm detectionsigns that spotters can look for in spotting severe weather. This includes types of clouds associated with severe weather, funnels, and rotation; ➤ Procedures for report-

ing information to the National

➤ Thunderstorm and tornado safety.

more information, contact Fire Chief Tom Erchull at 218-226-5483 or tom.erchull@ely.mn.us.

Yesterday's news, this week

from the archives of

THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

July 4, 1919

Peace treaty signed

No greater message was ever received in Ely than the one coming to us on Saturday, and the same can be said for every city across the nation. It was the Peace Message from across the sea, and

it was received a few minutes before the noon hour. Whistles blew and bells clanged and the city was soon rocking the steeples. On the face of everyone was a broad smile. The Germans had signed and all was well.

Immediately a few patriots gathered and a parade was arranged to take place at 2 p.m. Bills were gotten out on the run and at the decided hour the two bands of the city, together with hundreds of people marched over the main thoroughfares of the city with a step full of enthusiasm and with

Perhaps this will be our last parade. We have icipated in many before, but this was the best of them all. Not in numbers, but in why it was so joyous. We have helped to win the world's great war and Americans will live.

We can rejoice that the Hun was defeated. It seems that fate or special providence had stepped in and closed the bloody scene as it should close with Old Glory still waving over the land of the free.

The speech by Geo. L. Brozich at the close of the parade was all too brief. Mr. Brozich said things and the great crowd was receptive. "While we helped to win the Great War, much yet remains to be done. With the cooperation of all the peoples of the world much can be none to place us on a higher level now that Hunism is laid away for ever."



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Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun:

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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 being held by the NWFA this summer

Tuesday, July 9: Shaving Cream Card Making:

10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Carefree Living. You must have a family member or friend in residence to attend this class. All ages welcome. Wednesday, July 10: Who I Am: Exploration

through drawing, painting, journaling, yoga, bubbles. 12 to 3:30 p.m. at the gallery. Ages 6 - 10.

Thursday, July 11: Jeanne O'Melia's Sculpture

from Found Objects: Join Jeanne as she explores the work of Louise Nevelson, famed for use of found wooden objects. 6 to 8 p.m. at the gallery. Ages 8 Thursday, July 15: Bill Conger's second Jazz

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

Tuesday, July 16 and July 30: Tom Kesanen's Learn to Play the Harmonica: 6 to 8 p.m. at the gallery. Ages 12 to adult.

Thursday, July 18: Karen Lamppa's Japanese Ink Marbling: Explore the Japanese technique of suminagashi for notecards and fabric. Wear old clothes! 6 to 8 p.m. at the gallery. Ages six to adult. Thursday, August 8: Linda Freeman's Rosemal-

ing: 6 to 8 p.m. at the gallery. Ages 11 to adult. Friday, August 16: Elsie Hyppa's Native Amer-

ican Weaving: 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cook Library. Ages

Pre-Registration is required by calling Lisa Hyppa at 218-780-1151. NWFA is a non-profit volunteer membership organization whose goal is to inspire, nurture and celebrate the arts. See the website at NWFAMN.ORG, or email nwfamn.org@gmail. com. The gallery is located at 210 S River St., next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon.

Cook Music in the Park July Schedule July 10: The Hutter Bunch featuring unique

Americana and traditional hits. July 17: We Ain't Cowboys. Troubadour coun-

try on guitar and base.

July 24: The Fabulous DIVAS with Vegas-style entertainment and hi-jinks.

July 31: Beefeater Brothers featuring Anna Ma-

rie. A musical variety with a nod to Patsy Cline. Music starts at 6 p.m. with concessions avail-

able from St. Paul's Lutheran Church.

Music in the Park is a production of the North-

woods Friends of the Arts and is sponsored by the Cook Lions Club, Cook VFW and Auxiliary Post 1757, Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club, Cook Fire Association, and Lisa Hyppa Consulting.

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VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

National Park Teen Ambassadors learn in the great outdoors

by LINDSAY BRANDT Community Outreach Coordinator

ASH RIVER - On a recent rainy Sunday morning outside the Ash River Visitor Center at Voyageurs National Park, over twenty Minnesota high school students held up their right hands to recite the Junior Ranger pledge and receive their badges.

"I promise to learn all I can about Voyageurs National Park and what makes this a special place. I will help protect the plants, animals, land, and water in Voyageurs National Park, and I will share what I learn with my friends and family." They had just re-

turned from a five-day paddling and camping trip in the park. Some were a little damp from the morning's rainy paddle, but smiling nonetheless. Throughout their visit to the park, the students had participated in some classic camping experiences: they roasted marshmallows, swatted away mosquitoes, slept in tents, and told scary stories around



submitted photo

a campfire. But this was more than your average camping trip. Since 2012, Voya-

geurs National Park Association's Teen Ambassador Program has sought to connect youth from all over Minnesota to the outdoors and environmental stewardship and careers. This year, Teen Ambassadors from 14 different high schools ranging from the Twin Cities to Grand Marais to Virginia came together for the trip of a lifetime.

The Teen Ambassadors learned about the many facets of a national park's operation. They talked to park scientists

about current research projects, were the first members of the public to see some recently captured footage of wolf pups in their den, learned to operate water sampling equipment, and got to ask questions of park law enforcement rangers who stopped by their campsite for a visit. They explored Kabetogama Lake by canoe and caught a ride on the park's tour boat to search out eagle nests and visit the Ellsworth Rock Garden. Each day, they spent time just enjoying being outside and reflected on their experiences with the help of their trip guides.

While a few of the Teen Ambassadors had previous experience visiting national parks, paddling and camping, for many, this experience was a first. But Teen Ambassador Zubeda, from Minneapolis, knows it won't be her last. "One thing I'll tell my family is how much I've learned from this trip, and what I've been missing out [on]. Definitely going to go on more camping

[trips]." Later this summer, the Teen Ambassadors will reunite for a day of paddling on the Mississippi, seeing their new friends again, and participating in a Civic Voice workshop to learn how they can help protect the environment through public advocacy. Thank you to our program partners including Wilderness Inquiry, the National Park Service, AmeriCorps VIS-TA, and the National Parks Conservation Association. Special thanks to Nature Valley for their lead support of the 2019 National Park Teen Ambassador program!

PERFORMING ARTS

Willy Wonka comes to the Edge **Centre in Bigfork**

BIGFORK - Ten years after making its first appearance in Bigthe 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 An-"Willy thony Newley. 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." More information at https://edgecenterarts.org or www.facebook.com/ EdgeCenterArts, email us at admin@edgecenterarts.org, or call us at 218-743-6670.

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Thomas Jefferson, and

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Fourth of July? (Two)

NEWS FROM THE LAKE

The Crane Lake News from the Singing Teapot Dames



though Seems as summer has hit! conditioning is getting a work out, lawns are being mowed, gardens are needing weeding, and vacations are being anticipated and being experienced. Lots of activity at Handberg's Marina with people coming in to head to cabins up the lakes for the Fourth of July holiday. The smell of barbequed steak, hamburgers, or chickens is filling the air, and potato salad is back on the menu for many summer aficiona-

kid being handed a slice

of watermelon and told to

go outside to eat it. All

the kids would sit on the steps and spit the seeds into the air-not sure why, but watermelon has never tasted as good as it

However, watermelon is still good to eat, and it's actually good for you. Water accounts for 92 percent of its goodness but is also soaked in nutrients. Low in calories, watermelon has high levels of important vitamins (C, B6, an A), is a great source for beta-carotene, while being low in sodium. With only 40 calories to a cup it is a favorite of dieters, plus providing a lot of fiber to please your digestive system.

Condolences are sent to the entire family of Orville Heil Orville passed away June 26 at a VA nursing home in the Twin Cities, where he had been a resident for some time. Orville is fondly remembered by many Crane Lakers, and Barb

and family will be in our high-calorie food. However, here is just a little Zelda Bruns will be

14 and will be in the area

for a couple of weeks.

seeing many old friends. Zelda moved to South Caroline last October: while she likes her new home and is starting to feel more at home there, she misses her friends and acquaintances here and is anxious to see ev-

Sawyer Sullivan is looking forward to participating in the World Archery Championship in Madrid, Spain in August. This talented young man won the chance to participate by taking Second Place in the U.S. Archery Championship; the top three are invited to participate in World's. Sawyer is the son of Brian (Opie) and Shelley Sullivan. Many remember Opie's contributions to the Crane Lake parade in past years. For many of us, the

Fourth of July trivia for

How many people

time with family and friends. Fourth of July is just an excuse to relax under the hot sun with a cold beer while indulging in

3533 or by phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be added. Until next week, the Teapot Dames are sing-

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She is looking forward to signed the Declaration



Watermelon consumption is up—this Old Dame remembers, as a returning for a visit July Fifteen-year-old

No matter what or how much you know about the Fourth of July, we hope you had a great

> Let us hear from you! Send news by e-mail to info@thelakecountry. com, by fax at 218-757-

ing off!

Community Notices

Kenny Ahern - To Laugh is to Live!



Kenny Ahern

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.

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 Pub-

The children's show, Old Mac-Donald 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 Mac-Donald 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 @ALSLibraryNews, or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/alslibinfo.

Summer library programs

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 ad-

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

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!

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 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 or 612-325-0258.

Please register for the class through NWFAMN.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 Sat-

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 cochaired exhibits "Aprons In April" and "The Adventures of Jeanne & Kris". This is her second "Your Story As Art" class at NWFA this

Mary Beth Downs Watercolor Workshop

COOK - Northwoods Friends of the Arts again features an Autumn two-day watercolor painting workshop on Thursday and Friday, Sept. 12 and 13 featuring award winning instructor, Mary Beth

The workshop focuses on a loose way of applying watercolors, working with an abstract base. There will be demonstrations to guide students in a new approach. The class is perfect for all levels.

Mary Beth Downs is an award winning artist and art instructor who began studying fine art in 1975. She pursued her Bachelor's of Fine Arts degree with a focus in painting and drawing at the University of Minnesota, Duluth and graduated with honors in 1994. She currently teaches six classes per week at her studio in Duluth, The Art Cellar. She often gives presentations to local organizations and conducts watercolor workshops. Visit www.artcellarduluth.com.

The pre-registration and complete cost of the two-day class is \$60 for NWFA members and \$75 non-members. The workshop takes place at Cook Community Center (Doug Johnson Recreation Area), 510 E Gopher Dr. (The Southeast side of Cook near Hwy 53.) Class hours on Sept. 12 and 13 are 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call Alberta Whitenack at 218-666-2153 to register or write to NWFA, PO Box 44, Cook, MN 55723.

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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.



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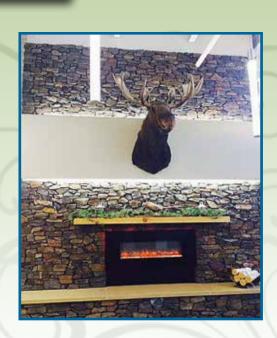
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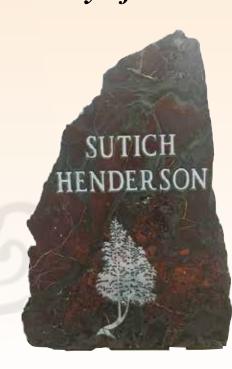
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A free family concert at Semer's Park, starting at 6 p.m. is new for 2019. Fireworks over Miner's Lake will close the celebration.

Lineup for the parade begins at 10:30 a.m. for the dozens of floats and entries. The parade is typically about two hours in length. This year, participants will gather on 4th Avenue from Harvey to James streets, including the Ely Ice Arena parking

There will be ribbons and prizes awarded for kids entering decorated bikes, trikes, wagons and costumes. Judging will be held at noon.

The parade starts at 4th Avenue and Harvey Street, and follows Harvey Street to 2nd Avenue East, down Sheridan Street and ending at Whiteside Park.

Many traditional favorites will entertain the thousands of parade watchers who temporarily double the city's population. Look for the



of July parade. file photo

high Pschool band, Klown Band, dance groups, Lawn Chair Precision Drill Team, antique cars, area fire departments, numerous floats from area organizations and many surprises. Many parade participants distribute pounds of candy and treats. Be ready for the Zup's Market staff.

The day of patriotic celebration kicks off with the Janet Gensler Ely 4 on the 4th Run. The recreational walk/ run event starts at 8 a.m. on the Trezona Trail and winds around Miner's Lake. Online registration is available at www. active.com, or on the day of the race, beginning at

6:45 a.m., at the trailhead on Miner's Drive. Cost is \$30 on race day. The event benefits the Ely Track Club. Check their Facebook page for more information.

A pancake breakfast, hosted by the St. Anthony's Catholic Church youth group, runs from 9-11 a.m. in the church hall, 231 E.

Camp St., with a suggested donation of \$5. Kids age five and under eat free.

Ely Younglife will again host a picnic in Whiteside Park.

Food booths will open in the park prior to the parade at 11 a.m. Food will be available until 4 p.m. Children's games, hosted by the youth Christian organization, will also start at noon. The traditional Needle in the Haystack, where kids ages 3-10 dive for quarters in a pile of sawdust, starts at 11:30

Mattress Races, a family favorite, begin at noon at the south end of the park. First place winners receive \$25. Bring you own mattress. Some mattresses will be available.

Games and a family picnic resume in Whiteside Park after the parade. Family Fun Races start at 2:30 p.m. The City Band performs a 3 p.m.

Fireworks begin at around 10 p.m. Donations for the display are accepted at City Hall.

The schedule for the Fourth in Ely:

-8 a.m. - Janet Gensler 4 on the 4th Fun Run on the Trezona Trail

-9-11 a.m.- Pancake Breakfast at St. Anthony Church Hall

-11 a.m. - Activities and food sales begin in Whiteside Park

-11:30 a.m. - Needle in the Haystack for kids -Noon - Mattress

Races, hosted by YoungLife, begin in the -1 p.m. - Fourth of July

Parade begins -2 to 4

Activities and Games for Kids in the Park -2:30 p.m. - Family

Picnic and fun races begin in the park -3 p.m. - City

Bandperforms at band shell in Whiteside -6 p.m. to 9 p.m. –

Free family concert, featuring Van and the Free Candies, at Semer's Park. -10 p.m. - Fireworks

over Miner's Lake

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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," organizer Sandy Wardas at Lake Country ReMax said.

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

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 chil-

dren'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 dancing at the street dance later that evening at 8 p.m.

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 with additional sales and promotions at the Orr Center and down the road at the Vince Shute Bear Center south of town.

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a few new twists. The always-excited F-16 flyover team from the 148th Fighter Wing in Duluth is scheduled, though the exact time is still to be determined. So keep your eyes up and ears ready.

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz has been invited to march in the parade and is expected to attend.

Float registrations are still coming in for the 11 a.m. parade, and with the top prize set at \$500, we are sure to see some exciting entries this year.

Vermilion Run

Fourth of July starts early with registration for the Vermilion 10K and 5K run opening at 7 a.m., with race start at 8 a.m. Registration is under the big white tent behind the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center on Main Street (across from the civic center). Please note the new location for registration. The race starts in front of the Tower Fire Department, with the 10K winding on the bike trail to McKinley Park, then Hoodoo Point and back into Tower. The 5K route runs around the Tower Elementary School field then out to Hoodoo Point and back. Cost is \$10 to enter either race. This year's race shirts feature a sporty new athletic fabric in both men's and women's styles, and will be for sale before the race. There is also a free one-mile kids' fun run that starts at 8:15 a.m. The race is a fundraiser for the Vermilion Country School, and is sponsored with help from the Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board. Questions, contact Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950 or vcs.charter@gmail.

Pancake breakfast

The pancake breakfast runs from 8 - 10:30 a.m. at the Tower Civic Center. Cost is \$7. This event is sponsored by the Tower Soudan Civic Club and Lake Vermilion Cultural Center. The two groups also host coffee and cake at the Tower Civic Center after the parade to honor Parade Marshals Rod and Judy Politano.

Parade and more

Kids are welcome to join in the parade fun with the Kiddie Parade, lining up across the street from the Tower Civic Center, starting at 10 a.m. All participants earn a \$5 cash prize and additional prizes are awarded for Boys Bikes, Girls Bikes, Under 5's, Motorized, Most Patriotic, Floats, and Most Comical. The Kiddie Parade takes off at 11 a.m., right before the regular parade. The kiddie parade is organized by Pam and Rod Lundstrom.

The 148th FW out of Duluth will be coming with two F-16s for a flyover to mark the start of the parade this year. At least three area marching bands, including Northeast Range, Mesabi East, and Virginia will be participating this year.

More parade entries are needed, according to event organizer Julie Johnson. Organizers are hoping that many more individuals, families, and businesses will get their creative juices flowing and design a float. Please call Julie Johnson at 218-750-7242 to register your float. Best of Show award has been increased to \$500 this year!

Judging for parade begins at 10 a.m. in front of the Tower

Civic Center. After the parade there will be the sawdust scramble in front of the Tower Elementary School at 1:30 p.m., with childrens' and adults races at the school field following. These races are once again being hosted by the Dostert family.

There will be live music at Good Ol' Days and D'Erick's Tower Liquors all afternoon. The Tower Fire Department Beer Garden will be set up on Main Street (by the Timberjay) with profits going towards next year's fireworks. There will be plenty of food and fun available on Main Street all day long, including kettle corn, shaved ice, and cotton candy. New this year is the Lake Superior Fish Taco food truck, set up between UBetcha and

An Escape Room tent will be set up. For an admission fee, participants can try to solve puzzles to release new clues and escape from the confines of the tent (set

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up by the post office). Good Ol' Days will have free hot dogs for children after the parade. They will also be hosting a karaoke contest from 12 - 3 p.m. Elvis (back by popular demand after his performance last summer) will be playing from 3 - 5 p.m., and the Inspyre Fire Dancers will

perform at dusk, before the fireworks.

Fireworks will be shot off the hill north of Tower at dusk.

Breitung Picnic

Breitung Township is once again hosting a free community picnic at the Soudan Recreation Area (by the skating rink) on Friday, July 5 from 1 -4 p.m. There will be hot dogs, popcorn, root beer floats, and games and fun for all ages. Plenty of seating in the shade!

Harborpalooza

Come by the new Tower Harbor on Saturday, July 6 from 12 noon 6 p.m. for the Harborpalooza event sponsored by the Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board. There will be food, drinks, booths, and live music all afternoon. "Wrecking Crew" with Sara Holmbeck is playing from 12 noon -3p.m., and "Elvis" playsfrom 3-5 p.m.





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city won't have any additional up-front costs associated with the settlement. The change-out of the fume extractor is the only big ticket item, with an estimat-

ed cost of \$54,000 minus the return value of the unit that was installed but never used. The city has more than sufficient funds remaining from the initial \$1.8

million non-recourse IRRR loan to cover the additional expense.

The new terms, assuming they are approved by the city council, should allow Lamppa Manufacturing to move into their new home by Sept. 1. The company has seen explosive growth in demand for their wood furnaces, which are certified as the most efficient and cleanest-burning wood furnaces manufactured in the U.S.

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for the first phase of the two-phase project. That could put some of the already-approved grant dollars at risk due to unauthorized changes made to the project, apparently by Keith and project manager Matt Bolf, of Short, Elliot and Hendrickson, or SEH. LCCMR Director

Becca Nash confirmed that neither Keith nor Bolf sought a project amendment from the LCCMR before making what appear to be significant changes in the scope of the project. Prior approval of such amendments is required under the grant contract. Neither Keith nor Bolf responded to written questions for this story. The city originally

requested \$1.43 million back in 2016 for what was described as the "Tower Historic Harbor Nature Trail/Kayak Route," a proposal that was supposed to include construction of a walkway around the harbor along with a half-mile-long bituminous trail connecting the city's harbor zone to the Mesabi Trail near Hoodoo Point. It was also to include mapping and interpretive signage for a kayak route encompassing the East Two and West Two rivers and a portion of Lake Vermilion's Pike Bay.

A second phase of the project was to include a boat landing and trailhead kiosk adjacent to the Hoodoo Point connecting trail that was supposed to be built as part of Phase One. The LCCMR awarded a total of \$1.279 million, including \$679,000 for the first phase, which needed to be completed by June 30, 2019, and \$600,000 for the second phase, scheduled to wrap up by June 30 of next year. The work plan devel-

oped for the first phase estimated the cost of the packed aggregate harbor trail at \$265,228, while the half-mile long bituminous connecting trail was projected to cost \$250,022. Signage for the kayak route was estimated at \$15,014. SEH's fees for design, engineering, and project management were estimated at \$148,636, although the council and SEH subsequently approved a supplemental contract totaling \$120,000 for that work. All of those expenses should have been covered under the \$679,000 in state funding for the first phase according to a budget the city presented to the LCCMR.

But the project languished for more than two years without any progress and by the time that Keith and Bolf readied the project for bidding they were already up tight against the time deadline for the completion of the project. In the meantime, it appears Keith and SEH, without explicit authorization from the city council and without approval from the LCCMR, had substantially modified the project, dropping the half-mile long bike and pedestrian connection to the Mesabi Trail in favor of decorative lighting and fencing along the harbor, as well as a 150foot section of floating dock/boardwalk along the harbor's north shore. The original grant proposal and subsequent work plan submitted to the LCCMR by the city makes no mention of lighting, fencing, or the floating dock and those additions pushed the cost of the project far above the available funding. Last September, the

city received a single bid for the project, from Nordic Group, of Hermantown, for \$890,000. Keith asked the council to approve the bid without showing it to them and said she and Bolf would negotiate with the company to get the final cost down to \$679,000. She did so, apparently forgetting that the \$679,000 project price tag was supposed to include the \$120,000 in engineering and project management costs due to SEH. City officials have never publicly indicated an additional source of funding for the project which might cover the SEH fee and Bolf did not respond to a question on that possibility.

Mayor Orlyn Kringstad, who inherited the project from the prior mayor and council, said he was unaware of any other source of funding for the project, but acknowledged that Keith was rarely forthcoming with information. "Things are becoming very clear now as to why so many people felt left in the dark about what was happening at city hall," he said. "There were certain people who just didn't

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want any interference in what they were doing." With the first phase of

the project now completed (except for signage) and the contractors expecting to be paid the full amount of the available grant funding, the city has received none of the funds to date and it remains unclear how the city will cover the \$120,000 fee to SEH— a cost that was supposed to be part of the grant funding package. That outstanding fee, for perspective is nearly onethird of the city's local tax levy and is in line with what the city spends annually on its police contract with Breitung Township. What's more, given

the significant and unauthorized changes to the project, the city is likely to face more scrutiny from the LCCMR over its handling of the project— and that could limit its ability to seek reimbursement for work that's already been "We would need evi-

dence that the deliverables that we approved were actually completed," said LCCMR's Nash this week. "I don't see the lighting and the fencing and the floating walkway [in the grant proposal].' In addition, the city

could well be on the hook for the cost of production and installation of the maps and interpretive signage for the kayak route. While that signage was included in the contract with Nordic Group, interpretive signs for the harbor, kayak route, and Hoodoo Point connecting trail, which were supposed to be installed, appear to have been overlooked by project managers and were not installed prior to the June 30 deadline to complete the project. Whether state officials will grant the city an extension to complete that work remains to be seen. If not, the kayak route signage will either be paid for out of city funds or

won't be completed at all.

Scrambling to fix it

With Keith now suspended for potentially criminal violations involving falsification of records and other allegations, longtime grant writer Nancy Larson, of Soudan, has been volunteering her time at city hall in recent weeks in an effort to understand and explain the project's numerous irregularities. Among the other surprises was the fact that the work plan that Keith submitted to the LCCMR lists a \$25,000 contribution from the Tower-Soudan Historical Society for research and development of the harbor signage.

Larson, who is a longtime board member of the TSHS, said no such request was ever presented by the city, nor was the contribution ever approved by the TSHS board of directors. "It's the first I've heard of it," said Larson, who was now scrambling to develop copy for the interpretive signage even though it won't be finalized until well after the deadline for funding.

Larson is trying to obtain a long list of documentation from Bolf,

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such as payroll records from Nordic Group and other proof that the work was completed as per the city's grant contract with the state.

At the same time, Larson is trying to determine how to explain the lack of a paved connector to the Mesabi Trail. That change in the project is likely to complicate the second phase of the project, which the LCCMR agreed to fund in 2017. That part of the project was supposed to include development of a boat landing north of Hwy. 169 along with a trailhead kiosk. The kiosk was supposed to be located adjacent to the Mesabi Trail connection, which it now appears will not be built any time soon. The value of a trailhead kiosk without a trail remains unclear.

As Larson works to prepare reimbursement requests to help the city pay for the work that's been done, she is almost certain to face questions from LCCMR officials about whether the work that's been done is consistent with the grant award. According to Nash, the LCCMR won't ask those questions until it receives an actual request for reimbursement, which is something that Keith never prepared prior to her suspension. Until then, said Nash, "We don't necessarily have evidence that they'll be seeking reimbursement from us for that work. If such a request is made, that's when we would have to look at what was actually done."



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boats when they got here." The history of the birch bark canoe dates back centuries and was brought to the Great Lakes

region as part of the Ojibwe westerly migration. "They are so important in our past," Chaz

Wagner said. "It's an old technology, but it's the technology of our future." The canoes are used

for everything from transport, to ricing, spear fishing and hunting.

Valliere said it wasn't too long ago when all Ojibwe families knew how to build one. He said the canoes were once as common as cars are today.

With only five master builders left, Valliere said some, including himself, have spent the past eight years traveling the Midwest to revive the skill including a residency at the University of Wisconsin - Madison where Valliere and several apprentices brought the canoes to life on campus.

The style of the canoe is called a "high-end" canoe, which is one of the most archaic designs. While the majority of the design is birch, other components are made from cedar and spruce.

'This particular canoe is very special because several tribal members have put their hands on it and helped with it," Valliere said. "There is a lot of leg work that needs to happen. They're modeling it for their people."

Valliere and Wagner said the process of collecting the material can be long and hard, with only one out of every 50 birch trees having the right type of bark to use. And with birch trees in Minnesota becoming less common,

the process becomes more complicated by the scarcity of resources.

Those resources, though, when harvested properly don't deplete their environment.

"The thing about the material is that it all regenerates," Valliere said. "We only use secondary (tree) roots and the bark regenerates over time. It doesn't leave an imprint on the environment to build these crafts."

The canoe was set to be completed by the end of the weekend with an official launch set for Sunday or Monday afternoon.

Keeping the language alive

Boat building wasn't the only topic of learning and immersion in Nett Lake this past weekend. A series of Ojibwe language speakers were also presenting at this year's third language immersion

Wagner said weekend camps in the past have focused on specific activities, such as ricing, but this weekend was about the language itself. Dr. Anton Treuer, a

professor of the Ojibwe language at Bemidji State University, was one of the teachers present for the event. "This isn't a lecture day, but one with activities to build up their speech," he said. "It's a combination of academic and social learning environments. Everyone is wired a little differently. Some need to hear it, others need to see it."

Some of the activities range from conversation prompts on Jenga blocks while others are more traditional classroom-oriented lessons on sentence and grammar structure.

Treuer said language and culture are the bonds that tie all communities together, and he believes that immersing communities in their cultural traditions will heal many old wounds.

"For those who do know (the language), it translates to a positive development in their life from relationships to emotional, physical and spiritual health," he said. "To preserve a language is the most important way to combat domestic abuse and other community ailments. Other solutions are just band-aids that don't always address the root of the problem. It not only heals wounds but prevents them."

He said the loss of language to Native peoples

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around the Americas is a dire situation, one that isn't always recognized.

"It is scary out there, but anyone who isn't worried, doesn't have their eyes open," Treuer said. "Only 20 of the 500 known native languages are spoken by native kids. Where we've seen meaningful revitalization projects, we've seen really amazing things. A community language camp won't make everyone fluent, but it does advance the knowledge of those who do attend. It connects people with information that can help them keep going."

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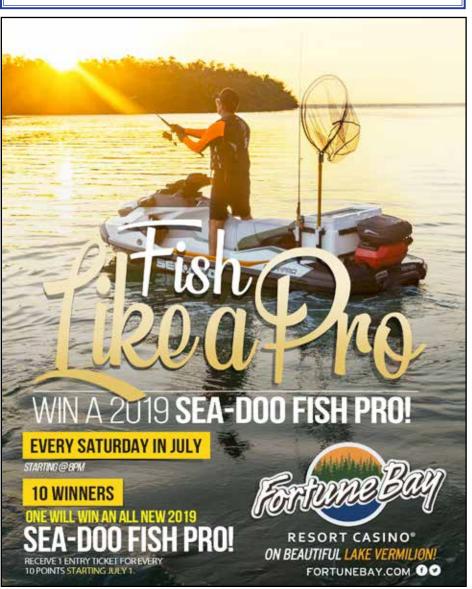
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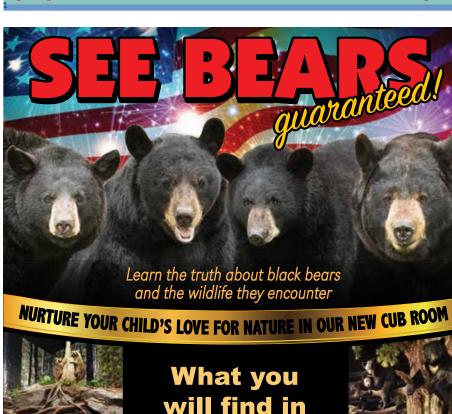
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Thurs. Spend 4th of July in Tower-Soudan

Thursday, July 4 37th Vermilion Walk & Run Starts on Main Street • 8 a.m.

(Register under the big white tent behind the under-construction Cultural Center- across Main Street from normal registration area) 10K Run- 8:00 a.m. • 5K Run/Walk 8:00 a.m.

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Parade – July 4

Judging begins at 10 a.m.

Parade Marshals:

Rod & Judy Politano

Parade starts at 11 a.m.

Kiddie Parade lines up on Pine St.

(across from Tower Civic Center)

Pam Lundstrom & Rod Lundstrom, Co-Chairs

Register at 10 a.m. on July 4 for Kiddie Parade Kiddie Parade Judging in 7 categories. All entries receive \$5 Boys Bikes, Girls Bikes, Under 5's, Motorized, Floats, Most Patriotic, Most Comical- 4 prizes in each category- \$20, \$15, \$10 and \$5 Plus, One Simply the Best Prize-\$50

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- 10-yard dash ages 4-5 (boys & girls races) 20-yard dash ages 6-7 (boys & girls races)
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- Sack Race (boys & girls races) ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14
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- He/She Race, Water Balloon Toss

July 4 Fireworks at Dusk from the North Hill in Tower

Bingo Monday, July 8

11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. \$10/includes lunch. All ages welcome. Bingo sponsored by Friends of Vermilion Country Charter School

Friday, July 5 from 1 - 4 p.m.

Community Picnic **Breitung Recreation Area** in Soudan

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Thursday, July 4 Pancake Breakfast **Tower Civic Center** 8 - 10:30 a.m. \$7

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Free Hot Dogs & Pop for children after the parade! Burgers, Pickle-on-a-Stick. Free Giant Slide Bouncer for the Kids. Beer Tent. Bloody Mary Window. "Ely Ed" playing 10-1<mark>1</mark> a.m. Karaoke c<mark>on</mark>test from 12 - 3 p.m. Insphyre Fire Dancers at dusk! "Elvis" playing on July 4 from 3 - 5 p.m. "Elvis" on Saturday, July 6, 3-5 p.m. at the Harbor!

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SUMMER FUN

Iron Range kids head back to school for camp

Six school districts host a multitude of camps to keep students interested in science and the arts

by MARCUS WHITE

Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL -Across the Iron Range, kids are going back to school for the summer. Six school districts, including St. Louis County and Ely Schools are partaking in the Iron Range Collaboration project that puts kids from Hibbing to Ely in a variety of programs designed to spark interest in science and the arts.

"Students can meet new people and be in schools they've never been in," St. Louis County Schools Superintendent Reggie Engebritson said.

The camps target grades five-through-eight and expose kids to topics such as robotics, animal dissection and musical production.

Camps have been running since early June and will conclude at the end of August.

The camps cost nearly \$350,000 to run, mostly for transportation, with funding provided by the Department of Iron Range Resources and

See **CAMP...***pg.* 2*B* Students rehearse for the play "Alice at Wonderland." photo by M. Rouse



RAPTOR CENTER

feather

Raptors featured at Ely library program

by KEITH VANDERVORT

ELY- City Hall's council chamber was transformed into a raptor chamber last Friday when four feathered residents of the University of Minnesota Raptor Center, accompanied by interpretive naturalist Kelsey Griffin, visited here for a unique show-andtell event.

Dozens of children and parents were treated to a lesson in the characteristics and behaviors of birds of prey during the hour-long program, sponsored by the Friends of the Ely Public

Griffin showcased a red-tailed hawk, American kestrel, great horned owl and a bald eagle. "Hawks are the best at hunting ground animals," she said. "Kestrels are the smallest of the falcon species and their specialty is catching their prey in mid-air. Owls have extra-fluffy feathers so they can fly silently. Minnesota has the largest population of bald eagles in the lower 48 states."

The Raptor Center, part of the College of Veterinary Science at the U of M, specializes in the medical care, rehabilitation and conservation of raptors.

"At the Raptor Center, we will come in contact with as many as 1,000 raptors a year and help in rehabilitation efforts to return them to the wild," Griffin said. "Some of them stay with us as raptor ambassadors because they can't be returned to the wild. We then use them in our educational programming."

Raptors have existed in some form for 50 to 75 million years. There are approximately 482



A menagerie of raptors came to visit Ely City Hall last week. The birds are from the University of Minnesota's Raptor Center in St. Paul. The center is part of the College of Veterinary Sciences. The city hall chambers were packed with curious onlookers who came to see the feathered creatures.

Above: Kelsey Griffin holds a bald eagle while it eats its lunch.

Right: Griffin converses with a hawk. Below: Griffin demonstrates how the birds' eyes work with a lifesize model of a bird skull. photos by K. Vandervort











Red-tailed Hawk

Great Horned Owl American Kestrel

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species of raptor worldwide, 304 diurnal (day-active) species and 178 nocturnal (night-active) species, Griffin said.

A raptor is a carnivorous (meat-eating) bird. "All raptors share at least three main characteristics: keen eyesight, eight sharp talons and a hooked beak," she said. She held her clenched fist up to her eye to illustrate the comparative size of a raptor's eye.

"And raptor poop, oops, I meant to say bodily waste, is called mute,' Griffin said. "The liquid and solid wastes are all mixed together, and they shoot it out, away from the nest, to keep their house clean."

Some of the birds enjoyed a snack of mouse parts during the program. The eagle ripped apart and consumed an entire rat. Many squeamish



members of the audience averted their eyes during this display. After the birds were back safely in their cages, Griffin

showed audience members a variety of raptor feathers.

For more information on raptors, go to www. theraptrocenter.org.



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Rehabilitation.

The districts are also offering free breakfast and lunch to all camp partici-

Teachers from each of the districts are facilitating the camps and are also making \$48 per hour spent in the classroom this summer.

"We want to utilize teachers who are free in the summer and buildings that would usually sit vacant," Engebritson said. She said aside from benefits to students, many of the teachers who are designing and working on the camps won't have to take summer jobs to help augment their finances when school isn't in session.

While camp registration is closed now,

Engebritson said the six districts are already looking to next summer. They hope to expand the camp offerings up to the twelfth-grade, with an added emphasis on vocational learning to better prepare students for career paths after they graduate.

The summer camp collaboration is part of a larger effort by St. Louis County, Mt. Iron-Buhl, Hibbing, Chisholm, Ely and Mesabi East school districts to collaborate on a year-round basis. The idea was proposed in the fall of 2018 with a gradual implementation that could see the districts share common bell schedules, curriculum and classes in the future.

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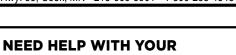
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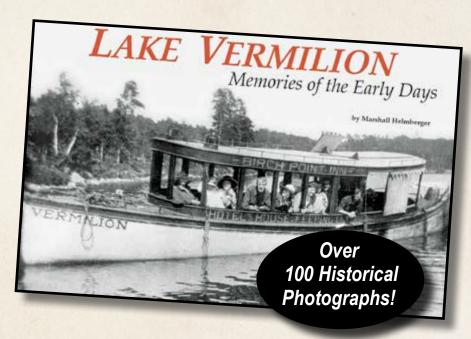
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AREA CHURCHES

Totus Tuus brings together Catholic youth

REGIONAL- The youth of the parishes of Cook, Orr and Tower came together on Sunday, June 16 through Friday, June 21 to experience Totus Tuus. Totus Tuus stands for "Totally Yours". The theme of this year's program was the Sacraments and the Sorrowful Mysteries of the Rosary.

The kids aged 12-20 met Sunday through Thursday in the evenings and had the opportunity to meet as a large group and in smaller groups. The end of the week meant a trip to the Vermilion Club for wings and a couple of bamboozlers (yum) followed by mini-golf at Pier 77.



dents met Monday-Friday from 9-2:30. They had several group times and small groups. They also had the opportunity to meet and learn about a different saint each day. The end of the week brought about the biggest surprise, of Father Nick riding in on the Cook

water fight complete with the fire hose.

This program was made possible by the three parishes and the wonderful help from many parishioners. Many hands went into making the week possible and we are certain that all of the participants will

remember all of the fun and the things they learned. We are looking forward to hosting this event again and hope more are able to join us. For more information, feel free to contact St. Mary's Church office at 218-666-5334.

ELY ARTS

Gardner Humanities Trust created 30 years ago

ELY- The Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust was created by the City of Ely in 1989. "And to-date, the Trust has disbursed grant awards totaling nearly \$779,000 to individuals, organizations and events in Ely," stated trust executive director, Keiko Williams. "This is super exciting to be celebrating 30 years of giving arts funding to our community and to see all the wonderful impact for individuals and youth, as well as all the super programming that has occurred due to our grant awards."

This all started, first, with Donald G. Gardner in the 1940's. Gardner, a businessman from Ohio, purchased a cabin and became a summer resident on Ojibway Lake, then called Twin Lakes, in 1941. Gardner was an art collector and also a philanthropist who donated a painting to the City of Ely in 1944 titled 'Breakfast in the Garden,' painted by Frederick C. Frieseke. The painting was hung in the Ely Public



Library in 1945.

Forty years later, in the mid-1980's there was some interest in the painting and what its value might be. After several inquiries, a gallery in New York made the offer of \$510,000 and the painting was sold. Lee Tessier, Ely city clerk; Bill Defenbaugh, Ely city attorney and artist; and Judy Fredrickson, owner of the Bois Forte Art Gallery; were instrumental in creating a proposal to create an arts trust versus other practical ideas of resurfacing city roads.

The stock market did well through the 1990's and the Trust was able to award some big grants to benefit the Ely community.

In 1995 the Trust helped pay for the creation of the bandshell in Whiteside Park. Several years prior the Trust helped pay for renovations to Washington Auditorium. There were a lot of grant awards for

arts in the schools due to the formation of CAPP (Comprehensive Arts Planning Program) in 1987. Denise Drechsler was one of several people instrumental in organizing the committee of teachers and townspeople with the purpose to support and enhance arts in the school. The Trust grant awards were often matching funds for CAPP as they received funding from the State Arts Board and the Alliance for Arts and Education to pay for school plays/musicals and artist-in-residence programs, including block printer Bill Jeter, sculptor Seitu Jones, folk musician Ross Sutter, dancer Jean

Peck, lost wax caster Bob Wilde and writer Ken Meter. Many other artists have come into the schools since then, courtesy of the Trust, to enrich the arts experience for the youth of Ely.

The Gardner Humanities Trust will be celebrating its 30th year at the annual Breakfast in the Garden event on Saturday, August 3. The event hosts art demonstrations and art projects that everyone can participate in, both adults and children, from 10 a.m. until 12 noon at Whiteside Park.

The purpose of the Trust shall be for the enhancement, growth and improvement of: the Ely Public Library; the arts and artisans of Ely and surrounding area, to include the performing arts, the visual arts and literature; the creating and funding of scholarships, educational and artistic grants; and the cultural and aesthetic environment of the City of Ely and its surrounding area.



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HEALTHCARE

Ely-Bloomenson hosts community forum in Tower; hears concerns and questions



Ely-Bloomensor Community Hospital

TOWER- Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital held a community forum at the Tower Civic Center on June 27. CEO Michael Coyle and marketing and team leader Jodi Martin were in attendance to represent the hospital. Coyle gave a short presentation about the recent hospital survey that was completed earlier this year. The eight local

people in attendance were asked to introduce themselves and then given time to express their views and ask questions.

Two main concerns were the lack of mental health services available locally, and the second concern was the rumor of the current home health care services section closing.

Coyle agreed that much work needs to be done with the drug and mental health care crisis. He said our whole country is struggling with that issue.

Coyle then addressed the home care problem.

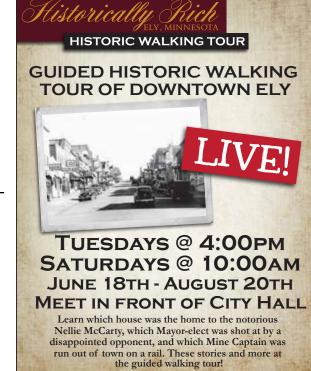
Several people expressed their concerns that with the shorter hos-

pital stays, and fewer nursing home beds and swing beds available, home care filled the gap of the patients who still needed some help when they were sent home to recover. Coyle said they are looking at the problem and a study was being done to assess the best way to solve the issue.

Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital holds community forums several times a year in the Babbitt, Ely, and Tower-Soudan areas. The public is encouraged to attend and have their input heard.

Article submitted by Percy White

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Fishing hosts still needed for Take-a-Kid-Fishing

LAKE VERMILION— If you like to introduce young people to the outdoors, you might want to consider volunteering your services to the upcoming Take A Kid Fishing (TAKF) set for Wednesday, July 17.

"We are almost at capacity for kids, but we still need some help with boat operators and volunteers to help at the lakeside tent," said TAKF

Co-Chair Cathy Rouleau. "If you like spending time with kids, this is the perfect chance to be part of a very special event.'

Introducing the next generation to the great sport of fishing is the goal of the annual TAKF event. Now in its 10th year on Lake Vermilion area, TAKF continues to be a hit with kids and adult volunteers alike.

working with this event," said Phil Bakken, a longtime guide on Lake Vermilion and a key player in organizing guides and overall logistics for TAKF. "We want to make sure the kids have a great time while fishing one of the top lakes in Minnesota, and in the process, we hope they become life-long anglers."

This year's anglers will

"It never gets old be heading out at 9:30 a.m., a bit earlier than last year, and will have four hours of fishing before returning to the landing at 1:30 p.m. At 2 p.m., they'll enjoy a complimentary shore lunch courtesy of Fortune Bay's culinary team.

> At the end of the event, all kids who go fishing for the

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Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower **CANADA ANEMONE**



Look for this common wildflower in sunny to partly-shaded wet meadows right now. The Canada Anemone, Anemone canadensis, can easily be identified by its showy, five-petaled blossoms and deeply cut, pointed leaves. They typically grow 12-18 inches high.

They're a member of the Buttercup family.

Fishing reports

Ely area

Largemouth and smallmouth bass action has also heated up recently as the males are on the beds guarding the nests during the spawn. Females, too, will readily hit a slow worked soft bait or crank bait worked in the shallow waters. Please release any egg laden females as these are producing the next generation of fish. Using a heavier line to catch them is essential as this allows you to get the fish to the boat quicker and return them to the water without the stress of a longer battle.

Northern pike have become more aggressive of late as the abundance of juvenile forage fish has increased with young of the year fry and fingerlings roaming the shallows. Spinner baits and spoons are the preferred bait for most, but a sucker fished under a bobber or simply laid right on the bottom are irresistible to these

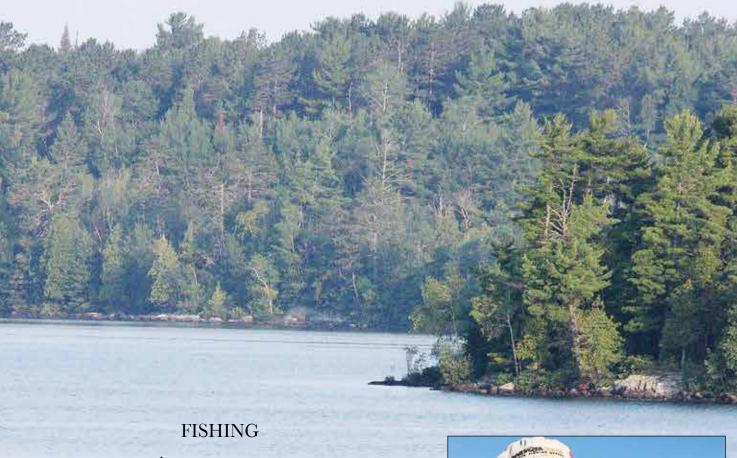
Some anglers are beginning to see the merits of soft swim baits worked along shorelines, weed edges or rocky points. Your

rate of retrieval should vary until you find the proper speed that the fish will respond to. At times a slow retrieve will work just fine,

but other times you may want to rip your bait across the surface. Lake trout have also begun

to migrate to the deeper waters as temps rise. Most folks have begun to pick them up thirty to sixty feet down, whereas just a couple weeks ago they were being caught at twenty-five feet. Color choice seems to vary day by day so it's best to have a selection of colors and change them often, to ascertain what the lakers will respond to. Downriggers are the preferred method to get the baits to depth, but in lieu of that, a Dipsy Diver or even a large sinker on a three way swivel should get

you in the zone. Courtesy of Babe's Bait located at Ely's west entrance.



Catch your SUPPER

Area fishing guides offer tips to get you started

ou made it. You drove six hours with the family to get to that Lake Country resort you've been dreaming of for six months. You've checked in for a week, unpacked, and the kids are happily splashing in the water while your spouse lounges on the beach with a good book.

That boat you reserved for the week is parked at the dock, gassed, and ready to go. The walleyes are out there. You just need to go find

Ah, but where to begin?

There's a lot of water here in the North Country, far more than you could possibly explore in a week. So, we talked to some area fishing guides for tips on how to make the most of your time on the water. Here's a breakdown of what they had to say.

➤ Hire a guide: You might expect fishing guides to offer such a suggestion, but we agree this is probably the best money you can spend, especially if you're planning to fish one of the big lakes in the region, like Vermilion, Burntside or Kabetogama. Even a half-day spent with a guide, which will run you anywhere from \$275-\$325 for up to two people, will leave you far better prepared for a week of good fishing than anything else you could do. Schedule time with a guide early on in your stay, so you can take advantage of what you'll learn for the next several days.

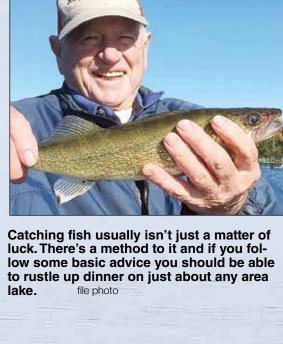
According to Lake Vermilion guide Rob Bryers (218-780-7939), your guide will not only take you to a few of his hot spots, he'll give you even more valuable information, such as the proper depths to fish, the types of presentation to use, and which baits are working at the moment. That's all critical information for successful fishing.

Get a good map of the lake: You'll find that most of the popular fishing lakes in the Lake Country have detailed maps, complete with depth contours and, often, a few tips on spots that tend to produce fish, and these maps are typically available at most bait shops. Lake Vermilion guide Cliff Wagenbach (218-753-2005) says maps will reveal structure that tend to hold fish, and will also indicate depth breaks, where fish tend to congregate. These maps are particularly valuable for many of the smaller fishing lakes in the Lake Country, that often are not serviced by guides. If you don't have a guide, you'll definitely want a map.

➤ Trust your fish finder: Whether you've brought your own fishing boat or are renting from a resort, you're likely to have access to an electronic fish locater. When you understand how they work, they can be an extremely valuable tool to help you put fish in the live well. In combination with a map, they can help you quickly locate key locations and even tell you whether fish are actually present. "If I don't seek fish on the graph, I generally won't even drop a line," said Wagenbach.

➤ Think structure: "For me, checking out a new lake is always

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Above: Anglers work calm morning waters near Cable Bay on Lake Vermilion. file photo

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MEMORABLE MOMENTS



Collin Grose, of Holland, Mich., caught this 6-pound, 26-1/2-inch walleye while visiting his grandma, Pauly Housenga, on Lake Vermilion.

SURVEYS

Ruffed grouse drum **counts little changed**

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

REGIONAL The prospects for the fall ruffed grouse season in northeastern Minnesota look hopeful based on the results of spring drumming counts, released this week by the Department of Natural Resources. Surveyors heard an average of 1.6 grouse drums per stop, which is the same as last year in the northeast. Statewide, the survey recorded an average of 1.5 drums per stop.

DNR biologists have monitored ruffed grouse populations for the past 70 years along more than 100 survey routes. Each year, surveyors count the number of grouse drums they hear.

Drumming counts are an indicator of the ruffed grouse breeding population, but the counts don't necessarily track hunting success in the fall. The number of birds actually present for hunters depends



upon nesting success and chick survival during the spring and summer.

If production of young birds is low, hunters may see fewer birds than expected based on counts of drumming males in the spring. When production of young is high, hunters may see more birds in the fall. A cold wet June often negatively impacts the survival of young grouse, so this year's drier than normal weather in June may translate into improved chick survival. Rainfall across much of northern St. Louis and Lake counties has been running at about half of normal levels in June.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

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about structure," says Ely area fishing guide Steve Foss (218-235-1147). While most anglers think of structure as humps and lake points, which frequently hold fish, area guides agree that depth breaks, particularly the first break off shore, where a relatively shallow shoreline shelf falls off into deeper water, is an excellent place to work for fish. And Foss says don't forget to think of weedbeds as part of the lake's structure since fish tend to frequent those areas, particularly the weedlines.

While the traditional paper maps offer this kind of information, Foss also likes some of the new fishing apps, like Navionics, that provide detailed information and mapping direct to your smartphone. "Navionics varies in accuracy from lake to lake, but most lakes are pretty well represented, and it's great for bottom contour and structure," said Foss. "There are other apps that can help with weedlines and transitions," he said.

On a big lake, like Vermilion, the amount of structure to consider is almost limitless, so Bryers says he likes to focus on a smaller area, such as a single bay. "Take that bay and pretend it's its own lake," he said. Scope out the depth breaks, look for weedbeds, and use your electronics to start marking fish.

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Troll: In the hunt for fish, few methods can be as effective as trolling. Whether you're fast trolling with a rapala or slow trolling with a lindy rig or jig and minnow over a soft bottom, this method allows you to cover a lot of territory. Work along points and known reefs, or any new shoreline you haven't tried before. The fish will let you know where they are. "In the early season, especially, trolling can be pretty effective for finding fish," said Wagenbach.

➤ Ask a local bait dealer: Even when you find the right places, getting fish to bite can still be a challenge. And that's where a conversation with a local bait shop

owner can be critical. Let's face it. vou can fill vour tackle box with lures from a discount center, but the local bait shop still survives because most anglers recognize that these are the folks who have their finger on the pulse, which makes them a must stop. Pick up an extra lure or two, some live bait, and throw in a six-pack of pop and some ice and you're ready to hit the water. Most of all, ask the guy or gal behind the counter where the fish are biting, and what they're biting. When the bite switches from minnows to leeches. they'll know right away. When the fish are moving into deeper water. or setting up along the weedlines. they'll hear about it. They may be selling tackle and bait, but they also know they're selling information, so don't be shy about asking. You'll get useful intel from your local bait dealer, and they'll often have recent reports from some of the lesser-fished lakes as well as the

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day will receive a fishing rod/reel combination, plus tackle boxes and other goodies like an insulated lunch bag and possibly a backpack. One lucky kid will win a lifetime fishing license, compliments of the DNR.

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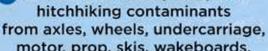
'That's the driving force behind why we come back year after year to help out," said Bakken. "I don't know who has more fun out there the kids or the volunteers!"

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Bois Forte Tribal Court building dedicated at Nett Lake

Bois Forte celebrated the grand opening of the new tribal courthouse at Nett Lake last week. Pictured (from left): Shane Drift – District I Rep., Dave Morrison Sr. – Secretary/Treasurer, Travis Morrison – District I Rep., David Bryant – Manager of Community Member Development Shakopee Mdewakanton Sioux Community, Cathy Chavers - Chairwoman, Peter Boney - District II Rep.

Death Notices

Josephine F. Grahek

Josephine F. "Dolly" Zaverl Grahek, 95, passed away while surrounded by family members on Wednesday, June 26, 2019, in Ely. A Funeral Mass and celebration of Dolly's life will be held later this summer. Arrangements are by Kerntz Funeral Home

She is survived by her daughters, Jo Anne Coombe (Lon Popejoy) of Duluth, Judy Omerza of Scottsdale, Ariz., and Chickie (Pat) Harristhal of Morristown, Ariz.; grandchildren, Tom (Hollee) Coombe, Chris Coombe, Eric (Charista) Harristhal and Jeremy (Cate) Harristhal; great-grandchildren, Chase, Jacob, Robert, Bella, Cam, Catie, Macy, Scarlet, Harvey and Henry; numerous nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and "adopted" son, Bob

Grivette, along with many other loved ones and friends.

JoAnn S. MacDiarmid

JoAnn Sharon MacDiarmid, 75, of Angora, passed away on the evening of Wednesday, June 19, 2019, with her daughter Mitzi at her side. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, July 14 at her home in Angora. She will be inurned with her parents at 10 a.m. on Monday, July 15 at the cemetery in McGregor. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her son, Theodore K. (Valarie) Clement of Shakopee; daughter, Margaret "Mitzi" (Zachary) Cheney of Angora; sister, Judith R. (James) Anderson of Lake Worth, Fla.; brother, Kenneth K. (Cindy) MacDiarmid of Aitkin; several nieces and nephews; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and longtime friends, Lorena Loushin of Winton and Andrea Bailey of Ely.

Janet F. Ferguson

Janet Frances "Jan" Ferguson, 72, of Cook, passed away suddenly and unexpectedly on Tuesday, June 25, 2019, at St. Mary's Essentia Hospital in Duluth. A Memorial Mass will be held at 12 noon on Saturday, July 6 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cook. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery in Omaha, Neb. The family prefers memorials to St. Mary's Catholic Church, the W.C. Heiam Foundation or the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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Name of Respondent/Party B

Case No.: FC2019-050674

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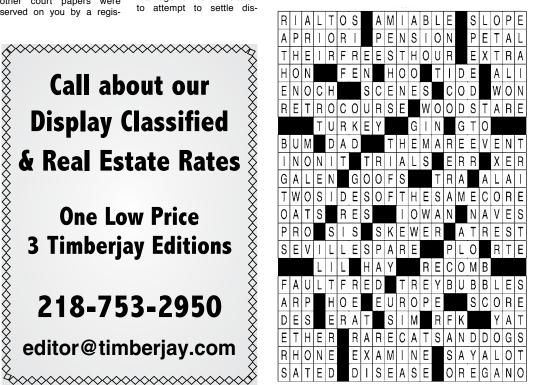


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Jim DeVries wildlife paintings on display

VIRGINIA- The public is invited to a reception for artist Jim DeVries on Saturday, July 6, from noon to 2 p.m., to meet the artist and enjoy his artwork, at First Stage Gallery in the Lyric Center for the Arts.

Jim DeVries is a local emerging artist who uses acrylic paints, watercolor paints and pen and ink to create his work. He enjoys using all three media with the goal of creating realistic paintings of regional animals in their natural environment. Art has always been part of Jim's life, from doodling on homework, to college art classes, to storytelling and creative work as a naturalist in northern Minnesota. In 2016, he borrowed his daughters' Crayola watercolor set and did his first painting in years.

As a working naturalist and outdoor enthusiast, DeVries' inspiration comes from his many trips to the forest, fields and lakes of northern Minnesota. The observation needed to be an effective naturalist has benefited him in



his art, looking for the detail in the subject to transpose onto the canvas. The level of detail in his subjects determines the medium he selects, with pen and ink being the most detailed and watercolor being the most loose.

The First Stage Gallery in the Lyric Center for the Arts is pleased to exhibit a collection of work by Jim DeVries during the month of July. The gallery is open Thursdays through Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The gallery is located at 510 Chestnut Street in downtown Virginia.

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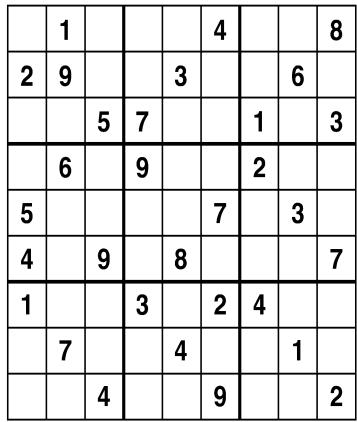
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by Linda Thistle



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