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CITY OF TOWER

State urges suspension of harbor trail project LCCMR staff reviewing project after questions arise

Managing Editor

TOWER— The director of the Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources, or LCCMR, has told the city here to suspend work on the second portion of a two-phase trails project along the East Two River until it can review apparent

the first phase of the project.

That revelation came at Monday night's city council meeting as part of a report by Nancy Larson, who has stepped in to help administer city grants

discrepancies in the handling of following the suspension of city clerk-treasurer Linda Keith. Larson described numerous issues related to the LCCMR grants, which totaled \$1.279 million in two phases. "The project administration was not

handled well," said Larson.

Larson noted that Keith had failed to make any reimbursement requests on the \$679,000 in first phase funding for the project, despite the fact that the LCCMR awarded the funds in 2016.

The city has since incurred more than \$800,000 in expenses on the project, including just over \$700,000 with Nordic Group, the Hermantown company that

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PATRIOTIC PARTY



The North celebrates the Fourth





Duluth's Jack Siebert, 11 months old, top, is all smiles at the Tower Fourth of July parade last Thursday. Brock and Cooper Long, left, dressed up as an ice cream truck at the Orr parade. Members of the Ely Klown Band, above, marched in Ely and Tower. Look for more Fourth of July coverage inside. Timberjay staff photos

ELY SCHOOL BOARD

Maintenance projects remain top priority for ISD 696

by KEITH VANDERVORT

Ely Editor

ELY – The condition of the campus buildings at ISD 696 remains a continuing priority for the school board here, and Monday night they discussed a to-do list of several items to be completed in the 2019-2020 school year.

The long-term facil-

ities maintenance plan is a "very flexible" account, said superintendent Kevin Abrahamson, but a plan must be submitted to the state in July for funding purposes. "There are a number of things coming up regarding our facilities that will likely impact subsequent years,' he said.

Abrahamson presented

a list of items, totaling as much as \$170,000, currently planned for completion in the next school year, including:

➤ Window treatments (interior shades) for the new windows installed in the Washington building last year, \$24,000.

➤ Electrical upgrade for the Memorial building, estimated at \$40,000.

➤ Gym door replacement (cost and installation of six doors) in the Memorial building, \$29,000.

➤ Security cameras for the playground, and Washington and Industrial Arts interior areas, \$26,000.

➤Interior plaster repair, \$20,000.

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BORDER SEARCH

Teen returned after two days in the wild

Apprehended by Canadian authorities after leaving Outward Bound campsite

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER

Managing Editor

BASSWOODLAKE—A 17-year-old male is back on U.S. soil after he walked away from an Outward Bound group on the U.S. side of Basswood Lake on July 4 and spent more than two days in the wilderness without a canoe or tent before being apprehended in the Quetico by Canadian

The young man, whose name has been withheld as a juvenile, walked away from the group's camp in the early morning hours. Group leaders said there was no indication that the young man was in distress or was upset when he had gone to his tent shortly before midnight on July 3.

The Outward Bound group, with help from other Outward Bound staff and students in the vicinity, spent about six hours in

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COOK

Zup's to open temporary store

by MARCUS WHITE

Cook/Orr Editor

COOK - Residents here will soon be able to buy gas and do limited shopping after Zup's signed a lease to begin occupying space adjacent to the store property.

Some services will be open "within a couple of weeks," store manager Matt Zupancich said.

The Mobil gas station that has sat vacant since the store burned down last November should reopen sometime in the next few weeks followed by a small, temporary grocery that Zup's will establish in a former office space near the current Subway. The new store will offer a small selection of groceries including fresh meats and produce.

Zupancich said the company has the

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GOMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

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.

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.

Eagles Nest Fireflies bake sale and Seniors ice cream social, July 25

EAGLES NEST TWP- The Eagles Nest Fireflies will hold a bake sale on Thursday, July 25 from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Nest Town Hall, 1552 Bear Head State Park Rd. It will be held in conjunction with the Eagles Nest Seniors ice cream social. The public is invited to attend.

Queens Pancake Breakfast, July 13

EMBARRASS- A pancake breakfast sponsored by the Miss Embarrass Region Queen Scholarship Pageant will be held on Saturday, July 13 from 8 -11 a.m. at the Timber Hall in Embarrass.

Breakfast includes all-you-can-eat pancakes, choice of ham or sausage links, fruit cup, juice and a bottomless cup of coffee. Adults cost \$5, children (6-10 years) \$3, and children under 5 years may eat

Northern Red Hat Belles meet July 25

COOK- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet on Thursday, July 25 for lunch at 12 noon at the Montana Cafe in Cook. Lunch will be ordered off

Following lunch, they will attend the movie "Momma Mia, Here We Go Again" at 1:30 p.m. at the Comet Theater. Reservations for the movie and lunch can be made by calling Judy Ketola at 218-753-3982 by July 16.

Ruby's Pantry, July 11 in Cook

COOK- The next Ruby's Pantry food distribution will be on Thursday, July 11 from 4:30 – 6 p.m. at the old Cook School. Registration begins at 3 p.m. with a \$20 cash donation at the door. Volunteers are asked to please arrive at 3 p.m. Please bring your own containers. Ruby's Pantry is now offering online registration at rubyspantry.com starting Friday, July 12 for August distribution with a \$21 donation at sign-up. Ruby's Pantry is sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Alango. For more information, contact Amy Viita at 218-666-

Genealogy Genie at the MN Discovery Center on July 13

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

ALZHEIMER'S FUNDRAISER

Pat Surface and the Boundary Water Boys, July 16, at Silver Bay Vets Home

SILVER BAY-Feelin' Alright! - A Tribute to the 50th Anniversary of Woodstock, featuring Pat Surface and the Boundary Water Boys, with Donna Surface, performance artist in sign language, will take place on Tuesday, July 16 at 6:30 p.m. at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Silver Bay. This concert is open to the public. Please bring your lawn chairs. This is an outdoor concert and ice cream social, weather permitting. For more information, call Joyce Scott at 218-353-8704.

Feelin' Alright! is a variety show that includes humor and a Woodstock trivia segment with prizes. It will be fun, interactive, and unforgettable.

"We are very excited about this show," Donna Surface says. "I worked for Michael Lang, the producer of Woodstock, in New York City and experienced firsthand the spectacle of Woodstock from behind the scenes. I met many of the rock stars who performed at Woodstock and was deeply immersed in the culture and the music of that era. This show is not just about the music, but the back stories of what became a phenomenon that could never be duplicated. Half a million of us mellowed out in the music and the mud for three days without chaos or catastrophe. Peace, love, and rock n' roll. There are so many cool stories in the show. One of my favorites is that Jimi Hendrix wasn't Michael's first choice to close the festival; Roy Rogers, "The Singing Cowboy," was. He loved Roy Rogers. Michael had this image of Roy Rogers galloping up on Trigger, hopping on the stage, and singing "Happy Trails" to

thousands of hippies. It didn't happen because Roy Rogers' manager thought no one would show up and wouldn't let Roy go. Oops! We do perform "Happy Trails" in our show.'

"This event is very special to me," Donna continues. "My dad was a WWII hero. He died of Alzheimer's disease. As darkness surrounded him and his memories faded, one memory endured to the end - his profound pride in his military service. We are really looking forward to entertaining our veterans and their families, and all who come out to support them.

Donna Surface is the director of the Spirit wood Foundation, created in 2004 by Pat and Donna Surface when Donna lost her dad, Rocco Michael Passaretti, to Alzheimer's disease. Their mission is to raise not only awareness regarding Alzheimer's disease but also critical funds that support com-

munity organizations, programs, and facilities working with the afflicted and their families. Among the organizations supported by the Spiritwood Foundation are Northwoods Partners and their Caregiver Assistance Programs and Minnesota Veterans



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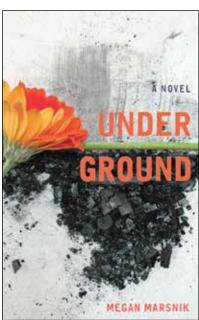
For more information, go to www.SpiritwoodFoundation.com.

Author to read from Under Ground, July 26 and 27 in Tower and Ely

REGIONAL- Megan Marsnik, Iron Ranger and author of Under Ground, a novel set in Tower and Ely, will appear on Friday, July 26 from 4-7 p.m. at Sulu's in Tower, with special guest Soudan Underground Mine tour guide Karel Winkelaar and on Saturday, July 27 from 4-6 p.m. at Piragis Northwoods Company in Ely, during the Blueberry Festival

This new novel by Ranger Megan Marsnik tackles the 1916 mining strike that changed the face of the labor movement. Under Ground is told from the perspective of a passionate immigrant woman who brings the reader along on a journey through the birth of unions and an exploration of immigrant rights.

Marsnik was born in Biwabik. She currently teaches creative writing and philosophy in Minneapolis. This is her debut novel. Marsnik dedicates the book to "Iron Range women everywhere" and to her father, Bernard "Fuzzy" Marsnik, "who always fought for the underdog." Her father was born and raised in



Ely and one of the main characters was partially inspired by the author's grandmother, Mary Marsnik, whose family ran a boarding house for miners in Ely. Under Ground was serialized in the Minneapolis Star Tribune in 2015. It is now available

in print for the first time from Flexible Press of Minneapolis. The newly edited and updated print version contains additional content plus restored material that had to be edited out for newspaper publication.

Under Ground tells the story of young Katka Kovich, who leaves the only home she's ever known for a new life across the ocean. Soon she finds herself on the rough and tumble Iron Range where she joins a community of poor immigrant workers who are brutally exploited by the mining company. This spellbinding tale of an immigrant uprising chronicles the attack on labor unions, the dehumanization of workers, and the use of fear to dismantle civil liberties. While the themes are monumental and echo to today, the experience of this young woman grounds the reader in the human face behind all movements. Young Katka reminds us that there are things worth dying for, but more importantly, there are things to live for.



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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lamppa project officially back on track

Change orders expected to be completed by Sept. 1; new ten-year lease approved by all parties

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

TOWER — The completion of the new plant for Lamppa Manufacturing is officially back on track following the city council's approval of a new lease for the company on Monday night. Representatives of Lamppa Manufacturing signed the lease earlier in the day, so the council's unanimous approval of the slightly-modified lease was the final step in reinstating the tenyear agreement

The project had appeared to be in doubt for weeks after Lamppa officials exercised an escape clause in the previous lease over concerns about construction delays and poor communication about some of the equipment that had been installed in the facility.

But representatives of the city, Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, and Lamppa Manufacturing met June 25 in Eveleth to get the project back on track. Under the agreement worked out at that meeting, the city agreed 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 approved the agreement at a special meeting on July 1, and the city council followed suit in a special meeting immediately afterward.

Approval of the revised lease was the final step in putting the project moving forward again. The parties now expect the new equipment will be installed and the facility will be ready for occupation by Sept. 1.

CITY OF ELY

Omerza wraps up year as president of LMC

<u>by Keith Van</u>dervort

ELY - Council member Heidi Omerza traveled many miles across the state and wore a path to St. Paul during the last year as she advocated for Ely and other munici-

palities as the president of the League of Minnesota Cities. Her term

ended last month as she handed over the gavel

Heidi Omerza at the organization's annual summer conference in Duluth.

During the July 2 city council meeting, Ely Mayor Chuck Novak lauded Omerza for her service to Ely as well as to the state organization, that represents more than 800 cities across the state.

The Ely council was well



Ely Police Sgt. George **Burger presents new safety** signs paid for by the Ely Rotary Club. K. Vandervort

with Novak, Omerza, council members Paul Kess and Angela Campbell, and Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski all in atten-

"It was really good to have

a member of this council as the president of the league," Novak said, "and now as a member of the league's board, our city's initiatives will continue to be on the agenda."

Omerza, on the council since 2007, was the first Elyite to serve as president of the League of Minnesota Cities, and she said it was an honor that she won't soon forget. "I'm glad its over because there was a lot of traveling, but it was also an awesome

experience," she said. Not only did she spend considerable time in St. Paul lobbying on behalf of the organization, Omerza traveled to Washington, D.C. to represent Minnesota cities on many federal issues.

"It means a lot to me and I think to this city to have someone from a small city in greater Minnesota to represent our point of view and to actually help set the agenda," Omerza said. "It truly was an honor and a privilege."

She credited former Ely

mayor and council member Frank Salerno, who was a past board member of the LMC, with instilling her passion to serve. "He lit a fire under me," she said.

Langowski touted Omerza's presence on the LMC board. "Having attended a conference 12 years ago, if you said 'Ely' they might not know where Ely is," he said. "Now when you say 'Ely,' everyone on that board fully understands Ely, and they all want to be in Ely. We can thank Heidi and her good work for that."

Rotary Club

Ely Police Department Sgt. George Burger said his recent community presentations on traffic safety resulted in a major donation from the Ely Rotary Club for four "Drive Safely, Protect Our Children" signs that will be installed this summer around the Ely school campus and Whiteside Park areas.

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SUMMER PROJECT

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CRIME

Ely's Lakner sentenced in Fall Lake sexual assault

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

TWO HARBORS— Lake County Judge Mike Cuzzo sentenced Ely-area resident Barney Lakner to three years of probation in the county courthouse here on June 28, after the 49-year-old pled guilty to sexually assaulting a woman at his Fall Lake cabin in 2017. That's according to the Duluth News-Tribune.

Judge Cuzzo stayed a one-year prison sentence for Lakner pending the successful completion of his probation. Lakner will be required to pay a \$900 fine for his actions.

Lakner, no stranger to a criminal courtroom, has faced charges in several cases in recent years, including as the ringleader of the notorious Ely Six, a group of local young men who terrorized campers in the Boundary Waters in a drunken spree in 2007. Lakner served three years in prison after conviction on a laundry list of charges stemming from that incident. In 2015, Lakner led authorities on a high-speed snowmobile chase through the Boundary Waters. A Lake County court sentenced Lakner to 180 days in jail and three years of probation on that charge.





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Editorial

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Medicare-for-All

Mainstream media fixates on distractions in the ongoing debate

aspects of the current debate over a Medicare-for-All, universal health care system is the mainstream media's sudden focus on whether a candidate supports a universal system that would do away with private health insurance, or not. It's question that has divided the Democratic field, which is one reason that it's a become a standard question in candidate interviews, debates, and in recent polling — which has demonstrated that support for a single-payer universal health care system declines when people are told it might mean that they would lose their private health insurance.

The very question is odd because it essentially asks people if they support paying for something they no longer need.

But that's not how this particular poll question is being asked— and that points to a pretty clear bias on the part of those who commission these polls. Pollsters know that the answers they receive from the people they survey are highly dependent on how a question is framed. And on this particular issue, pollsters have consistently asked the question: "Would you still support a Medicare-for-All system if it meant you would lose your private health insurance?'

No one likes the thought of losing something, particularly something that might currently be paying for their life-saving medical care. And most Americans in the private insurance market still receive insurance through their employers, who in most cases are funding the bulk of their premium. That means many Americans with private coverage feel it's fairly affordable since they may only be paying 20 or 25-percent of their premium and they probably have a modest deductible and have a decent choice of doctors. So, if a pollster calls and asks what they would think if the government took their private insurance plan away from them, some will naturally be skeptical of the idea, particularly if, like many Americans, they don't know much about the benefits of Medicare-for-All.

People may not realize that the Medicare-for-All plans currently proposed by Democratic presidential candidates would actually improve on the existing and very popular Medicare system, which covers Americans at

One of the strangest ects of the current debate r a Medicare-for-All, versal health care system he mainstream media's den focus on whether a didate supports a universal em that would do away age 65. Right now, Medicare is a two-tiered system, which provides a basic set of medical benefits for everyone, while leaving some gaps which many Medicare beneficiaries fill with supplemental insurance.

Supplemental insurance wouldn't be necessary under the kind of Medicare-for-All plan proposed by candidates like Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren, since the system would allow all Americans to see the doctor or dentist of their choice, with no deductibles, co-pays, or insurance premiums. Americans would pay more in taxes, but the vast majority of individuals and small businesses would save a tremendous amount of money overall. Under such a system, there's simply no reason to have private insurance. It's why no one buys police insurance coverage. The police are paid for through our taxes and they're available when you need them.

Unfortunately, the mainstream media, which is owned by large corporate conglomerates and benefits mightily from the advertising dollars of the private insurance industry, appears far more interested in exploiting the public's lack of knowledge about Medicarefor-All, using irrelevant distraction to prevent the public from learning the benefits of a single-payer system.

The advantage of a system that covers virtually everything and cuts out private insurance is that it directs far more money to actual health care. As it is today, a significant percentage of the people working in healthcare (who we pay for through the highest health care costs in the world) spend their days trying to negotiate the Byzantine world of insurance company billing. That adds an estimated 12-20 percent to the cost of healthcare in the U.S. Now add a 15-20 percent profit margin to pay the salaries of the insurance CEOs and you get as much as a third of every health care dollar we spend wasted on something other than actual health care.

So why should eliminating a massively expensive and wasteful segment of our "health care" sector concern anyone? In most cases, they simply don't understand the question. And, sadly, too much of our mainstream media seems intent on keeping it that way.



Letters from Readers

Thanks to Cook Building Center

As residents of northern Minnesota for the past 25 years, we wish to thank the Cook Building Center, their owner and their employees, for providing excellent service. The Cook community should be proud to be the home of this fine company.

John Thiessen Orr

We can do better to comply with the law

I live in Vermilion Lake Township and have been attending township monthly meetings for about a year and during that time a disturbing pattern seems to be happening. During this time items that should have been available to the general public were met with argumentative resistance.

It began with my request for copies of the Vermilion Lake Fire Department meeting minutes. The firefighters are employees of the township and ultimately the residents of the township are responsible and liable for the department. As with so many fire departments, Vermilion Lake is suffering from low numbers of participants and according to Sara Schmidt, firefighter and EMT for Vermilion Lake "up to five Vermilion Lake firefighters are of retirement age" which could drop those numbers even lower. Fire Chief Steve Lotz first said that information was not public information, but Schmidt made the comment at a public meeting.

James Fisher, District
10 Representative of the
Minnesota Association of
Townships (MAT) confirmed
that the information is, indeed,
public information and should
be made available upon request

be made available upon request.

Vermilion Lake Board
Chairman Phil Anderson
argued that firefighters are
volunteers, therefore the information is not public. Township
insurance covers firefighters
and the township pays for it.
With reluctance a few months
of minutes were made available, but then stopped and all

requests fell on deaf ears.

As I write this letter, I have seen where our neighboring township (Greenwood) has had some problems with public information and Open Meeting laws. I then read in the *Tower News* that Tony Sikora claimed that the Tower City Council met for up to an hour after the meeting had adjourned.

Vermilion Lake is also

violating the Open Meeting Law. At the May meeting, Chairman Phil Anderson and Bruce Swieringa (a quorum) discussed township business before calling a meeting to order while waiting for a board member to arrive. Fire Chief Steve Lotz was waiting for the meeting to begin and cautioned Anderson to call the meeting to order before discussing any more business. The request by Lotz was ignored. At their June meeting they again discussed board business before calling the meeting to order. Again, Chief Lotz urged Anderson to call the meeting to order and again Anderson disregarded the request. Later during that same meeting Anderson admitted discussing hiring township summer help during a coffee session at the Little Church where Supervisor Bruce Swieringa also attends which then constitutes a quorum of the Vermilion Lake Town Board and violates MN Statute Chapter 13D.

I write this letter to my fellow citizens of the area and especially Vermilion Lake Township residents. These three governments have and are breaking the law. Greenwood has already been called for their actions, but Vermilion Lake and Tower have not. Is it just these three communities or is this a growing infectious problem in northern Minnesota? Let's hope not! These officials are elected. Therefore, we need to be careful of those we vote to represent us during our local elections. Maybe our neighbors or someone we think we know well are not the best choices for our vote. Be mindful where you put that X on your next ballot.

> We are better than this! Carol Pratt Vermilion Lake Twp

Armed "service" is no service to those we kill or maim

I was in the army from 1967 to 1970. I thought I was doing a "service" but the "service" I was doing was, unbeknownst by me, for the ultra rich corporations not for the betterment of the US of A.

The U.S. government controlled by the rich sent 59,000 U.S. "service" members to their deaths-FOR NOTHING. Vietnam was never a threat to the U.S. The U.S. government, on behalf of parasites, forced America's youth onto a path of genocide and murder and their own deaths. Three million of our brothers and sisters in Vietnam were murdered by Johnson, Nixon, Congress, and our American youth (many of whom thinking they were doing the right thing), and by the media that was and is nothing more than a mouthpiece for U.S. criminality.

I get tired of the media and the corporations using the word "service" as if occupation and bombing and killing more than a million Iraqis by the Bush family, Clinton, Obama, and now Trump is a "service". Attacking (including economic sanctions) and occupying any nation that isn't a threat to the U.S. is a war crime. Both political parties are responsible.

So although I want them to stop using the term "service" for their wars of aggression and genocide I know that they won't. The government uses such language to encourage naive youth to do their dirty work and to make us believe in what they are doing.

What the U.S. is currently doing to Palestine, to Venezuela, to Nicaragua, to Syria, to Iran, to Afghanistan, to Iraq are all crimes against those people. We, as a people need to start waking up. When will it happen? Do you want the criminals in Washington under the control of the parasites to continue using 60 percent of our tax dollars to commit war crimes around the world? I hope not.

Steve Johnson Ely

Do we still have the courage to stand for our values?

I've been reading about the formation of Quakerism in the 17th Century, and I have been blown away, once again, to be reminded of the commitment and sacrifice of early Quakers in their pursuit of the right to live and worship according to their

beliefs. It is very easy in our

modern culture to forget the



bravery and perseverance of people who committed their lives and often gave their lives to attain the rights that we may take for granted as our birthright.

Here's a brief

Quakerism 101: Quakers agree to a core set of values, knows as testimo-

nies, represented by the acronym SPICES, quoted from the Quaker

Meeting of Melbourne:

SIMPLICITY: Focusing on what is truly important and letting other things fall away.

PEACE: Seeking justice and healing for all people; taking away the causes of war in the ways we live.

INTEGRITY: Acting on what we believe, telling the truth, and doing what we say we will. COMMUNITY: Supporting

one another in our faith journeys and in times of joy and sorrow; sharing with and caring for each other. EQUALITY: Treating everyone, everywhere, as equally precious to God, recognizing that everyone has gifts to share.

SUSTAINABILITY: Caring for the earth, valuing and responding to all of God's creation; using only our fair share of the earth's resources; working for policies that protect the planet. simplicity, peace, integrity, community, equality and stewardship.

and stewardship.
You might ask, "How could anyone argue with those values, much less persecute

people for holding them dear?" Remember, this was 1652 in England when George Fox, considered the founder of Quakerism, had a vision and felt led to teach, preach, and gather people in silent worship. The country had been torn apart by civil war from 1641 to 1651, with power struggles between the Puritans and the Anglican Church, which had been the state religion. There were sharp class differences from upper

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Orr council talks highway safety and crime

by CRYSTAL DEY

Cook-Orr Editor

ORR -- City officials' minds focused on public safety Monday night as the council discussed traffic concerns and crime.

Mayor Joel Astleford said local business owners had voiced concerns about traffic speeding through the city on Highway 53. Orr's south entrance between Highway 23 and Nett Lake Road was identified as an area needing additional monitoring. Currently, northbound traffic has a 60 mph limit while the southbound lane contrasts at 30 mph.

The council discussed multiple options including enforcing a no-passing zone with signage and painted lines, warning and "reduce speed" signs, flashing lights on existing 30 mph signs and electronic signs displaying drivers' speeds

"I think, I don't know how much a flashing light is, but it does get your attention," Astleford said.

A "Your Speed is..." sign could cost the city \$4,000, according to a quote from the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT).

Councilman Bruce Black voiced concern there could be additional costs to run electrical wiring to a sign.Councilwoman Ericka Cote proposed that a solar-powered light may be a less costly alternative. The council tabled the item pending further research.

An addition to Monday night's agenda also highlighted citizen safety. Astleford said he was approached during the July 3 weekend by residents interested in forming a neighborhood crime

During the meeting, councilors noted law enforcement can be up to 30 minutes away at times and there have been break-ins in the community. Councilman Lloyd Scott suggested the county may need to allocate additional resources to the Orr area.

"One deputy can't cover this area," Scott said.

Organization of a neighborhood crime watch will be reviewed and revisited by the council at a later meeting.

In other action, the council: ➤ Approved the 2018 city audit, waiving an actuarial study which would cost the city up to

➤ Passed a resolution authorizing the city to accept MnDOT funds for roadside landscaping between Highways 23 and 53.

➤ Entered into an agreement with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to receive a floating dock for a public water

access on Pelican Lake in Orr. ➤ Accepted a \$100 donation to the Orr Area Ambulance.

➤ Approved a gambling permit for the American Legion Post 480 for a drawing on Oct. 12.

TUESDAY GROUP

Ely's Rom gives update on "Campaign" to local crowd

by KEITH VANDERVORT

ELY – For the past seven years, Becky Rom, the national chairperson for the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters, has led the fight to keep sulfide-based copper-nickel mining and its potential pollution from despoiling the most visited wilderness area in the U.S. She provided an update of her group's efforts last week before a packed house at an Ely Tuesday Group gathering, and as usual, faced pushback from a number of local copper-nickel mining supporters.

Rom outlined the history of the campaign and cited economic studies and opinion polls to make her case that the proposed Twin Metals mine is opposed by most Minnesotans and likely wouldn't provide the long-term boost to the Ely area economy that many supporters believe. She also charged that the Trump administration violated the law by reinstating mineral leases pulled by the Obama administration just weeks before President Trump took office.

Rom placed the current battle in historical context, noting that efforts to save the region from development date back 110 years to the establishment of the Superior National Forest, and have continued ever

"Congress acted in 1978

to strengthen the laws protecting the Boundary Waters, and among other things, it banned mining within the wilderness," Rom said. "This was the first wilderness area in America where mining was banned. It also banned mining on 220,000 acres of the Superior National Forest, basically the entryways, like the Echo Trail, Fernberg and Gunflint areas." Mineral leases originally issued to the International Nickel Company, or INCO, predated the 1978 legislation and prevented lawmakers at the time from including that area within the mining protection area.

While prospectors have known of the copper-nickel deposits in the area for more than half a century, the latest push to develop the resource prompted the creation of the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters in 2013. "We recognized that we had a national wilderness area which every American had as much ownership right to as every other American," Rom said. "We sought to build a national campaign for all Americans to participate in policy decisions around mining in the watershed of the Boundary Waters."

Rom challenged the primary economic argument for copper-nickel mining— jobs citing findings from two studies, by Key-Log Economics and Harvard University.

The Harvard study, according to Rom, projects 36 employment and 72 income scenarios and finds that over a 20-year period, an economy based on copper mining would significantly underperform the growing, sustainable economy already in place in virtually every scenario studied. Compared to a Twin Metals mining economy, a mining ban would result in 1,500 to 4,600 more jobs and \$100 million to \$900 million more income, the study found.

The Key-Log study estimates a billion dollars or more in lost tourism spending, personal income, and property value in the three-county Arrowhead study region.

Nancy McReady, the leader of Ely-based Conservationists with Common Sense, disputed much of what Rom described.

"How do you explain the decrease of visitors to the Boundary Waters?" she asked. "It used to be estimated that we had 250,000 visitors a year and now it is 100,000 visitors a year."

Rom noted that when the number of visitors was actually counted, the number showed that as many 150,000 people visited the BWCAW each year. In either case, Rom argued that a consistent message about Ely's future would likely attract more visitors to the area. "I think it would be better for our community for both attracting new residents and new visitors to the Boundary Waters if we all embraced the gateway to the wilderness and didn't talk about copper mining, which most Americans perceive as a great threat to the wilderness.

McReady pushed on. "The empty storefronts in Ely don't help either," she said. "The closing of Shopko and the Dollar General really don't help the area either."

Rom reminded McReady that all Shopko stores nationwide closed at the same time as a result of bankruptcy, and the fact that there is no sulfide mining in Ely did not lead to the demise of the national franchise. "And the two dollar stores merged, so it makes sense that they are keeping the larger one open."

McReady also suggested that as much as 95 percent of the world's strategic minerals are controlled by China. "If they decide that they don't want to sell those to the United States, according to 1978 legislation, in the case of an emergency, the United States could mine in the Boundary Waters."

Rom noted that copper is not considered a strategic mineral. Some examples of strategic minerals are tin, silver, cobalt, manganese, tungsten, zinc, titanium, platinum, chromium, bauxite, and diamonds.

"In fact, copper is abun-

dant throughout the world. Antofagosta has giant (copper) mines in South America," Rom said. "There is a lot of copper, and most of it has not been yet been exploited or developed. Next to a water-intensive, highly valuable wilderness ecosystem, that is probably the worst place in America for a copper mine."

Tuesday Group coordinators also faced criticism that mining advocates are not allowed to present their side of the issue. Steve Schon responded,

"We have had folks here from

PolyMet. We have toured Twin Metals and had lunch over there. We don't really turn anybody As a microphone was passed around for people to make comments or to ask questions,

someone shouted out, "You're our hero, Becky!" Ely resident Steve Saari responded, "Becky, you are not my hero. This town is dying." Saari said the area relies on a three-legged stool of mining, logging and tourism and he speculated that as many as three

of four Iron Range residents

support the sulfide mining here.

"We disagree," Rom said. "I think what is really important is that in a civil society, you can stand up and talk and I can stand up and talk. I respect your right to do that."

$\mathbf{VALUES}_{\bullet\bullet\bullet}$ Continued from page 4 –

to the grinding poverty of the lowest classes. Divisions formed between the common people and the gentry and between city

and country residents. The foundation of the Quaker testimony of equality was the belief that there is "that of God in every person" which means every man, woman, and child, regardless of gender, class, ethnicity, race, or religion, including pagans, Muslims and Jews. At a time when women were often treated as second class citizens, they worshipped with the men in Quaker meeting and were free to speak up as equals in business meeting...and they did! There were many very vocal, persistent American Quaker women who later were at the core of the struggle for civil rights and women's suffrage.

But, back in the 17th Century, the practice of

to doff their hat to their "superiors" and to address them as "you," which was considered more formal and respectful than "thee." Because the Quakers believed people were equal, they refused to remove their hats, they used the terms "thee" and "thou" for everyone, and did not use titles such as Mr., Mrs., Dr. or Reverend that implied levels of inequality. Since they believed that every individual could communicate directly with God and did not require ministers to interpret or act as go-betweens, they also refused to tithe to support the Anglican Church, its ministry, and seminaries. This radical divergence from the practices of the day landed many Quakers in prison, where many would die unless they had the support of someone on the outside to bring them food and medicine. There

class privilege and excess the day was for people were were other small sects came back. breaking away from the Anglicans and the Puritans with similar values, such as the Diggers, the Seekers, and the Children of the Light, among others. Due to the leadership of George Fox, many of them were absorbed into the Quaker

movement. The persecution did not end with the establishment of the American colonies. We may often think that our country was based on religious freedom, but, in fact, many of the early settlers wanted to establish communities where they could practice their religion, their version of the truth, and keep others out who would not go along. The Quakers did not go along. They were whipped and pilloried, branded with hot irons, had bolts driven through their tongues, shunned, and driven from towns and colonies, even put on ships to England or other countries. But they

Such is the power of belief and commitment, that people could persevere under extreme punishment and that their behavior would instill such fear in others, for they upset the status quo, questioned others' closely-held beliefs. and made them extremely uncomfortable

in many ways. When I read about these amazing people who lived out their values and were not cowed nor sidetracked, I wonder whether we, as a people, have the courage to stand up for our values, the will to pursue the changes we'd like to see in our world, and the faith to believe that we're on the right path, even when the way gets difficult and obscured.

The airwaves, the newspapers, the internet, and our personal conversations are full of concern, anger, disillusionment, and fear about the current situbroken health care system, severe and increasing income inequality, lobbyists and corporate money controlling Washington, and an inept, out-of-control, narcissistic president to name just a few issues. That can lead to hopelessness and apathy, but let's resist. However crazy and unwieldy it looks, twenty-five people believed they could make a difference by stepping forward to run as Democrats for president. What are the rest of us willing to do? What am I willing to do? What are you?

I think we need to resist hopelessness and step out of our comfort zone. We need to do a lot more than wave the flag and cast our single vote. If you're of the progressive persuasion, locally you can join with others like the Northern Progressives to talk with elected officials, have discussions, get edu-

ation in our country with a cated and take action on important issues.

> You could also check out a new group, North of the Divide, a grassroots group committed to energizing the DFL and other progressives north of the Laurentian Divide. We're going to be out knocking on doors, so we can hear what people are really concerned about, and we have other plans up our sleeves. So, roll yours up and come join us. Or do your own thing to grapple with the issue that bugs you most. but do something.

I don't know if we can change the world, but I've always wanted to, so what the heck. We might as well give it a try. I'm hanging out with some terrific people, and it sure beats watching old reruns, although I have to admit, I do still watch "West Wing" for inspiration.

ELY COUNCIL...Continued from page 3

He displayed one of the four-foot signs and the council unanimously approved their installation. Langowski noted that

the Rotary Club continues to support the youth and the entire community. "They approved new benches and signs at a recent project in town, the Chapman Street pocket park project," he said. "They will be working with the Otts on a design for the park as well. Thank a Rotary member when you can." Other business

In other business, the

➤ Approved the 2020 budget calendar with a

special meeting set for Tuesday, Sept. 3 to release the preliminary budget and set the maximum levy. A Truth in Taxation public hearing will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

➤ Approved a recommendation from the Budget Committee to transfer \$200,000 from the general fund to the capital projects fund.

➤ Approved a recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board to establish rules for the new Wheel Park at the Rec Center, and to purchase and install two security cameras at the facility for \$1,585.

➤ Heard an update from the police chief on the season's "war on grass" where he reported that 46 warnings and eight citations have been issued

for failure to mow lawns. ➤ Approved a resolution authorizing a raffle permit for the Ruffed Grouse Society.

➤ Approved a \$10,000 residential rehab loan for James Reed, 1350 N 18th Ave E, for new roof, windows, siding and insu-

2019 Kiddie **Parade Winners**

Listed in order, first through fourth, if award-

Simple the Best: Float by Nora and AJ Audette, Gwen Christof-

Boys Bikes: Christian Cocherms, Beckett Cocherms, Jacob Hancock, Mac Mulligan

Girls Bikes: Ava Tedetzke, Adelynn Davis, Claire Davis, Elizabeth Beurtz

Most Patriotic: Desannoy Family, Rosatti Family, Hennen Family,

Beutz Family Most Comical: Junior Ely Clown Band with Judah Ercoli, Luciana Ercoli, Asher Ercoli, Jersey Miler, Samantha Reynold, Sadie Eskola, Charlotte Eskola, Annabelle Skubic; Patriotic Unicorn Herd- Leo Rice, Rosalind

Tayler Stellmach, Brooke Greenwaldt, Carmen Greenwaldt, Anthony Greenwaldt; About Fishing- Jordan and Will Peterseon; Henry and Nixon Lukes Under 5's: Odin

Rice, Thomas Stellmach,

Peyton Norbert Ponsot, Dillon Norberg Motorized: Carter Pe-

Picard, Cecelia Majerle,

terson, Lamdon Hahceck Float: Mila Jauss. Jack Siebert, Slick Mae with Mae, Rosalie, Emery, and Marigold; Sienna

Adult Parade Winners

and Travis McNeal.

Best of Show: Scenic Rivers Health Services First: Tower-Soudan Elementary

Second: Your Boat

Third: Vermilion Country Charter School Best Family Float: The Berg Family Christmas in July

Most Patriotic: The Vesel Sisters

Most Creative: Northeast Range Robotics

2019 Fourth of July raffle winners

First: Robin Majerle Second: Stephanie Gubrud

Third: Sophia Hara-

Fourth: Willard Potila Fifth: Lily Russell

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TOWER-SOUDAN FOURTH OF JULY





Clockwise from top left: The Vesel Sisters float won the Most Patriotic prize. Tower-Soudan Elementary staff and students took first place in the adult parade. AJ Audette, along with Nora and Gwen, took top honors in the Kiddie Parade. Mayor Orlyn Kringstad. Chester Cheetah helped Zup's employees hand out treats. Scenic Rivers physician assistant Rachel Beldo, who also sits on the Tower City Council, marched in the parade. Scenic Rivers took Best of Show in the adult parade.









VERMILION 10K AND 5K RACES



TOWER- It was a beautiful morning for a race, a little humid, but not pouring like last year, and the 197 racers for this year's Vermilion 10K and 5K run/walk started out their Fourth of July on the right (and left) foot. There were 197 racers overall, plus 25 participants in the Kids Fun Run one-mile race. The race used a new digital, iPad-based timing system, and organizers had to delay the start of the race a little bit while all the digital entry work was done. Next year race organizers will have multiple volunteers entering the data so it's all completed in time. We'd like to thank all our amazing

volunteers from the Tower-Soudan community, Vermilion Country School, and others who help get the race underway each year. The race is a fundraiser for the Vermilion Country Charter School in Tower. For complete results, including age

bracket results, go to http://www.northlandrunner.com/run.

race. photo by S. Ukkola

Above: Runners at the start of the 10K

10K Results (top 25 racers)

Eli Pollock, 33, 32:57 Phil Richert, 32, 33:25 Liz Literski, 36, 36:38 Aaron Springhetti, 33, 37:25 Tom Nemanich, 18, 38:50 Michael Palo, 21, 39:23 George Nemanich, 22, 40:15 Nathan Mulholland, 41, 40:44 Maria Richert, 33, 41:39 Amy Nemanich, 24, 41:44 David Bade, 40, 43:02 Kurt Zeollick, 33, 45:18 Travis Greca, 45, 45:30 Katie Rigge, 33, 47:27 Ryan Kluever, 29, 47:33 Austin Stacy, 18, 47:42 Paul Zobitz, 44, 48:27 Peter Molinaro, 40, 49:10 Aimee Rice, 37, 49:32 Joe Ruff, 19, 49:36 Greg Gossel, 36, 50:09 Kate Desannoy, 36, 50:22

BJ Dinter, 34, 50:36

Megan Kremin, 28, 50:43

Beth Frauenshun, 37, 50:44

5K Results (top 25 racers) Nathan Fliszar, 16, 21:12 Aaron Kick, 37, 21:45 Sophie Lenz, 18, 22:46 John Ruff, 15, 23:40 Brett Klverer, 26, 24:29 Max Molinaro, 9, 24:44 John Molinaro, 38, 24:45 Thomas Rund, 22, 24:54 Dave Swartout, 46, 25:08 Joey Bucklin, 14, 25:17 Andy Swartout, 44, 25:18 Scott Leonard, 23, 25:33 Andrew Chisenhall, 49, 26:08 Sabrina Mike, 19, 26:15 Will Swartout, 11, 27:11 Kyle Peterson, 12, 27:14 Jack Swartout, 15, 27:20 Lizzie Swartout, 13, 27:34 Charles Weiss, 14, 27:41 Brian Kluever, 56, 28:07 Jason Etten, 43, 28:11 Steve Leitch, 59, 28:27 Haily Gislason, 18, 28:30 Victoria Run, 18, 28:33

Week of July 15

Lutheran Church, Tower,

TOPS - Immanuel

TOWER-SOUDAN LOCAL NEWS

Register soon for Old Settlers Reunion and Picnic on Saturday, July 20



BREITUNG TWP-Committee members are urging area residents to register in advance for this year's Old Settlers Reunion and Picnic. Early registration helps with planning and makes the registration lines on picnic

day move quickly.

The Annual Old Settlers Reunion and Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 20 starting at 12 noon at McKinley Park Campground. Old Settlers is open to anyone born or living on the Vermilion

Iron Range (Tower and Ely). Dues are \$8 per person. The Old Settlers Picnic features a delicious booyah dinner, entertainment, and door prizes. For the price of membership, it's the best value around!

The Old Settlers Com-

The Tower-Soudan

Lake Vermilion Events

Board would like to

thank the following

individuals and busi-

nesses for their gener-

ous donations to this

year's Fourth of July

fund. Donations can be

mailed to T-S LV Area

Events Board, PO Box

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Fourth of July

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

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

Tuesday Tower Area Food

Monday

at 9 a.m.

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.



FOURTH OF JULY



Kids Fun Run

St. James movie

night on July 14

TOWER- St. James

Presbyterian Church is

hosting a free Movie

Night on Sunday, July

tion.

Adventures"

TOWER- The Lake

Vermilion Cultural Cen-

ter (LVCC) will be spon-

soring an educational

program presented by lo-

cal volunteers who have

served in Guatemala.

Seven volunteers from

five organizations met on

Monday in Tower to be-

gin planning. Organiza-

tions represented include

Recycled Lives, San Lu-

cas Mission, Sharing the

Dream, Habitat for Hu-

manity-Guatemala, and

Stoves for Guatemala.

The program will be held

on Monday, July 29 at 1

p.m. at the Herb Lamppa

Civic Center in Tower.

The presentation is free

program

The top three boys and girls finishers were Will Peterson, Sadie Molinaro, Mike Ruff, Veronica Molinaro, Christian Cochems, and Emily Majerle. photo by S. Ukkola

COMMUNITY NOTICES and open to the public.

information next week. **Smoke and Suds** at St. Martin's,

14 at 6 p.m. featuring "The Encounter - Para-**July 28** dise Lost." This sequel TOWER- Parishioto the Christian thriller ners, community mem-"The Encounter" stars bers, and summer vis-Robert Miano as a retired itors are invited to an drug smuggler. He, his afternoon of good food wife, and a mean-temand laughs. St. Martin's pered bodyguard (Gary is once again hosting Daniels) wind up trapped "Smoke and Suds" on at a Thai resort, as the Sunday, July 28 – festivhostages of a suspended ities will get underway DEA Special Agent (Daat 11:30 a.m. (following vid A.R. White). Also Mass). The head chef is present are the owners the same (Nick Tekautz) of the club, a Wall Street but the menu has changed banker (Riff Hutton) and brats and hot dogs on his wife, still reeling the grill, baked beans, from the death of their pasta salad, watermelon, son in a tsunami. Then chips and dip, root beer a strange guest appears floats, a campfire (regu-(Bruce Marchiano) who lar s'mores, as well as the claims to be Jesus and ones made with peanut offers each individual a butter cups), live music, single shot at redemp-Brenda's popular meat raffles, yard games: badminton, croquet, ladder Plans underway golf, holey boards, and for "Guatemala yardtze! Music will be provided by 'The Beef-**Missions and**

> Anna Marie. Cost for the dinner is \$8 for adults and teens, \$5 for children aged 5 to 12, and children under five attend free. Tickets will be on sale before and after Mass, at the rectory, and at Jeanne's Card Shop. Tickets will be available at the door - but we prefer pre-sales (to insure there is enough

eater Brothers' featuring

We hope that you will join us at this old-fashioned family pic-

in Tower

Jared Poderzay graduates Cum **Laude from St.**

SOUDAN-Jared Poderzay of Soudan graduated from St. Cloud State University on Friday, May 10 with a Bachelor of Science in Health and Physical Education

Junction Road

SOUDAN- A Junction Road resident called The Timberjay office to report seeing a bobcat on the road near the water tower. While she was excited to see the wild cat, she wanted to warn area residents to keep their pets safe and leashed

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

It doesn't matter if you graduated from Tower or not. If you shared a class, they want to see you! Call Bill at 218735-8009 with any ques-

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 avail-

All proceeds from ed 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 Thanksgiving Dinner, and others.

Tickets may be 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.

Mark your calendars today and look for more **Cloud State**

with Cum Laude honors. **Bobcat spotted on**

when out in the area.

T-S class of 1979 plans reunion

Benchwarmer's at 6 p.m.

able for purchase. Fashion items may be donated on that day for the sale. this event will be donat-

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Expanded hours year-round Monday Wed. Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Sunday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. For info: 1-800-450-9278

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Hwy. 77 Canister Summer Hours through Sept. 30

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

Lots of Greens! Fridays 4-6 PM at the train depot

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, July 31; Aug. 21 Bois Forte Boys/Girls Club

11:00-11:30 a.m. Greenwood Town Hall 12:00-12:30 p.m. Soudan Fire Hall 1:45-3:00 p.m. 3:15-4:15 p.m. **Tower Civic Center** Embarrass, Four Corners 5:15-6:00 p.m.

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

Libraries

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

Babbitt library

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

Support groups

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous AA - 7 p.m. Mondays, First Lutheran Church,

915 E. Camp St., Ely WOMEN'S AA - Noon Mondays, St. Anthony Church basement, Ely

BABBITT AA - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church. AL-ANON - Sundays

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

BABBITT AL-ANON

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

CO-DEPENDENTS'

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

ELY FOOD SHELF -Third Wednesday each month, 15 W. Conan St.

ADULT BASIC **EDUCATION** GED - Study materials and pre-test available.

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

Tuesday Group

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

July 16 - Bruce Anderson - Loss of Wildlands

July 23 - Amy Kirela - Climate Change

July 30 - Kathryn Hoffman - PolyMet update

Play Smear at Senior Center

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

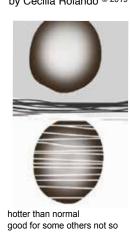
Ely Free Clinic

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

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

Breathing Out

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ELY HEALTH CARE

Free clinic names new leader

ELY - Some things never stay the same, and that's certainly been true of the Ely Community Health Center as it increasingly serves more clients, makes changes in their schedule, adds services and welcomes their new Executive Director.

The mission of ECHC is to deliver affordable health care services to advance individual and community health. The free clinic, which serves uninsured and underinsured patients, relocated to the renovated AFU building at 111 South 4th Avenue East this past fall. For more than three

years, ECHC has been serving patients on Monday evenings, but beginning Thursday, Aug .1, the center will switch to Thursdays with hours remaining the same, from 5:30-7 p.m. Patients now have

form of fluoride varnish treatments. In addition, the Ely Community Health Center

the opportunity of newly

added dental services in the

Jon Erickson

welcomes a new executive director this month.

Jon Erickson joined ECHC after an extensive career working almost 40 years in the business sector, specifically in software and technology. Jon and his wife, Jo Ann (born and raised in Ely, maiden name Telich), felt that Ely was where they wanted to retire.

Jon graduated from Drake University and began his career at Arthur Andersen & Co. providing software and operational consulting. He later worked for various companies across the U.S. and in Europe. He has sig-

nificant experience in operations, sales, and marketing and business development activities.

In addition, Jon started his own consulting company and has been providing marketing and sales strategy consulting and market research to a number of large global companies as well as small and mid-sized companies.

Although his business and technology background is impressive and will be infinitely valuable in his position at ECHC, he has also invested his time and abilities in ventures similar to ECHC.

Jon was an active volunteer with Patronato Pro Ninjos, a health care advocacy group that reached out to provide health care referrals to school children. Their mission to promote and provide health care and oral hygiene, work with other providers, and advocate for economically disadvantaged families in San Miguel de Allende, Mexico, has clear similarities to the values of ECHC.

In addition, Jon has

worked closely with non-profit organizations and is the past president and treasurer of the Laguna Art Museum, one of the largest and most prestigious non-profit art museums, in Orange County California.

Jon is excited to take on the role of Executive Director of ECHC as it allows him to not only leverage his professional experience, but to also be able to give back to the community. Both Jon and Jo Ann have significant interest in outdoor activities such as road cycling, cross country skiing and gardening and are thrilled

to be back in Ely. ECHC would love to add more volunteers to its hearty crew! You do not need to be a medical professional and there are opportunities from working during clinic hours to planning events. Please contact Jon at 218-365-5678 or director@ elycommunityhealth and check out the website at www.elycommunityhealth.org.

ELY-WINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Ely-Winton **Historical Society** recently received \$1,500 in grant money through the U.S. Bank Foundation. Each year U.S. Bank offers varying amounts of grant money to groups, schools, societies, and more in several categories. **Shelley Curtiss of** U.S. Bank presented the funds to Margaret Sweet, manager of the **Ely-Winton Historical** Society. submitted photo



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.

WEATHER TRAINING

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 tornadoes.

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

There are 1.700 Skywarn spotters across northeastern Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin reporting to the Duluth National Weather

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;

➤ 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 reporting information to the National Weather

Service; and > Thunderstorm and tornado safety.

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

Higher Education

Brenda Check-Olson earns teaching certificate at St. Scholastica

DULUTH - Brenda Check-Olson of Ely has completed a certificate program at the College of St. Scholastica. Check-Olson earned a Certificate in Teaching.

She will be teaching at Ely's Washington Elementary School this fall.

St. Scholastica is nationally recognized for quality and value. It has been named the top Minnesota college for economic mobility, and rankings by U.S. News & World Report classify it as one of the Midwest's top regional universities.

Courtney Kellogg honored at Wichita State University

WICHITA, KAN. - Wichita State University announced that Ely student, Courtney S. Kellogg, and more than other 3,000 students, were named to the WSU

dean's honor roll for spring 2019. To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

WSU enrolls more than 15,000 students and offers more than 50 undergraduate degree programs in more than 150 areas of study in six undergraduate colleges.

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FOURTH OF JULY IN ELY



The Fourth Up North





Sounds of the 2019 Ely Fourth of July parade included a bagpiper, above, and Ely Memorial High School Band sax player, Julia Schwinghamer, below. photos by K. Vandervort

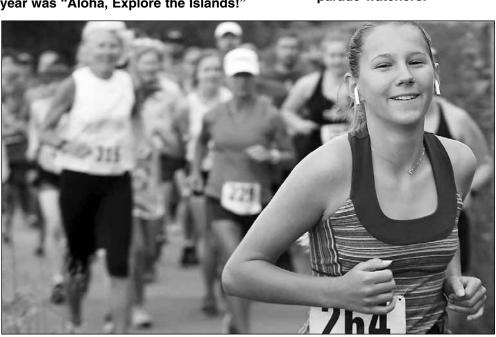


Ely natives Becky Zupancich and Ashley Millett participated in the Studio North Dance Studio parade float again this year. The theme this year was "Aloha, Explore the Islands!"



Kate and Rachel Coughlin, above, flip pancakes at the annual Pancake Breakfast fundraiser for the St. Anthony Church youth group. Carly Pavlik, below left, participated in the Four on the Fourth run on the Trezona Trail. The Lawn Chair Drill team, below left, is a favorite for Ely parade-watchers.











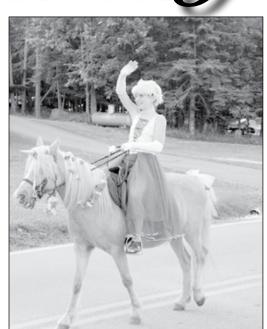


Clockwise from top left: From Westeros to Crane Lake, characters from Game of Thrones appear for the Fourth; Kids sell popcorn and do crafts in Orr; The tail end of the Crane Lake Parade: Lori Sanborn rides in the Crane Lake



Northwoods celebrates j





Clockwise from left: Families take stock of vintage tractors on display at Orr Fun Days; A girl rides her horse in the Crane Lake Parade; Danika Hoffman represents Bois Forte in Orr.

Photos by M. White and C. Stone

Parade and 5K take to the streets

ORR - Another year and another party for America is in the books here. The annual Orr Fun Day was last Wednesday, July 3, drawing a crowd from all over the northland to celebrate the Independence Day holiday week.

The day kicked off bright and early with a pancake breakfast before a 5K took to the streets of the town. Parker Jones was the fastest runner this year with a time of just over 20 minutes.

Over on the parade route on Orr Bay, float number 26 featuring Luther Bunge and Ceci Holmen was awarded Best of the Parade.

In an email sent out following Fun Day, Organizer Sandy Wardas said she would be stepping down after leading the festivities for the past seven years. She extended thanks to the area's many businesses who donated to keep the day of celebration going year after year.



NEWS FROM THE LAKE

The Crane Lake News from the Singing Teapot Dames



Summer weather continues. It's hard to believe that it's nearly the middle of July, or as some would say-summer is half over. Seems like we just got started! It was great to see so many visitors over the July 4 holiday coming to cabins, camping spots, resorts for vacation, or whatever brought them to the area. Lots of visitors in the BWCA help keep the locals busy as well. Welcome (back) to all who are returning or

discovering Crane Lake

and the area for the first go, USA! How appropritime. Hope a great time was had by all.

The Crane Lake Parade on the evening of the Fourth did not disappoint. Nor did the fireworks. Thanks to all who participated, worked or rode on the floats, planned the events, or welcomed visitors. What would we do without our celebrations? People come from far and wide just to participate in the Crane Lake festivi-

Mosquitoes have not been too bad; that does not mean that we have not had a limit on various other bugs, however. Still, there have been lots worse years than this so we probably shouldn't complain too much. Did you watch the

U.S. Women's World Soccer Championship? The U.S. women won again, and really made a very impressive showing of their talents. Way to ate that it was so close to

our national holiday. We are in an after-holiday lull this week, but lots of exciting things are coming up in the near future. The annual Crane Lake Chapel Bazaar will happen on Wednesday, July 17; you won't want to miss it. It is always a highlight, with something for everyone. It all starts at 11 a.m. and goes until 2 p.m. A great lunch of brats, beans, salads, desserts and more will be available to tempt your taste buds-you can dine-in or take-out. You can even "bake" a great treat for later at the bake sale—always lots of good stuff to eat there too. A quilt raffle is a mainstay, with a beautiful quilt made by Kim Cooke, or there will be lots of door prizes for lots of lucky people. If you

are looking for a good

summer read at the cab-

in, you can find that also. Ever popular is the garage sale held at the fire hall garage. Donations can be dropped off there in the days before. Come and enjoy and see lots of old friends who you may not have seen yet this summer.

Summer Vacation Bible School is July 22 to 25 for any children between the ages of five through 12. Registration forms can be obtained at the Chapel, or kids can be registered at the Chapel on the first day of Vacation Bible School. Lots of fun activities are scheduled; hours are 9 to 11:30 a.m.

Live music aficionados will be entertained on Saturday, July 20 at Voyagaire Lodge by Dave and his guitar. The hours for that treat are 7 to 11 p.m. Or you could catch those Fabulous Fat-

heads at Nelson's Resort

on July 19 and 20. They

are always a fun group.

Voyageur Days are also just around the corner with lots of activities scheduled. Whether it's food for your body, food for your soul, or just some plain old fun, there will be something for you. Celebrate the rich history of Crane Lake with Pierre and the rest of our fun-loving community.

Individuals businesses are teaming together to bring guests an unforgettable experience as a true Crane Lake Voyageur. Our community welcomes you to join in many activities being planned.

Monday, July 22 kicks off Voyageur Days Week with the Trading Post Poker Run. Tuesday provides a special event—Yoga in the North Woods with Emily Shwanke. Wednesday is

the Portage, Paddle, and

Swim Race. Thursday will host the Art Show at Nelson's; Thursday night is Bingo with a dinner special at Voyagaire Lodge. A Painting Class at the Crane Lake Bar and Grill may help you become a contributor at next year's Art Show; Carol Scott will be the mentor on Friday. Saturday finishes off the week with a delicious fish fry and live music. Check out the Crane Lake webpage or wait until next week's Dames for a more detailed report of activi-Let us hear from you!

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

Until next week, the Teapot Dames are singing off!

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.

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. 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.

Help choose Cook Public Library's Next Great

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 Saturday.

Kris Musto is one of NWFA's young instructors still fully involved in her career. She makes art about thinking and feeling with paint, drawing, sculpture, installation, photography, collage, fiber, fabric, printmaking, text and anything else within reach. She holds a Fine Arts degree from the Minneapolis College of Art and Design and has worked in MCAD Admissions since 1999. For NWFA she has contributed classes in acrylic painting, handmade books and 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 Downs.

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 artist and art instructor who began studying fine art in 1975. She pursued her Bachelor 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 the 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.

NWFA Summer Events

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 include:

Tuesday, 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 Rosemaling: 6 to 8 p.m. at the gallery. Ages 11 to adult.

Friday, August 16: Elsie Hyppa's Native American Weaving: 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cook Library. Ages 8 to adult.

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.

NWFA Meeting July 16

COOK - At Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook two meetings will be held on Tuesday, July 16. The Spring Art Expo 2019 Evaluation Meeting will begin at 10 a.m. at 210 S River St. Board members, artist members, interested business members and the public will discuss the success of SAE 2019 and how to make changes to improve the annual June event. Next year will be the 10 year anniversary of SAE and NWFA. Plans are being made for the celebration.

The NWFA Board of Directors meeting will take place directly after the SAE Evaluation Meeting at about 11 a.m. Those interested are welcome to attend. These meetings are when important decisions are made and interested folks may learn about the operation of NWFA.

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Thank you to all the volunteers who helped on July 3rd. Also I would like to thank all the businesses that donated to the 5K this year and the volunteers whohelped with this as well! Thanks to Chris & John for the fireworks display! We greatly appreciate all those that came together and

THANKS YOU!

made this day a success! This was my 7th year helping out with the July 3rd Fun Day in Orr and I will be stepping down as the coordinator for the 2020 Fun Day. I hope that someone will step in and take my place.

I will gladly help the new coordinator get started!

Thank you, **Sandy Wardas** And The Orr Area Chamber of Commerce

Briefly

Bookmobile schedule

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July 18, August 8, 29

Nett Lake - Community Center 9:30-10:15 a.m. Crane

Lake - Rang-Station 11:15 a.m. - 12 noon

Orr – Lake Country ReMax building 1:45 2:30 p.m.

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ama – Town Hall 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, write or call the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768 218-741-3840 or check our website at www. alslib.info.

Cook Music in the Park July Schedule

July 17: We Ain't Cowboys. Troubadour country on guitar and base. July 24: The Fabulous DIVAS with Vegas-style

entertainment and hi-jinks. July 31: Beefeater Brothers featuring Anna Marie.

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

from St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Music in the Park is a production of the Northwoods 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.

Cook Senior Citizens Club

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

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FITNESS

40 years and 75 marathons, and still running

Soudan's Mike Korpi ran his 40th straight Grandma's Marathon in June

by Jodi Summit

Tower-Soudan Editor

SOUDAN- Mike Korpi ran his first marathon in 1980, and he hasn't stopped running since.

"I just did it to say I did it," Korpi said with a grin. But obviously it was something he was meant to do. Along with Grandma's in Duluth, he has completed the Boston Marathon three times, and the Twin Cities Marathon 30 times.

Along the way, he has logged thousands and thousands of miles in training and racing. Next year he will be recognized with special VIP status by Grandma's, for completing over 1,000 official Grandma's Marathon miles.

"I'm going to keep running until I cannot run anymore," he said.

Korpi started running when he was a student at Bemidji State, where he was a member of the cross-country team.

Like many runners, he's suffered a few injuries over the years, but they never prevented him from competing in any marathons. In 2015 he broke his ankle in March but managed to run Grandma's in June. Five years ago, a nagging knee injury meant he needed knee replacement surgery. Korpi scheduled the surgery so he would be ready to race Grandma's. "I didn't

want to stop my streak," he said.

While Korpi refuses to let age alter his marathon running, he has modified his training regimen as he's gotten older. "I don't train as much since I had a knee replacement five years ago," he said. He has, however, added bike riding and walking into his routine. His race times have slowed as he had added years. At his peak, he ran his fastest marathon in just three hours and one minute, an average of under a seven-minute mile. Now, his races take him at least five hours, but he still enjoys every minute.

"I never get bored when I'm running long distances," he said.

Korpi's one regret is not signing up for the lifetime membership offered in the early days of Grandma's. Back then the entry fee was \$10, not over \$100 as in recent years.

Korpi, who is 59, retired in 2013 from the MSP Airport Police Department where he had worked as an officer for 25 years, and moved back to Soudan. His favorite memory from his time working at the airport was escorting famed civil rights activist Rosa Parks, who was traveling to an event in Minneapolis.

"She was the most gracious lady I've ever met," he said.



"Guatemala Missions and Adventures," July 29

TOWER- The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center (LVCC) will be sponsoring an educational program presented by local volunteers who have served in Guatemala. Four organizations will be represented: Recycled Lives, San Lucas Mission, Sharing the Dream, and Habitat for Humanity - Guatemala. The program will be held on Monday, July 29 at 1 p.m. at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center in Tower. The presentation is free and open to the public. Mark your calendars today and look for more information in the weeks to come.

LIVE MUSIC IN ELY

Free concert with Pat and Donna Surface, July 18

ELY- The Northwoods Bear Foundation would like to invite one and all to a free concert at Whiteside Park in Ely on Thursday, July 18 at 5:30 p.m. Music will be provided by Pat and Donna Surface.

The foundation is celebrating 10 years of The Lilypad Picnic, an event that specifically fundraises for The

North American Bear Center. We are also celebrating Dr. Lynn Rogers' 80th birthday this year.

We want to thank the entire city of Ely for welcoming us over the last 10 years. We have felt your genuine love and support. Thank you!

If anyone wishes to make a donation to our fundraiser, we are

seeking items for our Silent Auction. Cash donations are always welcome as well. Please email Linda Ziobro at lilypicnic@gmail.com for donations or other inquiries.

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An Invitation → Service In The Park

Please join Grace Lutheran for the annual Service in the Park Sunday, July 21, 9:30 AM at Whiteside Park, Ely This year Grace welcomes the musical group Cornerstone.

"Cornerstone" is a musical group that plays for Christian worship. Most of the band sings and plays at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Circle Pines, Minnesota, but many of the members play in bands (pop, rock and jazz) throughout the Twin Cities area. As "Cornerstone", they play contemporary and traditional Christian music, from gospel to Christian rock. When playing in church, their intent is not to "perform", but to join with the congregation to make worship more meaningful.

Cornerstone Members include: Mike Frazier - woodwinds

Will Jech - trumpet, keyboards and vocals Ellie Lehn – guitar and vocals Karen Moberg – keyboards and vocals Peter Moberg – guitar, banjo and vocals Jim Rauner – drums and vocals Johnnie Timm - bass



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LAKE VERMILION

Tower man recovering after cabin-moving incident

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Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- "I was extremely lucky to have people hear the crash and hear me yelling," said Michael Tam, who was trapped below an old cabin he was attempting to move from the old Daisy Bay Resort on Lake Vermilion on Saturday, July 6.

"It took almost an hour of incredible effort from just great people and first responders to free me," Tam said. "It was quite an ordeal."

Tam, who works for the US Forest Service, had been working on moving an old 11'x22' cabin from



Michael Tam

the resort. He and his partner, Ashley Thaemert, had purchased two of the old resort cabins to move to their homestead. They were planning to disassemble the larger of the two cabins, but had thought the smaller one could be moved in one piece on a trailer.

He had spent a few

hours preparing the cabin for moving and was using hydraulic jacks to slowly raise the structure, shoring it up with blocks. The aim, Tam said, was to get it high enough to drive his trailer underneath, and then transport it back to his property.

"When I was very near the height that I needed to be at," Tam said, "I pumped the jack and heard a scraping sound of one of my block supports not being stable."

alone on the project. Unluckily for Tam, the problem jack was underneath the cabin, not at a corner like the others. He immediately tried to lower

Tam was working

the jack, but before he had time to react the cabin twisted slightly and came off the supports.

"I tried to scramble out," he said. "But it was too fast and it knocked me down."

Tam was pinned

down, across his back, with his right leg badly twisted. "I'll be honest," he said, "I had several

moments when I thought

I was actually done for."

Tam said he will be forever grateful for all those involved in the rescue, which took over

"I will never be able to repay these people for helping me," he said. "The rescue was no small feat."

"The first responders literally saved my life."

Tam said he hopes the story of his rescue will make others in the community understand the commitment and professionalism of our local emergency responders.

"It was an awesome interagency response," he said, "along with lightning quick responses from some complete strangers who were in the area and helped get the first responders to the scene."

Tam had surgery on July 7 to repair his broken femur. Amazingly he had no serious internal injuries and said he is already recovering quickly and has

started physical therapy. He was expecting to be released from St. Mary's in Duluth on July 11.

As for the cabins, Tam said they are still hoping to get them moved to their property, and if they do, they would be disassembling both cabins, not attempting a trailer move again.

Tower Ambulance, Virginia Ambulance, Greenwood Township First Responders, Tower Fire Department, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Greenwood Fire, and Pike Sandy Fire responded.

RADIO RECEPTION

Minnesota Twins fans lately hearing just dead air on WELY

ELY – With the Minnesota Twins well out front in the American League Central Division, and currently among the hottest teams in all of baseball, local fans have been increasingly frustrated by inconsistent reception from the only area radio station providing broadcast game coverage.

As often as not, fans who had reliable reception for years, are tuning into WELY radio at either 94.5 FM or 1450 AM, only

to hear static or dead air.

According to WELY station manager Brett Ross, the station began experiencing intermittent transmitter issues that have impacted their broadcast signal, beginning last month. "We are aware of the problem and we have been working on it," Ross said. "We are waiting for parts to be delivered so we can install new equipment and get our signal back up and running on a consistent basis."

The station is owned and operated by the Bois Forte Band and is the only commercial radio station in Ely.

According to radio-locator.com, WELY's FM signal is an analog-only station transmitting at 6,000 watts. Local coverage extends about 25 miles from Ely and fringe coverage extends to as far away as Cook and Virginia.

The AM signal transmits at 770 watts with daytime fringe coverage extending

to as far away as Hibbing and Silver Bay.

"Coverage of our signal depends on weather and other factors," Ross said. "We hope that our listeners have patience as we work through this. We hope to have this completed within a week."

Following the MLB All-Star break, the Twins are back in action on Friday, July 12 at Cleveland. The Twins are currently 56-33 on the season and lead second-place Cleveland by five and a half games.

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➤ Baseball field upgrade, \$3,000 of an estimated \$45,000 project that was funded though grants and donations.

➤ Water heaters in the

Washington building (two heaters and installation), \$19,000.

➤ Plumbing upgrades in the Memorial building, \$9,000.

Abrahamson noted that the long-term

that the long-term facilities maintenance (LTFM) budget is well over \$200,000, while some capital expenditure dollars are available as well. "Some of the items on the list may not qualify for LTFM, but we do have the capital account, so we are well within budget," he said.

Abrahamson noted that a \$100,000 project to complete the west-side window replacement on the Washington building was removed from the list for this year on the recommendation from Architectural Resources Inc., in anticipation of being part of a facilities project renovation funding plan.

Tuck-pointing the northwest corner of the Washington building was not on the list, either, since no bids have been received yet.

Looking ahead to the 2020-2021 school year, window treatments and flooring for four more classrooms (\$45,000), Industrial Arts building tuck-pointing (\$45,000), a new football field score board (\$26,176), and the Memorial roof replacement (\$500,000), were on the list

"The new roof project is between \$400,000 and \$600,000, depending on how much insulation is needed," Abrahamson said. "We can bond for that against our LTFM dollars, but it may be included in the facilities expansion bonding plan," he noted.

Baseball field

Athletic Director Tom Coombe estimated that the renovations this year to the baseball field will likely cost as much as \$45,000. "Just \$3,000 will be coming from the district, however," he said.

He described the work to be completed in the next month in time for the state Legion baseball tournament, scheduled for Aug. 2-4.

"The fencing on the backstop and along the first base and third base sides have been replaced with netting," he said. "It provides for a much better view for spectators than chain link."

The third base bleachers were removed this spring and replaced with a paved concession and family area. "The Ely Dairy Queen donated stools and tables to make that more of a family picnic area," Coombe said. "We are thinking about installing an elevated deck in the future."

He also said that the top couple rows on the first base bleachers will be replaced with a deck area for spectators to stand and watch the field action.

Many funding sources contributed to the improvements. As much as \$15,000 was provided by the Ely Education Foundation. Another \$15,000 grant is coming from St. Louis County, while the Ely Baseball Association

donated \$5,000. ISD 696 committed \$3,000. Mesabi Bituminous provided blacktop and fencing, while Ely DQ kicked in \$4,000 for the tables and stools.

"Conservatively, I estimate we will have 400 to 600 people coming to town for the Legion tourney," Coombe said.

He also noted that the wheel chair access for fans has been greatly improved along the third base side of the field.

"This is a great deal for our school district," said board chair Ray Marsnik. "We own this facility yet we paid just \$3,000 for these upgrades. And this isn't the first time. There is new lighting there and the new score board."

Facilities upgrade project

With the transition to a new superintendent this summer, the school facility expansion and renovation project was put on the back burner, but planning still continues and discussion will resume at the board's July 22 study session.

Abrahamson said ARI will review with board members the final plans for the secured entrance project to connect the Industrial Arts building

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with the Washington and Memorial buildings. Approval and submission of the plans is required to use a \$500,000 state school safety grant for the project. "You have until 2022 to complete the project, so there is nothing saying you have to do something this summer or even next spring," Abrahamson said. "But in order to let bids, you need the final plans

Representatives from the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation will also attend the study session, to talk about school funding sources for the renovation project, estimated to cost between \$5 million and \$12 million.

Abrahamson noted that campus utilities relocation will be required for the project to move forward. "There may be some funding dollars available through the IRRR to relocate those utilities," he said.

The community survey regarding the facilities renovation project will also be discussed. Draft wording of the questions, to gauge the community's support of the project, could be finalized, however, no date to distribute the survey has been determined.

Other business

In other business, the board:

➤ Approved paying \$3,481 in dues and \$700 in policy services to the Minnesota School Boards Association for the 2019-2020 school year;

➤ Agreed to hire Max Gantt for the full-time physical education position for the 2019-2020 school year;

➤ Approved the bus maintenance diesel mechanic agreement for the 2019-2020 school year;

➤ Approved an online payment agreement with JMC Inc. to allow parents the option of paying for activities and lunch fees with a credit card.





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CITY OF TOWER

City hires attorney in probe of suspended city clerk

by JODI SUMMIT

Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- The investigation into suspended city clerk-treasurer Linda Keith is now underway. At Monday's city council meeting here, Mayor Orlyn Kringstad gave an update on the investigation being conducted by attorney Mitch Brunfelt.

The council voted to hire Brunfelt last month after suspending Keith with pay and he is now representing the city as the union process plays out. Keith, who is represented by the Teamsters, has filed at least three grievances, just prior to and since her suspension in late June.

At Brunfelt's recommendation, the council voted to authorize the Virginia-based attorney to be the city's point of contact with the union. Meanwhile, Brunfelt has launched a probe into a laundry list of allegations against Keith, some of which may be criminal. Kringstad said the investigation would include, among other things, looking into the "wanton destruction of city property," related to the city laptop that Keith says she destroyed.

Brunfelt will be at the July 22 council meeting to give an update in person, Kringstad said. Brunfelt also told Kringstad that he feels the investigation will be completed in less time than the city council allotted.

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office has completed its own investigation into allegations that Keith falsified city records as part of an effort to illegally oust Marshall Helmberger from the Tower Economic Development Authority.

The investigation is now under review by the county attorney's office, which is weighing possible criminal charges.

Harbor update

Harbor town home developer spokesperson Michael Wood told the council that they are making progress on the project, and are working on finalizing the CIC plat, which will still need to be approved by the city's planning and zoning com-

ittee.

"I do not think we will be building this year," Wood said, "but there is still a slight chance. It's encouraging that some of the details are being worked out."

Kringstad suggested there is renewed urgency for progress on the town home project. He said there is a possibility that the city may qualify for IRRR grant dollars for the city's share of the Pine Street infrastructure if the town home developers can sign at least one purchase agreement this year, even if construction can't start this year.

The IRRR funds could then be used as the city's \$190,000 match on the project since the reconstruction project would include the road changes and utilities necessary to develop the first unit of six town homes.

SEH engineer Matt Bolf reported that two of the three outstanding plat issues should be wrapped up within a week. The final issue is regarding a city limits boundary issue that Keith was supposed to have been working on with a state agency. But city officials could find no evidence that any progress had been made, so interim clerk-treasurer Ann Lamppa said she will begin to work on the process.

Fourth of July

Kringstad gave a shout out to the city maintenance crew and Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board members for all the work done for this year's Fourth of July celebration.

"I want to state how proud I am of the maintenance staff," he said, noting how quickly they were able to get Main Street cleaned up after the big celebration.

Kringstad also singled out the events board committee

"They deserve a huge round of applause and thank you for a job well done," he said.

The city did receive one complaint on the event, regarding the sawdust scramble pile on the street in front of the clinic. Clinic staff contacted the city noting they had requested the sawdust not be put in the roadway until after the close of business the evening before, and then removed in the morning, so as not to block traffic going to the clinic. They requested better communication with the city next year, and perhaps moving the pile off the roadway.

Other business

In other business, the Tower City Council:

➤ Heard that Dave Rose was willing to give the city an easement on his East Two River property, at no cost, if it is needed to connect the new harbor trail to the Hoodoo Point bike trail.

➤ Heard from Airport Commission Chair John Burgess, who told the council that Ambulance Supervisor Steve Altenburg had approached him in a threatening manner after the June 10 meeting, stating he would be watching the airport budget and what goes on at the airport. Burgess said he felt Altenburg was trying to intimidate him. Burgess noted that the city levies \$8,000 for the airport, which is about 26-percent of the revenue that the airport generates for the city each year.

Kringstad suggested

Kringstad suggested that Altenburg make a response to the council, in writing, regarding the incident.

➤ Established a project committee which will meet with SEH engineers on a regular monthly basis to get updates on current projects and make decisions as needed. Bolf said with the number of open projects the city is managing right now, such a committee would be very helpful. The committee will include Kringstad, Councilor Steve Abrahamson, the interim city clerk-treasurer, someone from the city maintenance staff, and possibly a representative from the Tower Economic Development Authority.

➤ Heard that campground bookings are down about four percent from last year, but are still well up over two years ago. Campground Manager Randy Pratt said the biggest issue at the campground right now is vandalism in the bathrooms.

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has nearly completed the project. The city also owes SEH \$120,000 for engineering fees that were originally supposed to be included in the \$679,000 budget for the first phase. That leaves the project about \$150,000 over the anticipated budget.

But the bigger issue is the lack of an amendment authorizing substantial changes to the project, including the addition of decorative lighting, fencing, and a floating dock and boardwalk along the city's harbor.

The redirection of

funds towards harbor improvements came from funds that had been allocated for a half-mile long bituminous nature trail along the East Two River. City engineer Matt Bolf, of SEH, said the bituminous trail had met objections from wetland permitting agencies and so the city

had planned to construct a shorter connecting route to the Hoodoo Point bike trail as part of the second phase of the project.

Bolf said Keith had told him that the LCCMR had approved the change in plans in a phone call, but neither the city nor the LCCMR appears to have any documentation of such a call. "Hindsight 20-20, we don't have that in writing," said Bolf. "We were going to make that part of the 2017 project, but it's not well documented."

Larson said LCCMR staff was currently reviewing their files for any record of a conversation with Keith that might have authorized the change in plans. "An amendment would be necessary in either case," said Larson, who advised the council to ensure that future grants are processed according to the rules that apply.

"Going forward, all grant agreements need to be read front-to-back to understand how they should be administered, because the LCCMR grant was not administered well, or at all, on the financial side during the three years the city had the funds," said Larson.

Meanwhile, Larson said she is working to finalize the reporting for the first phase work on the LCCMR project and said the city won't know for sure if all of the work completed will be reimbursable until the LCCMR staff review the report. "It could be reimbursed up to \$679,000, but only if they agree to fund all the work," she said. The original grant request did not include such items as decorative lighting and fencing or the floating dock/boardwalk.

Larson also updated the council on a number of other city grant projects that had been left unfinished by Keith, including the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center, the Main Street project, marina demolition work, and the Lamppa Manufacturing building. "A lot of these contributed to the cash flow problem," said Larson, since in most cases the city had paid the bills but had not completed reporting needed to obtain reimbursement. Larson said she has since completed the reporting on those grants and that final funding on at least two of those projects, totaling between \$80,0000-\$100,000 has now been obtained by the city, with about another \$65,000 still expected.

Financial condition remains unclear

The recent grant reimbursements and other factors have boosted the

city's current cash balance to \$394,331 as of Monday. "That's up quite a bit from last month," said interim city clerk-treasurer Ann Lamppa during her financial report to the council. Lamppa said she has been working with Diane Meehan and Dan Schultz to review the city's financial transactions to better understand how the city's finances have been managed.

Of particular concern, said Lamppa, was the frequency of interfund transfers made by Keith over the past several months. Lamppa said she has already documented more than 40 interfund transfers between Jan. 1 of this year through mid-May and she has yet to complete her review through the date of Keith's suspension. "This is one place where mistakes have been made," said Lamppa, who added

that she could find no council authorization for any of the transfers, as is required.

To emphasize that point, Lamppa handed all the council members a copy of Chapter 25 from the League of Minnesota Cities Handbook, which details required and recommended financial practices for cities. On page six, the handbook states: "No interfund transfer should occur without council authorization by resolu-

Lamppa also stressed that the council needs to take its oversight role seriously. "Because we are so small, we don't have someone overseeing our work regularly," said Lamppa. "That is why the council needs to be overseeing it."

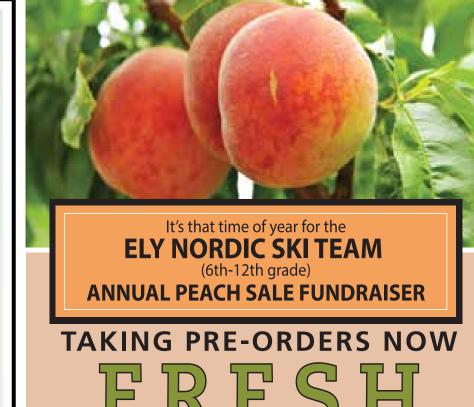


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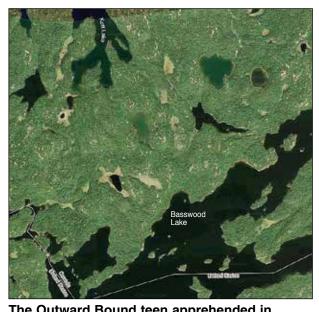
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a fruitless search of the area before alerting authorities to the young man's disappearance. The call initiated a substantial manhunt that ultimately involved the Lake County Sheriff's Office, the St. Louis County Rescue Squad, the Custom and Border Patrol, the U.S. Forest Service, the Minnesota State Patrol, and the Ontario Provincial Police along with other Canadian authorities. Just accessing the site was difficult, since the campsite was located about thirty miles by water from the nearest road access.

Based on a comment from the young man to another member of the group, the searchers initially focused their search efforts to the west but found no trace of the missing youth.

By the second day of the search, rescuers brought in more resources, including helicopters and planes, to expand the search area, establishing a number of grids in likely travel directions.



The Outward Bound teen apprehended in Quetico Provincial Park last Saturday was found on a small island on the Canadian side of Basswood Lake. He was reportedly headed on foot to Kett Lake, shown at the top of the map. submitted photo

On July 5, another member of the Outward Bound group revealed that the young man might be trying to make his way to Kett Lake, located north of Basswood in Quetico Provincial Park. According to the fellow camper, the young man

had indicated his intent to leave the camp at about 3 a.m., cross the Basswood River, and make his way on foot. He brought some basic supplies, including a life vest, maps and a compass, as well as the group's supply of iodine for treating drinking water.

The revelation drastically changed the direction of the search effort. Some of the rescuers did receive clearance to enter Canada to pursue the search, but soon opted to discontinue their efforts and handed off the search to Canadian authorities. By this time, according to Kurt Erickson, with the St. Louis County Rescue Squad, searchers had determined that the young man had left the group voluntarily and could well be hiding from searchers, making it virtually impossible to locate him in the vast, thickly-forested wilderness. At the same time, cell service and radio communications had become increasingly difficult, compoundinglogistical problems for the searchers. It was the Ontario

It was the Ontario Provincial Police who eventually located the young man, reportedly using infrared sensors from aircraft to search the vast area of forest. In the end, the young man never made it to Kett Lake, but was located on a small island in Basswood Lake, where his heat signature caught the attention of provincial authorities who were searching at the time. Given the size of the island, the Ontario searchers discounted the likelihood that the heat signature was from a bear or other large wild animal. With no tent or canoe visible, the authorities reportedly landed nearby and called the young man's name using a megaphone, which prompted him to appear out of the brush.

The young man was then apprehended and taken to Fort Frances, where he was handed over to his parents at the border sometime later. No word was available as of press time as to whether the young man will face charges in Canada for his illegal border crossing.

OutwardBoundissued a statement of thanks following the rescue of the young man.

"We are extremely

grateful to the Ontario Provincial Police for their extraordinary efforts in locating and returning a student who was missing for more than two days," stated Jack Lee, executive director at the Voyageurs Outward Bound School. "His family, and our entire staff and team are thrilled and relieved. I would also like to thank the St. Louis County Search and Rescue Team, the Lake County Sheriff's Office, Lake County Search and Rescue, the U.S. Border Patrol, Voyageur Outward Bound staff members and many capable volunteers who worked so hard to bring this situation to a close."

Erickson, from the rescue squad, said the Outward Bound staff proved to be highly professional and resourceful in the search effort. "They were great to work with," he said.

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necessary permits and licensing in place to begin the limited operation and all that is left is to figure out the logistics.

Last month, the company revealed that rebuilding was taking longer than expected after the costs of returning the store to Cook turned out to be much higher than expected. The company has no current timeline for when reconstruction of the former store might begin. The company has begun raising the necessary capital to complete the project.

Zupancich said he hopes the small temporary store will help alleviate some of the inconvenience for Cook area residents, who have been without a grocery store since the fire last year.

In the meantime, aside from the limited operation set to open, the city is planning to begin an infrastructure project to enhance access to water lines on the town's south side adding additional fire hydrants in the area around the Zup's property.

The IRRRB is providing a \$350,000 grant to the city to get the waterline project off the ground.

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rather tired Faith Mickle waits for the parade to end in Tower. **Above: Looking** for Bigfoot in the Crane Lake Parade. **Left: Shriners** raced up and down the streets in Tower and Ely on the Fourth.

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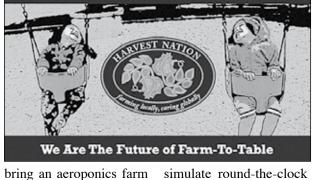
Plan to grow locally-produced crops on Lake Vermilion gets major grant from Blandin Foundation

by MARCUS WHITE

VERMILION RESERVATION - A major agriculture project here is one step closer to getting off the ground after receiving a \$35,000 Blandin Foundation grant to conduct a feasibility study over the next four

"We want to work directly with people and hear from them about what they want us to grow," Harvest Nation President Dani Pieratos said.

Harvest Nation is a family-owned and run project that is seeking to



to the Lake Vermilion Reservation. The ultimate goal is to have a 20,000 sq. ft. facility, but the company plans to start with a 900 sq. ft. pilot project.

Aeroponics is similar to aquaponics in that crops are grown indoors under specialized lights that simulate round-the-clock sunlight. Unlike aquaponics, which uses specialized tables that can be flooded with nutrients provided by fish, aeroponics uses misting and humidity to provide moisture and nutrients to plants.

So far, Pieratos said the company plans to grow a variety of vegetables including tomatoes and lettuce. The company also has access to non-GMO seed banks that date back to the 1700s for some unique heirloom varieties of vegetables. Pieratos said Harvest

Nation is currently looking at three channels of potential buyers in the region including individuals, restaurants, and public institutions such as schools and hospitals.

"If you get into a school you can get more into the surrounding community," she said. For commercial buyers, she adds, the project will be looking at community-supported agriculture programs where businesses can buy directly from growers.

As part of the study, Pieratos said they are not only going to look at what people are eating but their lifestyles in general when it comes to healthy activities and food consumption. They will be collect-

ing data from a series of public listening sessions in area towns including Tower, Cook, Virginia and Ely along with Bois Forte Band members at both the Vermilion and Nett Lake reservations.

While the dates for

the sessions are not set, Pieratos said they will have space in each session for six people to give feedback, with participants receiving a gift card from either Target or Visa for their participation. As part of the grant, Pieratos said the results of their study will be published and made public later in the fall. More information on

the project can be found at their website at www. harvestnationinc.com. To get your name

on the list for upcoming listening sessions, email Pieratos at dani@harvestnationinc.com or call 978-906-4070.

Economic development on the rise in Ely

Small Business Development Center reports increased activity

<u>by Keith Van</u>dervort

ELY - A surprising indicator from the Northeast Minnesota Small Business Development Center (SBDC) shows that for the first half of this year as many as 14 unique potential clients or existing entrepreneur contacts have been initiated within the city of Ely.

According to the organization's regional director, Elaine Hansen, just 11 such contacts were made here in all of 2018.

She presented the statistics to the Ely Economic Development Authority Tuesday night.

"This shows there are a lot more people thinking about a new business or existing business and seeking some form of assistance," she said.

The SBDC provides free consulting services to these entrepreneurs and small businesses, she said. A team of small business consultants, skilled in a variety of topics, helps entrepreneurs launch business ideas and helps established businesses improve existing processes or grow to the next level.

"From computer classes to in-depth workshops in supervisory and leadership skills, learners gain knowledge and skills necessary for business and career successes," Hansen said. "Our learning and talent development professionals also help organizations design customized training to meet employees' continuing education needs."

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contributes close to \$900 a year to support the efforts of the SBDC.

Hansen also noted that in the surrounding Ely area, including Isabella, Hoyt Lakes, Babbitt, Embarrass, Tower and Crane Lake, so far this year as many as 29 unique individuals or existing businesses have reached out to the SBDC for assistance. There were 25 such contacts in all of 2018.

"Most of the contacts have been from pre-venture or start-up businesses, that we define as a year old or less," she said. "I'm very pleased with the amount of activity we have had up here. This is an indication of your efforts in economic development in your community."

For the past 39 years, the SBDC has operated under the auspices of the University of Minnesota-Duluth Center for Economic Development. That sponsorship is about to change as the Northland Foundation has agreed to host the program.

Northland Foundation President Tony Sertich introduced himself to the EEDA and assured a seamless transition of the SBDC from UMD to his organization. "We jumped at this opportunity because we focus on economic

development," he said.

Final approval from the state will be made in early August. "We're fairly certain we will be approved as we were the only organization to apply," Sertich said.

Hansen will remain as a consultant to the Northland Foundation. "It is our intention to bring the whole SBDC staff with us, so hopefully communities like you who support us won't see any bumps in the road as we transition. We want to make this as seamless as possible as we move forward."

Sertich thanked the EEDA for their partnership with the SBDC. "All these partners make the SBDC work. It is you who are buying these services to potential and existing business owners. As you know, all of our services are provided free of charge, and this community is buying into that effort for anyone in your community," he said.

Ely Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langoswki noted the EEDA's outreach, especially the organization's new website, has helped with reaching out to the local business community and residents.

"One thing we see is that a lot of businesses or potential businesses struggle with formulating a business plan," Langowski said. "One thing that we are looking forward to is partnering with the (SBDC) in providing that assistance. This is a real opportunity for us as we move forward."

Ely economic development advisor John Fedo noted that he has experienced frustration from some potential entrepreneurs in dealing with slow response times for assistance. "We try to work in a timely manner. We have found that is less a case of giving them answers than providing the resources to answer their questions,"

Fedo praised the overall assistance from the SBDC in various financing packages he has been able to build for potential business owners. "We have done many financing packages with a variety of banks and organizations, and when that starts to move through, it impresses the new business owner as they get the results they seek."

EEDA member Paul Kess noted that the Ely community "is on the right track in partnering with the SBDC to increase our economic development."



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Lake Vermilion Trail fundraising, buy raffle tickets now

REGIONAL- The Lake Vermilion Trail Work Group is holding a raffle this summer to raise funds for trail development. The raffle was kicked off during Cook's Timber Days. The trail's work group members will also be selling tickets during Ely's Blueberry/Art Festival and other local events.

The grand prize is an adult Marin Larkspur bicycle donated by Marin, White Eagle Resort, and Mesabi Recreation. Other major prizes are a baby jogger donated by Broten Construction and two \$50 gift cards donated by Target. The numerous other prizes are listed below and will be updated on the trail's website and Facebook page.

Raffle tickets are only \$5 and will be available at local businesses and organizations from Tower to Cook to Ely. The businesses selling tickets are Broten Construction, Comet Theater, Cook's Country Connection, Country Store, Dream Weaver Spa and Salon, Ely Bike and Kicksled, JD Mills, Life Of Riley Resort, Mesabi Recreation, Montana Café, Moosebirds, North Star Credit Union, Northwoods Friends of the Arts (in July), Pehrson's Lodge, Pike Bay Lodge, Sulu's Espresso Café,

The drawing will be held on Friday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Northwoods Friends of the Arts in Cook. ReGen Northland is sponsoring the raffle.

Tower City Hall, Whispering Winds, and White

Eagle Resort.

Other prizes include a Sue Martin print donated by Northwoods Friends of the Arts, a framed watercolor donated by Sue Wolfe, a \$25 gift certificate to Sulu's Espresso Café, a \$25 gift card to Comet Theatre, breakfast for two at Life O'Riley's, a onenight stay at Hoodoo Point Campground, and a Natural Harvest gift basket.

More information about the Lake Vermilion Trail can be found on the website at www.lakevermiliontrail.org or the Facebook page.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Tower resident bicycles in his 20th Habitat 500

REGIONAL- "I feel like my participation in the Habitat 500 has helped to make the world a better place," says Brian Birk of Tower. When he and his son, Phillip, bicycled in their first Habitat 500 in 1999, they were the sole riders for their local Habitat organization in Virginia. Birk had just joined the board of directors and after riding in a few MS Society rides he decided to take on the Habitat 500. "We were the only riders from North St. Louis County Habitat for the first few years," says Birk, "so there was not a big financial impact. In the years since, more people from our area were recruited... the ride has been an excellent source of funds for North St. Louis County Habitat." In 2019, the North St. Louis County Habitat group will number almost twenty riders. "I look forward to spending a week with my son each year," says Birk, "and we both enjoy the people we have gotten to know on the ride over the years."

Since 1993, the Habitat 500 has sent cyclists across Minnesota and the surrounding Midwest each year. The ride raises funds and awareness to help Habitat for Humanity build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter. This year's 27th annual ride is from July 14 to July 19, starting in Hermantown with overnight stops in Hibbing and Aurora.

The Habitat 500 Bike Ride's dedicated riders, volunteers, and local towns support housing opportunities locally and globally. In 2018 alone, the Habitat 500 raised over \$300,000. This huge impact would not be possible without the dedication and support of Habitat 500 riders and volunteers, many of who, like Birk, have been participating in the



Brian Birk

ride for many years.

"My son and I both like to ride our bicycles and both believe in the mission of Habitat for Humanity," says Birk. The ride has connected more people than just riders with Habitat for Humanity. "There are a number of people who have sponsored me. If not for the Habitat 500 I would have probably never asked them to contribute to Habitat for Humanity," says Birk. "Habitat would have missed out on those contributions and they would have missed out on the opportunity to help someone obtain a simple, decent home."

This year's ride is a special one for Birk; not only will he celebrate his twentieth anniversary, but the ride location is close to home. "I grew up in Hoyt Lakes," says Birk. "I attended the high school in Aurora for a few years. I serve as a pastor of a church in Hibbing and another in Chisholm. This is my home territory.

There is even a chance that someone who knows me might drive by," he adds, "and toss me a tow rope from the back of their pickup." Overall, though, Birk looks forward to the ride each year no matter where it's located. "The people are the best part of the Habitat 500," he says. "I get to spend time with the riders, with the people who support the ride, and the people we come across along the way. I only spend one week a year with these people, but I've spent a week with some of them twenty times."

The Habitat 500 will continue supporting the mission of Habitat for Humanity around the state, country, and world through riders and volunteers like Brian Birk. "I feel like my participation in the Habitat 500 has helped to make the world a better place," said Birk.

For more information on how to get involved, please visit habitat 500. org.

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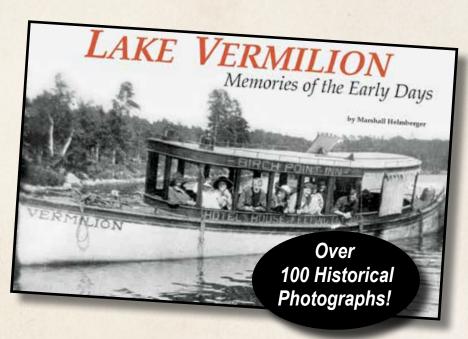
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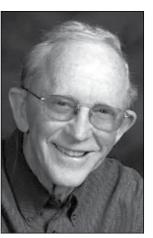


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Obituaries and Death Notices



Zimmerman

EarlJohnZimmerman, 86, of Tower, died on Saturday, July 6, 2019, from an accident. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 13 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower. A gathering time for family and friends will begin at 10 a.m. at the church.

Earl was born on Aug. 8, 1932, in Albany, Minn., to Joseph and Ursula Zimmerman. He retired in 1984 from Western Electric only to take on many construction projects for family, friends and his community. He built many Habitat for Humanity homes and was known as Mr. Habitat.

Earl loved to fish, and a highlight was that he caught a 32-inch walleye. He enjoyed dancing, being with his family, and traveling to visit friends.

Earl is survived and will be deeply missed by his loving wife of 66 years, Rosie; children, Janelle (Roger) Strate, Bob, Doug (Bridgette) and Greg (Jenny); 12 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sisters, Betty, Mae and Judy; brothers, Joe, Alvin and Jimmy; many nieces, nephews and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers, Ervin and Billy; granddaughter, Jaquline: and great-granddaughter, Madison.



Dale A. Lundblad

Dale Anderson Lundblad, 69, of Cook, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, June 28, 2019, at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, following a briefillness. A Celebration of Dale's Life will be held on Sunday, Aug. 11 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Voyageur Lodge at Camp Vermilion, located on Wakemup Bay of Lake Vermilion. Refreshments and a light lunch will be served. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers memorials to the W.C. Heiam Medical Foundation, Vermilion Lake Association or Sand Lake Shuffle.

Dale was born on May 7, 1950, in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of James A. and Joy (Angelberger) Lundblad. He grew up in Mentor, Ohio, and graduated from Mentor High School. He attended Ohio State University and grad-

uated with a Bachelor of Science degree in pre-med in 1972. In 1973 he moved to Minnesota to help his parents operate Little Sweden Resort on Lake Vermilion. As a young boy, Dale spent many summers working as a dock boy at the resort, which had been owned by his Aunt Helen and Uncle Gus Swanson from 1955 to 1973.

Dale and his brother Charlie co-owned a construction business, building and remodeling homes in the Lake Vermilion area prior to Dale joining B.I.C. Realty and becoming a full-time real estate agent in 1977. Since that time, Dale had successfully handled hundreds of real estate transactions, gaining a reputation as an honest, competent and effective professional, who was dedicated to protecting the interests of his clients. He enjoyed his work and was happy to help his clients fulfill their dreams of owning a recreational cabin on the lake or in the Northwoods. Many of them became lifelong friends.

Dale met the love of his life and best friend, Nan Green, in Ohio. Nan joined him in Minnesota in 1976 and they were married on May 2, 1980. In 1984, Dale was diagnosed with chronic kidney failure and needed a transplant. In November 1985 he received the "gift of life" from his brother Charlie who donated a kidney for Dale, which continued to function for the next 33

Dale was always willing to serve his comof the Cook Chamber of Commerce in his early years of doing business in Cook. He was past President and Director Emeritus of the Vermilion Lake Association (formerly the Sportsmen's Club of Lake Vermilion), having served as a board member since 1978. He and Nan volunteered for many of the association's projects over the years to protect Lake Vermilion's water quality, fishery and shoreland, and to promote sound conservation practices in the Lake Vermilion watershed. Dale and Nan were also among the original members of the Ashawa Trail Ski Club, which was organized in the early 1980s to build cross-country ski trails in the area near

munity. He was a member

Lake Vermilion. Dale had been the treasurer of the W.C. Heiam Medical Foundation since its creation in 1993. He strongly believed in the importance of supporting the Cook Hospital, the local medical clinics, and all medical services in the area. As members of the Cook Cancer Support Group, he and Nan participated in and raised money for the Sand Lake Shuffle for many years.

Dale, along with Nan, felt privileged to be able to live in the Northwoods in their cabin on Lake Vermilion, where they enjoyed many of their favorite recreational activities such as boating, canoeing, fishing, Boundary Waters canoe camping, bird and wildlife watching, hiking, cross-country skiing and back-country snowshoeing. Dale cherished the time he and Nan spent camping and picking blueberries at their boat-access property on Elbow Lake. He loved vegetable gardening and working in their yard at home. He and Nan also loved to travel and were fortunate to enjoy many trips all over the United States, as well as overseas to visit friends in Sweden. They made many trips to the annual EAA Airventure show in Oshkosh, Wis. But most of all he loved sharing all those activities with his loved ones and dear friends, who will forever miss his love, compassion, optimism, and wonderful

Dale is survived by his wife, Nan; sisters, Janice (David) Williams of Fairport Harbor, Ohio, and Joy Karin of Eastlake, Ohio: brother, Charlie of Cook; nephews, David (Lauren) Williams of Mentor, Ohio, and Charlie Lundblad of Grand Forks. N.D.; niece, Ashley (Jon) Bishop of St. Paul; two great-nephews and one great-niece; along with Nan's family and their friends.

sense of humor.

He was preceded in death by his father, James in 1996; mother, Joy in 2019; and nephew, Brandon Williams in 1999.

Adolph S. Levar Adolph S. Levar,

89, a proud U.S. Army veteran, passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2019, at the Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, July 12 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely with visitation being held one hour prior to the service at the church. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; daughter, Catherine Levar; granddaughter, Cecily Amrane; sister, Genevieve Miller; brother-in-law, Frank Shober; and many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Frank D. Kerntz Sr.

Frank Duane Kerntz Sr., 71, of Ely, passed away on Thursday, July 4, 2019, at the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, July 10 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by his wife, Rae Ann; son, Brian (Nicole) Kerntz; daughter, Deanna (Pete) Stingle; grandchildren, Olivia, Silas, Daxton and Brue; numerous nieces and nephews; cherished cousins; and very special sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law.

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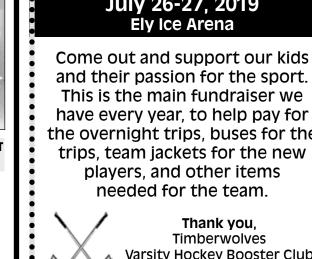


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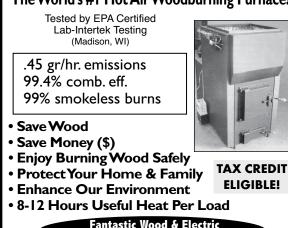
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Ninth Annual Iron Man Car Show set for Saturday, July 13 in Chisholm

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Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary offers special programming

ORR- The Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary in Orr, known for offering close viewing of black bears in their natural habitat, is open for the season.

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

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

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

Summer 2019 Programs

Breakfast with the Bears- 7 a.m. – 9 a.m., Aug. 6. Early morning light offers great opportunities for photos. Enjoy watching the bears from the safety and comfort of the viewing platform. Continental breakfast included.

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

Book Signing with Wildlife Photographer Stan Tekiela- Tuesday, Aug. 6 from 5 – 8 p.m. Wildlife photographer Stan Tekiela has authored more than 130 field and nature guides for nearly every state in the nation. Stan will be on hand for Breakfast with the Bears from 7 - 9 a.m. and again during visiting hours from 5 - 8 p.m.

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

ELY



Modern Dance and Hip Hop workshop held in Ely

Pictured are the participants in the Modern and Hip Hop Dance workshop with Instructor Darrius Strong from STRONGmovement held on Monday, July 8 in Ely. The workshop emphasized telling a story through movement and connecting with partners. This activity was made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund as well as a grant from the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust. submitted photo

ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM

New bookmobile whits the road

REGIONAL-Northeastern Minnesota residents may have noticed a new Bookmobile traveling on area highways. The new Arrowhead Library System (ALS) Bookmobile hit the road in June, just in time for this year's Summer Reading Program.

The ALS Governing Board awarded a bid to Farber Specialty Vehicles of Ohio in February 2018. The manufacture of the new vehicle was delayed by national backlogs of some parts but the creative Bookmobile staff was able to keep the old vehicle on the road a little longer than planned. The new vehicle features exterior graphics designed by ALS Graphic Artist Brian Minor and the graphics highlight scenes from northeastern Minnesota. Minor even donated one of his own scenic photos for the effort.

ALS has been providing Bookmobile service to northeastern Minnesota residents for nearly fifty years. The Bookmobile carries a collection of books, DVDs, books-on-CD, music CDs, and video



The Bookmobile visits over 60 area locations on a tri-weekly schedule. To locate the nearest stops, you can contact the ALS Bookmobile service

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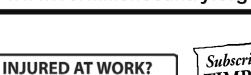
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INTRODUCING KIDS TO NATURE

DNR offers tips for engaging young people in the outdoors

REGIONAL—Looking for a way to get your kids off their smartphones and spending time in the outdoors? It can be a challenge these days, but the Department of Natural Resources has some potential ideas for exposing young people to experiences in nature. Here are just a few:

Take the kids camping

With 75 state parks and recreation areas, there are almost 5,000 campsites across Minnesota offering every type

of adventure for families.

There are a number of resources on the DNR website to make it easier for everyone to get out and camp. "You'll find a helpful parenting guide for how to camp with kids, a camping checklist, and an events calendar that highlights all the free, fun naturalist programs that are happening all summer long," according to Erika Rivers, Director of Minnesota Parks and Trails division.

Get more information at mndnr. gov/state_parks/stay_overnight.

Right: Getting the family out fishing together is a great way to introduce children to nature.

Give the canoe or kavak a spin

Minnesota has 35 state water trails that offer great paddling adventures - from easy day trips to overnight canoe-camping trips to challenging whitewater trips.

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Minnesota's spectacular state flower is still in bloom across much of our region. This is normally a late June wildflower in our area, but the late start to the season delayed the bloom by about a week to ten days.

The Showy Ladyslipper, Cypripedium reginae, can be found just about anywhere in our region, but shows a definite preference for damp and shady locations. The most reliable showy ladyslippers are found north of Orr, along Hwy. 53 and some of the area side roads. Along the highway, they can often be found growing in open grassy areas.

They typically grow in small clumps, with the blossoms near the top of a stem that can reach as much as two feet high.



Ely area

The holiday weekend turn out of anglers was the largest since fishing opener, and reports of walleye catches were impressive, both for size and number. Quite a few reported success with crank baits, which allow you to cover a considerable amount of the lake in the shortest amount of time, and this was key in locating the depth at which the fish were holding. Early and late in the day. one needs to work the shallows as this is where the walleyes travel to seek their prey during low light conditions. That is not to say that these fish leave the shallows during midday. Some will continue to feed there as long as the food source remains viable. Some walleyes were being caught during the day in as little as five feet of water. Tip a spinner rig with a crawler or a leech, and you can expect similar results. This method can also be the key when working a mud or sand flat. Many of the surrounding lakes have very rocky bottoms, but the majority of food sources will be found on soft bottoms. The insects and invertebrates continually rise from the silt, and this is where the smaller bait fish will be found. Find the bait, find the fish.

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

Don't overlook mid-lake humps

or reefs though, as these can also

be places of refuge for forage fish

that find concealment there when

surrounded by featureless flats.

This might be the perfect place to

either vertical jig or slip bobber



NOISY NEIGHBORS

Feeding feisty flickers

Insistent young ones are another reminder that being a bird parent is hard work

eing a good parent is hard work. Just ask the pair of northern flickers who recently raised a nest full of young ones in a quaking aspen near our house. As with young humans, a newly-hatched flicker chick isn't too much trouble. Like most baby birds, flickers are born naked and pink with their eyes closed. They know instinctively to open their mouths when mom or dad arrives with a mouthful of chow, and it takes them several days before they become truly insistent about it.

But give them a couple weeks to grow and watch out. By then,

they're literally climbing the walls (of their nest cavity, that is) as they jockey with their nest mates over who will get the lion's share from mom's or dad's most recent visit.

It's actually a remarkable transformation, from egg to nearly full-grown bird in a matter of just six weeks. Flickers incubate their eggs for about 12 days, give or take, and

within three and a half weeks of hatching, they're virtually spilling out of the nest. Which makes sense considering that a flicker might lay as many as six eggs. There might be room enough for that in the cramped confines of a seven-inch diameter nest cavity, but by the time the young birds are close to fledging, it's got to be a tight squeeze in there.

And it's not like they have other diversions to take their minds Above: A momma flicker is accosted by demanding kids expecting a mouthful.

Right:

MARSHALL

HELMBERGER

Young flickers remain on constant lookout for signs of an approaching next meal.

photos by M. Helmberger

off of their primary objective, which is to demand as much food from mom and dad as possible. As they near full size, they jockey for a view from the nest opening, watching almost continuously and calling out for their next meal.

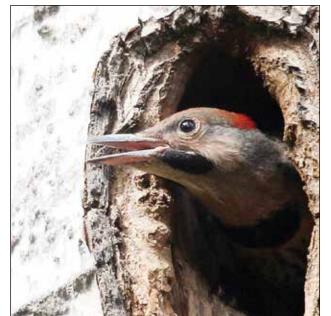
And when mom or dad shows up, it's bedlam, as the young birds practically spill out the hole, mouths agape.

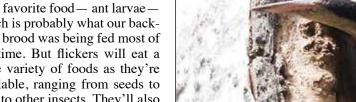
While flickers are technically a woodpecker, they don't feed like most other woodpeckers. You'll rarely find them excavating a hole or flaking bark off a tree in search of beetle grubs. Instead, they feed

mostly on the ground, where they will excavate at times in search of their favorite food— ant larvae which is probably what our backyard brood was being fed most of the time. But flickers will eat a wide variety of foods as they're available, ranging from seeds to nuts to other insects. They'll also eat sunflower seeds although they rarely make appearances at bird

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PAN FISH

DNR urges anglers to

release large sunfish

July 12, 2019 **7B**

from NOAA weather

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

Monday

Tuesday

REGIONAL -Sunfish are the most popular and most widespread fish caught by anglers in Minnesota. To protect big sunfish and avoid stunted populations of sunfish, the DNR is encouraging anglers to release large sunfish, and keep smaller fish for eating.

Sunfish spawn in large nesting colonies during the spring and early summer. Parental male sunfish build and defend nests. Females will select a male, lay eggs, and leave them for the male to protect and fan with his fins. These nest-building male sunfish play an important role



in repopulation with the largest sunfish often getting the best spawning sites.

When anglers keep only the largest sunfish, which are usually males guarding nests, the remaining small males don't need to compete with larger males to spawn. Instead of growing, the small males devote their energy to spawning at younger ages and smaller sizes.

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feeders.

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From my experience, they tend to be quite wary, so this is one species I had experienced difficulty trying to photograph for years. Their decision to nest less than a stone's throw from the house, helped some, but this nest was probably 20 feet in the air, so I donned my camo and used a ladder to position myself high enough to peer up through the thick dogwood underbrush with my camera directed at the nest hole. Then it was just a waiting game. The photo on the previous page is of the female flicker at the hole. The males in the eastern half of the U.S. sport a prominent black whisker, that starts at the base of their bill, which

That's an unusual difference, that would normally indicate two different species. In fact, the two varieties were considered separate for many years, which allowed bird listers to claim both the yellow-shafted (eastern variety with yellow wing and tail undersides) and the red-shafted flicker found from the Rockies west. But the two species hybridized just east of the Rockies (creating an orange-shafted variety), which prompted ornithologists to lump all three varieties under the single species name, northern flicker.

Flickers remain fairly common although their overall population has declined by nearly half in recent decades, which is true of many bird species, most likely due to habitat loss and the collective impacts of window strikes, roaming domestic cats, cell phone towers and the like.

There are many perils that did not exist in the past for our birds, and few seem to be benefitting from life in the modern age. Add in climate change, and the future for many bird species appears fraught.

But it's nice, on occasion, to put aside those concerns, and enjoy what we have here right in front of us. Like a nestful of boisterous flickers, ready to take on the world.

Fishing reports

Kab-Nam area

Reefs are still producing well but using Lindys and spinners seems to be your best bet. Leeches, crawlers and minnows are all working with the aforementioned a little better. Try trolling at different speeds until you find one that works. A run and gun approach is key here checking depths from 15'-30'. Using your sonar, keep working different reefs until you find active fish. If you are marking and they aren't biting, move on. Come back later, as at some point as they will get hungry. You will also want to try weed lines using the same technique. With the significant mayfly hatch presently happening more fish are relating to soft bottom areas and sand flats.

ners is also working in these areas. One trick to try that is overlooked considerably is casting Rapala jigging raps or something similiar. Make sure you have braided line as you don't want any stretch to occur. Work soft bottom areas by casting in a spider web approach around the boat. Aggressively pop your lure back to the boat making sure you are right on the bottom with the drop. In recent trips this has put more fish in the boat than any other approach I have tried. It is extremely effective right now as you are attempting to trigger a bite with reaction rather than letting them think about it. Give it a try and I think you will be pleasantly surprised.

Courtesy Gateway Store, Lake Kabetogama.

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"When the heat turns up, you'll want to get out on the water," Rivers said. "If you don't own paddling equipment, don't worry - we've got you covered."

Rental equipment is available at many state parks and recreation areas across the state. The DNR's website also provides a list of outfitters that can help people plan and equip for the perfect paddle trip on any of the state water trails. Visitor safety is the DNR's highest priority, so people should make sure to always wear a life jacket and check river levels before hitting the water. For more, see mndnr. gov/watertrails.

Get the bike out

Minnesota has one of the most extensive state bike trail systems in the country, with 25 state trails reaching more than 1,300 miles. "Depending on what type of adventure you're looking for, we have the trail for you," Rivers said. "Our start-up guide helps you determine which trails best meet your needs - whether you're looking for a kid-friendly ride or a more rugged, backcountry adventure."

Go to mndnr.gov/state_ trails for more information.

Tune up the ATV

There are hundreds of miles of off-highway vehicle (OHV) trail miles to enjoy in Minnesota's state forests, and thousands of miles of volunteer-maintained trails throughout the state.

"If you're looking to cover a lot of ground deep in Minnesota forestlands, exploring by OHV is a great way to go," Rivers said. "We're in the process of updating all our state forest maps, so you can even download a map to your mobile device and track your trip as you go."

"Minnesota state parks and trails are for everyone to enjoy," said Rivers. "So get outdoors today and enjoy some quality time with family and friends this summer!"



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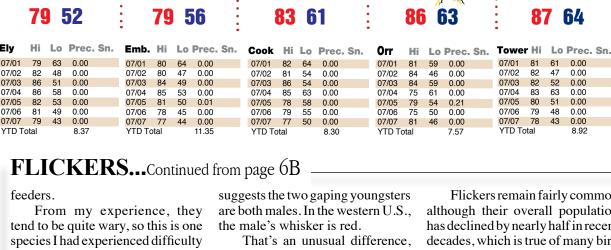
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Leave No Trace from 1-2:30 p.m.: Come learn about the principles of Leave No Trace, and help us by joining in preserving nature for future generations. The program will be held at the picnic shelter near the beach area. All ages welcome. It does take place outdoors, so dress for

Archery from 4-7 p.m.:

Want to learn the basics of using a bow and arrows? Maybe you just want to practice your skills. Come join us and learn, or practice, in a safe learning environment. Archery will be held at the beach area of Bear Head Lake State Park. Program is suitable for ages 8 and older. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. All equipment is provided. The program is held outside, so dress appropriately for the weather.

Friday, July 19 **Orienteering** from 1-2:30 p.m.: Come learn how to navigate the north woods using a traditional map and compass. The program will teach the basics of map reading, and how to use a compass and protractor for navigation. All equipment is provided, but feel free to bring your own compass if you have

one. The program will be held at the picnic shelter on the beach. The shelter is covered, but dress for the weather.

Lake Vermilion Soudan Underground Mine Park upcoming programs

Saturday, July 13 Rediscover Lake Vermilion by Pontoon from 9-11 a.m.: Join our naturalists as we venture onto Lake Vermilion for a pontoon boat ride. While on the ride we will search for wildlife, learn some history of the lake, and conduct a variety of water quality experiments to determine the lake's health. Space is limited, so registration is required. Call the park at 218-300-7000 to register for this program. Participants will

want to bring sunscreen, water and snacks and dress appropriately for being on the water. The program will be canceled if there is inclement weather.

Thursday, July 18

Rodents of Minnesota from 9-10 a.m.: Come learn about the different species of rodents in Minnesota. We will talk about the skulls, furs and tracks of some of the members of the rodent family that reside in Minnesota. The program will be held at the information kiosk near the bath house. The kiosk is outside, so dress for the weather.

Nature Walk from 10:30-11:30 a.m.: Come with us as we explore the West Tower Mine Trail. This short trail has a variety of flora and fauna throughout the hike, ending with a breathtaking view of one of the former mine

pits. The group will meet at the picnic shelter on the north side of the mine parking lot. Dress for the weather.

Archery from 1-3:30 p.m.: Want to learn the basics of using a bow and arrows? Maybe you just want to practice your skills. Come join us and learn, or practice, in a safe learning environment. Archery will be held near the park office. Program is suitable for ages 8 and older. Youth must be accompanied by an adult. All equipment is provided. The program is held outside so dress appropriately.

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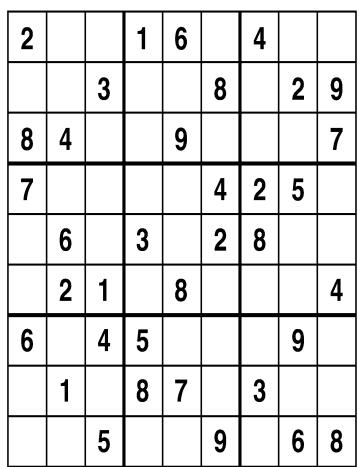
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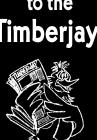
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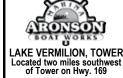
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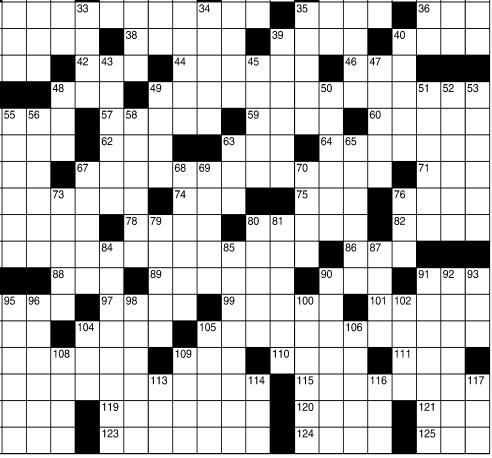
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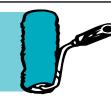
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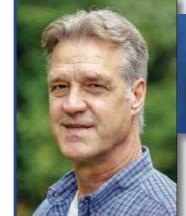
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