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PUBLIC SAFETY

Burglary spree shakes Pelican Lake area

Residents consider neighborhood watch effort in response

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

PELICAN LAKE— For most residents here, a sense of security is an important part of their quality of life in the

North Country. Which is why a growing number of them are looking for solutions to a rash of home burglaries and thefts that have shaken their longstanding feelings of safety.
“It’s just getting out of

control,” said Mary Gabrielson, who along with her husband Nels, recently lost two new doors that they had purchased to hang on a workshop that they have been building. They set the doors inside the unfinished building on

a Friday night with the intent of hanging them the next morning. But when they showed up early on Saturday, both doors, with an estimated value of about \$350,

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Toby Lund, left, and Justin Francke are now jailed for burglary.

HUMAN RIGHTS



Lights for Liberty

Ely event draws attention to plight of migrants

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - Nearly 100 people gathered at Ely’s Whiteside Park last Friday to participate in “Lights for Liberty: A Vigil to End Human Concentration Camps.”
Lights for Liberty candlelight vigils were held in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, at least 20 countries besides the U.S., and online.

Ely-area residents gathered in Whiteside Park last Friday to join a worldwide effort to focus on the plight of migrants at the southern U.S. border. submitted photos

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Ely was among a dozen Minnesota locations to host such an event.
Heidi Mann spearheaded the local gathering. “My heart has been very heavy for the migrants, especially the children, detained in

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TIMBERJAY NEWSPAPERS

New editor takes over for Cook and Orr

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook/Orr Editor

TOWER – A new Cook-Orr editor began reporting for the *Timberjay* this week. Crystal Dey is taking the helm for the newspaper’s coverage in the area with the departure of Marcus White, who is leaving the paper to teach and study at the University of Iowa.

Dey, a Hibbing native, has

worked at newspapers across the country including The *Tampa Tribune* in Florida and the *West Hartford News* in Hartford, Connecticut. Closer to home, she reported for the *Echo Press* in Alexandria, the *Bemidji Pioneer*, and the *Hibbing Daily Tribune*.
While at the *Pioneer*, Dey worked to expand the newspaper’s coverage of tribal relations in both

Leech Lake and Red Lake. Her work earned awards from the Minnesota Newspaper Association for reporting on breaking news and social issues.
“We’re excited to have Crystal on board and are looking forward to adding her skills to our already-experienced lineup of reporters and editors,” said *Timberjay* Publisher Marshall Helmberger.

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Crystal Dey is the new Cook-Orr editor for the *Timberjay*. photo by J. Summit

ELY-BLOOMENSON

Home health care service will end soon

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY–TheEly-BloomensonCommunity Hospital’s decision to exit the home health medical care business is effective at the end of the month. What that decision means for patients in the Ely area isn’t entirely clear.
Ely-Bloomenson CEO Michael Coyle argues that home health services are not leaving Ely. “Spectrum Health will continue to provide home health care in Ely, just as they have for the last several years,” Coyle said.
Some in the community are questioning whether Spectrum will be able to provide the same level of care as Ely-Bloomenson has offered and Spectrum officials did not return several phone messages from the *Timberjay* seeking comment for this story.
Percy White, a retired nursing professional who worked for 40 years in various capacities, including home health care, at EBCH said this week that she is “extremely unhappy” with the decision by hospital administration to end the home health service at the end of July.

She reached out to the *Timberjay* to comment following a discussion on the issue at an EBCH community forum held in Tower on June 27.
“I have been retired for 10 years now, and even back then, I could see that hospital stays were getting shorter and shorter. Home health care is needed now more than ever because people are getting sent home sooner,” she said.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Ruby's Pantry, July 27

BABBITT- Ruby's Pantry food distribution will be held at the Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Drive in Babbitt, on Saturday, July 27 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Ruby's Pantry is a monthly food distribution program that helps to keep consumable food out of landfills. For a \$20 cash donation, guests receive two baskets of food that can include meat, vegetables, bread, paper products, and other items. Participants must bring their own bags or baskets. This event is sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church. For more information, see www.rubyspantry.org.

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.

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 the menu.

Following lunch, they will attend the movie "Mamma 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 23.

Vermilion Dream Quilters meet Aug. 1

TOWER- Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet Thursday, Aug. 1 beginning at 3:30 p.m., for our annual picnic at the Greenwood Town Hall, 3000 Highway 77, with outdoor pavilion and the indoor meeting spaces available, plus bocce courts and ball sets. If the tennis/pickle ball courts are not being used by Greenwood residents we can use those also. Susan Ellis will bring pickle ball equipment and share instruction for anyone interested. Parking is available in the lower lot between the pavilion and the town hall.

This is a true potluck – no sign-up – just bring what you like to do best and we'll begin dinner at 6 p.m. The guild will provide paper products, utensils, table covers, bottled water, and lemonade. Corrine Hill and Kathy Lovgren are coordinating; contact them if you have questions.

Brown Bag Challenge #3 is due if you are participating – hot pads and/or pot holders – two items of any combination. If you have a Pillow Cases for Veterans in Hospice kit, please complete it and bring Aug. 1. Check the June or July meeting minutes for a link on the method to make these. Last but not least, please bring your Show and Tell to share; we always like to see what you are doing.

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

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FORTUNE BAY RESORT CASINO

Professional wrestling on stage at Fortune Bay on Sunday, July 28

TOWER— Sammy Richter didn't know what to expect when he broached the subject of bringing professional wrestling to Fortune Bay Resort Casino.

After all, Fortune Bay was synonymous with bringing outdoor concerts to the area and professional wrestling was never really considered.

However, that all changed in the summer of 2018 when Richter got the approval to bring Fortunebaynia to the big stage. The success of that inaugural event has led to Fortunebaynia2, which Richter promises to be even better than the original.

Some of the star power signed on to play a part in the festivities includes Sting, Booker T, Ultimo Dragon, Super Crazy, Honky Tonk Man, Demolition, Air Wolf and King Leonidas. Everyone's favorite villain Jimmy "The Mouth from the South" Hart will also be part of the show as will Minnesota's very own Madusa. There will be many top-notch wrestlers from the Midwest taking the ring once the bell is rung Sunday, July 28 at 5 p.m.

"Ticket sales have been going very well," said Richter, who is the entertainment and promotions manager for Fortune Bay. "We sold out the first two rows in four minutes and all of the main floor seating within a couple of days."

To date, Richter said just over 600 tickets have been sold for the outdoor show, which will be held rain or shine.

"I'd like to get to 800 tickets with 1,000 being the ceiling," said Richter, who added that all ticket sales are final. "We will have bleachers set up for general admission, but a general admission ticket does not guarantee you a seat."

In other words, if you are a



Sammy Richter can't wait for Fortunebaynia 2. submitted photo

general admission ticket holder, make sure to get there when the gates open at 4:30 p.m. There will be plenty of food and beverage available for purchase so please leave your coolers at home.

"A new twist this year will be a Q and A session in The Woodlands Ballroom the night prior to the event," said Richter. "Guests who

bought a seat in the front two rows will get in free and all others can get in for \$10 at the door."

Richter said the Q and A will last for two hours and he anticipates many great wrestling stories to be told during the session.

Nature Nights hosts 'spider man'

ELY – Naturalist Glavis Edwards will make a trip from Florida to Ely next week. Like other researchers who study the natural world and share their knowledge, Edwards brings information and experience seldom available to the Ely Field Naturalists.

He recently retired after 37 years as curator of arachnids and myriapods (spiders, millipedes, centipedes) at the Florida State Collection of Arthropods.



A jumping spider. submitted photo

"While he is here to acquire a large local collection to take back to Florida, Edwards will present some stories about his special research subjects, the

jumping spiders, and answer spider questions," said Bill Tefft, EFN organizer.

The Ely Field Naturalists will gather for Nature Nights in Classroom CL104 in Vermilion Community

College at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 24.

One of the most knowledgeable arachnologists in the country just

moved from Tower to Arizona and his valuable collection of spiders and other arthropods will be loaded and delivered to the internationally-known Florida Collection, Tefft said. The Florida State Collection of Arthropods is one of the top ten arthropod collections in this country.

In addition to the evening program, the Field Naturalists are inviting anyone to examine the collection with Edwards, visit, and join him in loading it from 9:30 a.m. to noon on Wednesday, July 24 at 1224 Birch Street in Tower.

Parents are welcome to bring their children to see the insect and spider collections and explore the area around David Bixler's home for some "bug" catching and viewing of spiders or other small animals under a magnifier or microscope.

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CITY OF ELY

Hefty fines imposed on blighted property owners

City council hopes to boost pace of improvements at W. Shagawa Road residence

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY—City council members here appear fed up with the slow pace of progress on a laundry list of blight conditions at 21 W. Shagawa Road. They voted Tuesday night to fine the property owners, Brian and Michele Sherwood, \$100 per week for each of four exterior improvement items ordered by the city. The fine will be imposed until the work is completed to the satisfaction of the city's building inspector.

The clock starts ticking this week on what could amount to a \$400 weekly fine. According to the city's building official, Doug Whitney, the original deadline given to the Sherwoods was Dec. 1, 2016.

"As you can see from my

report, some items have been worked on by Mr. Sherwood, but many items are still not done," Whitney said. He noted that the front porch has not been removed or repaired to ensure access to the dwelling is code compliant.

"The flooring on the porch is rotted and kind of perched up with some cinder blocks," he said. "Also there are patches of siding still missing." He also said the side porch was removed and replaced with a deck, but a railing is still not in place.

In addition, the Sherwoods did install a new roof on their garage and paint the structure as well, although not without incurring additional infractions. "There was no building permit obtained for that work, despite our agreement to waive the fee for Mr. Sherwood," said Whitney.

Right: The owners of this blighted residence at 21 W. Shagawa Road are now being fined for failure to respond in a timely way to orders by the city to improve their property.

K. Vandervort

The entire roofing structure, according to the report, must be completely code compliant, including the soffits and fascia.

"This has been going on for over two years now," Whitney said. In his summary, dated July 11, 2019, Whitney wrote, "The blight or blighting factors create an unreasonable danger to public health, safety and welfare. Portions of the building remain unfit to the neighborhood. The property is occupied but the owner has not completed the repairs to be made."

The Sherwoods did not



attend the meeting.

Mayor Chuck Novak asked Whitney for a recommendation. "We never imposed any fines on this property. That would probably be the proper thing to do."

Novak then asked for the council to weigh in on the matter. Heidi Omerza made a motion to initiate fines on the property

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GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

Board approves broadband donation on divided vote

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- On a 3-2 vote, the town board here, at their July 9 meeting, approved a \$1,000 donation to the Blandin Broadband Committee, to help fund a broadband feasibility study for the region.

"This is the infancy of a utility," said Supervisor Mike Ralston, who put the motion on the floor. He found support from fellow supervisors Larry Tahija and Byron Beihoffer, while Carmen DeLuca and Paul Skubic voted against.

The board had earlier let a

motion by Ralston to submit a grant proposal for \$5,000 for a community computer access station die for lack of a second.

The broadband study will look at the feasibility of bringing different types of broadband access to the area. Once the study is completed, the group will look for internet service companies interested in servicing the area. They can then apply for state and federal grants to help offset the cost of installing the services in individual homes and businesses.

"Federal grants will fund so much of the cost of installing the infrastructure," said trea-

surer Pam Rodgers, who noted that fiber optic cable is already installed in many parts of the township.

"If we don't get on board with broadband, we are really underserving our taxpayers," said Skubic, who went on to vote against the motion. "We have the third largest tax base in St. Louis County. If we don't bring in these fiber speeds, we are not serving our taxpayers."

Rodgers noted that people looking to buy property now frequently inquire about the level of internet service available.

"Broadband is now considered to be basic infrastructure,"

said John Bassing, a member of the broadband committee. "Just like electricity was in the days of the REA [Rural Electric Administration]. It's a joint public/private partnership."

Bassing noted that high-speed internet is needed for education, business, health, and public safety, not just for entertainment. He told the board that United Health recently shuttered their physical call center in International Falls, allowing their local employees to work from home.

"We need proper connectivity and high-speed internet so people in Greenwood can work

at home in these kinds of jobs," he said.

The board noted this shouldn't be compared to the standard \$100 donation the township typically awards to various groups upon request.

Bassing said the Blandin group is hoping to have broadband installations beginning in 2021. The project involves many small cities and townships in the region.

Bassing told the board that Vermilion Lake Township, with far less property value than Greenwood, had donated \$500

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Editorial

Cruelty at the border

America can't ignore inhumanity
in the treatment of refugees

Can intentional cruelty to fellow human beings qualify as legitimate U.S. policy? The answer appears to be yes, at least to the Trump administration and its supporters. The recent stories and video from detention centers on the U.S. border show conditions that are unimaginable for any country that purports to have any sense of humanity.

Most of us would be shocked to see livestock held in such horrific circumstances, packed into stench-filled cages, in unbearable heat, unable to sit or lie down on anything other than a concrete floor—denied showers or basic hygiene for weeks or even months on end.

But it isn't livestock forced to suffer months of detention in such conditions. It is poor men, women, and children who President Trump seeks to dehumanize to win points with his political base. He believes such cruelty will impress his base and help pave his path to re-election. Instead, he's leading all of us down the slippery slope to hell. The only question is whether Americans have grown so immune to the depravity of the current occupant of the White House that we allow such inhumanity to continue.

Let's be perfectly clear—the Trump administration has suggested that such brutality is part of a strategy, meant to discourage desperate families fleeing deadly violence in Central America in hopes of a better life north of the border. As policy, it's fiction on multiple fronts.

For one, the people streaming from Central America, in most cases, know little about what kind of conditions they're likely to face when and if they ever reach the U.S. border. And even if they did understand the brutality they could face in the U.S., these are desperate people facing conditions in their home countries that are as dangerous as in any war zone. Many are legitimate refugees caught between the imminent dangers they face at home from violent gangs and corrupt governments

and the inhumanity they face should they reach America.

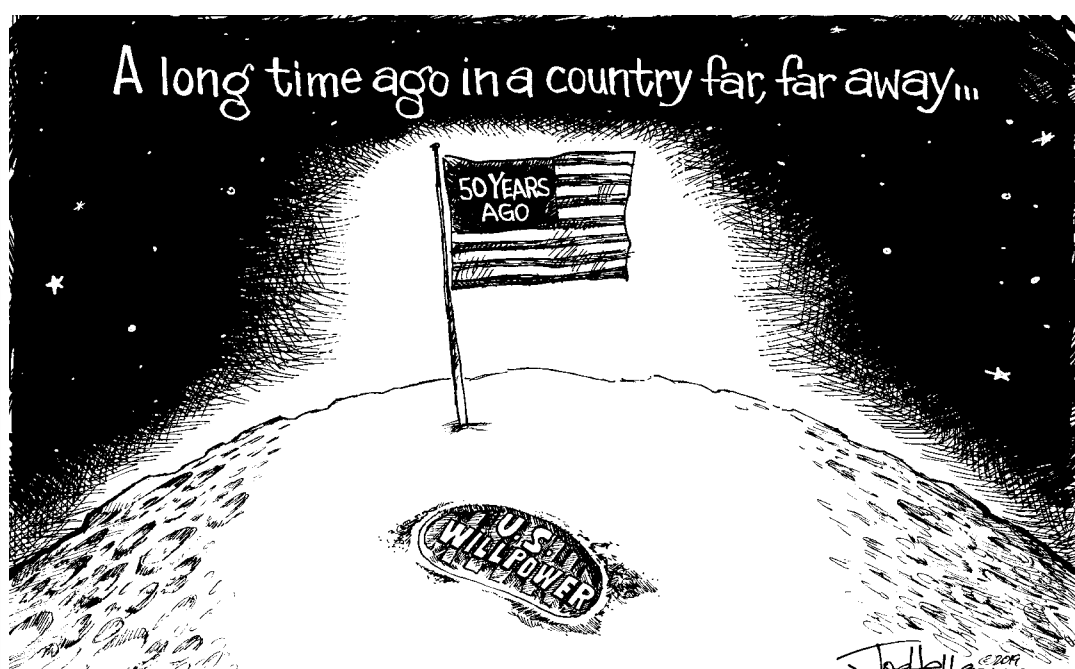
As policy, it's entirely ineffective, as the increase in the flow of refugees over the past year attests.

Sadly, it's likely the policy was never intended to stanch the flow of refugees, but is more an effort to placate the most angry and xenophobic Trump supporters, who have been disappointed with the president's inability to build a wall at the southern border. Reports and images of the conditions in these American detention facilities may well sicken most Americans, but they no doubt thrill some of the most mean-spirited among Trump's base.

It was the same with Trump's announcement of federal raids on undocumented residents in several major cities last weekend. No one in their right mind announces a law enforcement action like that ahead of time, since it reduces its effectiveness while increasing the risks to law enforcement personnel. To Trump, it's all just political theater, designed to make it appear he's taking action on an issue important to his supporters. It's just one more episode of the ongoing reality TV show known as "The Trump Administration," with the carnival-barker-in-chief providing the color commentary. In the end, the raids never materialized.

It's far too easy for us to ignore the plight of those fleeing violence in Central America, or to comfort ourselves with the notion that somehow their own poor choices have left them in such circumstances. Yet these are people who had no choice about their countries of origin and have little to say about the structural violence they face day-to-day in their communities.

For those poor Central Americans, caught up in the awful reality of Trump's political games, life is almost unbearable. We ignore their plight to our everlasting shame.



Letters from Readers

Sanders still the best on health care

Last week's *Timberjay* editorial, "Medicare for All" nicely explained the obvious advantages for America to adopt "Medicare for All" as our national health care plan. It also explained how and why (greed) the insurance conglomerates, etc. are doing their best to maintain a cash cow by sowing fear and misinformation.

Senator Bernie Sanders is still the strongest and clearest candidate on the health care issue. He favors, and has introduced, legislation to switch America to "Medicare for All". No other candidate has a viable plan. No one can match "Medicare for All" for proven viability.

**Lee Peterson
Greenwood Twp.**

Can you show me a healthy mining town?

The July 12 *Timberjay* article, Ely's Rom Gives Update On "Campaign" To Local Crowd, reported that there were mining promoters in Ely who found the energy to badger Rom one more time. I'm a little disappointed that none of those mining promoters have found the energy to produce the list of thriving mining communities that I've requested many times.

If mining produced economically thriving communities, we should have hundreds of them in the United States. I'd be satisfied with a list of a dozen that we could use as models for projects being promoted in Minnesota. Not one or two Potemkin villages but a dozen or so that demonstrate real long-term prosperity. Instead of promoting sulfide mining our Iron Range mayors should be promoting their communities.

It's difficult to puzzle out why mining economies like Virginia's have higher poverty and lower quality of life but I've heard that there are mining employees in Ely who would rather commute a million miles than make a common sense move to a mining town near their jobs. It's difficult to argue

with people who vote with their odometers.

For a visual reminder of the difference between Virginia and Ely, drive past the old movie theater marquees on the main drag. Ely's marquee is a shining welcome to visitors. Virginia's is a shabby symbol of a community in decline.

**Bob Tammen
Soudan**

Stay the course for new era of mining

In recent weeks, there has been an all-out assault by environmental/anti-mining groups on the permitting process concerning PolyMet Mining's NorthMet Mine. This process, which has taken almost 16 years to complete, has been to this date, the longest and most extensive in Minnesota history. During this process every care was taken to ensure that the science and facts would prove that copper-nickel mining can be done in an environmentally safe manner.

Various agencies ranging from Minnesota's Department of Natural Resources and Pollution Control Agency, to the federal Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers have given this project their approval.

Now, after all of the permits have been issued, Water Legacy and the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy seek to undermine this process in hopes to delay or even stop this project. Their main complaint is that the EPA didn't submit its written comments on the draft of PolyMet's water permit for the public record until after the public comment period ended. Opponents of the proposed mine say that amounted to suppressing environmental concerns raised by EPA staff.

The NEPA process is what they themselves said needs to be followed to ensure that this project could be done safely. This has become a national trend by environmental groups over the past couple of years and needs to be stopped. How can you advocate for following a process, but only until it doesn't give you the results you want?

To this point, Gov. Walz, you have stood by the process concerning PolyMet and have chosen not to intervene in support of the environmentalist/anti-mining group's crusade to stop copper-nickel mining in Northeastern Minnesota. We implore you to keep that stance so that this environmentally-safe project can continue moving forward. This project will bring high paying jobs to northeastern Minnesota and new revenue streams that will benefit the entire state.

Stay the course and usher in the new era of mining.

**Gerald M. Tyler - Up
North Jobs Inc., Chairman
Nancy McReady -
CWCS-Conservationists with
Common Sense, President
Michael Cole - Minnesota
Miners, CEO**

Thanks for great performances

The magic that happened at the Washington Auditorium Monday evening was palpable. "La Traviata" by Geuseppini Verdi. He wrote it in 1862 but harkened back to decadent Paris in the late 1700s.

I've seen several operas that Veda Zuponic has mounted as part of the Northern Lights Music Festival, and this was my favorite. Cecilia Violetta Lopez took us on a roller coaster ride of joy and sorrow. I've never seen anyone with her vocal prowess. Alex Richardson, who played her true love Alfredo, sang with a beautiful tenor.

Thank You, Veda Zuponic. What a gift to the Iron Range from a girl from Aurora who went on to become a music professor at Rowan University and the force behind this festival.

And another Thank You to Paul Ivancich of Dairy Queen and Steve and Nancy Piragis of Piragis Northwoods Company for sponsoring two Parties in the Park this summer. In June, DQ brought Cowboy Angel Blue to town, and last week, we enjoyed Van and the Free Candies, in honor of the Piragises' 40th anniversary. Both of these businesses are important employers and contributors to our hometown.

**Carol Orban
Ely**



Crying wolf on Open Meeting Law isn't helpful

Allegations of Open Meeting Law violations have swirled around the Lake Vermilion area in recent weeks, in letters to the editor and commentary in other local media. As a longstanding advocate for openness in government, I'm always watchful for actual violations of both the OML and the state's public



**MARSHALL
HELMBERGER**

records law, known as the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

I've called out violations when I could clearly document them and refrained from doing so even when I suspected violations but lacked sufficient evidence. The last thing you want to do is cry "Wolf" based merely on specula-

tion or appearances.

A good example of crying wolf was a recent allegation by Tony Sikora, an op-ed writer for the *Tower News*, which was subsequently repeated in a letter to the editor by Vermilion Lake Township resident Carol Pratt. After a Tower council meeting last month, one of the councilors forgot her jacket at the city hall after the meeting during which the city clerk-treasurer was suspended. The mayor had remained at city hall after the meeting to facilitate the chang-

ing of the locks at city hall and another council member had returned about an hour after the meeting with take-out food for the mayor, who obviously wasn't going to get dinner at home that night. While the second council member was still there, the council member who forgot her jacket showed up to retrieve it. Someone apparently saw the forgetful council member coming out of city hall and assumed she had been there for an hour and a half and that three council members had been

meeting in secret. That's how Mr. Sikora reported the situation, without ever seeking to confirm his facts with those involved. Had he done so, he would have learned that both the councilors involved had gone to dinner at Good Ol' Days after the meeting (and sat at different tables out of earshot). I can attest to those facts since my wife Jodi and I also ate at Good Ol' Days that night and saw both of them there, as did plenty of other people.

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Letters from Readers

High court fails on “one man-one vote”

The right of all U.S. citizens to have their vote counted equally is a bedrock principle of this democracy. “One man-one vote” is the essence of that principle. By what constitutional standard, then, can the conservative Supreme Court majority possibly defer to the legislative branch the just solution of the gerrymanderer threat to that principle? The fact is, the legislative branch itself deliberately gerrymandered congressional districts to defeat “one man-one vote” in order to give one party disproportionate power.

It is disingenuous, to say the least, for the conservative Court majority to claim reluctance to “legislate from the bench” to defend their decision. Where, I ask, was their reluctance to “legislate from the bench” in their “Citizens United” decision to strike down the “McCain-Feingold” campaign finance

legislation that protected “one man-one vote” from “one dollar-one vote” corruption?

“Citizens United” brought us “one dollar-one vote” on steroids. It made it possible for wealthy individuals and corporations to buy politicians to do their bidding. And when elected those politicians returned the favor (bribe) with tax cuts and deregulation for corporations and tax cuts for the wealthiest ten percent. Gerrymandering is just the frosting on the free cake that is meant to permanently corrupt the democratic process. Might that not also be the real reason five black-robed Republicans on the Supreme Court failed to protect “one man-one vote” from gerrymandering corruption?

**Larry A. Johnson
Duluth**

Mining consultant’s track record exposed

Past work done by Foth Engineering, one of the consul-

tants working on the PolyMet and Twin Metals projects in northeastern Minnesota, has come under fire in a new report authored by hydrogeologist Robert E. Moran (remwater.org). Dr. Moran, who reviewed Foth’s work on the Flambeau Mine near Ladysmith, Wis., identified numerous questionable practices that have come back to haunt the community.

After an extensive review of historical and modern Flambeau Mine documents, Dr. Moran concluded: “Flambeau ground and surface water quality is being and has been degraded—despite years of industry public relations statements touting the success of the Flambeau Mining Company (FMC) operation.”

He added: “For decades, some of the most relevant data and the most significant water-related impacts have been withheld from public view.”

He noted:

► All routine Flambeau groundwater monitoring data are

from FILTERED samples, from which some, if not most of the chemical components have been removed, thereby lowering the original concentrations.

► The number and location of monitoring wells along the mine’s so-called “compliance boundary” (where drinking water standards are enforced by the state) are inadequate. There is only ONE tested well along the entire 3.5-mile boundary encircling the mine, and it appears to be positioned outside the main ground water flow path identified by FMC.

► FMC’s Flambeau River surface water monitoring is “totally inadequate”. No sampling has been done in the river immediately adjacent to the backfilled pit, even though Foth’s own modeling showed that groundwater flowing through the waste rock in the pit would “flow directly into the bed of the Flambeau River.”

Dr. Moran also commented on the inaccuracy of some of

Foth’s predictions regarding the extent of groundwater pollution expected at the Flambeau site and stated:

“The narrative ‘predictions’ made by [Foth] in the various permit-related and Annual Reports appear to be largely naïve geochemically and hydrogeologically ... most useful for obtaining permits, less so for generating quantitative-reliable predictions.”

Dr. Moran concluded his report by stating: “In short, the Flambeau Mine is the poster child for a severely-flawed permitting and oversight process that has likely generated long-term public liabilities.”

To read the full 116-page report, go to: <https://deertailsscientific.wordpress.com/independently-research/>.

**Laura Gauger, Chair
Deer Tail Scientific
Duluth**

OML...Continued from page 4

Keep in mind, the OML does not prohibit a quorum of council or board members from being in the same room together. It merely prohibits them from talking official business if they do find themselves together.

When one of the councilors involved challenged Mr. Sikora’s “facts,” he doubled down on his accusation because the council member had reported commenting, “That was a hard meeting,” while picking up her jacket, suggesting such an innocuous statement qualified as official business. No rational person is going to view such a statement, made in passing, as an official action or a violation of the

Open Meeting Law. The only appropriate response to Mr. Sikora’s false accusation is a retraction from the *Tower News*.

Other recent accusations reflect a misunderstanding of the intent of the Open Meeting Law. In her recent letter to the editor, Ms. Pratt accused Vermilion Lake Town Board Chair Phil Anderson of violating the Open Meeting Law, suggesting he had spoken about a township matter with a second supervisor at a recent regular board meeting while waiting for the third town supervisor to take her seat. This apparently took place moments before Anderson officially called the meeting to order.

Pratt was obviously present at the meeting, which was properly noticed and open to the public.

I would acknowledge that discussing township business just ahead of calling a meeting to order is probably not a best practice, but it’s a mighty long stretch to call it anything other than the most trivial of violations of the OML. It’s certainly not the kind of thing we would ever bother to report. As most of our readers are well aware, there are plenty of real issues out there upon which the public’s attention is more appropriately focused. Most readers recognize nit-picking when they see it.

Even more problem-

atic was Pratt’s allegation of an OML violation as a result of an imagined conversation involving two members of the Vermilion Lake town board at a Thursday coffee klatch at the Little Church.

In fact, according to Anderson, he had a conversation with two township residents who had routinely done grass mowing for the township to see if they’d be interested again this year. He later mentioned at a town board meeting that he had talked to the two guys at coffee, and Pratt apparently concluded that the conversation must have included a second town board member who also frequently attends the

Thursday coffee.

Pratt clearly had no evidence of such a conversation and Anderson denies that the other board member was part of the discussion. Unless Pratt has evidence to the contrary, her accusation is baseless.

The recent accusations show, if anything, that members of the public are often unclear about the actual requirements of the Open Meeting Law. The intent of the OML is threefold— to ensure that the public is provided proper notice of governmental meetings, to provide the public an opportunity to assess the deliberations of public officials by requiring those meetings be held in public, and to provide, in

most cases, an opportunity for members of the public to express their views on local matters.

As a longtime local government reporter, I take the OML seriously, which is why we here at the *Timberjay* are careful to document serious violations when they do occur.

To my mind, serious violations including failure to provide the public with proper notice of meetings or closing meetings that should appropriately be open to the public. We’re not going to waste our time or our readers’ time over trivial, highly-technical violations, or mere speculation. We have plenty of serious things to report.

BLIGHT...Continued from page 3

until the blight condition is remedied. Paul Kess supported the motion.

City attorney Kelly Klun told the council, “I believe, statutorily, the fine is \$100 per day.”

Kess said, “That would certainly get his attention.”

Novak noted that this particular blight issue has used more of the council’s time than any other issue. “Look at the cost to the city, including staff time, building official’s time and everything else,” he said. “Somewhere along the line, something has to be done, especially for

the citizens that live in that neighborhood.”

Omerza pointed out that Sherwood did not obtain building permits despite the fact that the city waived the fees. “That is a little frustrating to me,” she said. She compared the issue to when her own kids refuse to clean their rooms. “Until you do something extreme and get their attention, nothing will happen. We need to do something that hurts.”

She added that she has heard from several residents about the ongoing blight condition in their neighborhood.

The council voted 6-0 (with one council member absent) to impose a fine of \$100 per week until each of the four items on Whitney’s report are completed.

Other business

In other business, the council:

► Received a 2018 audit report, as presented by Greg Knutson of Walker, Giroux & Hahne, who gave high marks to the city for its financial condition.

► Approved a Memorandum of Understanding concern-

ing electrical outages and transmission line switching duties with AFSCME.

► Approved a note and mortgage with James and Ronda Reed at 1350 N 18th Ave E for \$10,000 for a residential rehab loan.

► Scheduled a public hearing for 5:15 p.m. on Aug. 20 for the vacation of Power Street.

► Approved the appointment of Rita Koch to the Ely Tree Board.

► Approved residential rehab loans for Danette Carlson, 132 E Boundary St., and Derek Jensen, 11 E James St., pending loan processing.

GREENWOOD...Continued from page 3

to the study. The Tower Economic Development Authority is waiting to get information on the state of their finances before setting their donation amount.

HIPPA concerns

Rodgers said fire department members had raised concerns about paperwork that contains confidential information that has been left out in the open in the fire department office. The board discussed several options for maintaining data privacy as required by law, and Rodgers and Chief Fazio will work on finding a solution. It was noted that the fire department paperwork that comes into the clerk’s office does not contain personal information, just data on individual first responders and the hours spent on a call. The clerk and treasurer need that information to process payroll.

Other business

In other business the board:

► Accepted the quote from Mesabi Bituminous for \$34,700 to make needed repairs, repave, and seal-coat the town hall parking lot. This was not the lowest quote, but the lowest quote did not include repairing approximately 1,000 square feet of damaged pavement. The quote was higher than the township’s estimate of \$25,000, but Rodgers noted the township has adequate funding to complete the project.

► Approved a quote for \$2,286 to install hard-wired connections in the township office to the broadband network, and also approved spending \$48 per month for the high-speed broadband service. The town hall does offer a high-speed wifi connection in the parking lot.

► Will look into

installing a water softening system for the town hall (not for the fire hall). DeLuca said Culligan had tested the water and found it was at a 15, where 10 is considered “hard.” The town hall has been having plumbing issues relating to the water quality. Questions were raised on whether or not the kitchen sinks and water fountains needed bypass units. Culligan quoted a price of \$3,995 to install the system along with the first fill of salt. The annual contract to service and keep the salt full would be \$179 plus the cost for the salt.

The board tabled a decision until next month.


► Approved the purchase and installation of a split-door for the township office at a cost of \$2,310. Some board members have expressed concerns about allowing the public into the clerk and treasurer’s office space. Rodgers noted that

they often need to let the public in to view information, such as the county land surveyor, on the office computers. She noted that if the town board had approved a public computer station, they would use the public computer for these purposes.

► Noted the fire department had received a \$160 donation from the family of Tom Altop.

► Tabled action on propane quotes so the clerk and treasurer can see what the township’s average annual propane use is. The township received two quotes, one for 3,000 gallons and the second for 5,000 gallons, with any additional gallons at market rate.

► Approved a \$100 donation to the Tower-Soudan Fourth of July.



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LAKE VERMILION CULTURAL CENTER

Volunteer efforts in Guatemala focus of program on July 29

TOWER- The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center (LVCC) will be sponsoring an educational program presented by local volunteers who have served in Guatemala. This program evolved as LVCC board members learned about several residents in the community who have served there. In light of the hard news coming out of Guatemala it was decided to highlight the very positive work that is going on there through partnerships local volunteers have made with the people of 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.

Seven volunteers from five organizations will be presenting. Organizations represented include Recycled Lives, San Lucas Mission, Sharing the Dream, Habitat for Humanity-Guatemala, and Stoves for Guatemala.

Pastor Liz Cheney of Immanuel Lutheran Church, Angie Gurius, Cheryl Lamppa, and Kathy Siskar will share the story of Recycled Lives (recycledlives.org). Pastor Liz will be present by video since she will be serving in Guatemala with a team on the date of this event. Recycled Lives is dedicated to “bettering the lives of people living in poverty through facilitating access to resources that are physical, spiritual and/or financial.” The Guatemalan people they part-

ner with live near a garbage dump and some recycle items as a way to survive, thus the name of the organization.

San Lucas Mission (sanlucasmision.org) will be represented by Shelby Vaske and Bergetta Indihar. The San Lucas Mission has existed for five decades. While they have many programs including a school, a women’s center, a construction program, a coffee program, and health programs, the founder, Father Greg Schaffer, said they all share the primary value of the Mission, “to give the people of San Lucas Toliman opportunities to grow into positions of leadership and develop marketable skills.” Every program of the Mission is run by Guatemalans for Guatemalans.

Lauren Vaske lives in Guatemala and is the Country Director for Sharing the Dream (sharingthedream.org). Lauren is staying with her parents, Shelby and Steve Vaske, on Birch Point for the month of July and will be here to present the story of Sharing the Dream. Sharing the Dream is a volunteer-based fair trade organization that works to reduce poverty through collaborative partnerships with Guatemalans. The partnerships include many projects in communities which have artisans. Their goods include jewelry, decorative wood pieces, baskets, scarves, bags, glass products, clothing and many other items. Sharing the Dream also sponsors an Elder Center.



The presenters for the “Guatemala Missions and Adventures” program include: Front, from left: Shelby Vaske, Lauren Vaske, and Bergetta Indihar. Back, from left: Angie Gurius, Kathy Siskar, Pastor Liz Cheney, and Cheryl Lamppa. submitted photo

Cheryl Lamppa will present information on Thrivent Builds with Habitat for Humanity Guatemala (habitat-guate.org). Cheryl was able to volunteer on a home building project there. Many are aware of what Habitat for Humanity does but may not realize they build homes internationally.

Shelby Vaske is also on the board of Stoves for Guatemala (see their Facebook page). She

will give a brief presentation on this organization’s collaboration with Guatemalans to provide stoves for the local people.

The event will include short presentations by each organization followed by a question and answer period. There will also be information tables so the presenters can provide additional materials and answer individual questions during the

coffee an’ time. Bars and beverages will be provided.

During the course of planning this event it has come to the attention of the planning committee that other local people have volunteered in Guatemala. Please attend if you are one of them so you can stand and be recognized. The LVCC hopes many residents of our local community will attend this educational program.

Smoke and Suds at St. Martin’s on July 28

TOWER- Parishioners, community members, and summer visitors are invited to an afternoon of good food and laughs. St. Martin’s is once again hosting “Smoke and Suds” on Sunday, July 28 – festivities will get underway at 11:30 a.m. The head chef is the same (Nick Tekautz) but the menu has changed – brats and hot dogs on the grill, baked beans, pasta salad, watermelon, chips and dip, root beer floats, a campfire with s’mores, live music, Brenda’s popular meat raffles, and yard games. Music will be provided by ‘The Beefeater Brothers’ featuring 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 food).

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FOURTH OF JULY



Kids wait for the start of the Fourth of July Sawdust Scramble. photo by S. Ukkola

Fourth of July afternoon kids and adult race results

Organizers apologize in advance for any misspelled names

6-Yard Dash
Boys, 2-3, Henry Lupkes, Cash Wrazitlo, Crew Rhein
Girls, 2-3 Jess Kramer, Harper Olson, Nora Zupke
10-Yard Dash
Boys, 4-5, Kai Standish, Holden Clarke, Rydan Amborn
Girls, 4-5, Juliet Lubben, Lily Russell, Harley Banks
20-Yard Dash
Boys, 6-7, Harrison Rosati, Blake Dahl, Kirby Carlson
Girls, 6-7, Sophia Starkovich, Bryn Svatos, Katie Larson
50-Yard Dash
Boys, 8-9, Jake Starith, Carter Peterson, Isaac Tichel
Girls, 8-9, Kate Morley, Summer Peters, Charlotte Rosati
Boys, 10-11, Caz Carlson, Jordon Rice, John Westby
Girls, 10-11 Taylor Morley, Mia Domiano, Maija Peterson
Boys, 12-13, Nolan Svatos, Adam Johnson, Jack Werner
Girls, 12-13, McKinley Haycraft, Ella Rhein, Macy Westby
Boys, 14-15, Evan Bowen, Josh Zobitz, Sean Majerle
Girls, 14-15, Naomi Peters,

Maddox Lee, Halle Rhein
Sack Race
Boys, 7-8, Carter Peterson, Jordan Peterson, Miles Carlson
Girls, 7-8, Brea Skajewski, Hayden Tima, Anne Stefanich
Boys, 9-10, Kaston Clarke, Wyatt Lubben, Andrew Combs
Girls, 9-10, Channing Haycraft, Myah Peters, Kennedy Tima
Boys, 11-12, Caz Carlson, John Westby, Adam Johnson
Girls, 11-12, Kensie Moeckel, Maija Peterson, Ella Rhein
Boys, 13-14, John Zobitz, Nolan Svatos, Sean Majerle
Girls, 13-14, Halle Rhein, Macy Westby, Naomi Peters
Backwards Race
Boys, 2-3, Crew Rhein, Sawyer Skajewski
Girls, 2-3, Jessa Kramer, Sage Hendrickson, Cora Lubben
Boys, 4-5, Paul Starkovich, Holden Clark, Rydan Amborn
Girls, 4-5, Juliet Lubben, Nora Hodgkins, Zaija Schroeder
Boys, 6, Harrison Rosati, Graeme Licari, Grant Zobitz
Girls, 6, Ivy Russell, Abbie Taft, Ellie Licari

Wheelbarrow
Boys, 7-8, Carter Peterson and Kolton Orcutt, Ben Westby and Kirby Carlson, Blake Dahl and Christian Cochems
Girls, 7-8, Sophia Starkovich and Gia Dicasmiro, Taya Woitalla and Hayden Rossman, Anne Stefanich and Peyton Combs
Boys, 9-10, Kaston Clark and Wyatt Lubben, Lincoln Challey and Andrew Combs, Kruz Rabbers and Jackson Rolfson
Girls, 9-10, Zoe Amborn and Channing Haycraft, Myaa Peters and Lily Lubben, Gigi Rosati and Charlotte Rosati
Boys, 11-12, Logan and Grant Hennen, Caz Carlson and John Westby, Torrin and Kaston Clarke
Girls, 11-12, Mia Domiano and Kinslee Skajewski, Ella Rhein and Kennedy Tima, Emily Majerle and Eva Peters
Boys, 13-14, Aidan Morcom and John Winkelaar, Sean Majerle and Nolan Svatos, Jack Werner and Josh Zobitz
Girls, 13-14, Halle Rhein and Maddox Lee, Naomi Peters

and Samantha Kristad, Charlie Carlson and Bea Winkelaar
Adult 50 Yard Dash
Men, 15-25, Logan Gillespie, Prince Bade, Noah Hendrickson
Women, 15-25, Halle Rhein, Sara Kelly, Naomi Peters
Men, 26 and up, Phil Clarke, Neil Clarke, Jake Rhein
Women, 26 and up, Kayla Clarke, Kassie Bjorgo, Sabrina Dicasmiro
He/She Sack Race
15-25, Noah Zobitz and Sophie Kelly, Logan Gillespie and Halle Rhein, Sara Kelly and Josh Zobitz
26 and up, John and Sara Shannon Westby, Nate and Sabrina Dicasmiro, Krisi Tima and Matt Tichel
Water Balloon Toss
15-25, Josh Zobitz and Sara Kelly, Logan Gillespie and Halle Rhein, Noah Zobitz and Sophie Kelly
26 and up, Phil and Kayla Clarke, Matt and Mindy Tichel, Sarah and Braden Sorenson

OLD SETTLERS

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, paid at the picnic. The Old Settlers Picnic features a delicious booyah dinner, entertainment, and door prizes. For the price of membership, it’s the best value around!

Remember to bring your own pot for the steaming hot booyah, bowls, tableware, and side dishes. Booyah, bread and butter, and coffee are provided. Soda and other drinks can be purchased at the campground store.

New postmaster on duty at Tower PO

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

TOWER – Kevin Conwell is the new postmaster here following the retirement of Janice Johnson-Jacka this spring. Conwell, who hails from Lockport, Ill., is no stranger to the north woods having served in several different post office roles in the region including working as a clerk in Ely and Babbitt, and most recently, postmaster in Grand Marais. “I’d like to get to know the local residents and assist local businesses with their mailing and shipping needs,” Conwell said. “I’d like to thank the local post office employees for the great work they have done and look forward to learning from each of them.”

The new postmaster has

been with the postal service for 12 and a half years. His first role was in his hometown of Lockport, where he served as a mail carrier before rising through the ranks of the USPS.

Conwell sends his congratulations to Johnson-Jacka on her retirement.

“She took great care of the employees and customers during her tenure as postmaster in Tower,” he said.

Conwell added that working in the north country is his dream job, and he hopes to be in Tower for years to come.

Right: Kevin Conwell is the new postmaster at the Tower Post Office.
photo by M. White



COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

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

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

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

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

Inspiring Women, Sharing Hope on July 25

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

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

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

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



Kristy Corey and her 3-week old granddaughter Eva Semo enjoyed themselves at the Breitung Community Picnic on July 5.
photo by S. Ukkola

T-S Class of 1964 reunion, July 19

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Class of 1964 will meet for a 55-year reunion lunch at 12 noon on Friday, July 19 at The Wilderness Restaurant. We will order off the menu. Don’t miss catching up with your classmates at this informal event. RSVP now by calling or texting Lauretta Greben at 218-290-6270.

Cody Kultala sworn in as new corrections officer

REGIONAL- Five new St. Louis County Deputy Sheriffs took an oath to serve and were ceremonially sworn in recently. Sheriff Ross

Litman administered the oath to Christopher Anderson, Gavin Nichols, Dante Pettinari, Alexander Prouse, and Christopher Ruberg. The new deputies have been working for the county since January and recently completed their initial field training.

Sheriff Litman also recognized nine new corrections officers including Christopher Anglin, Chad Brownlee, Tyler Helget, Kyle Niemi, Jose Plascencia, Dominiick Schmitz, Noah Johnson, Troy Krahel, and Cody Kultala.

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Wednesday, July 31; Aug. 21

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

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Week of July 22

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Aug. 20.

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.

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Church, Ely.

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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 23 - Amy
Kirela - Climate Change

July 30 - Kathryn
Hoffman - PolyMet
update

Aug. 6 - Jeff
Hanson - Clearwater
Biologic

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.

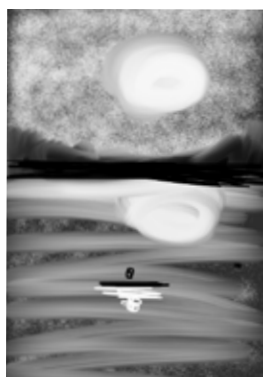
Ely Free Clinic

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

by Cecilia Rolando © 2019



amidst reeds,
iron floating on water markings
becoming the lake

HONORING VETERANS

Veterans Pavilion dedicated



The new Veterans Memorial Pavilion, located on the Trezona Trail around Miner's Lake, was dedicated last week. Many residents, along with the Ely Honor Guard, below, attended the ceremony. The pavilion includes a cement slab and a large wood frame shelter. It overlooks the lake from the northwest, and offers a relaxing place for trail users to rest. Thanks to Gerald and Nan Snyder, Bill and Barb Godlin, Mark Olson, Ely American Legion Post 248, Ely High School students who built the pavilion furniture, and all the volunteers who made the building happen. submitted photos



THINK WINTER!

Ely Winter Festival releases 2020 pin design

ELY - The Ely Winter
Festival board is looking
forward to winter and
planning another festival.
Feb. 7-18, 2020.

Veteran snow sculptor
and Ely artist Nancy
Scheibe designed the new
pin, released this week,
picturing some of the
North's favorite forest
animals.

"This will be the third
festival where we will
donate \$1 of the \$6 price
of the pin to an Ely public
schools arts program,"
said Winter Festival board
member Carol Orban.
"Two years ago we supported
the art department,
and last year the instrumental
music program



received our donation."

Proceeds from the
2020 festival will go to
the choral music program.

"The other \$5 is a vital part
of our being able to put on
the festival," she said..

The Ely Winter

Festival will have a booth
at the Blueberry Festival
July 26-28. Stop by and
buy a pin and the new pin
T-shirt. If you can volunteer
at the booth, send an email
to christinek@elywinterfestival.com.

The Ely Winter
Festival and Ely ArtWalk
are funded in part by
grants from the Arrowhead
Regional Arts Council,
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News in Brief

Summer History Nights Programs

ELY - The Ely/Winton Historical Society
Summer History Night schedule:

► 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.

Wildlife career day is Aug. 3 in Ely

ELY - Are you interested in science, biology or working
with wildlife?

Join the International Wolf Center's Wildlife Career Day in
Ely on Saturday, Aug. 3, and meet local biologists, conservation
officers, veterinarians and animal caretakers.

Participants will get a special behind-the-scenes tour to learn
more about wolves and will even create an enrichment activity for
the Ambassador wolves to try. Wrap-up the day by watching the
WolfCenter's wolves be fed their weekly meal at What's for Dinner?
The fee for the program is \$40. The registration deadline is
Tuesday, July 31. To register, or for more information, visit <http://bit.ly/wildlifecareers>.

BIRD OF PREY



Kelsey Griffin, an interpretive naturalist with the University of Minnesota Raptor Center holds a bald eagle while conducting an Ely Public Library program at City Hall. photo by K. Vandervort

BUSINESS NEWS

Frandsen Bank & Trust honored

REGIONAL - Frandsen Bank & Trust, with branches in Ely and Tower, was recently named one of America’s Best Banks in Minnesota by Forbes magazine.

Of the nearly 5,400 banks in the United States, only 149 made the 2019 list, and only three banks from Minnesota were recognized.

Frandsen Financial Corporation CEO Chuck Mausbach states, “We were thrilled to learn that the

rankings are driven entirely off of customer survey responses. What a huge compliment from our customers.”

The list is a result of Forbes and a market research firm surveying over 25,000 United States customers for their opinions about current and former banking relationships. Banks were scored on satisfaction and recommendations, as well as trust, terms and conditions, branch

services, digital services, and financial advice.

Frandsen Bank & Trust has assets in excess of \$1.7 billion and offers a complete array of business, agricultural, real estate and consumer loans, savings, and financial services, serving communities in Minnesota, Eastern North Dakota, and Western Wisconsin.

Essentia Health earns top certification level

REGIONAL - Essentia Health is now the only health system in the country to earn Level 3 Accountable Care Organization (ACO) re-certification — the highest level of certification.

This is Essentia’s third certification, awarded through the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). Re-certification occurs every three years.

This accreditation helps health care orga-

nizations demonstrate their ability to improve quality, reduce costs and coordinate patient care. It ensures that patients are at the center of decisions Essentia Health caregivers make and determines how services are provided.

As part of the Level 3 ACO accreditation, Essentia Health must monitor patient experience and up to 40 measures of clinical quality and cost, collect and report on these measures

and show improvement or strong performance on these measures. Requirements include having the necessary infrastructure and leadership to move the system toward the triple aim of better health, lower costs and better patient experiences; providing access to needed providers; practicing patient-centered care; supporting care-management activities; facilitating care coordination and transitions; making patients aware of rights

and responsibilities; and reporting performance and quality improvement.

Debbie Welle-Powell, Essentia Health’s chief population health officer in Accountable Care, said, “Patients know that we continue to focus on their care and make sure they are getting the right care at the right time at the right place. The whole program is comprehensive. We continue to improve and build on our care and what we know for patient-centeredness.”

Twin Metals Appreciation Days scheduled in Ely

ELY - Up North Jobs will host Twin Metals Appreciation Days in Ely on July 26-28 at a booth located at the intersection of Sheridan Street and Eighth Avenue across from

Whiteside Park.

“We want to thank Twin Metals Minnesota for their many donations to our community and to learn of their plans for the future,” said Gerald

Tyler of Up North Jobs. “We invite visitors to sign our letter to Governor Tim Walz asking him to support Twin Metals’ proposed underground mining project.”

News in Brief

Ely Bear Center celebrates milestones

ELY - The North American Bear Center here is having a party this weekend. The 10th anniversary of the Lily Pad Picnic, and the grand opening of two new exhibits, the new cub room and Dr. Lynn Rogers’ 50 years of research, will be celebrated.

On Saturday, free festivities include a live band, “Van and the Free Candies,” in the parking lot, face painting, and free behind-the-scenes tours. “Two local food vendors will be present, Wilderness Wood Fired Pizza and Dog House Grill,” said senior operations manager Scott Edgett.

The band plays on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. All festivities on are Saturday at Bear Center.

The Lily Pad Picnic festivities include a free performance by the Pat Surface Band in Whiteside Park on Thursday, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, go to the Lily fan Face book page or www.Lilypadpicnic.com.

Calling all Ely business owners

ELY - Catalyst is creating a film and TV production guide that will feature local businesses and talent from St. Louis County. The guide will be distributed to TV industry executives and producers at the annual gathering in Duluth this Oct. 9-13.

The guide will include a wide variety of local businesses and individuals whose services or products may be utilized in the production process when a TV show or film is being made in the area.

A town hall information gathering session for the production guide will be held on Wednesday, July 24 at Grand Ely Lodge Hotel and Conference Center at 6:30 p.m.

Participants will be able to sign up for their free listing right there. Additional gatherings will be scheduled throughout the Upper MN region.

Examples of businesses include hair salons, restaurants, hotels, rental companies, antique stores and lumber yards. Listings of local vendors will include electricians, carpenters, welders, drivers, contractors, and other skilled labor.

Beginning in July, Catalyst team members will be out visiting local businesses and locations to gather information for the guide. There is no cost to be involved.

According to the Motion Picture Association of America, the film and TV industry is responsible for 7,826 jobs in Minnesota alone, with \$302 million in wages.

Development of the guide is funded in part by Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and St. Louis County.

For more information about Catalyst, visit www.catalyststories.com. If you are interested in featuring your business in the production guide, please email Keely Gelineau at Keely@catalyststories.com.

OUR COMMUNITY



A short but heavy thunderstorm in Ely Monday afternoon resulted in some minor flooding around town, including at the intersection of Pattison Street and Second Avenue East where street infrastructure work is under way. submitted photo



Please Help Us With Our Project

The Ely-Winton Historical Society is beginning a building project. Our storage building on 325 West Shagawa Road is in very bad shape and we have concluded that it is better to replace the building than to patch up a 70+ year-old concrete block structure with failing walls. We have applied to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board for funding and have received part of it. Even with help from the City of Ely we find we are still short and so are reaching out to our membership and friends to help. We are asking you to help us with a one-time donation, or as a sustaining member for three or five years. We are a 501c3 organization so your donation is tax deductible. Thank you so much for helping the Ely-Winton Historical Society preserve the history of this area.

Sincerely yours, Ely-Winton Historical Society
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COOK YOUTH BASEBALL

PeeWee



Green T-Ball



Cook Majors



Above Left: PeeWee coaches April Ploof, Ivy Chaulklin, Tony Pascuzzi and Beth Wilenius (far back row, left to right) with Cook Youth Baseball PeeWee league players. Back row (left to right): Donavon Barton, Andrew Hartway, Lincoln Antikinen, Levi Chaulklin, Payton Scofield; Middle row (left to right): Eli Lindgren, Cedar Holman, Alex Boone, Jack Hampson; Front row (left to right): Nathan Ploof, Vinny Pascuzzi, Sasha Hansen and Joshua Long.

Above Right: Coaches Matt Zupancich and Brent Chosa with Cook Youth Green T-Ball team. Back row (left to right): Liam Porter, Max Lehti, Ayden Anderson, Daniel Zupancich, Ellie Sherman; Front row (left to right): Ryker Nurmi, Brody Chosa, Silas Nurmi, Conner Anderson and Keenan Carlson.

Left: Cook Majors coaches Matt Clines and Jason Panichi with 2019 players. Majors replaces the former 12 U Little League team from previous years. Back row (left to right): Orion Erickson, Micaden Clines, Evan Anderson, Louie Panichi, Atreyu Marcelo; Middle row (left to right): Trajen Barto, Keenan Whitney, Dylan Leinonen, Kalvyn Benner; Front row (left to right): Ethan Ploof, Aiden Hartway and Alex Burckhardt.

Photos by B. Smith

Gray T-Ball



Coaches Sheldon Bergman and Travis Leinonen with Cook Youth Gray T-Ball team players. Back row (left to right): Olivia Baumgartner, Brian Hannine, Hudson Sheffer, Xena Hannine, Michaela Brunner; Front row (left to right) Brady Bergman, Jack Hampson, Bailey Brunner, Luke Pretti, Ile Leinonen and Ladd Pretti.

Blue T-Ball



Blue team coaches Steven Amundson and Doug Lange with their players. Back row (left to right): Brayden Amundson, Lauren Hampson, Jordon Herdman, Reece Whitney, Hunter Lang; Front row (left to right): Rowan Kirkpatrick, Joselyn Pascuzzi, Samantha Amundson, Tikka Debeltz and Gunner Fultz.

NEWS FROM THE LAKE

Farms, fun and fish with the Teapot Dames



Summer is definitely here! Those who work outdoors are probably more aware of that than the rest of us. After last winter, we shouldn't complain but nonetheless, complaining is something we can do no matter what. Growing up in a farm family, one old Dame realized at an early age that there are four kinds of weather: too hot, too cold, too wet, or too dry!

A big Sunday afternoon ritual was piling the whole family into the car and driving around the countryside checking out the crops. Farmers had to make sure their crops were coming

along as well (or better) than their neighbors. Another duty for the family was walking the bean fields and pulling out the weeds. So, on the Sunday ritual drive, comments would give credit to farmers who had clean fields and those who had a lot of weeds and how they needed to get busy.

Green Giant had many farmers who would plant sweet corn in their fields to be harvested when ready. The jolly large fella would then send his pickers and truckers to the fields so that the corn could be taken to the canning factory and end up as Niblets in cans, so that we could enjoy the produce of summer all year long. The "factory" provided many jobs for young kids — many a college student earned his next year of school during the summer. The younger teens could earn money going "detasseling" — pulling the tassels out from selected rows of corn in order to get seed corn. None of the jobs were much fun and all of them dirty (that's not even

considering all the sweating that everyone did) but everyone, even the kids, works when you grow up on a farm. Summer also provided a lot of jobs for the town kids too.

Gardens are growing and gardeners are anxiously awaiting those homegrown tomatoes, carrots, beans and whatever may be tempting the deer of the area. Babies with spots are seen trailing behind mommas who are out nibbling grass and whatever else they may find. Just stay away from the hostas!

Voyageur Days is July 22-27. Monday kicks off the week with the Trading Post Poker Run. Register and shop area businesses, pick up a card at each place and the best five-card hand will earn prizes. Any of the businesses can give details on the run. Kids are invited to participate in a fishing contest sponsored by Pine Point Lodge going on all week.

Tuesday, July 23, Women of the Water invite you to join in for a special Voyageur Days event, Yoga in the North

Woods, with Emily Schanke; beginner yoga is led by Sara White. Women of the Water meet every Tuesday at 2 p.m. All new to seasoned boaters are invited to participate. Cost is \$10 per week.

Wednesday, July 24, is the Portage, Paddle, Swim Race. Advanced registration for pairs is requested for this 4.6-mile race, beginning at the Vermilion Gorge, paddling around Bayliss Island and swimming to Pine Point Lodge. Much of this with a 20-pound pack! They say this event is growing in popularity, but the old Dames are not convinced. Pass us the chips and dip and a margarita and we'll think about it.

Thursday, July 25, from 2 to 6 p.m. will again find the popular art show at Nelson's Resort. Local artists featured are Debbie Neurenberg, Rosalee Nieme, Lois Larson, Bob Kaiser, Chris Lange, Millie Nelson and Bonnie DuFresne.

Enjoy the beautiful art and complimentary refreshments. Then go to Bingo at the

Voyagaire Lodge with a special dinner; Bingo starts at 7 p.m.; afterwards you can "Bling" at the Crane Lake Bar and Grill. What a great finish to a great day.

Friday, July 26, is the "Fry for All" at Nelson's Resort beach. A full menu rounds out the fried walleye — and it only costs \$15. The official end to the Trading Post Run and Kids Fishing Contest is 5 p.m.; the fish fry is from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Saturday winds up the week's festivities with Cowboy Angel Blue providing live music from 8 p.m. to midnight at Voyagaire Lodge; Steve Johnson tickles the ivories at Nelson's Resort. Great endings to a great week.

Zelda Bruns is back in the area visiting old friends; you will remember that Zelda moved to South Carolina last October. She points out that Spartanburg weather is about the same, temperature-wise, but has much less humidity!

Samantha, Sabrina Francke

Youth talent show added to library lineup

by CRYSTAL DEY
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK – The spotlight is on summer reading at the Cook Public Library. New this year is a youth talent show.

Librarian Crystal Phillips said the library traditionally hosts a picnic to celebrate the conclusion of the summer reading program. The picnic and talent show will take place on Wednesday, July 24 beginning at 10:30 a.m.

“This is the first year we’ve added the talent show portion,” Phillips said. “The talent show is not meant to be a competition, just a celebration of our program.”

The “It’s Showtime at Your Library” themed event will take place outdoors if weather permits. Children and teens are encouraged to visit the library to sign up for the talent show.

Other summer reading initiatives include volunteer-led story

time and a book club on Wednesdays. Story time is designed for children ages birth to second grade. The book club engages upper elementary-age kids.

“Kids talk about the books they like or are reading and participate in themed activities,” Phillips said.

One themed activity teens enjoyed in the previous two years is the 100-point overnight event. The Teen Advisory Board selected Star Wars for this year’s theme. Seventh graders through seniors in high school earn points by attending events, volunteering and checking out materials. Once they have earned 100 points they are extended an invitation to a Friday night sleepover, set for Aug. 16.

Children in grades six or younger are included in weekly tic-tac-toe activities and receive prizes for completed activity books. Phillips said the reading program is supported by contributions from local businesses. Additionally, kids can earn free coupons for the Saint Louis County Fair through the Read and Win program.

“There are several ways children can participate in our summer reading program,” Phillips said.

Cook Public Library hours are Tuesday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Friday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. In addition to regular hours, the library will be open Saturdays in July from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Upcoming events

Get Caught Reading, Saturday, July 27, 9 to 11 a.m.

Friends of the Cook Public Library meeting, Thursday, Aug. 15, 6 p.m.

Brave Girls and Wise Women, Friday, Aug. 16, 3:30 p.m.

Teen 100-point Star Wars Party, Friday, Aug. 16.

Cook-Orr Calendar

Monthly Meetings

Cook Seniors meet on the first Wednesday at 1 p.m. For more information call 218-666-2726 or 218-666-5578.

Community Events

Wednesday, July 24
Cook Music in the Park, Wednesday, July 24 at 6 p.m. The Fabulous DIVAS with Vegas-style entertainment and hi-jinks.

Monday, July 29
“Your Story as Art” with Kris Musto, Monday, July 29 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery on main street in Cook. Registration required through nwfamn.org or calling 218-666-2153 or 218-780-6510. Cost is \$40 for members; \$55 for non-members plus an additional \$5 supply fee paid the day of class. Ages 12 and older. Contact Kris at kmusto@mcad.edu or 612-325-0258.

Wednesday, July 31
Cook Music in the Park, Wednesday, July 31 at 6 p.m. Beefeater Brothers featuring Anna Marie. A musical variety with a nod to Patsy Cline.

Thursday, Aug. 8
Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile, Thursday, Aug. 8: Nett Lake Community Center 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; Crane Lake Ranger Station 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Orr Lake Country ReMax building 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Kabetogama Town Hall 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. For more information visit www.alslib.info, call 218-741-3840 or write Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768.

Northwoods Friends of the Arts hosts Linda Freeman’s Rosemailing, Thursday, Aug. 8 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the gallery. Ages 11 to adult. For more information, visit www.nwfamn.org.

Friday, Aug. 16
Northwoods Friends of the Arts hosts Elsie Hyppa’s Native American Weaving, Friday Aug. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cook Library. Ages 8 to adult. Pre-registration required by calling 218-780-1151.

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Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile, Thursday, Aug. 29: Nett Lake Community Center 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; Crane Lake Ranger Station 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Orr Lake Country ReMax building 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Kabetogama Town Hall 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. For more information, visit www.alslib.info, call 218-741-3840 or write Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768.

Thursday, Sept. 12 and Friday, Sept. 13
Watercolor Workshop on Thursday, Sept. 12 and Friday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Northwoods Friends of the Arts features a two-day autumn watercolor painting workshop taught by Mary Beth Downs. Pre-registration required, cost is \$60 for NWFA members and \$75 for non-members. Workshop will take place at the Cook Community Center, 510 E Gopher Dr. Register by calling 218-666-2153 or write NWFA, PO Box 44, Cook, MN 55723.

WILLY WONKA ON STAGE, JULY 19-21



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

BIGFORK – The Edge Center in Bigfork presents “Willy Wonka” Friday, July 19, Saturday, July 20 and Sunday, July 21.

Roald Dahl’s Willy Wonka is a musical adaptation based on the book “Charlie and The Chocolate Factory.” The play, directed by Nikki Swoboda, is produced by the Stages Theatre Company.

“Willy Wonka is filled with big dreams and a generous sprinkle of candy, which just so happens to be the ingredient for an excellent summer,” said Swoboda. “Charlie’s big heart and open eyes bring us on a fantastical journey from nothing to everything, and all kinds of wild adventures in between.”

Friday and Saturday performances begin at 7 p.m. with a Sunday show at 2 p.m.. Tickets are \$12 for adults and \$5 for children.

For more information, visit <https://edgecenterarts.org> or www.facebook.com/EdgeCenterArts, email admin@edgecenterarts.org, or call 218-743-6670.

DAMES...Continued from page 6

and Casey Erickson visited grandmother Sue Dahl in Duluth. They came home with a great package of fish caught by Sue off her dock at Lake Superior. The girls also worked in a wonderful shopping trip.

Never doubt that there are fish in Crane Lake. Some of the fish are spooning now, especially the lake

trout or landlocked salmon. The fish go back to their birthplace to spawn. Several don’t make it, but get caught in rapids or falls. Many of Crane Lake’s fish did not make the rapids in the creek entering the lake at the bridge. The bridge railings are full of fish. They may be dying but are attractive to see and add to the welcome to the lake.

Some believe they are the results of Jody and her fellow artists for the art work. The Dames prefer to believe the spooning story. The entire community thanks Jody and her fellow artists for the wonderful art work on the fish.

Hope you have a great week. Until next week, the Teapot Dames are singing off!

Highway construction begins Monday

COOK – Road construction along Highway 53 south of Cook begins on Monday, July 22.

Crews will be constructing a reduced conflict intersection at the south junction of Highway 1 and Highway 53. Most of the work will take place within the median with minor changes to Highway 1 and County Road 22. Traffic will be staged during the construction of this intersec-

tion to allow for access to all adjacent roadways. Work is anticipated to be completed by Aug. 30.

Additionally, four new passing lane segments will be constructed between Cook and Ericsburg. Each segment will include a new 2.5-mile-long center passing lane. This phase of the work is anticipated to begin mid-August, with an anticipated completion of mid-October. Highway

53 will be reduced to one lane during daytime operation by utilizing a flagging operation. Crews will work six days a week during daylight hours. The traveling public should expect delays.

For more information on the project, visit <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/hwy53-1-st-louis-koochiching/>. For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit www.511mn.org.

Myrtle Lake water study

ORR – A public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 24 to reveal results of an algae study conducted on Myrtle Lake east of Orr.

According to the North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District, Myrtle Lake is known to have nuisance algal blooms and nutrient levels that are higher

than the state standard. The St. Croix Watershed Research Station collected sediment core samples last year for a Minnesota Pollution Control Agency study.

Results from the study will be discussed on Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Orr Community Center.



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Jumpin' Jehosafats jazz/gospel band coming to Ely on July 31

ELY- The Jumpin' Jehosafats have been blending traditional jazz and Gospel for more than twenty-five years, raising money for charity and lifting spirits. The men and women of this group play a total of thirteen instruments - horns, piano, drums, strings, and flute among them, and they sing, too. They have played community concerts, prisons, riverboats, churches, nursing homes, state fairs, and homeless shelters in the Upper Midwest, and also toured Haiti and Jamaica. The JJs have been featured artists with the Twin Cities Jazz Society Concert Series and played for numerous local, regional, and national events for the United Methodist Church. They have released two CDs, the first entitled "I'm Movin' On," and the second, "Blessed are the Peacemakers," both with traditional and original tunes. Based in the Twin Cities, the band includes two Elyites: Suzanne Mades on flute and Elton Brown on tuba. The Jumpin' Jehosafats will be playing in the Whiteside Park bandshell on Wednesday, July 31 at 7 p.m. This toe-tapping free concert is a gift to the community from the Ely United Methodist Church (where the concert will be held in case of rain). Freewill donations will be given to "Young Life" Youth Ministry in Ely. The Ely concert kicks off this year's "Annual Jumpin' Jehosafats World Tour of Northern Minnesota," with appearances the following days in Emily, Pine River, and Little Falls.

Grief education and support group begins Aug. 5

VIRGINIA- A six-week grief education and support group will be taking place this fall on Monday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m. on Aug. 5, 12, 19, 26; Sept. 9 and 16 at the Peace United Methodist Church, 303 9th Ave. S in Virginia.

Experiencing the death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience, learning about the grief process and having support from others can help a great deal. Please consider reserving your spot to participate in this six-week grief education and support group. It is open to anyone in the area who has experienced the death of a loved one. There is no cost for this group. Registration is recommended but not required.

If you have questions about this group or would like to register, please call 1-877-851-2213 or 218-749-7975 by Friday, Aug. 2. This group is sponsored and facilitated by Essentia Health St. Mary's East Range Hospice.



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Courtney Yasmineh reading on July 25, in concert on July 26

ELY- Songwriter and Northwoods author Courtney Yasmineh will perform a full length concert of her own songs and some of her favorite folk rock classics on Friday, July 26 at 7 p.m. at the Tofte Lake Center, 2209 Fernberg Rd. in Ely.

Yasmineh will also be at Piragis Northwoods Co. in Ely at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 25, reading from her first novel which is based on her own adventure of living on Lake Vermilion for a winter alone as a teen in the 1970s.

She'll have her books and CDs on hand at both events for purchase and signing.

Courtney Yasmineh was raised in Chicago, but ran away to the north woods of Minnesota at seventeen and graduated from Tower-Soudan High School in 1979. She received a scholarship in creative writing and went on to graduate from Macalester College in 1983. She attributes much of her songwriting inspiration to her time in Northern Minnesota where



Songwriter and author Courtney Yasmineh will be in concert at Tofte Lake Center in Ely on Friday, July 26. submitted photo

she was introduced to the music of native Bob Dylan. She has made nine full-length albums of her own music and has toured extensively in Europe and across the USA in recent years.

Yasmineh lives in Minneapolis and is the 2019 recipient of the Gaia Fellowship Award offered each year by the Tofte Lake Center.

CRANE LAKE

Voyageur Days start on Monday

CRANELAKE- The fun begins on Monday, July 22 as Crane Lake celebrates its annual Voyageur Days.

The Kids Fishing Contest and the Trading Post Poker Run begin on July 22, and both activities run all week. The Crane Lake Chapel is hosting a Vacation Bible School for ages 5-12 on July 22-25 from 9 - 11:30 a.m. The theme for the camp is Minions.

On Tuesday, July 23, Women of the Water is hosting Yoga in the Northwoods at 2 p.m. Meet at Handberg's Marine. Bring your yoga mat, towel, and water bottle. The group will boat over to a perfect yoga spot. This is a beginners' class, so great for all ages and skill levels.

On Wednesday, July 24, from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. there is the Portage, Paddle, Swim Race at Voyageaire Lodge. Complete this 4.6 mile loop beginning with the Vermilion Gorge hike, ending in a paddle around Bear Island. Registration required, t-shirts for all who complete the race. Call Gretchen to register at 218-993-2266.

On Thursday, July 25 stop by Voyageaire Lodge from 12 noon - 3 p.m. for free guided 22' Voyageur Canoe Rides. Join Voyageurs National Park staff in traditional garb (singing optional). Other kids' activities too! There will be an Art Show in the game room at Nelson's Resort from 2 - 6 p.m. Featured



Take a ride in a Voyageur-style canoe on Thursday, July 25 at Voyageaire Lodge from noon - 3 p.m. file photo

artists include Rosalee Nieme, Lois Larson, Bob Kaiser, Chris Lang, Millie Nelson, Bonnie DuFresne and others. Browse beautiful art and enjoy complimentary refreshments. 2019 will include a special tribute to beloved artist Terry Palm.

From 5:30 - 7:30 p.m., enjoy Nelson's famous Smorgasbord Dinner. Steve Johnson will perform on the piano beginning at 5 p.m. all weekend.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Suspect in Orr bank robbery set to go to trial next month

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook/Orr Editor

HIBBING — William Lindeman was to have gone to trial here this week following a March 2018 robbery at the American Bank branch office in Orr. Numerous delays have now pushed the jury trial date to Aug. 8.

Following the incident, Lindeman was charged with First Degree Aggravated Robbery. He has pled not guilty to the charge.

According to court documents in St. Louis County, Lindeman has fired at least two of his assigned public defenders and as recently as March of this year tried

to represent himself in the case.

Court documents also show that Lindeman requested a Rule 20 hearing in writing earlier this spring. Rule 20 hearings are part of a court mental health evaluation that can also be used to determine whether a defendant is eligible and/or able to represent themselves

without an attorney.

Lindeman has also requested that Judge Mark Starr be removed from the case since Starr was the judge who signed the warrant for his arrest. That request was denied.

Lindeman has been in the St. Louis County Jail since his arrest 16 months ago. His bail is set at \$50,000.

Lindeman is accused of pepper-spraying two bank tellers at the American Bank adjacent to Pelican Bay Foods before fleeing the scene on an ATV. Law enforcement officers quickly caught up with him at his residence after following tracks left behind in the snow from the bank to his residence. Lindeman

was arrested without incident. The two tellers were taken to the Cook Hospital and treated for exposure to pepper spray.

Witnesses told the *Timberjay* last year they had observed Lindeman around the bank for several days prior to the robbery.

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were gone.

The missing doors, it turns out, were a somewhat unusual target. “A lot of the things stolen are chainsaws, tools, boat motors, etc.,” according to Orr City Clerk Cheri Carter. “It’s not big-ticket items, and they’re things that probably seem ‘petty’ to the county sheriff, but not to everyone who has to replace a chainsaw or boat motor.”

While perception of crime can sometimes be exaggerated, it’s clear that the Pelican Lake area has seen a spike in reported thefts and burglaries in 2019. Residents of Leiding Township, which encompasses the bulk of Pelican Lake, reported just four burglaries or thefts in all of 2018, according to data from the St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office. By contrast, residents have reported eight such incidents so far this year, with at least six since May.

Unofficially, the number of incidents is substantially higher. “It sounds like at least 28 people have reported thefts recently,” said Carter. The sheriff’s office notes that people may report incidents to neighbors and friends, but don’t always file reports with the sheriff, so many such cases don’t make it into official crime statistics.

Often, people don’t report such crimes because they figure there’s little the police can do. Gabrielson said she and her husband did report the theft of their doors and were pleased with the prompt response from a sheriff’s deputy in the area. “But I don’t expect to get them back,” she said, noting that law enforcement in the area is “spread pretty thin.”

Sometimes, however, law enforcement catches a break with help from the public—and a recent call from a local resident who spotted a suspicious vehicle speeding from a neighbor’s residence was one such example. Dennis Cote said he was enjoying a morning cup of coffee from his front porch when he spotted the vehicle, an older red Chevy Blazer with a blown out back window and called it in.

Sheriff’s Deputy Mark Haselow was in the area and responded quickly. He encountered the vehicle and pulled the three occupants over, finding a stash of copper wire they had taken from a pile of wire outside Cote’s neighbor’s residence.

The three individuals, Nathan and Cody Telega, and Aaron Sampson, all in their late 20s or early 30s, had apparently fled the scene before taking

enough wire to constitute a felony, according to Supervising Deputy Shannon Schultz, in Hibbing. So Haselow issued the three men misdemeanor theft citations, impounded the vehicle they were driving, and made arrangements to have the wire returned to its rightful owner.

The three are scheduled for a court appearance on Aug. 12.

Cote said he hasn’t experienced any break-ins or thefts yet, but he said other neighbors haven’t been so lucky.

“It’s getting to be a problem,” said Cote, who has recently installed security cameras surrounding his house. Other neighbors on his once quiet and safe road have done the same, he said.

Solutions

Residents of the area are also exploring the creation of a neighborhood watch effort to try to keep a closer eye on suspicious activity. Orr Mayor Joel Astleford told members of the Orr City Council earlier this month that he had been approached by several people interested in setting up a watch and the council gave its okay for

the city to explore the idea. Carter said she’d be contacting the county sheriff’s office to learn more about what’s involved in establishing such a program. She said it isn’t expected to cost the city any money. “It’s just getting people who are willing to do it,” she said. “They have to be trained on how to respond... it can’t just be a vigilante group.”

Cote said he likes the idea of a neighborhood watch, although he acknowledges it may take time to establish. “The thing with the watch is pretty much everyone here knows everyone.”

“People recognize when someone is unfamiliar or suspicious,” said Cote. “The more pairs of eyes watching, the better.”

Deputy Schultz agrees that the public has an important role to play. “The public is definitely our best partner. They have many sets of eyes.”

Lack of consequences?

Some of those concerned by the recent break-ins expressed frustration that those responsible for the violations rarely seem to face serious consequences for their actions.



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Dozens of concerned Ely-area residents joined a worldwide effort last Friday to draw attention to the plight of migrants. submitted photo

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horrible conditions since crossing our southern border," she said. "At first the closest Lights for Liberty location was Minneapolis, but I thought, 'Why not Ely? We can do it here.'" Mann reached out to several local faith leaders and word spread.

"Several people said they were surprised at how many people came to the vigil," said Carol Orban of Ely. "I said that I wasn't at all surprised. Ely folks have heart." Connie O'Kane, of Ely, said she was pleased with the local response. "It is gratifying to see caring put into action," she said.

Mary Groeninger, priest of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Eric Thiele, pastor of Grace Lutheran Church, Corey Larsen, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, and

community members Emily Brown, John Larson and Jean Gendreau helped organize and lead the event.

The 45-minute vigil was peaceful in tone. In addition to prayers and song, leaders shared scripture passages from four world religions about caring for foreigners, refugees and guests. They read poems about immigration, including Emma Lazarus's poem inscribed on the Statue of Liberty, and several participants offered brief personal stories.

Jean Gendreau spoke about a recent visit to McAllen, Texas, where she saw two asylum-seeking boys at the airport being transported to other detention facilities. "They sat next to me. A local man pointed them out. He said

every morning the government quietly flies children out of the McAllen airport. The boys I saw were about 10 years old, and each one had a guard. It's not that they were crying or upset. They were just blank. Their empty eyes and numb faces made it horribly real."

John Larson, who spends part of the year in Benson, Ariz., reflected on how immigration policy and practice have changed over his 25 years living and working near the border. He is a long-time volunteer with Humane Borders, No More Deaths, and the Blessed Nun Society on the Arizona-Mexico border.

At 9 p.m. the group formed a circle for five minutes of silence and candlelight, even as other groups in the Central Time

Zone were doing the same. (Each of the nearly 800 vigils around the world planned a time of silence and light for 9 p.m. local time.)

A few participants brought signs. A unique one, taped to a double stroller, read, "Someone my age is in a cage. I am 3 years old."

As participants departed, they were offered information sheets and postcards for contacting government officials. Some expressed interest in ongoing action. Watch for announcements on Facebook and in local newspapers.

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White said she understood why the Ely hospital has discontinued other services, such as delivery of babies. "That is specialized care, and they weren't delivering enough babies to provide that service, especially in an emergency situation," she said.

She noted that home health care, which can include physical therapy, wound dressing, medication distribution and other basic nursing care is very important once the patient leaves the hospital. "Home health care is basic nursing care and there is a real need for that here, and not just for the elderly," she said. "Anybody may be in need of home care at some time in their life. What are these people going to do?" she asked.

Coyle downplays such concerns. "The rumor that Ely will have limited home health service is just not true, Coyle added. "The care is just simply being shifted to another organization."

And Spectrum may not be the only option in the future. "Another medical service company, out of Grand Rapids, also reached out to us just this week," said EBCH Communications Manager Jodi Martin. "They have been offering home health care in northeast Minnesota for quite some time and hope to fill any gaps."

Coyle has worked at a number of medical facilities over the past 20-plus years, some with home health care and some without. "I have had experience with them over the years," he said. "I was even a home-health care patient for a time and keeping them viable is difficult."

Coyle said Ely-Bloomenson needs to focus on critical services that it is well-positioned to provide. "We need to take a look at what we do better than anybody else, and what does somebody else do better than us; then

we stick to what we do best." That same rationale was behind the hospital's decision a few years ago to stop providing ob/gyn services.

He said companies that specialize in home health care are in the best position to provide those services. "They are experts in the field," said Coyle. "Not that we weren't experts, but as a community hospital we are the jack-of-all trades people."

Coyle said ensuring the hospital's long-term financial viability requires that the facility provide services that are sustainable. "We have seen a 43-percent decrease in the utilization of our (home health) services over the past five years," Coyle said. "In the last seven months, between seven and 11 people have been served for home health care. That is a significant decrease." He cited tightening insurance admitting criteria and decreasing reimbursement rates as other factors in EBCH's decision.

Coyle pushed back on the notion that EBCH has "a ton of staff" that goes into homes to provide health care offsite. "Actually, we have three RNs and two home health aides, but only one person on any given day is doing any work because we don't have enough patients to have our people do any more work than that," he said.

"We hear that we need to provide the service, but we don't have enough utilization. The numbers speak for themselves," Coyle added.

In addition, when insurance companies don't reimburse or cover home health services, many patients requiring care will undoubtedly pay the fees on their own, or they find alternative ways to get that treatment, he said. "The need is there but the insurance payers aren't matching the need. The burden then falls on the

patient, and we are seeing our numbers of patients decreasing."

Coyle said the decision to discontinue the service was not an easy one. "We took some six

months to come up with what we were going to do and we worked extremely hard to make sure there were other resources in the community that could handle the few patients that

we had," Coyle said.

"We want to be able to provide the best care to as many people as possible," Coyle said. "But we can't be all things to all people. There are a lot of services

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While Dey is from Hibbing, she has family ties in the Cook and Orr area.

"I come from a family of loggers and my father lived in Cook as a kid," she said. "I am looking forward to getting involved in the community and meeting my readers."

In addition to reporting local news, Dey will also be covering North Woods Grizzlies sports along with the St. Louis County School District in Virginia. She will also be keeping tabs on the *Timberjay's* website and Facebook page.

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BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

Wastewater board to undertake \$33,000 pilot study

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA
Staff Writer

SOUDAN- At the Breitung Township board meeting, July 11, Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board Supervisor Matt Tuchel gave an update to the board on a major upgrade to the water treatment system currently under consideration.

This fall, the wastewater board will be starting a \$33,000 pilot study through SEH Engineering to determine the most effective and economical ways to remove both organic and inorganic material in the Tower/Soudan source water, reduce the amount of surface water infiltration in the system, and to increase the quality of water overall. The study will explore a number of alternate treatment systems to find the one that would deliver the highest quality water for residents.

The wastewater board is also looking at installing a secondary treatment system, which could be used in case of failure of the main system as well as increase the quality of the water supply generally.

Tuchel said the board has applied for \$3 million in funding through the state bonding bill and that Mike Larson from SEH was optimistic that three-quarters of the project could be funded through state bonding. Tuchel said the project ranks second on the state's Project Priority List and that they would be seeking IRRRB and CDBG funds as well to cover the remainder of the project, though some funding will likely need to be in the form of a loan.

Tuchel said the board has been looking at doing this project since 2016 when water tested over the limit for trihalomethanes (THM) and haloacetic acids. The project was

put aside after the department passed subsequent tests, but the board has determined that additional treatment will be needed in the future. THM and haloacetic acids are byproducts of chlorine. Tower-Breitung's water system operators must boost levels of chlorine on occasion to counteract surface water that enters the well system.

In other news, the Breitung board:

➤ Approved change orders for increasing the size of the walkway between the community center building and the attached garage behind it, and to fill a catch basin that was in the floor.

➤ Approved an invoice of \$2,062 for services from ARI.

➤ Discussed that the Soudan Post Office will experience a disruption to use of the lobby in August while it is being remodeled, though a remedy

solution has not yet been decided upon.

➤ Heard from maintenance director Dale Swanson that township maintenance received and put down 5,500 gallons of dust control for dirt roads just before the 4th of July but it was an insufficient amount and more will be requested next year.

➤ Heard that 350 hot dogs and 15 gallons of ice cream were consumed at the Breitung Township picnic. It's estimated at least 250 people in were attendance. Overall, the picnic was deemed a success. The pool proved very popular for children, but it deflated. A new pool will likely be purchased for next summer's picnic.

➤ Heard from Treasurer Jorgine Gornick that the remainder of the township's apportionment was received.

➤ Heard that the Old Settlers Picnic will be held at McKinley Campground

on Saturday, July 20.

➤ Heard a complaint that a home on Church Street settled as a result of the Church Street sewer project performed by Mesabi Bituminous last summer and is now having trouble with opening doors. Another home on Church Street is having trouble with driveway flooding.

➤ Approved sending out a request for propane bids, and heard that Supervisor Chuck Tekautz would like to check into the cost of having the township purchase its own propane tank and accessories, to make it easier to change vendors in the future.

➤ Heard from Chairman Tim Tomsich, who requested the clerk contact other local communities for their rental policies of public spaces, such as the Tower Civic Center, to prepare for rentals of the township's community room currently

under construction.

➤ Sent a grant application to the local broadband steering committee for a Blandin Foundation Broadband grant for a public computer that will be located in the community center. The grant request includes a computer, printer, desk and office chair, a total of about \$3,500. The township will be providing the required 25 percent match with office supplies, space, and a change order on the current construction project.

➤ Directed Supervisor Greg Dostert to seek estimates for the installation of hockey boards at the township rink. Swanson and Dostert noted that the boards have been waiting a year for installation.

The next township meeting will be on Wednesday, July 24 at noon.

VETERANS SUPPORT

Lake Country Power receives Employer of Veterans Award

GRAND RAPIDS- Lake Country Power is honored to accept the Employer of Veterans Award from The American Legion Department of Minnesota.

The award was presented to the cooperative during the Department Convention in Willmar this summer.

Derek Howe, chief

operating officer for Lake Country Power, accepted the award on behalf of the co-op. LCDR Howe served as a P-3 Mission Commander and provided intelligence surveillance and reconnaissance during Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Speaking before an audience of more than 300 people, Howe said, "Lake Country Power is honored

to accept this prestigious award. Thank you. Our values at Lake Country Power - integrity, safety and quality, innovation, communication, teamwork and respect - are what you'll find in each American veteran as well as each person serving in active duty."

11 percent of Lake Country Power's 134

employees are veterans.

The first American Legion Veterans Employment and Education Commission Award was established in 1947 and recognized individuals across the country who had established outstanding records in the employment and retention of workers with disabilities. Since that time,

categories were added up to the current nine award programs. In 1969, The Veterans Employment and Education Commission expanded its Employer Awards Program when it created an award category for employers of veterans.

Lake Country Power's award represents medium-sized companies in Minnesota. The co-op

was nominated for the award by D. Marvin Hill, a Lake Country Power member who served 38 continuous years between the Army, Minnesota Army National Guard, Army Reserve at Fort Snelling, and Independent Ready Reserve at St. Louis, Mo.



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Cast members from La Traviata perform Monday evening at Washington Auditorium in Ely.

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Northern Lights Festival hosts La Traviata opera in Ely

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Opera fans here were treated to Giuseppe Verdi’s sumptuous melodies and timeless depiction of tragic love Monday night as the Northern Lights Music Festival presented La Traviata at Washington Auditorium.

What is described as an undeniable favorite for generations, La Traviata takes place in Paris and surroundings, in the late 1700s. Violetta, a glamorous courtesan, gives up everything for her devoted lover, Alfredo, only to have their idyllic affair shattered

by the stern demands of Alfredo’s father, Giorgio. From the frenzy of Violetta’s pleasure-filled life to her heart-wrenching decision to leave her beloved, Verdi’s opera is a tribute to what it means to live and die for love.

The dramatic production was conducted by Darko Butorac, who has established himself as a conductor in demand both in Europe and America. Butorac serves as Music Director of the Tallahassee Symphony and the Asheville Symphony, following his debut with the Belgrade Philharmonic in 2011. Guest conducting engagements have also brought him to

Germany, Poland, China, Estonia and Slovenia.

The Northern Lights Music Festival concludes this weekend with a final chamber concert, including performances by festival school participants, in Aurora on Friday, July 19 at 7 p.m. Opera scenes with piano accompaniment will be presented on Saturday, July 20 at Mesabi Range College, beginning at 7 p.m.

The Northern Lights Music Festival, now in its 16th season, is made possible by the generosity of many patrons and foundations, including Ely’s Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust.



La Traviata music director Darko Butorac addresses the audience.



Cecilia Violetta Lopez (front row, third from left) leads opera singers during a performance of La Traviata by the Northern Lights Music Festival in Ely on Monday.



Cecilia Violetta Lopez and Jeffrey Mattsey sing during a scene from the play.

Public is hopeful ‘Ringo’ the bear has lost his ring

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ELY — Where’s Ringo? That’s been the question the past couple weeks as a bear dubbed “Ringo” by many in the area appears to have freed himself from a ring-like garbage can lid that apparently got stuck around his neck earlier this spring.

The bear, known for a gentle disposition, had maintained a regular feeding route among lake cabins in the Ely and Babbitt area, making it highly visible



to residents and visitors alike. Its appearance, with its prominent collar, generated a flood

of phone calls to the DNR’s Tower area wildlife office and even attracted the attention of a

Wall Street Journal reporter who visited Ely recently to report on the situation.

Some people who were familiar with Ringo say he’s still around, without his ring, which it appears he managed to remove by himself, probably earlier this month.

That’s when the calls about the bear, which had kept local DNR wildlife staff busy, suddenly stopped. DNR wildlife biologist Jeremy Maslowski said there’s no way to confirm that Ringo has been freed from

his garbage can lid, but he said it’s now been at least two weeks since they received their last report of the bear.

“It’s a good thing,” said Maslowski. “We have plenty of other bear issues to deal with this time of year.”

DNR wildlife officials had been unsuccessful in their efforts to live trap the bear earlier this summer, but Maslowski said the trap is no longer deployed and likely won’t be used again unless someone reports a new sighting of the bear, still wearing his ring.

Fabulous Flying Finns exhibit now open at Nelimark Museum

EMBARRASS- The “Fabulous Flying Finns” exhibit is on display this summer at the Nelimark Homestead Museum in Embarrass. The exhibit tells the story of the Embarrass High School track team during the early 1950s that thrilled the Minnesota sports world.

During the 1920s, Finland’s Paavo Nurmi was hailed as the world’s greatest long distance runner and recognized across America as “the Flying Finn.” It was a title that resurfaced a quarter of a century later in northern Minnesota, when for a few brief years little Embarrass High School thrilled the world of sports with its exploits on the cinder tracks of the state. So gifted were these Embarrass athletes that they not only beat the best from larger nearby schools, but were able to take on and defeat such perennial Minnesota track powers



District 27 Track and Field Champions - 1951 and 1952. standing (left to right) Ray Nevila, Douglas Padgett, Dennis Sundren, Edward Nevila, Casey Salo; seated (left to right) Fred Lemppa, Ralph Rankola, Robert Venne, Dan Saarala.

submitted photo

at Minneapolis Washburn and Southwest. Area sports writers quickly dubbed them “the Flying Finns.”

The Nelimark Homestead Museum is open every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. through the month of September. Walk around the museum and see the Flying Finns exhibit, as well as the other exhibits. Purchase special gifts made by the Farmstead Artisans and enjoy visit-

ing over a cup of coffee. Friday is always “bread day,” with fresh rolls and breads available for purchase, and rhubarb slushies too!

Make plans to spend some time with us, learning about the history of Embarrass and especially the story of those “Fabulous Flying Finns.” The Nelimark Homestead Museum is located at the corner of Hwy. 21 and East Salo Road in Embarrass.

1,000 regional students received Buddy Backpacks

REGIONAL- More than 35,000 meal kits were distributed to 1,000 children through the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota (UWNEMN)’s Buddy Backpack program during the 2018-2019 school year.

In total, 850 children in 14 Iron Range school districts, all Head Start sites, 150 students in four Koochiching County school districts, and at KOOTASCA Head Start were served by the program last year. UWNEMN’s Buddy Backpack program supplies nutritious, non-perishable, child-friendly food items to children at risk of going hungry over the weekends and on holiday breaks from school.

UWNEMN conducts an annual survey with participating children and school staff who assist in administering the program. According to survey results, teachers and nurses say children using the program feel more self-sufficient and capable, worry less about food availability, and look

forward to the backpacks each week. Some report an increase in attendance on Fridays and believe it’s due to the Buddy Backpack program.

Student feedback aligns with that of school staff. “I’ve gotten through some rough days being hungry because of Buddy Backpacks,” one said. “It’s hard to work on an empty stomach.”

“Buddy Backpacks makes me happy because I can’t concentrate when I’m hungry,” another echoed. School staff said there is a need for the Buddy Backpack program to not only sustain but to grow. They responded that more than 140 additional children would be in need of Buddy Backpacks if the program were able to expand.

“Our goal at UWNEMN is to ensure that no children in our region go home hungry,” said UWNEMN Resource Development and Events Director Elizabeth Kelly. “We are grateful for the outpouring of support from both donors and

volunteers over the previous year. The program would not be possible for area children without volunteers and financial contributors.” In addition to the weekly meal kits, UWNEMN provides a complete hygiene kit to all children enrolled in the program.

Volunteer opportunities to pack Buddy Backpacks will begin again in September. For volunteer opportunities to donate to the Buddy Backpack program, or to read the full survey results, visit www.united-waynemn.org.

Since 1966, the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota (UWNEMN) has been a volunteer-based organization serving the needs of individuals and families on the Iron Range (Northern St. Louis County and Eastern Itasca County) and Koochiching County. The organization’s mission is to unite and focus our communities in creating measurable results to improve people’s lives and strengthen our families.

Tower Area ATV Safety Class scheduled for Aug. 22

TOWER- There will be a Field Day for the Minnesota ATV Safety Course on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 4 p.m. until approximately 8 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. A knowledge test and information session will be set up in the Tower Civic Center at 4:30 p.m. and a skills test on operating will be set up immediately after.

Youth ages 11 and older can attend an ATV safety certification course

and receive their certificate. The ATV Safety Certificate becomes valid at age 12. DNR ATV Certification is required of anyone born after July 7, 1987, to operate an ATV on public land in Minnesota.

Students will be asked to complete the online ATV safety course before the start of the class on Aug. 22. Follow the links from the Minnesota DNR website, at the top of the

page click on (Education/ Safety), from the drop down, pick (Recreational Vehicle Safety Classes), next choose (All-terrain vehicle ATV Safety Training), from here you can read the options available (atvcourse.com) at a cost of \$24.95. Be sure to choose the under-16 field day option; once enrolled into the course it will take approximately two weeks to complete depending on the amount of time

spent. (Parents, please let your children do the class themselves.) This will get the certificate needed to enroll in an ATV Field Day; students over 16 do not have to do a Field Day. Students need to complete the course on their own at home. At the field day on Aug. 22 this certificate is mandatory to begin the ATV Field Day and enrollment application. After the ATV Field Day is complete and students have passed, a Field Day certificate will be given to them and their ATV

Safety Certificate can be purchased for another \$10 from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. This certificate will become valid when the applicant turns twelve. The one-day class will be given by area volunteers. It will start with an information session and will have a written test to see if the students are knowledgeable on the subject, after which there will be a hands-on riding course where the students will be able to prove their skills. Because of the lack

of hands-on instructors, parents are asked to help their children by teaching them the basic fundamentals of handling an ATV. Students are asked to sign up by Friday, Aug. 16 by calling the Tower DNR office between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 218-300-7841 and signing up with Joan Broten, the area parks and trails office manager. Students will be asked to leave their full name, telephone number, address, and birthdate. Also, students will need to bring a helmet, long pants, and boots, (sandals and shorts will not be acceptable and students will be sent home). A parent or guardian chosen by the parent, 18 or older, will need to accompany the student to sign a release form prior to the class. A total of 30 students will be accepted for the class, on a first call basis.

A minimum of six volunteers will be needed for the number of students anticipated. This will be for most of the evening and some setup before. Volunteers who wish to help on the ATV Field Day would be greatly appreciated and may call Dan Broten at 218-780-3004. This course is offered by the Minnesota DNR and the Prospectors Loop ATV/UTV Alliance.

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Blueberry/Art Festival marks 39 years

Runs July 26-28; featuring as many as 260 artists and crafters

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY— The region’s annual mass migration to the Blueberry/Art Festival will get underway next Friday, July 26, at Ely’s Whiteside Park and run through Sunday, July 28. Now in its 39th season, the festival is Ely’s biggest bash of the year, annually drawing 30,000-40,000 people to shop the juried art show and taste the dozens of food options available during the three-day festival.

The event opens on Friday at 10 a.m. Friday and Saturday hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday is 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Festival participants will find unique, handcrafted items and original works of art from over 260 artists and crafts people. “We have a collection of some of the best photographers in the area, wonderful pottery, top notch jewelry, oil and water color paintings, exquisite furniture and of course the hot category of repurposed art,” said festival organizer Ellen Cashman.

The festival also features a wide variety of food and beverage vendors. There will be 20 food trucks and trailers lining the food court. “Start your day with fresh, hot-off-



the-griddle blueberry pancakes, or a yummy breakfast sandwich and coffee drink,” Cashman said.

For lunch try oriental cuisine, seafood including crab cakes and coconut shrimp, and the tried-and-true favorites— hamburgers or sausages with all the fixings, including piles of French fries.

“New this year is authentic Mexican food and Mexican sodas,” Cashman added. “Make sure you save room for blueberry pie, by the slice or by the whole pie. Hundreds of blueberry pies are baked fresh for the festival and are available from the Kiwanis at the park pavilion.”

Refreshing beverages available at the festival include fresh-squeezed lemonade, Dorothy Molter root beer, Italian shaved ice and cold beer in the beer garden.

The Blueberry/Art Festival features live music in the park band shell all three days. On Friday, Timmy Haus will perform from 1-4 p.m.

Saturday performances feature Bill Maxwell and Cowboy Angel Blue, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 2-4 p.m. “We top things off on Sunday with Pat and Donna Surface and the Boundary Water Boys, on stage from noon-1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m.,” Cashman said.

There is plenty for the younger folks to do, including bungee jumping, water ball and a bounce house, providing plenty of fun.

The Ely Chamber of Commerce booth in the middle of the park features vendor maps, and listings of all the blueberry items available by artists in the park including: blueberry soaps and lotions, blueberry paintings and cards, blueberry pottery, blueberry textiles and even blueberry vegan nail polish (new this year).

“While you are enjoying the festival, stop in at our local retail businesses and restaurants too,” Cashman added. “We will have a list of businesses carrying blueberry items throughout town. The list is available at the Chamber festival booth and also at the Chamber office.”

The Blueberry/Art Festival is sponsored by the Ely Chamber of Commerce Event and Promotions Committee. Like them on Facebook and check it out at www.ely.org.

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WATERFOWL

DNR survey finds solid breeding duck populations

REGIONAL— Spring duck population surveys show generally favorable results for most species of ducks that nest in Minnesota, according to the Department of Natural Resources. The DNR uses the waterfowl survey to estimate the number of breeding ducks or breeding geese that nest in the state rather than simply migrate through. The DNR's annual spring waterfowl survey, which wildlife officials conducted in May this year, has provided

an index of breeding duck abundance in the state since 1968.

The generally cool and wet conditions this spring were ideal for waterfowl and the numbers showed populations for most species are continuing to run above long-term averages.

Survey results

The state's breeding mallard population estimate was 27 percent above its long-term average, with a

Right: A common goldeneye flies along a Lake Vermilion shoreline. photo by M. Helmberger

population estimated at 286,000, just three percent lower than last year's estimate of 295,000 mallards.

The blue-winged teal population is seven percent above the long-term average with a population of 223,000 this year, which is 17

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Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower
SPREADING DOGBANE



The **Spreading Dogbane** *Apocynum androsaemifolium*, is common across our region but its small, bell-like flowers can be overlooked growing at the tips of this plant's tall stems.

This plant can grow as tall as four feet and its spreading nature allows it to stand well above many other midsummer plants.

The oval leaves grow in paired fashion along the horizontal stems that spread from the central vertical stem.

Later in the summer, the flowers form a bean-like pod that eventually opens releasing tufted seeds.

In the fall, the leaves turn a bright yellow, often adding to the fall color along roadsides.

Fishing reports

Ely area

The walleye bite remains fairly consistent throughout the area. Most of the anglers out are using either crawlers or leeches, whether rigged on a spinner, or jigged around sunken islands or reefs. Most fish are coming from 15-22' of water right now, but some folks are picking up some nice catches near shore in 4-10' early and late in the day. Crank baits are also catching some impressive numbers of fish that are down deeper in the water column. Try using Berkley's Flicker Shad, Flicker Minnows or Rapala Deep Tail Dancers and Shad Raps. At times when fish are really running deep, you can either add a bit of weight to your current setup by using split shot or rubber core sinkers, and this will get you down into the zone. Another good option is to spool up a rig with lead core line as this setup works great in depths below twenty-five feet.

Smallmouth and largemouth bass have really turned on with the advent of warmer weather. Some of the largest fish have been smashing the new Whopper Ploppers and frog imitations around weed beds and shorelines.

Lake trout have been active on Burntside Lake. Folks dragging larger crank baits and spoons have been catching them in water depths from 25-40' of water. Although the fish being caught are not trophy size, many of them are in the five-to-eight pound range with an occasional fish exceeding ten pounds. The larger fish seem to be holding in depths of 60-75'.

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



PLASTICS IN THE ENVIRONMENT

Lure, litter, or worse?

Studies show there's reason for concern over the use of soft plastic baits

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — For decades, anglers have increasingly turned to soft, plastic fishing baits to lure everything from bass to lake trout here in the North Country. The popularity of these baits is evident from any visit to an area tackle shop, where anglers will typically find a large and colorful line-up of different bait styles and brands.

There's plenty of angler experience to demonstrate that

these baits can be very effective in luring fish to bite. They're soft, like live bait, and they're typically infused with chemical scents that make them attractive to predator fish.

Yet, despite the widespread use of these baits, researchers have only started to ask questions about their potential impact on popular game fish. Even less is known about how these baits might be affecting aquatic ecosystems in general.

One thing that's known for sure is that these plastic baits are showing up in the digestive systems of at least some fish right here in Minnesota, although not in significant numbers.

"It's not really on our radar

here," said Edie Evarts, area fisheries supervisor in Tower. While Evarts said area fisheries staff do occasionally find soft plastic baits in the stomachs of fish they catch as part of their annual test netting, she said it's only an occasional occurrence.

The few studies that have examined this issue have yielded varying results as to how often fish ingest soft plastic baits in the wild. Some studies have found just two or three percent of fish examined had such baits in their system, while other surveys have

suggested the number could be as high as 25 percent.

"If there was a 20-30 percent occurrence here, we'd know about it," said Evarts.

Eric Sanft, a fisheries biologist with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, has conducted some of the most recent research on the topic as part of his graduate studies in Illinois, and he concurs with Evarts that, at least for now, relatively few fish are ingesting these artificial baits in the wild. Still, he acknowledges, enough anglers are finding the material inside fish they clean to raise questions. "It can generate a lot of concern on [fishing] forums,"

said Sanft.

Sanft's 2018 study suggests that largemouth bass are able to regurgitate soft plastic baits, usually within a few days, suggesting that the impact on individual bass may be limited.

But a 2009 study of brook trout that were fed soft plastic baits under laboratory conditions showed they suffered significant ill effects as the baits blocked their digestive systems and prompted the fish to lose substantial amounts of weight even when in tanks with plentiful natural food.

The broader impact on lakes is less clear. Without question, the baits do accumulate on lake bottoms over time, as fish bite off portions and later regurgitate them into the water. Some anglers will also discard unused bait into the water, further adding to the plastic litter covering popular lake bottoms. A 2014 study of a popular fishing lake in eastern Ontario, estimated that anglers lost more than 12,000 soft plastic baits during the course of a year on the lake.

If those baits remained inert, it might mitigate some of the concern. However, researchers note that most soft plastic baits are manufactured from a combination of PVC and chemicals known as "plasticizers" which give the baits their rubbery feel. Those plasticizers typically contain other chemicals known as "phthalates," which are known endocrine disruptors and which can

leach from the PVC into lake water. "Phthalates can have toxic effects on freshwater fish including alteration in enzyme activity and mortality," noted Sanft in his 2018 paper, citing a 2002 study. Sanft said he had hoped to study any possible effects on fish from ingestion of phthalates, but he said the bass he studied didn't retain the baits in their systems long enough to leach any noticeable amount of the toxic chemicals.

To date, no states have banned the use of soft plastic baits, although the state of Maine has considered such a ban citing environmental concerns. However, a 2014 report by the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife recommended against a ban, in favor of educating anglers about the potential harm that such baits can cause and encouraging them to recycle or properly dispose of unused baits. The department also urged the Maine Legislature to encourage the industry to move to more natural products that truly biodegrade.

Some soft bait manufacturers already claim that their baits are biodegradable, but biologists have stressed that those claims have not been confirmed by research. While some types of plastic are advertised as biodegradable, it often means the plastic breaks down into much smaller pieces, which can then become incor-

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Eric Sanft
DNR fisheries biologist

RESEARCH

DNR seeking musky scales from Vermilion

REGIONAL— The DNR is asking anglers fishing for musky on Lake Vermilion to collect scales from the musky they catch. Especially needed are anglers who can catch multiple muskies and provide multiple samples.

These scales will help estimate the number of adult muskies in the lake and provide a better understanding of muskie movement and behavior.

To participate, anglers can pick up collection envelopes, and drop completed ones with scales, at the following locations:

- DNR Tower area office, 650 Hwy. 169, Tower.
- Everett Bay Lodge, 1820 Everett Bay Road.
- Glenwood Lodge, 5266 Mud Creek Road.
- Muskego Point Resort, 8147 Bayview Road.
- Retreat Lodge, 2320 Retreat Lodge Road.
- Spring Bay Resort, 3045 Vermilion Drive.
- Vermilion Dam Lodge, 3276 Randa Road.

For more information on how to take part, check out the DNR’s website at www.dnr.state.mn.us/lakevermilion/vermilion-muskie-scale-collection.html.

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porated in the environment with effects that remain largely unknown.

And researchers question how effectively biodegradable plastics break down in the natural environment. While such plastics can biodegrade in industrial composting facilities where high temperatures encourage the growth of the bacteria that feed on the material, such conditions are unlikely to be re-created in a natural environment, particularly in North Country lakes.

According to Evarts, if there’s one thing that is keeping demand for soft plastic baits in check in Minnesota, it’s the relative abundance of various natural bait. Anglers here still rely heavily on minnows, leeches, and nightcrawlers, and those baits generally remain

plentiful enough to meet that demand.

Evarts notes, too, that many of the plastic baits are geared toward bass fishing, which comprises a relatively small slice of the angling activity here in walleye country. Still, the DNR doesn’t really know how many anglers are regularly using soft plastics. “We haven’t been tracking it,” said Evarts. “We don’t ask about bait in our creel surveys anymore.”

While Sanft doesn’t believe that soft plastic baits pose any major risk to most fish, he said anglers need to do their part to make sure they dispose of any unused bait properly. “You may not be killing fish, but it is litter and no one wants to see that in their lake. Just be responsible.”

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
81 55	78 53	73 52	75 52	78 56

Ely	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Emb.	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Cook	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Orr	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Tower	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.
07/08	81	46	0.00		07/08	80	53	0.00		07/08	79	52	0.00		07/08	84	57	0.00		07/08	81	52	0.00	
07/09	85	59	0.00		07/09	85	57	0.01		07/09	87	60	0.03		07/09	72	66	0.01		07/09	85	59	0.11	
07/10	78	60	0.08		07/10	85	57	0.16		07/10	78	62	0.17		07/10	70	61	1.63		07/10	78	60	0.31	
07/11	76	47	0.14		07/11	76	48	0.46		07/11	76	54	0.03		07/11	79	48	0.26		07/11	77	47	0.02	
07/12	78	52	0.27		07/12	79	50	0.25		07/12	80	55	0.18		07/12	81	61	0.00		07/12	72	55	0.50	
07/13	83	48	0.06		07/13	81	48	0.01		07/13	81	57	0.01		07/13	79	50	0.00		07/13	82	49	0.00	
07/14	81	51	0.00		07/14	79	52	0.00		07/14	80	57	0.00		07/14	84	84	0.00		07/14	80	54	0.00	
YTD Total			8.92		YTD Total			12.24		YTD Total			8.72		YTD Total			9.47		YTD Total				9.86

WHAT'S IN YOUR BOATHOUSE?

by ROBERT MATSON
Columnist

My featured boat this week is a 1950 Globe Mastercraft Deluxe Runabout, powered by a Gray Marine 45HP engine, owned by Joe Lepley of Annandale.

In the 1930’s, Globe Corporation president George Getz Jr. enjoyed boating and began making plans to diversify his company by entering the boat-building business. At that time, Globe’s main business was producing sailplane gliders and powered drones for the U.S. Army. When the U.S. entered WWII in the 40s, Getz ramped up production of gliders and drones to support the war effort and put his plans for boat building on the back burner.

In the early 1940’s, Getz brought together two well-known designers to create a stylish afford-

able runabout for the boating public. Prototypes were built during the 1940s and introduced at the New York and Los Angeles Boat Shows in 1946. A total of 270 Globe Mastercrafts were built. The company ceased boat production in 1950 at the start of the Korean war when Globe returned its focus to producing gliders and drones for the Army as it had done in WWII.

This Globe Mastercraft has been restored by Aaron Starke at Sunrise River Boatworks. It is estimated that there are no more than a dozen boats in existence today.

If you would like to see your boat featured here, contact me at 218-365-2555, or email at rcmely@frontiernet.net.

WATERFOWL...

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percent above last year’s estimate.

The combined populations of other ducks, such as ring-necked ducks, wood ducks, gadwalls, shovelers, canvasbacks and red-heads total 185,000 ducks, which is ten percent lower than last year although it remains five percent above the long-term average.

The estimated number of wetlands was 19 percent higher than last year and 23 percent above the long-term average. Wetland numbers can vary greatly based on annual precipitation.

DNR survey methods

The DNR’s annual waterfowl survey covers 40 percent of Minnesota and includes much of the state’s best remaining duck breeding habitat.

The survey is timed to begin in early May to coincide with peak nesting activity of mallards.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORR CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2019

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Orr City Council was held Monday, June 10, 2019, at the Orr City Hall, after the conclusion of the Public Hearing on Ordinance 2019-01, Short-Term Vacation Rentals.

Mayor Joel Astleford called the Meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present:
Mayor Joel Astleford
Councilor Lloyd Scott
Councilor Bruce Black
Councilor Ericka Cote

Absent: Councilor Bruce Black

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Cheri Carter; Deputy Clerk, Laura Manai; Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch; Assistant Maintenance Rocky Hoffman; Liquor Store Manager, Charles Nieman; Ambulance Director, Donna Hoffer; and Marcus White, Timberjay.

Item I was added to the agenda: Request from Fire Chief Dallas Johnson to look into purchasing a used tender truck for the Fire Department.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Regular Council Meeting of May 13, 2019; and expen-

ditures in the amount of \$68,993.97. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve the following fire protection rates for 2020: Orr - \$3,295 (+5%); Leiding - \$29,947 (no change); Camp 5 - \$4,012 (no change); Willow Valley - \$2,206 (+5%); Unorganized 66-20 - \$6,853 (no change); and Unorganized 63-19 – (no change). All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Agenda Item B was tabled. Dennis Udovich with the American Bear Association was not present for meeting.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Ericka Cote, to approve purchase of a new beverage cooler in the off-sale at the Municipal Liquor Store from Cooler Depot in the amount of \$2,355.00. The old cooler quit working and will be disposed of. Chet had All Temp Mechanical look at it and because of its age, repair was not economical. Chet has done his due diligence and spent many hours researching coolers in order to get the best product for the price. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve the Orr Chamber's request to use the Community Center on July 3rd for crafters. Since Chet has indicated he will try to

have the bar open on July 3rd, the rental fee will be split 50/50 between the Chamber and Liquor Store. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve Ordinance No. 2019-01: An Ordinance of the City of Orr, Minnesota concerning the Permitting of Short-term Vacation Rentals. The ordinance will be effective upon publication in the city's official newspaper. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Ericka Cote, to approve publication of the summary of Ordinance No. 2019-01 in the city's official newspaper. The council determined publication of the title and summary of ordinance clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of the ordinance. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Ericka Cote, to approve City of Orr Credit Card Processing and Handling Security Policy. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Ericka Cote, to approve entering into an agreement with GovPayNet for processing credit card payments for utility, bulk water, and other city services. Approval is contingent on there being no cost to the city. The customer will be

charged a convenience fee. City staff informed the council many other municipalities, large and small, have used this company successfully. Testimonials were provided to the council for review. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Agenda Item I: Fire Chief Dallas Johnson has requested permission to purchase a used tender truck if one becomes available. There are limited options available for used fire protection equipment, and equipment does not stay on the market long when it becomes available. Due to the age and condition of the current tender truck, it is important to find a replacement as soon as possible. Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Ericka Cote, approving Dallas authority to purchase a used tender truck up to \$50,000. If he needs to go over \$50,000, it must be approved by the Fire Department Committee. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Liquor Store: Liquor Store Manager Chet Nieman reported things are going well. Sales are starting to pick up.

Water and Sewer: Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch reported all is going well. They have 90% of the hydrants flushed. They will be jetting a utility line on Hillcrest Drive that's having issues with roots.

Airport: Airport Manager Rocky Hoffman reported fuel inventory of 1,049 gallons of Jet A, and 2,441 gallons of 100LL as of May 31, 2019. The control thermostat was replaced on the water heater. The council directed Rocky to order 1,000 gallons of Jet A.

Ambulance: Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer reported things are going well. They had a pharmacist give them their annual update on medications. Dr. Knaack was in attendance at their last meeting. Donna met with the Ambulance Committee to discuss suggestions to recruit and promote the ambulance.

Community Center: Mayor Astleford reported the outside of the building has been power washed and looks much better. The fryers have been cleaned and put into storage.

Fire Department: No report.

Tourist Information Center: Two quotes have been received to re-shingle the roof at the TIC. Joel indicated one more local contractor has indicated an interest in submitting a quote. This is an unbudgeted item and funds would have to come out of savings or the city can apply to the IRRRB for funding this fall.

Comments from Visitors: None.

Comments from Mayor/

Council: A written response has been received from the property owner served with a blight notice. He indicated he will keep the council informed on his progress.

There being no further business before the council, motion by Ericka Cote, second by Lloyd, to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent. Meeting adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joel R. Astleford, Mayor
Cheri J. Carter, Clerk/Treasurer

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ORR CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PUBLIC
HEARING
OF JUNE 10, 2019

A Public Hearing was held on Monday, June 10, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., at the Orr City Hall, 4429 Highway 53, regarding Ordinance 2019-01.

Present:
Mayor Joel Astleford
Councilor Lloyd Scott
Councilor Tom Kennebeck
Councilor Ericka Cote

Absent:
Councilor Bruce Black

The purpose of the Public Hearing was to solicit public comment and input on Ordinance 2019-01: An Ordinance of the City of Orr,

Minnesota Concerning the Permitting of Short-Term Vacation Rentals.

Comments from public: No members of the public were present and no written comments were received.

Comments from Council: Mayor Astleford stated the ordinance takes into consideration the comments from the public and council from the Public Hearing of March 11, 2019, and Regular Council Meeting of May 13, 2019, as follows:

--No city permitting fee
--Short-Term Rentals shall only be allowed on conforming lots
--No RVs or other campers allowed to operate as vacation rentals
--Property shall be hooked up to city water and sewer
--Property shall have their own driveway

There being no other comments from the public or council, motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to adjourn Public Hearing at 5:09 p.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Respectfully submitted, Joel R. Astleford, Mayor
Cheri J. Carter, Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF ELY
Council Minutes-
June 18, 2019
Regular Meeting Ely
City Council – City Hall,
Council Chambers

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Debeltz/Callen moved to approve minutes from June 4, 2019 Regular Meeting and June 4, 2019 Hearing. Motion Carried Unanimously

ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:
Addition 9.A.ii. Hidden Valley Mt Bike Trails Grant
Addition 11.E. Invoice #368289 from SEH for the Voyageur Country ATV Trail for \$3356.03
Omission 9 A. #2 MP/Ely Switching Agreement
Additions and Omission A-C added and omitted without objection

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Novak stated that there will be a ribbon cutting at 10am for the completion of 17th Ave and a Ground Breaking for the Ely Trailhead on June 21st.
Mayor Novak also attend-

ed the Ranges Mayors Association meeting, and brought with him the annual report from the inspector of the Mines for the year 2018. Mayor Novak will be attending the League of MN Cities Annual Conference on June 26-28th

CONSENT AGENDA:
Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda
Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve consent agenda item A. Motion Carried Unanimously

REQUESTS TO APPEAR:
Celia Domich – Ely Pioneer Mine Condition Assessment Results- Celia Domich presented the Council with the Pioneer Mine Condition Assessment results. The assessment results showed an overall cost of \$2,742,000 needed for repairs with the highest priority items being the Retaining Wall and the Captain's Dry roof. Possibly funding sources include IRRRB, ISTEAGrants, and monies from the MN Historical Society, Ely Greenstone, Gardner Trust and the City of Ely.
Celia Domich asked Council for support when asking for monies from the bigger entities, and shared hopes of working with the City to support the site.

AAUW/Rotary – Pam

Ransom, Caroline Owens-Promoting Ely as a 100 percent Equal Pay community. Pam Ransom and Caroline Owens along with the AAUW/Rotary stated that the principle of equal pay is non-discrimination in compensation for work. It states that pay should be based on the kind and quality of work done, and not according to the age, race, sex, religion, political association, ethnic origin, or any other individual or group characteristic unrelated to ability, performance, and qualification. Pam stated that Congressional District 8 as a whole ranks at the bottom of the state and below the national average in equal pay for equal work for women and minorities paying only 76% of a man's wage for women. The group asked that the City of Ely, to sign the affirmation of equal pay with in the City of Ely. Motion by Kess/Campbell to have Mayor Novak sign the affirmation on behalf of the City of Ely Promoting Ely as 100% Equal Pay Community. Motion Carried Unanimously

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Standing/Special Heritage Preservation Commission

Planning and Zoning
Callen/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to approve a 3-year Interim Use Permit with conditions 1)

Keep P&Z advised of material changes to the event, 2) P&Z collect public comments for consideration annually, and 3) proof of insurance prior to event. Motion Carried Unanimously 6-0-1 with Forsman abstaining.

Projects Committee
Callen/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Commission to submit an application on behalf of the Ely-Winton Historical Society for the demolition and reconstruction of their museum building. Motion Carried Unanimously

Callen/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Commission to approve advertising for bids on the Trailhead and 5th Ave E Project with a bid opening of July 11th. Motion Carried Unanimously

Ely Airport Commission
Omerza/Callen moved to approve the recommendation from the Airport Commission to approve change order 1A and 2B for the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation Project. Motion Carried Unanimously

Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from the Airport Commission to approve the grant agreement and Resolution 2019-020 Resolution Authorizing to execute Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition for the Fuel Rehab Project Roll Called: A. Forsman-yes. Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-yes, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes

and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously

Omerza/Campbell moved to approve the recommendation from the Airport Commission to approve TKDA Design Agreement contingent on the successful completion of the Independent Fee Evaluation as required by FAA. Motion Carried Unanimously

Ely Utilities Commission – minutes in packet

RAMS – minutes in packet

Housing and Redevelopment Authority of Ely –minutes in packet

Range Mayor- matter of information

Other Committee Reports -None

D E P A R T M E N T A L
REPORTS:

Clerk-Treasurer
The following items of business were recommended for approval at the regular EUC meeting of Wednesday, June 12, 2019:
Approved the MP/Ely Switching Agreement. -omitted
Debeltz/Callen moved to approve payment of the EUC March, 2019 Bills for \$381,191.88 Motion Carried Unanimously
Omerza/Forsman moved to approve the Hidden Valley Mt Bike Trail Grant from the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) for \$150,000. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Fire Chief

Library Director

Police Chief

City Attorney
Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the Note and Mortgage for LuAnne Bialik, for 626 S 6th Ave E for \$10,000 for a Residential Rehab Loan. Motion Carried Unanimously

City Engineer

COMMUNICATIONS:
Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities –Excellence in Service Award-matter of information
RAMS Newsletter –matter of information
Minnesota State Demographic Center Population and Household Estimates – matter of information

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:
City and EUC claims for June 18, 2019 – \$609,153.62
IREA 2019 Membership Dues \$75
Pay Request No. 3 for the Trail Improvements and Vermillion River Bridge Construction Project for \$29,165.00 to George Bougalis and Sons.
Invoices 1905-10, 1905-38, and 1906-49 from Benchmark Engineering for construction management and permitting costs for a total of \$2310.00 for the Trail Improvements and Vermillion River Bridge Construction Project. .
Invoice #368289 from SEH for the Voyageur Country ATV Trail for \$3,356.03
Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve claims for payments A-E. Motion Carried

Unanimously

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS:
Campbell/Debeltz moved to approve resolution 2019-021 Resolution Authorizing Application for Rotary Club of Ely to Apply for Raffle Permit. Roll Called : A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-yes, Callen-yes, Campbell- yes Mayor Novak-yes Motion Carried Unanimously

Callen/Omerza moved to approve the Dorothy Molter Museum's Application and Permit for a 1 Day Temporary Consumption and Display Permit for August 13, 2019 pending proper paperwork and fees. Motion Carried Unanimously

Debeltz/Callen moved to approve Resolution 2019-022 Resolution Authorizing the City of Ely to Make Application to and Accept Funds from the IRRRB Grant Programs Roll Called: A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-yes, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes, Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously

Adjourn: Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:28 pm without objection.

Katie Richards, Account Clerk

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CITY OF ELY 4th of July
Thank You

The City of Ely would like to thank all those who gave their time and talents to making the July 4th Celebration in Ely a huge success.

Thank you to Jodi Martin, Casey Velcheff, Marcia Chambers, Eva Sebesta, Rob Wilmunen, Jenny Dodge, Ronni Radle, and Tim Riley for helping with the line-up and all the prep for the parade. The parade could not be put on without your enthusiasm.

Thank you to Zup’s for donating cash to be used as prizes for the kids.

Thank you to everyone who put in numerous hours on all the floats, and the kids who decorated bikes, wagons, etc that participated in the parade.

Thanks to all the parade participants for continuing to make Ely’s 4th of July parade one of the best.

COMMERCIAL FLOATS: 1st Place \$200 – Studio North 2nd Place \$150 - Ely Northland Market/JRs Beef 3rd Place \$100 - Zups	NON PROFIT/FAMILY GROUPS: 1st Place \$200 – Moran Family 2nd Place \$150- Saddle Club 3rd Place \$100– Ely Blue Line
HONORABLE MENTION \$50 Docks on Wheels Tony’s Service Station Arrowhead RV Legacy Toys	MOST PATRIOTIC \$100 Brad Chase- Patriotic Semi-Trailer EARLY BIRD AWARD \$100 Fortune Bay Resort Casino

We also extend our appreciation to YOUNG LIFE for organizing the events in the Park which provided lots of fun family activities.

Thank you to all of those who contributed so generously to the 4th of July Fund which helped in making the 4th of July a very enjoyable event.
Thanks to the ELY JAYCEES for walking the parade with FireEn’s boots taking Fireworks donations.

Thanks to the F-16 fly over which was brought to us by the Bulldogs of the 148th Fighter Wing from Duluth, Minnesota.

Also, **thank you**, to the Ely Police Department, Ely Fire Department, Public Works and EUC employees and ALL of the volunteers for making Ely a great place to celebrate the 4th of July!

Harold R Langowski, City Clerk/Treasurer

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CITY OF ELY
ORDINANCE NO. 336,
2nd Series

AN ORDINANCE OF THE

CITY OF ELY, MINNESOTA, ADDING TO THE ELY CITY CODE, CHAPTER 20, SECTION 20.13.23, ENTITLED VACATION OF A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED

CITY OF ELY
Study Session Notice

The Study Session on Tuesday, July 30, 2019 at 5:30 pm will be dedicated to discussion of the renegotiation of the Sanitation Contract for in-town refuse and the process to enforce the Blight Ordinance. All interested parties who would like to participate are invited to attend or submit comments to City Clerk’s Office, 209 E Chapman St, Ely, MN 55731, 218-226-5474, elyod@ely.mn.us.

Mayor Chuck Novak

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CITY OF ELY
NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City of Ely is calling for interested applicants to fill the following vacancies on the

Airport Commission - 1 Mid-Term

Cemetery Committee - 2 Mid-Term

Please remit a letter of interest and qualifications by 4:30p.m. on July 31, 2019 to the Ely City Clerk’s Office, 209 E. Chapman Street, Ely, MN or email casey.velcheff@ely.mn.us. Questions, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer’s Office, 218-226-5449.

Casey Velcheff, Deputy Clerk

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PROPERTY, POWER STREET

189 ft in length with a width of 33 ft.

Said parcel contains 0.143 acres.

SUBJECT to the reservation of utility easements in favor of the City of Ely.

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

First Reading: July 16, 2019

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Obituaries and Death Notices



James R. Maki
James Robert “Jim” Maki, 70, of Ely, died on Saturday, July 6, 2019, at his home on Burntside Lake. He was where he loved to be, doing what he loved, fishing. A gathering to remember Jim is being planned for later this summer.

Jim was born on Aug. 24, 1948, in Ely, the son of

Luella (Erickson) Maki and Robert William (Ropey) Maki. After graduating from Ely High School, Jim joined the Army serving from September 1967 until December 1970. He was in the 173rd Airborne Division, the 41st Battalion, working as an MP. He sustained injuries in Viet Nam.

Returning to Ely after his military commitment, he married Rebecca (Becky) Richards on Feb. 5, 1972. He and Becky raised their two children, Krista and Steven, at their home on Burntside Lake. Jim worked at US Steel’s Minntac Plant in Mt. Iron from 1971 to 1975 and as a millwright for Inland Steel at the Minorca Plant in Virginia from 1976 until 2003, when he retired. Jim was a member of Steelworkers Local 1938

and Local 6115. He also owned and operated the Great Outdoors Bait and Tackle Shop on Sheridan Street in Ely from 1985 until 2019.

An avid outdoorsman, Jim enjoyed hunting and fishing. In his younger years, he trapped his own bait, and went ricing with his wife and in-laws. He loved the Ely area and was the unofficial ‘mayor’ of Burntside Lake, being the voice of authority regarding fishing and ice conditions.

Jim, who was affectionately known as ‘Jaws’, had the gift of gab and was always up for conversation. He had a story about anybody you could name, fishing advice to share, and was willing to express his political opinion whether you asked or not. He could be cleverly funny,

entertaining his audiences with humorous tales from his extensive knowledge of Ely’s colorful past.

Above all, Jim was known for his heartfelt concern and interest in people. He devoted many hours coaching youth hockey and was always available to provide support for his friends, family, and even people he had just met.

Jim is survived by his daughter, Krista (Shawn) Zurn; son, Steven (Katie) Maki; grandchildren, Cas Grant, Ayden Maki and Kylee Maki; and his loving companion of 20 years, Celia Domich.

Jim was preceded in death by his parents; and wife, Becky.

Edward Sarell
Edward Sarell, 95, of Embarrass, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 14, 2019, in Eveleth. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 19 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia. Viewing begins at 12 noon.

Ed is survived by his daughter, Janine Rice of Fort Collins, Colo.

Donna M. Littler
Donna Marie Church Littler, 88, of Babbitt, passed away peacefully on Monday, July 8, 2019, surrounded by her family at St. Mary’s Hospital in Duluth. A Celebration of Life was held on Friday, July 12 at Woodland Presbyterian Church in Babbitt. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

Donna is survived by her husband of 67 years, Floyd; son, Karl (Kathy) Littler; daughter, Diane (Orrin) Johannessohn; 11 grandchildren, Kate VanVickle, Andy (Michelle) Littler, Mariah (Antonio) Templos, Jacob Littler, Wesley (Eason) Johannessohn, Matthew (Rebekah) Littler, Arthur Johannessohn, Kayla (Matt) Djonne, James (April) Longmore Johannessohn, Melin (Andy) Johannessohn, and Stacie (Josh) Littler; 19 great-grandchildren, Taylor, Madisyn, Caleb, Hanna, Ronan, Denisse, Leo, Sofia, Amelia, Liliana, Isaiah, Ella, Joshua, Elijah, Jessa, Nora, Ellie, Lilah and Noah; extended family and many friends.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF ELY Council Minutes July 2, 2019 Regular Meeting Ely City Council – City Hall, Council Chambers

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

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the minutes from June 18, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:

Addition 13. B. Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) FY 2019 agreement between St. Louis County and the City of Ely.

Addition 13. C. Residential Rehab Loan for James Reed at 1350 N 18th Ave E for new windows, siding with an additional ¾” of insulation, and to replace roofing for \$10,000 , pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and to proceed with loan processing.

Additions A and B added without objection.

MAYOR’S REPORT
Mayor Novak proclaimed July 26, 27, and 28 to be Twin Metals Minnesota appreciation days in the City of Ely.

Mayor Novak discussed the League of Minnesota Cities Annual Conference and

stated that Heidi Omerza is now the past president of the league.

Omerza indicated that she appreciates the support the council gave her this last year as president of the league. Omerza stated that is was an honor and privilege to serve on the board.

Kess stated that the league conference was very good and he appreciated the remarks that the governor made.

Campbell stated that this was her first league conference and enjoyed the opportunity to network with the 600+ guests from the cities around the state.

Langowski indicated that it was great to see Omerza as President and the respect that she receives.

CONSENT AGENDA: Debeltz/Callen moved to waive the readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight’s agenda. Motion Carried Unanimously.

REQUESTS TO APPEAR: Rotary signs – George Burger
Sergeant Burger indicated that he has been giving presentations to groups on traffic safety. The Rotary has generously donated four signs to the City that state “Drive Carefully, Protect our Children” with the Rotary logo in the middle. Burger accepted the donation on behalf of the city at the last Rotary meeting.

Burger indicated that we will look for spots at the school, Whiteside Park and Semers Park to hang the signs.

Langowski indicated that Rotary is also donating benches for the new pocket

park on Chapman Street.

Debeltz/Omerza moved to send a Thank You to the Rotary for their donations of the signs and benches. Motion Carried Unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Standing/Special Budget Committee
A.Forsman/Kess moved to approve the recommendation from the Budget Committee to approve the 2020 budget calendar with the addition of the special budget meeting on September 3, 2019. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from the Budget Committee to transfer \$200,000 from the general fund to the capital projects fund.

A.Forsman indicated this is to cover the capital projects we have going on this year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A.Forsman/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from the Budget Committee to have Clerk/Treasurer Langowski create a change order with Casper Construction for \$20,824 for the 17th Ave Project for additional costs incurred to Mesabi Bituminous for the paving. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Heritage Preservation Commission – Minutes included in the packet

Planning and Zoning Callen/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from Planning and Zoning to approve an Obstruction permit for one block area on 7th Avenue E between Sheridan and Camp Streets for the

Northern Lights Clubhouse 5K Glow Run on September 20, 2019.

Langowski stated in the past the 5K started and ended at the college, but this will help to be closer to the park with the activities that are going on. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Park and Recreation Board Omerza/Campbell moved to approve the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board to approve the rules for the Ely Wheel Park. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board to purchase 2 security cameras from Custom Theaters for the Wheel Park as presented in estimate #3530 for approximately \$1600.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Omerza/A.Forsman moved to approve the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board to wait on the installation of a second sand volleyball court at Semers until next year when it can be finished in conjunction with the new ADA trail.

Omerza indicated that most of the Park and Recreation budget was spent on the new wheel park. We need to wait and see where the ADA trail is going to be aligned at Semers. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Omerza/Callen moved to approve the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board to use the new picnic shelter at Semers as a “first come/first served” with no reservation system. Motion

Carried Unanimously.

Omerza/Campbell moved to approve the recommendation from the Park and Recreation Board to replace the existing wooden benches around the Trezona Trail with the new donated Rotary Benches. Motion Carried Unanimously.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: Clerk-Treasurer Community Center limited site investigation estimates from the heating oil tank.

Debeltz/Omerza moved to award the estimate for the limited site investigation from the community center heating oil tank to Northeast Technical Services for \$6022.00.

Langowski indicated that the work will be substantially reimbursed by the MPCA following completion. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Possible Cemetery Restoration Project with Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps.

Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve to have Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps come to do some Cemetery Restoration.

Langowski indicated that the Korpi Trust will contribute at least half of the cost and the use of other donated funds will go towards the other portion.

Callen asked how much it will cost. Langowski indicated it will be about \$5000. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Langowski indicated that construction has started on Pattison Street. Ely Public Works is working on removing the concrete and black

top. Utility work is scheduled to start later this week.

Fire Chief

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

Police Chief
Chief Lahtonen reminded everyone that it is grass cutting season. If you do not cut your grass you will be getting a letter and possibly a citation.

City Attorney

City Engineer

COMMUNICATIONS: NOAA’s National Weather Service Skywarn Training Program
Thank you from AAUW and Ely Rotary

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT: City and EUC claims for July 2, 2019 – \$148,829.21
Partial Payment Estimate #9 for the 17th Avenue East/7th Avenue East/Water Tower Supply Line Project for \$97,334.26 to Casper Construction Inc
Partial Pay Estimate #3 To KGM Contractors for \$289,067.24 for the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation Project for State Project #A6920-48
Partial Pay Estimate #3 to KGM Contractors for \$991,992.33 for the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation Project for State Project #A6920-49
Ely Community Resources 3rd Quarter Payment of \$5125

Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the Claims for Payment items A-E. Motion Carried Unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEW BUSINESS: Callen/Campbell moved to approve Resolution 2019-023 Resolution Authorizing Application of Ruffed Grouse Society Crazy Flight Chapter to Apply for Raffle Permit.

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

A.Forsman/Callen moved to approve the Community Development Block Grant Program (CDBG) FY 2019 agreement between St. Louis County and the City of Ely. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the Residential Rehab Loan for James Reed at 1350 N 18th Ave E for new windows, siding with an additional ¾” of insulation, and to replace roofing for \$10,000, pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and to proceed with loan processing. Motion Carried Unanimously.

OPEN FORUM

ADJORN
Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:15 p.m. without objection.

Casey Velcheff, Deputy Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 707 Nett Lake, Minnesota 55772-8122

REGULAR MEETING
June 10, 2019

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Beverly Steel, Chairman
Marilyn Geshick, Vice-Chairman
Shane Drift-Treasurer
Malita Spears, Clerk
Jane Villebrun, Director
Janice Connor, Director

ALSO PRESENT:
Jim Varichak, Supt./Prin.
ChristineHampson, Bus Mgr

ABSENT: None

Beverly Steel called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 707 to order at 8:09 a.m.

19-132 Motion was made by Geshick and seconded by Drift to approve the agenda, with adding Culture class under the Discussion items. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

19-133 Motion was made by Villebrun and seconded by Connor to approve the May 31, 2019 regular meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

19-134 Motion was made by Geshick and seconded by Villebrun to approve the bills in the amount of \$23,576.44 (list attached). MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

19-135 Motion was made by Geshick and seconded by Villebrun to approve the May 31, 2019 Financial Report. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

Superintendent Report was given:
Elementary and High School

banquets went well, thank you to the LIEC. Summer school will start next week, Mr. Varichak will be submitting for the Discretionary Construction Grant again this year, school will receive the UMD Science grant again for FY2020.

Technology Report was reviewed.

Indian Education Report was reviewed.

19-136 Motion was made by Connor and seconded by Villebrun to approve the consent agenda. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

19-137 Motion was made by Drift and seconded by Spears to accept the letter of resignation from Ronald LaRoque effective July 31, 2019. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

19-138 Motion was made

by Drift and seconded by Geshick to hire Ed Villebrun as Custodian. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

19-139 Motion was made by Connor and seconded by Drift to accept the letter of resignation from Natasha Land. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

19-140 Motion was made by Geshick and seconded by Connor to approve the letter of engagement with Miller McDonald Inc for the FY2019 audit. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

19-141 Motion was made by Drift and seconded by Geshick to approve the FY2020 preliminary budget. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

19-142 Motion was made by Spears and seconded by Drift to approve the Arrowhead Regional Computing Consortium FY2020 Specific

Services Contract. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

19-143 Motion was made by Geshick and seconded by Connor to approve the FY2020 contract for services with Bois Forte Headstart MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

19-144 Motion was made by Geshick and seconded by Drift to adopt resolution for Reauthorization of Board Approved Referendum Authority. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

Superintendent Varichak had discussion on negotiations proposal from ED MN, committee meeting payments, and culture class for FY2020.

19-145 Motion was made by Geshick and seconded by Drift to adjourn the meeting at 9:42 a.m.

CALL FOR PROPANE BIDS
CITY OF ORR 2019-2020
HEATING SEASON

The City of Orr is calling for sealed bids on a contract price for 13,000 gallons of propane for the upcoming heating season September 1, 2019, through May 31, 2020. Cost per gallon should reflect any additional fees or charges.

Please submit your bid to the City of Orr, PO Box 237, 4429 Hwy 53, Orr, MN 55771. Sealed bids must be received no later than 4:00 PM, Thursday, August 8, 2019, to be considered at the Orr City Council Meeting on August 12, 2019, at 7:00 PM at the Orr City Hall, 4429 Hwy 53, Orr, MN.

Cheri Carter, Clerk/Treasurer, 218-757-3288

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SUPERIOR COURT OF ARIZONA IN MARICOPA COUNTY

Name of Petitioner/Party A
Savanah Braggs

Name of Respondent/Party B
Dante Braggs

Case No.: FC2019-050674

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Office of the Clerk of Superior Court, 14264 West Tierra Buena Lane, Surprise, Arizona, 85374.

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tered process server or the Sheriff is complete when made. Service by Publication is complete thirty (30) days after the date of the first publication. You can get a copy of the court papers filed in this case from the Petitioner at the address listed at the top of the preceding page, from the Clerk of the Superior Court's Customer Service Center at:

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SIGNED AND SEALED this date: January 10, 2019

A. McLoone
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Julie Suihkonen, Town Clerk

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by Linda Thistle

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- 1 Letters with twists
- 6 "For want of — the horse was lost"
- 11 "Fernando" quartet
- 15 Tax-deferred svgs. plans
- 19 Not express, as a train
- 20 Daring feat
- 21 Briny expanses
- 22 Roman historian
- 23 Start of a riddle
- 25 Back talk
- 26 Caustic compounds
- 27 "Silkwood" star Meryl
- 28 Hail, mostly
- 29 Papier- —
- 30 iPod option
- 31 Riddle, part 2
- 35 700, to 22-Across
- 38 — Julie, Que.
- 39 Morays and congers
- 40 Lays away
- 41 Momentous stretches
- 43 "Silence!"
- 46 Skinny
- 48 Six-pt. scores

- 49 Riddle, part 3
- 53 One of Isaac's twins
- 57 Prenatal exam, briefly
- 58 "I'm so hungry I could — horse!"
- 59 J.D. Salinger title girl
- 60 Old Russian overlords
- 61 Movie house, in Spanish
- 63 Moreno of movies
- 65 Moo — pork
- 67 Rural tract
- 68 Riddle, part 4
- 74 Jackie O's Onassis
- 76 Feel lousy
- 77 — Alto, California
- 78 Old — (Disney dog)
- 81 Ridge on a fingerprint
- 83 — mater
- 87 Gilbert of "Roseanne"
- 89 Go away
- 90 Individual
- 91 Riddle, part 5
- 94 Sothern of "Blind Date"
- 96 "Nuts!"

- 97 "Scat, cat!"
- 98 Email button
- 99 Flashy keyboard composition
- 103 Ruess of the band Fun
- 105 German city where Einstein was born
- 107 Real mess
- 108 End of the riddle
- 113 Prefix with presence
- 114 Shutter parts
- 115 — de plume
- 116 Privy to the plot
- 120 City in Texas
- 121 El — (city in Texas)
- 122 Riddle's answer
- 124 "Son of —!"
- 125 Kuwaiti, e.g.
- 126 — Lodge motels
- 127 Fashion's Oscar de la —
- 128 Deep wishes
- 129 Parcel (out)
- 130 Halt
- 131 Bar seat
- DOWN
- 1 Students at Yale
- 2 Cushiony

- 3 Injury vestige
- 4 Loosens up
- 5 Rains down cold pellets
- 6 Stubborn quadruped
- 7 Unemotional
- 8 Intuitive feeling
- 9 Cyclops' facial feature
- 10 Sched. guess
- 11 Lee Harvey Oswald and others
- 12 Shore area
- 13 Big parties
- 14 Approve
- 15 Infirmities
- 16 Capital of Saudi Arabia
- 17 Broad road
- 18 B-board admins
- 24 Indifference
- 29 "Thoroughly Modern —"
- 32 Don't throw away, maybe
- 33 Study fixture
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- 36 Perjury, e.g.
- 37 Pink flower
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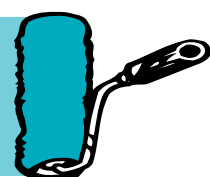
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- 47 "Get Shorty" studio
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- 52 Musician John
- 54 Habitats for brine shrimp
- 55 Live
- 56 USSR's Cold War rival
- 60 Mississippi city
- 62 Far Eastern sash
- 64 Gig gear
- 66 "Over here!"
- 69 Kingly name in Norway
- 70 Oven for drying hops
- 71 Weak spots
- 72 Shul text
- 73 Butter alternatives
- 74 Piercing tool
- 75 Pi-sigma link
- 79 Occurrence
- 80 "Angie Baby" singer Helen
- 82 Knee jerks, e.g.
- 84 British "Inc."
- 85 Destined
- 86 Orderly groupings

- 88 Nary — (no one)
- 91 Serving to block junk email
- 92 Obsessed by
- 93 Sheltie relative
- 95 Hanoi's home, briefly
- 99 Having give-and-take
- 100 Measure of resistance
- 101 Mexican resort on the Yucatán
- 102 Blindingly bright
- 104 One of JFK's sisters
- 106 Coal diggers
- 109 Tears into
- 110 Chocolate quaff
- 111 Church cries
- 112 Flat rental sign
- 117 Taboo deed
- 118 "... as — say ..."
- 119 Popular cookware brand
- 122 "Parks and —" (NBC series, for short)
- 123 "The Raven" poet

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