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## TOWERGATE

# Former clerk backs out of deal

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

Her action forfeits cash settlement, terminates employment

TOWER— Former Tower City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith has rescinded her approval of a settlement agreement with the city of Tower, a decision that resulted in her automatic dismissal and the loss of a modest cash settlement that the city had agreed to pay the embattled

former employee.

Under state law, Keith had up to 15 days to take back her approval of the agreement, which she signed on July 31. The ramifications of her decision are unclear, but it is unlikely to prevent the city from moving forward with plans to hire a new

clerk-treasurer.

By signing the agreement last month, Keith acknowledged that she understood that if she were to rescind the agreement, it would result in her immediate and automatic termination from city employment. Under her union contract, Keith may still

have the right to make her case to the city council before the council can take final action. That opportunity could come as early as next Monday's council meeting.

Attorney Mitch Brunfelt, who helped the city negotiate the settlement agreement, told the

city council earlier this month that he had negotiated many such agreements over the years and couldn't remember a case where an employee rescinded an agreement after signing it.

Keith's decision could  
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## HEALTHCARE

# Local levy helps Cook Hospital succeed

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

COOK— Across the country, nearly a quarter of rural, small town hospitals are at high risk of closing in the near future due to financial concerns, according to a study published earlier this year by Navigant, a national health care consulting firm. Here in Minnesota, the study found that 19 hospitals, including 12 that are considered essential, were at high risk of closure.

For hospitals, particularly independent hospitals like Cook's, located in towns of under 1,000, the risks are that much higher, as limited patient loads and difficulty recruiting staff pose the biggest financial hurdles for small facilities.

When a rural hospital locks its doors for the last time, the ripple effects can reach far beyond the impact to area patients. For many small communities, like Cook, the local hospital is often the community's largest employer, providing middle-class wages and benefits that flow throughout the local economy.

An economic study, produced for the Cook Hospital in late 2015, shows just what a significant economic factor healthcare has become for this small community — with a total annual economic impact of \$18.5 million. With 104 employees, the hospital injects about \$6.7 million in direct payroll into the community each year. As employees spend those wages in the area economy, they support 76

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## SUPPORTING THE ARTS



A coming attraction

# Ely's Historic State Theater renovation nears completion

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY—The new doors are in, the old gum is scraped off the floor, and the historic State Theater in downtown Ely is near the end of a four-and-a-half-year renovation project by Alley A Realty. Tanner Ott said he is striving to open the landmark to the public by the holidays.

During a recent tour  
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The original door handles remain.  
photo by K. Vandervort



Top: A lone theater seat sits in the back of Ely's State Theater. The facility should be open by this fall. photo by K. Vandervort  
Above: Tanner Ott contemplates the renovation project at the historical landmark. submitted photo

## CITY OF ELY

# Sunday liquor law revisited

New store owner wants the option

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY — Most liquor stores across Minnesota have had the opportunity to be open on Sundays for the past two years — but those in Ely have been an exception. Members of the city council here learned this week that Ely is one of only three cities in the state where Sunday liquor sales remain banned by ordinance.

A state law that had restricted Sunday liquor sales for decades in Minnesota was lifted in 2017, but the Legislature left it to local governments to control liquor sales through ordinance. At the time, the Ely City Council, at the request of three local liquor stores, decided not to change the ordinance, leaving an existing prohibition on Sunday off-sale in place. Yet times have changed and the new owner of Lakeshore Liquor is wondering why he can't improve his customer service, and potentially his bottom line, with the opportunity to sell alcoholic beverages seven days a week.

In a letter sent last week to the city of Ely, Eric Saint Martin of Lakeshore Liquor requested an application for a Sunday sales liquor license. Council members addressed the request at their regular meeting Tuesday night.

"I feel it would benefit the town in the fact that you are not giving the visitors to our fine city a reason to stop and shop

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## BLT Night returns on Aug. 23

TOWER- BLT Night is back! After a year's hiatus, the Tower Farmers Market is again partnering with Randy and Carol Semo and the staff at 'Good Ol' Days to offer the best BLT on the Iron Range, for one night only, on Friday, Aug. 23 starting at 6 p.m., until they are sold out.

Come get a fabulous BLT made with local ingredients - bacon from Bear Creek Acres, Karl's bread, lettuce and tomatoes from market vendors - accompanied by chips and dilly beans. Desserts will be sold separately. Proceeds from BLT Night are shared with the Tower Area Food Shelf.

## Alango School reunion, Aug. 30

ALANGO- The yearly Alango School reunion will be from 12:30 to 4:40 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 30 at the historic school located on the corner of Hwy. 22 and County Road 25. A \$5 per person fee will go toward school upkeep and a potluck lunch will be shared. Special guests celebrating their 60th graduation year will be the class of 1959. Anyone who attended even one day at Alango is welcome to attend.

## The Class That Should Have Been Reunion, Aug. 24: Class of 1972

PIKE TWP- County School 70 in Embarrass closed as a result of consolidation in June of 1970.

The 60 members of the class of 1972 have not seen each other, as a whole, since 1970. Anyone who ever attended school in Embarrass with the class that would have graduated in 1972 is also invited to the gathering.

The reunion will take place on Saturday, Aug. 24 at 4 p.m. at The Shack, located at the intersection of Hwys. 169 and 21 in Pike Township.

Attendees should also note that the Embarrass Fair is scheduled for the same weekend as the reunion.

Contact Ruby Parin Alto at 218-290-0680 or altodella@yahoo.com for more information.

## Vermilion Dream Quilters meet Sept. 5

TOWER- The Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet on Thursday, Sept. 5 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Catholic Church Social Hall in Tower.

The September program is how to prepare your quilt before bringing it to your quilter, with a panel discussion featuring several local long-arm quilters. Susan Covey of Cabin Quilting in Cook, Linda Bergerson, and Corrine Hill will share preparation tips for both your quilt top and back.

If you have a Pillow Case kit for Veterans in Hospice, please complete it and bring it to the September meeting. Guests and visitors who are interested in quilting and creative sewing are welcome. For more information, please contact Corrine Hill in Tower at 218-753-4600.

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## CRANE LAKE

## Crane Lake Labor Day weekend celebration

CRANE LAKE- Labor Day Weekend kicks off on Friday, Aug. 30 for a weekend of great shopping deals. Pick up a map at Anderson Canoe Outfitters and complete the Trading Post Run and you will enjoy end-of-season discounts and sidewalk sales at area businesses. In the evening, dine at Voyageaire Lodge enjoying an all-you-can eat Fish Fry from 5 - 9 p.m.

Saturday events include a pancake breakfast at the Chapel (8 - 11 a.m.) and a very popular afternoon guided hike (1 - 5 p.m.) beginning at Handberg's Marina. Pine Point Lodge will be sponsoring a Kids Fishing Contest during the weekend as well.

Sunday morning is the weekend highlight featuring the 5th annual Crane Lake 5K Walk/Run. Be at Nelson's Resort to register between 8 - 8:30 a.m. The race starts promptly at 9 a.m. Registration forms are available at area businesses; cost is \$25/adults and \$20/kids 12 and under. Last year about 55 people participated in this Fun Run. And many of them enjoyed the popular Bloody Mary Bar available afterwards. Please call Brenda at 993-2295 if you have questions. This year, the 5K is dedicated to



**This year's 5K Race is a fundraiser for five-year-old Haakyn Mohr, who was diagnosed with a rare form of kidney cancer last winter. His latest tests show he is cancer-free! . Haakyn and his family have competed in the race for several years.**

submitted photo

five-year-old Haakyn Mohr and his fight against cancer. Run Haakyn Strong in the Crane Lake 5K. Sunday morning you are also welcome to attend the Crane Lake Chapel service at 11:30 a.m.

Sunday afternoon the Trading Post Run wraps up with a popular Ice Cream Social from 1 - 3 p.m. at Handberg's Marina where prizes will be awarded at 2 p.m. Bring your

completed Trading Post Run map to win cash prizes.

On Labor Day Monday, enjoy a visit from the Dream Machines, a local car club that will be rolling in to Voyageaire Lodge for lunch (weather permitting) with their amazing classic cars. There will be lunch and drink specials for everyone!

## Blues Fest extended to three full days of music

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
 Ely Editor

WINTON - The 2019 edition of the Boundary Waters Blues Festival, held again over Labor Day weekend, Aug. 29 - Sept. 1 at the Longbranch Event Center, will include an additional full day of music on the main stage on Sunday.

The weekend kicks off on Thursday with the Mark Cameron Band with an indoor party at the new craft beer tent, followed by three days of music with up to five bands each day on the main stage.

The 2019 Boundary Waters Blues Fest will premiere the addition of the new craft beer sampling tent. Attendees will be able to sample many craft beers from all around the area, including Castle Danger Brewery and Bent Paddle Brewing Co., among others.

For almost two decades the Boundary Waters Blues Fest has been entertaining the people of the north woods with some of the best blues music and top musicians from across the country and beyond.

"Aside from the beauty of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, what really sets this event apart is its family-friendly, backyard blues party atmosphere," said organizer and promoter Mike Jankovec.

"Our attendees are like old friends who gather each year in celebration of the blues and welcome you to join the party. After the music we all enjoy walking around and visiting with folks around campfires. Sometimes the musicians will even

## Annual party held Labor Day weekend in Winton



Virgil Caine is performing on Sunday afternoon. file photo

hang around at the fire for a little fireside acoustic jam," he said.

Those who choose not to stay at the on-site campground can drive or shuttle to nearby Ely, just five miles west of the event site, and enjoy restaurants, shopping, lodging and many other attractions. Resort cabins and additional campgrounds are also available in the surrounding area.

"Any Boundary Waters Blues Festival veteran can tell you, we have the most unique and friendly blues festival anywhere, and the music quality is always over the top," Jankovec said. "We are not a huge corporate-run event with strict rules and over-policing. We simply look out for each other and help each other have a good time."

## The lineup

**Friday, Aug. 30**

1-2:30 p.m. - Tommy Wotruba

3-4:30 p.m. - To be announced  
 5-6:30 p.m. - Mojo Stereo  
 7-8:30 p.m. - Bridget Kelly Fik  
 9-10:30 p.m. - P.K. Mayo

## Saturday, Aug. 31

1-2:30 p.m. - Calico Tango  
 3-4:30 p.m. - Jim Stairs  
 5-6:30 p.m. - Brother Jon Band  
 7-8:30 p.m. - Brian Naughton  
 9-10:30 p.m. - Annie Mack

## Sunday, Sept. 1

1-2:30 p.m. - Dave Lambert  
 3-4:30 p.m. - Virgil Caine  
 5-6:30 p.m. - Tommy Bentz  
 7-8:30 p.m. - Head Honchos  
 9-10:30 p.m. - Vince Agwada

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COOK HOSPITAL

# Benevolence in their blood

Cook Lions spearhead fundraising for new blood analyzer

by CRYSTAL DEY  
Cook/Orr Editor

COOK – In a time when small town, independent hospitals seem a dying enterprise, administrators at the Cook Hospital and Care Center continue to revitalize their services, thanks to support from local organizations. They recently added a new chemistry analyzer, costing \$133,110, with no cost to patients.

The hospital was able to purchase the Abbott Architect analyzer with grant funds from area Lions Clubs, the Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club, the Cook Fire Department Relief Association, and the Cook Area Health Care and W.C. Heiam Medical Foundation. The new machine replaces an older model that cannot keep up with today’s testing needs.

“Our current chemistry ana-

lyzer was over eight years old, and we couldn’t do advanced testing,” explained Teresa Debevec, Cook Hospital and Care Center CEO. “The new instrument allows us to do that.” Debevec noted that analyzers are generally replaced every five years.

The new analyzer will save the hospital money by decreasing the time required to process samples and reducing maintenance costs. Until receiving the new analyzer, the hospital would outsource its testing to Fairview Range Medical Center in Hibbing when the older machine was under maintenance.

Debevec said the 14-bed acute care hospital prides itself on being an independent facility and the one-hour distance was especially restricting in emergency situations.

Medical Lab Technician Kurt Gauthier explained that

while patients won’t see the analyzer, it will be an integral part of their care at Cook Hospital.

“It analyzes basic panels, checks liver enzymes and kidney function, glucose and electrolyte levels,” Gauthier said. “Basically, all body chemistries.”

Presently the new analyzer is being calibrated against the previous machine. Debevec said each test the unit processes will be run at least 10 times to assure accuracy before the new analyzer is ready to be used on its own.

The hospital performs approximately 65,000 chemistry tests each year. The new model, an Abbott Architect Ci4100, has a maximum throughput of 900 tests per hour, including 800 clinical chemistry and 100 immunoassay tests. Immunoassay tests measure antigen and antibody properties, which help in diagnosis.



The Lions spearheaded the fundraising effort for the hospital’s new blood analyzer and donated half of the total funds for the purchase. Lions officials include (l-r) Wayne Tieman, Mel Melinder, and Roger Butalla. Accepting the check is Cook Hospital CEO Teresa Debevec.

“We wouldn’t be able to do this and survive as an independent rural hospital if it weren’t for these types of donations,” Debevec said of the Lions and the other organizations’ efforts.

Expanding the hospital’s rural care area, the Cook Hospital partners with Scenic Rivers Clinic in Tower where a small lab is stationed.

Lions learned of the hos-

pital’s need in February when Debevec, also a Lion, and Cook Hospital Laboratory Director Rich Ziegler contacted the group with a request for help. The Cook and Orr Lions Clubs secured a \$66,555 standard matching grant to purchase the equipment. Lions Club International Foundation, which approved the grant,

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MINING

# Twin Metals inks project labor agreement with trades

Deal ensures union labor would be used in construction of proposed mine

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – Officials with Twin Metals Minnesota and the Iron Range Building and Construction Trades Council gathered here this week to sign a formal project labor agreement for the construction phase of the planned underground mine, if and when the project completes its environmental review, obtains needed permits, and proves financially viable.

The company expects to release a formal mine proposal

to state and federal agencies later this year, which would initiate a multi-year environmental and public review process.

The company estimates that project construction, if approved, would produce several million labor hours and will be similar in scope to the construction of U.S. Bank Stadium in Minneapolis, according to TMM Public Relations Manager Kathy Gaul.

Twin Metals Minnesota CEO Kelly Osborne and Mike Syversrud from the Iron Range Building and Construction

Trades Council formally signed the agreement during a brief ceremony Wednesday at the Ely office of Twin Metals.

“We are proud to partner with Minnesota’s union trades, crafts people and laborers, just as we did when we built our core storage facility in 2013,” said Osborne. “As we prepare to file our mine plan of operations, it’s important that we further solidify our partnership with labor and ensure that the construction phase of our project will be completed by professionals whose specialized skills are essential

to the premier quality work we insist on.”

Mike Syversrud, of the Iron Range Building and Construction Trades Council, expressed his excitement as well. “We are thrilled to celebrate this milestone, which will ensure union workers and their families can continue to live and thrive on the Iron Range as the Twin Metals underground mine project comes to life.”

**Public relations offensive**

The signing of the labor agreement comes in the wake of the company’s announcement

that it would employ dry stack tailings disposal should the mine proceed, a process that is seen as posing less risk of catastrophic dam collapse.

The recent announcements appear designed to build community support for the company’s proposed copper-nickel mine southeast of Ely — which has sharply divided Ely residents.

The project’s future remains in question, as mineral leases critical to the project are under legal challenge from a coalition

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# OPINION

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## Editorial

### Frontier settlement

Public Utilities Commission should consider a tougher response

The Minnesota Public Utilities Commission should reconsider the decision by the Department of Commerce to let Frontier Communications avoid any civil or criminal penalties for its systematic neglect of customers in Minnesota and its violations of state law.

Back in January, the Department of Commerce released a hard-hitting report laying bare what they termed “staggering deficiencies” in Frontier’s physical plant and for its poor service and misleading billing practices.

Just seven months ago, the department’s staff appeared loaded for bear, writing: “The Minnesota legislature has provided a clear set of remedies to curb misconduct of rogue companies, ones who routinely, knowingly, disregard the law and jeopardize the lives and well-being of Minnesotans, including hefty civil penalties and criminal prosecutions.”

Seven months later, after months of mediation, it appears the department’s bark is much worse than its bite.

The stipulation agreement first reported this past week in the *Timberjay* includes no recommendation for either fines or for prosecution.

While the company does agree to take a number of positive steps to improve its service to customers, the agreement runs for only two years. After that, Frontier can apparently go back to its old ways.

The agreement, as we reported last week, does require the company to issue refunds or credits to customers in a number of cases, which is a step forward. Yet, as usual, the burden lies with the customer to document service interruptions or overbillings. We suspect that most Frontier customers will conclude it isn’t worth their time to haggle with the company over the small refunds proposed in this settlement. It will be especially frustrating to business owners, who would have to make their case to win refunds of just ten dollars per day for service interruptions, even though such interruptions can easily cost a business hundreds if not thousands of dollars a day.

Those are just some of the reasons we suspect this settlement will be a

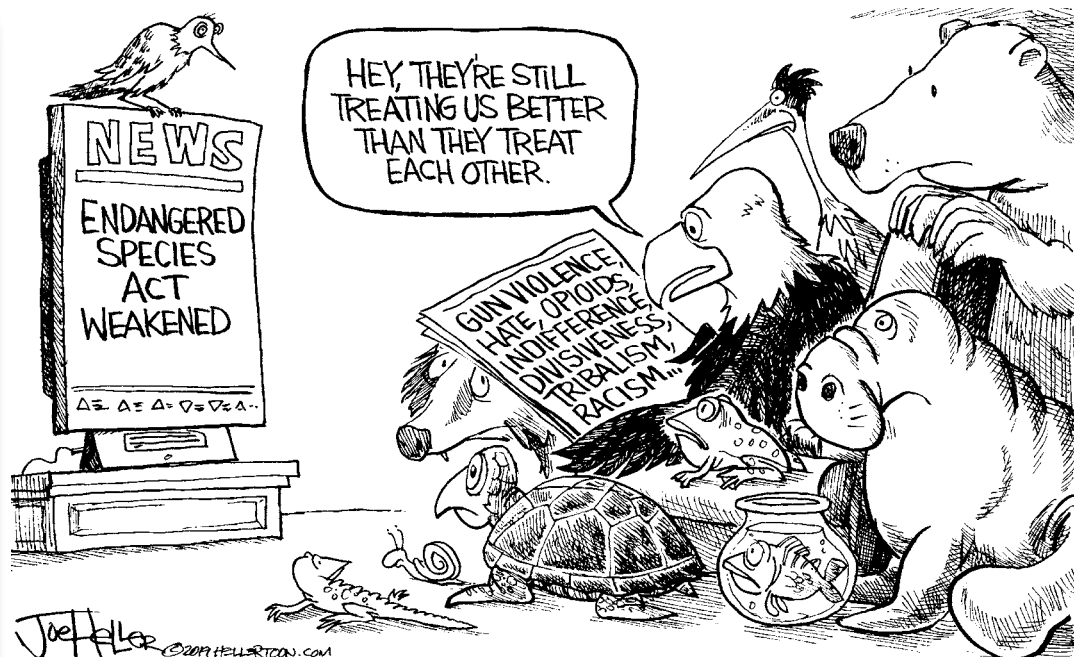
disappointment to many of the more than 1,000 Frontier customers who offered comments or horror stories to state investigators. When asked why they are recommending no fines for Frontier, officials with the Department of Commerce indicated that they wanted to “focus on obtaining tangible remedies for Minnesota consumers.”

Yet, as the department noted in its own report issued last January, the Legislature has authorized fines or prosecution as a remedy “to curb misconduct of rogue companies” that don’t comply with state law and put the well-being of Minnesotans at risk. The Commerce Department’s own report documented multiple violations of state law and rules on Frontier’s part, and the department should have utilized the legal tools at its disposal to stand up for Minnesota’s Frontier customers.

We are equally troubled that this decision could well be a case of the foxes guarding the hen house. The Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) who oversaw most of the public proceedings and issued findings in the case, is a former telecom lawyer. And one of the lead negotiators for the Department of Commerce worked under him at the same telecom, a company that did business with Frontier. In addition, the ALJ served as the mediator for this agreement, and then took the unusual step of writing a recommendation to the MPUC to approve the terms. The public would be absolutely justified in wondering if the deck wasn’t stacked in favor of Frontier.

The MPUC has an opportunity to fix it, by rejecting the proposed agreement as drafted, and giving serious consideration to some tougher remedies.

We have to note that even as Frontier was agreeing under this deal to prompt response to outages, a minor thunderstorm that passed over the Lake Vermilion area on Aug. 4 caused scattered phone outages in the area. When customers reported the interruption of service, many were told it would take more than ten days to get their phone and Internet service back. That hardly sounds like a company that’s ready to turn over a new leaf.



## Letters from Readers

### Managers resisting bad management, not change

Last week’s *Timberjay* carried the story of DNR’s decision to strip wildlife managers of their authority to decide how much, and where, timber is harvested on wildlife management areas (WMAs), effectively hamstringing their ability to prioritize wildlife management on WMAs.

The reason? St. Paul bureaucrats, some with little or no experience with wildlife or forest management, decided DNR’s new, unrealistically-high timber harvest quotas couldn’t be met without lumping WMAs in with traditional state forests lands, which are increasingly being pushed towards a tree-farm model more suitable for timber industry lands. Examples include discarding a policy of managing for modest amounts of old forest, and then doubling down by drastically lowering the ages at which some forest communities are harvested.

One justification cited for higher harvest quotas on state land is to compensate for declining harvests on nonindustrial private lands. However, pushing more wood onto the market will lower the price private woodland owners receive for their timber, giving them even less incentive to offer their trees for sale. In other words, DNR’s move will have the perverse effect of reducing harvests on private lands and shifting the burden to state lands, including the ill-suited WMAs – a classic blunder otherwise known as “Shooting yourself in the foot.”

In an unprecedented move, 28 DNR wildlife managers objected to the new policy, offering the spot-on objections that increasing timber harvesting on WMAs would reduce vitally important habitat for game and nongame species alike. A condescending assistant commissioner responded with the lame bromide that “we appreciate that change can be difficult for people.”

As a retired DNR forest ecologist with 27 years of experience, let me respond as

the wildlife managers would, but for the gag order slapped on them after they wrote their letter: Change isn’t a problem. Bad management is.

**Steve Wilson  
Tower**

### Don’t disregard wildlife managers

Thank you for the articles you published last week on timber sales in state-owned WMAs.

It seems strange that a timber mapping computer program would have so little in common with what boots-on-the-ground wildlife professionals observe. Many of us know that computer analyses are a direct result of the data that is used, and I wonder what kind of data is being used here.

Many people are unaware of WMAs and the important role they play in shaping the state environment. They are places to experience a different Minnesota: they’re quiet, undeveloped, and have an abundance of wildlife not evident in state parks that have many more visitors. Their importance in a time of climate change and species depletion can only increase.

It seems that DNR management hopes to use the general lack of awareness and corporate-type PR strategies to make some additional \$\$\$ on timber sales for industry. Why not work on increasing private property lumber sales, instead of attacking areas that have been carefully managed for wildlife for years?

Please keep this story on your radar and furnish updates. Plans for this cutting are going ahead, and as a citizen and taxpayer I want to know what they are doing. As a lifelong citizen, taxpayer, and user of WMAs, I don’t approve of deals happening behind closed doors, and disregarding the warnings of actual human professionals.

If they choose to go ahead with this, perhaps they should consider changing the name of these areas from “Wildlife Management Areas” to “Timber Extraction Areas.”

Thanks again,  
**Ann Tucker  
St. Paul**

### Agencies should keep the public informed

Earlier in the summer I decided to do a little fishing on the Stony River near the junction of Hwys. 1 and 2, southeast of Ely. I drove from the East Range for almost an hour, only to see a sign at the intersection stating, “Prescribed Burn Area”. A state trooper monitoring traffic gave me a map and told me it was a “500-acre burn, but maybe not all at once”. The wind seemed to be at the right direction and low velocity, but after getting on the river, things changed quickly and I got really smoked off the river. The district ranger was polite and understanding after I contacted him, and he assured me they would do a better job of alerting the public just prior to any more burns.

Now, this week, I tried another fishing trip closer to home here on the Range, to the St. Louis River southeast of Hoyt Lakes. On the way on a back road, I encountered a DNR forester and contract crew doing vegetation control by spraying Garlon (trademarked) herbicide to kill deciduous trees and brush, allowing the stand to return to conifers. The DNR forester was professional and polite, advising me that on my way out I should not get out of the vehicle and keep my window up. I decided not to take any chances and canceled my fishing for the day. There was no sign at all placed at the road turnoff.

My request of natural resource agencies in the area is hopefully to not only post signs of local operations, but to use social media, radio, TV, newspapers, and local law enforcement to communicate actual times of these activities immediately prior to action. Public service announcements are still free, I think.

Also, I checked the safety data sheet of Garlon. Nasty stuff. Not to be breathed or gotten on the skin. Glad I left. I pity the poor wildlife in the area. Perhaps the DNR should consider a less toxic form of vegetation control.

**Mark Roalson  
Hoyt Lakes**

# Trump’s hype on the economy not matched by the data

To hear President Trump tell the story, the U.S. economy is booming, at least where it counts. To him, it’s really all about manufacturing— particularly heavy manufacturing—and it’s an emphasis meant to appeal to union workers in industries like



**MARSHALL  
HELMBERGER**

steel, oil, and mining, particularly in the Upper Midwest. Trump, who lost the popular vote by roughly 2.7 million, managed to eke out an electoral college victory thanks to extremely narrow wins in Wisconsin, Pennsylvania, and Michigan. Trump knows that if he can’t win those states in

2020, his chances of re-election dwindle significantly.

So, to him, it’s all about keeping union workers happy in these basic industries, or at least telling them that they’re happy, and better off under his trade and economic policies.

But as with most things Trump, the hype in this case falls short of the facts. By the measures that Trump himself set for success, his economic record is actually disappointing.

Take that trade gap that came

up in every Trump speech back in 2016. It was, in his telling, all the fault of “stupid” leaders who didn’t know how to negotiate a trade deal that actually worked for America. Back in 2016, under the Obama administration, the U.S. ran a trade deficit of \$502 billion. That trade gap just made America poorer, according to Trump.

As president, he promised he’d fix it. He said he’d slap tariffs on Chinese products to stem the flow of Chinese exports

into U.S. ports. And Chinese imports here have slowed by about eight percent. But U.S. exports to China have fallen 30 percent at the same time, which is why our trade deficit with China is now worse than it’s ever been. In 2018, the trade gap with China, alone, hit a whopping \$419.2 billion, according to the Commerce Department.

Trump’s tariffs are actually hurting manufacturing in the

See **ECONOMY...pg. 5**



# Letters from Readers

## The Democratic evolution revolution

“Because revolution is evolution at its boiling point, you cannot make real revolution any more than you can hasten the boiling point of a tea kettle. It is the fire underneath that makes it boil: how quickly it will come to the boiling point will depend on how strong the fire is.”

These were the words of Andrew Beckman, a political activist in the 19th and 20th century.

As long as people continue to believe in the rationales that justify global capitalism, the private and public institutions that genuflect to our corporate masters are unassailable.

George Orwell penned, that all tyrannies rule through fraud and force, but when that fraud is exposed, they must depend exclusively on brutish force.

What is possible would never have been achieved if, in our world, citizens had not constantly reached for the impossible.

It was the visionaries and idealistic reformers such as socialist Eugene Debs, and the abolitionists, who brought about true social change. The abolitionists destroyed the conspiracy of silence, by which political parties, churches and other so called “civilized” institutions attempted to exclude slavery from the public debate.

If we have no anger at our country, anger at its willful mendacities, its blithe indifference, its real sins, its murdering hordes, its smug myths, its exploitive habits, its catastrophic wastes,

the smile on the Republicans’ hyena-hungry faces, Trump’s corruption and stupidity, and Republican hypocrites, then you belong to the tyranny and are one of the intellectual sloths that are facilitating the destruction of our democratic liberties.

By the time the ruling elites and the ‘secret team’ that runs the NSA and the CIA, are openly defied, society has had a near total loss of faith in the ideas, like neoliberal, supply-side economics and free market capitalism, that enslave the world in debt peonage, and sustain the structures of the ruling elites. Once enough of us ‘get it,’ the slow quiet peaceful, “take to the streets” revolution becomes inevitable and effects real progressive change, and democratic economic justice.

In the last scene of Casablanca, Victor Laszlo says to Rick: “Welcome back to the fight.” The fight against fascism. “Now I know we’ll win.”

Welcome back to the fight, “We the people,” now I know we’ll win!

**Tim Duff  
Tonka Bay  
and Burntside Lake**

## Early education is a good investment

Sometimes things are just obvious.

It’s obvious politicians don’t like to “spend” on education. The federal government is cutting funding and, subsequently, so are states, including here in Minnesota. Teachers are getting laid off, programs cut, and class

sizes are increasing! It’s obvious these politicians need education. They don’t seem to know the difference between an “expense” and an “investment.”

Education is, literally, an investment... in children and adults, in us and society. We get the best “bang for our buck” - or return on our tax dollar- by providing early education, prior to Kindergarten, especially for lower income kids. I’ve heard and read many times, most recently in the *Star Tribune* in an op-ed by attorney Michael Ciresi and economist Art Rolnick, that “Every \$1 ‘invested’ in high quality, early-learning programs yields up to \$16 in societal benefits.”

It’s obvious why: a business coalition formed to confront education issues found that half (HALF!) of Minnesota kids – disproportionately lower income and minorities – weren’t getting the brain development they needed to be ready for Kindergarten.

The group concluded that “Getting kids ready for school was the best investment Minnesota taxpayers could make. [Obviously] Kids who succeed early on in school are less likely to drop out when they get older, less likely to get in trouble with the law, less likely to get pregnant and less likely to tap into public programs. Instead they’re ready to be trained for employment or post-secondary education and become economically self-sufficient taxpayers.”

Duh! It’s obvious. Don’t blame the kids that were never read to, for instance. It’s not their fault. Blame yourself for being

unaware or, maybe, apathetic.

Don’t think this is relevant to you? What if “getting in trouble with the law” for a kid who drops out meant a robbery, an assault, a murder... if not to you, to a member of your family? How about that cost? That “expense? Wouldn’t an investment have been a better idea?

It’s obvious we all have to be aware, speak up, and educate our politicians. Remember they work for us. So, we need to pull our heads out and do something. Do something! You are not helpless. No whining about race or blaming a kid who dropped out of school when something bad happens. We need to give all kids a fair shake.

It’s obvious.  
**Tim Munkeby  
Lake Vermilion**

## May Day or Labor Day— who decides?

“Mayday! Mayday!” is a distress call. Union membership in the private sector fell from 35 percent in the 1930s to little more than 6 percent today. In all of our nation’s history, prosperity for workers was highest beginning in 1935 until the 1970s when government was aligned with organized labor, not big business. Unknown to many, the right of collective bargaining by unions built the middle class!

Our social system, enabler of big business, created and perpetuates grotesque inequality in the distribution of our national treasure. As union membership declined, the power of the billionaire class expanded exponentially. Historically,

while government and business colluded, interests of workers, consumers, women, children, minorities and immigrants were excluded.

The myth of “rugged individualism” celebrates business tycoons, but overlooks dependency on the enabling system. Success, independent of outside assistance, is less history and more propaganda in support of the power of wealth. The role of slavery, genocidal war, immigration, child labor, environmental destruction and exploitation of labor that built this economic system remains hidden.

Choosing individualism over cooperative social action keeps the eye off the prize and ignores the role of individualism in cooperation to achieve the greater good. The social system must become an empowering force for change in solving problems. Labor organizing, worker-owned and member- or community-owned enterprises must become active players on a level playing field to take on private power.

Who controls the resources— the few or the many? Who occupies positions of power and whose interests are served— private or public? What rights are represented— property or people? Those who occupy this social system (enablers or empowered) determine who gets what, when and how much from this system. The system does pick winners and losers!

Celebrating May Day or Labor Day? Who decided and why?

**Harold Honkola  
Tower**

## ECONOMY...Continued from page 4

U.S., as it’s pushed up the prices of raw materials at the plant, making American-made goods more expensive, particularly in the export market.

Far from all that “winning” that Trump promised, the trade gap spiked to \$566 billion in his first year in office and it rose to \$621 billion in 2018. This year, it’s even worse, with some of the monthly trade gaps setting new records. The trade gap could easily push \$700 billion this year when the books are all in.

By Trump’s own metric, his trade policies have been a disaster.

Oh, but the jobs! To hear Trump tell the story, entire industries have been rescued under his watch. Just last week, at a rally in Pennsylvania, Trump repeated his claim that the U.S. steel industry was “dead,” when he took office, and that only his “big brain” has managed to rescue the dying industry.

Again, the numbers tell a different story. It’s

a good thing he wasn’t speaking next door in Ohio last week, since the number of jobs in Ohio’s steel sector have actually declined from the 7,800 workers employed in that “dead” industry as of December 2016, to 7,700 these days thanks to Trump’s “revival.”

Closer to home, jobs in the related taconite industry have remained mostly flat, and overall Minnesota job numbers in the “mining and logging” category show total jobs are actually down from their most recent peak of 7,400 in April of 2015, to 6,800 in May of this year.

The industry did experience a downturn in the second half of 2015, mostly as demand for steel dropped with the collapse of oil prices, and that created a mini-recession in the steel sector. For several years, the boom in fracking had increased demand for steel pipe and related fixtures and that had boosted employment in the industry. When oil

prices collapsed in 2015, major new investment in fracking infrastructure fell sharply and it pushed much of the nation’s heavy industry into a significant downturn. While job numbers rebounded in 2016, Trump was able to play off the lingering frustration of some union workers to eke out a victory in the Rust Belt.

Here in Minnesota, there were 6,600 workers in the mining and logging sector as of December 2016, according to state jobs data. Since then, the numbers have bounced up and down within a narrow range, between 6,500 and 6,800. In other words, take out the monthly noise in the data, and job numbers in mining and logging in Minnesota have been flat under Trump, and remain well below where the industry was as recently as four years ago.

And the outlook is hardly rosy. Trump’s tariffs against the world strategy appears to be laying the groundwork for a global

recession. Europe already appears to be in recession while the latest numbers from China show the slowest growth in nearly two decades.

In Trump’s zero-sum worldview that may be seen as a victory, but the fallout is affecting the U.S. economy as well. Industrial production was flat in June and actually dipped in July, signaling that the U.S. is hardly immune to the chaos that Trump’s policies have created globally. And the U.S. manufacturing sector appears to be in recession already after two straight quarters of decline.

Trump promised his massive tax cut for corporations would boost business investment and spark GDP growth, but business investment has actually been declining in recent months and was lackluster at best even in the immediate aftermath of the corporate tax cuts. GDP growth bumped up modestly in 2018 as a result of the tax cut sugar high,

but it’s likely to finish 2019 at around two percent, or exactly where it was when he took office. Meanwhile, he’s reduced American farmers to welfare dependents and significantly hurt rural economies in the heartland. Ask a farmer or implement dealer if they’re tired of “winning” yet.

Like most everything Trump does, it’s really all about the show. He’s a carnival barker at heart, constantly pimping for the cameras and the crowds, all the while hoping that the circus keeps the public from actually looking at the disconnect between his promises and reality. Remember that federal budget deficit he was going to eliminate? His tax cuts and over-the-top spending on the military have pushed the federal budget deficit to the highest level we’ve ever experienced outside a major war or recession, and well above the deficits experienced through all but the first two years of the Obama administration, when the

country was climbing out of the Great Recession. When the fiscal year ends this October, the deficit is expected to top a trillion dollars. That’s nearly twice what it was in the last full year of the Obama administration

I recognize that some folks simply choose to believe, without question, the Trumpian rah-rah on the economy. And yes, the economy was strong during the first two years of his presidency. But Trump is like the proverbial man, born on third base, who thinks he just hit a triple. He inherited the strongest economy in a generation. Had he done absolutely nothing as president, the economy would likely be stronger today.

Trump won election attacking past leadership and making big promises. By his own measures of success, he’s making prior presidents look awfully good by comparison.

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includes clubs in Canada, elevating the endeavor to an international level.

Locally, Lions sought funds from the community to secure the grant. Combined, the Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club, Cook Fire Department Relief Association, Cook Area Health Care and W.C.

Heiam Medical Foundation raised \$73,650. Lion Mark Eyre said the four organizations requested the excess \$7,095 be donated directly to the Cook Hospital.

“We Lions like service, that’s our motto. This was a way to serve a hospital, that I just learned is independent,” said Lion Wayne Tieman. “That’s

pretty unusual in this day and age.”

During a formal check presentation at the hospital on Friday, Aug. 9, Tieman commended Eyre for spearheading the project that culminated in the community-wide matching grant exceeding the amount needed to purchase the analyzer. “He was the

sparkplug that got this thing going,” Tieman said.

“A special thanks to Mark. Mark’s really done a lot of work himself to get this grant going,” Debevec added.

Eyre shied away from accepting credit. “It wasn’t just me,” he said.



**Left to right: Shirley Baumgartner, with the Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club, Pete Johnson, with the Cook Fire Department Relief Fund, Sally Ludlow, with the W.C. Heiam Foundation, Teresa Debevec, CEO Cook Hospital and Mary Mollard with the Health Care Auxiliary, pose with a check for their half of the funds raised for a new blood analyzer for the Cook Hospital. The Cook Lions spearheaded the fund-raising effort.**

## AGREEMENT...Continued from page 3

of Minnesota businesses and the Wilderness Society.

The Obama administration had cancelled the mineral leases just before leaving office, contending the mine posed unacceptable risks to the adjacent Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, but the leases were quickly reinstated by the Trump admin-

istration and that decision is now being challenged.

The company’s plan also faces a national campaign of opposition from a coalition of environmental and outdoor recreation organizations concerned about the location of the proposed mine. Twin Metals proposes to build the mine along the South

Kawishiwi River, a major watershed that flows into the heart of the 1.1 million-acre BWCAW.

While critics expressed concern, Eighth District Congressman Pete Stauber lauded Wednesday’s announcement. “Today, mining and labor come together to define our future,” he said during

remarks in Ely. “This Project Labor Agreement for Twin Metals will allow Minnesota’s future workforce to safely mine the copper, nickel, cobalt, and platinum group elements that power our modern world.”

READ the Timberjay!



TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY

# Tower-Soudan Elementary begins classes on Tuesday, Sept. 3



**Don't miss this year's Big Truck Night, on Tuesday, Sept. 10, at the Soudan Recreation Area (skating rink).** file photo

TOWER- Buses will be rolling on Tuesday, Sept. 4 to bring elementary grades 1-6 to the Tower-Soudan School. Kindergarten students will begin classes on Thursday, Sept. 5. Bus routes will be similar to last year; if there are any changes in pick-up or drop-off times, parents will be notified. Parents of new students should contact the school for bus route information.

## IPads

iPads for all grades will stay at the school, so no fees will be required. All students will be required to sign a form.

## Picture day

Picture day will be Monday, Sept. 23 beginning with pre-school and staff at 7:45 a.m. Picture retakes will be Friday, Nov. 1.

## Attendance

The attendance policy is four excused absences per quarter. If your child has been absent, please send a note or call the office and explain why. If we do not receive a note or a phone call within 24 hours, their absence will be considered unexcused. If your child is absent for a medical reason, they must have a doctor's statement.

## Food program

For the food service program, student PIN numbers are the same as last year for returning students; new students can inquire at the office for their PIN. Households MUST complete and submit an application for educational benefits to determine if they qualify for free or reduced-price meals.

## Please note

If your child is going somewhere other than the usual way home you need to send a note or call the office no later than 1 p.m. If we do not receive a call or note from you, your child will ride home on their regular route. No child will leave the school with anyone other than a parent or guardian unless a note has been sent or a phone call has been made to the office. Please send a note or call the office if you know your child will be leaving school early. The school office number is 218-753-4040.

## Big Truck Night on Tuesday, Sept. 10

SOUDAN- Tower-Soudan ECFE and Breitung Township invite you to Big Truck Night on Thursday, Sept. 13 from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Soudan Park and Recreation Area. Come check out big rigs like fire engines, ambulances, dump trucks, dozers and more. Hot dogs and refreshments will be available.

## Tower-Soudan Elementary Open House set for Thursday, Aug. 29

TOWER- Tower-Soudan Elementary is hosting an open house on Thursday, Aug. 29 from 4 - 7 p.m. Come and meet your teachers, tour the school, and drop off school supplies in your classroom. Principal Kelly Engman will be on hand to meet parents and children from 4 - 5 p.m.

Refreshments will be served.

You can bring your completed packets to hand in to the office that day also. Kindergarten teacher Wendy Jordan will be on hand to schedule Kindergarten conference times on Tuesday and Wednesday, Sept. 3 and 4.

Tower-Soudan Elementary has been rated one of the top elementary schools in northern Minnesota. The school offers small class sizes, very experienced and professional teachers who have been there a long time, and a family environment. Early Childhood and Learning Readiness programs are also offered, along with an active community education department offering low-cost enrichment and sports activities for children (and adults too!).

If you have questions, contact your school office at 218-753-4040 or the district office at 218-749-8130. You can also email questions to [portal@isd2142.k12.mn.us](mailto:portal@isd2142.k12.mn.us).

Contact ECFE at 218-753-4040 ext. 6113 for more information. Listen to WELY for event cancellation due to inclement weather.

## TS Learning Readiness Open House Sept. 4

TOWER- Sneak-A-Peek at the Tower-Soudan Learning Readiness Program (Preschool) on Wednesday, Sept. 4 from noon to 1:30 p.m. in the Early Childhood classroom at Tower-Soudan Elementary. Learning Readiness is for children who are four years old by Sept. 1. There is no cost to attend. Classes are held Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and last the entire school year. Children can ride the bus to and from school, and eat breakfast and lunch in the school cafeteria.

Families will have an opportunity to tour the classroom with their child, meet the teacher, Mary Larson, and ask questions. There will be a brief orientation and time to complete registration forms. Class will begin on Tuesday, Sept. 17 from 8:30 a.m. - 3:15 p.m. Contact Mary Larson for further information at 218-753-4040 ext. 6113 or email [mlarson@isd2142.k12.mn.us](mailto:mlarson@isd2142.k12.mn.us).

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Little Church project days on Aug. 26, 27

VERMILION LAKE TWP- The Little Church is asking for volunteers to help with projects including caulking the siding, painting, and making shelves for the storage shed. Volunteers will be working on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 26 and 27 starting at 10 a.m. each day. Anyone is welcome to help, even if they only have a few minutes

or a few hours. The Little Church is located on Hwy. 26, next to the Pike River. Contact Len Hujanen with questions at 218-749-2014.

### Retired Ely-Bloomenson employees picnic on Aug. 25

ELY- All former Ely-Bloomenson employees from all departments are invited to come to the Whiteside Park Bandshell, in Ely, for a "Bring

Your Own Sack Lunch Picnic" on Monday, Aug. 25 from 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Lemonade will be provided.

Come and have a great time visiting with everyone. Even if it rains, we will be under the shelter.

### Defensive Driving - last four-hour refresher course until spring

TOWER- This class is on Monday, Sept. 23, at the Tower Civic Cen-

ter from 1-5 p.m. Please note the new location. The four-hour refresher course is offered for drivers 55 years of age and older who have previously completed an eight-hour beginner course and who need to re-certify to continue receiving a discount on their car insurance. A certificate of completion will be given to participants to continue the 10-percent car insurance discount. Check your certificate or check with your car insurance

agent to learn when you need to recertify. Dana Waldron is the instructor for the class offered under AARP. Class fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Payment is payable to the instructor on the day of class. You must pre-register so we can plan accordingly for class space and materials. Please text or call Leone Graf to pre-register at 218-343-3744. If no answer, please leave a message with your name and

spelling, phone number, and the class you are interested in.

Community education is always looking for new people to share their knowledge and instruct new classes. Please call or email Leone Graf to discuss options for locations and times at 218-343-3744 or [camplake@earthlink.net](mailto:camplake@earthlink.net).

## Correction

The membership of the city of Tower's employee relation committee was revised at the Aug. 12 meeting. The members now include Mayor Orlyn Kringstad, Councilor Mary Shedd, and resident Richard Hanson. The members were incorrectly reported in last week's paper.

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LAKE VERMILION CULTURAL CENTER

Watercolor class raises funds for renovations

REGIONAL- The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center board wishes to thank watercolor artist and instructor Linda Smith for leading a Wine and Watercolor painting class on Thursday, Aug. 15 and donating the proceeds, which totaled \$700, to the LVCC.

Smith is a part-time resident of Isle of Pines on Lake Vermilion and is also on the board of the Zumbrota Area Arts Council.



The event was held in the new classroom at the Vermilion Park Inn and there were 20 participants.

The LVCC also thanks all who painted and the volunteers who helped. Smith is pictured above (center) giving the check to Mary Batinich, LVCC Board Chair (left) with one of the LVCC hosts, Elaine McGillivray (right). At right are Jane Johns (left) and Mary Walker (right) with their paintings of a chickadee.



Soudan Post Office lobby closed Aug. 26-30

SOUDAN- The Soudan Post Office lobby will be closed for renovations Monday through Friday, Aug. 26-30. Box holders will still be able to pick up mail by knocking at the back door with proper photo identification between regular postal hours, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Retail transactions will also be available during these hours. 24/7 access will be unavailable during this week.

United States Postal Service and Breitung Township apologize for the inconvenience this may cause and appreciate your patience. For questions, call Postmaster Kevin Conwell at 218-753-5797.

Too Much Stuff Sale, Sept. 6 and 7

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Civic Club will hold its annual “Too Much Stuff Sale” at the Tower Civic Center on Friday, Sept. 6 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, Sept. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. All proceeds from this sale will help to support the Lakeview Cemetery and to beautify the public spaces in our community. If you are interested in joining the T-S Civic Club, the first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 18 at 7 p.m. at the Civic Center. New members are always welcome.

Art, Antiques and Antiquities Sale, Aug. 31

COOK- Enjoy shopping for new “Art, Antiques and Antiquities” at Northwoods Friends of the

Arts Gallery, 210 S River St. in Cook, next to Dream Weaver Salon. Enjoy a snack from the Cook Lions traveling grill shack on the main street. This will be a huge end-of-summer art fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come in and see all the beautiful art objects for sale in the back room.

The NWFA Gallery has been open for almost ten years and exhibits about forty artists year-round. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Saturday hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and there is a recurring “Open Studio Art” during which time artists gather to work together on individual projects. Get more information online at [nwfamn.org](http://nwfamn.org) or email [nwfamn.org@gmail.com](mailto:nwfamn.org@gmail.com) for questions.

Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Rec Board to meet on Wednesday

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Joint Power Recreation Board will hold a special meeting on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 8:30 a.m. at Tower City Hall. The group will be naming new officers and treasurer. The group will hold their regular meeting to disburse grant funds in September. All grant requests must be in writing.

RCIA Classes offered at St. Martin's, Sept. 12

TOWER- The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Class is for any adult who is considering joining the Catholic Church. They may never have been baptized, been baptized in another faith, or be Catholic but never have completed their sacraments of initiation (such as Confirmation).

If you or anyone you know from the Tower-Soudan area might be interested, call the parish office at 218-753-4310 for more information, or email Father Nick at [fr.nicholas.nelson@duluthcatholic.org](mailto:fr.nicholas.nelson@duluthcatholic.org).

Classes will be held on Thursday evenings, beginning Sept. 12. We will determine the location of meetings dependent on who is interested and what location works best for them.

Week of Aug. 26

- Monday**  
TOPS - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tower, at 9 a.m.
- Embarrass Al-Anon Family Group- Hope Lutheran Church, 5088 Hwy. 21, 6 p.m.
- Tower City Council- 5:30 p.m. at City Hall on Aug. 26.
- 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 Sept. 17.
- 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](http://vermilioncountry.org).



Introducing the 2019 Tower-Soudan Coach-Pitch Baseball Team



Tower-Soudan Coach-Pitch baseball finished up their season earlier in July. Team members included Nolan, Kooper, Kasen, Nixon, Kaleb, Jimmy, Bentley, Cole, Caitlyn, and Ethan. Left: Bentley takes his turn at bat. Below: Kasen slides into home.

photos by J. Summit



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Saturdays — 8 a.m. to noon  
Closed on Sundays  
Phone: 365-5140

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

Support groups

**AA - Alcoholics Anonymous**  
AA - 7 p.m. Mondays,  
and 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, First  
Lutheran Church,  
915 E. Camp St., Ely  
**WOMEN'S AA** - Noon  
Mondays, St. Anthony  
Church basement, Ely  
**BABBITT AA** - 7 p.m.  
Tuesdays, Woodland  
Presbyterian Church.  
**AL-ANON** - Sundays  
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Catholic Church in Ely.  
For persons who encoun-  
ter alcoholism in a  
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**BABBITT AL-ANON**  
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**CO-DEPENDENTS'**  
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ELY - The upcom-  
ing Tuesday Group  
schedule is listed below.  
All talks are at 12 noon  
on Tuesday at the Grand  
Ely Lodge.  
**Aug. 27** - Chuck  
Dayton - Review of  
"Half Earth"  
**Sept. 3** - Joan  
Peterson - Gun Control  
Issues  
**Sept. 10** - Ely's  
Mayor Chuck Novak  
**Play Smear**  
ELY - Smear tour-  
naments 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  
Thursday evening from  
5:30-7 p.m. in the AFU  
Building, 111 S 4th  
Ave. E.  
For more infor-  
mation, call 218-365-  
5678, or visit their  
website, [www.elycommunityhealth.org](http://www.elycommunityhealth.org), or  
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**Breathing Out**  
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awash in yellow  
bird's along flying beside  
dusk transporting hue

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SUPPORTING THE ARTS

# Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust seeks applicants for fall grant cycle

ELY - The Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust's second grant cycle of the year is underway with grant applications due by Wednesday, Sept. 25.

"Individuals and organizations are free to re-apply for a grant program as long as they have final reports completed for all previous grants," said Keiko Williams, executive director. "Organizations sometimes have projects they would like to produce a second time. These projects need to compete anew with all other grants submitted in a grant round."

Williams reminded Youth Grant applicants that they need to schedule a grant review meeting with her in order to go over their draft application. "This meeting is geared to help the individual youth make their applications as well-written and compelling as possible," she said. Youth Grant applicants must call and schedule a meeting with Keiko by Friday, Aug. 30. The actual meeting will be scheduled

**"Breakfast in the Garden," painted by artist Frederick Frieseke in 1916, was donated to the city of Ely by Donald G. Gardner in 1945.**

submitted photo

for after Sept. 15 as the Trust office will be closed from Sept. 2-13.

Artists and groups can apply for grants in the following four categories:

- Individual Artist Grants encourage developing and established artists with funding of up to \$1,000 to take advantage of an impending, concrete opportunity.
- Youth Grants are awarded to Ely school students in grades 6-12 or Ely home school students who have an interest in

and demonstrate high motivation in the fine arts. The youth grants of up to \$750 can be used for workshops, classes, lessons or mentorships.

- Organization Project Grants support activities in the fine arts and for the Ely Public Library. Grant support is intended to make it possible for organizations to present or produce a fine arts activity.
- Operational Funding Grants fund high-quality, established

## SILENT SPORT

# Paddling celebrated at Semers Park

ELY -Silent water enthusiasts celebrated all things paddling last Saturday at Semers Beach. The free event was sponsored by the Minnesota Canoe Museum and the Ely Folk School.

Activities included recreational and educational opportunities for paddling various styles of canoes; viewing and learning about historic canoes; networking with paddlers, canoe builders, guides, and outfitters; and learning about Ely Folk School's Community Birch Bark Canoe Building Project and traditional craft classes.

A highlight of the event was having a chance to paddle wood, canvas and birch bark canoes, offered as a fundraiser for the nonprofit sponsors.

For more information, contact the Minnesota Canoe Museum at 218-226-8482.

**Canoeists and their canoes, young and old, gathered at Semers Park in Ely last Saturday for a celebration of the art of paddling. The event, sponsored by the Ely Folk School and the Minnesota Canoe Museum, featured educational presentations as well as a chance to paddle a birch bark canoe.** photos by K. Vandervort



ELY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

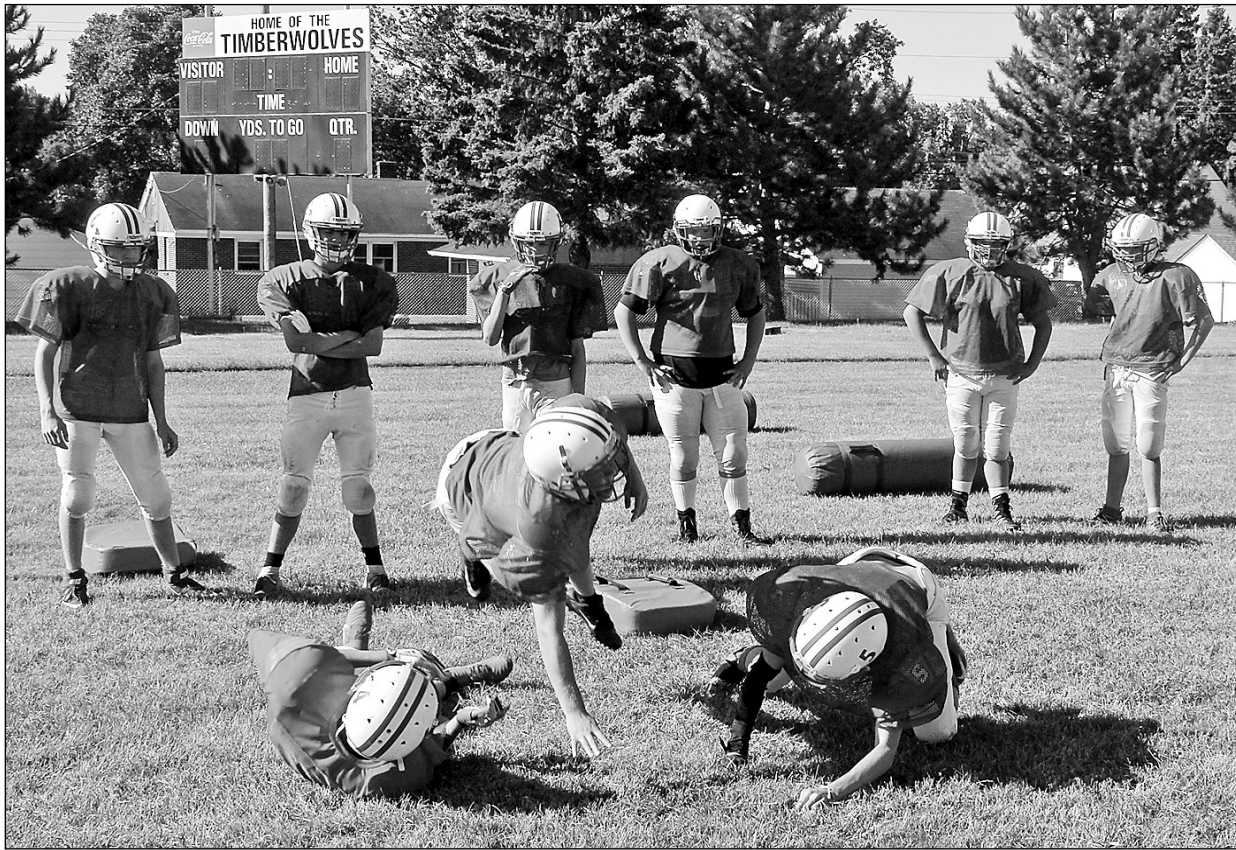
# Timberwolves gear up for fall sports season

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – Well over 100 Ely Memorial High School athletes started the 2019-2020 school year a bit early this year with the opening of fall sports practice last week. Participants in cross country, girls volleyball, co-opted girls swimming with Northeast Range, and varsity football continued training this week as they geared up for the opening of their seasons next week.

“We have a very good number for sports participation this year,” Ely Athletic Director Tom Coombe told ISD 696 school board members at their Aug. 12 meeting. “Schools our size usually have just one activity for boys and girls teams. We competed well last spring with our track and baseball teams and hope to carry over that success this fall.”

According to Coombe, the swimming pool in Babbitt is temporarily closed, forcing the Northeast Range girls swimming team, made up of many Ely students, to practice at the Mesabi East pool. More than two



The Ely Memorial High School football team suited up in full pads this week as they continued training camp, with drills such as the “monkey roll.” All Timberwolves’ teams open the season next week. photo by K. Vandervort

dozen swimmers make up the varsity and junior varsity teams. NRE opens its season in International Falls on Tuesday, Aug. 27. Home meets in Babbitt are scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 19, Thursday, Sept.

26, and Tuesday, Oct. 8.

The Timberwolves’ head football coach Cory Lassi said Monday that as many as 21 young athletes are in training camp this week. “It would be nice to have more players, but

we have a solid team this year, and we’ll be ready to go next week.”

The team is made up of five seniors, four juniors, five sophomores and seven freshmen. New assistant coach Jim Wittrup is

taking over offensive coordinator duties this year, Lassi said.

The Timberwolves will travel to Babbitt on Saturday, Aug. 24 for a scrimmage against Northeast Range, who

is again fielding a team this year after a one-year absence.

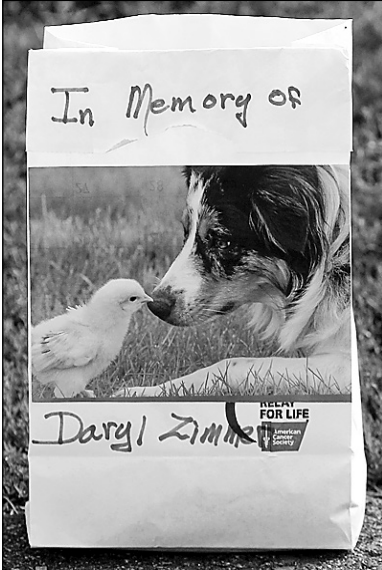
Ely opens the season against Mt. Iron/Buhl, the defending nine-man champion in Section 7 from last year. That game is scheduled for Friday, Aug. 30 on artificial turf at MIB’s new stadium.

The girls volleyball team comes off a Section semifinals appearance last fall with a team numbering in the low 40s, anchored by seniors Brielle Kallberg, Erika Mattson and Jenna Merhar. Ely opens the season at home on Tuesday, Aug. 27, against Northeast Range.

The boys and girls cross country team also has about 40 athletes, according to Coach Jayne Dusich, lead by all-state Luke Olson. On the girls side, Zoe Devine was a qualifier for state last year as an eighth grader.

The boys and girls cross country teams open the season at Virginia on Wednesday, Aug. 28. The Timberwolves will host the Ely Invite on Tuesday, Oct. 1 at the Ely Golf Club.

## RELAY FOR LIFE



Ely’s Relay for Life was held last Friday in Whiteside Park. Participants, at right, Raegan Borchert, Madison Jonas, Jorden Borchert and Jade Buchwitz, paused for a group portrait. A memorial, above, was for Daryl Zimmer. photos by K. Vandervort



## ELY SCHOOL DISTRICT FACILITIES PROJECT

# To the taxpayers and patrons of ISD 696

In September, a community-wide survey will go out by email and U.S. Post to give all taxpayers/voters and other constituents of Independent School District 696 the opportunity to weigh in on potential school facility improvements. You are likely aware that many separate options are on the table.

We invite you to complete the survey and indicate which improvements, and how much of a tax increase, you would support.

The information you provide will be analyzed by School Perceptions, a company that specializes in constructing surveys of this kind and compiling the data into a statistically accurate recommendation.

The School Board will use the results to

construct questions for a bond referendum that could be held in February or April of 2020. The Board will hold public information sessions prior to a vote.

The facilities project discussion all started with the idea of indoor connections between our buildings. For years, the safety and security of our students traveling between buildings has been a focus of the district. This remains our primary concern, though we may also realize savings in heating costs because we won’t be opening doors to the outside in the dead of winter multiple times a day.

Other concerns that arose during facilities discussions include the maintenance and upkeep required for buildings

approximately 100 years old. That can be expensive, but there is a great sense of community pride in our historic buildings, and maintaining them is a priority. In the course of discussing these projects with multiple stakeholders and consultants, several other potential projects were also identified, which are all separate items on the survey.

Community members and local media have raised the question of obtaining IRRRB funds. The July 22 School Board study session, with IRRRB representatives present, clarified options for applying for Collaboration and Innovative Programming funds. Because Ely is “at the end of the road,” IRRRB acknowledges that collaboration

similar to what Virginia and Eveleth-Gilbert or St. Louis County Schools and Mt. Iron-Buhl are doing is probably not an option.

However, innovative programming is something we can do for our students, and if successful, it may be replicated through academic collaboration. It was stated that for the IRRRB to support a facilities project like ours, they need to see community commitment. The passage of a bond referendum would show such support, making IRRRB more likely to provide funding.

Thank you for reading this and for your continued support of the Ely School District.

Respectfully,  
**Kevin Abrahamson,**  
Ely School District Superintendent

## News In Brief

### Children’s book from Legacy Bound

DULUTH - Legacy Bound announced this week the publication of its newest title, “Build It,” a children’s book that takes the reader off on a tour of an active construction site, in a fun, rhyming story.

“Interesting machinery, unique trucks and the amazing trades people, work together to bring a building to life,” said author Laura Seitz Danielsen. She will be at the Legacy Toy store in Duluth, on Saturday, Sept. 7 to read an excerpt, sign books, and have activity sheets for children.

“‘Build It’ will appeal to the young reader, as well as the young at heart,” she said. “Exciting mysteries unfold as each boldly colored page is turned. Anyone who has passed a construction site and wondered about the buzz of activity, will find answers in this delightful hardbound book.”

“Safety comes first on a construction site and ‘Build It’ begins its tour with the young visitors putting on their hard hats, viewing the machines, watching trades people hard at work, and their final experience is learning of the shared enthusiasm for a job well-done,” she added.

Danielsen works for a construction company and is passionate about inspiring young people to pursue careers in the industry. “Build It” is her first publication, however, she has leveraged her clever rhyming skills to win various contests and prizes. She graduated from the University of Minnesota-Duluth, where she fell in love with Lake Superior. She now calls Northern Minnesota home with her husband, daughter, and son. Her mission in life is to embrace adventure and to instigate fun.

“Build It” is available at Legacy Toys in Ely. Order online at [www.legacybound.net](http://www.legacybound.net) or call 1-800-909-9698.

### Retired hospital employees picnic

ELY - All former Ely-Bloomenson employees from all departments are invited to Ely’s Whiteside Park for a “Bring Your Own Sack Lunch Picnic” on Monday, Aug. 25 from 11:30 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Lemonade will be provided.

Come and have a great time visiting with everyone. Even if it rains, we will be under the shelter.

Donald C.  
**Gardner**  
**Humanities**  
**Trust**

*We are now accepting*  
**2019 Arts Grant Applications**

for Individual Artists, Project & Youth Grants, Scholarships & Operational Funding

Updated grant applications and guidelines are available online at [www.gardnertrust.org](http://www.gardnertrust.org)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS: 12:00 noon on Wed., Sept. 25**

*Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Keiko Williams, Executive Director, by August 30 for help and review of their applications.*

Call 365-2639 or email [info@gardnertrust.org](mailto:info@gardnertrust.org)

*Youth Grant applicants must call by August 30 to schedule a grant review meeting with Keiko. Office closed Sept. 2-13.*



NORTH WOODS SCHOOL

North Woods School open house  
Thursday; school starts Sept. 3

FIELD TWP- The annual North Woods Open House will be held on Thursday, Aug. 29 from 4 to 7 p.m. Students and parents/guardians can meet teachers, visit classrooms, obtain classroom schedules, and much more. New or currently-enrolled students should register on-line via computer or mobile phone. Log into Parent Portal or see the link on our school website at northwoodsschool.net to get started.

Health survey and iPad/laptop agreement forms

The paper Health Survey form and accompanying Emergency Information card may be turned in at the Open House. This form was previously mailed to currently-enrolled families.

Scavenger hunt for electronic devices

Students in grades 7 -12 registered through OLR may participate in a “scavenger hunt” at Open House, which will allow them to pick up their electronic device by turning in the required form and fee (or insurance rider if applicable). iPad/Laptop Agreement forms may be found on the school website (see Technology Insurance Form). Extra forms will

also be available at the Open House. Fees may also be paid online.

Start dates

Classes for Grades 1 through 12 begin Tuesday, Sept. 3. Classes for Kindergarten begin Thursday, Sept. 5. At the Open House, Kindergarten parents may sign up for their “Meet the Teacher” conference on Tuesday, Sept. 3 or Wednesday, Sept. 4.

Class assignments

Elementary student teacher/classroom assignments may be obtained at the Open House. After the Open House, lists of elementary students and their classroom/teacher assignments will be posted on the entryway windows. Grades 7 through 12 student schedules will be in the Commons for pick-up at the Open House.

Labor Day office closures

The school office will be closed Friday, Aug. 30 and Monday, Sept. 2.

Fall sports fees

Volleyball, football and cross-country fees for students are due before their first game or meet. Students cannot participate unless their fees are paid. Varsity and Junior Varsity athletic fees are \$120 per student. C-Team athletic fees are

\$60. A sliding fee will be applied to students who qualify for Educational Benefits (free/reduced meals). Fees may also be paid online via the school website and a credit card option is now available in the school office. Practices have begun and schedules have been given to the students. If you need more information on practices, contact the respective coaches at the school (Mr. John Jirik for football, Mrs. Kandi Olson for volleyball, and Mr. Dan Squires for cross country). See the school website, northwoodsschool.net, for email and contact information.

Bussing

Drivers are working on route assignments and plan to contact currently-enrolled student households to provide route information prior to the Open House. If you are new or your former times/routes have changed, your driver will contact you as school approaches to verify pick-up and drop-off times. It is very important that we have current contact information for your household. If you moved over the summer and/or changed phone numbers, be sure to complete online registration as soon as possible.

Entrance

Students should not



Students sign in at last year’s Open House. file photo

arrive at school before 8:05 a.m. Once school begins, all entrances automatically lock at 8:30 a.m. After that time, anyone wishing to enter the building must report to the office through the front doors.

Class schedule

The school will still follow a Flex Wednesday schedule. On Wednesdays, school dismisses at 2:02 p.m. All other days of the week school dismisses at 3:15 p.m.

Food service

Payment for meals may go directly to the cafeteria staff and/or may also be paid online through Parent Portal or the school website. A credit card option is also available in the school office. Please make sure your student has money in his/her account when school begins. Meal prices are \$2.70 for high

school lunch and \$2.35 for elementary lunch. Breakfast for both high school and elementary is \$1.75, extra milk is \$0.65.

Students who qualify for reduced-price school meals will receive free lunches and breakfasts. All Kindergarten students qualify for free breakfasts. Please note, even if a student receives free or reduced-price meals, students who choose milk only will be charged \$0.65 and extra lunch items are not free. If you have not yet applied for Educational Benefits (free meals) and wish to do so, you may do so online through Parent Portal or the school website.

Picture day

Picture Day is Monday, Sept. 9. Student, staff, class group and fall sports pictures will be taken. Times for preschoolers from the community

to have their pictures taken will be announced later. Order forms were previously mailed to currently enrolled students. Extras will be available at the Open House or they may be picked up in the office after the Open House. Orders may also be placed online via the link on the school website (to be added soon).

Contact

If you have questions, please feel free to contact the office at 218-666-5221. Beginning Tuesday, Sept. 3, front office hours are Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The school is located at 10248 Olson Rd. E, north of Cook.

Have a terrific school year!

BEAR SAFETY

Deter bears from your home



A bear cub hangs in there at the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary. submitted photo

by Stephanie Horner  
American Bear Association

ORR— Waking up to the sound of birds singing in the morning can be one of the most relaxing ways to start your day on the right path. For many of us that means that we try to bring more birds in by placing bird feeders in our backyards. These feeders that draw in birds can also attract unwanted wildlife. Black bears have a sense of smell that is seven times stronger than that of dogs. They can smell any type of food source from over a mile away, including berries, nuts, ant broods, bee hives, and more. These are their natural foods, but in times of food shortage more bears will go

after food that brings them in closer proximity to humans, creating ‘nuisance’ bears. These hungry bears will raid bird feeders, garbage cans, or anything else that might hold the promise of food. To many people, this creates a sense of fear for the safety of themselves, their families, and their pets. Although black bears are mostly shy around humans, it is an understandable and avoidable anxiety. For black bears in our region, the quest for food intensifies this time of year, and that can lead to more nuisance problems. From July through October, bears in our area will be in what’s known as hyperphagia, a period

of intensive food consumption as they build fat reserves for winter hibernation. Tips for reducing the risk of unwanted visits: ➤ Store garbage cans in a secured building. Rinse any empty food containers and wrappers before recycling them or tossing. Avoid placing smelly materials in garbage until pick-up day. ➤ Bring bird feeders in at night or hang them out of reach of bears (at least ten feet in the air) on wire suspended between two trees. ➤ Avoid feeding pets outside and store pet food containers and food bowls where bears can’t reach them. ➤ Clean grills regularly, then dispose of grease as you would gar-

bage. This can help to keep curious noses away. Do not bury, pour out, or discard grease and food particles in the yard, as it will eventually be detected. Store grills and burn barrels in secured areas. ➤ Locate gardens, orchards, beehives, compost piles and pet cages in a secure area away from protective cover used by bears. Electric fences are effective deterrents if needed. ➤ Pick fruits and vegetables regularly as they ripen, or be prepared to share. Remove and properly discard any produce that has dropped to the ground. ➤ Experiment with deterrents such as barking dogs, motion lights, and various noisemakers. Consider using them in problem areas. Be creative but always keep the safety of humans and bears in mind. Should a bear wander through your yard, he may be passing through or he may smell a potential food source. If he is not rewarded with food, he will move on. If you have more questions or if you are having a difficult time keeping a bear away from your home, please reach out to The American Bear Association. The association is dedicated to promoting a better understanding of the black bear through education and observation. Thousands of people visit the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary viewing platform every year to observe and learn about black bears. Hours

of operations are from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday through Labor Day. For more information, visit their website at www.americanbear.org. Expect delays on Hwy. 53 north of Cook REGIONAL- A project to construct four new passing lanes began on Tuesday, Aug. 20 on Hwy. 53, between Cook and Ericsburg. Hwy. 53 has been reduced to one lane during the day, controlled by flaggers. Two-way traffic is being restored during non-working hours. Motorists should expect delays. All roadways adja-

cent to Hwy. 53 will be accessible. Eleven-foot width restrictions will be in place. The project is scheduled for completion in mid-October. Please visit the project website for additional information, http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/hwy53-1-st.-louis-koochiching/.

Bookmobile will stop Aug. 29 and Sept. 19

REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile will stop in Nett Lake, Crane Lake, Orr, and Kabetogama on Thursday, Aug. 29 and Sept. 19. The Bookmobile will be at Nett Lake Community Center from 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; Crane Lake Ranger Station from 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Orr Lake Country ReMax build-

ing from 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; and Kabetogama Town Hall from 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. For more information, visit www.alslib.info, call 218-741-3840, or write to the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768.



# Cook-Orr Calendar

## Open studio art Saturdays at NWFA

COOK- Northwoods Friends of the Arts hosts Open Studio Art every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. All ages and media welcome.

## Art, Antiques and Antiquities Sale, Aug. 31

COOK- Enjoy shopping for new “Art, Antiques and Antiquities” at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery, 210 S River St. in Cook, next to Dream Weaver Salon. Enjoy a snack from the Cook Lions traveling grill shack on the main street. This will be a huge end-of-summer art fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Come in and see all the beautiful art objects for sale in the back room.

The NWFA Gallery has been open for almost ten years and exhibits about forty artists year-round. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Saturday hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and there is a recurring “Open Studio Art” during which time artists gather to work together on individual projects. Get more information online at [nwfamn.org](http://nwfamn.org) or email [nwfamn.org@gmail.com](mailto:nwfamn.org@gmail.com) for questions.

## Beefeater Brothers, Aug. 28

COOK- The Beefeater Brothers, Erick

and Mike, will close out the summer concert series, Music in the Park, with a musical variety on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Cook City Park Gazebo.

## NWFA pop-up fundraiser, Aug. 31

COOK- Northwoods Friends of the Arts will host their first-ever pop-up fundraiser sale on Saturday, Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NWFA Gallery.

## Crane Lake 5K “Haakyn Strong,” Sept. 1

CRANE LAKE- The Crane Lake 5K “Haakyn Strong.” The 5K walk/run will be on Sunday, Sept. 1 at 9 a.m. at Nelson’s Resort. To register for the race or send a donation, call Brenda Pohlman at Nelson’s Resort, 218-993-2295. Pre-registration is required by Aug. 18 and guarantees a t-shirt. The registration fee is \$30 for the race and t-shirt or \$40 for a t-shirt alone. Race day registration will be from 8 to 8:45 a.m. at the resort. Nelson’s breakfast and lunch buffet and bloody Mary bar will be open for refreshments.

## Cook Seniors meet Sept. 4

COOK- Cook Seniors will meet Wednesday, Sept. 4 at 1 p.m. at the Pioneer Apartments. The group meets regularly on the first Wednesday

of each month. For more information, call 218-666-2726.

## Art for Fun! meets Sept. 4

COOK- Art for Fun” meets the first Wednesday of each month from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. downstairs at Cook’s Evangelical Covenant Church. If you have a portable spinning wheel you’d like to display or learn how to use, bring it to the meeting. Coffee, tea and sometimes treats are served. For more information, contact interim Pastor Linda Freeman at 218-410-1768.

## Woodcarving group meets Sept. 5

COOK- The NWFA woodcarving group will meet on Thursday, Sept. 5 at the gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. and will be meeting every Thursday. The curious and carving beginners of all ages are encouraged to attend and share this learning experience together. Call Howard Hilshorst for more information at 218-741-7941.

## Readers and Rappers, Sept 10

COOK- Readers and Rappers will meet Tuesday, Sept. 10 at 1 p.m. at the Homestead Apartments in Cook. September’s book selection is “The Alice Network” by Kate Quinn. The group meets the second Tuesday of every month.



T.O. Roché of Bear River Farm won blue ribbons for hazelnuts, grape jelly, maple syrup, and a beaver can cozy at the Bear River Fair held Aug. 17 and 18. submitted photo

## Watercolor workshop with Mary Beth Downs, Sept. 12 and 13

COOK- A watercolor workshop will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12 and Friday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Northwoods Friends of the Arts. The class is a two-day autumn watercolor painting workshop taught by Mary Beth Downs. wPre-registration is required. Cost is \$60 for NWFA members and \$75 for non-members. The workshop will take place at the Cook Community Center, 510 E Gopher Dr. Register by calling 218-666-2153.

## NWFA Writers Group will resume this October

COOK- Thank you to all who attended NWFA’s Summer Writers Group. The last meeting was Aug. 23. The group will take a hiatus and resume again as the Winter Writers Group in October. Stay tuned to the *Timberjay* or check the NWFA website, [www.nwfamn.org](http://www.nwfamn.org), where the starting date will be posted when it becomes available.

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## CRANE LAKE NEWS

# How does your garden grow?

prostate cancer. Broccoli also can prevent disease since it is loaded with nutrients.

Not so good for your breath, but good for your body is garlic. Several studies have shown that garlic can regulate blood sugar and promote heart health. Brussels sprouts contains antioxidants, many vitamins and minerals like K, A, C, folate, manganese and potassium. Another good leafy green is kale, with lots of B vitamins, potassium, calcium, and copper. One of the Dames grew some kale in her garden last year; it grew like crazy, but then she had no idea what to do with it! Other than throwing some in a salad or soup, does anyone have any ideas on how to use kale?

Have you had a BLT sandwich lately? If so, we bet it tasted better if it had a freshly-grown tomato from the garden rather than one from the store. Many people consider tomatoes to be a fruit. No matter what you think it is, it can be part of just about any meal, including an ingredient in a favorite beverage- a Bloody Mary!

All vegetables are good, but some don’t pack the punch you would expect. Those veggies are radishes, cucumbers, eggplant, and onions. Corn gets a bad rap, but at this time of

year, there is nothing better than corn on the cob, dripping in butter, with a little salt added. It may not be good for the body, but it makes the taste buds very happy.

Crane Lake has lost another true friend and Voyageur. Bob Grich of Brooklyn Park passed away recently. Bob will be remembered by many of the old-timers as a true supporter and promoter of the Crane Lake area. Bob and his wife, Shirley, first came to Crane Lake in the 1940s, and it was hard to think of Bob without Shirley. They first stayed at Handberg’s Northwoods Lodge. Later, they were guests of Nelson’s and Campbell’s Cabins. Not only were they frequent visitors, but they became friends with all the extended families. They vacationed here for many years, in the summer and the winter, and they promoted our area wherever they went. Bob and Shirley both had careers with Northern States Power in Minneapolis, but their hearts were here. They were possibly char-

ter members of the CL Voyageurs Snowmobile Club, and Bob made it a point to know the history of the area going back to the time of the Voyageurs. He also wanted to learn the history of families currently living in the area. He was a true friend of Crane Lake. Rest in peace, Bob!

August is quickly winding down and already nights are getting cooler and darkness is coming earlier. Fall is a favorite season, but winter - not so much. It’s not that it’s such a bad season, it’s just SO LONG!

Speaking of so long, until next week, the Teapot Dames are singing off!

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

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## Eagles Nest woody debris haul away service, Sept. 20-23

EAGLES NEST TWP- All Eagles Nest residents have an opportunity to reduce risk to their homes by implementing wildfire prevention strategies.

Residents on Trygg, Peninsula, and Walsh roads, and Bear Head State Park Road from Hwy. 169 to Walsh Road have the opportunity to have woody debris picked up curbside from their homes on Monday, Sept. 23. You cut and stack; the township will haul away.

All residents are welcome to drop off woody debris at Eagles Nest Town Hall in the lower parking lot on Friday, Sept. 20 from 6-8 p.m., Saturday, Sept. 21 from 2-4 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 22 from 2-4 p.m.

Directions: Cut and pile woody debris along the driveway entrance or off the shoulder of the roadway. Piles must be stacked neatly with ends facing the road. Piles must be approximately five by five by five feet. There is no limit to the number of piles, but please make sure they are not obstructing traffic or under power lines.

Acceptable materials include woody limbs and branches, trees six inches in diameter or less, branches and limbs (balsam fir, spruce, and brush will be accepted). All materials should be six inches in diameter or less.

Not acceptable materials include construction or building materials, bagged materials, trash, weeds, root wads, dirt, rocks, grass clippings, bags of leaves, and household garbage.

Contact Gloria Erickson, Firewise coordinator, at 218-365-0878 or gjerickson@frontiernet.net with any questions.

## Vermilion Country Charter School Community Open House on Thursday, Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

TOWER- The public is cordially invited to Vermilion Country School's annual open house, on Thursday, Aug. 29 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

The school is welcoming its new school administrator, Frank Zobitz, as well as a new social studies and special education teacher, Bradley Neyens. There will be time to visit with both the new and returning staff, as well as other professionals who work with and support our students.

Students will be signing up for classes, and parents/guardians will attend orientation. Enrollments for new students will be taken. Regular classes begin on Tuesday, Sept. 2.

There will be games, races, art activities, prizes, and more for children of all ages. A free lunch will be served. All area families are invited to stop by, tour the school, and have some fun.

"This is a great opportunity to come and meet our new administrator, who is familiar to many in the area since he grew up in Tower-Soudan," said School Board Chair Jodi Summit.

VCS is a free public school, now beginning its seventh-year, located in Tower. The school serves students in grades 7-12, who come from a 30-mile radius. The school offers transportation, and a breakfast/lunch program. VCS offers a project-based, multi-grade, learning environment, a focus on environmental education, and individualized learning plans for each student.

"We really work hard to meet each and every student where they are at," said Summit. "The school has a good track record of increasing academic performance for our students, and helping students gain the credits they need to graduate."

VCS is located at 1 Enterprise Dr. in Tower, behind the new harbor. Families can also call to arrange a school tour by calling 218-753-1246 or email fzobitz@vermilioncountry.org.

## Family Fun Day at the MN Discovery Center, Aug. 29

CHISHOLM- Kick off one of the last days of summer at the MN Discovery Center on Thursday, Aug. 29 with five different family events happening all at once. It's bound to be a day of memories and learning. Start off with dinner with the last Bands, Brews, and BBQ event of the summer featuring BitterSweet who will be playing from 5 to 7 p.m. Stout Braised Short Ribs are on the menu, along with other amazing items served from 4 to 8 p.m.

Next up is Family Discovery Day: Rock Hounds Abound. Enjoy learning about different rocks and minerals with hands-on activities for both young and old. There will be a geologist onsite to look at your rocks and answer your questions. This event will take place from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

See and experience traditional blacksmithing at MDC's "Blacksmithing: The Original Heavy Metal" event from 4 to 8 p.m. in our blacksmith forge. Two blacksmith apprentices will be working on their projects and answering any questions you might have. There will be a presentation from master blacksmith Doug Swenson at 5:30 p.m. His presentation will cover the production of iron, from bog iron ore to the forging of iron into everyday objects. The presentation will also attempt to describe the impact of iron tools and implements on the average person living during this period.

Late Night in the Research Center at MDC is available for anyone who needs to look into their family history after hours. Lastly, the Genealogy Genie class is being offered starting at 6:30 p.m. The Iron Range is peopled with family trees planted by immigrants who became naturalized citizens of the United States. Come learn more about your ancestors' path to becoming citizens, including Americanization classes, and the paper trails they may have left behind. All of these events are free and open to the public at the MDC.

## LAKE VERMILION

# Come and sauna at Gruben's on Saturday, Aug. 31

GREENWOOD TWP- *Sauna Times* editor and Lake Vermilion summer resident Glenn Auerbach will be the guest speaker at Gruben's Marina first-ever Sauna Saturday event on Saturday, Aug. 31.

Sauna Saturday will include a free sauna experience (please bring your swimsuit and beverage of choice) in a mobile sauna from 4 - 8 p.m. Sauna-goers can then take a jump in the lake to complete the traditional sauna experience.

A portable sauna, courtesy of Custom Mobile Saunas from the Twin Cities, which features a Lamppa Kuuma Sauna Stove, will be lakeside. Eric Bongard, who makes the custom mobile saunas, is hoping to attend also. Bongard had one of his portable sauna units on display at Embarrass's Sauna Days in June.



**A visitor checks out the inside of a Custom Mobile Sauna in Embarrass earlier this summer. A similiar model will be fired-up for sauna-taking on Aug. 31 at Gruben's.** file photo

At 5 p.m., Auerbach will give a presentation about saunas. He recently returned from a trip to Finland, where he took 50 saunas in 12 days. "I will give an informal presentation of what I learned about saunas while on my trip," he said. "I was chaperoned by some world-renowned experts

on sauna."

Auerbach has also written a book on designing and building your own sauna.

He hopes to answer questions on his Finland trip experience, as well as offer advice to those who currently have, or hope to build, their own saunas. Auerbach would love to see photos of area saunas, as well as questions on sauna design and construction.

Auerbach has been a summer resident on Pine Island for the last 24 years. His cabin, of course, has a sauna. He is also a sale representative for Lamppa Manufacturing's Kuuma Sauna Stoves, made right here in Tower, and he can answer questions on the wood-burning and electric models.

The event is free and open to the public. Gruben's Marina is located at 4296 Arrowhead Point Rd., on Lake Vermilion.

## LAKE VERMILION BIKE TRAIL

# Raffle tickets available now for Lake Vermilion Trail fundraiser

REGIONAL- There are only two weeks left to buy tickets for the Lake Vermilion Trail fundraising raffle. Raffle tickets are only \$5 and are available at local businesses and organizations from Tower to Cook to Ely. ReGen Northland is sponsoring the raffle.

The drawing will be held on Friday, Sept. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Northwoods Friends of the Arts in Cook. The grand prize is an adult Marin Larkspur bicycle donated by Marin, White Eagle Resort, and Mesabi Recreation. Other major prizes are a baby jogger donated by Broten Construction and two \$50 gift cards donated by Target.

The raffle is a first step in raising matching funds for trail development. Look for more fundraising activities in the coming year.

Additional prizes include a Sue Martin print donated by Northwoods Friends of the Arts; a framed watercolor donated by Sue Wolfe; a Sulu's Café \$25 gift certificate; a Comet Theatre \$25 gift certificate; a breakfast for two at Life of Riley; a one-night stay at Hoodoo Point Campground donated by the city of Tower; a Natural Harvest gift basket; and a walleye dinner for two at The Landing on Lake Vermilion.

Raffle tickets are available for purchase at Broten Construction,

Comet Theater, Cook's Country Connection, Cook's Country Store, Dream Weaver Spa and Salon, Ely Bike and Kicksled, Fortune Bay Resort Casino, JD Mills in Ely, The Landing on Lake Vermilion, Life of Riley Resort, Mesabi Recreation, Montana Café, Moosebirds, North Star Credit Union, Pehrson's Lodge, Pike Bay Lodge, Sulu's Espresso Café, Tower City Hall, Whispering Winds, and White Eagle Resort.

More information about the Lake Vermilion Trail can be found online at [www.lakevermiliontrail.org](http://www.lakevermiliontrail.org) and on the Lake Vermilion Trail Facebook page.

# Fest du Nord on Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 - Sept. 1

ELY- YMCA Camp du Nord will rock out Labor Day weekend with the Eighth Annual Fest du Nord. Music headliners include the Grammy Award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers, Mason Jennings, Jeremy Messersmith, John Munson, and Koo Koo Kanga Roo.

The YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities, a leading nonprofit dedicated to strengthening communities through youth development, healthy living, and social responsibility, will hold a family-friendly music festival at YMCA Camp du Nord near Ely on Labor Day weekend, Aug. 30 through Sept. 1.

Fest du Nord, founded and hosted by Minnesota's own John Munson, is the perfect way to close out the summer on the idyllic shores of Burntside Lake and support

YMCA Camp du Nord, a camp that brings together generations of families to strengthen relationships and create unforgettable memories to share for a lifetime.

Roe Family Singers and Ben David will perform on Friday, Aug. 30 from 6:30 - 8 p.m. at the Bent Paddle Stage.

Humbird, Ben Weaver, Heatbox, Jeremy Mererssmith, and Mason Jennings will perform on Saturday, Aug. 31 from 3 - 7 p.m. at Gardner Builder's "This is a Repeat After Me" Stage.

Van and the Free Candies, Louis and Dan and the Invisible Band, Lucy Michelle, Koo Koo Kanga Roo and the Grammy Award-winning Okee Dokee Brothers will perform on Sunday, Sept. 1 from 3 - 7 p.m. at Gardner Builder's "This is a Repeat

After Me" Stage.

Attendees should bring their own chairs or blankets for seating. Food and drinks sold at the event will include Wilderness Woodfire Pizza, Street Tacos and Eats, Kettlemania, and Bent Paddle beer. All cabins and camping sites at du Nord are full, but concertgoers can choose to lodge or find a campsite in nearby Ely. Tickets may be purchased at <http://festdunord2019.brownpapertickets.com/> or at the door.

Costs are adult (ages 15+) weekend pass - \$50, Friday night only (all ages) - \$5, adult (ages 15+) Saturday or Sunday only - \$30, child (ages 4-14) Saturday or Sunday only - \$15, and no charge for children ages 0-3.



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If you or a loved one are 18 years of age or older and interested in what Adult Day Services offers or have further questions just give **Jessica Steventon a call at 218-666-6240**



THINK SNOW

# Ely Winter Festival receives arts grant

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

27th annual celebration scheduled for Feb. 6-16, 2020

ELY - The Minnesota State Arts Board just awarded a Minnesota Festival Support grant, totaling \$11,125, to the Ely Winter Festival.

The funding is part of 285 grants approved through its Arts Learning, Operating Support and Minnesota Festival Support grant programs. These are the first of four rounds of grants the board will award this fiscal year. Together, grants in these three programs total more than \$19 million.

The grant funding awarded to Ely will help to support the 27th annual Ely Winter Festival, which is scheduled for Feb. 6-16, 2020. "This grant took us two years of work to apply for," said EWF treasurer Linda Ganister, "and we are super excited about having this additional money to do some additional things with."

Ganister highlighted the group's plan for the new funding. "We are

planning on buying our own wall tent and stove to have a heated shelter in the park during the first weekend of the festival, with hot chocolate," she said.

"We are also going to hit a few new markets with our advertising, and spend a little more in our local market as well," Ganister added. "We are going to start a small collection of loaner tools for new (snow sculpture) teams to use, as well as

teams that are coming from further away with limited room."

Ganister said an additional group meal for carver teams will be offered, "giving them more time to hang out together (in warm space)," and taking some of the pressure off of local restaurants.

The EWF board will also be using some of the new funding on their festival evaluation program, to help them improve

the festival. "We have some money for board trainings, and we have a little money in the budget now to do Call-for-Artists inquiries at regional galleries, colleges, and online," she said.

The Minnesota Festival Support grant program provides meaningful arts experiences to Minnesotans through festivals that celebrate the arts, build communities, and expose communities to diverse arts forms,

including folk and traditional arts.

The Minnesota Arts Board is a state agency dedicated to ensuring that all Minnesotans have the opportunity to participate in the arts. It receives appropriations from the Minnesota State Legislature and funding from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Additional information about the Arts Board can be found online at [www.arts.state.mn.us](http://www.arts.state.mn.us).

## TOWER...Continued from page 1

complicate her employment prospects moving forward. Under the settlement agreement, the city agreed to present her separation from city employment as a mutual decision — effectively a resignation. But given Keith's reversal, she'll now have a termination on her employment record. In addition, as part of the

settlement, it had appeared that the city would not finalize an investigation into a laundry list of allegations against Keith. Now, attorney Mitch Brunfelt is expected to complete that report, which could put the former clerk-treasurer in an unflattering light.

Keith's decision also likely increases the odds that city officials will

pursue charges stemming from her acknowledged destruction of a city laptop computer that she had been directed to return following her suspension in June. Keith told city officials at the time that she had her son shoot the computer after it appeared to cease functioning. She then claims to have driven over the laptop with her pickup.

The seriousness of that offense is likely to hinge on the value placed on the computer and the data that it contained. City officials have already stated their intent to seek recovery of the value of the computer and the data from the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust. While the value of the older computer may well

have been less than \$1,000, the value set on the lost data could be considerably more than that.

Under Minn. Stat. 609.595, the intentional destruction of someone else's property, without their permission, is a felony if the damage reduces the value of the property, measured by the cost of repair and replacement,

by \$1,000 or more.

Keith already faces criminal charges for falsifying official city records. She's set to make her first appearance on that gross misdemeanor charge in St. Louis County District Court in Virginia on Aug. 30.

## SUNDAY ...Continued from page 1

on their way home," Saint Martin wrote.

"We have visitors that are unaware of our town's no-Sunday sales and get here and are unable to shop for their camping trips on a Monday after a Sunday arrival," he added.

Saint Martin argued that being open on Sundays "opens up one more shift for me to offer to an employee who may need that little extra to stay around and keep Ely that much more sustainable."

Two years ago, local liquor store owners said they wanted to continue to have Sundays off. The state law does not require liquor stores to be open on Sundays, but it does give them the opportunity.

"As little or as much as it may add to the town to keep Ely sustainable, we all need to take advantage of any rules we can, and the state offering Sunday sales with us not taking advantage of it is just says, 'No thanks, Ely doesn't need that extra added boost of money coming in,'" Saint Martin added.

Council member Jerome Debelitz indicated that he had no problem offering Sunday liquor sales in the city. "We tried this once before, but the store owners were against it," he said.

Council member Al Forsman requested more time to consider the issue and gather more input.

"This was added to the agenda tonight and I am not ready to make any motion for or against this," he said.

Any ordinance change in the city of Ely requires two readings at consecutive council meetings as well as a public hearing before the council could vote on the issue.

Council member Heidi Omerza said Saint Martin had many good points. "We are basically forcing (visitors) to drive right through town. Will they come back? I'm not certain," she said. "Any opportunity we can give a tourist or an individual to shop here, we need to provide that. We do not want to force business away, ever."

The nearby cities of Winton, Babbitt, and Tower all offer Sunday liquor sales.

"Leave it up to the store owners, but we need to provide the opportunity for business here to thrive

and survive," Omerza added.

Mayor Chuck Novak indicated that a fourth off-sale liquor establishment may be opening in town, "and more than likely, if that is true, they may request Sunday sales as well," he said.

He said he was in favor of discussing the ordinance change in a public hearing. "I think this is a good idea. We are one of only three cities in the whole state that doesn't have Sunday sales," he said.

Council member Paul Kess said, "We are a tourist economy, and I would like to listen to the arguments on both sides."

The council approved a motion, 5-1, to direct the city attorney to develop a city ordinance allowing Sunday liquor sales in Ely, as provided by state law. Forsman voted against the motion. One council member was absent.

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### Other business

In other business, the council:

► Approved water and wastewater operators to attend a certification refresher and exam program in St. Cloud on Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

► Approved the 2020 prioritization of recon-

struction of James Street between Third Avenue and Seventh Avenue.

► Renewed the city attorney contract with Klun Law Firm for 2020 and 2021 at the same \$60,000 flat fee retainer for standard tasks, and a fee structure of \$120 per hour attorney rate and \$85 per hour legal assistant rate

for nonstandard tasks.

► Approved \$10,000 residential rehab loans for Derek Jensen, 11 E. James St., and Russell and Nadine Long, 245 E. White St.

► Appointed Christopher Steele to the library board.

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## OUTDOOR RECREATION

# Forest Service studies commercial services

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

## Ely to host public open house at VCC on Sept. 23

ELY – The Superior National Forest is taking a new look at the use of recreational commercial services on the Superior National Forest and some local outfitters fear that could mean significant changes for their businesses.

The Forest Service will hold an open house in Ely next month to talk about their analysis and take input from the public.

“The Forest Service is working to strike a balance between rural economic development and the effects of recreational commercial services across the forest,” said Acting Public Affairs Specialist Doug Thompson. “Our goal is to ensure future generations will continue to enjoy these national treasures.”

Forest Service officials will be available on Monday, Sept. 23, from 4:30-7 p.m. at Vermilion Community College to gather information from the public, local businesses, tribes, and others who

recreate on or conduct business on federal lands in the area.

An additional open house is scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 26 at the Cook County Courthouse in Grand Marais.

Details on the draft recreational commercial use needs assessment study can be found on the USFS website under a new name: “Outfitter-Guide Needs Assessment.”

Details are available at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/main/superior/passes-permits/event-commercial>.

Forest Service officials say that their ultimate report will be technical in nature and not a decision document, although it could well play a critical part in possible changes to the way commercial activity is regulated on the forest.

“The assessment takes into consideration the range of recreation opportunities for the area based on supply and demand,” said Lisa

Radosevich-Craig, USFS external affairs program manager and tribal liaison. “The analysis and resulting decision may lessen concentrated use or crowding and provide a more primitive experience if traveling on one’s own.”

Ely outfitter Jason Zabokrtsky told the *Timberjay* last week that he anticipates that the study could result in significant rules changes affecting area outfitters and other businesses that serve visitors to the Boundary Waters. “This is going to take some analysis, but I have significant initial takeaways,” he wrote in an email. “The Forest (Service) is considering limiting the number of visitors outfitter-guides may serve. Historically, the forest has chosen to allow outfitter-guides to determine the amount of visitors they can serve rather than limiting this use through an allocation. This would be a dramatic change.”

Steve Piragis, owner of Piragis Northwoods Co., in Ely, said he is in support of keeping the status quo for outfitters and businesses using the Boundary Waters. “They

sent out surveys to just outfitters so far, I’m told, and I question if there is a need for more limiting use,” he said. “Have there been complaints? We are just fine with the way it is now, and we don’t need to be hampering new business. I would like to see that moratorium rescinded and let any new business develop.”

According to Radosevich-Craig, the analysis and resulting decision is designed to create a better recreational experience for all users on the forest, while protecting physical and social resources, and wilderness character. Based on results of the needs assessment, the forest will determine the next steps, which may include developing a capacity analysis and completion of any required environmental review. “The forest does not anticipate adjustments to existing recreational commercial services permits based upon the needs assessment at this time,” she said. Over time, however, she said it is feasible that areas on the forest may have limits on total use to protect resource conditions. On the other hand, recreational commercial

services could be added if the analysis demonstrates unmet recreational needs.

Zabokrtsky worries, however, that some key considerations may be left out of the Forest Service analysis, and that the omissions could impact the ultimate decision-making. “Additional wilderness criteria were developed to analyze the need for recreational commercial services in wilderness, and two criteria— safety and risk, and benefit to local economy— were not included. The reasons for these exclusions include the idea that wilderness is meant to be a place where challenge and risk do occur and wilderness itself does not exist to benefit an economy in a tangible manner,” Zabokrtsky said.

### Analysis stems from towboat settlement

The Forest Service analysis stems from a recent settlement with Wilderness Watch, over towboat use in portions of the wilderness. The settlement only required the Forest Service to consider towboat use, but the agency has opted to use the opportunity to take a broader look at commercial recreation services across the Superior National Forest.

In 2015, Wilderness Watch sought a federal court order seeking to limit commercial towboat use on the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. “The Forest Service determined that a more holistic examination would better serve the public and the forest,” Thompson said.

### Open houses

At the open houses next month, the public will have an opportunity to view documents and maps. Attendees will be asked to provide information about which types of recreational commercial services they use, where they use those services on the forest, and what additional recreational services they believe the Forest Service should encourage and permit.

“This process helps keep our national forests productive and sustainable by ensuring permitted services are performed in a way that protects the forest resources and wilderness character,” Thompson added.

Additional information about the Recreational Commercial Services Needs Assessment is available on the Superior National Forest website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/superior>.

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### News in Brief

#### Hibbing man hurt in motorcycle crash

EMBARRASS— A 28-year old Hibbing man suffered minor injuries this past Saturday evening when the motorcycle he was driving clipped the back end of a trailer at the intersection of County Road 21 and Hwy. 135.

Jon Edward Tichy, who was not wearing a helmet, was westbound on Cty. 21 when he struck the side of the trailer, pulled by Michael Allen Mellesmoen, 49, of Embarrass. Mellesmoen, who was uninjured, was southbound on Hwy. 135 at the time of the accident.

Road conditions were dry and alcohol is not believed to have been a factor in the crash. A local ambulance transported Tichy to Essentia Hospital for treatment of his non-life-threatening injuries.

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Dahl said the impact to taxpayers in the district could be less if Greenwood Township, with its roughly \$400 million in property value, were to join. "We're carrying Greenwood township on our back," said Dahl. "I know some people probably won't be pleased to hear me say that."

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of the project, Ott said the acoustic wall fabric is being installed this week, and as many as 234 historically-accurate seats will be mounted to the floor in early September. That leaves just sanding and staining of the extended stage floor yet to complete.

The State Theater, built by the Swanson family in 1936, was designed by noted architectural firm Liebenberg & Kaplan, who had designed many theaters in Minnesota and other northern states. Generations of Elyites have fond memories of the theater in its hey day. In 2008, the recession caused the State Theater to close its doors to the public, but apparently not for the last time.

By 2014, when Ott's Alley A Realty purchased the historic building, it had fallen into significant disrepair.

The company has since been working with the state of Minnesota and the U.S. Department of Interior as they've worked to restore the exterior and interior to its original condition. "All of the finishes and surfaces of the theater components, from floor to ceiling, have to meet the guidelines of the Interior Secretary's office, because the building is on the National Historic Register," Ott explained.

He noted that the renovation process authorization starts with the Minnesota State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). After they give their approval, it goes to federal oversight.

"The new doors look just like the old ones including the three submarine circle windows," he said during a brief update he provided this week to the Tuesday Group. The original handles were re-plated and re-installed. The functional ticket booth will soon be completed.

The new theater seats retain the original cast iron end standards. The other seat components are made of all new materials, provided by the Irwin Seating Co., of Grand Rapids, Mich. That same company manufactured the seats for the U.S. Bank Stadium, the home of the Vikings, and seats for as many as 33 Broadway theaters in New York City, according to Ott. "So they're the real deal. They are comfortable, quality chairs," he said. Matching carpet runners will cover the aisles of the original 83-year-old concrete floor that is newly polished.

"The wall fabric is required to be in kind with the feeling and the



look of the theater back in 1936," he said. "Behind the fabric, acoustic panels were installed to reduce background noise and echoes."

Ott spends a large amount of his time at the work site overseeing the renovation project as a

small army of contractors ascend and descend scaffolding, cut wood trim, paint, and install electrical components.

Ryan Mackie, of Ely's Burntside Electric, has been at the State Theatre job site for four years. "This has been a long, but

good process," he said. "It is nice to see everything coming together. Every light that turns on is one step closer to being done. I was here when we put the service in. It is nice to see it all come to fruition."

"We are really close to being ready to open,"

Ott said.

New renovations include an extended stage floor for live events, color-changing light fixtures, additional ceiling house lights, sound absorption material on the back wall, concrete ramps near the back to accommodate wheel chairs and/or VIP seating, enlarged projection room windows now allow theatrical spotlights, and a modernized heating and cooling system.

A group of Ely-area supporters, under the name "Ely's Historic Theatre," has stepped forward to plan fundraising efforts and to operate the theater as a not-for-profit organization to provide for cinematic and performing arts, according to Ott.

The group's first fundraiser is an opportunity for community members to make a donation and have an engraved silver name-

**Above: Work will continue on the Salerno building complex, adjacent to the State Theater, this fall and winter.**

**Left: Workers from St. Germain's Glass Co., Duluth, installed the new doors last week.**

photos by K. Vandervort

**Bottom: The State Theater in its original condition.**

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plate added to a theater seat for a \$400 donation. "In 36 characters, you can have your favorite movie, or your name, or a loved one's name, or just about anything you want," Ott said. "There are just 234 seats available, so don't delay."

Ely's Historic Theater group includes Cindy Beans, Karen McManus, Brett Ross, Carol Orban, Alana Dore, Denis Miller, Chuck Zeugner, Nancy Tubbs, Patsy Mogush, Steve Schon and Steve Voiles.

"Our goal is to have construction work on the State Theater completed by the end of October," Ott said. "Work will continue on the Salerno building complex, with another smaller screening theater, and a restaurant or café, over the winter. We want the theater portion to be open in November. We will be pushing to get the concessions area open as soon as possible."

For more information on the seat nameplate program, email [info@elystatetheater.com](mailto:info@elystatetheater.com).



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## FOOTBALL

# Big change for Grizzlies

North Woods steps up to 11-man competition this season

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

FIELD TWP—It's a brand-new ballgame for the North Woods Grizzlies as they prepare for the start of the Section 7A football season next Thursday. The team, which has competed since its inception at the nineman level, will be playing 11-man ball this year— and that means they'll be facing a new cast of teams, players, and looks, both on offense and defense. It also means they'll be spending more time on the bus as they travel a wider circuit across northern and east-central Minnesota.

The move to 11-man is based on the school's enrollment in grades 9-12, and is determined by the rules laid down by the Minnesota High

“You never know, we might even surprise some people.

Head Coach John Jirik

School League. Schools with a high school enrollment of 150 or fewer can compete at the nineman level. North Woods is closer to 180 in the high school this year, according to Head Coach and North Woods Athletic Director John Jirik.

The impact of the switch to 11-man is largely unknown at this point, although Jirik acknowledges that they'll be playing teams this year

they have never faced before. While they'll have access to game videos, Jirik said those can't replace real experience with an opposing team. On the other hand, North Woods will be a largely unknown quantity to the teams they'll face this year as well. “You never know, we might even surprise some people,” he said.

The team will have two extra players in the lineup, and a wider field, which will mean some different sets on both sides of the ball. On offense, they'll be adding two down linemen and the additional players will mostly work the backfield on defense. Jirik doesn't expect any major changes to the team's play selection. “We're trying to stick with what's familiar,” he said. “We want

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Austin Sokoloski rushes the ball during action last year. This year, he'll join senior Nathan Crain and sophomore T.J. Chiabotti in the offensive backfield.

# NER returns to varsity play

After one-year hiatus due to limited numbers, the Nighthawks are back

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

BABBITT — Northeast Range will have a varsity squad back on the gridiron this season after a year's break due to limited numbers of upperclassmen. This year, a raft of sophomores and a handful of juniors who had played at the junior varsity level last year have returned. With one senior and a number of freshmen filling out the ranks, the Nighthawks should have enough players to keep a competitive team on the field. The team went 3-3 last year at the JV level and Nighthawks Head Coach Mike Summers is optimistic the team will put a few wins on the board this season as well.

The team will still have its challenges, with just one player suiting up at over 200 pounds.



But Summers said what his team lacks in physical size they make up for in speed and athletic ability.

The team plans to operate a Run, Pass, Option offense, which Summers said should help the team obtain maximum advantage from its speed. “That, and a little bit of creativity, should work in our favor,” he said.

Summers coached the Nighthawks junior varsity squad last year, and he might be famil-

iar to longtime high school football fans, since he coached football for the Cook Little Gophers back

in the 1990s.

The Nighthawks' schedule remains a bit in flux as they're hoping to have their new field lights working this season. The team had been without lights for the past several years, which had limited them to afternoon home games. Summers said he expects the lights will be operating when they host Lake of the Woods in their home opener on Sept. 6,

although an osprey nest on one of the light banks has slowed the effort to get the lights working. Summers said the nest appears to be inactive but the Department of Natural Resources has prohibited them from removing the nest until it can be verified as abandoned.

Finding officials has been another challenge, since all of them were booked up weeks ago for Friday night games. Summers said they're looking at shifting one or two home games to Thursdays, when there's a lot less competition for officials, so they can take advantage of their new lights.

The Nighthawks will get their first taste of varsity action this Saturday, when they host Ely in an 11 a.m. pre-season scrimmage. They'll open their regular season next Friday, at Bigfork.

See the 'Hawks in pre-season action against Ely, this Saturday at 11 a.m. in Babbitt.

## Sports week

### FOOTBALL

Thursday, Aug. 29  
North Woods hosts I-Falls, 7 p.m.

Ely at MI-B, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 30  
Northeast Range at Bigfork, 7 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

Tuesday, Aug. 27  
North Woods at I-Falls, 7 p.m.

Ely hosts NER, 7 p.m.

### SWIMMING

Tuesday, Aug. 27  
NER at I-Falls, 3 p.m.

### CROSS COUNTRY

Tuesday, Aug. 27  
NER at I-Falls, 3 p.m.

## NORTH COUNTRY

# 'Wooden boat show' returns for 29th year

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

LAKEVERMILION—The annual Antique and Classic Boat Show on Lake Vermilion is set for Sunday, Sept. 1 as the exhibition celebrates its 29th year.

The event, which attracts dozens of classic and antique boats each year, is being hosted again at The Landing restaurant on County Road 24, about eight miles north of Cook.

The Vermilion Lake Association (VLA) and the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade are primary sponsors of the show, proceeds from which are often donated for local benefit. Last year, the boat show donated \$1,500 to the VLA to help kick off the fundraising efforts for the development of a new picnic site or to increase the accessibility of one of the existing picnic sites.

The show is held every Sunday on Labor Day Weekend, from 12 noon to 4 p.m., There will be live music and food available in the dining room, or you can take advantage of the burger and brat bar lakeside. There will be about 30 antique and classic boats on display. Visitors can all vote for their favorite boat. The show is free and open to the public.



The Antique and Classic Boat Show (ACBS) is an international organization dedicated to the preservation of antique and classic watercraft. With 58 local chapters in the United States, Canada and Europe there are regional shows throughout the entire western world, including Lake Vermilion. The Bob Speltz Land O' Lakes Chapter is the local ACBS affiliate. The organization was established in 1975 with the mission to preserve and protect the heritage of the region's boating history.

In the early 1970s these old boats were either brought to the dump or to the burn pile, destined for destruction as many felt they had no value. It was only through the dedication of early ACBS founders and dedicated owners that the boats to be displayed on Sept. 1 remain.

If you would like to learn more, please go to [www.acbs.org](http://www.acbs.org).

Local boat show organizers are Jeff Stebbins, Sandy Jackson, and Mark Ludlow.



Above: Crowds check out the lustrous boats at last year's show.

Left: Classic boat owner Paul Ludlow talked with one of the spectators at last year's show.

file photos



# Township recycling center closed by board

➤ Heard that a representative from the township insurance company had visited the town hall and reviewed insurance needs with the clerk and chairman. The township still isn't eligible to get their errors and omissions coverage through the Minnesota Association of Townships because there is still an open legal action against the township.

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The fair, which runs Friday, Aug. 23 to Sunday, Aug. 25 is celebrating its 80th year. The fair features pony rides, a mud run, demolition derby, a wide variety of fair foods, the Flying Finn 5K, animals, many exhibits, and much, much more.

Exhibitors from area communities including Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Breitung, Britt, Eagles Nest, Ely, Embarrass, Greenwood, Hoyt Lakes, Kugler, Morse-Fall Lake, Palo, Pike, Sandy, Soudan, Tower, Vermilion Lake, Waasa, White, Winton, and Wuori are invited to showcase their goods and possibly win a prize. See the fair book for more information on rules, divisions and tips on how to harvest and display your vegetables, fruits, and flowers, as well as entry and judging times. Exhibit entries can be dropped off Friday from 1 – 7 p.m. and Saturday from 8 – 10 a.m.

There will be all your favorite fair foods, plus a beer tent. There will be a fundraiser dunk tank for ALS all weekend.

The Timber Hall will be filled with vendors selling canned and baked goods, homemade crafts, books, jewelry, massage, photography and more.

The livestock building is open Saturday and Sunday; stop by to get to know many different animals which may include cows, sheep, lambs, goats, llamas, alpacas, horses, ponies, rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys.

A beer garden will be available Friday, 2 - 8 p.m., Saturday, 12 - 6 p.m. and Sunday 12 - 4 p.m. The beer garden is operated by the Babbitt Lions Club; all profits are used to fund local needs and charities.

Wizards Kingdom Inflatables opens at 3 p.m. Friday and will be open Saturday and Sunday. New this year are quadcopter rides on Saturday and Sunday starting at 10:30 a.m.

Saturday Night Country Live will have live music at the fair on Saturday from 4 – 10 p.m.

**Friday**

Team penning begins at 4 p.m. and continues until dusk, with sign-up starting at 2 p.m. The event is open to all ages and experience levels, so all area horse enthusiasts are welcome to give it a try. The cost to enter is \$10



Miss Embarrass candidates rode in the Tower Fourth of July parade. Miss Embarrass will be crowned on Friday evening. file photo

per rider per run, plus the fair gate fee. Cash prizes for each run, trophy buckle for the fastest time each day, and \$300 prize for the fastest time for the event.

For more information, call Lori Lilienthal at 218-780-7477 or Jeff Anderson at 218-780-3449.

There will be live, family-friendly music on stage from 4 – 10 p.m. Sweet Freedom starts the music off at 4 p.m.

Miss Embarrass will be crowned at 6 p.m., with coffee and cake served afterwards. Candidates this year are Makayla Cole, Riley Wallace, Kansas Neari, Jazmin Portz, Erin Alaspa, Niisa Honkola, Chevelle Schroeder, Madeline Potts, and Natalie Nelmark.

**Saturday**

A dog show, featuring the beloved doggies of youth 16 and under will take place at 10 a.m. Registration is strictly between 9 and 9:45 a.m. Participants will need an up-to-date written certificate of rabies vaccination. For questions, contact Bonnie Meier at 218-984-3506.

The 39th Annual Flying Finn 5K Run-Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. The Flying Finn start and registration are located across Hwy. 21 from the fairgrounds. A \$50 award goes to the first male and first female finishers. First, second, and third-place medals are given in each of the six age divisions. All participants will receive a Flying Finn T-shirt. Cost

is \$25. Call Holly Johnson at 218-780-6633 or email hsjohnson6980@gmail.com for more information.

Races For All Ages start at 11 a.m. Games include baby crawl, bean bag toss, running, sawdust scramble, gunny sack race, wheelbarrow race, three-legged race, shoe kick, and a water balloon toss. Cash prizes for all categories.

The Tony Morshing Memorial Mud Run starts at 12:30 p.m. with a \$10 admission fee; ages 10 and under are free with a paid adult. The Mud Run features a standard 4x4 run and a fast track. Those who wish to enter may do so from 8:30 - 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Floyd Joki at 218-984-3602.

Team penning continues Saturday from 10

a.m. - 3 p.m., with sign-up starting at 9 a.m. Bingo goes from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Saturday Night Country Live goes from 4 p.m. - 10 p.m. featuring 1/2 Way, the Hutter Bunch, Back Roads, and more.

**Sunday**

The Classic Field of Dreams Car and Truck Show starts its 80th year at 9 a.m. and concludes with an awards ceremony at 2 p.m. This year the show is featuring an open class with all cars, pickups, street rods, and special interest. For questions, call Darwin A. Salo at 218-827-3581 or Tim Sipola at 218-827-3340.

Demolition Derby begins at 12:30 p.m. with an admission fee of \$5. Bring your lawn chairs.

A horseshoe tournament starts at 11 a.m.; entrance fee is \$10 per person. Play singles or doubles, double elimination, and win cash prizes.

The horse show begins at 8 a.m. Bingo goes from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Karaoke contest sign-up begins at 10 a.m.; singing goes from 12-3 p.m. The weekend festivities start to wind down with the annual parade, which starts at 4 p.m. There are parade prizes in three categories: adult groups/singles, businesses/organizations, and children's groups/singles. Line-up begins at 2:30 p.m. at the Nelmark on Hwy. 21; judging is at 3:30 p.m.

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**Saturday, August 31:** 8-11 AM Pancake Breakfast at Crane Lake Chapel. 1-5 PM Free Guided Trail Hike-Meet at Handberg's Marina.

**Sunday, September 1:** 8 AM Registration begins for the Crane Lake 5K Walk/Run at Nelson's Resort.  
**Proceeds will go to benefit 5-year-old Haakyn Mohr, who has cancer.**

9 AM: Race begins. Bloody Mary Bar following the race.  
11:30 AM-12:30 PM: Crane Lake Chapel Service  
1-3 PM: Ice Cream Social at Handberg's Marina.

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# Outdoors

Our lives in the Northwoods

THE LIMITS OF ENDURANCE

## Paddling pair sets new border route record

Bob Vollhaber and Kendra Leibel travel 220-mile route without stopping in 63 hours, 16 minutes

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

THE BOUNDARY WATERS— For 63 hours and 16 minutes, Bob Vollhaber and Kendra Leibel paddled and portaged here as if a world record was on the line. It was. And the bragging rights that come with that record now belong to them as the pair set a new mark for the Border Route

Challenge, traveling 220 miles in a little over two and a half days, ending this past Saturday, Aug. 17.

That beats a mark set by a much younger pair of paddlers back in May.

When Vollhaber, known as “BeaV” among his tight-knit group of paddling friends, and Leibel started planning and training for their epic quest after canoeing the same

**Right: Leibel and Vollhaber break into smiles as they reach the end of their trek at Grand Portage.**

submitted photo

route last fall, the record was what now seems a relatively leisurely 80 hours. That mark, set by canoeing legends Clint Waddell and Verlen Kruger back in 1968, had held up

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DROUGHT

## Area water levels tumble

While most of Minnesota has seen record rainfall, the North Country is parched

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

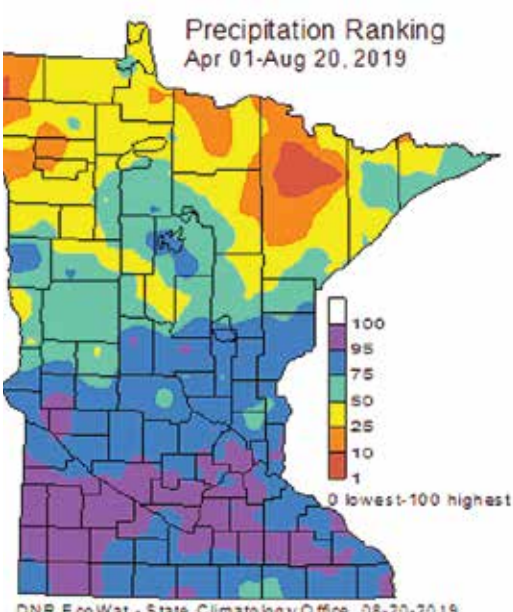
REGIONAL — Intensifying drought over the past few months has sent water levels in lakes and streams plummeting in much of northern St. Louis County.

And that’s causing problems for boaters, as water levels have dropped to levels not seen in several years. “We’re probably selling a prop a day right now,” said John Niemiste at Aronson Boat Works on Lake Vermilion, who advises boaters to be extra cautious when traveling on the lake right now. While many of Vermilion’s more hazardous reefs are marked by buoys, Niemiste said the drop in water levels means there are plenty more hazards right now than most boaters have come to expect.

The dramatic fall in water levels on Vermilion is not just surprising boaters, it’s making mail delivery more difficult. “We’ve actually given notices to some of our mailboat customers, saying we can’t get to their docks right now,” said Niemiste, who contracts with the postal service for mail delivery to dozens of water-access residences on the lake. “It started at about the 4th of July and levels have really dropped a lot recently,” said Niemiste.

“Even pontoons, which normally ride pretty high in the water, are starting to hit. We had three pontoons in here last week that had hit really hard.”

Vermilion isn’t the only



lake to have seen a dramatic fall-off in water levels. Even spring-fed lakes like the Eagles Nest chain are seeing lower levels as well. “People need to be aware that just because they traveled over an area before doesn’t mean its safe right now,” said Niemiste.

While much of the rest of the state has experienced extraordinarily wet weather this summer, most major precipitation events have passed south of the Laurentian Divide, and that’s stressed forests on shallow soils and left many area gardens and fields parched.

According to the most recent precipitation data mapped by the state climatology office (see map this page), precipitation in most of northern St. Louis County since April 1 is running below

the tenth percentile. Average precipitation would be rated near the 50th percentile, while wet conditions could push into the 80th-100th percentiles. Parts of southern Minnesota have experienced some of the wettest conditions on record for this same period, at above the 95th percentile.

As the precipitation ranking map included here suggests, the driest conditions are found in a relatively narrow band in northern St. Louis County. The U.S. Drought Monitor is also showing abnormally dry conditions across a broad swath of St. Louis County, as indicated by the shaded yellow on the map on the next page.

National Weather Service observers in Orr and Cook have reported the largest precipitation deficits in the state since



**Top: The Pike River dam is high and dry after weeks of below-average rainfall.**

**Above: In back of the dam, water levels are nearly three feet below the dam’s lip.**

**Left: A precipitation map, from April 1-Aug. 20 shows north-central St. Louis County as the driest place in Minnesota since spring.**

April 1, with total precipitation running nearly six inches below average during that time.

“That’s pretty substantial,” said state climatologist Pete Boulay. “It’s definitely building up a deficit.”

The situation has worsened in August. So far this month, the official Cook reporting station has reported just 0.49 inches of rain while the official Orr station has recorded just 0.54 inches. Typically, summer months in the North Country bring about an inch of rain per week, but most of northern St. Louis County has seen less than an inch so far this month.

The dry conditions have sent water levels on the Vermilion, Pike, and Littlefork rivers plummeting over the

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## Wildflower Watch

This week’s featured flower  
**NORTHERN BUGLEWEED**



The **Northern Bugleweed**, *Lycopus uniflorus*, likes it moist, which is why you’ll find it in a variety of damp habitats, like lake-shores, wet meadows or ditches. It’s a member of the mint family and it can be easily mistaken for peppermint, except for one telltale characteristic— it has no noticeable mint scent.

Peppermint, and most other mints, are also fuzzy, while the bugleweed is generally hairless.

You’ll have to bend down to see its tiny, white flowers, which grow right in the leaf axils (where the leaf attaches to the stem).

## Fishing reports

### Kab-Nam area

This past week the full moon put on quite a display. Clear cool nights have water temps dropping a little and fall seems to be making an early arrival. Most pelicans have left the lake which seems a bit early and hummingbirds are hitting feeders and flowers hard in preparation for fall migration. Canada geese are on the wing and ducklings are not so small anymore. Fishing is still fantastic as you can tell by reading the guide reports below. It’s been one of the best years most can remember.

#### Guide reports **Trent Snyder**

The walleye bite remains steady, finding good numbers in 26-30 ft. Also pitching jigs and Lindy rigs with crawlers or shiners. Don’t be afraid to explore a little.

#### **Travis Carlson**

I’ve fished a lot of different baits this last week and honestly all have worked great. Shiners, worms, leeches, fat heads- they all catch walleye right now. I’ve been fishing deeper water in that 24-30’ range and also shallow 9-12’ with good results. Don’t be afraid to move around. Use your electronics and you should have a great time. See you on the water.

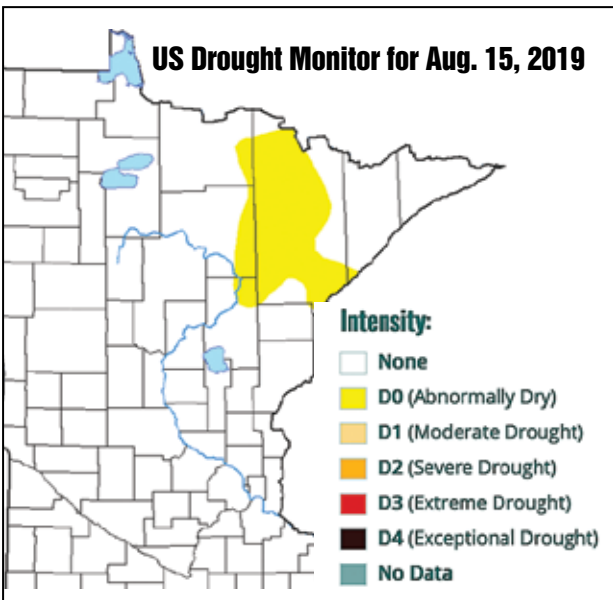
#### **Tim Snyder**

Fall patterns are starting to develop on Kabetogama. Big walleyes in shallow waters and eating-size walleyes with slip bobbars in 10-12 foot are working well. Jigging raps are working well and leeches with slip bobbars can increase your chances.

Courtesy Gateway Store, Lake Kabetogama.



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past three weeks, particularly in comparison to the high water levels experienced earlier this year in the wake of a wetter than average winter and early spring. Flow on the Littlefork River, for example, has fallen from 344 cubic-feet-per-second (cfs) as of July 30, to just 92 cfs as of Monday's DNR stream report. Flow on the Vermilion River has dropped from 403 cfs as of July 30, to just 140 cfs as of this week.

As of Monday, the

Littlefork's flow was just barely above its Q90 level of 88 cfs, which is a threshold at which water appropriations from rivers and streams are typically suspended in order to protect aquatic life.

The Vermilion, Littlefork, and St. Louis rivers are the only streams in the state currently listed as in low flow. The Pike River is not included in the weekly stream flow assessment, but conditions for the Pike are similarly low.

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against numerous challenges for over half a century.

But in May, Peter Wagner, of St. Paul, and Matt Petersen, of Crosby, traveled the route from Sha Sha Resort on Rainy Lake to Grand Portage on Lake Superior in just 69 hours, substantially raising the bar for Vollhaber and Leibel.

Adding to the odds was the fact that Wagner and Peterson are both strapping young men in their 20s. Vollhaber, a civil engineer when he isn't paddling, and Leibel, a dental hygienist, are both in their 50s. But like most engineers, Vollhaber broke the challenge down into pieces, methodically planning the multiple segments of the trip, and setting time targets for each to keep them on a record pace. They understood, fully, exactly what they needed to do at each point in the journey.

For nearly a year, the pair trained relentlessly, paddling and portaging, sometimes in the Boundary Waters, or more often on the Mississippi, since both Vollhaber and Leibel live in the Twin Cities area.

Physically, they were convinced, they were up to the job. They could prepare themselves mentally as well. There was just one thing they couldn't train for—going two-and-a-half days with, essentially, no sleep.

It turns out that's the key to completing the border route in under 70 hours— you don't stop.

In some ways, that makes the logistics easier. You don't need cooking gear, sleeping bags, or most of the other items that fill your typical Duluth pack for even an overnight Boundary Waters trip. Vollhaber and Leibel did bring a small tent and a single blanket in case of hypothermia, but never had to deploy it. Most of their food,



which was all ready-to-eat bars, a little fruit, and a protein drink with electrolytes, they had stuffed into the pockets of their life vests. They filled canteens as they traveled, from out in the middle of lakes to reduce the risk of giardia.

But what is the limit of one's endurance, especially when under constant and intense physical exertion? That was the biggest unknown of all. "I thought my limit was 34 or 35 hours," said Vollhaber. Leibel said she's been up for about 32 hours straight before, but never under the kind of circumstances she faced on their record-setting trek.

Leibel, it turns out, can sleep almost on command, and she used four or five 15-minute power naps along the way to recover when her strokes started to fade. "She would just spin around and lean back against the bow," said Vollhaber. "Fifteen minutes later she could get up and she'd have her stroke back."

Leibel, whose job was simply to paddle, said she had less to keep her mind from dwelling on her mounting exhaustion. Vollhaber, whose was tasked with paddling as well as navigating (much of the time in darkness), said the mental focus of having to find the next portage helped to keep him mentally alert. He did manage two quick naps lying on the bottom of the canoe, while

Leibel kept paddling from the front. His longest was coming across South Lake, near the Gunflint Trail. "I'm not sure how long I was out, but I laid down and the next I knew we were at the portage on the other side."

Leibel said she was tempted to let him sleep. "But I knew I couldn't

portage him, so I had to wake him up," she said.

Most of the time, the pair simply talked each other through their desire to set the paddle down and sleep.

Their endurance and, let's call it "sisu," kept them going to the end, and brought them over their two biggest physical obstacles, the unmaintained Fowl portage, located just across the border in the Quetico, and the trip's finale, the nine-mile-long Grand Portage, which took them to Lake Superior. "That was probably the hardest part for them," said Lori Johnson, who has become the primary overseer of the border route challenge. Johnson, along with friends and family of Vollhaber and Leibel, who had been monitoring their progress online, was there to greet them as they arrived at the fort at Grand Portage village. "They looked a little droopy when they crossed the finish line," said Johnson.

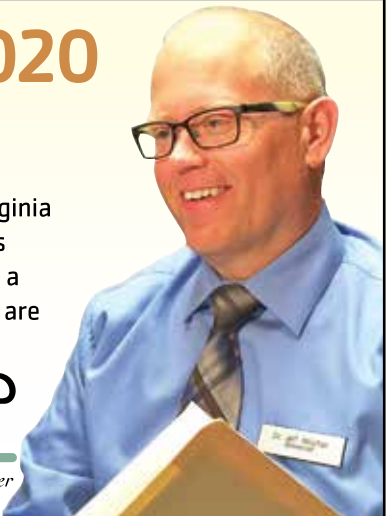
But Vollhaber and Leibel are not just recovered from their ordeal, they are planning to run the whole route again next month. This time, however, they won't be going for the record, which means they might even stop somewhere for a few hours sleep.

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Briefs

Cook Council purchases new pickup with plow, approves guardrails and fencing for new River St. bridge

COOK — The city council here approved three items during a short special meeting last Wednesday, Aug. 14.

The council authorized the purchase of a 2020 Chevrolet Silverado with a V-plow from Waschke Family Chevrolet for \$40,461. The new vehicle is earmarked for the city’s maintenance department, for street work and snowplowing. According to city administrator Theresa Martinson, it replaces a 2002 pickup that is beyond its useful life.

The council also gave its approval to the installation of guardrails and decorative fencing to the new River Street bridge area. H&R Construction won the bid for the installation of guardrails on the north side of the bridge for a total of \$12,893, while ESS will install 60 lineal feet of decorative fencing along the south side of the bridge for a total of \$14,220. Funding for both will come from the bridge project.

In other action, the council approved consideration of a change in the city’s liquor ordinance to allow for a 10 a.m. opening for on-sale liquor establishments on Sundays.

Woman hurt in rollover on Hwy. 169

REGIONAL – A 64-year-old Ely woman sustained minor injuries in a one-vehicle accident Wednesday morning on Highway 169 near Trygg Road in Eagles Nest Township.

According to the St. Louis County Sheriff’s office, Linnea Olive Browne, 63, of Ely, was driving her 2003 Subaru Legacy Outback northbound when she swerved to avoid an object on the road at about 10:20 a.m. She over corrected, lost control and rolled into the ditch. The road condition was dry at the time of the accident, police said.

A passenger, Jenny Elizabeth Tobin, was transported to Ely-Bloomenson Hospital by the Tower ambulance with minor injuries. Browne was not hurt. A two-year-old boy, Andrew Joseph Guggeneerger, was also in the vehicle but was not injured, police said.

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Aidan is pictured in this Timberjay staff photo from 2015.

11-year old pack leader Aidan dies

Wolf was longtime ambassador pack leader

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - Aidan, an 11-year-old ambassador wolf at the International Wolf Center in Ely, died last week. He was the longtime pack leader at the Wolf Center, earning the role in 2011.

“This news hits us all especially hard,” said Chad Richardson, the Wolf Center’s administrator. “Aidan’s prior six years as the pack leader taught us staff members and the public so much about pack leaders and their important role.”

Aidan had been taken to the Ely Veterinary Clinic the day before, on Tuesday Aug.13, for a medical exam and surgical removal of a mast cell tumor on his neck, according to Richardson. “The removal of this single mass was a success, but further diagnostic tests were done to understand the depth of his condition. He was recovering from the surgery, but died the following morning.”

Wolf Curator, Lori Schmidt noted, “His last morning was spent with two core wolf care staff and very

calm social interactions. His level of trust and social bonding with the staff was there until the end.”

This was not Aidan’s first bout with these tumors. He had two surgeries in 2017 and one last February to remove tumors, Schmidt said. “Immune suppressants were used to slow the growth of these mast cells, but in the end weren’t enough to keep the tumors from growing.”

Aidan joined the Wolf Center’s pack in 2008 with his littermate Denali, both Rocky Mountain subspecies of wolves. Aidan was moved into the retirement enclosure last summer.

He and his pack mates have educated tens of thousands of visitors at the center’s exhibit in Ely, as well as thousands of people throughout the world through regular YouTube videos, wolf logs and webcams, Schmidt noted.

In an effort to learn more about Aidan’s condition, the center sent his body to the University of Minnesota Veterinary Diagnostics Lab for a necropsy. Those results will further educate staff as the Wolf Center

continues to manage the remaining wolves at the center’s facility in Ely.

“We were able to watch Aidan take on the leadership position and then looked on in awe and sadness when his fellow pack members began testing him in 2017 and 2018,” Richardson said.

“Moving him to retirement was the right decision, but none of us were ready to see him pass away within a year of that move. Our staff did everything they could to make his time in retirement as comfortable as possible, and they tried every possible treatment that our veterinarian suggested. Sadly, nothing worked,” he said.

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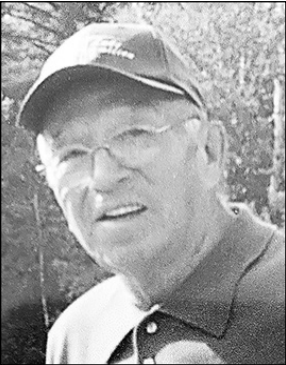
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Obituaries and Death Notices



Raymond Boshey - Mitchigigwane “Osprey”

Raymond Boshey - Mitchigigwane “Osprey”, 89, a lifelong resident of Tower, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Saturday, Aug. 17, 2019, after a brave battle with cancer. He was always surrounded by his numerous children and grandchildren. His partner in life, Barb “Jackie” Chavez, was by his side when he took his last breath. Funeral arrangements are pending with Bauman Funeral Home of Tower.

Ray was a Korean War veteran and a real outdoorsman. He enjoyed keeping his yard mowed, and cutting and hauling wood. He was a state fire warden for 35 years. He once took a group of people from New York on a canoe trip to Lac La Croix in Canada. Ray loved playing bingo and visiting with family and friends. He loved watching football - Go Vikes! Ray was a respected Elder of the community and one of the few who knew his Native tongue. He also helped

write an Ojibwe language book, Ojibwemowin - Series I.

Ray is survived by his life partner, Barb “Jackie” Chavez, with whom he raised several grandchildren; children, Gary (Christina) Boshey, Dale (Jen) Boshey Sr., Cindi (Vern) Adams, Keith Boshey Sr. and Steven Boshey Sr.; stepdaughters, Roberta Chavez, LaDonna Chavez and Edith Chavez; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren; and nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father and mother; brothers and sisters; two sons; and a great-great-granddaughter.



Carl R. Tuominen

Carl Richard Tuominen, 86, of Vermilion Lake Township, died on Friday, Aug. 16, 2019, at New Journey Residence. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at Gloria Dei Lutheran Church with Rev. Don Stauty officiating. Burial took place at

Vermilion Lake Cemetery. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

Carl was born on Aug. 9, 1933, in Vermilion Lake Township, to Lauri and Vienna (Myllysilta) Tuominen. He was baptized into the faith on Dec. 22, 1933. Carl grew up in Embarrass and graduated from Embarrass High School in 1952. He was united in marriage to his childhood sweetheart, Elaine Marion Hujanen, on Sept. 13, 1952. Together they raised five children. Carl started working for US Steel when he was 19 years old and retired after 40-plus years.

Carl taught his children many life lessons like honesty, kindness and gentleness. He showed the value of a good work ethic by never being late and never missing a day of work in all his years of employment. He lived his life as an example of how to be a loving husband and a kind and gentle father. Carl instilled in his children faith and told them about the love of God. He walked in faith every day; even when his health was failing, he continued going to church.

Carl was an excellent card player and especially excelled in playing cribbage. His favorite cribbage partner was his brother, Jim. He and Elaine did some traveling. They took several trips to the state of Virginia to see their daughter, Nancy,

and her family and they went twice to Alaska to see their grandson, Neil. Carl was just as happy to go and visit friends and neighbors. He knew the value of the simple act of visiting. Carl and Elaine were a great support team for their family and went to all the events for all their children, in-laws, grandchildren, and even great-grandchildren. Carl loved children and never missed the opportunity to hold a baby! They spent many summers camped out at Hoodoo Point, where they made many long-lasting friendships. Faith, family and friends were the highlights of their lives.

Carl and Elaine were charter members of Gloria Dei Lutheran Church and Carl served as an elder and an usher. They were members of the Tower Soudan Ski Club, Tower Soudan Athletic Association, and charter members of the MTA, a fun group that got together to eat out and laugh!

Carl and Elaine were inseparable. Carl’s favorite job in life was taking care of his beloved wife, Elaine. They were married for 63 years, and after she died, he was lost without his best friend. They are now reunited in Heaven and we look forward to seeing them again.

Carl is survived by his children, David, Steve (Deb) and Patti (Jamie) Quick, all of Tower, Nancy (Johnny) Peery of Hot

Springs, Va., and Paul, also of Tower; nine grandchildren, Neil Tuominen of Anchorage, Alaska, Joel (Becky) Tuominen of Hoyt Lakes, Joshua (Gina) Quick of Eveleth, Jesse (Katie) Quick of Esko, Jacob Quick of Tower, Ashley (Brandon) Brown of Staunton, Va., Emily Peery and Logan Peery, both of Hot Springs, Va., and Colton Tuominen of Tower; six great-grandchildren, Josie and Mila Quick, Will and Troy Quick, and Izak and Jocelyn Brown; sisters, Joyce Wiitala and Linda Lehtonen; brothers, Lauri (Joyce) Tuominen Jr. and Michael Tuominen; sister-in-law, Annette (Paul) Herring; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Elaine; brother, Jim (Carol) Tuominen; sisters and their husbands, Beverly (Pee Wee) Johnson and Elaine (Jack) Johnson; sister-in-law, Georgine Tuominen; and brother-in-law, Melvin Wiitala.

Gerhard H. Kok

Gerhard Henry “Gery” Kok, 95, formerly of Babbitt, passed away on Saturday, July 13, 2019, and is at rest with God and family. A Memorial Mass was held on Thursday, Aug. 22 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with Fr. Brandon Moravitz officiating. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by his children, Patty (Dave) Ferrell and William (Kim) Kok; daughter-in-law, Barb Kok; brother, Dave (Barb) Kok; grandchildren, Chris (Angela) Ferrell, Marie (Ben) Today, Melissa and Katy Kok, Jenny Bailey, and Alethea (Toby) Holden; nine great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

Helen E. Lakner

Helen Eleanor Carlson Lakner, 98, of Ely, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 14, 2019, at Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely with her family by her side. Funeral services were held on Friday, Aug. 16 at Grace Lutheran Church in Ely with Pastor Eric Thiele officiating. Memorials may be directed to the Grace Lutheran Campership Fund. Burial will be at a later date in the Ely Cemetery. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by sons, William (Sandie) Lakner of Brandywine, Md., James (Cindy) Lakner of Scottsburg, Ind., and Tom (Mary) Lakner of Columbus; daughter-in-law, Nancy (Ted) Sterbenk of Ely; eight grandchildren, William, Donald, Michael and Jon Lakner, Barney Lakner, Jodi Lakner, Patrick Lakner and Jennifer Nichols; many great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

PUBLIC NOTICES

<p><b>CITY OF ELY Council Minutes - August 6, 2019</b></p> <p><b>Regular Meeting Ely City Council – City Hall, Council Chambers</b></p> <p>1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Novak called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:30pm</p> <p>2. PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, Callen, Campbell, and Mayor Novak ABSENT: None</p> <p>3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the minutes from July 16, 2019 Regular Meeting and the July 30, 2019 Study Session. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA A. Addition 3.A. July 30, 2019 Study Session Minutes – Omitted already approved B. Addition 5.A. Iron Range Mayors – Omitted already in Committee Reports C. Addition 9.B.i. Grant Contract between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry and the Ely Fire Department in the amount of \$5000 for Contract No. 163543 for tender conversion. D. Omit 11.F Partial Payment Estimate #9 to JJPJ Engineering for \$97,334.26 for the 17th Ave E/7th Ave E/Water Tower Supply Line (Approved at July 2, 2019 Council Meeting) E. Addition 11. G. Pay Request No. 5 for the Trail Improvements and Vermilion River Bridge Construction Project in the amount of \$105,428.15 to George Bougalis and Sons. F. Addition 12.A. Sanitation Contract G. Addition 13.K. Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Ely to Construct a decorative street lighting system on CSAH 155 (James Street) from CSAH 21 (Central Avenue) to 8th Avenue, located within the City of Ely, Minnesota. H. Addition 13.L. ResJPJ Rehab Loan for Russell and Nadine Long for \$10,000 to install new windows at 245 E White St, pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and to proceed with the loan processing. Debeltz/A.Forsman moved to approve the Additions and Omissions C-H. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>5. MAYOR'S REPORT</p>	<p>6. CONSENT AGENDA: A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda B. Approve Sergeant Houde to attend the Homicide and Forensic Death Investigation Conference in Cottage Grove September 9-13, 2019. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the Consent Agenda items A and B. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR: A. Bradley Peterson – Update on CGMC Bradley Peterson from the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities (CGMC) gave a presentation on the CGMC and the Legislative goals for the CGMC.</p> <p>8. COMMITTEE REPORTS: A. Standing/Special Planning and Zoning Commission Callen indicated that the Planning and Zoning Commission is working on Short Term Rentals and will be bringing it to the council soon.</p> <p>Park and Recreation Board Omerza indicated that the Park and Recreation Board worked on the 2020 Park and Recreation budget at the last meeting.</p> <p>Cemetery Committee Omerza/A.Forsman moved to approve the recommendation from the Cemetery Committee to approve the contract between the City of Ely and the Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps for work being completed at the Ely Cemetery. Langowski indicated that the funds are donated from the Korpi Trust and a private donation. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>Ely Utilities Commission – Matter of Information</p> <p>Community Economic Development Joint Powers Board - Matter of Information</p> <p>Library Board – Matter of Information</p> <p>Range Mayors meeting – Matter of Information</p> <p>9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS: A. Clerk-Treasurer i. The following items of business were recommended for approval at the regular EUC meet-ing of Wednesday, July 24, 2019. 1. Approved the MP/Ely Switching Agreement/ AFSCME MOU. 2. Approved the Hydro-Klean proposal to TV storm and sanitary sewers for</p>	<p>\$6,570.70. 3. Approved the Water Conservation Services proposal to conduct a water leak survey for \$3,040.00. 4. Approved payment of the EUC Bills List for April, 2019 for \$409,561.47, May, 2019 for \$422,516.39 and June, 2019 for \$270,658.06. 5. Approved a lighting rebate for the Ely Rock Guy for \$381.83. Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the EUC Consent Agenda for July 24, 2019 items 1-5. Kess asked about the outcome of the leak survey. Langowski stated that once every three years we have a leak survey done. Typically it is to look for service line leaks then notify the property owners about the leak. Sometimes we find hydrants that have a small bypass or valves that have a small leak. We usually get a list of 10-12 things that need some repair. The other reason we do this is to conserve water, which is part of the requirement for our water appropriation permit from the DNR. We need to report on what we do to conserve water. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>B. Fire Chief i. Grant Contract between the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Division of Forestry and the Ely Fire Department in the amount of \$5000 for Contract No. 163543 for tender conversion. – Approved at the May 7, 2019 Council Meeting – Matter of Information</p> <p>C. Library Director Library Director Heinrich gave an update of the upcoming events at the library which can be located on the Library Website.</p> <p>D. Police Chief</p> <p>E. City Attorney Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the Note and Mortgage for Danette Carlson and Brian Klubben for a \$10,000 Residential Rehab Loan. Motion Carried Unanimously</p> <p>F. City Engineer</p> <p>10. COMMUNICATIONS: Matter of Information A. Thank You from the Ely Arts and Heritage Center. B. Ely Community Resources 2nd Quarter</p> <p>11.CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT: A. City and EUC claims for August 6, 2019 – \$2,601.395.51 B. Pay Request No. 4 for the Trail Improvements and Vermilion River Bridge Construction Project in the amount of \$347,054.00 to</p>	<p>George Bougalis and Sons. C. Partial Pay Estimate #4 to KGM Contractors for \$19,932.97 for the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation Project for State Project #A6920-48 D. Partial Pay Estimate #4 To KGM Contractors for \$119,285.42 for the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation Project for State Project #A6920-49 E. Partial Payment Estimate #1 to Utility Systems of American for \$294,618.86 for the West Camp Street and Pattison Street East improvements F. Partial Payment Estimate #9 to JJPJ Engineering for \$97,334.26 for the 17th Ave E/7th Ave E/Water Tower Supply Line (Approved at July 2, 2019 Council Meeting) G. Pay Request No. 5 for the Trail Improvements and Vermilion River Bridge Construction Project in the amount of \$105,428.15 to George Bougalis and Sons. Kess/Omerza moved to approve the Claims for Payment items A-G. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>12. OLD BUSINESS: A. Sanitation Contract Kess indicated that moving forward with the implementation of a new contract he wishes that the council would do two things: 1) express its desires whether or not to remove the commercial aspect from the contract and 2) to build a process to make recommendations to examine the residential portion of the contract. Kess moved to have the new garbage contract not include commercial garbage hauling. Mayor Novak indicated that this might be premature at this time. In the packet we have some guidance from the League and we have not had a real public hearing on the matter. Mayor Novak also indicated that the City Attorney is not present today to guide us. Mayor Novak asked for support of the motion. Kess indicated that he would withdraw the motion as long as it is the council's intent to involve the attorney and we would move forward in a process that would allow us to resolve this and give the council the opportunity to express its wishes as far as the commercial contract goes.</p> <p>Mayor Novak indicated that the City Attorney will be back next week and maybe Kess, Mayor, A.Forsman and City Attorney Klun could meet to run through what some of the concerns might be. Mayor Novak indicated that we can then get legal advice on the matter.</p>	<p>Kess withdrew the motion.</p> <p>13. NEW BUSINESS: A. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve Resolution 2019-026 Resolution Authorizing City of Ely to Make Application to and accept funds from IRRRB FY2020 Community Infrastructure Grant Program for the James Street Reconstruction Project. Roll Called: Council Member A.Forsman- Yes, Kess-Yes, Debeltz-Yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-Yes, Campbell-Yes and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>B. Callen/Omerza moved to approve Resolution 2019-027 Resolution Authorizing City of Ely to Make Application to and accept funds from IRRRB FY2020 Regional Trails Grant Program for the Hidden Valley Mountain Bike Trails. Roll Called: Council Member A.Forsman- Yes, Kess-Yes, Debeltz-Yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-Yes, Campbell-Yes and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>C. Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve Resolution 2019-028 Resolution Authorizing City of Ely to Make Application to and accept funds from IRRRB FY2020 Regional Trails Grant Program for the ATV Trail Construction in Northeast Minnesota. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>D. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails membership for \$150.00. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>E. Omerza/Callen moved to approve Change Order No. 2A for the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation project at the Ely Airport. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>F. Callen/Debeltz moved to approve the Certificate of Substantial Completion for the 2018 Pavement Rehabilitation project at the Ely Airport. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>G. Campbell/Omerza moved to approve the Commercial Renovation Loan for Ely Winton Historical Society for \$17,500 to rebuild storage building on West Shagawa Road for storage of artifacts, pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and to proceed with loan processing, contingent upon the Ely Winton Historical Society board approving the project. Kess stated that his concern is the council has not seen an overall financial projection for this project. Kess stated that</p>	<p>it seems to be that we are offering renovation money for a project that is not really realized. Kess stated he is not sure that the board has authorized the project. Kess stated he is in favor, contingent upon the Ely Winton Historical Society's board approval. Motion was changed to include, contingent upon the Ely Winton Historical Society board approval. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>H. Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the Liquor License renewals for the 2019-2020 licensing year pending receipt of proper fees and paperwork ON-SALE INTOXICATING SUNDAY ON-SALE Amici's Boathouse Brewery Catz Billiards and Blues Dee's Bar - The Next Generation Ely Steak House Grand Ely Lodge Insula Kwazy Wabbit Moose, Bear, Wolf Northern Grounds Rockwood Bar &amp; Grill Stony Ridge on Shagawa Lake Zaverli's Bar</p> <p>SUNDAY ON-SALE Boathouse Brewery Catz Billiards and Blues Dee's Bar - The Next Generation Ely Steak House Grand Ely Lodge Insula Moose, Bear, Wolf Northern Grounds Rockwood Bar &amp; Grill Stony Ridge on Shagawa Lake Zaverli's Bar</p> <p>WINE Gator's Grilled Cheese Emporium Sir G's Italian Restaurant</p> <p>ON-SALE 3.2 NON-INTOXICATING MALT Gator's Grilled Cheese Emporium Sir G's Italian Restaurant</p> <p>OFF-SALE 3.2 NON-INTOXICATING MALT Ely Northland Market Zupancich Brothers Inc.</p> <p>OFF SALE INTOXICATING Boathouse Brewery Lakeshore Liquor Mike's Drive In Liquor Wild Life Liquor Northern Grounds</p> <p>Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>I. Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the General Obligation Bond Proceeds-Grant Agreement- Pre-Design, Design, Construct Grant for the City of Ely- Trailhead Devel-</p>	<p>opment; Hospital Access Improvements. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>J. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the Notice of Award for West End Redevelopment District Phase 1 for \$1,185,803.00 to Utility Systems of America. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>K. Omerza/Callen moved to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the County of St. Louis and the City of Ely to Construct a decorative street lighting system on CSAH 155 (James Street) from CSAH 21 (Central Avenue) to 8th Avenue, located within the City of Ely, Minnesota. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>L. Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the Residential Rehab Loan for Russell and Nadine Long for \$10,000 to install new windows at 245 E White St, pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and to proceed with the loan processing. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>Mayor Novak stated that the City has an existing contract for garbage collection. Pictures have been provided to City Hall of another vendor collecting garbage. Mayor Novak stated there will be initial communication from the Clerk's Office to this vendor to stop providing service. We have a legal contract with GMen. If this continues it may result in a cease and desist order from the City Attorney. Until the contract expires with GMen the current contract is enforced.</p> <p>14. OPEN FORUM JJ Day, Owner of GMen, thanked the council for the willingness to gather information and to talk with the City Attorney. JJ indicated he was advised by his attorney today that since this falls under organized collection, it also falls under state statute, there is a lot more that goes into it than just putting a contract out for bid. JJ stated he would like to work with everyone, sit down and talk and let the attorneys work together and see what we can come up with.</p> <p>15. ADJOURN Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting without objection at 6:37pm.</p> <p>Casey Velcheff, Deputy Clerk</p> <p><i>Published in the Ely Timberjay, Aug. 23, 2019</i></p>
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Briefs

Play features friendship between Thoreau and Emerson: performances Aug. 22 -25

ELY- Ely-area and Twin Cities singers from Tiger Lion Arts will perform Nature, a play of the dramatic telling of the friendship between essayist Ralph Waldo Emerson and author Henry David Thoreau and their shared belief that nature is a source of spiritual respite and renewal. Performances are at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, Aug. 22 through 24 and at 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 24 and 25. Tickets can be purchased by visiting ElyFolkSchool.org/Nature, at Art and Soul Gallery in Ely, or at the gate. The sponsoring organizations are committed to keeping this experience affordable for all, so ticket prices are as low as possible at \$15 for adults and \$10 for children and students, with a maximum of \$50 for a family.

Audience members should dress for the weather as performances will only be postponed for unsafe conditions such as lightning or high winds. Guests should also bring portable chairs or blankets for their comfort, seats are not provided. Transportation

will be provided between scenes for those unable to walk due to limited mobility.

Nature features 16 cast members from the Minneapolis area, some of whom also perform at the Guthrie Theater. They are joined by a community chorus of 20 Ely-area singers and Mattie Lindsay, a young female actor from Ely taking the role of Emerson’s daughter Elly. The local performers practice under the direction of Michael Rouse, an award-winning choral director well known for his founding of the Boundary Waters Choir Festival held in Ely each year.

Nature is filled with music, story, and celebration as the award-winning Minneapolis-based ensemble of actors from Tiger Lion Arts performs in scenes set in four locations among the forest and fields at Hidden Valley, just east of the city of Ely.

The action unfolds around audience members as they walk along with the ensemble through the natural beauty of the late August northwoods landscape.

The Ely performance of Nature is the only one in the Arrowhead region. It is sponsored jointly by Ely Folk School, Northern Lakes Arts Association, Ely Arts and Heritage Center, and Raven Words Press. You

can see photos and learn more about the play and the performers at the Facebook pages and websites of these organizations as well as at TigerLion.org.

Pat and Donna Surface to play at Community Night Out, Sept. 8

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage of Embarrass is celebrating their annual Community Night Out on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 4-7 p.m. at the historic Seitaniemi Homestead. Come for a free concert, tours of the housebarn restoration project, visiting with friends and neighbors, and good food. Chili, cornbread, homemade pie, coffee and soft drinks will be for sale, or bring your own picnic to enjoy on the lawn. There is lots of room for children to run and play. The musical entertainment will be Pat and Donna Surface of Ely.

Freewill donations are gladly accepted. All proceeds go to the restoration and upkeep of Sisu’s historic properties in the Embarrass area. The Seitaniemi Homestead is located on Comet Road, north off Hwy. 21, in Waasa. Watch for signs. Call 218-984-3402 with any questions.

PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF ELY Public Hearing Notice

The City of Ely Planning & Zoning Commission will hold a Public Hearing at 5:45 pm Wednesday September 4, 2019 in the 2nd Floor Board Room of City Hall to consider Re-Zoning the Central Avenue Business Park, 521 Central Avenue, Ely, MN 55731 from Public-2 to (M) Light Industrial. Re-zoning shall apply to Parcel Code 030-0500-00375 and all contiguous tracts and/or parcels under same ownership. Total area affected by City’s request for re-zoning is 2.2 acres.

Property was formerly owned by US Forest Service (Public-2 Zone) and zoning should have been changed to (M) Light Industrial upon sale to private owners. The City of Ely is now requesting that zoning be changed from Public-2 to (M) Light Industrial. Said property was granted a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) in December 2015 allowing light industrial use and a single family dwelling. If approved re-zoning will not alter the CUP or allowable uses under existing permits.

Public may submit comments to the Planning Commission and may attend the above-mentioned public hearing. All correspondence must include your name and address and be received in the Planning & Zoning office (209 E Chapman Street, Room 200, Ely, MN 55731), pzadmin@ely.mn.us or phone 226-5475 by noon on the day of the hearing to be considered.

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MEETING in Ely! "New Ideas" WOMEN IN RECOVERY: 12 Steps. For women seeking help and hope to recover from any addiction: drugs, alcohol, food, gambling etc. Every Thursday noon at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Come join us! Q: 218-235-3581.

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- ACROSS**
- 1 1995-96 CIA director John  
7 Seat of Johnson County, Kansas  
13 Dah's counterpart in Morse code  
16 Ungar of poker  
19 African antelope  
20 Mink's relative  
21 Actress Jennifer  
23 Nebraska-based insurance company [1935]  
25 Panther  
26 "I've Got a Crush —"  
27 Bean high in protein  
28 "Wide — Sea" (Jean Rhys novel)  
29 Desires  
31 Summons for speeding, say [1948]  
35 Foo faraw  
36 Like granola  
37 Up to the time when  
38 Chicago-to-Tampa dir.
- 39 Sharp items with eyes [1956]  
43 Bond part  
47 Day, in Chile  
48 "Seats sold out" sign  
49 Mood of an environment  
53 Cloud layer  
57 Being attacked [1946]  
61 Funny Margaret  
62 Water, in Chile  
64 "— you one"  
65 Ventriloquist Bergen  
66 Egg layers in coops  
68 Refittings of cars' motors [1955]  
73 Fluids with antibodies  
74 Writer Asimov  
76 Comical Idle  
77 Water pit  
79 Racer Jarrett  
80 Having recognized the value of one's own conscious being [1978]  
84 Artist's mixing board  
86 Amber wines  
87 "You betcha"
- 90 "Angie" actor Stephen  
91 Ollie's buddy  
92 Executive arm headed by Antônio Guterres, for short [1973]  
99 Acer or Asus products  
102 Touch base on a fly  
104 Easy throws  
105 Gp. backing arms  
106 "Just Shoot Me!" actress [2005]  
111 Protest type  
113 Tree expert  
114 Christmas party quaff  
115 Chicago air hub  
117 Machine on a skating rink  
118 Event won by the horses at the ends of eight answers in this puzzle  
123 Up for debate  
124 Lipton drink, informally  
125 Actress Driver  
126 Booming jet of old, briefly
- 127 Suffix with 25-Across  
128 Quagmire  
129 Actor Liam
- DOWN**
- 1 Lose luster  
2 Tall bird  
3 Thus far  
4 Razz  
5 Potters' materials  
6 Sainly glow  
7 A bit amiss  
8 "When I Need You" singer  
9 Long — the law  
10 Cookie batch, often  
11 Snarky laugh  
12 Socrates' H  
13 Buddhist leader  
14 Like neon  
15 New York county  
16 Equilibrium  
17 Trunks  
18 Not finished  
19 Petty fight  
24 Eke — existence  
28 Phys., e.g.  
29 Existed  
30 Sweet drink  
32 Map nos.  
33 Opal ending  
34 Dol. divisions  
36 Model railroad size
- 40 Lupino of old Hollywood  
41 Naldi of old Hollywood  
42 "How — Want It" (#1 hit for 2Pac)  
44 "The Detour" channel  
45 French river  
46 Honey drinks  
49 Realms  
50 Guitarist Ted  
51 Table wine  
52 Big online investing site  
53 Deep divide  
54 "La Mer," translated  
55 President after Jimmy  
56 Part of SPF  
58 Sibling of a nephew  
59 Two, in Chile  
60 "That's icky!"  
63 "— just a number"  
67 Bank boxes  
69 Like the verb "lie": Abbr.  
70 Game with matchsticks  
71 Baby wolf  
72 Stings  
75 "I Am —" (Jenner's reality show)  
78 Supplication  
81 Clerical title  
82 Dreams  
83 Tincture
- 85 Incus' organ  
88 Pastoral poems  
89 Grads' event  
92 Sheepskin boot brand  
93 "Rapa —" (1994 film)  
94 Wrench, to a Brit  
95 Kindle download  
96 ER trainees  
97 Moviedom's Meyers  
98 Bronzy  
99 Some statue sites  
100 Gem measures  
101 Yield (to)  
103 Home pest  
107 Rips off  
108 Sprang forth  
109 Congested cavity, often  
110 Terra — (tile material)  
111 The Beatles' "Sexy —"  
112 "Fame" star Cara  
116 Choir melody  
118 Basinger of "Batman"  
119 — -friendly  
120 — in "crossword"  
121 Yearbook bit  
122 Deep longing

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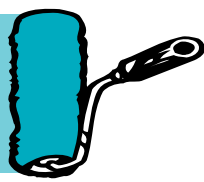
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