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CITY OF TOWER

Council hires new clerk-treasurer

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

Victoria Ranau replaces Linda Keith, who was fired

TOWER— Victoria Ranau is expected to be the next city clerk-treasurer for the city of Tower. The city council here made the unanimous decision to offer her the position at a special meeting on

Monday after conducting public interviews of the two finalists for the city's top administrative post. Council members praised both finalists, who appeared at Monday night's meeting for inter-

views before the full council and more than a dozen spectators. The five-person hiring committee had narrowed a field of six applicants to Michael Schultz, of Tower, and Ranau, who

has been dividing her time between her family's home in Soudan and Shakopee, where she has worked for the Mdewakanton Sioux tribe for the past 15 years. A third finalist abruptly withdrew last week.

Both candidates answered three detailed questions posed by deputy clerk-treasurer Terri Joki-Martin, before the council took a recess to allow

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Victoria Ranau refers to notes during an interview for the Tower-clerk treasurer position.
photo by J. Summit

MINING IN MINNESOTA



Land exchange suit dismissed

Judge: Plaintiffs could not demonstrate harm

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— A federal judge has dismissed, without prejudice, lawsuits from several state environmental groups that challenged the land exchange between the U.S. Forest Service and PolyMet that was completed last year. The Forest Service and PolyMet exchanged approximately 6,700 acres to accommodate PolyMet's plans to develop an open pit copper-nickel mine near Hoyt Lakes.

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Two-year copper-nickel mining study could get new life **Page 9**

The ruling by Judge Joan Erickson did not address the merits of the claims by mine opponents that the Forest Service's land appraiser substantially undervalued the federal lands that were part of the exchange, which meant that the public received less land in exchange than it would have with a more accurate appraisal.

Instead, the judge ruled that the plaintiffs lacked standing in the case because they could not demonstrate that the exchange had harmed them, either because the exchange, by itself, did not authorize the construction of a mine, or because they had little or no connection to the land involved.

"Unless and until PolyMet secures the permits needed to build its mine, nothing in the record indicates it intends any changes to the federal land after the land exchange that

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MPCA rejects U.S. Steel's Dark River proposal

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— An effort by U.S. Steel to reclassify a portion of the Dark River to allow for more sulfate pollution has been shot down, at least for now, by the state's Pollution Control Agency. In a letter sent to the company on Monday, the MPCA announced that it was rejecting the company's

The Dark River, located south and west of Cook, supports wild and stocked trout.
photo by M. Helmberger

petition to change the use classifications for upstream portions of the Dark River, Timber Creek, and Dark Lake, in a manner that would allow continued discharges

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CITY OF COOK

Work to begin on new Zup's in Cook

by MELISSA ROACH
Timberjay Staff Writer

COOK- Almost a year after the Zup's Grocery was destroyed by an overnight fire, the Cook City Council, at their Sept. 26 meeting, heard that work on the reconstruction will be underway soon. JPI Engineering's John Jamnick told the council that a development agreement has been worked out between the city and Zup's, marking a major milestone toward returning a full-service grocery to the community.

Jamnick said the city has agreed to be responsible for any cost overruns on the infrastructure work required for the new building, and that Zup's would not have

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Ely school gym repairs started

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY— The Ely Memorial High School gymnasium remains closed as repairs are made to the ceiling. School board members recently authorized a \$63,000 project to install plywood over the plaster ceiling.

The decision came at a special board meeting on Sept. 23 in the wake of an incident during the first week of school when more than 70 pounds of plaster fell from the ceiling after school hours. School board members considered their options at a study session last week.

The gymnasium has been closed since the incident, requiring physical education classes and some high school volleyball practices to be held in the adjacent Ely Ice Arena. Varsity volleyball home games will

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Steve Solkela and his one-man band in concert on Saturday, Oct. 13

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage, Inc. is sponsoring a fall concert at the Historic Finnish Apostolic Church on Hwy. 21 in Embarrass. Steve Solkela and his Overpopulated One-Man Band will perform on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 3 p.m. Steve's musical offerings are wide-ranging, from his original and humorous songs about growing up in Palo on the Iron Range, to folk music from various countries, to opera. If you've seen Steve in the past, you know what a treat it is to watch and listen as he entertains with jokes, tells stories, sings, and plays multiple instruments - all at once!

Concert admission is \$5; children under 12 are free.

Pancake Breakfast on Saturday, Oct. 5

EMBARRASS - Support the Embarrass Region Fair Association by joining us for all-you-can-eat pancakes, choice of ham or sausage links, fruit cup, juice, and a bottomless cup of coffee on Saturday, Oct. 5 from 8-11 a.m. Pancakes are served the first Saturday of each month through May at the Timber Hall. Adults are \$5, children (6-10 years) are \$3, and children 5 years and under are free.

Ruby's Pantry food distribution in Cook, Oct. 10

COOK- The next Ruby's Pantry food distribution will be on Thursday, Oct. 10 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the old Cook School. Registration begins at 3 p.m. \$20 cash donation at the door. Volunteers are asked to please arrive at 3 p.m. Please bring your own containers. Ruby's Pantry is now offering online registration at rubyspantry.com starting Friday, Oct. 11, for November's distribution. \$21 donation at sign-up. Sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Alango. For more information, contact Amy Viita at 218-666-2220.

Award-winning novelist Brian Malloy to read in Ely, Oct. 12

ELY- Minnesota Book Award-winning writer Brian Malloy will be reading from his collection-in-progress, Under the North Star, on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. at the Ely Folk School. Under the North Star features fictional stories inspired by Minnesota history, including the U.S.-Dakota War, The Armistice Day Blizzard, and the grasshopper plagues. For this event, Brian will read the short story, Boundary Waters. While Boundary Waters is inspired by actual events that occurred in the Boundary Waters near Ely in August 2007, it is a work of fiction.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota, through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

Vermilion 4-H Club welcoming new members; meeting on Oct. 6

REGIONAL- October 6-12 is National 4-H week and the theme this year is "Inspire Kids to Do."

If you have a child in Kindergarten through high school who is interested in joining 4-H, please feel free to visit the Vermilion 4-H group on Sunday, Oct. 6 at 4 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Rd, Embarrass.

4-H inspires kids to be leaders in their communities and teaches hands-on skills that can be used for life. We welcome new members!

HEALTH INSURANCE

Ely Community Health Center can offer assistance in applying for MNSure

Enrollment period runs from Nov. 1 – Dec. 23

ELY- The State of Minnesota recently announced that the periods for Open Enrollment on MNSure (the ACA Insurance Exchange for residents of Minnesota) will commence on Nov. 1, 2019, and run through Dec. 23, 2019, for coverage beginning on Jan. 1, 2020.

The process for submitting an application is fairly simple although it can seem confusing at times. This is why the Ely Community Health Center has reinstated their Certified Insurance Navigator status which allows ECHC to help you go through the process of completing the application for insurance, whether it is for Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare or MNSure.

As part of this process, we will investigate all of the various financial assistance options available to our residents to identify the most

cost-effective options available.

All Minnesota residents who are currently covered by health insurance provided from the MNSure exchange will receive a Renewal Notice which will state if they are re-determined to be eligible for a qualified health plan for the coming coverage year (2020). This notice will contain information that needs to be reviewed for accuracy and then you can either review other available options or, if you do nothing, you will be automatically renewed in your existing policy or one that is similar if the existing plan is not available this year.

However, our experience is that most Minnesota residents end up with health insurance that is more costly than if they go through the open renewal period to investigate all of the available financial support

options, as well as looking at the other policies that are available. Based on various surveys of Minnesota residents, many people do not understand how the two public options work nor how the available tax credits can be used to reduce the monthly premium for their health insurance.

If you would like to schedule an appointment with ECHC to assist you with your application, please contact ECHC at director@elycommunityhealth.org or call 218-365-5678. We will be scheduling appointments commencing the beginning of November, so go ahead and reserve your spot for assistance.

MNSure Navigators are also available through the AEOA in Virginia (218-748-7356) and Range Mental Health in Virginia (218-749-2881).

WORLD POLITICS

Forums to address foreign policy challenges

Former Foreign Service Officer Thomas Hanson and Norwegian Ambassador Rolf Hansen to speak in Tower and Ely

REGIONAL- The public is invited to hear former career Foreign Service Officer Thomas R. Hanson's ever-popular analysis of the top foreign policy challenges facing the U.S., and Norwegian Ambassador Rolf W. Hansen thoughts on global challenges of the Middle East during talks on Monday, Oct. 14 in Tower, and on Tuesday, Oct. 15 in Ely.

This event is a rare opportunity for residents of the Iron Range to hear directly from highly-experienced and knowledgeable individuals on important topics of our time. Presentations will be held at the Tower Civic Center, on Monday, Oct. 14 from 6-8 p.m. and at the Grand Ely Lodge on Tuesday, Oct. 15 at 12 p.m. A reception will follow the Tower Civic Center presentation.

Tom Hanson will introduce the challenges facing the U.S. stemming from the continued ambiguous U.S. policy toward the Middle East and North Africa, while Rolf Hansen will give a first-hand analysis of global challenges in the troubled Middle East from his recent experience as a Norwegian diplomat in the region.

Tom Hanson's U.S. Foreign



FSO Thomas Hanson



Ambassador Rolf Hansen

Service postings included East Germany, France, Norway, the Soviet Union, Sweden, and the former Soviet Republic of Georgia. He is currently the Diplomat-in-Residence at the University of Minnesota-Duluth's Alworth Institute for International Studies.

Rolf Hansen graduated from the University of Oslo as Master of Arts in 1974 (Political Science, English and Modern History). He joined the Norwegian Diplomatic Service in 1975 and has served at embassies in Dar es Salaam and Paris as Second

and First Secretary. He then returned to headquarters in 1983 to work on UN-related issues such as the fight against apartheid.

He was Consul General in Minneapolis from 2005-08 before being appointed Ambassador to Damascus from 2008-12. Due to the war in Syria,

Hansen returned to Oslo to serve as Policy Director for AHLIC (funding coordination mechanism for the Palestinian Authority). Mr. Hansen served as Ambassador in Riyadh from 2014-17 and just recently retired as Senior Adviser for Afghanistan affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Oslo.

The visit and talks are being sponsored by Tower Vision 2025, and by Orlyn and Marit Kringstad of Tower.

Northland Healthy Minds Coalition to host Mental Health Panel, Oct. 9

VIRGINIA- The Northern St. Louis County Northland Healthy Minds (NHM) Coalition will be hosting a Mental Health Panel Discussion from 5-7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Virginia High School Auditorium (enter through Door 6). This event is free to the public. NHM is hosting the educational panel during Mental Illness Awareness Week, Oct. 6-12, to provide an opportunity for the community to learn about mental illness.

The panelists selected include, but are not limited to, a mental health professional, a police officer, and a personal story about an eating disorder. The panelists were selected

to provide various perspectives and experiences with mental health. There will be time at the end of the discussion for questions, and mental health resources will be available. Sandwiches and refreshments will be provided.

Northland Healthy Minds seeks to educate about the stigma around mental illness and the damage it can do. By breaking down that stigma, people with mental illnesses will feel safe to talk about them and will find it easier to ask for help in finding treatment and resources. Additionally, Northland Healthy Minds understands that there are a number of communities that may have their own unique needs and

barriers. We are dedicated to helping facilitate conversations in all communities and supporting existing efforts. Please contact us if you would like more information.

Northland Healthy Minds (NHM) is a collaborative of businesses, organizations and people in Northeastern Minnesota and Northwestern Wisconsin working together to eliminate the stigma surrounding mental illness. Northland Healthy Minds has an affiliate coalition known as Northern St. Louis County Coalition in Virginia that meets monthly. Contact Jenna Ballinger at Jenna.Ballinger@EssentialHealth.org to join the coalition.

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CITY OF ELY

More trash talk in Ely

City council rejects new garbage contract

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - City officials here face a sanitation contract expiration deadline at the end of the month that could disrupt curbside garbage pickup for residents and businesses. Council members rejected a renegotiated pact with G-Men Environmental Services Tuesday night, and directed the city attorney to draft separate residential and commercial waste pick-up license requirement ordinances with the idea of having multiple waste haulers serve the city.

The current contract ends on Nov. 1. If G-Men refuses to agree to a contract extension, residents and businesses would be forced to haul their own trash to the Northwoods Transfer Station on Hwy. 21, or garbage cans and dumpsters could soon overflow

around the city.

Draft ordinances require readings at two separate council meetings and a public hearing for approval.

Following a notice of contract termination earlier this year, the council directed City Attorney Kelly Klun to negotiate a new contract with G-Men with the idea that weekend garbage pickup for commercial customers in the city could be available, either through G-Men or another licensed hauler.

The current contract does not require weekend garbage pickup and at least one commercial customer, a local grocery store, approached the Sanitation Committee last spring looking to obtain that service.

Klun and G-Men's attorney reached a tentative agreement, and council members were asked this week to approve a new con-

tract, or give the city attorney a path to move forward.

The new contract would change the starting time for garbage pickup to 6 a.m. instead of 6:30 a.m. and provide for commercial pickup six days a week (excluding Sundays and holidays), instead of Monday through Friday. Saturday commercial pickup would include a \$50 surcharge in addition to the standard commercial rate and any waste collection complaints could also be reported to the city's Sanitation Committee.

"We went back and forth a number of times," Klun said, "particularly on the issue of Saturday pickup, because of employee union contract stipulations, and the fact that very few customers are looking for weekend garbage service."

Council member Jerome Debelitz made a motion, support-

ed by Heidi Omerza, to accept the renegotiated contract.

But council member Paul Kess urged the council to consider "the range of options that are out there." He said he didn't want to see an "either or" decision made.

Mayor Chuck Novak asked Kess to produce the other options. "Where are they?" he asked.

"This seems to shut the door on discussing any option," Kess said.

"This just didn't happen overnight," Novak responded. "We have been at this for a while."

Council member Al Forsman contended that the city attorney was directed to negotiate an extension to the current contract. "I feel that what the city requested was not negotiated. This is for the contract holder's benefit and ignores our request," he said. "We just got this contract this afternoon. It is my intent that we reject this and move forward."

Council member Omerza warned that separating the residential and commercial contract is a bad idea. "If we do that, the

rates will go up," she said. "We work very hard as a city to keep rates down. It doesn't matter if it is property taxes, or EUC rates, or whatever. If we reject this (renegotiated contract) rates will go up."

She added that with no licensing provisions in place for garbage pickup, the city will be required to restart the process of providing that service. "We are dealing with the recycling center right now and people are upset about that," she said. "I'm a little upset and frustrated. We don't have any formal complaints. We have a few people squabbling over this. I understand that. If we don't squabble over things here it wouldn't be Ely."

The motion to accept the new contract failed on a 4-3 vote. Council members Kess, Forsman, Ryan Callen and Angela Campbell voted to reject the new contract. Novak, Omerza and Debelitz voted in favor of the motion.

With that vote, Klun suggested that the council could

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TRANSPORTATION

New speed limit in effect on portion of Hwy. 169

by EMILY SCHULTZ
Staff Writer

REGIONAL — Drivers can now go a bit faster on portions of Hwy. 169 north of Virginia.

The posted speed limit from the junction with Hwy. 53 to the Y Store, near Tower, recently went from 55 miles per hour to 60 mph.

It's all part of an effort by the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to loosen speed limits on multiple Minnesota highways, from 55 mph to 60 mph. The increases came after the conclusion of a five-year study on speed limits by MnDOT that found that

drivers maintained more consistent speeds—which generally improves traffic safety—on roads where speed limit increases had already been implemented. Several roadways in northern St. Louis County, including Hwys. 1, 169, 135, and 73, are included in the proposal for higher speeds.

In some cases, like Hwy. 169 south of the Y Store, the new 60 mph limits are already in effect. But the 55 mile per hour limit remains in effect until the new signs are posted. As of this week, the 55 mph signs remained on Hwy. 1/169 north of the Y Store.

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Drivers can put the pedal a little closer to the metal after new speed limit signs were installed in Hwy. 169 between Hwy. 53 and the junction with Hwy. 1, near the Y Store. The previous speed limit was 55 miles per hour. Other portions of the highway are expected to see higher limits in the near future. photo by M. Helmberger

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Editorial

Uninformed epithets

Those who decry “packsackers” don’t know their history or their own community

Last week’s excellent letter to the editor from Lake Vermilion resident Elaine McGillivray reminded us of how the derogatory term “packsacker” is so regularly misused in our area by those of limited imagination.

The origin of the term, at least in northeastern Minnesota, dates back to the late 1950s and 1960s, during the height of the taconite boom. The peak of employment during that era was mostly in construction, as massive plants and even entire towns were being built. Many of those construction workers were temporary and had no intention of setting down roots in our area communities. They were making a lot of money during the week, and often getting in trouble on evenings and weekends, creating friction in the communities located near the man-camps that housed these workers.

They were called “pack-sackers” because everyone knew they would be here a short time and didn’t really care about their impact on area communities since they would soon be moving on.

Contrast that with the more recent generation of in-migrants to our area—folks who have come from a wide range of backgrounds, not looking for a quick buck, but for the high-quality lifestyle available here in the North Country for those who actually appreciate the uniqueness of our region. These are people who, at some point in their lives, were introduced to Lake Vermilion or the Boundary Waters, and fell in love with the natural amenities that our area has to offer. If money were their objective, they would have settled elsewhere. Instead, they have resorted to a variety of creative means to make a living, or enjoy retirement, adding their incomes and talents to the area. They’ve brought their expertise and their entrepreneurial skills to open new businesses, adding a diverse range of new employment opportunities to the area. They’ve purchased property and built homes, maintaining vitality in professional sectors ranging from real estate sales to construction, to finance and insurance. They keep our local grocery stores and service stations in business,

keep our marinas overflowing with activity, and sustain local jobs in the process.

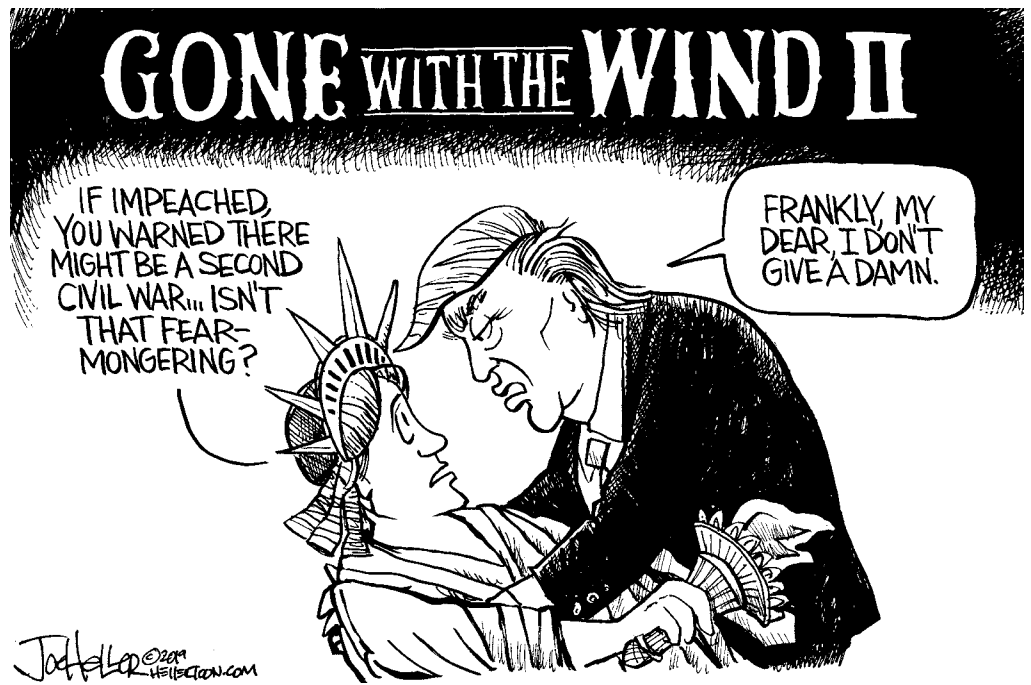
And as our letter writer noted last week, they have become the lifeblood of so many community organizations in our area. While her letter focused on Tower-Soudan, the same is equally true all around our area, particularly in Ely. Virtually every event that happens in our area includes the invaluable contributions of those who a few blowhards would prefer to simply write off as packsackers or some other epithet intended to demean. Our new residents today are the exact opposite of packsackers— they are community builders in every sense of the word.

When we hear that term used to describe our new generation of residents, we know that the speaker not only doesn’t know their history, but is hopelessly out of touch with their own community as it is today.

The influx of active and engaged newcomers is what keeps our communities vibrant and interesting. These are the people, in many cases, who devote their time to advancing projects like expanding broadband access so more people can call our area home, by working remotely. In many cases, they are the activists advancing new trail projects, or working to protect our area lakes from various forms of pollution or aquatic invasive species.

When we hear people complain that new residents bring new ideas or different values, we can’t help but believe that a new idea and a new perspective now and then is pretty important to the success of communities. There’s enough ossified thinking in our area as it is, and most of it comes from those who use terms like “packsackers.”

No one can control where they came from. But they can decide where they want to be. And for communities that are in desperate need of new workers in our businesses and new families for our schools, we should be welcoming anyone who has the gumption and the interest to make a life for themselves and their family here in the North Country. Here’s a better term for our new residents: “neighbor.”



Letters from Readers

Gov. Tim Walz has troubling ties to PolyMet Mining

In the past couple of weeks, former Minnesota Gov. Arne Carlson and others have become increasingly vocal in their complaints against Glencore (Poly Met), one of at least two companies that want to place copper sulfide mining operations in the BWCA and Lake Superior watersheds. The potential charges against Glencore relate to political corruption bribery. Among them:

1. In his 2019 budget, Walz requested \$6 million to pay for private law firms to defend state agencies and the controversial decisions they would be making, presumably, ON BEHALF OF PolyMet.
2. Walz’ deputy Chief of Staff and General Counsel, Karl Procaccini, REPRESENTED Glencore/PolyMet while he was a partner at the Espel Law Firm.
3. The Minnesota State Board of Investments, which Walz sits on, has \$36.9 million invested in Glencore, PolyMet’s parent company. Why would thousands of teachers be bound to an investment in a company that has a 100 percent record of CONTAMINATING their environment?!
4. When whistleblowers inside the EPA revealed that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) had suppressed warnings by EPA staff that PolyMet’s permit would violate the Clean Water Act, Walz remained silent. To date, NO PUBLIC HEARINGS have been held.
5. Soon after the above scandal broke, Walz met with officials from PolyMet and Glencore. The meeting was private—no record or minutes or even a summary of issues discussed were ever made public.
6. Walz’s Chief of Staff, Chris Schmitter, who controls Walz’ calendar and meeting schedule, also worked for the law firm Greene Espel when they had PolyMet as a client.

Individually, the above are troubling. Collectively they indicate that the time for suspicion, questions and investigation has passed. It’s time to set bail pending criminal trial.

Duane Behrens
Ely

Trump’s a washed-up game show host

As to Betty Firth’s commentary “Fool me once..” in last week’s *Timberjay*, one of the online comments suggested that Donald Trump has been trying to expose fake news. That’s a joke at best! He is his own worst enemy when it comes to fake news! He handles propaganda like Goebbels did in Nazi Germany. Of course, the people who believe in him have a right to that, just like Ms. Firth has a right to her opinion.

But the Trump supporters believe that every news outlet except for Fox News is all Fake News. I think some of the comments from Trump supporters were patronizing. I believe Ms. Firth is intelligent enough to form the conclusion like anyone, that everything told to us from a news telecast is not necessarily the gospel when it comes to the facts. In short, I think the commenter was patronizing toward Ms. Firth and anyone who has a different spin on Trump’s leadership style, if you can call it that. He’s nothing but a Washed-up Game Show Host!

Brian LaFrenier
Embarrass

Close ties between Governor Walz and PolyMet revealed

The public should be aware of the close ties some of these current and former top state officials enjoy with PolyMet Mining. The highly-controversial mining project is currently wrapped up in court proceedings.

It is also important to recognize the various roles of Brad Moore in the permitting process prior to the Walz administration.

Influence of PolyMet
► Brad Moore:
Commissioner of

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 2006 – 2008,

Assistant Commissioner of MPCA 1999 - 2006,

Barr Engineering 2008-2010. Assisted PolyMet in permitting process

Executive Vice President of PolyMet - 2011 – present

► Chris Schmitter, Chief of Staff for Gov. Tim Walz. Formerly served as an attorney at the Greene Espel Law Firm, from 2014 - 2018. PolyMet was one of their clients.

► Karl Procaccini, the Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Counsel to Gov. Walz was a partner at Greene Espel Law Firm from 2012 - 2018 and was chief outside legal counsel for PolyMet.

► Krista Broton, Director of Policy for Gov. Walz was previously Director of Senate Minority Research, and was hired and supervised by Sen. Tom Bakk, a lead advocate for PolyMet who serves on IRRR board which gave PolyMet some \$5 million in taxpayer funds.

► Darin Broton, Senior Advisor and Director of Communications for the MPCA, is the husband of Krista Broton.

When I served as governor, the key advisors were the Chief of Staff, the Chief Legal Advisor, the Policy Director, and Director of Communications. There is no way the people’s interest would not be compromised when a special interest has such a hold as PolyMet currently does.

Arne Carlson
Minneapolis

We welcome your letters

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We ask that letters be limited to 300 words.

Children have become the leaders on climate change

My mind is still spinning after taking part in the International Climate Strike, the brainchild of Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old girl from Sweden whose special gift is her ability to simply but so succinctly articulate the urgency of climate change. Her passion was born



KATHLEEN MCQUILLAN

workplaces to amplify Greta’s

from a frustration with world leaders ignoring scientific data that shows how our dependence on fossil fuels is killing us. It’s only a matter of time, and according to Greta, that time is running out. An estimated four million people around the globe left classrooms and

message. After decades of policy-makers kicking the can down the road, or worse yet, outrightly denying that rising atmospheric and oceanic temperatures are threatening our existence, children who have been listening are now speaking out. With our planet warming at a dangerously alarming rate, the children of the world are taking the lead to stave off disaster!

Inspired by Thunberg’s “call to action” a handful of local folks, in a spontaneous move just days before Sept. 20, began circulating via print and social media an invitation for any and all of us who care to meet in front of the St. Louis County Courthouse across the street from the Roosevelt Elementary and Virginia High Schools. And sure enough, Virginia, Minn., became one of the 2,500-plus locations around the world to host a “Climate Strike” event. With their handmade signs, kindred spirits from dozens of towns across the Iron Range

showed up with a message, “The time to mobilize is now!”

Despite our having warning signals from climatologists for over half a century, we’ve continued to defend our economic system, one built on a model of continuous “growth” and determined to keep manufacturing, and competitively marketing, “new and improved” products to keep stoking that American “must-have” mentality. Instead

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Letters from Readers

These lakes and forests belong to us all

Elaine McGillivray’s letter published in last week’s *Timberjay* was full of wisdom

and truth. Thanks for publishing it.

“Packsacker” is a rather amusing term used by some to make others feel less than welcome or true “Vermilionaires.” These lakes and forests belong to us all

and we love our homes here. We work hard to make our communities welcoming to anyone who calls this “home.”

Elaine is truly from a pioneer family and comes from old settlers in that her great-great-grand-

father was killed while working in the Soudan mine.

This community is better because of her and people like her. My thanks go to all of the hard-working volunteers and city officials who strive to make

our lives happier and complete.

Enjoy the colors.

Mary Batinich

Birch Point and Soudan

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Morcom Township one grant away from broadband

If final Border-to-Border package is approved, installation could move forward next year

by JODI SUMMIT

Tower-Soudan Editor

MORCOM TWP — Residents here, who have been without reliable Internet access for years, could soon have some of the best broadband speeds in the area, if final funding from the state’s Border-to-Border grant program is approved later this year.

The Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation recently approved a \$224,800 grant to the township, which means Morcom Township has now secured three-quarters of the \$899,200 they’ll need to bring broadband to the 126 unserved and underserved households in the township and in an adjacent unorganized township to the north. Morcom Township is located west of Cook.

“We are just waiting to hear in December if we qualified for the state Border to Border grant,” said Morcom Town Clerk Sasha Lehto. Morcom is asking for \$331,704 in border-to-border funding under a plan to utilize Paul Bunyan Communications as the township’s broadband provider. Paul Bunyan would commit \$332,696 to the effort. Morcom Township has committed \$10,000 in township funds for the project.

“This was out of our really small budget,” said Lehto, “but either you want it or you don’t.

This is for our people.”

The need for reliable internet service in the Morcom Township area is clear.

“As a township government, we can’t email in our election results,” Lehto said, “and it’s 2019.” Local businesses are not able to offer wifi to their customers either, she noted, because they only have very limited bandwidth, and need that to be able to process credit cards.

Lehto noted that her children have been given computers to bring home from school, and are expected to complete assignments at home, and on snow days are expected to complete assignments online.

“But my kids can’t do this,” she said.

The Morcom area is not covered by Frontier, and many families are relying on expensive AT&T cellular service, but even that is not always reliable.

“We have a lot of people who want to work from home,” she said.

Lehto noted that these struggles are not unique to the Morcom area.

“It’s our entire area,” she said, “but it might as well begin with us. By starting here, it will encourage the surrounding townships.”

Lehto said the township has been lobbying for better internet service at the state Capitol for two years.

“We couldn’t find a provider

that was willing to work with us,” she said.

At a meeting on the issue at the IRRR earlier this year, the township connected with Steve Howard, the Information and Technology Development Manager from Paul Bunyan Communications, who said if Morcom could get a proposal put together within days, they would help.

“There was pressure on us to get a proposal in that next day,” she said. “Good thing I was the clerk and had everyone’s telephone number and knew how many residents and businesses we had.” The next step, she said, was getting residents and businesses to write letters of support.

Lehto worked with staff at Paul Bunyan, who oversaw the grant request, putting together the information needed and helping to write the grant narrative.

“I did work every night, every weekend, for a whole month,” she said. “But it was absolutely worth it.”

Howard said that Paul Bunyan had run fiber through the Cook and Orr areas several years ago, when they expanded a line to International Falls.

“The way the fiber was installed allowed us to build in those areas in the future,” he said. “Sasha was the key player to get this happening.”

How soon the plan might be implemented, depends on

the final piece of funding from the Border to Border program, according to Howard.

If the final funding portion is approved in December, work will be done in 2020. But approval this year is not a guarantee, notes Howard.

“There are a lot of grant requests in for that funding this year,” he said. Howard was not sure how the total amount of grant requests compares to the amount of funding actually available, since the grant requests had just been posted on the state’s broadband site. Funding will also be available next year, but by that time, even more funding requests are likely to be submitted.

Paul Bunyan Communications is a non-profit cooperative, and they are willing to contribute a major portion of the cost for the project. They also have grant proposals up for approval this year, including projects in Ash River, Elephant Lake, Ericsburg, and Kabetogama.

“Our residents are really excited,” said Lehto, “but we still have to wait to get the final grant.”

Lehto said having broadband is important for the area for many reasons. She noted that many families have adult children who would like to move back to the area, but they require broadband to work from home. It’s also a public safety issue, she noted, with many residents

unable to have reliable landline or cell phone service.

Lehto wondered why, when the Super Bowl was in the Twin Cities, the state paid to upgrade cell service in the metro area, but in rural Minnesota, any upgrades require grant-writing and “jumping through all these hoops.”

Other broadband grants

IRRR grants for broadband projects were also approved for:

► \$579,272 to Bois Forte Band of Chippewa for the construction of a fiber network to serve 442 unserved and underserved households on the reservation. Total project cost is \$2,317,090.

► \$105,450 for Ash River for the construction of a broadband network for 121 unserved and underserved households in the Ash River area. Total project cost is \$421,800.

► \$236,050 for the Elephant and Black Duck lake areas for the construction of a fiber network to serve 124 unserved and underserved households near Elephant Lake. Total project cost is \$944,200.

Both Paul Bunyan Communications (Ash River and Elephant Lake) and Consolidated Telephone Company (Bois Forte) are provider partners for these projects. All these projects are also scheduled to receive state funding from the Border to Border program (pending final approval).

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of acknowledging the danger of never-ending consumption, corporate and economic interests have amped up expansion of free-market economies worldwide. The result of increased global consumption has, not surprisingly, led to increased waste and pollution. Our planet is a “closed system”. The effects of what we make and do stay with us forever. Our industrial activities are now, literally, pressing Planet Earth’s limits to sustain life as we know it.

Generation Z, defined by the Pew Research Institute as the cohort of young people 22 years and younger, are very likely the most informed generation in history. Raised with the internet and other advanced technologies, the world’s youth are vividly

aware of the issue of climate change and now refer to it as a “climate crisis”. Based on the bulk of scientific evidence, they’re spot on! The words on one marcher’s placard couldn’t state their concern more clearly, “You will die from old age. I will die from climate change.” It’s been predicted that we could begin seeing the worst effects of climate change by 2030, a mere eleven years away. By 2030, current high schoolers will not yet have reached the age of thirty! We, the older generations, must be willing to acknowledge the level of fear and anxiety they experience as they anticipate the array of potentially devastating scenarios they may be facing. Greta Thunberg, speaking passionately

in front of the United Nations, called out the world’s leaders for failing to take meaningful action on the crisis, asserting that they have stolen her childhood and are stealing her future.

After trying to imagine all the ways the world will have changed in just one short decade, I am pulled back to the here and now. Changes are already occurring in my own backyard. My neighbors commiserate often about how “things just aren’t like they used to be” — whether it’s with the weather, in the garden, with birds and other wild creatures, plant life, or seasonal conditions. I’m convinced. It’s time to get serious about our climate crisis.

Sometimes I feel overwhelmed, threaten-

ing the hope that keeps me believing a solution actually exists. Loss of hope can lead to cynicism and despair, and I know that can strip me of my desire to stay engaged and keep doing what I can to be part of the solution. But I also know that despair and cynicism are reserved for a privileged few who either believe they’ll be long gone before things “really hit the fan” so it won’t be their problem, or those who think that some miraculous development will come along in time to save us. Like plans for alternative outposts on Mars. Or nuclear devices that will detonate inside hurricanes to disperse them or shift weather patterns altogether. Or giant climate-controlled bubbles where a few for-

tunate survivors of environmental collapse will hunker down for unknown lengths of time. These are just some of the farfetched ideas floating out there. My response, “Ya sure!” I like this marcher’s sign better, “There is no Planet B!” In short, I’m “all in” with Greta and the young people around the world. Especially when I look around me and grasp what’s at stake for all of us.

I love autumn, with our forests ablaze with color! We’re surrounded by clean water, abundant with life. We still enjoy cerulean skies by day and star-studded skies by night. That’s because our air is still, relatively-speaking, smog-free. So, at a time when most of us can agree that there are few places that can compare in beauty

and quality of life, why wouldn’t we work our damndest to save what we’ve got?

Millions of the world’s youth are marching to save this magnificent planet. We must never forget that their future depends on it. They’re demanding from us a fiercer commitment to end our wasteful habits and unite to pressure political leaders to defend or improve upon environmental and energy policies designed to reverse the disastrous course we’re on. Our youth are begging for our attention. If we really love them, we’ll listen and take action in any way we can!

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offer a counter offer for the contract, or develop licensing requirements relative to city collection by the Nov. 1 deadline.

Forsman made a motion to direct the city attorney to draft separate residential and commercial waste pickup license provisions based on county and state requirements. That motion passed on a 4-3 vote.

A first reading of the new garbage pickup ordinance, with the new

license requirements, will likely be held on Tuesday, Oct. 15. Council members agreed to cancel their study session on Tuesday, Oct. 29, and instead hold a special council meeting that would include a public hearing and possible second reading of the ordinance.

In order to give themselves some breathing room, the council unanimously directed Klun to ask G-Men to extend their current contract until June

30, 2020, or until such time as a new contract is in place. “If I do not get agreement from the vendor (on a contract extension) I will be back to you in short order asking you to schedule meetings to get this licensing done. One way or another, we’ll find out in a couple of days.”

Other business

In other action, the council:

► Authorized a grant request to the Minnesota Historical Society to fund

retaining wall repair at the Pioneer Mine site.

► Approved a note and mortgage for a Residential Rehab Loan for Drew Tippler, 211 W Chapman St. for sewer line code work at a cost of \$9,000.

► Approved a Commercial Rehab Loan for Sarah Burger to replace the roof at 48 E Sheridan for \$10,000.

► Approved the mortgage satisfaction for Ann Loscheider for the mortgage recorded Sept. 25,

2018.

► Approved a resolution to apply for a Community Development Block Grant for James Street reconstruction.

► Scheduled a maintenance of private property appeal hearing for 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday Oct. 15 for the property at 106 E Harvey St..

► Approved a residential rehab loan for Kim Eldevik, 6 W Conan St., pending proper paperwork and processing.

► Approved a request from Monica and Tim Cunningham to purchase two parcels and to vacate an undeveloped portion of Park Avenue.

► Approved a resolution to assess taxable properties for delinquent water, sewer and electric accounts.

► Transferred a city of Ely tobacco license from Blomberg and Sons, Inc. to Range Cooperatives, Inc.

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Hwy. 1, from Effie to Ely, is slated to increase to 60 mph, although signs have not yet been posted along that route. Hwy. 1

and Hwy. 169 merge at the Y Store and continue as one corridor to Ely.

Other area highways have already seen speed

limit increases. The new 60 mph limits were posted on Hwy. 73 between Floodwood and Hwy. 53, near Gheen, earlier this

summer. Speed limits on Hwy. 135 also increased on all sections of the road from Hwy. 53 to Aurora. From Aurora to Tower,

the speed limit remains at 55 mph.

The change in speed limits does not affect limits established within

city boundaries along the routes of these highways.

TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY

Little legs tackling a marathon; one mile at a time

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- For the third year in a row, a large group of Tower-Soudan Elementary students have competed in the Ely Marathon kids running event.

“We do our runs first thing in the morning, during snack time, or right before lunch,” said first-grade teacher Jo Holen, who has spearheaded the effort each year. Holen, herself a marathon runner, enjoys getting the students outdoors, as well as watching them gain confidence and stamina as they practice.

“It’s a big deal to get the 25 miles recorded,” she said. Students track their miles on a special sheet they keep inside their locker, coloring in a spot for each mile they have run. They also keep a journal, recording their times and other data.

The school staff works on making the event something to look forward to. The night before the race, the participants take part in a spaghetti feed at the school. After the race, the students are all recognized by their classmates, getting to run down the school’s main corridor lined by all the other students, who cheer them on.

The runners were still pretty excited a few days after the race. And while they all had a wonderful time on the race day itself, they also had a lot to say about all the practice miles put in beforehand.

“You get exercise and you get to have fun,” said sixth-grader Rogelio Noyes. Noyes said he also likes to run with his father, Rolando, who is also a runner, and their dog.

“Running keeps us healthy,” said Thomas Aldrich. “We get fresh air and time outside while still at school,” said sixth-grader Elsie Larson. Nico Lenci, showing off his competitive spirit, said his favorite part of running is “that feeling you get when you cross the finish line.”

Nico put his feelings into action, on race day, when his shoe fell off about a block from the finish line. He ran back, picked up his shoe, and then sprinted to the finish, shoe in hand!

Rogelio also faced a challenge on race day. Shortly into the run he realized he had a rock in his shoe, which added some seconds to his time, but didn’t cut into his resolve to finish the race.

Sixth-graders Rena Buckanaga and Jada Medicine both said running helped them gain confidence. Sixth-grader Elsie Larson said having self-esteem was important to keep yourself going when running got hard. Rena Buckanaga not only built up her self-confidence, but also built up some competitive spirit, sprinting as fast as she could

once she could see the finish line.

Lae’la James, a new student at TS, still got to participate. She said she was one of the fastest runners in the class at her old school and is excited about the opportunity to run at school.

Holen said all of the runners worked hard. And one of the goals this last year was working on pacing, and having the students work on improving their times.

“At first, some of the kids just wanted the chance to get outside,” she said. “This year they had to show improvements when we did timed runs.”

“The kids could see how fast they were getting,” she said. Holen said the students run three different routes on their mile runs, some mostly flat, but some with hills.

“It was hard to get all the miles in last spring,” Holen said, because of the wet and cold spring.

Starting in the spring, students in grades two through six can choose to run, one mile at a time, banking their miles until they reach the magic number of 25. Most students were able to record the additional miles they needed over the summer, or during the first couple of weeks at school.

Fourth-grader Destiny Koivisto-Boshey, who uses a wheelchair, was also part of the training and race day. With help from her aides, and other students who pushed her along, she put in her 25 miles, and then finished up on race day, with a huge smile on her face, along with her friends. Her mom said she loved the opportunity to be outdoors, and especially loved all the commotion of race day, from the start to the finish line.

On the day of the Ely Marathon, these children race along the final 1.2 miles of the official route, ending at the marathon finish line in Whiteside Park, which is buzzing with all the marathon-day excitement.

At the finish line, they get a medal, shirt, and the finishers’ bling bag, along with a root beer float, courtesy of the Dorothy Molter Museum, which is the official sponsor of the children’s race.

Fourth-grader Eva Larson was impressed with the fact that they got the same kind of race bib, with the built-in timing chip, as the adult racers. At the finish line, kids got a print-out of their time, place, and per mile pace. Their times are also recorded online on the Ely Marathon website.

While the students all seemed to enjoy running, they were split on the idea of doing the marathon with a canoe on their shoulders.

Thomas Aldrich couldn’t believe that someone could race that far with a canoe.



Above: TS runners posed at the finish line. Below middle: Rogelio Noyes gets cheers from his schoolmates. Bottom left is Serah Ross, and bottom right is Destiny Koivisto-Boshey. photos by J. Summit



Nico Lenci said that if he ever decided to run a whole marathon, he would bring his camping supplies with him, so he could stop and sleep and eat along the way.

Holen is working on spreading the word on the program, and she is hoping to get other ISD 2142 schools

involved. NER science teacher Ryan Lindsay put together a video, available on the Ely Marathon facebook page, featuring the children’s race. Holen and Lindsay also did a presentation at the August district-wide teacher training.

This year 17 Tower-Soudan students were among the



64 finishers of the race, including first-place winner Greyson Reichensperger, now a seventh-grader at Northeast Range and on the cross-country team. Students who were unable to attend the race on Sept. 21, but had completed their miles, also received t-shirts and medals. The students’ entry fees for the race were paid by the Tower-Soudan Athletic Association.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Soudan Baptist Church new schedule

SOUDAN- Soudan Baptist Church is announcing new times, effective this week. Sunday Service will be held at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School following at 10:45 a.m. Bible study will be held on Wednesdays at 1 p.m.

Tower-Soudan Area Singers rehearsals under-way for Christmas Concert

TOWER- Rehearsals for the 2019 Tower-Soudan Area Singers Christmas Concert are now underway on Mondays at 6 p.m. at the Tower-Soudan Elementary School music room.

This year’s theme, A Classic Christmas, will give every singer and listener a chance to sing or hear their favorite tune.

There are no auditions for this group, so you can just come and share in the joy of singing with others.

The concert is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 15 at 2 p.m. As in the past, a freewill offering will be taken to cover music, advertising, and decorating expenses. Seasonal goodies will be served immediately after the concert.

The singers would like to add more basses to the group of 25, but any interested person can give a call to Rolf Anderson, 218-753-3262, for more information.

Estate Planning: Passing on the Family Cabin

TOWER- If your goal is to pass on the family cabin to the next generation, planning ahead is crucial. Local attorney Kelly Klun, from the Klun Law Office in Ely, can help you determine how the cabin will best fit into the family’s future. Classes will be held on Oct. 10 and Nov. 14 in the library at the Tower-Soudan Elementary School at 4 p.m. You must pre-register so we can plan accordingly for class space and materials. Please call or text Leone Graf to pre-register at 218-343-3744. If no answer, please leave a message, with how to spell your name, phone number and the class you are interested in and the

date you want to sign up for.

Estate Planning 101

TOWER- Local attorney, Kelly Klun, from the Klun Law Office in Ely will lead a free class to take you through key factors to drafting and personalizing wills and trusts, preparing probate documents, creating documents for long term health care, drafting a durable power of attorney’s, and preparing health care directives. Classes will be held Oct. 23 and Nov. 13 in the library at the Tower-Soudan Elementary School at 4 p.m. You must pre-register. Please text or call Leone Graf to pre-register at 218-343-3744. If no answer, please leave a message with your phone number.

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Northwoods Transfer Station

9384 Hwy 21 N., Ely/Babbitt

Winter Hours

Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am–3pm

Tue: 9:30am–3pm

Wed: 11am–5pm

County 77 Canister Site

2038 County Rd. 77, Greenwood Twp

Winter Hours

Thurs, Sun: noon–5pm

Embarrass Canister Site

7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass

Hours

Sat: 12:30–4:30pm

Thu: 10am–5pm

Household Hazardous Waste Facility

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Tues and Sat: 8am–1pm

Cook Transfer Station

2134 S. Beatty Rd., Cook

Hours

Mon: 10am–6pm

Tues thru Sat: 9am–3:30pm

Soudan Canister Site

5160 Hwy 169, Soudan

Hours

Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun

8am–5pm

Aurora Transfer Station

5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora

Hours

Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am–4pm

Tue, Wed: 10am–4pm

Sat: 8am–noon

Regional Landfill

5341 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia

Hours

Mon–Fri: 8am–4:30pm

Sat: 8am–3:30pm

Winter hours effective October 1st through April 14th

St. Louis County Environmental Services Department

1-800-450-9278

Office hours 8-4:30 Monday through Friday

www.stlouiscountymn.gov/recycle

Get your tickets now for TSAA Fall Auction on Thursday, Nov. 7

TOWER- Tickets are now available for the Tower-Soudan Athletic Association Fall Auction on Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Wilderness at Fortune Bay. Tickets are \$25, and must be paid in advance. Payment can be dropped off at the Timberjay office in Tower, or mailed to TSAA, c/o The Timberjay, PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790.

This once-a-year event features an appetizer buffet, live and silent auctions, karaoke, and many games and raffles. While the event is known as a “ladies” night, men are also welcome to attend. A cash bar is available.

We are also looking for donations of prizes for the games and auctions. Hand-crafted items, gift baskets, wine and spirits, and gift certificates are needed. Please consider donating items, gift certificates, or baskets that can be used for the silent auction.

All the funds raised go to youth activities in Tower-Soudan. This is the group’s only fundraiser each year, so please consider helping out this important community event. In the last two years, TSAA has donated over \$8,500 in the community, including: Tower-Soudan Little League and Junior Legion baseball, T-S Elementary Ely Marathon entry fees, Tower-Soudan Elementary Track and Field Day, community family events at Vermilion Country School, athletics and choir fees at VCS, and more.

Vendors needed for St. Martin's Christmas Bazaar

TOWER- St. Martin’s Catholic Church in Tower is happy to announce that they will once again be hosting a Christmas Bazaar. The event will be held on Saturday, Nov. 16 in the church social hall. We are in the early planning of the event and are now looking for local

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crafters to participate. The cost for a table is \$20. If you are interested, please contact Maryann at the rectory at 218-753-4310 by Oct. 15. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, from 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

Vendors needed for Tower Holiday Craft Show set for Saturday, Dec. 7

TOWER- The Tower Holiday Craft Show will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. Tables are \$20 each (limit two 8-ft. tables per vendor) and must be reserved and paid for in advance. Checks can be made out to Friends of VCS and mailed to Vermilion Country School, PO Box 629, Tower, MN 55790 or can be dropped off at the charter school or at the Timberjay office in Tower. For more information, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

Immanuel Lutheran Fall Tea and Luncheon on Saturday, Oct. 5

TOWER- Recycled Lives missionary Shawn Johnson, founder and executive director of Recycled Lives, will be visiting Tower on Saturday, Oct. 5. She will be sharing an update on the ministry of Recycled Lives in Guatemala during the Fall Tea and Luncheon which is taking place at Immanuel Lutheran Church starting at 1 p.m. The Fall Tea is an opportunity for folks to come together for fellowship and lunch as well as learn more about Recycled Lives, visit/meet our missionary and support the organization. To reserve your ticket, call the church office at 218-753-2378. We hope to see you there at our Pumpkin Spice and Everything Nice Fall Tea and Luncheon! Bring a friend and a neighbor to enjoy homemade chili (regular and white) served in a bread bowl and everything pumpkin for dessert. To learn more about Recycled Lives you can visit www.recycledlives.org.

Tower-Soudan Civic Club to meet Oct. 16

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Civic Club will be meeting at the Tower Civic Center on Wednesday Oct.16 at 7 p.m. The presentation will be given by Kathy Lovgren on “Operation Santa”. Lovgren will be giving a history of Operation Santa, how families qualify, what Operation Santa was able to give last year, and a sample of what a child receives. Please join us, all are welcome.

Gentle yoga classes in Tower in October

TOWER- Mica Cascarano Berg, CYI, will be offering Gentle Yoga classes on Thursday, Oct. 3, on Tuesday, Oct. 8, and Thursday, Oct. 10 from 8:30 – 9:45 a.m. at the Tower Civic Center. Cost is \$15 for drop-ins or \$25 for all the classes. Call 414-405-6422 for more information.

Defensive Drivers 4-Hour Refresher Course on Oct. 10 at Immanuel

TOWER- The four-hour Defensive Driving Refresher Course qualifies participants to retain eligibility for their insurance reduction. This class is for those who have already taken the eight-hour class. This course must be taken every three years to remain eligible for an insurance reduction. The class is being held at Immanuel Lutheran Church on Thursday, Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the fellowship hall. The instructor, Mary Madden, will be donating all the class fees to Recycled Lives ministry. This is a great way to get your refresher course in and support a great cause. To register and find out more, call the church office at 218-753-2378. Please register by Tuesday, Oct. 8 (at least five are needed to hold the class).

Minimum donation of \$14 course fee with a suggested donation of \$20-plus, with checks being written to Recycled Lives.

AEOA Senior Dining Menu

TOWER- Vermilion Country School and AEOA sponsor a senior dining site at the charter school in Tower. All meals include salad bar, fruit, choice of beverage, and dessert.

Reservations are appreciated the day before, or morning of, but walk-ins are always welcome. Take-outs are available. Seniors age 60 and older who have registered for the program and their partners qualify for special pricing of \$4 per meal, but all ages are welcome at the regular rate of \$5.75. There are no income guidelines.

Meals are served from 12:30 – 1:30 p.m. on days when the charter school is open. Call the school at 218-753-1246 ext. 1003 for reservations, or call AEOA at 1-800-662-5711 ext. 7323 for the one-time registration process.

Homebound seniors can sign up for meal delivery. To register for Meals on Wheels, or for more information, please call AEOA Senior Nutrition at 218-735-6899.

Week of Oct. 7	
Monday:	Chunky Chicken Gravy, Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Green Beans
Tuesday:	Santa Fe Wrap
Wednesday:	Lasagna, Dinner Roll
Thursday:	Breaded Pollock, Baked Potato, Bread Stick
Friday:	Pizza

Week of Oct. 7

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

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

Tuesday
Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Oct. 15.

Greenwood Fire Dept.- Meetings on the first (drill) and third (business meeting) Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Greenwood Town Board, 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 8

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 vermillioncountry.org.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



Dear Hearts,

I am getting blisters on my hands from raking up pine needles and dead leaves. Every fall I try to convince myself to leave the leaves until summer. They don’t rot or decay, they just become this impenetrable layer— that will not rot or compost.

My neighbor, Charley, stopped by and said, “Vera, Vera, Vera...just make a compost pile. They will rot, decay... they will, my girl... COMPOST!”

I do, after all these years...nay decades, love being called a girl, but my compost just won’t compost!

I put on my most girlish façade...hoping that will stop the inevitable...

“Girl, if I have told you once I have told you, well, who knows how many times...LAYERS!

“A layer of green, a layer of brown, a layer of green....”

I cut him off before he outlines a whole ten-foot pile! In my mind, being the Agatha Christie that I am, I wonder if adding a human body under the layers of ‘...brown... green...brown...green,’ would hasten the composting project.

He continues, but I

have tuned him out as I compose my own mystery best seller... “The Case of the Composted Corpse.”

“Do you smell something? Oh dear...I must have left a burner on...please excuse me.”

I had forgotten my most important garden axiom, “Don’t go into the garden until you see Charley drive off!”

I may cross stitch a pillow with that motto!

Well, live and learn... that might turn out to be a pillow too, ESPECIALLY this year with all the political hoo-ha.

I have had to lock Hilda in the basement before she attacked another radio or TV set.

She smashed the little kitchen TV during the ABC News Hour with a rolling pin... then she set off for the big TV!

Thank the Gods of Motorola, Moose tackled and handcuffed her before she could do damage.

Where did Moose get handcuffs?

I guess some questions are best not asked.

I always like this time of year; I lean my head against the window glass, sigh and say:

“Tis the last rose of summer,

Left blooming alone; All her lovely companions

Are faded and gone.” Fall and winter are just around the corner... flu, colds, influenza...well you know.

Many of you have shared with me various potions which, if they may not ‘cure’ your cold, at least will make it bearable. This one is known

around our neck of the woods as:

Sean Muldoon Cure- All and Home Elixir

Ice 1-1/3 ounces Irish whiskey, preferably Jameson

1/3-ounce dark rum 2-1/2 teaspoons Calvados

1/3-ounce fresh lemon juice

1/4-ounce cane syrup or rich simple syrup: 1/2 teaspoon honey mixed with 1/2 teaspoon water, 1/2 teaspoon fresh ginger

Just a dash of Angostura bitters and one thin apple slice, for garnish.

PS...Jodi, that recipe is a bit ‘iffy’ for a family newspaper, but do the young read anything these days except what is on their cell phone?

Old-Fashioned Homemade Cocoa

3/4 teaspoon vanilla extract

4 cups milk 1/3 cup water hot 1/2 cup sugar 1/4 cup HER-SHEY’S Cocoa

Directions Mix sugar, cocoa and salt in medium saucepan; stir in water. Bring to boil over medium heat, stirring constantly; boil and stir 2 minutes.

Add milk; stir and heat until hot...do not boil.

Remove from heat; add vanilla, whisk well, then top with globs of whipped cream.

Ms. Vera Milion



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birds gather to claim roadkill

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ELY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL



Homecoming 2019



Memorial High School students, top, marched
in the Homecoming parade last Friday. Brielle
Kallberg, above, helped wash a vehicle as part
of student community service projects. Band
member Brooke Pasmick, right, kept the beat
on the quad toms during the parade.



The High School Dance Team, along with little dancers, performed routines from *The Lion King*
during the Homecoming halftime show Friday night. photos by K. Vandervort

OUTDOOR RECREATION



Ely Mayor Chuck Novak and local dentist Scott Anderson, center, along with other Ely-area
mountain biking enthusiasts, cut a ribbon last month marking the official opening of a one-mile
skills course at Hidden Valley Recreational Area. An additional nine miles of trails will be
constructed next summer. photo by K. Vandervort

ELY MARATHON 2019

Communications efforts make for smooth marathon

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - A multi-jurisdiction communications exercise ran concurrent with the Ely Marathon this year. Aside from performing public safety duties, local resources practiced utilizing the Incident Command System, according to city of Ely emergency management director and Police Department Sgt. George Burger.

The Incident Command System is a standardized approach to command, control, and coordination of emergency response. “The Incident Command System has been tested by more than 30 years of emergency and non-emergency applications,” Burger said.

The basic goals of the Incident Command System are clear communication, accountability, and the efficient use of resources. “Resources and availability were known



Members of the Vermilion Range Amateur Radio Club participated in the multi-jurisdictional communications exercise at the Ely Marathon. submitted photo

at all times,” Burger said. An example was when the ambulance stationed at Whiteside Park responded to a call, if a second medical emergency occurred on the marathon course, the Marathon Communication Command Post would know to dispatch an additional ambulance through St. Louis County 911 and to direct the emergency medical responders available to the other incident.

All resources received Incident Action Plans that are typically distributed prior to the start of operations. “This step ensured we knew our objectives for the day,” Burger added. The exercise also tested interoperability among law enforcement, fire departments, emergency medical services, public works, and amateur radio.

“I was really happy how this turned out,” he

said. “We don’t always get to work together on incidents and rarely do we get to utilize the Incident Command System in such an organized manner. Firefighters, Emergency Medical Responders, Amateur Radio Operators, all the volunteers stepped up to keep the marathon participants and spectators safe. To volunteer and be ready to respond when needed shows a lot about the character of the Ely area.”

By utilizing the ARMER (Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response) public safety radio system, the amateur radio repeater, maintained by the Vermilion Range Amateur Radio Club, was able to communicate through the Marathon Communication Command Post, which was located at Whiteside Park. Resources were spread out along the marathon route from Camp du Nord to Whiteside Park to mitigate hazards, assist

participants, and relay information to marathon officials or other resources, according to Burger.

Some examples of how interoperability was a success during the Ely Marathon this year included: Marathon Communications Command Post requested a spot weather forecast from the National Weather Service in Duluth; confirmation that participants were clear of the route so roads can be reopened in a safe and efficient manner; a participant approached the Communications Command Post and could not locate their vehicle, and the Ely Police Department responded and assisted; a young child became separated from their parent at Whiteside Park and was brought to the Communications Command Post. An Amateur Radio Operator relayed this information and to the Ely Police Department and the child and parent were reunited; a

participant approached an aid station and requested a ride as they could not finish the race; and confirmation that no participants remained on the course was made and resources that were still on-duty were released.

“The event and exercise were successful and it served as good preparation for an emergency condition that would require response from a variety of jurisdictions and resources,” Burger said. “Having various forms of communication available and being able to coordinate the relay of information using the Incident Command System produces a more efficient and informed response. An exercise like this allows all resources to recognize both strengths and improvements.”

After the Ely Marathon, resources were encouraged to hold “after action reviews” to discuss strengths, improvements needed, and plans for next year’s event.

PUBLIC SAFETY OPEN HOUSE



Harper Kurnava, 2, sits in the driver’s seat of an Ely fire truck last Wednesday during a safety open house at the Fire Department. Her brothers Mason, 10, and Liam, 8, went along for the ride. photo by K. Vandervort

HEALTHCARE

Boundary Waters Care Center debuts new culinary program

ELY – The Boundary Waters Care Center here recently debuted a comprehensive culinary program, in collaboration with Health Dimensions Group (HDG), that enhances and expands the care community’s culinary services through holistic training, and leadership development.

This approach yields many benefits for the community it serves, such as refreshed menus, improved dining spaces, and resident satisfaction.

The HDG Caring Above and Beyond Culinary Experience has two interconnected goals.

The first is to develop an industry-leading culinary program. Culinary directors will collaborate with residents and employees to develop a menu tailored to their specific care communities. Each

meal will be prepared and served with the goal of creating a culinary experience that provides a welcoming environment for residents and their families as well as reflects the unique flavors of the communities and geographic region served.

Secondly, HDG is making a significant investment in its culinary team through a thorough professional development program. This training will strengthen the technical and leadership skills of HDG’s culinary directors to create talented and engaged teams committed to delivering an outstanding experience for residents.

The training will also bolster employee job satisfaction and engagement, and lead to better recruitment and retention in a highly competitive job market.

Culinary Director Gwen Bakken oversees the implementation of the culinary program at Boundary Waters Care Center. She received specialized training facilitated by HDG and led by Rich Daehn, a leading culinary consultant for the senior care industry.

Bakken participated in educational sessions focused on leadership development, menu development, food presentation, hospitality, dining experience, and customer service. She will use the knowledge and skills gained from this training to effectively run a culinary program that is tailored to the specific needs of the care community.

“The Boundary Waters Care Center team is excited to bring a new and improved culinary experience to residents

and guests,” Bakken said. “We are committed to delivering quality culinary services that support our community members’ health and wellness goals. This initiative is aligned with the larger holistic approach to meet resident’s specific needs.”

Ely’s Boundary Waters Care Center offers comprehensive long-term and short-term care options for individuals in need of 24-hour skilled nursing or rehabilitative care after surgery or other illnesses. The care community is committed to Caring Above and Beyond, its program for quality care and customer service, and is managed by Minneapolis-based HDG.

For additional information about Boundary Waters Care Center, visit boundarywaterscc.com or call 218-365-8043.

News In Brief

Scrooge In Love!

ELY - What happens after “A Christmas Carol?” A year has passed and Ebenezer Scrooge is now a happy man. But is he, really? Is there something lacking? Old pal Jacob Marley and a trio of brand new ghosts arrive to give Scrooge a new chance at a love he once threw away.

Tryouts for this Northern Lakes Arts Association production, under the direction of Crystal Poppler and Michael Rouse, will be held Sunday and Monday, Oct. 6-7, at the Vermilion Community College Auditorium, beginning at 6 p.m.

For more information, call Sara Skelton at 218-235-2142, or email her at s.skelton@vcc.edu.

Northwoods Partners host aging expo

ELY - Northwoods Partners will host their 10th Annual Health Aging Expo on Thursday Oct. 10, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Amici’s Event Center, 10 W. Pattison St. The Healthy Aging Expo is dedicated to senior adult healthy lifestyles, education and caregiver support.

This year’s event features a wide variety of presentations by area experts, including Dr. Joe Bianco presenting Healthy Approaches to Pain. Michel Coyle, CEO Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital (EBCH) will address the Future of Aging in Ely. Dr. Crystal Chopp will present Aging Gracefully Also Includes Taking Care of Your Smile. Sheri Cook and Laura Lussier from the Lighthouse Center for Vision Loss will talk about Technology and Me: Using Technology to Improve Health, Safety and Quality of Life, Michelle Moore and Autumn Cole will present Get Fit! Get Happy! and Peter Heffen will talk about Dementia Friendly Living.

Doors will open at 9 a.m. for vendor table viewing. Pebble Spa will be offering free chair massages from 9-10 a.m. EBCH will be providing free flu shots throughout the day. Speakers will begin at 10 a.m. The \$5 admission will also cover lunch.

For more information, contact Lisa Porthan at 218-365-8019.

Ruffed Grouse Society banquet slated

ELY – The Crazy Flight chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society will host their annual banquet on Thursday, Oct. 17 at Grand Ely Lodge. Tickets are available by calling 218-365-5550.



Area Solid Waste Facility site hours

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ORR CENTER



Celebrating fall...

The father-daughter team of Paul and Bryn Stefanich, of Mt. Iron, took top honors at this year's Orr Pumpkin Fest's Lions Club Giant Pumpkin weigh-in. Their winning pumpkin weighed in at 405 lbs. Second place was Crosby Villebrun with a 106 lb. pumpkin, and right behind was Fred Gutzmann, also with a 106 lb. pumpkin. The day also included a 5K run, pumpkin painting, scarecrow dressing contest, model rocket launching, drone obstacle course, and more. The event was sponsored by the Orr Lions Community Foundation and the ORR Center. photos by M. Roach



Meeting set to discuss Little Fork River Watershed

REGIONAL- The Little Fork River Watershed is now in its second cycle of the Watershed Restoration and Protection Project (WRAP). The public is invited to two public meetings to learn more about this project. The first will take place on Wednesday, Oct. 9 at the Littlefork Community Building, and the second will take place on Thursday, Oct. 10 in Cook at the LaCroix Ranger District office. Presentations at both events will begin at 5 p.m. with an open house to follow. Refreshments will be included throughout.

In 2012, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the Minnesota Board of Soil and Water Resources initiated the 10-year WRAP to determine the quality of the waters in the Little Fork River Watershed and to develop a long-range plan for keeping its waters healthy. The Little Fork River Watershed is one of 81 major watersheds in the state and encompasses a total area of 1,843 square miles.

In previous years, public events were held to discuss the MPCA's Monitoring and Assessment Report on the Little Fork River Watershed for Cycle One. This report showed five segments of the river to be impaired due to extra sedimentation causing cloudiness of the water and one segment to be unsuitable for fish habitats.

This second series of public events will discuss the preliminary findings from a recent Surface Water Assessment, as well as a new project that will track the sources of excess sediment in the river and its tributaries during Cycle Two. These events will be hosted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), Koochiching Soil & Water Conservation District (SWCD), Itasca SWCD, and North St. Louis SWCD.

For more information, please contact Becca Reiss, North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District Community Conservationist at 218-288-6143 or becca@nslswcd.org.



New St. Louis County building in Cook to be named after David M. Skelton

REGIONAL- Two longtime county employees and a former commissioner were honored today as the County Board voted to name two buildings and a bridge in their honor.

The Public Works portion of the new St. Louis County Government Services Center-Cook, which will have a ribbon-cutting later this month, will be designated as the David M. Skelton Transportation Building. Skelton worked for St. Louis County Public Works for 33 years, rising to the level of Deputy Public Works Director. He is credited with professionalizing and modernizing maintenance operations.

Skelton attended the board meeting, and said of the honor, "It's pretty humbling. After 12 years of retirement, I'd done for the county would have been forgotten by now. Apparently not." He added that he drives by the new building often on the way to his cabin and never imagined it would be named for him.

A recently reconstructed bridge spanning the Black Duck River in Camp Five Township is now named the James "Ding" Holter Memorial Bridge. The designation comes following a request from the township, which wanted to honor Holter, a longtime resident. Holter worked for St. Louis County Public Works for 39 years, including 28 years as a Highway Maintenance Supervi-



David M. Skelton (center) worked for St. Louis County Public Works for 33 years, rising from Bridge Worker to Deputy Director. He is credited with modernizing the department's road and bridge maintenance operations. He is shown with Public Works Director Jim Foldesi (left) and son Chad Skelton, who currently works for St. Louis County Public Works as Fleet Manager. submitted photo

sor. Holter passed away in 2017, less than four years after retiring.

The new St. Louis County Government Services Center-Virginia, which opened in September, is now designated as the Elizabeth Prebich Building. Prebich served as a County Commissioner for 14 years, representing the 6th District from 1987

until she stepped down in 2000. She also chaired the County Board twice - in 1990 and 1996. Prior to her time on the board, she worked as a county social worker. Prebich passed away in 2001 after a lengthy battle with cancer.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Crafters to gather at Cook Covenant on Wednesday, Oct. 9

COOK- On Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 10 a.m. to noon, ladies and gents who like to craft are invited to come to Cook Covenant Church's Fellowship Hall (back door or side/elevator door) to knit, crochet, quilt, draw, paint- or any craft they'd like. Those who come always enjoy meeting new friends, renewing acquaintances, and learning or improving crafting skills. Coffee, tea, and chai are always served. The group meets every second Wednesday.

A special "how to use your sewing machine" session for new sewers is planned soon, so watch for the announcement. Contact Pastor Linda at 218-410-1768 with any questions.

Readers and Rappers meet Oct. 8

COOK- The Cook Area Book Club, Readers and Rappers, has its next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at 1 p.m.

Meeting place is the Community Room at the Homestead Apartments in Cook.

"Rare Birds" by Author Kathleen Novak is the book to be discussed. The moderator is Lois Trygg and the hostess is Vickie Lang.

November's book selection is "Matriarch" by Susan Page. New members are always welcome.

American Legion membership now open to all who have served in the military

ORR- The Legion Act, recently passed by Congress, has

opened up American Legion membership to an additional 4.2 million military veterans.

Previously, only veterans who had served during a combat era were eligible for membership. This also applies to those who have served in the National Guard. Now, any veteran who served on active duty, and was honorably discharged, is eligible to join.

Robert Galaz, of the Orr Legion Post 480, said they welcome all area veterans to consider joining.

Susan Martin Memorial Members Show opens Oct. 4; public reception from 5 - 7 p.m.

COOK- On Friday, Oct. 4, there will be an exciting reception at the NWFA Gallery in

Cook from 5 to 7 p.m. to open the Susan Martin Memorial Members Show. The public is welcome to join us for the exhibits and refreshments. The Gallery is located at 210 S River St. next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon.

The show runs from Oct. 4 to Oct. 26, featuring the members of Northwoods Friends of the Arts. The arts and craft show and sale is exhibiting dozens of the stunning works of the talented members of NWFA. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday.

Cook Public Library expands Tuesday hours

COOK- Starting Oct. 1, the Cook Public Library will be open on Tuesday from 10 a.m.

to 5 p.m. Additional hours are Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Thursday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Friday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Cook Public Library offers public computers, printer, copy and fax machines, and Wi-Fi. Books, audio books, and DVDs are available for check out with a library card. The library hosts programs and special events throughout the year including summer reading, winter reading, Fiber Arts month and Legacy events. The Friends of the Cook Public Library plan and organize fundraisers including the annual book sale and holiday basket raffle. Come check us out!



**JOHN
VUKMANICH**

As we close out the first month of school, I am thinking of how fast it went! The leaves are dropping and it finally feels like football season. This week, my interview is with a new North Woods teacher who was born and raised in the area, Mr. Dan Reing.

Where are you originally from and where did you go to high school and college?

I was born and raised in Cook. I attended and graduated from Cook High School. I went to college and graduated from Bemidji State with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. I am currently again attending Bemidji State pursuing a Master's Degree in Special Education.

Were there teachers who were an influence on you? Please name a few if you can.

My mom, Nancy Reing was an influence. She has taught preschool for over 30 years. Mrs. Kurz was one, she pushed me and I hated to admit it, but it worked. Mrs. C. and Mr. Scherf did as well. There are others as well. I don't have enough space.

What characteristics did these teachers have that were important to you?

The teachers made me work and earn my grade. They were good role models who cared about their students. They were honest, had integrity and they were patient. They did their best to make it fun while still being serious.

What do you teach at North Woods?

I teach Special Education with Learning Disabilities for 5th and 6th grade. I also help coach junior high and varsity football.

Why did you choose teaching as a profession?

Teaching has always been in my blood and runs in the family. My great-grandfather taught at the Cook School, and my mother and wife also

teach preschool. I taught some classes while working in my police profession as well. I feel comfortable working with youth. I have been around them my whole life.

What are your hobbies?

I like to play basketball. I enjoy the outdoors and activities such as hunting, ice fishing, hiking, and some amateur photography. I enjoy spending time at the lake with family and also enjoy Minnesota professional sports. I also enjoy traveling.

What is something you like about North Woods?

I like being close to home. I have a familiarity with the area and the staff. I work with some really good teachers. The 5th and 6th grade teachers have really helped me, made me feel welcome, and made me feel



part of the team.

What is a professional goal for you?

I want to become a better teacher; every day I want to get better. I want to be comfortable with all of the paperwork and nuances of the job. I would like to earn my tenure and stick around.

What is something you love about northern Minnesota?

The outdoors are special up here. I love that it

is not crowded and is peaceful here. It is home and is familiar. It's a good place to raise kids.

What is a piece of advice you'd give your students?

I tell my students to work hard, be honest, own your mistakes, and do their best every day.

Do you have a favorite saying or expression?

I am a huge Vikings fan. However, I do admire New England Patriots coach Bill Belichick. He has a simple phrase: "do your job." I tell my kids all the time, when you are with me you work. Your work is the job you need to do for the day. I push them to get better every day.

What do you hope your students remember you for?

I hope they remember me for helping them in their schoolwork and teaching them. I want to

prepare them for the real world. I hope to teach them respect, honesty, and integrity. I hope I can contribute to their growth into adults as others have done before me.

Mr. Reing, we are happy that you are here at North Woods as a member of our great team of teachers. We wish you the best as you work through college for the second time! On a sidenote, it is quite common for teachers to continue to work while pursuing a graduate degree or additional licensure. A recent law change now requires high school teachers to have a Master's degree in their specific content area or a Master's in Education plus eighteen credits in their content area to teach a college-credit course in a high school setting. The old rule was a Master's degree in any education field and a Bachelor's in the content area. It is a lot of additional coursework for teachers, and the commitment that you make to further your degree while you continue in your teaching job is admirable and appreciated.

Cook-Orr Calendar

October is Fiber Arts Month at the Cook Public Library

COOK- We've expanded Quilt Month to include all Fiber Arts!

Come to the library all month long to see local fiber art pieces including quilting, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, weaving, spinning, and felting. Fiber-art themed books for all ages will be available for check out. Each check out earns a chance to win one of several prizes. The Friends of the Cook Public Library are sponsoring a ticket raffle for a chance to win a beautifully hand-embroidered wool wall hanging, donated by a local artist.

A special event in October is the Fiber Arts Tea on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at 5 p.m.

New Cook Thrift Shop donation hours

COOK- Due to continued theft, vandalism of the donation bin, and donations that are unacceptable and need to be disposed of (at our cost), the Thrift Shop Auxiliary board recently made the decision to only accept donations when workers are on site. Donation hours are now on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and the second and fourth Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. Other than these times, the donation bin will be locked. Thrift Shop volunteers understand that this change in policy will be a great inconvenience to many, but even after posting signs and sending out public requests, issues have continued and we see no other course of action.

Thank you for your continued patronage and we appreciate the support of our many shoppers and donors.

Calendar of Art Events in Cook

Susan Martin Memorial Member Show: Exhibit from Friday, Oct. 4 to Saturday, Oct. 26. Opening reception from 5 to 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4. The members of NWFA are "the stars of the show". Calling all NWFA members to exhibit. Contact Alberta at 218-666-2153 to participate.

Winter Writers Group: Begin the season on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 1 to 3 p.m. All writers and wannabe writers will enjoy this group that meets once a month on the second Saturday.

Jazz at NWFA Gallery with Bill Conger,

Monday, Oct. 28 from 7 to 9 p.m.

Look for a concert, Oct. 25 to 28....the date will be announced soon for a Piatigorsky evening concert in Cook and a concert at North Woods School.

Crane Lake News seeking some new friends to help out writing the weekly column

CRANE LAKE- Welcome to the month of October. The Dames have been very busy this summer. Let us hope that they will have some time to do "News".

Are there any friends of the Crane Lake News who would be willing to help out writing the news? Please remember the funds collected in writing the news goes into the scholarship fund

which has helped many of the local high school graduates further their education. Without the news there will not be funds for the scholarships in the future. Think about it and volunteer to write once in a while. Call the old Dames at 218-757-3233. Have a little news e-mail at info@thelake-country.com or fax 218-757-3533.

The Dames hope to hear from you.

Woodcarving group meets Thursdays

COOK- The NWFA woodcarving group will meet on Thursdays at the gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. Dates are Oct. 10, 24; Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5, 12, and 19. The curious and carving beginners of all ages are encouraged to attend and share this learning experience together. Call Howard Hilshorst for more infor-

Bookmobile Schedule

Thursdays: Oct. 10, 31; Nov. 21; Dec. 12

Nett Lake Community Center	9:30 - 1:15
Crane Lake Ranger Station	11:15 - 12:00
Orr Lake Country ReMax Bldg	1:45 - 2:30
Kabetogama Town Hall	3:15 - 3:45

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

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Orr Canister Site 4038 Hwy 53 Winter Hours Tue, Thur: 9am–noon Sat: 8am–noon	Portage Canister Site 6992 Crane Lake Rd. Winter Hours Tue, Sat: 1pm–4:30pm	County 77 Canister Site 2038 County Rd. 77 Winter Hours Thurs, Sun: noon–5pm
Cook Transfer Station 2134 S. Beatty Rd. Hours Mon: 10am–6pm Tues thru Sat: 9am–3:30pm	Regional Landfill 5341 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia Hours Mon–Fri: 8am–4:30pm Sat: 8am–3:30pm	St. Louis County Environmental Services Department 1-800-450-9278 Office hours 8-4:30 Monday through Friday www.stlouiscountymn.gov/recycle
Household Hazardous Waste Facilities 5345 Regional Landfill Rd., Virginia Tue, Sat: 8am–1pm		3994 Landfill Rd, Hibbing Sat: 8am–1pm

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IRPS presents first annual Pasty Festival, Oct. 5 in Mt. Iron

REGIONAL- Join us for the first annual Iron Range Pasty Festival, a fundraiser for the Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability. Homemade pasties, containing all local ingredients, are the stars of the show. \$10 buys a pasty, slaw, and a beverage, served from 3-7 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5 at the Mt. Iron Community Center. (\$8 for a frozen pasty to take home, with a limit of five.)

The day features family activities, including a scavenger hunt, rutabaga bowling, Mrs. Rutabaga Head contest, Play-Doh pasty-making for the young ones, music by Sara Softich and Friends, an exhibit by the Virginia Historical Society, raffles, "People's Choice" pasty award featuring Iron Range pasty makers, Slovenian button box music, a DIY Mining photo booth, and s'mores over an open fire. For the adults, a local craft beer garden opens at 6 p.m. featuring brews from around the Range. At 7 p.m., we'll join in with KAXE radio's Saturday night call-in trivia show "Green Cheese", also celebrating the pasty and featuring questions about Iron Range history and food traditions.

Tickets are available at www.brownpapertickets.com (search for pasty festival) and at the door. The Mt. Iron Community Center is handicap accessible and located at 8586 Enterprise Dr. South, just off Hwy. 169 at Emerald Ave.

Contact Melissa Roach, Executive Director of Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability, with questions, melissa.roach@irpsmn.org or 218-969-6872.

Create Your Own Comic Character Workshop at local libraries

REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present Create Your Own Comic Character Workshop with Trisha Speed Shaskan and Stephen Shaskan, a free two-hour workshop being offered for ages grade five and older on Thursday, Oct. 10, 1 p.m. at Babbitt Public Library and 6 p.m. at Cook Public Library.

Do you like to read graphic novels or comics? Do you like to draw? Write? Have you ever drawn a character from different angles? In this class, you'll learn different tools that will help you create a comic character and start your own story. The instructors, Minnesota author Trisha Speed Shaskan and Minnesota author/illustrator Stephen Shaskan, are the creators of the picture book Art Panels, BAM! Speech Bubbles, POW! Writing and Illustrating Your Own Graphic Novel and the Q & Ray graphic novel series. This two-hour workshop is appropriate for fifth graders and older. Registration is capped at 40 attendees.

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, please see our calendar at www.alslib.info, follow us on Twitter @ALSLibraryNews, or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/alslibinfo.

Celebrate the new Bookmobile and shop the Book Sale, Friday, Oct. 11

MTIRON- The Arrowhead Library System invites you to attend their Bookmobile Celebration and Book Sale on Friday, Oct. 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The event will be held, rain or shine, at the Arrowhead Library System Headquarters garage, located at 5528 Emerald Ave. in Mt. Iron.

Stop by to take a tour of the new ALS Bookmobile. The new ALS Bookmobile first hit the road in the beginning of June 2019. ALS has been providing Bookmobile service to northeastern Minnesota residents for over fifty years. The Bookmobile carries a collection of books, DVDs, books-on-CD, music CDs, and video games.

The book sale will have an assortment of materials that have been withdrawn from the ALS Bookmobile and Mail-A-Book collections. With thousands of titles to browse, you're sure to find something that piques your interest. ALS will be accepting free-will donations, and all proceeds will go towards funding for the Bookmobile and Mail-A-Book collections.

To locate the nearest stops, you can contact the ALS Bookmobile service via telephone at 218-741-3840 or view the schedule and a map of stop locations on the web at <https://www.alslib.info/services/bookmobile/>.

GREENWOOD

Greenwood Rec Board hosts free community pizza night on Oct. 12

GREENWOOD TWP- The Greenwood Community Recreation Board has worked for several years to provide area residents, and visitors, a place to meet, play and enjoy. The pavilion provides a great place for family and friends; the playground is where children use up some of that never-ending energy; and the bocce courts/bean bag games/horseshoe pit are there for all ages.

We now want to thank everyone for helping us to create this recreation area. Please join us on Saturday, Oct. 12 from 5-8 p.m. at the Vermilion Club where we will provide the pizza. We will celebrate the accomplishments, review what we have done in 2019, and chat on our thoughts and your suggestions for the future.

Mark your calendars for an

evening of complimentary Poor Gary's pizza and fun. We will have tickets available for one raffle basket full of items we have purchased from many of the local businesses that have been so generous in supporting the recreation area. Just a small way of giving a little back to say THANK YOU. See you there!

Workshop for small and hobby maple syrup producers, Oct. 23 in Duluth

DULUTH- The Minnesota Maple Syrup Producers Association (MMSPA) will be hosting "Celebrating Superior Sweetness," the North American Maple Syrup Council's (NAMSC) and International Maple Syrup Institute's (IMSI) annual convention, in Duluth from Oct. 21 to 24. We invite smaller maple syrup producers and hobbyists from across the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin to attend a one-day session on Wednesday, Oct. 23 to learn more about their craft. Program fee is \$35 for the day and includes entry into the largest maple industry

trade show in Minnesota history, technical sessions on best practices, value-added products, syrup quality, chainsaw safety, a group luncheon, and a program book.

Convention Planning Committee co-chair Stu Peterson and Director of the MMSPA says, "This is a great one-time opportunity for small and beginning maple syrup producers. The trade show, workshops, and speaker topics will include equipment and presentations that apply to the small producers who are so prevalent in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The one-day registra-

tion option is intended to make the program available to those on busy schedules. It will be the best \$35 a producer can spend learning maple."

Additionally, on Oct. 24 and 25, the International Maple Syrup Institute will conduct a maple syrup grading school in Duluth, which will be an opportunity to learn about proper grading equipment and techniques, off flavors, and quality control. Pre-registration is required for both events. Visit www.mnmaple.org for more information.

DFL Issues Forum at Vermilion CC on Saturday, Oct. 12

ELY- On Saturday afternoon, Oct. 12, at Vermilion Community College, a free program, "Democratic Values in Action: Northern Minnesota Issues Forum," will address concerns that are of the highest importance to most Americans today. The public will have an opportunity to hear outstanding speakers on the following topics: Economic Inequality, Kris Hallberg, Ph.D., World Bank Economist; Healthcare, Rose Roach, Executive Director, MN Nurses Association; and Climate Change, Barbara Jones, Ph.D., Physicist. Ken Martin, MN State Chair of the

Democratic Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party, will lead off the afternoon discussing DFL values and the policy issues that are generated by those values.

Valerie Myntti, of Eagles Nest, whose family has had ties to Ely for several generations, reflects that Iron Rangers have a long history of lending a hand to neighbors and finding creative solutions together. She invites people to "come together at the Issues Forum to think about and address the 21st century challenges our communities face."

The Forum begins at 12:30 p.m.

with coffee and plus an opportunity to visit with the speakers before the formal presentations, which begin at 1 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Bring your questions, your curiosity, and an open mind.

The forum is sponsored by North of the Divide Democratic Farmer-Labor Party. For more information, contact Valerie Myntti at 218-365-5500 or vmynntti@frontiernet.net or Mary Louise Icenhour at 218-365-3204 or icenhour22@yahoo.com.

Al Franken to speak at Oct. 12 DFL fundraiser in Hibbing

HIBBING- On Saturday, Oct. 12, former U.S. Senator Al Franken will headline as the keynote speaker at the Iron Range Fundraiser in Hibbing. Making a rare, special appearance on Minnesota's Iron Range, Al Franken will speak to an anticipated crowd of 600 at this fundraiser. True to his career, Franken will bring laughter mixed with a meaningful message highlighting our country's current state of affairs.

In anticipation of the event, Franken said, "Tommy Rukavina said the key to the Range was being short. I'll bring that. While my

speech may be a bit longer than Tommy's, it will involve less yelling. I'm looking forward to seeing my friends, and making sure the DFL has the resources it needs to win with the hard-working, pro-union, good-looking folks on the Range."

This fundraiser will be held at the Crown Ballroom, 214 East Howard St. in Hibbing. It includes local music, a silent auction, cash bar, ethnic cuisine and various speakers. Seating is limited to 600. Tickets are \$50 per person or \$500 to reserve a table for eight. The evening begins at 4 p.m. with local musicians. Dinner

will be served starting at 5:30 p.m. Al Franken will speak around 7 p.m. The fundraiser is open to the public and tickets are available on a first-come-first-served basis. Tickets can be purchased by contacting Cathy Daniels to send cash or a check, or online at https://secure.actblue.com/donate/ironrangedfl_fundraiser. Tickets are limited. Make checks payable to Senate District 06 DFL and mail to Senate District 06 DFL, Box 494, Hibbing MN 55746. The fundraiser is to benefit Senate District 06 DFL.

Ely Community Health announces free fluoride varnish treatments

ELY- We would like to update everyone about our new fluoride varnish dental clinics. These clinics are open the second and fourth Monday evenings at the Ely Community Health Center from 5:40 p.m. to 6 p.m.

The next dates are Oct. 14 and 28. These treatments are applied at no cost to the patient and should be repeated every three to six months.

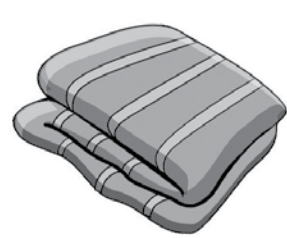
If you have any concerns about what this treatment consists of, we

have addressed some of your basic questions.

► What is fluoride? Fluoride is a naturally-occurring mineral that has been shown to reduce the risk of cavities for people of all ages. It is also very effective in reducing tooth sensitivity due to gum recession and loss of enamel.

► What is fluoride varnish? Fluoride varnish is similar to the fluoride gel that is applied during your cleaning visit using special

trays. In contrast, fluoride varnish will stay on the teeth for a few hours which multiplies its effectiveness. It will "wash off" after 4-6 hours by design as it is exposed to food and liquids, as well as the forces of the teeth and your jaw. This type of fluoride varnish can be applied to the entire mouth in about two minutes. It can be an economical way to treat sensitivity in adults and provides an additional tool that protects the teeth from cavities and sensitivity.



October 1st -
December 1st

Blanket material requirements:

New fabric/Yarn must be used, single or double sided flannel blankets, knitted & crocheted blankets, quilts with light batting, knitted & crocheted blankets and fleece tie - blankets - a favorite of the patients.

Common sizes: (approximate)

Infant/toddlers - 1.5 yards x 1.5 yards = 54"x54"

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Blankets may be dropped off at any of our 3 branches Embarrass, Tower or Aurora before November 29th, so we may deliver them before the end of the year.



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TOWER BINGO Monday, Oct. 7

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, Oct. 7 at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m. Senior Bingo is organized by the Friends of the Vermilion Country Charter School. In case of inclement weather school closure in Tower, bingo will be cancelled. Questions, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

Upcoming dates for 2019/2020:

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SULFIDE MINING

Two-year copper-nickel mining study could get new life

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The two-year study of the impacts of copper-nickel mining on the edge of the Boundary Waters could have new life if the U.S. House and a bipartisan group of U.S. Senators have their way.

Senators Tom Udall, a New Mexico Democrat, and Lamar Alexander, a Tennessee Republican, both announced their support late last week for a provision approved by the U.S. House earlier this year that would require the Trump administration to complete the study, which it abruptly cancelled last year.

Both Udall and Alexander sit on the Appropriations subcommittee that oversees funding for the Interior Department and environmental agencies.

In June, the

Democratically-controlled House included a provision in a \$37 billion Interior Department appropriations bill that would require the administration to complete the study, which was examining the potential impacts of a proposed 20-year moratorium on mineral leasing on about 234,000 acres of federal land within the Superior National Forest. The measure was not a part of a \$38.1 billion Interior Department funding package approved last week in the Senate, but with a majority of senators on the subcommittee that drafted the spending bill, and both of Minnesota’s U.S. Senators, now backing the study, the measure stands a good chance of being included in the final package once House and Senate negotiators meet to hash out differences between the two versions.

Udall, who will be a

member of the conference committee, announced he would push for the inclusion of the House language to complete the mining study. The House provision, in part, states: “Accordingly, the Committee directs the Secretary of Agriculture, acting through the Forest Service, to reinstate and complete the Rainy River Watershed mineral withdrawal study in accordance with Section 204 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976, and to provide that study and all associated analysis to the Committee. Further, the Committee directs that the Secretaries of the Interior and Agriculture shall take such actions as are necessary to segregate such lands during the period of study and forego taking any action that would advance mining within the watershed during the period of study and

review.”

Udall, in announcing his support for completion of the study, criticized the Trump administration’s handling of the mine proposal. “This is an example of where this administration is taking a one-sided approach on behalf of the mining industry and it is wrong,” said Udall. “I know that in this instance, pushing back on the administration’s actions is a bipartisan priority and I understand that Senator Alexander joins me in supporting this amendment when we go to the conference and that’s a powerful message.”

Sen. Alexander called the Boundary Waters “a spectacular wilderness,” and said he backs completion of the study prior to any decision to advance a mining proposal.

The Trump administration abruptly cancelled the study last year, just four months before its

scheduled completion. The administration has since refused to release any of the preliminary results of the study, even to Congress. The administration had promised to complete the study, which began in the waning days of the Obama administration, but later reversed itself.

The U.S. Forest Service, in 2016, had announced that it would not consent to a proposal from Twin Metals to mine sulfide-based ore just upstream of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area due to concerns about the agency’s ability to protect water quality in the 1.1 million-acre wilderness given the high risks associated with sulfide-based mining. In announcing that decision, Forest Service officials stated that the mine plan presented a high risk of “irreparable harm” to the wilderness and its exceptional water quality.

That announcement led to the cancellation of mineral leases that the Department of the Interior had originally issued back in 1966.

The Trump administration reversed those actions, cancelling the study and reissuing the cancelled leases. The administration also appeared to unilaterally overrule existing federal law by stripping the Forest Service of its right to approve or deny mining proposals on the Superior. A number of Minnesota businesses, including several from Ely, and the national Wilderness Society, have joined forces to challenge the administration’s actions in federal court. An initial decision in that case could come before the end of the year.

The Twin Metals venture is a wholly-owned subsidiary of international copper giant Antofagasta.

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would affect those not on the property,” wrote Judge Erickson.

Erickson’s decision did not consider that the land exchange was undertaken for the express purpose of developing an open pit mine and that state and federal regulators have since issued PolyMet the permits it needs to move forward with its mine plan. But Erickson, as is typical, could only base her decision on the record developed at the time the Forest Service approved

the land exchange. At that point, the permits had not yet been issued.

Some of those permits have since been stayed by other courts while allegations of wrongdoing in the permit application process are investigated by the courts and state and federal watchdogs.

The remote nature of the proposed mine site clearly hampered the plaintiffs’ arguments in the case. The area in question has no road access, which makes it difficult for the

public to access the lands. To have standing for an environmental lawsuit, plaintiffs typically need to demonstrate that they regularly use the lands or waters that appear to be threatened in order to demonstrate that they are at risk of harm due to a particular action. While several of the plaintiffs presented affidavits from individuals who said they have visited the lands in question on one or two occasions and might want to do so again in the future,

the judge found that wasn’t sufficient to gain standing for a lawsuit.

“The plaintiffs failed to present an injury that is concrete, particularized, and actual or imminent, nor an injury that is fairly traceable to the defendant’s challenged behavior,” wrote Erickson in her opinion.

By dismissing the case “without prejudice,” the judge gives the plaintiffs the right to return to court in the future to pursue their claim, but without

some additional argument on which to base proper standing, Judge Erickson’s decision could well stand.

Environmental groups expressed disappointment and some puzzlement over the decision. Attorney Marc Fink, representing the Center for Biological Diversity said his organization is “reviewing the decision and discussing our options.”

PolyMet officials, meanwhile, expressed satisfaction. “This decision is consistent with

our longstanding position that the NorthMet Project stands on firm legal ground and meets all of the conditions required of it by a rigorous and lengthy environmental review and permitting process,” said Jon Cherry, president and CEO. “We are grateful for the court’s thoughtful and careful consideration of this matter and pleased that a longer process in the district court now will be avoided.”

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of highly-contaminated water from the company’s tailings basin north of Virginia.

That tailings basin discharges water that is high in sulfates and other contaminants into the Dark River through a surface discharge point. It also seeps large quantities of contaminated water into the Sand River, a tributary of the Pike River, which feeds Lake Vermilion.

The MPCA had initially expressed support for the U.S. Steel proposal, but faced opposition from tribal governments and environmentalists.

U.S. Steel’s petition was highly technical in nature and sought to change the official classification of a portion of the Dark River

that supports wild and stocked trout. Public waters in Minnesota are regulated based on their classifications, which reflect potential uses of those waters, such as drinking water, recreation, industrial or agricultural irrigation. Those classes include: Class 1 (drinking water), Class 2 (aquatic life, recreation, and wildlife) Class 3 (industrial), Class 4 (agricultural), and Class 5 (aesthetic enjoyment).

Many public waters have multiple designated uses and, when taken together, those designations can impact the water quality standards that the MPCA is required to enforce for those lakes or streams.

U.S. Steel had sought

to drop three designated uses, including drinking water, industrial, and agricultural, for the trout stream portion of the Dark River, which begins about a mile and a half downstream from Dark Lake. According to the company, the change makes sense, since the stretch of river is unlikely to be used for industrial purposes or agriculture and it is not currently used in any significant means for drinking water. The trout stream segment of the Dark River extends eight miles and is located within the Superior National Forest, about 16 miles northeast of Chisholm.

The agency, back in March, issued a call for public comments on

U.S. Steel’s proposal, and MPCA officials indicated at the time that they were supportive of the proposed change, announcing that they were tentatively planning to develop a “use and value demonstration” to remove the uses as U.S. Steel is seeking, “based on the determination that the specific beneficial uses of drinking water, industrial consumption and agricultural irrigation do not currently exist for the trout reach portion of the Dark River, and are reasonably unlikely to occur in the future.”

Yet, in its Sept. 30 letter to Chrissy Bartovich, the director of U.S. Steel’s environmental division for its Minnesota ore operations, the MPCA’s

Catherine Neuschler informed the company that its petition “does not support a review of the designated uses.”

But the MPCA is still not ruling out a change. Instead, the agency is requiring U.S. Steel to provide additional documentation to support its contention that the waters in question are not used

for industrial purposes. The MPCA also noted that the company’s proposed change would not guarantee that the existing water quality in downstream waters would be maintained, as is required under state water quality rules.

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BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA WILDERNESS

Recreation needs discussed at USFS open house in Ely

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Steve Nelson, owner of Spirit of the Wilderness Outfitters in Ely, talked with U.S. Forest Service personnel last week during an open house meant to examine the use of recreational commercial services in the Superior National Forest, including the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

“I hope what we as outfitters are saying does not get discounted,” Nelson said after a brief discussion with Ryan Blaisdell, a special use permit administrator for the Forest Service.

Nelson has been an outfitter for decades and notices some trends developing in the north woods tourism business his family depends on.

Forest Service officials were available to gather information from the public, special use permittees, partners, tribes, and those people like Nelson who use or have knowledge about recreational commercial services, who recreate, or who have other relevant concerns regarding recreation and recreational



U.S., Forest Service personnel and Ely-area outfitters gathered recently at Vermilion Community College for an open house to examine the recreational commercial services in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. photo by K. Vandervort

commercial uses in federal lands.

While examining the use of recreational commercial services on the federal lands IS required under a settlement agreement with Wilderness Watch Inc, the Forest Service says it is committed to taking a broader look at commercial recreation services across the Superior National Forest.

In 2015, Wilderness Watch Inc. sought a federal court order seeking to limit commercial towboat use on the BWCAW. “The Forest Service determined that a more holistic examination would better serve the public and the Forest,”

said USFS Acting Public Affairs Specialist Doug Thompson. As such, the Forest Service is examining all recreational commercial services across the National Forest.

“There are several trends that I have been seeing over the last several years,” Nelson said at the open house, held in the theater lobby at Vermilion Community College and attended by dozens of interested outdoor enthusiasts from the Ely area.

“We are seeing shorter trips into the Boundary Waters,” he said. “Many trips are just three or four days in length where they used to be five to eight days

long. Along with that, we are seeing more and more smaller groups going in.”

Nelson said he was most concerned with the future of the use of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. “Are we seeing younger people visiting the BWCA?” he asked. “My answer is, ‘not like we used to.’”

He also pointed to a growing lack of “wilderness ethics” by users of the Boundary Waters. “There is a motto of ‘leave no trace,’ but that seems to be going away,” Nelson said. In addition, Nelson stressed the importance of wilderness safety issues and the increasing focus

on liability responsibility within the Forest.

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

The open house in Ely this week was just a small part of the development of the needs assessment.

The assessment takes into consideration the range of recreation opportunities for the area based on recreation supply and demand, according to

USFS External Affairs Program Manager and Tribal Liaison Lisa Radosevich-Craig. “The analysis and resulting decision may lessen concentrated use/crowding and provide a more primitive experience if traveling on one’s own,” she said.

“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 National Environmental Policy Act,” she said. “The Forest does not anticipate adjustments to existing recreational commercial services permits based upon the needs assessment at this time.”

Nelson said he was concerned with the motives of the Forest Service and what they will do with the data collected through the needs assessment. “I am hoping for more correct usage of the Forest. And I’m hoping for a good outcome based on what we are saying here,” he said.

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

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the hiring committee, comprised of interim clerk-treasurer Ann Lamppa, Joki-Martin, Tower resident Richard Hanson, council member Mary Shedd and mayor Orlyn Kringstad, to meet behind closed doors to settle on a recommendation.

Forty minutes later, the committee returned to the council chambers and announced their recommendation in favor of Ranua. Mayor Orlyn Kringstad acknowledged that the hiring committee had been divided on the decision. “We had quite a discussion. Obviously, we had two excellent candidates,” he said. In the end, the majority on the committee had come down in favor of Ranua, based mostly on the extent of her experience. The full council then approved the recommendation with little discussion.

Ranua brings a wealth

of experience in project management to the city at a time when mismanagement of city projects under the former clerk-treasurer has left the city in difficult financial straits. Ranua began her career with the Mdewakanton as an environmental specialist, but moved up quickly, eventually becoming the land manager for the tribe, which has experienced tremendous growth and new development over the past two decades. In that role, Ranua oversaw a wide range of complex issues, including processing the expansion of tribal trust lands, building productive relations with neighboring governments, administering road projects, wetland mitigation, and other development-related issues. She also oversaw the enhancement of tribal food systems, including the creation and operation of the Wazupi tribal gardens, which include

farm fields and greenhouses designed to improve the food sovereignty of the Mdewakanton community. She also handled the realty side of such projects, negotiating land purchases, leases, and easements depending on the project. In addition, she oversaw the digitization and cataloging of a large volume of historical land records which helped to streamline land management operations for the tribe. Throughout her work, she frequently managed project budgets many times the size of the city of Tower’s general fund budget, as well as several employees who worked under her.

In addition, Ranua has managed multiple state grants totaling \$500,000 from the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, or LCCMR, for work she does for a nonprofit organization that maintains an online data-

base on the state’s wildflowers. Mismanagement of an LCCMR grant by the former clerk-treasurer has put the city of Tower in a significant financial hole.

Ranua’s depth of knowledge and attention to detail came through in her interview on Monday.

In response to an interview question that sought her thoughts on economic development, she said she sees her proper role as providing support to the Tower Economic Development Authority, which she said is supposed to be the economic development arm of the city. She said the city already has a valuable asset in its industrial park and she cited a development plan for the park that the city developed back in 2009 but seems to have mostly been ignored since. “I’m not going to allow these things to sit on the shelf,” she said.

Ranua noted that the Tower Elementary has an 88 percent free and reduced lunch count, suggesting that the community is one of the poorest in the state. “That’s an indicator of community health,” she said. She noted that families in the community are further stressed financially just from the cost of having to commute to Ely or Virginia for employment, and that providing jobs locally would help

improve the status of families in Tower. In addition to working to develop the industrial park, Ranua said the city and TEDA should focus on addressing contamination issues at some existing commercial sites, which could be redeveloped more easily if the environmental liability issues were addressed. She said contamination at such sites is likely limiting the pool of potential buyers, providing a challenge to redevelopment.

While the city has a number of strengths, she said it now has one significant issue that needs to be addressed. “Right now, the biggest barrier to growth could be your sewer capacity,” she said. She noted how that same issue had hamstrung growth for the Mdewakanton early on, until they were able to expand their capacity. She said the city needs to work on reducing inflow and infiltration as a first step to addressing the issue, with expansion possible in the future.

When asked about her top economic development priorities over the next five years, she said extending broadband access throughout the community, bringing new businesses to the business park, and addressing the sewage capacity issue to allow for new growth, were at the top of her list.

Ranua stressed that whatever role she plays needs to be grounded in proper authority, whether council direction, the city charter or ordinances, or state law. “I’m very foundational in the way I approach these things,” she said.

Details of city employment

The details of Ranua’s employment are not necessarily settled, and as of Wednesday she had not officially accepted the position. While the pay package and benefits advertised were per the previous clerk-treasurer’s union contract, Ranua noted that most clerk-treasurers are not members of a union, since it is considered a management position. “I’d rather be protected by the quality of my work,” she said, suggesting that she might prefer to negotiate with the city outside of a union process.

The city maintains a contract with the Teamsters Local 320, but the union currently represents the former clerk-treasurer and has grieved her dismissal, raising questions about how the union can legitimately represent two people in the same job.

The *Timberjay* reached out to the Bureau of Mediation Services, which oversees union contracts in the state, but the bureau did not respond as of press time.

In other business, the council approved letting bids to pour a concrete floor in the south half of the Lamppa building to accommodate the company’s desire to occupy more of the building. The space had been left without a finished floor until a tenant could be found. The cost of the additional work is expected to be covered with remaining proceeds from the city’s loan from the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation.

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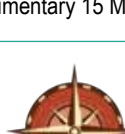
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LAKE VERMILION-SOUDAN UNDERGROUND STATE PARK

What's not to love about bats?

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- Do you love bats? Can you at least appreciate the importance of bats? Or are you scared silly by them?

James Pointer, head interpreter at the Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park tried to convince all those who attended this year's Tower-Soudan Historical Society annual meeting, Sept. 17, that bats are a mammal that deserve our appreciation, if not our love.



James Pointer, head interpreter at Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park, used a bat puppet during a program at the Tower-Soudan Historical Society.
photo by J. Summit

Myotis, and Tri-Colored (used to be called Eastern Pippistrel). Northern Myotis mostly hibernate beneath tree bark. Big Browns tend to be found in human-built structures but have been found in open mine pits at the park. The Tri-Colored are the smallest bat in Minnesota and have been found in the Soudan Mine in the past. Migratory bats (those that do not hibernate) found in the area include the Hoary Bat and the Silver-Haired Bat.

Bats are the longest-lived mammals on earth, for their size.

"We found one bat in the mine that was over 20 years old," he said, "and the oldest bat recorded was over 32 years old." Pointer speculated that the long life may be due to the fact that these bats are hibernating for about half their lives.

Determining the age of an adult bat is difficult, he said. Age is only determined in bats that were banded as pups.

While bats are found around the globe, they are not found in polar regions or extreme desert.

"That why we only have eight species in Minnesota," he said. "They don't like extreme hot or extreme cold."

Bats are the only mammal that can fly.

And bats are also incredibly important to human survival. "They are huge pollinators in the equatorial regions," Pointer said. "Bananas, dates, and cashews are all pollinated by bats." In addition, insect-eating bats eat a lot of agricultural pest species, as well as many, many insects that are problematic to humans, such as mosquitoes.

White Nose Syndrome

But bat populations in Minnesota and across the country are suffering huge declines. The threat facing hibernating bat species across the United States comes from a fungal disease called White Nose Syndrome.

The Soudan Mine has seen its hibernating bat population plunge since the fungus was first detected in 2013. The fungus itself is not fatal to the bats, but it irritates hibernating bats, forcing them to wake during the winter, depleting their fat reserves, and leaving them searching for food when there are no flying insects available.

"The mortality rate in caves and mines is between 90-99 percent," he said. "And with bats only producing one pup a year, it will take generations to rebuild the population."

Pointer said the mine has lost over 90 percent of its bat population since 2013.

The fungus is not a threat to migratory bat species, just those species that hibernate in large colonies, such as in caves or mines.

The fungus is believed to have come from Europe and is also found in China. Those areas still have healthy bat populations. Scientists do not know how long the fungus has been present in those environments. And it is believed that bats in those areas

have grown resistant to the fungus, though the question is how many years it took for this to take place.

"The fungus can live in soils for years," he said.

Bat research and education

Biologists have been studying the bat populations at the Soudan Mine for many years. Each year, Pointer said, they survey bat populations on three of the underground mine levels, and every five years do a comprehensive count of all levels.

"Level 17 used to have groups of 100s and 100s of bats," he said. "Now we just find single digits."

Scientists also do acoustic monitoring underground. Each bat species has a distinctive call, though they are not audible to the human ear. "This tells us what species we have," Pointer said, "but not how many."

Bats are also banded, and DNA samples are taken, to monitor the population. Scientists have also set up cameras to see where and when bats are leaving and entering the mine.

Pointer said they are not sure when bats started using the mine as a major hibernation location.

"The mine is incredible safe," he said. "The bats are undisturbed all winter, and the temperatures are decent."

Pointer said the DNR is interested in getting reports of bats acting

oddly, especially bats flying outside in the winter.

And as far as what people can do to help bats, Pointer had some ideas.

"Avoid disturbing bats during the day," he said. "If you have a bat in your house, wait until night. Be careful not to plug up holes that bats might be inhabiting during the day, while they are resting, wait until night when they are out."

Leather gloves provide sufficient protection if you need to handle a bat, such as getting one out of your house.

"Use a net or a towel to trap the bat," he said. "Wear leather gloves on both hands. Our local bats have very small teeth and can't bite through leather gloves."

Bat houses, properly installed, can provide important habitat.

Pointer urged all the adults to provide proper modeling for others, especially children, when around bats. "Don't shriek or scream when you see one," he said. "Don't show fear of bats to children."

He urged everyone to learn more about bats and how humans can help them.

A good resource for learning more is <http://www.batcon.org/>, the website of Bat Conservation International, which is also a resource for how to build and properly locate a bat house.

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any financial liability for that part of the project. The city has received a \$350,000 IRRR grant for the project. The project includes installation of a new water line, sidewalks, curb and gutter, blacktop, excavation and site preparation work. The city will be opening bids on the infrastructure project on Oct. 8.

Cook City Administrator Theresa Martinson expressed the community's support for the project, publicly thanking everyone at Zup's, especially Matt Zupancich, for their commitment and support for the grocery store being rebuilt.

As the city looks to reduce the proposed levy rate for 2020, the council combed through the Library and Parks and Beautification budget. Librarian Crystal Phillips answered questions the councilors had for the proposed library budget.

She noted the Blandin broadband funds would be ending in August of next year. The council agreed to updated job descriptions for the library and approved a modest increase of \$11,450 in the library salary budget, moving Phillips to a full-time position. Councilors had positive remarks on the quality programs and activities Phillips has scheduled. Deputy Clerk Stephanie Beaudry reported that by switching to insurance through the League of Minnesota Cities, the city would save \$20,000. This is twice the savings that was initially reported last month.

The council learned the "round up" program at Last Chance Liquor for the month of September had raised \$1,100 for fire department turn-out gear. Volunteer firefighter Shane Johnson reported the donation of a pontoon boat for Elbow Lake emergency response. The

department is working on equipping the boat for fire and EMS needs, and training department members on its use.

Cook Area Farmers Market member Melissa Roach thanked the city for their support this year. She also talked about the importance of their support to maintain and build the local food infrastructure to keep existing farms viable,

for the development of beginning farmers, and keeping food dollars local as an economic driver for the area.

In other action, the board:

- Approved an amendment to the city's liquor and beer ordinance. The amendment allows for off-sale beer to be purchased beginning at 10 a.m. on Sundays instead

of 12 p.m.

- Heard Deputy Clerk Stephanie Beaudry and Theresa Martinson's plans for new web page development for the city.
- Approved JPJ Engineering project

updates and funding for an ADA ramp for the library and River Street bridge fencing.

- Approved a Friends of the Park gambling permit request.

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SUPPORTING THE ARTS

With or without spires

Exhibit commemorates Ely artist's Agroccult series

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Local artist Andy Messerschmidt recently hosted an open house at his Ornamental Hermit studio to present and exhibit paintings from his Agroccult series, “With or Without Spires.” The event commemorated the 1,000th painting from the landscape series, started 20 years ago.

In his own words, Messerschmidt describes the series as “a muddle and mash-up of oil, acrylic and collage-based landscape paintings drawing from cartographic fetishization and totem consecration/desecrations on Earth. This is planetary terror as a stage for culture clashes, globalized ideologies and utopian/dystopian vistas,” he said.

Messerschmidt went on to explain that the American landscape has sustained brutal changes, and its short history only underscores the brutality. “Seen by turns as an untouched paradise to control, a lush mystery to explore, a powerful force to be subdued, or a sanitized growing medium to produce, the land has been changed and changed again,” he said. “Westward expansion enabled land



Ely-area artist Andy Messerschmidt recently commemorated the 1,000th painting of his Agroccult series at his Ornamental Hermit studio. photos by K. Vandervort

grabs and territory shaping. The draining of swamps, damming of rivers, and digging of canals produced towns. Slashing, burning, and tillage made way for monoculture.”

He noted that each individual piece, roughly 10 inches square, while completely unique from each other, contains a horizon line. “The horizon may be real or perceived, but it is there to give each view stability or frame of reference,” he said.

The catalog of phys-

ical changes is matched by the spiritual scars: economy-building enslavements, reckoned prodigies and herding into reservations, willy-nilly desecrations of burial grounds, the detonations in Los Alamos, the staining by the Exxon Valdez, he added. “The utopia is indecipherable from the future dystopia it will come to be. Coming full circle, the land is a scuffed and battered pulpit for the new pilgrims, indeed.”

Messerschmidt’s

Agroccult series does not depict these events in a way that is immediately recognizable. Rather, it focuses on the land itself as a stage for the series of tragedies enacted upon it. “Images of archetypal mysticism peek through the curtains of traditional landscapes, asking the viewer to question the ritual, the beliefs, the motives of its cultural totems and memorials now appearing on stage,” he said.

“Where do our land ideologies and geographic



xenophobias come from?” he asked. “What is the burden? Can we be forgiven? It is these very spiritual wisps and abandoned glyphs of former utopias that make for the psychologically-loaded landscape. The desire to revere a traditional landscape scene becomes thwarted by an aberration, by painted orbs, auras, tracers and luminosities adorning the charismatic leaders or totems seen in this series,” he added.

The Ornamental Hermit is located next to the former Music Outfitters, 132 N. First Avenue E. More than 200 paintings from this series are for sale. For more information, call 218-235-4288.

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A worker for Max Gray Construction on Tuesday carries one of 240 sheets of plywood needed for the Ely Memorial High School gymnasium ceiling repair project. photo by K. Vandervort

continue to be played at the Vermilion Community College gymnasium for at least another month until the Memorial gym repairs are completed.

According to ISD 696 Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson, crews from Max Gray Construction, selected by school officials

for the project, began work this week.

“It is possible the closure won’t be as long as projected,” Abrahamson said. He indicated that work began with the portion of the ceiling above the gym floor. “If they can get that part completed first, and then

work on the ceiling above the balcony, we’ll see if we can get in there in less than four weeks,”

Abrahamson stressed that the repair work on the ceiling, involving the installation of as many as 240 sheets of half-inch plywood over the existing lathe and plaster ceiling, is a permanent fix. Acoustical panels will likely be installed over the new plywood ceiling.

The decision made by school board members came after a recommendation by school facilities director Tim Leeson, with consultation from engineers and representatives from Architectural Resources, Incorporated.

Other options were more expensive, up to \$79,000, and included tearing out the existing ceiling out. “With that, we wouldn’t have a permanent fix,” Abrahamson said.

The district will use reserve funds to pay for the project. Abrahamson indicated the school district is not able to submit an insurance claim for the repairs.

“Inspections found no water damage to the roof, even after some recent heavy rains,” Abrahamson said. “No asbestos was found either.”

The gym closure has caused relocation of physical education classes and volleyball games.

The volleyball team’s regular season home finale on Oct. 15, and any Section 7A playoff matches, will also take place at VCC. “I want to say a huge thank you to VCC for being as accommodating as they have been,” Abrahamson added. “They have been just great to work with and we appreciate their partnership as we work through this.”

New leadership

After several months of transition, new ISD 696 Superintendent Erik Erie is set to begin his duties. Abrahamson’s last day

was Monday, Sept. 30.

The school board hired Erie, a former principal at Mesabi East Schools, this past summer and he completed his state licensure requirements by serving an unpaid practicum under the supervision of Abrahamson.

Erie’s license was set to be finalized this week. K-5 Principal Anne Oelke agreed to serve as superintendent on an as-needed basis in the interim.

School board members approved the temporary leadership arrangement, as required by state law, and also approved a contract with Erie during the special meeting last week.

The superintendent’s position here is part-time,

and Erie agreed to a two-year contract that pays him \$72,000 for the 2019-2020 school year, and \$75,000 for 2020-2021. He will not receive health insurance benefits.

In other business, the board set a preliminary levy at the “maximum allowed by law,” that currently shows a slight decrease of about one percent. The final levy will be finalized during a Truth in Taxation hearing in December.

The board also authorized the hiring of Grace Johnson, Shania Baaten and Amanda Mattila to para-professional positions.

Ely man hurt in rollover crash

TOWER – An Ely man was injured last Thursday in a one-car rollover accident on Highway 169 in Vermilion Lake Township.

According to a report from the Minnesota State Police, David R. Kess, 75, was traveling south on Highway 169 at Highway 1 near Tower at about 5:10 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 26, when he lost control of his 2012 Ford Fusion after running onto the shoulder. He over-corrected, rolled over, and came to rest in

the ditch.

Kess sustained non-life threatening injuries and was transported to Essentia Health Care facility in Virginia.

Road conditions were dry at the time of the accident, according to the report. Alcohol was not a factor. Kess was wearing a seatbelt.

The St. Louis County Sheriff’s Department and Tower Fire/EMS responded to the scene.



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CROSS COUNTRY

Ely boys and girls do well at home meet

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY—The Timberwolves hosted the Ely Invite Tuesday at the Ely Golf Course and both teams narrowly missed winning their own meet. The girls team missed first place by two points to International Falls, with 64 points, and settled for second place with 66 points on a tie breaker with Mt. Iron/Buhl.

The boys team also missed first place by two points. They finished

the day in third place with 69 points, right behind Virginia, 67 points, and Eveleth-Gilbert, 68 points.

“Both teams ran well and the top three teams were so close in points,” said Coach Jayne Dusich. “I’m happy with their races.”

Ely runner Luke Olson was missing from his usual place at the front of the pack and finished 66th for the day with a time of 26:54.0. “Luke took it easy running, as he will be running at Swain on Saturday,” Dusich said.

Right: Ely’s top girls finisher, Zoe Devine, kept pace with a Virginia runner during Tuesday’s meet at the Ely Golf Course.

photo by J. Greeney

She also commended the parent sand volunteers who helped make Ely’s home meet a success.

Emmett Faltesek was the top Ely runner and finished fourth with a time of 17:11.8, followed by Jasper

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VOLLEYBALL

Wolves keep winning

Nighthawks struggling with loss of top hitter Hannah Reichensperger

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

B A B B I T T — The Timberwolves continued their dominance on the volleyball court here this week as they beat the Nighthawks in four sets, despite the continued absence of senior standout Brielle Kallberg from the lineup.

Ely took the match 25-13, 25-6, 22-25, and 25-12.

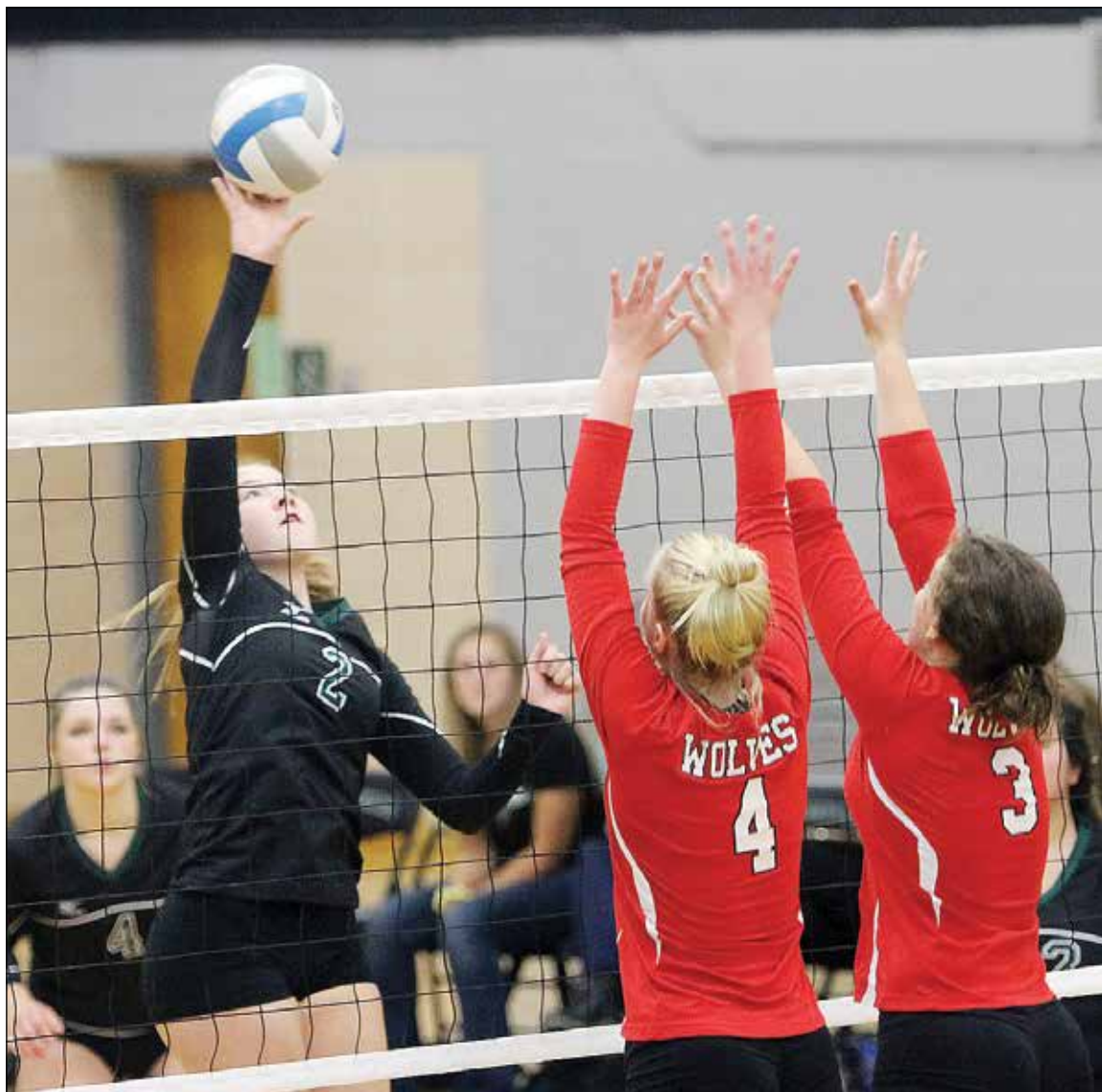
The win, combined with a Tuesday victory against Lakeview Christian Academy, demonstrated the depth of Ely’s team as the Wolves posted nearly 40 kills on Monday, along with impressive serving stats.

“McCartney Kaercher had an excellent night behind the serving line,” said Ely Head Coach Andrea Thomas. “She had long strings of consecutive serves in each set. She also had

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Right: Northeast Range sophomore Natalie Nelmark jumps high for an attempted kill while Ely’s Erika Mattson and Rachel Coughlin team up for an attempted block.

photo by J. Greeney



FOOTBALL

Close but no “W” yet for Timberwolves

Drop homecoming game to Silver Bay

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY—Some homecoming excitement appeared to lift the Timberwolves here last Friday night as they gave 3-1 Silver Bay a run for their money before falling 24-14 in nine-man football competition.

Ely defenders held the Mariners, who are ranked 19th in the state, to a field goal on their first possession. They answered on their next possession with a touchdown and conversion thanks to good field position from a 30-yard kickoff return by freshman Jason Kerntz. Bryce Longwell capped the Ely drive with a 15-yard run with

Right: Ely senior tight end Tjæe Banks and an unidentified teammate wrap up Silver Bay runningback Mason Ollman.

photo by K. Vandervort

2:12 left in the first quarter.

The Mariners took back the lead on a long third-down pass for a touchdown, followed by a fake extra point kick for the two-point conversion to take an 11-8 lead.

Ely came right back with an 85-yard kick-off return for a score by Dalton Schreffler to give Ely a 14-11 lead at halftime.

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Grizzlies suffer home rout to Braham

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

FIELD TWP— These Bombers meant business. After dominating the Barnum Bombers just last week in a 30-12 victory, the Grizzlies had a much tougher time with the *Braham* Bombers, who came to North Woods

looking to improve their 3-1 record.

It was all Braham from start to finish here last Friday night as the Bombers went home with a 52-8 rout under their belt.

“Braham was a tough matchup for us,” said North Woods Head Coach John Jirik. “They were more experienced

on both sides of the ball and dominated the line of scrimmage. They had lots of speed and were a very talented club.”

The Bombers scored mostly at will throughout the game, putting up two touchdowns and two-point conversions in the first quarter to take a 16-0 lead. They added three more touchdowns in

the second quarter to take a 38-0 lead into the break.

The Bombers added two more touchdowns in the second half, played on running time.

Sophomore T.J. Chiabotti offered one of the bright spots

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VOLLEYBALL

Two wins on the week for the Grizz

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

GRAND MARAIS— The Grizzlies notched two solid wins on the week, after downing Cook County here on Monday in four sets.

Senior Kayla Tschida had a big night, posting 14 kills and 11 digs. Fellow senior Coley Olson added 11 kills and 17 digs, while sophomore Abbi Shuster notched 18 digs and seven ace serves. Eighth-grader Tori Olson added 12 digs and four ace serves, while senior Kenzie Fox added 12 digs. Sophomore setter Morgan Burnett added 27 assists and three ace serves.

At Babbitt last Thursday, Olson notched 18 kills and three ace serves to help lead the Grizzlies over Northeast Range in

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Sports week

FOOTBALL

Friday, Oct. 4
North Woods at Hinckley-Finlayson, 7 p.m.

Ely at NE Range, 3:30 p.m.

VOLLEYBALL

Monday, Oct. 7
North Woods hosts Nashauk-Keewatin, 7 p.m.

Northeast Range at Marshall, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 10
Ely at Nashauk-Keewatin, 7 p.m.

NER hosts Kelley, 6:30 p.m.

SWIMMING

Saturday, Oct. 5
Northeast Range at Mesabi East, 12 p.m. Taconite invite

Monday, Oct. 7
Northeast Range at Virginia, 5 p.m., First Years invite

Tuesday, Oct. 8
Northeast Range hosts Virginia, 5 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Saturday, Oct. 5
Swain Invitational, 10 a.m. in Duluth.

Tuesday, Oct. 8
I-Falls Invite, 4 p.m.

CROSS COUNTRY

Ely teams edged by Proctor at Hibbing Invite

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

HIBBING – The Ely boys cross country team was edged by Proctor at the Hibbing Invitational last week. The Timberwolves finished second, right behind first-place Proctor.

The girls team was also edged out, finishing with 117 points to Proctor's 116 points, for second place. International Falls took first among the girls with 99 points.

"We finally had good weather for the meet, but it was windy," said Ely Head Coach Jayne Dusich.

The Ely boys were led by Luke Olson, who finished second overall with a time of 16:47.3 on the 5K course. Faltesek, finished

eighth with a time of 17:43.3, followed by Jasper Johnston, 12th, 18:03.4; Pointer, 27th, 18:57.3; Ethan Bremner, 39th, 19:27.0; Dylan Fenske, 41st, 19:38.1; and Harry Simons, 50th, 19:51.8.

"While most had a good race, Emmett and Gabriel did not feel that great running," Dusich said. "Not every one always has a good day. They know what they can do when feeling good."

Carlton-Wrenshall finished third with 128 points, followed by Virginia, 147, Cromwell-Floodwood, 153, International Falls, 176, Eveleth-Gilbert, 181, Mountain Iron-Buhl, 187, Crosby-Ironton, 199, and Esko, 225, in the top ten.

Freshman runner Zoe Devine paced Ely runners with a time of 21:18.9 for ninth place.

Right: Ely's Luke Olson at the head of the pack moments after the start of the boy's cross country start in Hibbing. Olson ended up finishing second overall.

photo by J. Bianco

Other Ely girls' place and times included Phoebe Helms, 15th, 22:13.0; Sydney Durkins, 17th, 22:23.6; Sarah Isbell, 36th, 23:34.1; Laura Holmstrom, 40th, 24:12.3; Julia Schwinghamer, 43rd, 24:26.5; and Cora Olson, 55th, 24:53.5.

"The girls are doing very well improving their times this week," Dusich said. "Sydney had an awesome race placing 17th and improved her time by a minute, close behind Phoebe who also dropped time."

South Ridge finished in



fourth place with 143 points, and Virginia rounded out the top five teams with 141 points.

Following this week's home meet at the Ely Golf Course, the

Timberwolves head to Duluth on Saturday, Oct. 5 for the Swain Invite, and to International Falls on Tuesday, Oct. 8.

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The Wolves threatened again early in the third quarter until a Silver Bay interception halted a promising drive at the Mariners' 12 yard-line.

Silver Bay took back the lead in the third quarter on a long third-down pass for a touchdown. The conversion failed, leaving the Mariners leading 17-14.

A Mariners' fumble on the one-yard line gave Ely a chance with 1:23 left in the game, but Ely gave the ball right back on an interception, giving the Mariners a chance to pad their score on a 25-yard touchdown run to give them a 24-14 lead and the win.

"We played a good physical game," said coach Cory

Lassi. "We were pretty good on defense, but we gave up a long touchdown. We had lots of holding penalties and that made it tough for us to dig out of second-and-long or third-and-long situations."

Silver Bay senior running-back Mason Ollman chewed up more than 250 yards on the ground on 34 carries.

Ely had a tougher go on the ground. Schreffler totaled 47 yards on the ground, in addition to the 85-yard kick return for a score. On defense, Schreffler had 13 tackles for the night. Longwell knocked down four passes and had an interception.

On offense, Longwell ran in a 15-yard TD.

Right: Ely sophomore Mason Davis makes a touchdown-saving tackle during last Friday's match-up with Silver Bay.

photo by K. Vandervort

"This is the second week in a row where we had a lead at halftime, then couldn't put any more scores on the board," Lassi said. "We have to learn to move the football more consistently."

The Timberwolves were set to travel to Babbitt on Friday afternoon to take on a winless Northeast Range team. "I feel we're pretty evenly matched and that game is defiantly winnable. We have to be ready to play all four quarters," Lassi added.



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Johnston, 8th, 17:11.8; Gabriel Pointer, 13th, 18:27.7; Dylan Fenske, 18th, 18:54.8; Joey Bianco, 27th, 19:45.3; Harry Simons, 28th, 19:58.6; Nate Nettifee, 32nd, 20:10.0; Jon Hakala, 39th, 20:38.8; Raif Olson, 41st, 20:44.8; Bryce Fairchild, 42nd, 20:48.3; Henry Matthys, 65th, 26:53.4.

Zoe Devine paced the varsity girls team for Ely posting a time of

20:48.3 for fifth place. Other girls team finishers, with place and time included: Phoebe Helms, 9th, 21:40.3; Sydney Durkin, 10th, 21:52.1; Sarah Isbell, 21st, 23:16.5; Cora Olson, 23rd, 23:36.2; Laura Holmstrom, 24th, 23:40.2; Julia Schwinghamer, 25th, 23:44.4; Gracie Pointer, 31st, 24:27.1; Brynn Vollom, 34th, 24:44.2; Ana Bercher, 35th, 24:52.4; Amelia Pluth, 36th,

24:59.0; Juliet Stouffer, 48th, 26:38.5; Adrianna Bishop, 51st, 27:14.7; Abigail Thompson, 53rd, 27:50.6; Elsie Vollom, 58th, 30:45.9; Sophie Montana, 60th 31:07.4; and Isabelle Kelley, 61st, 32:16.1.

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for the Grizzlies, racking up 126 yards rushing, including the Grizzlies' lone touchdown, which came in the fourth quarter.

Quarterback Zach Cheney faced plenty of pressure throughout, and it showed, as he completed just two of seven pass attempts for 10 yards. Cheney also rushed for 33 yards on five attempts.

Chiabotti led on defense as well, tallying five tackles and four assists, while sophomore Jake Panichi added five tackles and two assists. Cheney had four tackles and an assist on the night.

Despite the loss, Jirik said he took encouragement from some of what he saw. "We did a good job of cutting down on penalties and mental mistakes," he said, but added it was not enough to compete with a team like Braham.

The Grizzlies head to Hinckley this Friday, and Jirik said he's hoping to have a couple players back in action following earlier injuries. "Hinckley is a very experienced team with good size on the line and good speed in the backfield. We hope to get back to a higher competitive level as we head deep into

the season."

Kickoff is set for 7 p.m. at Hinckley-Finlayson High School.

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10 ace serves."

The Nighthawks, meanwhile, are feeling the effects of the loss of sophomore Hannah Reichensperger, the team's kill leader, who is likely out for the season with a broken finger. Reichensperger's height and aggressive play had made her a formidable presence at the net for the Nighthawks so her absence will clearly be felt.

Ely junior McKenna

Coughlin had a big night against the 'Hawks, posting 17 kills and three ace serves. Senior Jenna Merhar added ten kills and three blocks, while freshman Rachel Coughlin added eight kills and two blocks. Kaercher posted 35 set assists in addition to her 10 ace serves.

Comments and stats from Northeast Range were unavailable as of presstime.

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straight sets, 25-11, 25-13, and 25-15. Fox added ten digs and as many ace serves while Burnett posted 22 assists and eight digs.

The Grizzlies host Nashwaak-Keewatin on Monday. Game time is 7 p.m.



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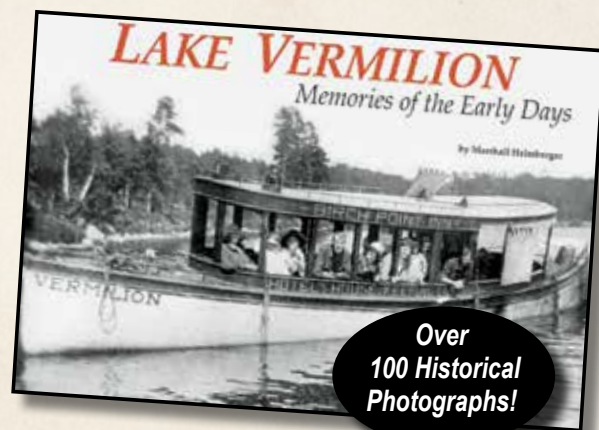
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Obituaries and Death Notices



Marian Bodkin
Marian “Sandy” Bodkin, 85, 50-year resident of Crane Lake, passed away on Wednesday, Sept. 23, 2019, at Oak Hill Assisted Living in Grand Rapids. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 25 at Crane Lake Chapel in Crane Lake. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. A luncheon will be held at the church immediately following the service. Burial will follow at Forest Home Cemetery in Buick. Memorials honoring Sandy are preferred to Crane Lake Chapel or the Crane Lake Fire Department toward completion of a helicopter landing pad. Humble thanks are offered to the staff at Oak Hill Assisted Living for their kind, loving, hands-on care. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Sandy was born on April 12, 1934, in Denver, Colo., to Clifford and Delora (Meiner) Meyer. Sandy grew up in Wayzata. Following high school, she earned a bachelor’s and master’s degree in Elementary Education from the University of Minnesota. She taught at Westview Elementary School in the Hopkins School District from 1956–1976. She worked for the U.S. Postal Service as postmaster in Crane

Lake from 1988 to 2000. Sandy was united in marriage to John Patrick Bodkin on Dec. 23, 1961, at Wayzata Community Church in Wayzata. Every summer, John and Sandy traveled north from Minneapolis to Crane Lake, camping at Grassy Bay, eventually building a simple cabin on Bear Island. After retirement in 1976, they moved permanently to Crane Lake, building a new Western Cedar log home.

Sandy was an avid outdoors enthusiast, including frequent and multiple fishing trips in summer and snowmobiling in winter. Sandy had talent for golfing and enjoyed cross-country skiing. As a passionate fan of the Minnesota Vikings, regular attendance at the games was a must, tailgating and all. She maintained formal gardens at home and had a special love for black-eyed Susans and purple violets which she encouraged to grow throughout her yard.

Like her father, Sandy lived a life of community service. She was a fine role model with a steady, even and kind temperament. Sandy was a lifelong learner and reader. She was a true friend to many and was never heard to murmur a cross word about others.

Sandy was a devoted member of Crane Lake Chapel where she played the piano every Sunday. She taught piano lessons in her home. She generously offered her home to others, including providing a winter home for students, summer housing for workers at area resorts, and for visiting sportsmen coming to town for the weekend.

A prolific quilter, Sandy would be found to have multiple projects at various stages of design. Sandy was known for

her unique use of color in quilting. She generously gave quilts away to friends, family and neighbors, as well as to be auctioned at Ducks Unlimited, the Fall Ladies Church Luncheon, and many other fundraising events. She, along with fellow quilters, regularly sent large numbers of quilts to hospitalized children.

Sandy enjoyed a full, responsible and loving life. She loved going to church and loved a good party. She is dearly missed by her many friends, family and neighbors, many lifelong from far and near.

Sandy is survived by her brothers, Richard (Patricia) Meyer of Maple Plain and Frederick (Christine) Meyer of Wayzata; brother-in-law, James Filipczak of Columbia, Md.; stepchildren, Michael (Cynthia) Bodkin of Omaha, Neb., and Cathy (Pat) Callagy of Kansas City, Mo.; and multiple step-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Sandy was preceded in death by her husband; parents; stepmother, Ellen (Erickson Wilson) Meyer; brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Jean Meyer; sister, Carol Filipczak; niece, Paula Field; and nephew, Mark Filipczak.

James R. Sutherland
James R. Sutherland, 70, of Eagles Nest Township, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 26, 2019, after a year-long battle with cancer. A community memorial celebration will be held from 2-5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19 at the Eagles Nest Township Hall, 1582 Bear Head State Park Road. Please bring a dish to share. In lieu of flowers or donations, Jim asked to simply spread kindness to others to honor his memory, whether it’s

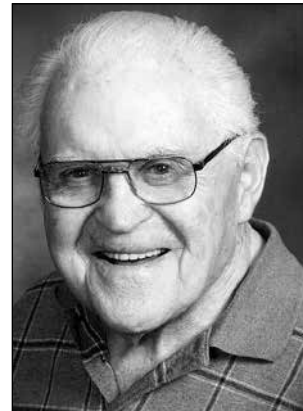
an act of kindness or financial help to those in need. Choose to be kind. That’s what he would do.

Jim will be known for his wit, sense of humor, curiosity about how things work, and extensive knowledge of the world around him. Anyone who knew him experienced his generosity and outgoing nature.

He is survived by his wife, Susan Ivonon Sutherland; daughters, Karen (Doug Greely) of Manitou Springs, Colo., Kristen (Ian Johnson) of Colorado Springs, Colo., and Katie (Justin Kaatz) of Northfield; grandchildren, James, Phoebe, Bjorn and Martin; and 17 American Field Service foreign exchange students.

Stanley R. Rutka
Stanley “Stan” Robert Rutka, 93, of Virginia, and former resident of Greaney, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 22, 2019. A Memorial Service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 5 at Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Military Honors will be accorded by the Cook VFW Post 1757 Honor Guard and the Orr American Legion Post 480 Honor Guard.

Stanley was born to Stanley Joseph and Mary Agnes (Krall) Rutka on May 5, 1926, in Duluth. Stan grew up and attended school in Orr, graduating



from Orr High School in 1944.

Stanley was destined to be a great musician from the start. He began his musical career at the age of nine on a little 24-bass accordion his father bought him for Christmas. He learned quite a few songs by ear so his dad took him to Buhl for lessons from Henry Staffaroni. At the age of 15, his dad sent him to New York City to study with the master at the time, Pietro Deiro. At the age of 18, Stan joined the United States Navy, serving honorably for two years during WWII. After his service in the Navy he went to San Bernardino, Calif., where he joined an 11-piece Country Western band headed by Tennessee Ernie Ford. He was with them for two years, then went to Denver, Colo., to study at the University of Denver Lamont School of Music. He played many Saturday night radio broadcasts of KOA in the mid-60’s and spent over 40 years in Denver playing radio, TV and country clubs. He played back-up music for many stars including Ernie Ford, Rex Allen, Frank Yankovic, Lefty Frizzel and others. Stan wrote and published many accordion songs and taught many students while in Denver. He was inducted into the Colorado Polka Hall of Fame in 1979.

Stanley was blessed with two loving marriages; in 1949, he was united in marriage to Lucille Goodin and was blessed with four children. Sadly, Lucille passed away in 1996. He then met and married Dorothy Egger and became part of her family. Stanley’s love of Northern Minnesota compelled him to move back to Greaney in 1987 where he lived for many years before moving to

Virginia. He continued to teach music, and play in clubs, nursing homes and weddings for many years. On top of being an amazing musician, Stan was a very skilled woodworker. He spent a lot of his time in his woodshop creating custom models and crafts. He enjoyed traveling with Dorothy to many craft shows.

Stan is survived by his daughter, Roxanna Wise of Colorado; Dorothy’s daughters, Carol Egger and Kathy Novakovich, both of Gilbert, Nancy Leek of Ohio and Linda Flack of Cook; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Stan was preceded in death by his wives, Lucille Rutka (1996) and Dorothy Egger (2014); sons, Robert (2003), Randy (2011) and Richard (2014); brother, William Rutka; and sisters, Mary (at birth), Margaret Prepodnik and Delores Hagen.

Erling D. Kirkman
Erling D. “Kirk” Kirkman, 87, of Ely, passed away peacefully with family by his side on Saturday, Sept. 21, 2019. At his request, no formal service will be held. A celebration of his life will be held at a later date. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by his children, David (JoAnn) Kirkman, Daniel Kirkman, Kristi (Dan) Kure and Martyn Kirkman; six grandchildren; sisters, Diane Kirkman and Darlene Greiner; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

PUBLIC NOTICES

<p>CITY OF ELY Council Minutes - September 17, 2019 Regular Meeting Ely City Council – City Hall, Council Chambers</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 the September 3, 2019 Regular Council Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA: None</p> <p>5. MAYOR’S REPORT Mayor Novak indicated that they had the presentation with the state bonding committee last week at Vermillion Community College, and tomorrow they meet with the house bonding committee in Silver Bay and are going to ride the bus back to Ely to give the presentation.</p> <p>The 8th annual Public Safety Open House is on September 25th from 3-6pm, there will be activities for the kids and free food.</p> <p>6. CONSENT AGENDA: A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight’s agenda B. Approve Council and Staff to attend the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities 2019 Fall Conference in Alexandria, MN on November 14th and 15th. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the consent agenda items A and B. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR: None</p> <p>8. COMMITTEE REPORTS: A. Standing/Special</p>	<p>Planning and Zoning Commission: Minutes included in the council packet</p> <p>Library Board: Minutes included in the council packet</p> <p>Projects Committee: Callen/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Committee to respond back to the Town of Morse with the revisions and clarifications discussed in the Projects Minutes under unfinished business c and to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the changes. Kess discussed conditions #4 and #5 in the MOU, the City is transferring approximately 89 acres to the Town of Morse, but the City is only receiving 2.4 acres, Kess stated he is opposed to not getting value for value. Kess indicated that he did not see a resolution for the properties along Boundary Street, would they become an island if this would go through. A.Forsman indicated that the approximately 89 acres that we are giving to the Town of Morse, we would be getting our value back with the 62.4 acre land swap with St. Louis County.</p> <p>A.Forsman indicated that he has concerns with Condition #4 in the MOU; “may” should be switched to “shall”. Mayor Novak indicated that the land we are deeding to them is the golf course land which we cannot sell at this point, unless the golf course disbands, the property does not produce any property taxes, and the Town of Morse is willing to give the golf course the same rate as we are at \$1.00 per year. The acreage that we are getting from St. Louis County is developable and the land that we are trading is not. A.Forsman/Debeltz motioned to amend the current motion to include Condition #4 “may” switched to “shall”. Motion Carried Unanimously. Kess stated that the land swap should be between the county and city. Kess asked what the resolution is</p>	<p>about the Boundary Street Properties that are currently in the Town of Morse. Mayor Novak stated that the Town of Morse was going to speak with the owners of the properties on Boundary Street. Langowski stated that the Town of Morse would allow for an easement going through the parcels to get through to the City’s annexed property. Langowski indicated that the Clerk Wognum from the Town of Morse indicated that they are following through with asking the property owners on Boundary Street again about annexing into the City of Ely and paying the same property tax rate of the Town of Morse for 10 years. Kess indicated that there is no motivation for the residents to annex into the City of Ely. Motion written as: Callen/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Committee to respond back to the Town of Morse with the revisions and clarifications discussed in the Projects Minutes under unfinished business c and to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the changes from the projects minutes in unfinished business c and to include in condition #4 “may” switched to “shall”. Motion Approved 6-1 with Kess voting No.</p> <p>Callen/Campbell moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Committee to relocate the recycling bins to the Softball complex area and not to allow for brush or mulch at the new location. A.Forsman indicated that he would like to see cameras set up in at the new recycling area. Langowski stated that the recycling center will stay where it is until the contractor asks for it to be moved, could be another month or so. There is definitely a plan to have cameras the new recycling center and this will be discussed at the next projects meeting. Kess asked for new signage</p>	<p>to be installed at the recycling center. Mayor Novak indicated that St. Louis County will help us with the installation of a new fence to go around the new recycling center. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>Callen/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Committee to allow for up to three annual dock leases near the Spaulding boat ramp and advertise the spots so all residents in Spaulding have an opportunity to apply for them. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>Housing & Redevelopment Authority of Ely: Minutes included in the council packet</p> <p>9. D E P A R T M E N T A L REPORTS: A. Clerk-Treasurer B. Fire Chief C. Library Director Library Director Heinrich gave an update of the upcoming events at the library which can be located on the Library Website. D. Police Chief E. City Attorney i. Omerza/Callen moved to approve the 2nd Reading of Ordinance No. 337, 2nd Series An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Amending Chapter 5, Sections 5.07.2, 5.13, 5.31, 5.41, 5.43 and 5.44 Alcoholic Beverages Licensing and Regulations. Mayor Novak indicated that we had a public hearing on this topic at 5pm and we did not receive any comments. A.Forsman stated that he thinks it would be beneficial if the ordinance referred to the state statutes rather than the exact times, this would help to avoid an ordinance change any time the state statute changes. Attorney Klun indicated that if the council would like the state statutes in the ordinance, she would like to reproduce the ordinance with the statutes in it. Klun stat-</p>	<p>ed that the ordinance talks about timing numerous places in the ordinance and they are all statutory. Klun stated she is willing to write the ordinances whichever way the council would like, by having the times in the ordinance it is more of a public notice, and to not have to look at another document to find the regulations and times. Roll Called: Council Member A.Forsman- No, Kess-Yes, Debeltz-Yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-Yes, Campbell – Yes, and Mayor Novak-Yes. Motion Carried 6-1 with Council Member A.Forsman voting No.</p> <p>ii. Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the Note and Mortgage for Commercial Rehab Loan for 302 Sheridan, LLC, DBA Rockwood Bar and Grill for \$17,500 at 302 E Sheridan St. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>F. City Engineer</p> <p>10. COMMUNICATIONS: None</p> <p>11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT: A. City and EUC claims for September 17, 2019 – \$949,842.00 B. Benchmark Engineering, Inc, Invoice #1909-46 for the Voyageur Country ATV Trail for \$2795.00 C. SEH Invoice #372967 for Voyageur ATV Trail for \$6657.74 Callen/A.Forsman moved to approve the claims for payment items A-C. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>12. OLD BUSINESS:</p> <p>13. NEW BUSINESS: A. Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve the in kind services for the Ely Marathon on September 21, 2019. Motion Carried Unanimously.</p> <p>B. Callen/Campbell moved to approve the Residential Rehab Loan for Drew Trippler to get the sewer line to code per POS Sewer Ordinance for 211 W Chapman St for \$9000.00, pending proper</p>	<p>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>C. Callen/Campbell moved to approve the Commercial Rehab Loan for Sarah Burger to replace roof at 48 E Sheridan St for \$10,000, 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>D. Omerza/Callen moved to approve Resolution 2019-031 Resolution Authorizing Application for Ely Blue Line Club of Ely to Apply for Raffle Permit. 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>14. OPEN FORUM: None</p> <p>15. ADJOURN Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:07pm without objection.</p> <p>Casey Velchiff Deputy Clerk</p> <p><i>Published in the Ely Timberjay, Oct. 4, 2019</i></p> <p>CITY OF ELY Public Hearing Minutes September 17, 2019 City Hall, Council Chambers</p> <p>Call To Order: Mayor Novak called the public hearing to order at 5:00pm.</p> <p>PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Omerza, Callen, Campbell and Mayor Novak ABSENT: Council member Debeltz</p> <p>Purpose: Ely City Council will hold a public hearing to hear public comment regarding Sunday</p>	<p>Off Sale Liquor Sales in the City of Ely and Ordinance 337, 2nd Series regarding Alcoholic Beverages Licensing and Regulations.</p> <p>Mayor Novak asked if anyone would like to speak three times. No one came forward to speak.</p> <p>Adjourn Mayor Novak adjourned the Public Hearing at 5:01pm without objection.</p> <p>Casey Velchiff Deputy Clerk</p> <p><i>Published in the Ely Timberjay, Oct. 4, 2019</i></p> <p>Cook VFW Open Daily at Noon CLOSED on TUESDAYS</p> <p>Happy Hour Daily 4-6 p.m. All Beer & Drinks Bar Menu & Pizza Available</p> <p>Event Rentals Welcome 218-780-6709</p> <p>Pull-Tabs Sold Daily Lic. 00390</p> <p>Sunday FREE Pool</p> <p>Thursday Bingo Early Bird 6 p.m. Progressive Prizes</p> <p>Friday 4:30-7 p.m. Hamburger Special</p> <p>Take-Out 666-0500</p>
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by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Whether you're an experienced grouse hunter, or just want to give it a try for the first time, a nearby hunter walking trail might be a good place to spend a few hours on an upcoming fall afternoon. With the leaves rapidly disappearing, October is the prime of the grouse season, and there are opportunities right here in northern St. Louis County.

In fact, there are lots of them. Try the old Koschak farm, located just off County Rd. 88, between Ely and Winton, which has 2.5 miles of hunter walking trails. Or there's the Hwy. 115 trail system, which includes 3.6 miles of trail. There's another 2.1 miles of boat-access trail tucked in along the south shore of Black Bay of Lake Vermilion. There are hunter walking trails near Elephant Lake, Crane Lake, Black Duck Lake, and 9.5 miles of trails just south of Echo

Lake, accessed from the Echo Trail. The Darwin Myers wildlife management area has 6.1 miles of trail.

Many, but not all, of the trails are mowed and some are enhanced with planted clover, which always attracts grouse and other wildlife.

"Hunter walking trails are a fun way to check out new areas and they do provide good hunting," said Ted Dick, forest game

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LEARNING

DNR grants to help get kids outside

REGIONAL — Lifelong lessons and care for Minnesota's tremendous outdoor heritage start with quality time outdoors. The Department of Natural Resources is offering a new grant program called "No Child Left Inside" to help more children cast a fishing line, study animal tracks, hike or bike, or simply learn more about nature.

"We're excited to be putting some funding toward getting kids outdoors. The time is now," said Jeff Ledermann, DNR's education and skills team supervisor. "Minnesotans care deeply about the outdoors. Kids in past decades were outdoors early and often, but that's not a given anymore so these grants are here to boost outdoor programs and initiatives all around the state."

Public entities and nonprofit organizations serving youth under age 18 are eligible to apply for this first phase of the grant program, which features a simple application and a quick review. In the first phase, \$182,000 is available for programs all around Minnesota. The minimum request is \$500 and the maximum is \$5,000. Future phases of the grant program will have larger grant awards with more extensive application and review processes.

Applications can be submitted starting at 9 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 23, and awards will be made on a rolling basis. Matching dollars are encouraged but not required. The application period will close once all the money is awarded. The earliest date to start reimbursable project work is Sunday, Dec. 1, and the reimbursable grant project work must be completed by Monday, June 1, 2020.

"We're urging folks to be creative in how they approach getting youth outdoors and if in doubt, please apply for these grants," Ledermann said.

Factors the DNR will consider in determining awards include whether the project:

- Contributes to a geographically balanced distribution of awards.
- Provides students with direct experiences and understanding of nature.
- Uses research-based, effective environmental, ecological, agricultural or other natural-resource-based educational curriculum.
- Maximizes the number of participants.
- Serves children with limited opportunities to outdoor activities.
- Uses public parks and other natural resource venues and personnel as resources.
- Commits matching funds or in-kind support.

For more information on the grant program and a link to the application, visit the DNR's recruit, retain and reactivate page.



BIODIVERSITY AT RISK

Bird study raises alarms, and many more questions

There's reason to be concerned about the results of the recent study that appeared in the journal Science that estimated a massive decline in bird populations in North America over the past five decades.

The top-line number, a loss of nearly three billion (yes, billion) birds was dramatic and it understandably received significant media coverage. While the study was inherently an estimate of something that can be difficult to estimate, the rationale behind the results are reasonable. The fact that the trend has been confirmed by many other data sets, from breeding bird surveys to Christmas bird counts, adds more heft to the argument that at least some birds are disappearing at frightening rates.

Coming on the heels of research suggesting a more-than 50-percent decline in insect populations, fears that our planet could be reaching some kind of ecological tipping point are certainly justified, even if not yet fully supported by available research. Taken together, these two major studies help to sound the alarm that much more research into the risks of ecological collapse is warranted.

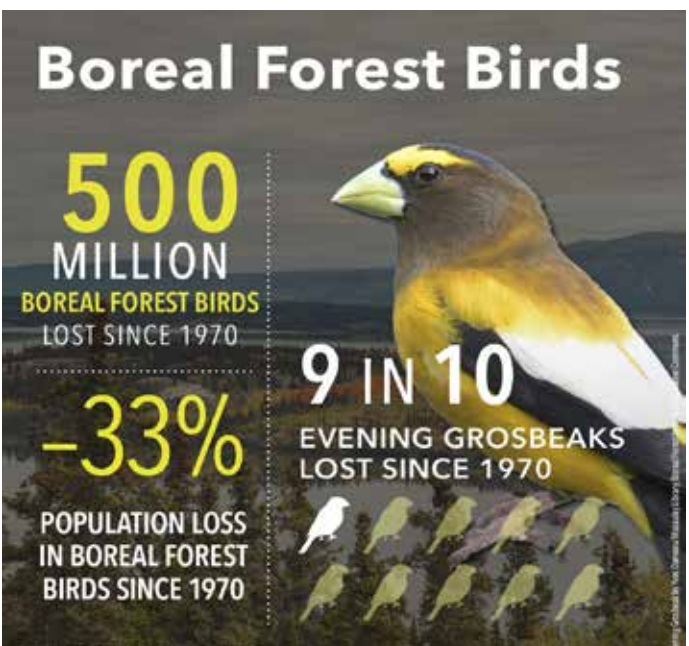
Above: As a group, native sparrows, like this male white-throated sparrow, have seen the largest declines in population of any bird group according to a recent study.

photo by M. HelMBERGER

While the dramatic numbers outlined in the recent bird study, led by Kenneth Rosenberg of the Cornell Ornithology Lab, justifiably caught the public's attention, the details of the study, as usual, provide substantially more context and suggest that some of the more breathless headlines may have suggested an imminent crisis that the data does not yet support.

A few examples might help illustrate what I mean. First, there's actually some good news from the study in that it found that the population of resident native birds in North America actually increased, by about 26 million. Most of that came from gains in the populations of waterfowl, which increased by an estimated 35 million, and the number of raptors, which jumped by 15 million. This suggests most other native resident birds, taken together, declined but only very modestly.

A couple observations



are worthwhile here. First, both waterfowl and raptors have benefitted from conservation efforts over the past 50 years. Such gains show that changes in law, preservation and enhancement of habitat, and phaseouts of harmful chemicals like DDT, can make a tremendous difference.

We also have to recognize that the study's baseline of 1970 hardly provides a snapshot of how bird numbers today compare to those before European settlement of North America. Barn swallow numbers have dropped about 40 percent over the last 50 years, a period that also saw the number of barns on the landscape fall even more dra-

matically. Were barn swallow numbers in 1970 artificially elevated due to the construction of ideal nesting habitat across so much of the rural landscape? Were the numbers of many bird species unusually elevated in the 1970s because humans had so dramatically reduced raptor populations? As I wrote here just last week, many of those raptors prey heavily on other birds. If each of those 15 million additional raptors eats 100 birds a year, for example, that equals 1.5 billion fewer birds. Do the math.

I don't mean to suggest that increasing numbers of raptors are solely to blame for

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MARSHALL HELMBERGER

Bear

Bear Harvest Numbers - Monday, September 30, 2019

Year	YTD	Total
2019	2,198	2,198
2018	1,615	1,768
2017	1,896	2,036
2016	2,495	2,633
2015	1,801	1,972
2014	1,499	1,624
2013	1,753	1,861

Year-To-Date Harvest Numbers
For Bear

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bird coordinator for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. “New hunters can follow these trails and not worry about getting lost or wandering off public land. And you can get away from trucks and four-wheelers, and into some decent grouse habitat.”

With or without a dog, the trails can offer a surefire way to get out and get away from it all.

Minnesota’s 600 miles of hunter walking trails are located in the northern forested area of the state where grouse are abundant. There are more than 200 hunter walking trails. Most have convenient parking and signs at the trailhead.

“Our grouse hunting is better than any other state, so if you have the urge to try an activity you haven’t done, it’s as easy this year as any other and hunter walking trails are a good place to start,” Dick said.

The DNR partners with other organizations and land managers to maintain some hunter walking trails. A new \$300,000 grant from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund to the Minnesota Ruffed

Grouse Society has a goal of restoring about 200 trailheads and 80 miles of existing trails, adding 20 miles of trail and updating trail maps for land managers and trail users.

Online and downloadable maps of hunter walking trails and more information can be found on the hunter walking trails page.

Want to start grouse hunting? Grouse hunting may be the easiest way to get into hunting—or if nothing else, get in a good hike.

“Grouse hunting for a lot of people is an excuse to get into the woods and away from the day-to-day stress,” Dick said.

To get started, find a shotgun, a blaze orange vest and hat, and buy a valid small game license. You don’t even need a dog, although a good hunting dog can significantly boost your odds of success. On a sunny, crisp fall afternoon, with your faithful companion working the thickets, you just beat it. So Tivo the football game and get off the couch and into the woods. You’ll be glad you did.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather

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YTD Total			16.65		YTD Total			22.09		YTD Total			20.05		YTD Total			17.76		YTD Total				22.32

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the decline in overall bird populations. But it would be scientifically unsupportable to claim that this isn’t a factor, possibly a significant one, in the decline of at least some bird species. In nature, after all, everything is connected. You can’t substantially increase the number of predators without affecting prey populations.

My point here is that we really don’t know how populations of many birds in 1970 compared to what was here originally. It’s possible, indeed likely, that some species benefitted significantly from the decline of raptors and now their populations are falling as a result of the return of raptors to the skies.

The dramatic decline of some grassland species, such as the western meadowlark, could be an example. As a kid growing up on the oak savannah in Bloomington, the fluid notes of the western meadowlark were an ever-present part of my summer soundtrack, yet they seem to have largely vanished from such habitats these days. But these are robin-sized birds that inhabit open country, with males that sing frequently, often from exposed locations. The return of predators from the sky has almost certainly had a significant impact on their abundance.

I suspect raptors have also played a role in the decline of house sparrows and starlings, two introduced species to North America which, combined, account for about 15 percent of the overall decline in bird numbers. Few bird enthusiasts will mourn the decline of either of these species.

Then, again, raptors probably have played a lesser role in the

jaw-dropping decline of evening grosbeaks, which were once a bright and boisterous addition to most area bird feeders. This species has declined by approximately 90 percent since 1970, and it really isn’t clear why. No other northern finch species has experienced anywhere near this level of decline.

All of this stated, there is much in this study to prompt real concern. First, habitat loss is a serious issue. Those fields that held the meadowlarks of my youth are now housing developments and commercial centers. As habitats disappear, so do birds of all kinds and other types of wildlife.

The other big take-away from the recent study was that the decline in bird numbers has come almost entirely from migratory birds— and this is a trend that most birders in our region have certainly detected. Twenty-five years ago, the dawn chorus of warblers, thrushes, sparrows, and vireos used to create a cacophony during the height of the breeding season here in the North Country. These days, it’s more likely a solo performance than a chorus.

Given that the bird decline is almost entirely limited to migrants suggests that the losses are either occurring during migration, or as a result of losses while on their winter range. Habitat losses from the southern United States through Mexico to Central and South America are almost certainly playing a role. We know that the tropical forests in South America have been under tremendous pressure in recent decades and that is very likely contributing to the loss of birds and, unfortunately, it’s a loss over which we have very little

control. Migration also poses many more risks for birds. Every tower, every new building with windows, every house cat allowed to roam untethered outside, is contributing to bird deaths during migration. Throw in climate change, which is affecting the timing and availability of food sources for birds and altering habitat in the process, and there’s little wonder that declines are being documented in so many species.

And it has to be noted that this study is just one more piece of evidence of the degree to which human activity is affecting so much of the natural world. Many scientists fear we’re in the opening stages of a biodiversity collapse that could utterly reshape the nature of our planet within a matter of decades. The reserachers also make note of the fact that the loss of biodiversity is not just about the loss of individual species— what this study demonstrates most strongly is the degree to which the numbers of once-common birds are declining. Few of them may be at risk of extinction, but their decline has real effects on the ecosystems they inhabit.

Studies like this don’t provide all the answers, but they do serve as a launching pad for much additional research aimed at answering the plethora of questions this study raises. It also, perhaps most importantly, provides a much-needed wake-up call for humanity. If it, even for a news cycle or two, gets us to consider our impact on our one and only planet, it serves a critical function. Hopefully, the right people are listening.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

CITY OF ELY

Public Hearing for Proposed Use: CLINIC in AFU Building Residential R-2 Zone

The City of Ely Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday October 16th, 2019 at 5:45 pm in the 2nd Floor Board Room of City Hall to gather public input in consideration of a request made by E. Chapman Properties, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a CLINIC proposed at the AFU Building 111 S. 4th Avenue East Ely MN. Parcel #030-0370-02920.

The AFU Building is in a Residential (R-2) Zone. Per the City of Ely Code Sec. 11.40 CLINIC requires a Conditional Use Permit.

The CUP, if granted, will set conditions of operations on any owner's use of this property, including parking, and will limit operations to low impact services and will ensure that those operations are residentially-compatible with the neighborhood, adjacent school populations, and with the City as a whole.

All activities must also comply with applicable State Health Department and Building Permits.

Interested parties may submit comments to Planning and Zoning Administrator, 209 E Chapman St, Ely, MN, 55731, 226-5475, pzadmin@ely.mn.us, or in person at the public hearing.

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FIELD TOWNSHIP

WINTER MEETING LOCATIONS

The November-February regular board meetings of Field Township will be held the second Tuesday of the month, 7 p.m., (unless otherwise published) at the Clerk's residence, 9998 East Lind Rd. in Angola.

Pat Chapman, Town Clerk

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CITY OF ELY

Public Hearing for Proposed Use: PROFESSIONAL OFFICES in AFU Building Residential R-2 Zone

The City of Ely Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on Wednesday October 16th, 2019 at 6:10 pm in the 2nd Floor Board Room of City Hall to gather public input in consideration of a request made by E. Chapman Properties, LLC for a Conditional Use Permit (CUP) for a PROFESSIONAL OFFICES including medical, legal and potential non-residential substance use disorder treatment services Licensed under MN Statutes, Chapter 245G proposed at the AFU Building 111 S. 4th Avenue East Ely MN. Parcel #030-0370-02920.

The AFU Building is in a Residential (R-2) Zone. Per the City of Ely Code Sec. 11.40 will require a Conditional Use Permit for PROFESSIONAL OFFICES including medical, legal and potential non-residential substance use disorder treatment services.

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Application and resume deadline Thursday, Oct. 10, 2019 at noon at the clerk's office. Starting date TBD. 10/4

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by Linda Thistle

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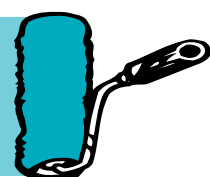
Super Crossword

- ACROSS**
- 1 Very affectionate couple
10 Bee juice
16 Birthplace of Galileo
20 Poet Pope
21 One-celled organism
22 Singer/actor Ed
23 What a hot spot provides
25 Good buds
26 Entangle
27 Saving sites
28 Bird on bills
29 Hurricane's weaker relative
36 Booster for a band
39 Pioneer Boone, to friends
40 Destines to oblivion
41 Pecan, e.g.
42 Big name in audio compression
48 Actor Hulce
49 Tabby-treating docs
50 Having no peepers
51 Like stock without face value
53 Do data entry, e.g.
- 55 Group with a secy.-gen.
56 Female sibs, informally
58 "Thus ..."
62 Abet, e.g.
63 Leader of the mutiny on the Bounty
68 Kitchen VIP
70 See
71 Years and years on end
72 Has no entity
73 Langston Hughes' movement
81 Off-road ride, briefly
82 Occur as a result
83 Set of documents about a case
84 Reid of "Sharknado"
86 — May (Jed Clampett's daughter)
89 Country estate
90 "Taxi" co-star Andy
93 "Mama" of pop
96 "Days of — Lives"
98 Gotten totally quiet
100 Cockpit abbr.
101 Herb bit
- 103 Truckloads
104 "Zip-a-Dee-Doo- —"
105 Across-the-board ban
112 One over par
113 Cowboy flick
114 Sensed feelings, informally
118 Thrifty rival
119 Cry apropos to seven long answers in this puzzle?
125 Guy
126 Fixed a bow on, e.g.
127 With great enthusiasm
128 Units of work
129 Eyeliner mishaps
130 Sees firsthand
- DOWN**
- 1 Criminals break them
2 Ken of "EZ Streets"
3 Singer Lynn
4 Put forth, as strength
5 Hay-bundling device
6 Ending for hero
7 They might cross aves.
- 8 — Plaines, Illinois
9 — Lanka
10 Pertaining to birth
11 Revise, as a manuscript
12 Sealed, as a wine bottle
13 Bill equal to two fins
14 Mr. Lincoln, familiarly
15 Squeal (on)
16 Daddies
17 Visualize
18 Smash hit
19 "Yes" votes
24 Celtics' org.
28 Ending for lion
30 With
70-Across, "It's more than likely ..."
31 El — (Spanish newspaper)
32 Gerund ender
33 Place with outpatients
34 Plant anchor
35 TV prize
36 Suffix with lemon
37 Longtime New York senator Daniel Patrick
- 38 People who say "Not guilty," say
43 Three-filling deli classic
44 "Oh — little faith!"
45 Stand-up comic Daniel
46 Church nook
47 Forest den
49 20-ouncer at Starbucks
52 Fun, for short
54 Faux —
56 Riding horse
57 Clip wool from
59 Divested of weapons
60 Seat of Orange County
61 Where many ads are seen
62 Aspirin target
64 Fast getaway
65 Muff it up
66 Harry's chum at Hogwarts
67 Abbr. ending a co. name
69 Sooty vents
74 Fish that can be a shocker
75 Autumn mo.
76 "Likely story!"
77 Land in el agua
78 Window part
- 79 Aquanaut's habitat
80 Decorative needle case
85 — -CIO
87 Easy run
88 Nomad's tent
90 Shoelace snarl
91 — Spumante
92 The — degree
93 Coleslaw, essentially
94 Totally done
95 Putting on, as a show
97 Sharp retort
99 Tony winner Wallach
101 Pilot's setting
102 "Ars — artis"
106 Birds' pads
107 None-of-the-above option
108 Minds
109 Angry feeling
110 Not quite round
111 Low cards in pinochle
115 Dozing spots
116 — Stanley Gardner
117 Expresses
119 Auditing org.
120 Pro —
121 Unopened
122 Ovid's 511
123 Mo. no. 10
124 Five-spot

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