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## TRAFFIC CONFLICT REDUCTION EFFORTS

# Sherman's Corner redesigned for safety

### But MnDOT's own study suggests accidents may increase with the change

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

A new "conflict reduction intersection" is now open at the junction of Hwy. 53 and Hwy. 1/County Rd. 22 south of Cook. photo by M. Helmberger

ANGORA — The intersection here, long known as Sherman's Corner, is getting a \$1 million redesign in an effort to improve traffic

safety, according to the Minnesota Department of Transportation.

The new intersection, at the junction of the Hwy. 53 expressway and Hwy. 1/

County Rd. 22, is designed to prevent traffic from directly crossing Hwy. 53 in hopes of stemming crashes at the intersection. MnDOT manager on the

project, Josie Olson, said the crash rate at the site has increased somewhat since the expansion of

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## CITY OF ELY

# BLIGHT enforcement

# hits home



## Council member to appeal property report to peers

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

Ely council member Paul Kess has opted to appeal a blight-condition report to his fellow council members. A hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 29 concerning his property at 106 E. Harvey St. photos by K. Vandervort

Council member Paul Kess and his wife, Laurie Kess, own several rental properties around town. One of the proper-

ties, at 106 E. Harvey St., was recently singled out for immediate attention

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## COUNTY SCHOOLS

# School board discusses pay for performance structure

by E. M. SCHULTZ  
Staff Writer

REGIONAL — At-will employees in the St. Louis County School District may soon have a new pay for performance structure.

The school board discussed three possible options at a working session in Virginia on Tuesday evening. Two of the three options would implement pay ranges for each position, complete with a cap, and all three options would be based on an individual's job performance.

These pay ranges would be evaluated every two to three years, leaving room for salary increases for those who have already topped out.

Board members were unable to come to an agreement on which option should be put on the agenda for the next school board meeting, which will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 22 at South Ridge. This was due, in part, to a lack of documentation that had been previously requested by the school board. South Ridge member Christine Taylor and Chair Dan Manick both expressed concern over the lack of transparency.

"It just always feels like when we come down to the pay for the people who are not under contracts in this school district, we're just supposed to take your guys' word for it," said Taylor, "And I don't really like to do that."

Business manager Kim Johnson didn't

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## COOK

# Zup's ready to break ground for new store construction

by E. M. SCHULTZ  
Staff Writer

COOK—Construction on the new Cook Zup's store is slated to begin the week of Oct. 20-26. If all goes well, the new store should open on May 5, though Jim Zupancich said he would like to see

it open sometime in April. Those hoping for a bigger store will be happy to hear there are plans to make the new building "just a hair larger," according to Zupancich. A special council meeting will take place at Cook City Hall on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 10 a.m. to award bids for



the rebuild.

The previous Zup's store was destroyed by an overnight electrical fire

last November. Since then, company officials have been working to bring a full-service grocery store back to the Cook area despite delays due to higher than expected building costs. Zup's has also made efforts to continue serving the area through a mini-mart,

stocked with a sampling of pantry basics and Zup's specialty meats, which opened in September. In addition, Zup's has continued delivering groceries to homebound seniors at the Homestead and Pioneer apartment buildings.

The city of Cook has agreed to be responsible

for any cost overruns on infrastructure work required for the new building.

The city received a \$350,000 IRRRB grant for the project and plans to extend some of the water lines around the property and to add additional fire hydrants.



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## Lake Country Power seeks applications for Community Award

GRAND RAPIDS – In the true spirit of grassroots movements, Lake Country Power will once again recognize a non-profit organization that has made outstanding contributions to the local community. We are now seeking applications for the Touchstone Energy Community Award. Any non-profit organization that has helped make northern Minnesota a better place to live and work through its community service is eligible for the \$500 cash award.

Community members may nominate an organization by completing an application form, available at Lake Country Power or online at [www.lakecountrypower.coop](http://www.lakecountrypower.coop). Questions may be directed to Tami Zaun at 1-800-421-9959. The application will require a description of the community service project, program, or event and the positive impact it brought to the community. Applications should be returned no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1 to Tami Zaun at 26039 Bear Ridge Drive, Cohasset, MN 55721.

The award recipient will contend for the statewide Touchstone Energy Community Award, which includes a cash prize of \$1,000. The statewide award winner will be recognized at the Minnesota Rural Electric Association annual meeting in early 2020.

## Open auditions on Oct. 14 for War of the Worlds radio play

VIRGINIA - Northern Stage Works is holding open auditions for the radio play, War of the Worlds, on Monday, Oct. 14 from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. at the Lyric Annex in downtown Virginia. Come read with us and join the fun!

The beauty of a radio play is that there is no need to memorize lines for this production; you get to read them all. Performances will take place on Oct. 29, 30, and 31. Two or three rehearsals will take place prior to performances. Dates and times for rehearsals are subject to cast availability. For more information, call 218-741-5577.

## Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Board seeks executive director

LAKE VERMILION - The Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Board is seeking a part-time Executive Director. This individual would work under contract for the joint powers board and would be responsible for activities associated with the administration, planning, development, promotion, and maintenance of the Lake Vermilion Trail.

The joint powers board was established in February 2018 by the cities of Cook and Tower; the townships of Owens, Beatty, Greenwood, Vermilion Lake, and Kugler; and the Bois Forte Tribal Government. It is responsible for developing, owning, and managing the planned Lake Vermilion Trail, which will be a 40-mile paved trail from Cook to Tower in the vicinity of the southern shore of Lake Vermilion, for non-motorized use.

In April 2018, a master plan for the trail was completed and submitted to the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission, or GMRPTC. In June of the same year, the trail received a regional significance designation from the GMRPTC. The board applied for Legacy funds this past July to develop 4.5 miles of trail between Tower and the Y Store intersection. It also plans to apply for funds to develop a trail segment on the west end. The board is currently focusing on fundraising and trail location reconnaissance.

Compensation for the Executive Director job will depend on the qualifications of the chosen applicant. Additional information may be found at [www.lakevermiliontrail.org](http://www.lakevermiliontrail.org) or [www.facebook.com/lakevermiliontrail](http://www.facebook.com/lakevermiliontrail). Resumes must be submitted by Thursday, Oct. 31.

## SISU HERITAGE

# Steve Solkela and his one-man band in concert on Sunday, Oct. 13 in Embarrass

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! He has recently returned from traveling in Finland and will have some new material.

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



## ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM

# Create a custom leather bracelet at local libraries



MT IRON - The Arrowhead Public Library System is pleased to present the custom leather bracelet workshop series with Minnesota artist Jen Anfinson. This hands-on workshop will provide an introduction to leatherwork in jewelry making. Create something unique while learning about leather tools and techniques. All materials will be provided.

The 90-minute program is free for adults and teens ages 13 and up. Workshops will take place at the Cook Public

Library on Friday, Oct. 25 at 4 p.m., the Babbitt Public Library on Thursday, Oct. 31 at 1 p.m., and the Ely Public Library on Monday, Nov. 4 at 1 p.m.

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.alplib.info](http://www.alplib.info), follow us on Twitter @ALSLibraryNews, or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/alplibinfo](http://www.facebook.com/alplibinfo).

## SEASON OF GIVING

### Frandsen Bank - Tower donates to the food shelf

Frandsen Bank in Tower conducted a month-long fundraiser for the Tower Area Food Shelf, along with collecting back-to-school supplies for the students and teachers at Tower-Soudan Elementary. Bank staff presented a check for \$575 to food shelf volunteer Marge McPeak, along with three shopping carts full of non-perishable food items.

photos by J. Summit



### Ely Drop and Shop donates to local non-profits

The Vermilion Country Charter School in Tower was the recipient of this month's round-up program at Ely Drop and Shop, the locally-owned thrift shop in Ely. Co-owner Casey Moravitz presented a check for over \$410 to VCS Administrator Frank Zobitz. Past recipients of the program include Ely Head Start, Ely Community Resources, and the Ely Food Shelf. This month the shop is asking customers to round-up for the Ely Ambulance Service.

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CITY OF TOWER

# TEDA to seek retraction of false report

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

**TOWER-** The Tower Economic Development Authority (TEDA), last week, voted unanimously to send a retraction demand to the *Tower News* and its publisher, Gary Albertson, with a deadline of Nov. 1 to address a false and defamatory "news story" written by Steve Altenburg, which the *Tower News* published on Sept. 13.

Altenburg has claimed on multiple occasions that he submitted a claim months ago to the state auditor's office, detailing wrongdoing relating to the city's loan to Tower Harbor Shores, but to date has refused to show TEDA or the city council a copy of the complaint or any accompanying documents.

TEDA will also be submitting a detailed PowerPoint presentation to the state auditor's office, all based on the relevant city documentation, that shows the city's and TEDA's handling of the Harbor Shores loan was done properly and was well-documented.

TEDA members were clearly ready to take proactive steps to address the drumbeat of negative and false reporting, which members fear is hurting

"I am tired of the negative undermining, with no regard or respect for this committee."

**TEDA member Joan Broten**

the city's economic development efforts.

"I find it very disturbing that he [Steve Altenburg] is claiming we didn't do our job," said TEDA member Joan Broten. "I am tired of the negative undermining, with no regard or respect for this committee."

TEDA vice-president Marshall Helmberger, who had assembled the information in the PowerPoint presentation, agreed. "We do have to take a stand here. There has been enough negativity. I always like to think that people have enough sense not to believe the garbage that comes out, but some people want to believe the worst, sometimes."

"This is not just TEDA being dragged through the mud," noted Helmberger. "It is creat-

ing problems for prospective developers. These are people the city asked to come and do a project. They are being accused of receiving money illegally with no evidence at all. We need to do what we can to make sure their names are cleared."

TEDA member Dick Larmouth said the allegations create a cloud over TEDA and may turn off other investors.

"We need to turn that attitude around," he said, "and create a more friendly environment."

Audience member Mary Batinich, who leads the group restoring the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center, said they are hearing feedback from potential donors who are concerned about "the mess in Tower."

"I have also heard from someone who was looking to buy a house in Tower, who had similar concerns," said Batinich.

The Tower City Council, at their Sept. 30 meeting, had directed Altenburg to attend the Oct. 3 TEDA meeting and bring any evidence to back up his claim. They also directed Altenburg to discuss the issues with TEDA to try to resolve his questions.

Altenburg was present at the meeting but did not comply with the council's request to engage with the TEDA board. Instead,

Altenburg spoke briefly during public input, telling the board that "on the advice of legal counsel, I have been instructed to inform you this meeting is being recorded for evidentiary purposes, regarding egregious violations of whistleblower protection act perpetrated by Tower City Council, forcing an employee to attend a meeting on his own time, and attempting to interrogate, harass, force and intimidate, over a legally-protected submission of legitimate concern to the proper authority."

**Laying out the facts**

The TEDA presentation (which can be found online at [www.timberjay.com](http://www.timberjay.com)) went through the Harbor Shores loan process, step by step, documenting how TEDA applied for and received the monies as a grant from the IRRR, specifically for the Harbor Shores development. The presentation outlined how TEDA documented that the loan met the guidelines TEDA had developed, including the requirements that it fund only eligible uses and that the developers have at least a 50-percent equity stake in the start-up funding.

"There is nothing in these findings that anyone could point to that were erroneous or fraudulent," said Helmberger.

"Altenburg stated the loan met none of the requirements in the guidelines. This is a provably false and reckless statement."

The presentation noted that neither the IRRR or the city's auditor raised any questions on the loan approval, except for questions raised by the auditor on the documentation, interest calculations, and handling of the loan by the former city clerk/treasurer.

The allegations by Altenburg were aimed at Helmberger, who was TEDA president at the time, along with now-Mayor Orlyn Kringstad, who was one of the project partners at the time. Neither of them had any authority to approve or disburse any of the loan funds, which were handled by the city council and the clerk-treasurer, not the TEDA board.

Helmberger's presentation also touched on the origins of the townhome concept itself, which was the brainchild of the city's Harbor Committee, which at the time consisted of Altenburg, former Mayor Josh Carlson, and former Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith. Those three, with approval of the city council, had issued a Request for Qualifications that

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**Briefly**

**Injuries reported in off-road vehicle crash**

**ORR -** A Scandia man suffered facial injuries when he drove his off-road utility vehicle into the ditch early last Saturday morning. Zachary Howell, age 42, was northbound on County Rd. 422 when he failed to make a corner and left the road.

The call came around 2 a.m.

on Saturday morning and the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, Cook Fire and Ambulance Service, Orr Fire Department, Virginia Ambulance Service, and St. Louis County Rescue Squad all responded to the scene.

The incident is currently under investigation by the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office. Howell was reportedly wearing a seatbelt. Alcohol and speed

are both believed to have been contributing factors, according to a sheriff's office report.

**County board workshop set for Cook on Tuesday**

**REGIONAL -** The St. Louis County Board will hold two full board workshops in October, including one set for

this Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the new Government Services building in Cook. No agenda for the workshops was available as of press time, but the workshop is set to get underway at 9:30 a.m. and is open to the public.

The county remains in the process of building the new Government Services facility, which is combining several different county agencies and

departments under one roof.

The county purchased the main building and surrounding property from Disability Specialists. Further construction at the site is still ongoing.

A second workshop is set for Monday, Oct. 14, at the Emergency Operations Center in Duluth. That event also begins at 9:30 a.m. and is open to the public.



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## Editorial

### Killers of community

Altenburg, Sikora, and Albertsons use false attacks to scare off economic development

In his classic book, “13 Ways to Kill Your Community,” Doug Griffiths puts “Don’t Attract Business” at Number Two. We all know that attracting new businesses to our small communities is critical to create jobs, generate local wealth, and enhance quality of life.

Which is why folks in Tower should be so upset about the efforts by a handful of individuals to smear local officials, the Tower Economic Development Authority, outside businesspeople, investors, and state officials who have attempted to put their faith in a better future for the community.

As we’ve reported through a variety of stories over the past year or so, a number of individuals have tried to engage in economic development in Tower in recent years. Two RV park developers hit a nearly impenetrable brick wall in the form of a city hall and planning and zoning commission that was openly hostile to new projects. Other prospective developers, including one who had an interest in significant and sustained redevelopment in Tower’s downtown three years ago, received no assistance from city hall, despite several attempts to gain cooperation.

More recently, we’ve seen businesspeople who came to Tower to build town homes at the city’s request, become embroiled in a grab bag of false and defamatory accusations disseminated by a handful of reckless individuals, including Steve Altenburg, Tony Sikora, and Gary and Edna Albertson, over a grant of IRRRB funds, passed through TEDA, to assist the project.

While these four individuals have sought primarily to target the city’s new mayor and the publisher of this newspaper, they have peppered a number of other individuals and agencies in their crossfire, including a well-respected architect, a real estate developer, the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and the volunteers on the Tower Economic Development Authority.

The false and irresponsible claims being made almost weekly in the *Tower News*, written by either Altenburg or Sikora, and approved for publication by the Albertsons, are undoubtedly casting a pall over TEDA’s work. And TEDA isn’t alone. Mary Batanich, who has been the leading spark plug behind the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center, said the current misinformation is hampering her ability to raise much-needed funds to finish that project.

As the old saying goes, “a lie can travel halfway around the world while the truth is putting on its shoes.”

And let’s be perfectly clear.

The complaint filed with the state auditor by Mr. Altenburg earlier this year is based on childish misinterpretation of basic facts and a complete lack of due diligence. TEDA did its job appropriately and accurately and documented it every step of the way. That documentation is contained in the city files. Mr. Altenburg, Mr. Sikora, and the Albertsons are apparently unable to read and understand basic documents.

Mr. Altenburg and the *Tower News* have falsely claimed that one of several invoices from the former architect on the town home project was actually a “buy-out” of a partner. Yet the architect was never a partner in the project, a fundamental fact that neither Mr. Altenburg nor the *Tower News* bothered to check. When the Albertsons published Mr. Altenburg’s false claims in his newspaper, they committed libel, pure and simple.

The *Tower News* has proclaimed Mr. Altenburg a “whistleblower” but that is equally untrue. Under the state’s whistleblower law, an employee gains no protection when their claim is made with reckless disregard for the truth, as is the case with Mr. Altenburg. He is simply a dishonest individual hiding behind a law that was never enacted to protect people like him.

This may all just be sport to Mr. Altenburg, Mr. Sikora, and the Albertsons, but their reckless actions have real repercussions. How do you attract new people to invest or build in your community when they see this kind of ugliness? Even when potential investors know it’s false, who would want to risk being dragged into the middle of it?

How do you convince a state agency like the IRRRB to invest resources in the community when they run the risk of being tarred with this kind of nonsense?

The end result of wanting to invest in Tower shouldn’t be to have your efforts blocked by a recalcitrant city hall or your name or reputation dragged through the mud by irresponsible fools. It’s tough enough to bring investment to small towns.

Obviously, life in a small town is never perfect. And newspapers have a responsibility to shine a light where it’s needed. We’ve shone our own light on the dishonesty and dysfunction that the new city council is finally starting to clear away. But our reporting was based on actual facts and solid investigation, not wild imaginings by reckless individuals who refuse to comprehend basic facts. These are exactly the kind of people who can and will kill a community. Folks in Tower shouldn’t stand for it.



## Letters from Readers

### Avoiding cleanup is a hallmark of big mining companies

Fifteen years ago I attended a public meeting where representatives of U.S. Steel explained the problem with the Minntac tailings basin. As water is used in the plant it becomes increasingly polluted to the point where it is no longer useful. Bad water must be discharged, and fresh water introduced. The bad water flows to Dark Lake, the Dark River and beyond, and also toward Lake Vermilion. At the time of the meeting, U.S. Steel, abetted by Iron Range legislators, had already been in violation of its discharge permit for a decade.

The company representatives noted that one solution to the problem was to construct a treatment plant that would clean the basin water and eliminate the need to discharge pollutants into the environment. The caveat was that it would be hugely expensive – on the order of hundreds of millions of dollars. Still, even at that level, the money represented less than one year’s profit for U.S. Steel. So the message was clear: the interests of the shareholders were more important than protecting water quality or obeying the law.

Now U.S. Steel has proposed to the MPCA that since they haven’t been following the rules, the rules should simply be changed. In other words, here’s the level of pollution they’re generating, so just make that the standard. Some might view that as a kind of compromise, but here’s the thing: our industrial society has been compromising for 300 years. Last week in these pages the alarming decline in birds and even insects was noted, and that data could well be a harbinger for wholesale ecological collapse. That’s not about “tree huggers,” that’s about human survival. We can compromise ourselves beyond recovery.

Minntac doesn’t have to close and U.S. Steel doesn’t need to go broke, but they do need to do the right thing, and so do their shareholders. Treat

the water. Meet the standard. Unfortunately, avoiding such responsibility is a hallmark of corporate behavior, and it’s likely the proposed copper-nickel giants would take the same path if we’re careless enough to give them the opportunity.

**Peter M. Leschak**  
Side Lake

### Silent spring comes like a thief at night

Thank you for “Bird Study Raises Alarms and Many More Questions” of the Sept. 4 issue. Having grown up on a farm in Iowa in the 1950’s, I remember the farm pastures, hayfields and fencerows, as well as wooded ravines and sinkholes were alive with mammals such as foxes, deer, opossums, and racoons. Horned larks returned early in the spring and owls screeched and hooted in the groves and ravines. Kingbirds and meadowlarks decorated the fencerows and killdeer nested in the corn rows. Orioles nested in the elms and thrushes lived in the woods. Red-tailed hawks and turkey vultures soared overhead.

We still visit the area where I grew up. The area no longer has fencerows, the sinkholes have been filled in, the woods have been cleared and converted to corn and soybeans and the wildlife is by and large gone. It occurred slowly and almost imperceptibly over decades.

As we walk the mostly quiet woods and forests now around Lake Vermilion and northeast Minnesota, we are often struck by how quiet it is. The implications stated in the article are that we may be on the precipice of an ecological disaster. Your article should be page one in every paper in the nation. But it isn’t, because many people would say “such a notion is alarmist and unrealistic”. It doesn’t have the immediacy of war and politics, but it does cause deep concern to my spouse and to me for not only humanity and the earth’s life, but especially for our children’s children and their children.

**Keith and Amy Steva**  
Cook

### The American Dream hangs by a thread

A “dream deferred is a dream denied” tells the story of struggle for most American minorities. That illusory dream is a promise also never realized also by many whites. Left out and looked down on, they accept personal failure as their lot. We are perilously close to turning the American dream into dust. Russians attempted to blow up our elections, but our political system is already being destroyed from within.

Congress must expose corporate capture of our democracy or hope will chase illusion. Corporate capture is the dominance of big business interests in government and public institutions. A revolving door permits private interests to keep government of, by, and for the people out of reach. Public governance has been turned inside out and upside down.

Corporate capture in the name of free markets has led to theft of our commons, people’s sovereignty, and democracy. Regulatory agencies become captives of the industries to be regulated. Forty years of privatization, deregulation, and corporate tax cuts let loose predators among the prey.

Corporate lobbying suffocates democracy. High profit is extracted as industry externalizes costs on taxpayers. Government subsidies flood coffers of big business to starve small enterprise and community need.

Top to bottom, courts are being stacked to incorporate, not adjudicate. Voter suppression steals the people’s voice and as campaign costs skyrocket, fundraising leaves little time for the people’s business.

People’s ties to their government have been slashed and severed. The Trump Clownshow enriches itself at government expense, but corporate capture concentrates wealth at the top without regard for human rights and planetary health. Without rule of law, the coup is on!

**Harold Honkola**  
Tower

## Many more will qualify for health insurance subsidies

There’s good news and bad on the healthcare front in Minnesota. First, the bad news—the number of Minnesotans without health insurance increased this year, by about 18,000. For most of these folks, access to healthcare is now largely limited to the use of badly overrun



**MARSHALL HELMBERGER**

emergency rooms, where the focus is solely on patching folks up and sending them on their way.

The increase is not unexpected. In their efforts to gut the Affordable Care Act, or ACA, the Trump administration and Republicans in Congress, last year, did everything in their power to

undermine the ACA, and all but halted outreach efforts to encourage the uninsured to sign up for coverage under the act. As it is, plenty of people still don’t understand the ways that the ACA does make healthcare access more affordable.

The ACA accomplishes this in a couple ways. The most significant has been through the expansion of the Medicaid program to allow families with middle-class incomes to qualify in many cases for free, high-quality

healthcare coverage, with minimal or no co-pays or deductibles. The income limits have increased in recent years, which means many folks who might think they don’t qualify actually do. That’s the good news.

In fact, according to the Minnesota Department of Commerce, about 75 percent of the estimated 250,000 Minnesotans currently going without health coverage in the state, including thousands right here in St. Louis County,

would qualify for either a low- or no-cost public program, like Medical Assistance or MinnesotaCare, or an advanced tax credit to assist in the purchase of private insurance. And from my own experience, I know that a significant number of people who do qualify, at a minimum, for the advanced tax credits, are not taking advantage of them.

More than once, I’ve worked through the MNsure website,

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COMMENTARY

# Federal lawlessness on Twin Metals puts onus on Minnesota

by RICHARD MOE  
Commentator

A fundamental question with respect to the future of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness looms before Minnesota's citizens and elected officials: Will officials in Washington follow the law? Under the most basic principles of democracy and constitutional governance the answer can only be "yes." Whether that will be the answer with respect to the Boundary Waters—the most visited and accessible wilderness area in the United States—remains to be seen. Governor Tim Walz must be prepared to act if federal officials continue down their current unlawful path to enabling sulfide-ore copper mining on the edge of the Boundary Waters.

Federal law should ultimately determine the fate of the Boundary Waters, because this magnificent lakeland wilderness and its watershed in the Superior National Forest are federal lands that belong to all Americans. The copper-bearing sulfide ore that Chilean mining company Antofagasta/Twin Metals seeks is also publicly-owned. The pollution that would flow from the proposed mine and from its

waste tailings would contaminate waters that flow into the heart of the Boundary Waters.

When the U.S. Forest Service, which administers the Boundary Waters and much of its watershed, requested in 2016 that the watershed be withdrawn from the federal mineral leasing program, it triggered a vitally-important environmental review. The Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) unequivocally authorizes protection of public lands that are determined to be too valuable or vulnerable for mining. Under FLPMA, such a determination is to be based on an extensive and comprehensive review of the environmental, economic, and social impacts of allowing mining in areas as fragile as the Boundary Waters watershed and, conversely, of the impacts of a mining ban. The point is to engender decisions based on facts and science—not politics.

Such a review was commenced in early 2017 by the Forest Service but then halted by the Trump administration after 20 months. This cynical cessation of the review relegated to the trash bin not only exhaustive studies of environmental, economic, and social impacts but

also extensive public comments that overwhelmingly supported protecting the Boundary Waters watershed. Concurrently with halting environmental review, the administration unlawfully reinstated mining leases to Antofagasta/Twin Metals that had been terminated in 2016 because of the threat to the Boundary Waters.

Copper mining supporters clamor that "the process" should be followed with respect to proposals for such mining near the Boundary Waters, but then applaud the Trump administration's actions that short-circuit established federal law. Those arguing for "process" mean that they want to ignore FLPMA and have only the Minnesota permitting process, which is a comparatively narrow review and designed to result in the issuance of permits for mines, govern the mining proposals. The question that the aborted federal review was asking was, "Should copper mining be banned near the Boundary Waters?"

The Trump administration halted the study because the answer quite clearly was going to be "yes." If the state initiates a review of a mine plan it is compelled to use lesser standards

than those required under federal law—standards that would allow for water and air pollution that would degrade the wilderness. A review under state law would ignore critical information about economics, human health, and cultural and social impacts, among other things.

Governor Walz can be a bulwark against the Trump administration's misguided and unlawful drive to allow a Chilean mining company to despoil lands and waters that belong to the people of the United States. He can direct state agencies to refuse to process any permit applications submitted by Antofagasta/Twin Metals until lawsuits and the cancelled environmental study have been completed.

Several businesses that would be harmed by the mine have sued in federal court challenging the illegal issuance of the leases. Legislation brought forward by Representative Betty McCollum and others, which passed in the U.S. House, would compel the Trump administration to finish the cancelled study and hand it over to Congress. Bipartisan leaders in the Senate, including Senators Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar, have urged the adoption of the House pro-

vision by Congress to ensure compliance with existing law.

The history and current reality of proposals to mine copper in Minnesota have a surfeit of political calculation but too little consideration of the broader public interest. Continuing down that road will likely result in devastating harm to our priceless and irreplaceable Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. Governor Walz cannot thwart that outcome by ordering that Minnesota will not consider permits for an Antofagasta/Twin Metals mine when the company's access to America's public lands and minerals has been obtained by unlawful means. In that way he can assure that the future of the BWCAW is determined by the rule of law.

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## Letters from Readers

### Please support our excellent schools

I am a resident located in the Independent School District 696, as are many of you readers. If you are in the 696 District you should have received a survey in your mailbox in the past few weeks. I urge you to open the survey and fill it out. This is a great opportunity for us to communicate our interest in the excellent public schools we are so fortunate to have.

Whether you support big spending or smaller spending, I urge you to support some spending. Just as our homes need constant attention, in a bigger way, so do our public buildings. We are fortunate to have the excellent buildings we have, but right now, we need a new roof and new windows and there are some safety features we

should not ignore. The consulting architects on the project have said that there is no reason our schools cannot last forever, as long as we maintain them. And so, as a grateful graduate of the Ely High School and a supporter of all things Ely, I urge you to find that survey, be generous with your opinions, and support what you can.

**Celia Domich Ely**

### Trump coming to inflame and incite

Trump is coming to town, presumably to drum up a confrontation that his followers will be able to use as justification for further predations and violence.

Fox will be looking for footage, too.

Reminds me of Nixon at the San Jose Armory on October 29, 1970, throwing a

two-handed peace sign at the hostile crowd in the parking lot after his inflammatory speech to the local Republicans. He'd arranged to have it broadcast via loudspeakers to the crowd of his opponents outside.

Nixon went off topic during his speech, directing specific and demeaning insults at us.

(I was there, sitting on top of a big yellow rental truck that turned out to be full of armed National Guardsmen, ready to "rescue the President" if need be.) He got us emotionally riled up, then came out the back door, stepped up onto his limo, threw his two-handed peace sign at us with the obvious intent to infuriate. Then he ran his cavalcade of limos right through the middle of the crowd.

His apparent, logical, direct, and cleared exit path was to the side. Instead, he ran those three limos the length of the parking

lot, right through a peaceful crowd of people whose hostility was only vocal.

Large men, presumably Secret Service agents, lined both sides of the three limos, standing on the running boards and sweeping fists with brass knuckles and truncheons at everyone in reach during that 40- or 50-yard run.

No one in that crowd expected him to drive right through them. The limos disappeared, leaving enraged and injured people with no outlet for their anger other than the Caddies and Lincolns of Nixon's richest supporters, who'd been given preferential parking in that lot immediately behind the San Jose Armory.

His supporters came out after all this, finding the mess but not having seen the cause.

Of course, they blamed those they could see.

Nixon went on to use the

episode to further inflame and agitate the country, stressing how much "danger" he'd been in—just as he'd done with the so-called "riot in Caracas" years earlier.

See [www.politico.com/magazine/story/2018/10/28/nixon-protest-law-and-order-221920](http://www.politico.com/magazine/story/2018/10/28/nixon-protest-law-and-order-221920)

I do hope the antifas can be kept under control. And that our local police officers, whose conservative suburban white military police veterans' politics tend to align with Mr. Trump's, will realize they work for us here in Minneapolis, and not him. We need good policemen, and they need our support and confidence. Their professionalism in the coming days is going to be important.

**Dave Porter Minneapolis**

## HEALTHCARE...Continued from page 4

plugging in family sizes and income for friends who've groused about the high cost of health insurance premiums, blaming it mostly on the ACA. In almost every case, when I've crunched the numbers for them, it turns out they've qualified for substantial tax credits that would save them thousands of dollars a year.

And the new income guidelines mean even more people qualify than before. Even a single person with an adjusted gross income of \$49,960 a year or less should qualify for private health insurance tax credits beginning in 2020. For a family of two, you can earn up to \$67,640 and still qualify for the advanced tax credits. A family of four can still qualify up to a household income of \$103,000. Keep in mind,

these are adjusted gross income figures, which means they are based on the numbers you report on your tax return after accounting for certain expenses such as child support payments or contributions to a retirement plan.

And, remember, once you apply and are approved for the advanced tax credit, the credit is applied each month to your premium and will often cut the cost of your monthly premium in half, or more, depending on your total income and the type of insurance plan you select.

Many families in our area with children under 18 may also qualify for Medical Assistance, or Medicaid, which is far more inclusive than most private plans, with minimal if any co-pays or deduct-

ibles. As of next year, a family of four can earn up to \$70,812 and their two children, under age 18, could both still qualify for Medical Assistance.

The fact is, about the only people in our area who don't qualify for some kind of free or subsidized health insurance through the MNsure system are those who already have coverage through their place of employment, or self-employed individuals with incomes well above the median in most of our area communities. We've published the income guidelines here, so take a look to see if you or your family might qualify. If you want more information on income guidelines for healthcare coverage assistance through MNsure, visit: [www.mnsure.org/shop-compare/financial-help/income-guidelines/index.jsp](http://www.mnsure.org/shop-compare/financial-help/income-guidelines/index.jsp).

People in household	Medical Assistance for adults over age 18 Monthly/annual income (up to)	Medical Assistance for children Monthly/annual income* (up to)	Medical Assistance for pregnant women Monthly/annual income (up to)	MinnesotaCare Annual Income** (up to)	Tax credits for private health plans Annual Income** (up to)
1	\$1,384 / \$16,611	\$2,862 / \$34,347	does not apply	\$24,980	\$49,960
2	\$1,874 / \$22,490	\$3,875 / \$46,502	\$3,917 / \$47,009	\$33,820	\$67,640
3	\$2,364 / \$28,368	\$4,888 / \$58,657	\$4,941 / \$59,297	\$42,660	\$85,320
4	\$2,853 / \$34,247	\$5,901 / \$70,812	\$5,965 / \$71,585	\$51,500	\$103,000
5	\$3,343 / \$40,126	\$6,913 / \$82,967	\$6,989 / \$83,872	\$60,340	\$120,680
6	\$3,833 / \$46,004	\$7,926 / \$95,122	\$8,013 / \$96,160	\$69,180	\$138,360
7	\$4,323 / \$51,883	\$8,939 / \$107,277	\$9,037 / \$108,447	\$78,020	\$156,040
8	\$4,813 / \$57,761	\$9,952 / \$119,432	\$10,061 / \$120,735	\$86,860	\$173,720

cial-help/income-guidelines/index.jsp.

So, for folks who don't currently have health insurance but are interested, either for themselves or members of their family, now is the time to start thinking about signing up for next year. The new rates will be issued on Oct. 15 and open enrollment for next year begins on Nov. 1.

You'll want to sign up as soon as possible so any questions or issues can be addressed well ahead of the start of your coverage on Jan. 1.

Can signing up be a bit complicated? Potentially, which is one reason I still firmly believe that a universal, single-payer system is the best way to go. Until that happens,

however, utilizing MNsure and signing up for the public coverage or private tax credits offered, makes sense if you don't have coverage through your employer. There's no reason to go without insurance if affordable coverage is out there.

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eventually led to the decision to work with a development group assembled by Kringstad to undertake architectural and construction management for the project on a fee-for-service basis with the city as the developer. The city later asked the group to take over as project developers.

Helmberger also addressed Altenburg's

other significant allegation, that loan monies were used for a buyout of one of the project partners, architect Dewey Thorbeck.

"This is provably false," said Helmberger. "Thorbeck was never a partner."

"This is the definition of reckless disregard for the truth," Helmberger said. "Altenburg never

made any effort to verify this point."

Helmberger said while Thorbeck was a part of the initial management team, he was never part of the legal partnership that had been formed. "He simply wanted to be paid for his architectural services," Helmberger said.

Helmberger also disputed Altenburg's claim

that he was legally required to report what he saw as "fraud."

"The law makes no reference to fraud," said Helmberger, "and can only apply to those who are authorized to expend public funds. This law has no relationship to this case."

Helmberger said it appeared that Altenburg

is abusing the state's whistleblower law to try to provide protection for his own job, since there was no actual fraud or unauthorized use of public funds to report.

"His actions are unethical," said Helmberger.

The whistleblower law does not provide any legal protection for those who make claims that are

false or are made with reckless regard for the truth.

This matter is expected to be discussed at the Tuesday, Oct. 15 city council meeting, which will be held at the Tower Civic Center at 5:30 p.m. Note the change from the regular meeting date, due to the Columbus Day holiday.

TOWER

# No changes at this time for city's animal ordinance

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- The Tower Planning and Zoning Commission is not going to recommend any changes to the city's animal ordinance at this point in time. The commission, at a Sept. 24 public hearing, heard only a little public input on proposed changes to the city's animal ordinance. In recent months, residents have asked the council to allow the keeping of chickens, and to permit one dwelling to have three dogs, instead of the current limit of two.

"We are just collecting public input at this time," said commission member Mary Shedd.

The current ordinance regulating animals allows for three animals per dwelling with a maximum of two dogs. This rule does not apply to a licensed kennel.

The city's current ordinance also prohibits allowing dogs or cats to run at large (must be on a six-foot leash or

under voice or whistle control), requires pet owners to pick up feces while out walking a dog, and states that dogs and cats are not permitted to enter public parks or playgrounds. The ordinance also prohibits loud or habitual barking that causes frequent annoyance to neighboring residences. Dogs or cats are also prohibited from damaging lawns, gardens, or other property in the city.

The ordinance also requires an annual license fee of \$5 for each altered (spayed/neutered) animal and \$10 for any unaltered animal.

Steve Clemenson attended to speak against allowing more than two dogs per dwelling. Besides Mayor Orlyn Kringsstad and this reporter, he was the only member of the "public" attending the hearing.

"I don't see the need for more dogs per house," he said. "People aren't controlling barking or where their animals poop. On my block, dogs bark from 5 a.m. until late at night."

"I work shift work," he

said, "and it's really hard to sleep."

Commission member Steve Abrahamson noted this issue has come up before.

"Our ordinance dates back to 1992," he said. "The same issues came up."

Abrahamson said the council, back then, did decide to keep the dog number at two.

Shedd wondered if the city could put some sort of variance process in place, but Abrahamson said a variance is a specific zoning tool used in cases of hardship.

"Having a third dog isn't a hardship," he said.

Shedd noted that there were already homes in town that had three dogs. She said a review of other area cities showed many with ordinances that limit to three animals, but do not specify the number of dogs.

"As a member of the public," she said, "I'd like to see three animals."

Shedd noted that her street can be very noisy with dogs

barking, but in this case, there are only one or two dogs per house.

"Three dogs doesn't get at the real problem," she said. "The real problem is the violation of chronic noise limits and peeing on lawns."

Shedd said she knew there were many city residents with views on this issue, and she wondered why there weren't more in the audience of the hearing. The public hearing was advertised in the city's legal newspaper, *The Tower News*, but the notice had no information on what topics were to be discussed, except for noting the ordinance numbers (except for a notation about CUPs). The notice published online also did not note the location of the meeting, which was held at the civic center.

"There are a ton of people who really care about this," she said. "We really need to reach out."

The issue of allowing chickens was briefly discussed. Some have voiced support for

a limited number of chickens, as long as the neighboring residents approved. But on the negative side, commission chair Steve Altenburg asked, "Fowl can be foul smelling, who is going to enforce that?"

In other business, the commission will be recommending some revisions to the garbage ordinance to the city council, to comply with current county and state laws, explicitly stating that garbage cannot be burned, and that demolition materials cannot be buried.

The commission also discussed the city's ordinance relating to conditional use permits, and whether or not to change it to be more in line with the county's ordinance.

The planning and zoning commission will make recommendations on any changes to the city council, which will have to give final approval, and discussed bringing in an expert to help rework the regulations.

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

# Township hopes to move back into town hall by Oct. 17

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

SOUDAN- The renovation project at the town hall, here, continues to move ahead on schedule. At the Breitung Town Board's Sept. 25 meeting, engineer John Jamnick reported that the parking lot paving should be underway by the first week in October, and the exterior siding work should be beginning soon. Interior work is mostly complete, and the flooring is complete. The township hopes to move the office back into the town hall on Oct. 17.

The new community room will include a galley-style kitchen, and the township hopes it can be used for receptions, celebrations, community education classes. The room has a 75-person maximum occupancy. Tables and chairs are available to set up for events. The town board was expected



to approve the rental rules and agreement at their next meeting on Thursday, Oct. 10 at 12 noon.

In other business, the town board:

► Heard that the Breitung Police Department is asking anyone who wants to use the township gravel pit to sight in their guns or rifles to please contact the department or the town clerk's office prior to entering the gravel pit. There have been some concerns

raised because of the proximity of the gravel pit to the Soudan Canister Site.

► Was questioned by three McKinley Park campers on why the township had raised the fee for winter storage of RVs by \$100. Tomsich noted the increase was set last year, and was needed to cover expenses at the campground. Tomsich noted the campground ran a negative balance last year, and it was not fair to raise the township levy to cover this

cost, but that it should be covered by those who are campers.

► Heard an update on the lightning strike to the water tower. Water plant supervisor Matt Tichel has reported to the *Timberjay* that the new electronic control system has been ordered.

► Heard a complaint from residents about rocks and other items on the side of Puncher Point Rd. The township has removed the rocks, and Supervisor Greg Dostert will follow up

on the issue with road residents. St. Louis County Planning and Zoning has asked for township input on zoning issues on this road.

► Heard that the township has only received a couple of applications for the maintenance supervisor position. Deadline for applications was on Oct. 10.

HIGH-SPEED INTERNET

# Tower-Soudan area broadband internet projects underway

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

REGIONAL- The work of the local Blandin Broadband Committee is starting to take shape.

"The Hoodoo Point wifi project is done and working well," said Committee Chair Joanne Bassing.

The public computer station at the Breitung Town Hall will be installed once the renovation and creation of the new community room is completed.

Installation of the broadband wireless public access for the train depot and Tower Farmers Market area has been scheduled, as well as the installation of the fiber optic broadband at Vermilion Country School (VCS). The equipment for the broadband projects at VCS has been ordered. VCS will have a new computer lab, that will be available for community education classes and other public use, as well as a digital piano/music lab, and other computer equipment that can take advantage of the broadband speeds. A mobile computer lab is also being installed at Tower-Soudan Elementary.

Bassing said not quite all the grant money has been spoken for, and a few smaller grant requests can be considered.

Feasibility study

A joint committee, which includes the Tower-Soudan area, as well as two other communities, is ready to begin the process of conducting a broadband feasibility study. The three groups have so far raised \$58,000, which will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Blandin Foundation. The group's goal was to raise \$75,000, so fundraising work is still underway, Bassing said.

"We do have enough to fund the study," said Bassing.

The group will be soliciting three voting members from each government unit who contributed funding to the feasibility study. That group is expected to meet in November to call for quotes from engineering firms who would conduct the feasibility study.

The study will look at the areas in the townships and cities that are part of the group, and determine what types of broadband are most practical and cost-effective. The study will also

identify possible private partners for the actual installation and service for broadband. Once the study is completed and a private company is selected, the project can apply for state and federal grant funds to help pay the cost of installing broadband at individual homes and businesses. If the study is completed by next spring, the project will be able to apply for installation funding next summer.

Three members of the local broadband group, Joanne Bassing, Kate Bassing, and Richard Hanson, will be attending the three-day Blandin Broadband Conference in Nisswa.

"It's good to be making connections," said Joanne Bassing. "And there will be a long list of topics covered at this conference."

This conference will offer learning and engagement on many aspects of the challenges and benefits of broadband access and use, from "Pursuing Broadband 101," to digital inclu-

sion tools and strategies for diverse audiences, to examples of tech-transformed health care, education, and agriculture, to case studies of improved community broadband. Providers will discuss trends in deployments and offer advice to communities. Blandin Foundation will recognize community leaders who, since these annual conferences began fifteen years ago, have led the way to better broadband. Besides panel discussions, presentations, and demonstrations, participants will hear directly from millennials about how they decide where to live and work.

Kate Bassing will be giving a talk at the conference, related to white hat hacking.

**Free computers to be available in November**

The local broadband group will have 50 desktop-style computers to distribute, free-of-charge, to eligible residents, at an event on Saturday, Nov.

16 at the Vermilion Country School, in the afternoon (exact time TBA). To qualify, a family's household income must be below 200-percent of the federal poverty guidelines, or receive or qualify for MFIP, GA, SNAP, NAPS, WIC, Child Care Subsidy, Head Start, Section 8 housing, or energy assistance.

"There will be a short form to fill out," said Joanne Bassing.

The computers will be given out on a first come/first served basis, but Bassing said if the demand is high, there is a good chance they can get more computers to distribute.

PCs for People refurbishes desktop and laptop computers for distribution to eligible recipients. As a Microsoft Registered Refurbisher, they provide computers with licensed copies of Windows 10. Every desktop includes a mouse, a keyboard, power cords and monitor cords at no additional cost. Monitors, accessories, hardware upgrades and additional software (such as licensed Microsoft Office) are available for an additional fee.

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**FALL EVENTS**

**Sellers Auction set for Saturday, Oct. 26 in Tower**

TOWER- Sellers Auction, of Superior, Wis., will be holding a live auction at the Tower Civic Center on Saturday, Oct. 26 starting at 11 a.m. The auction is being sponsored by UBetcha Antiques and Uniques of Tower, and the event will feature handpicked items from the dealers and vendors who work with the shop.

Items will be available to view Friday evening, said Ubetcha owner Victoria Meloche, and then again prior to the auction start on Saturday.

"There will be hundreds of items auctioned off," she said, "Antiques, collectibles, and fine junk, including some box lots."

Meloche is hoping that live auction action will attract both buyers and also those just interested in watching. Buyers will register and receive their auction number prior to the auction start.

"This is something that has been missing on the Range," she said. "If it goes well, we will look at doing consignment auctions."

Meloche said they will be posting updates on items to be offered at the auction on the Ubetcha Antiques facebook page.

**NWFA Winter Writers meet Saturday, Oct. 12 in Cook**

COOK - Are you interested in writing? The Northwoods Friends of the Arts Winter Writers Group begins on Saturday, Oct. 12 in Cook from 1-3 p.m. at the NWFA Gallery on the main street of Cook, 210 S River St.

The writers group is open to anyone, not just NWFA members, who enjoys writing and spending time with others who share an interest and passion for putting words together to tell a story. Those who attend will have an opportunity to share personal writings, as well as a chance to write together on an assigned topic. The group meets on the second Saturday of each month, except in November, when it will meet on Saturday, Nov. 16.

**Movie to be shown at St. Martins on Oct. 27**

TOWER- On Sunday, Oct. 27, St. Martin's Catholic Church will be showing the movie "Unplanned," at 2 p.m. in the Social Hall. All are invited, at no charge.

"Unplanned" is the true story of Abby Johnson. Abby just wanted to help women. She believed in a women's right to choose, and as

one of the youngest Planned Parenthood directors in the nation, she was involved in upward of 22,000 abortions...Until the day she saw something that changed everything, which led Abby to become one of the most ardent pro-life advocates in America.

If you are unable to attend the showing on Oct. 27, St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cook will be showing the movie on Monday, Oct. 21 at 6:30 p.m.

**Little Church committee to meet Saturday**

VERMILION LAKE TWP- The Little Church Committee will meet on Saturday, Oct. 12 at 10 a.m. The group welcomes anyone interested in keeping The Little Church preserved and maintained in our community. The Little Church Men's Group meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. for coffee and conversation. All are welcome. The Little Church is located in Vermilion Lake Township on Country Rd. 26/Wahlsten Rd. Any questions, contact Len Hujanen at 218-749-2014.

**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 by Oct. 15**

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 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.

**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.

**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.

**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. 14**

Monday: Sesame Chicken Stir Fry over Brown Rice, Bread Stick  
Tuesday: Taco Soup, Tostitos

Wednesday through Friday: MEA weekend, no school, no lunch served

**Week of Oct. 21**

Monday: Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheesy Bread Sticks, Marinara Sauce

Tuesday: Cheese Enchilada

Wednesday: Italian Meatball Sub Sandwich, Corn

Thursday: Tater Tot Hot Dish, Dinner Roll

Friday: Chicken Philly Sandwich

**Week of Oct. 14**

**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.

Tower City Council- 5:30 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center on Oct. 15, note change of date due to Columbus Day Holiday on Monday

**Wednesday**

Tower AA- Open Basics- 7 p.m. at St. James Presbyterian Church. Questions, call 753-2332.

**Thursday**

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

Vermilion Country School Board- Meetings posted online at [vermilioncountry.org](http://vermilioncountry.org).

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**BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**August 2019**

Calls: 348  
Citations/Formal Charges: 5  
Monthly Mileage: 1,975 (Tahoe 1,099; Explorer 876)



**August Police Report**

**Breitung Police Chief Dan Nylund**

blurred vision, and more, which can put drivers at risk.

**Citations/Formal Charges/Arrests:** 3 speed, 1 traffic passing on right when prohibited, 1 disorderly conduct.

ATV Training held at the Tower Civic Center.

**Drug-Impaired Driving:** The use of over-the-counter or prescription medication can impair driving. Learn the facts. Spread the word. Impaired driving is generally associated with alcohol, prescription drug abuse, or illegal drug use. However, many legally-obtained, and commonly used, over-the-counter medications and prescription drugs can affect a user's ability to drive safely. For example, cold and allergy medications, antidepressants, opioids, and sleep

aids can cause side effects like drowsiness, nausea,



**TOWER FLU SHOT CLINICS**

**October 8<sup>th</sup> 8:30-4:00**

**October 17<sup>th</sup> 8:30-4:00**

**No Appointment Necessary**

Bring your Insurance Card, Photo ID, and wear a short-sleeved shirt

Allow 10 Minutes for Registration

High-Dose Shot Available!

**Tower Medical Clinic**

**415 N 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Suite 2**

**218-753-2405**

[www.ScenicRiversHealth.org](http://www.ScenicRiversHealth.org)

**Transfer station**

**Soudan Canister**

Expanded hours year-round  
Monday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Wed. 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Saturday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

**Hwy. 77 Canister**

Winter hours now in effect  
Thursday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.  
Sunday 12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Recycling canisters available at the canister site when open. For info: 1-800-450-9278

**Libraries**

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

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

**Support groups**

**AA - Alcoholics Anonymous**  
AA - 7 p.m. Mondays, and 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, First Lutheran Church, 915 E. Camp St., Ely

**WOMEN'S AA** - Noon Mondays, St. Anthony Church basement, Ely

**BABBITT AA** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church.

**AL-ANON** - Sundays 8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely.

For persons who encounter alcoholism in a relative or friend.

**BABBITT AL-ANON** - Thursdays, 7 p.m. at Woodland Presbyterian Church.

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

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

**ADULT BASIC EDUCATION**  
**GED** - Study materials and pre-test available. Tower by appointment. Call 365-3359, 827-3232, or 1-800-662-5711.

**Tuesday Group schedule**

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

**Oct. 15** - Tom Hanson and Rolf Willy Hansen, foreign policy

**Oct. 22** - To be announced

**Play Smear**

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

**Ely Free Clinic**

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

For more information, call 218-365-5678, or visit their website, [www.elycommunityhealth.org](http://www.elycommunityhealth.org).

**Breathing Out**  
by Cecilia Rolando © 2019



agressive birds group like something is awaite  
a harsh wind blowing

TUESDAY GROUP

# Meet more new Ely residents

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - Rather than all retirees moving to Ely, some new residents here are still working and are making this area their new home. All proclaimed that previous visits here, and their love of the outdoors, prompted them to eventually settle here.

They recently introduced themselves at the weekly Tuesday Group gathering, held at the Grand Ely Lodge.

Adam and Jenni Jensen are the new owners of the former Smitty's on Snowbank. Adam spent the last 26 years in the United States Army National Guard. The couple is originally from central Illinois. "I did my first canoe trip when I was 14 years old, and literally remember the first time I put a canoe in the water and being amazed at the beauty up here," he said. "It took 30 years, but here we are."

Jenni has been a registered nurse for the last 17 years and works as the RNCare Manger at the Ely VA Clinic. The couple has two adult daughters and a granddaughter.

In the last year, the couple completed their purchase of the Snowbank Lodge and are putting themselves completely into the business. "It's in the middle of nowhere, which is perfect," Adam said.

Ely is much to their liking. "We've had a very good year here," Jenni said. "But the reality is, we're just not out fishing everyday. Instead, we want to give other people



Louise Stewart



Tim Loney

the experience that Adam had when he first came up here."

Louise Stewart is a graduate of Fridley College near the Twin Cities and became familiar with the area during her travels and work for Memorial Blood Center. She met her fiancé, Matthew Schmitt, at the Boathouse Brew Pub during an Ely Winter Festival weekend. They have an 18-month-old daughter. Louise works for the new State Farm Agent, Lindsey Keen, and Matthew has his own contracting business.

"We live in town, and hope to someday have a house on a lake," she said.

Tim Loney is originally from West St. Paul, and now teaches sociology and criminal justice at



Jack and Debbie Cook



Jenni and Adam Jensen

Vermilion Community College. "In the year that I have been here, I fell in love with the Boundary Waters and the people I have met up here," he said.

He has become involved in the Ely community, participating in the snow-sculpting event at the Winter Festival and the production of "Cabaret" last year. He is set to help with coaching for the VCC men's basketball program.

Jack and Debbie Cook retired to Ely following a combined 70-plus years of working for an office furniture company in western Michigan.

He recalled a week-long trip to Farm Lake and into the BWCAW. "We've been coming up here ever since," he said.

"We always toyed with the idea of living in Ely," she added. "It all worked out perfectly."



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## YOUTH SPORTS



### Ely Flag Football



### Ely Flag Football scrimmage scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 16

The Ely Youth Flag Football program was conducted this fall for K-6 grade school students under the direction of Ely Memorial High School head football coach Cory Lassi and varsity players. The program will conclude on Wednesday, Oct. 16, with a scrimmage during halftime of the Timberwolves varsity home football game against Lake of the Woods at Memorial Stadium. The varsity game begins at 6 p.m. and all flag football participants should be at the field by 6:40 p.m. The players should meet by the gate to get on to the field on the west end. Since the coaching staff will be with the varsity, volunteers will help get the players broken up into teams and help get their flags on. Contact Coach Lassi at [classi@ely.k12.mn.us](mailto:classi@ely.k12.mn.us) if you are willing to help.

photos by K. Vandervort

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SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

# Miss Ely, Little Miss Ely crowned

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - The Miss Ely Scholarship and Community Program held its fifth competition last Friday night in Washington Auditorium, with Kalyssa Eilrich taking home the Miss Ely Crown and Lindi Zemke crowned Little Miss Ely for 2019.

The mission of the program is to foster confidence and help develop community-minded individuals. Proceeds go directly to the scholarship fund. Since its resurrection, the program has increased its focus on community service and continuing education.

Each participant received a \$500 scholarship allocated to continuing education. The winner received up to a \$2,000 scholarship. To date, the program has awarded \$7,000 in scholarships.

The contestants and their sponsors included: Eilrich - Wildwoods Land Company; Sydni Richards - Ely Northland Market; and Madelyne Roderick - The Pebble Spa.

Little Miss Ely contestants, and their sponsors included: Zemke, Heavy Metal Sports; Lauren Anderson - Ely DQ Grill & Chill; Jorden Borchert - Ely Fire Relief Association; and Kayla Larsen - Tara Kay Photography.

The coronation program included Community Awareness presentations by each Miss Ely contestant. Eilrich talked about "Bullying."



Kalyssa Eilrich was crowned Miss Ely 2019, and Lindi Zemke was crowned Little Miss Ely 2019 Saturday night at Washington Auditorium. photo by K. Vandervort

Richards focused on "Women in Sports," and Roderick discussed "The Effects of Social Media."

The program also included two dance numbers, "Waves," presented by Bella Davis, and "Smile," presented by Senja Kess and Rylee Larsen.

The event was hosted by Studio North Dance and Fitness Center. "This event is a wonderful opportunity for our youth," said organizer Nicole Boitz. "It builds confidence, self-esteem, community pride, and awareness on many levels. It is a wonderful tradition to carry forward.

We thank the community for your ongoing support."

The Miss Ely scholarship program is active in Ely's Relay for Life. To date, the program has donated \$4,500 to the American Cancer Society.



The 2019 Miss Ely and Little Miss Ely contestants included, from left, Kalyssa Eilrich, Lauren Anderson, Lindi Zemke, Madelyne Roderick, Kayla Larsen, Jorden Borchert, and Sydni Richards. submitted photo

## OUR COMMUNITY

### Story Portage receives funding for Little Free Libraries

ELY - Story Portage, a local non-profit organization, recently received funding from Essentia Health Foundation to support a collaborative project with Ely Memorial High School to create Little Free Libraries.

According to Jeanette Cox, eight libraries will be auctioned off during the spring art show/band concert. Two libraries will be donated to the Ely Area Food Shelf and Ely Community Resource. Story Portage also received funds from Lake Country Power's Operation Round-Up to support the project.

Students in the school's Woodworking I and II courses will design and build ten Little Free Libraries. Students enrolled in Heather Cavalier's Creative Writing course will create nature haikus and poems that will be



Story Portage Secretary/Treasurer Rita Koch, left, presents a \$400 check to Ely Memorial High School English Teacher Heather Cavalier to help support school visits by area writers. submitted photo

interpreted by Kelly Chick's art students and incorporated into the exteriors of the libraries.

The two libraries that will be donated will be "tricycle height" so that children can select books.

Additional libraries will be built, painted and auctioned off to raise funds to sustain the project, as well as be used for other student-driven, creative community programs.

Story Portage was founded in April, 2017 and currently supports student-driven and school-initiated literacy and literary projects, including partnerships and collaborations between EHS, Northeast Range and Vermilion Community College. Celebrating its twentieth grant, Story Portage's volunteer board has spent each grant dollar locally, supporting area businesses.

For more information on Story Portage, visit [storyportage.org](http://storyportage.org) or [storyportage.com](http://storyportage.com). Tax deductible donations can be sent to Story Portage, P.O. Box 286, Ely, MN 55731.

## News In Brief

### Ely school choir concert is Monday

ELY - The Ely Memorial High School Choir Fall Concert will be held on Monday Oct. 14, beginning at 7 p.m. in the Washington Auditorium, under the direction of Michael Rouse.

The event was rescheduled from the end of the month.

### Christmas singers wanted

ELY - Singers are wanted for the Ely Area Christmas Choir Cantata. Rehearsals are on Wednesdays, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. at Grace Lutheran Church 301 E. Conan St. Child care will be provided.

The performance date is at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Dec 8 at Washington Auditorium, 600 E. Harvey St.

For more information, call Patti at 218-929-3214 or Donna at 218-365-6320.

### Happy Days to host Halloween party

ELY - Happy Days Preschool is hosting a Halloween Costume Contest on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Grand Ely Lodge. The fundraising event, for children Pre-K through fifth grade, will be held from 5-8 p.m.

Happy Days, a private, self-funded preschool for children three to five years of age, and is celebrating it's 50th anniversary in December.

"Part of the success of the preschool depends on the contributions from local businesses and sponsors who generously donate various educational items and monetary donations," said board member Zoe Lampman.

Costume contest judging will begin at 7p.m. During the contest, there will be door prizes with carnival-style games, such as "Witch-Hat Ring Toss," "Feed the Ghost," "Monster Grab," "Pick-a-Duck," and more.

Crafting activities will also be available to include; rock painting, pumpkin decorating, and make a monster. The best deal for game participation will be \$5 for 10 tickets.

All proceeds will benefit Happy Days Preschool, which strives to provide quality and hands-on education for its students. "Come on out and enjoy this fun family event," Lampman said.

## Yesterday's news, this week

from the archives of

### THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

October 10, 1919

### State officials here

In connection with the establishment of a state-owned paper mill and location of sites in the north woods for a colony of epileptics and feeble-minded, committees sent out by the state were here Saturday and looked over the water power proposition at the Kawishiwi Falls and Birch Lake Dam.

The party was under the pilotage of State Auditor Preus and arrived here Friday evening by automobiles from Cook and Orr.

In addition to State Auditor Preus, O.H. Dierke, E.V. Willard, C.J. Swendson, A. MacMillan, F.A. Wildes and C.M. Atkinson composed the party.

They were met by a committee of citizens and after dinner at the Exchange Hotel were taken to the Community Center where an informal meeting was held. Several talks were held by those present. B.J. Schreck of the Superior Forest gave an estimate of the pulp wood directly available in the area.

On Saturday, many traveled by automobile to the falls and Birch Lake dam. The trips were enjoyed by all. The Kawishiwi Falls and the Pipestone are two of the most advisable sites for power purposes in the state and should have been developed long ago. The prospects are that power will be utilized shortly whether the state goes into the paper business here or not. We have the place and material to maintain just such an institution and here is the logical place for it.

# ELY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

## CHOIR FALL CONCERT

October 14, 2019 ~ 7 p.m.  
Washington Auditorium  
Ely, Minnesota

Director of Choral Music ~ Mr. Michael Rouse

NORTHWOODS FRIENDS OF THE ARTS

# “Felt Here” workshop tells a story of connection and sharing

by E. M. SCHULTZ  
Staff Writer

COOK – The Northwoods Friends of the Arts, or NWFA, hosted “Felt Here,” a pop-up storytelling workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 2. The workshop, led by Shanai Matteson of Palisade, was an informal gathering of artists and lovers of the arts that focused on the importance of art as a means of storytelling. Matteson has hosted many storytelling workshops throughout the region, using local materials to create beautiful works of art, while drawing inspiration from the stories workshop attendees have shared with her.

She started the workshop in Cook by asking what had brought everyone there and what interested them in the arts. This led to casual conversa-

tions, mainly fueled by shared stories and tips on how to use a variety of materials in art, over hands-on creation. Using the materials Matteson provided, those in attendance were free to create pieces that reflected who they were and what was important to them.

The materials themselves tell as much of a story as the finished pieces made at these workshops. Matteson had gathered items from family members, friends, and thrift shops in order to transform them into a sort of time capsule for future generations. She hopes to use the stories she’s heard at these workshops to create baby quilts, as well as a giant landscape quilt. An exhibition of Matteson’s work will be on display at the Lyric Center for the Arts in Virginia next June.



Top right: Shanai Matteson led a workshop on felting and storytelling at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery last week. Right: (from left) Cindy Jones, Shanai Matteson, and Alberta Whitenack. photos by E.M. Schultz



## A Night to Remember

COOK - The annual Susan Martin Memorial Member Show at the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery kicked off on Friday, Oct. 4 with a marvelous two-hour reception. Those in attendance were treated to a smorgasbord of tasty foods and flowing glasses of wine, while enjoying the abundance of member-submitted art pieces.

There was something for everyone to admire, from oil paintings to fiber arts to photography. The star of the show, however, was a life-size moose made from chicken wire. Kurt Conaway, the artist, explained the process to onlookers. “It

takes hundreds of hours of work,” he said, adding to the impressiveness of the piece.

The Susan Martin Memorial Member Show was previously known as the October Festival of the Arts until last year when Susan Martin, a founding member of NWFA, unexpectedly passed away. This year, the board voted to permanently change the name in her memory. New works of art from members of NWFA are on display now through Oct. 26.

Photo by R. Schultz

### Ribbon cutting planned in Cook for St. Louis County Government Services Center and David M. Skelton Transportation Building

COOK- After 16 months of construction, the St. Louis County Government Services Center-Cook is complete. A ribbon cutting will be held Tuesday, Oct. 15, at 1:15 p.m., at the facility at 9558 Ashawa Road in Cook.

The new facility spans a 60-acre site and includes a large office building that will house staff from several departments including Public Works, Land and Minerals, the Assessor’s Office, and Public Health and Human Services. The

complex also includes the David M. Skelton Transportation Building - an 82,000-square-foot heated building for vehicle storage and mechanic space - plus two 16,500-square-foot structures - one for cold storage and the other for salt and sand storage.

Total investment in the facility is \$24 million, including land acquisition and engineering costs.

This new facility provides a centralized base for public works crews serving a more than 2,000-square-mile area of the county including Cook, Linden Grove and surrounding areas from Side Lake to Kabetogama to a portion of the Echo Trail. Approximately 567 miles of county roads, as well as various contracted roads and driveways, will be maintained from

this new facility. The County Board voted to name the Public Works portion of the facility in honor of Dave Skelton, who worked for St. Louis County for 33 years in roles ranging from Bridge Worker to Deputy Public Works Director.

With the new facility now open, the long-serving Public Works site in Cook will be closed and offered for sale. Meanwhile, another garage in Linden Grove will be converted into a depot for salt and sand storage.

### NWFA Winter Writers Group to meet Saturday, Oct. 12

COOK - Are you interested in writing? The Northwoods Friends of the Arts Winter Writers Group begins on Satur-

day, Oct. 12 in Cook from 1-3 p.m. at the NWFA Gallery on the main street of Cook, 210 S River St.

The writers group is open to anyone, not just NWFA members, who enjoys writing and spending time with others who share an interest and passion for putting words together to tell a story. Those who attend will have an opportunity to share personal writings, as well as a chance to write together on an assigned topic. The group meets on the second Saturday of each month, except in November, when it will meet on Saturday, Nov. 16.

The gallery is open on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. For more information, check our Facebook page or

our website, [www.nwfamn.org](http://www.nwfamn.org), or send an email to [nwfamn.org@gmail.com](mailto:nwfamn.org@gmail.com).

### Piatigorsky Foundation presents pianist

BIGFORK - The Piatigorsky Foundation is bringing tenor Kelly Burns and piano accompanist Nicholas Shaneyfelt to the Edge Center for the Arts in Bigfork on Friday, Oct. 25 at 7 p.m. Tickets for the event are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children.

The performance is part of the foundation’s program to bring world class music to smaller communities throughout America.

The pianists will also be performing in Cook on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 7 p.m. at the First Baptist Church.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### 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.

### 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!

### 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.

### Sellers Auction set for Saturday, Oct. 26 in Tower

TOWER- Sellers Auction, of Superior, Wis., will be holding a live auction at the Tower Civic Center on Saturday, Oct. 26 starting at 11 a.m. The auction is being sponsored by UBetcha Antiques and Uniques of Tower, and the event will feature handpicked items from the dealers and vendors who work with the shop.

Items will be available to view Friday evening, said UBetcha owner Victoria Meloche, and then again prior to the auction start on Saturday.

“There will be hundreds of items auctioned off,” she said, “Antiques, collectibles, and fine junk, including some box lots.”

Meloche is hoping that live auction action will attract both buyers and also those just interested in watching. Buyers will register and receive their auction number prior to the auction start.

“This is something that has been missing on the Range,” she said. “If it goes well, we will look at doing consignment auctions.”

Meloche said they will be posting updates on items to be offered at the auction on the UBetcha Antiques facebook page.

NORTH WOODS SCHOOL

# Meet the new science teacher, Mr. Anderson



**JOHN VUKMANICH**

This week I would like to introduce another one of our new teachers, Mr. Nathan Anderson. We already have one Mr. Anderson teaching science, and now we have two! The "new" Mr. Anderson is actually beginning his career with us at North Woods. Although I have been in the profession since 1997, I still remember distinctly my first interview, job offer, and contract. It is an exciting time as a young person, right out of college, ready to take on the world. I also remember that my first salary was \$23,450! It was my first "real" job, and even though I was in debt up to my eyeballs with loans for school, it was the most money I had ever seen.

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

I am originally from Winsted, Minn., west of St. Cloud. I went to a small private high school, Holy Trinity, and went to college at Bemidji State University.

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

Miss Fasching was my high school science teacher. Dr. Mark Fulton and Dr. Mike Urban were both college professors that I learned a ton from.

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

They were consistent. They treated you individually; you weren't a number. They were approachable and easy to talk to.

*What do you teach at North Woods?*

Physics, Life Science 7, STEM, and Conceptual Physics.

*Why did you choose teaching as a profession?*



I always enjoyed science and did well in it. I did not have any interest in going farther (past a Bachelor's degree) in science, and felt that teaching would be a good fit.

*What are your hobbies?*

I enjoy hiking, rock climbing, scuba diving, sailing (I own a small sailboat), fishing, and I enjoy sports as well.

*What is something you like about North Woods?*

I like the location. I love northern Minnesota, and couldn't imagine living anywhere else. The staff also. They are super-friendly and have been very welcoming.

*What is a professional goal for you?*

A goal is to get better at all the material that I

teach. Being new, I realize that I am learning every day. I also teach multiple classes, and each is a little different in terms of content.

*What is something you love about northern Minnesota?*

I have been coming up here for years, and I think the best thing is the location and the outdoor options that it offers. If I

want to go hiking or fishing after work, I can, yet we are only a little ways from Duluth.

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

Work hard, put in effort. Don't take what you are learning for granted.

*Do you have a favorite saying or expression?*

Live life in the moment and enjoy what you have.

*What do you hope your students remember you for?*

I hope they remember that I was fair, consistent, and treated them with respect.

Thanks Mr. Anderson for joining our team at North Woods School. With a love of the outdoors, you have come to the right place!

**Left: Mr. Anderson, pictured with some of his students during science class.**

## 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 arts 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

COOK- The Susan Martin Memorial Member Showruns through Saturday, Oct. 26. The members of NWFA are the "stars of the show".

Winter Writers Group: Begin the season on Saturday, Oct. 12, from 1 - 3 p.m. All writers

and wannabe writers will enjoy this group, which meets once a month on the second Saturday.

Jazz at NWFA Gallery with Bill Conger, Monday, Oct. 28 from 7 - 9 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 27, Piatigorsky Foundation world class music concert in Cook at the First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. On Monday, Oct. 28, there will be an afternoon concert for the children and parents only, at North Woods School.

### Crane Lake News seeking some new friends to help 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 go into the scholarship fund which has helped many

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 it to info@thelakecountry.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 information at 218-741-7941.

### Open Studio Art at NWFA Gallery on Saturdays

COOK- On Saturdays, artists meet at Northwoods Friends of

the Arts Gallery in Cook to enjoy working on their art from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All artists and would-be artists are welcome to share the time and space on Saturdays.

### NWFA Meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15

COOK- Northwoods Friends of the Arts will hold its regular meeting at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 15 in Cook at the NWFA Gallery. The public is invited to these meetings.

Discussion will center on cool and creative art ideas for the winter and NWFA's tenth anniversary in 2020 to inspire, nurture and celebrate the arts.

The gallery exhibit for October is "The Susan Martin Memorial Member Show" and hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. Saturdays. See the website at nwfamn.org or email NWFA at nwfamn.org@gmail.com.



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Orr Lake Country ReMax Bldg	1:45 - 2:30
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**DFL Issues Forum at Vermilion Community College, 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.

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 vmyntti@frontiernet.net or Mary Louise Icenhour at 218-365-3204 or icenhour22@yahoo.com.

**Former Foreign Service Officer Thomas Hanson and Norwegian Ambassador Rolf Hansen to speak in Tower and Ely, Oct. 14 and 15**

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's 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 firsthand analysis of global challenges in the troubled Middle East from his recent experience as a Norwegian diplomat in the region.

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. 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.

**"Animals of Our Lives" at Mesabi Unitarian on Sunday**

VIRGINIA - Steve Johnson will lead a discussion about "Animals of Our Lives" at Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, Oct. 13 at 10:30 a.m. The discussion will center around the idea that we are but one animal in the grand ecology that we call Earth. We will take some time to visit about animals and the roles they play in our lives - food, companions, nuisances, family. While actual pets are not invited, photos of them are welcome.

**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!

**CELEBRATION**

**Fortune Bay celebrating 33rd anniversary**

TOWER— While there are many great activities planned as part of Fortune Bay's 33rd Anniversary this October, perhaps the best one is the Guest Appreciation event.

This staple is one that guests look forward to every year as it allows Fortune Bay team members to personally thank everyone for another year together.

"This is our chance to say, 'Thank you,'— thank you for 33 great years," said Director of Marketing Ryan McKeon. "We love seeing everyone who comes through the doors throughout the year and spending some time with them. It's an event we all look forward to."

This year's Guest Appreciation takes place Thursday, Oct. 24, from 5 - 8 p.m. in The Woodlands Ballroom. There will be free food served, including sloppy joes, chips, salads, and desserts, along with non-alcoholic beverages. Although the event is free, guests must be an active Wild Edge member to take part in all of the festivities.

Those festivities include 10 free Pull Tabs where players can win up to \$200 on each tab.

"This is our chance to create that truly memorable experience for our guests and ensure their loyalty for years to come," said McKeon. "Guests can also swipe their player's card at our promotional kiosks from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m. to win up to 33X points in honor of our 33rd Anniversary."

The resort is also putting out some great specials throughout the month, including a \$59 room rate from Oct. 20 - 31. There is also a Sunday through Thursday special where guests get a standard room for \$70, \$80 for premium and \$90 for a suite, plus state and lodging taxes. Guests would also get a BOGO drink and a BOGO breakfast as part of this weekday special. Both specials exclude executive suites and are based on availability.

"We're always looking for ways to reward our loyal customers who visit us throughout the year,"



**Executive Sous Chef Luke Whitney serving guests during the 2018 appreciation event.** submitted photo

said Director of Hospitality Garrett Lamppa. "This is a fantastic deal, and I hope our guests take advantage of it."

For those looking for a night out, Fortune Bay is once again bringing back Travis LeDoyt's "Tribute to the King," concert in The Woodlands Ballroom on Friday, Oct. 18. Come listen to one of the best Elvis impersonators belt out all of the King's favorites. Ticket prices are \$20 for general admission and \$25 for reserved seating.

Anniversary month ends with arguably the region's largest Halloween Bash on Thursday, Oct. 31, in The Woodlands Ballroom.

This year's show features the musical talents of Rhino, who cover all of the favorites from the '80s to

today. This is a free show that begins at 8 p.m. and ends at midnight.

"While Rhino brings in an excellent crowd, the biggest draw is our \$5,000 costume contest," said McKeon. "We've seen some pretty unique costumes over the years and can't wait to see what this year's event brings."

Please go to fortunebay.com to see what else is in store for their 33rd Anniversary.

"We enjoy this time of year," said McKeon. "We never take our guests for granted. We try to get better every day so that our guests keep coming and choose us as their gaming/entertainment choice."

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

MT IRON- 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, which 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.

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CITY OF ELY

# Ely council reaches tentative agreement for garbage service

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – On Tuesday, city council members here authorized the city attorney to continue negotiations with legal counsel for G-Men Environmental Services for a sanitation pickup service agreement with the city of Ely.

The progress in the contract discussion was reported by attorney Kelly Klun during a brief special meeting this week. The council had directed her earlier this month to seek a six-month extension to the exclusive

license agreement, set to expire on Nov. 1, to allow council members more time to agree on a path forward.

Instead, she presented a tentative agreement that included four-years of residential and one-year of commercial pickup service. “Both contracts would abide by the rates previously agreed to by both parties,” Klun said.

The new agreement would include the following amendments:

► Change the starting time for garbage pickup to 6 a.m. from 6:30 a.m.

► Make commercial pickup available Monday

through Saturday, excluding holidays. Saturday commercial pickup would include a \$50 surcharge in addition to the standard commercial rate

► Any waste collection complaints could also be reported to the city’s Sanitation Committee.

► Removal of the automatic renewal provision.

Council member Al Forsman made a motion to accept the language of the contract and to direct Klun to proceed with negotiations to reach a formal agreement with G-Men. The motion was supported by Ryan

Callen. Forsman asked for clarification in defining a residence, especially in cases of multi-family rental units.

Paul Kess said he could agree to the new contract, as long as negotiations continue in the next year to allow for an open commercial pickup license agreement in the city.

“It remains uncertain as to what the city wants to do in terms of commercial pickup here, and this agreement gives us time to explore our options,” Forsman said.

Angela Campbell questioned whether city

residents would continue to be allowed to take their own garbage to the Northwoods Transfer Station on Hwy. 21. That provision remains in any new agreement. “I want to make sure that my handyman can still take my garbage to the dump,” she said.

Campbell continued to query the city attorney and was reprimanded by Mayor Chuck Novak. “You need to go through the chair. This isn’t just a little debate that goes between you and the attorney. We’ve talked about this before,” he said.

The motion was

passed by unanimous vote of the members present. Klun will continue negotiating specific contract language with G-Men and expects to present a formal contract for approval by the council at their next meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 15.

Council members also agreed to a motion to disband the Sanitation Committee as it stands and to direct the city attorney to draft an ordinance in accordance with proper county and state language to form a new committee that deals with the city’s sanitation needs.

## SAFETY...Continued from page 1

the highway to four-lane in 2014.

The new design, known as a “conflict-reduction intersection,” will require drivers seeking to cross or turn left onto Hwy. 53 to turn right onto the expressway, then merge left before making a U-turn a hundred yards or so down the road, then traveling back to the intersection across the highway from their starting point, where they will either continue on their way down the expressway or turn right again to continue on their way.

While traffic records show an increase in crashes at the intersection since the expansion of the highway to four lanes, the increase is not dramatic. In a six-year period, from 2009-2014, the intersection saw 11 crashes, including seven with injuries, one severe. In the four-and-a-half years since completion of the four-lane, the intersection has seen 12 crashes, including six with minor injuries. MnDOT traffic engineer Morrie Luke said the new designs should reduce crashes, particularly dangerous side impacts, leading to fewer injuries and deaths. The innovative design has been used elsewhere in the country, and with increasing frequency here in Minnesota. MnDOT’s Olson said the state now built close to 80 such intersections, mostly where rural highways cross high-speed expressways.

A recent study by MnDOT suggests that reduced-conflict intersections can improve traffic safety at some rural four-lane intersections. Yet that same study found that crash rates actually increased, in some cases, significantly, at half of the eight intersections that MnDOT examined both before and after installation of a conflict-reduction intersection.



This diagram shows the new intersection at Hwy. 53 and Hwy. 1/ County Rd. 22 near Cook.

The overall statistics cited in the study suggest significant reductions in the severity of injuries as a result of the intersection redesign. The study examined the number and types of crashes at eight intersections where a two-lane road crossed a four-lane expressway, both before and after the installation of a reduced-conflict intersection. The total number of crashes related to the intersection declined from 53 prior to installation of the new intersection, to 45 post-construction. But MnDOT officials say, more importantly, the number of high-speed side impact, or “T-bone,” accidents that can occur at traditional intersections, are substantially reduced with the new design. Those side impacts are the most common type of fatal or severe-injury accident that occurs at such intersections.

The study confirmed that these side impact crashes are significantly reduced, at least in most cases. Overall, the study concluded that right angle crashes are reduced by 77 percent and that fatal accidents are reduced by 100 percent.

But such statistics don’t necessarily predict the outcome at every newly-installed reduced-conflict intersection, and the claimed safety benefits are overwhelmingly due to significant reductions in crashes at just two busy intersections, which had accounted for the bulk of the crashes in the study prior to the redesign of the two intersections. Most of the remaining intersections either saw no statistically-significant benefit, or saw crashes increase as a result of the redesigned intersection.

The redesign of the intersection of Hwy. 53 and County Rd. 52 in Cotton is an example. In a three-year period prior to the installation of a reduced-conflict intersection there, drivers had experienced three crashes at the site, two of which had involved personal injury and one of which had involved only property damage. In the three years after installation of the new intersection, drivers at the site experienced seven crashes. As before, two had involved personal injury, with the remaining involving damage to vehicles.

The experience

Cotton was not unusual. Indeed, four of the eight intersections studied saw increases in crashes, and three of those actually saw slight increases in right angle or T-bone crashes and personal injuries following the redesign of the intersection. A fifth intersection saw no change in either the number of crashes or injuries. That means that of the eight intersections studied, just over 60 percent saw an increase in crashes or saw no improvement.

So how did the MnDOT study’s overall statistics show such dramatic safety improvements?

Two intersections accounted for the vast majority of the documented gains in crash reduction and the rate of injuries, none more so than one

located near Willmar. In a five-year period prior to the study, the intersection had seen 17 crashes, including ten with personal injuries, including one fatality. After redesigning the intersection, drivers experienced just two crashes in the five years following reconstruction, with none involving personal injuries.

The results clearly indicated that the changes made at the site improved traffic safety, and they undoubtedly affected the results of the study. Simply removing this single outlier from the results of the study, and the installation of reduced conflict intersections would have shown an increase in crashes from 38 prior to their installation to 45 after installation.

While the number of crashes involving personal injury would have still shown improvement, the numbers would have been far less dramatic without the Willmar intersection. A second redesigned intersection, near Cologne in Carver County, accounted for virtually all of the remaining improvement in personal injuries demonstrated in the study. In a three-year period prior to installation of the new intersection, the crossing had seen 15 crashes, including three fatalities and six others with personal injuries. Following redesign, the site experienced no fatalities and only two accidents with minor injuries. Overall crashes dropped only slightly,

from 15 prior to redesign, to 12 post-reconstruction, yet all but two resulted only in property damage.

The improved traffic safety at those two locations overwhelmed the combined results from other intersections in the study, even though most sites saw more crashes or no change as a result of the intersection redesign.

### Low traffic count

Compared to most other reduced conflict intersections studied by MnDOT, the traffic counts at Sherman’s Corner are extremely low, barely one-fifth the level of traffic at the Cotton intersection studied by MnDOT. The installation of the four-lane has had little impact on traffic counts along Hwy. 53, with about 3,800 cars per day traveling on that section of highway. About 550 cars per day enter the intersection from Hwy. 1/ County Rd. 22, according to MnDOT’s Luke.

While that might raise questions about the cost-benefit of the improvements, Luke said the low traffic count at the crossing makes it potentially more dangerous. “People tend to take more risks when there’s a lower count,” he said. At the same time, he said, local drivers can become complacent because they are used to seeing little traffic and may not look as carefully as they should.

The intersection was built under contract with KGM. Work wrapped up on the project last week.

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## OUR COMMUNITY

## Mental Illness Awareness Week marked Oct. 6-12

by E. M. SCHULTZ  
Staff Writer

REGIONAL - In 1990, Congress designated the first full week of October as Mental Illness Awareness Week, which started on Oct. 6 this year

and ends on Saturday, Oct. 12. Mental illness plagues millions of Americans each year; yet, despite its prevalence, there is still a large stigma surrounding mental health issues.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness, or NAMI, has spent the

past 40 years fighting this stigma through their campaign, WhyCare?. Their goal is to educate and support those who are affected by mental illness and to advocate for those who need help to receive it. They want everyone to be aware that if you

are concerned about your or a loved one's mental health, there is no shame in seeking help.

NAMI is not the only organization fighting the stigma surrounding mental illness; Mental Health America, or MHA, has also gotten involved. This year,

their theme for Mental Illness Awareness Week was 7 Days, 7 Ways. On top of sharing information about seven major mental health issues, they shared seven ways to start getting involved in awareness and advocacy.

MHA is also offer-

ing free screenings at MHAscreening.org, which they hope will help spark important conversations between those who are suffering from mental illness and their loved ones.

## PUBLIC SAFETY

## Ely school officials focus on dangers of vaping, e-cigarettes

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - The Minnesota Department of Health says one in four middle and high school students have tried vaping, and that number is expected to keep rising. Vaping is the use of electronic cigarettes, or e-cigarettes.

Ely Memorial School officials this week hosted an informational session for parents and students by the American Lung Association that highlighted the dangers and risks of using this 21st century replacement for traditional cigarettes.

Taylor Blakeman, health promotions specialist for the Duluth ALA office, spoke to about 20 people in the Memorial School media center and delivered a somber warning: The number of youth who start vaping will continue to rise.

According to a Minnesota student survey from 2016, as many as one in three 11th grade boys in St. Louis County are using various forms of tobacco.

"Products like e-cigarettes, e-hookahs and vape pens typically contain liquid forms of nicotine and are currently unregulated," Blakeman said. "No amount of nicotine is safe for youth. It is highly addictive and may harm adolescent brain development. Damaging long-



Electronic cigarettes come in various shapes and colors. submitted photo

term effects may have implications for learning, memory, attention, behavior problems and future addiction."

Memorial School Principal Megan Anderson referred to the issue as an "epidemic." She related an experience from just last week when she brought her kids to school and one of them picked up a curious-looking device in the parking lot. "It resembled a flash-drive or memory stick used on a computer," she said. "This is what we are dealing with. This is a small and pretty concealable item. This is pretty scary."

Blakeman said the highest rates of e-cigarette smoking

occur in the northeast part of the state. "In the northeast region of our state, the current rate of smoking is 18.8 percent, compared to the statewide average of 14.4 percent," she said. "In St. Louis County, according to the Minnesota Student Survey, 23 percent of eighth-graders believe there is little or no risk in smoking."

Blakeman talked about the varied forms of vaping devices that are available and the difficulty in recognizing them by parents and teachers. "They can look like a pen or a computer storage device. They can have pictures of pretty animals or flowers and anyone could look

right past them as just another school supply," she said.

"The vapor or 'smoke' produced by e-cigarettes does not smell like tobacco," she said. "Instead, manufacturers have produced different flavors, like maple pancakes, vanilla cupcakes, and candy flavors as a way to entice more young smokers."

There is no statewide vaping ban in Minnesota. Instead, vaping is prohibited in state and local government buildings, facilities of state colleges and universities, facilities licensed by Commissioner of Human Services, and facilities licensed by Commissioner of Health.

As many as 21 municipalities here in Minnesota have passed Tobacco 21 laws. According to a Feb. 20, 2017, article by Raymond Boyle in MinnPost, "implementing Tobacco 21 laws in Minnesota would prevent 30,000 state kids from becoming smokers over the next 15 years."

Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz wants to ban all flavored e-cigarettes in Minnesota, but in order to make it happen, he needs the legislature to act. "We can't play both sides on this and think things through. Sour Patch Kids flavor is aimed at children, so quit pretending there is a free enterprise component of this," Walz said recently.

He blasted big tobacco companies for marketing e-cigs directly to kids. "If I have a message: Shame on them. This is clearly meant to addict our children," Walz said.

He also wants a ban on sales of all tobacco products to anyone under 21. Six states have implemented Tobacco 21 ordinances that ban the sale of all tobacco products to anyone under the age of 21.

A spokesperson for Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka said state Republicans have no set position on the governor's proposals. The legislature is back in session on Feb. 11, 2020.

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## Legislative meeting planned for Ely-area Joint Powers group

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - The Community Economic Development Joint Powers Board here met last week to review the list of invited guests and develop the agenda for a legislative meeting scheduled for the first Monday in December.

The year-end get-together allows local elected officials from the city of Winton, Morse Township, Fall Lake Township, and the

Ely School District to highlight and discuss their concerns and challenges, and voice their opinions to federal, state and county politicians.

The event, open to the public, is scheduled to begin at 11:30 a.m. on Monday, Dec. 2, at the Grand Ely Lodge.

State Sen. Tom Bakk, and State Rep. Rob Ecklund have already committed to attending, according to joint powers secretary Tom Coombe.

U.S. Rep. Pete

Stauber, U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar and Tina Smith, St. Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald, a Lake County Board official, the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools, and Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation representatives have all been invited to the round-table discussion.

Ely Mayor Chuck Novak did not want to have Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz invited to the event. "We

don't want a campaign speech taking up all our time," he said.

Joint powers members listed potential agenda items for discussion. Fall Lake supervisor Mary Tome highlighted the ongoing concerns with the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (PILT) policy. "We need to talk about the re-evaluation of the Boundary Waters lands as well, as it affects the land exchange," she said.

Broadband and high-speed Internet access at

the end of the road is an ongoing issue, Novak added. "I encourage all of our legislators to look at what we actually get up here for (download and upload) speeds," he said.

The Ely trailhead and west-end development project will also likely be discussed. The proposed Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital expansion project is contingent on the completion of infrastructure work, including water and sewer work, and new road con-

struction in the area.

Ely School District plans for campus renovation and expansion, as well as a possible property tax referendum and any IRRR financial assistance, will also likely be discussed.

Board members were asked to contact Coombe to add any other items for discussion at the event.

Soup will be included on the lunch menu again this year.

## LAKE COUNTRY POWER

## Operation Round Up gives more than \$44,000 to community programs

REGIONAL - Through the contributions of Lake Country Power's participating members, the Operation Round Up Trust Board recently approved \$44,580 in assistance to local community programs during its quarterly meeting.

The cooperative's Trust Board reviewed and considered 51 grant applications and distributed

funds to 43 projects and programs this past quarter. Since the program's inception in October 2004, more than \$2.3 million has been distributed to community-based projects and programs.

All funds generated through Operation Round Up are set aside in a trust fund. A voluntary Trust Board of nine co-op members administers the

trust. Of the funds collected through the program, 100 percent is distributed to charitable organizations through an application and selection process. The Trust Board uses special guidelines and policies when choosing recipients.

The most recent recipients in our area include Cook Community Thanksgiving Dinner, Orr Community Thanksgiving Dinner,

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Quilters, Faith United Lutheran Church, Faith Lutheran Quilters, Bethel Lutheran Church Women, Loon Country Quilters, Vermilion Community College, Cherry High School, Happy Days Preschool, Tower-Soudan Civic Club, Camp Chicagami, Jacobson Community Foundation, The Quiltmaker's Gift

Production Co., Boy Scout Troop 116, Story Portage, Friends of Wirtanen Pioneer Farm, Vermilion Range Amateur Radio Club, Home Visitor Program (two projects), New Beginnings Pregnancy Care Center, Project Care Free Clinic, Elder Circle, Mesabi Symphony Orchestra, Vermilion Dream Quilters, and Old School Lives.

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by Ely building inspector Doug Whitney, based on several complaints he received this summer, and another complaint made last month, about the unsafe and hazardous condition of the abandoned structure.

Kess was sent a notice of the ordinance violation and required actions on Sept. 12 and immediately set an appeal process in motion.

According to Whitney, the property in question, located at the corner of Harvey Street and First Avenue across from the former Community Center, was inspected on July 22 and again on Sept. 4 following the most recent complaint.

"No work has been done on the dwelling in years," Whitney wrote in the property condition violation notice. "The building and site condition are blighted and continue to pose a threat to public health and safety."

Whitney determined that the property has been neglected and vacant for many years, and "has suffered from years of absence of any proper maintenance." The inspection report, dated Sept 4, 2019, concluded: the dwelling suffers from dilapidation, including that the roofing is in failed condition with holes and missing shingles, siding and soffit deterioration, and broken windows and doors. The property also has junk and debris in rear yard and property is overgrown with volunteer brush, according to Whitney.

In the violation notice, dated Sept. 12, 2019, Whitney ordered the following corrections within 30 days:

- Secure dwelling by keeping it securely locked.
  - Remove all household goods, junk and debris from the property.
  - Remove all garbage, trash and debris from the property and dwelling.
  - Clean up all overgrowth and volunteer brush.
- Whitney also ordered the following correction actions be made within 60 days:
- Repair siding of dwelling.
  - Re-roof the dwelling.
  - Repair the windows as needed.
  - Replace side steps.
  - Paint or finish



**Ely City Council member Paul Kess owns this property at 106 E. Harvey St. Numerous complaints have forced the city's building official to inspect the vacant property and to order repairs. An appeal hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 29 at City Hall.** photo by K. Vandervort

all exterior surfaces as needed.

On Sept 21, Kess responded to the violation notice with an appeal. He noted he did not receive the violation notice until Sept. 17, and claimed that the conditions under the 30-day notice "have been corrected," and the notice "does not consider improvements already made" to the property.

In a hand-written narrative, Kess asserted that the property is locked. "In

fact, I will change locks in the next 30 days," he wrote.

Kess also explained his work on the property. "I have and continue to remove portions of the asphalt siding to expose and evaluate the original siding and to determine whether it can be repainted," he wrote.

"I intend to repair the damaged roof section this fall," he said. He added that "the back portion of the roof was replaced two

years ago and the chimney was repaired within the last five years." Whitney ordered the entire dwelling

be re-roofed.

Kess wrote that he "will repair the broken windows and cover several

with plywood." He claimed that several windows were broken by vandalism in the last few years.

Kess said the side entrance steps were damaged by a large uprooted tree and he "does not intend to replace the steps in the near future as they would create an opportunity for vandalism." He also offered to remove the storm windows on the third floor, as they are boarded up from the inside. "Other painting will be done next summer," he wrote.

In his appeal, Kess claimed he made improvements to this property in the last 10 years. "I installed a new electrical service entrance, replaced the back roof, repaired and rebuilt the chimney, removed the smaller home at the rear of the property, and installed new water and sewer lines. I have not neglected the property, and will make the improvements specified in my narrative."

Kess's fellow city council members will consider the issue at a hearing scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at City Hall.

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seem to understand why board members wanted to see the documentation. "It doesn't make any sense to me, that a school board would want to dig into something," she started saying, before being cut off by Taylor.

Chris Koivisto backed Taylor and Manick, saying, "It's the information that we asked for, is all. That's the frustrating part, is that it would be easy to provide three examples that they came up with to get the range."

Superintendent Reggie Engebritson asked how deep into the weeds board members wanted to go but did agree to get them the requested information.

The school board also debated whether or not they should consider paying for student council advisors to attend nationals with their students. This issue came about after the advisor of the Cherry student council attended nationals and discovered that the majority of advisors there had had their trips funded by their school boards.

This topic sparked a discussion amongs school board members on what

the role of the student advisors should be and what their duties involved. Taylor suggested having one person who would be responsible for coordinating what was going on at the schools. This person would look at each campus and try to implement best practices at each school. She believed this would help hold employees accountable and equalize school programs throughout the district.

Koivisto pointed out that at this time there are no expectations for advisors. He believed having clear expectations would be helpful and that determining what they would be was the job of the principals and Engebritson.

Overall, the board agreed that there should be clear language defining the role of student advisors. Engebritson said she would speak with the teacher's union representative to see if they could draft something that would help define the expectations, which satisfied the board.

In other business, board members:

➤ Heard from Anne

Christensen on the state of Indian Ed. programs in the district. She gave a detailed report on Check and Connect, a program that was implemented last year and addressed questions regarding the

efficacy of this program. She also spoke about the Dreamcatcher program and expressed a desire to work cooperatively with the Fond du Lac and Bois Forte reservations to help prepare students for life

after graduation.

➤ Discussed sharing the cost of a school resource officer, or SRO, for Tower with Mt. Iron-Buhl. Engebritson said she would speak with the MIB school board about

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# SPORTS

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## CROSS COUNTRY

### Olson, Ely boys top 'mud' run at Swain

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

DULUTH—Luke Olson's first-place finish, with a time of 17:38.3, gave Ely's boys cross country runners the team championship here on Saturday on a sloppy track at the Swain Invitational. Zoe Devine paced the Ely girls with a time of 22:54.2 for 29th place.

"It was a good running day for us even though times

were slower," said Coach Jayne Dusich. "They worked on placing and did not get too upset over their times. Actually, for both teams, the kids like that type of weather over warm weather but the mud was awful and was getting worse with each race."

The Ely boys competed in the ninth race. "In all the races, many runners were slipping and sliding and I was grateful nobody was injured."

The Ely boys varsity team results, with place and time, include: Emmett Faltsek, 13th, 18:47.9; Jasper Johnston, 27th, 19:15.9; and Gabriel Pointer, 38th, 19:30.1, in addition to Olson's first-place finish.

"Luke had an incredible run, taking the lead right away and keeping it," Dusich said. "He said he felt good. The boys winning was a surprise as I wasn't even thinking about it

**Right: Ely's Julia Schwinghamer, splattered with mud, competes during the rain-soaked Swain Invitational in Duluth on Saturday.** photo by J. Bianco

considering there are so many teams from the whole state, and our fifth runner, Ethan, was quite a ways back. But with his good race, and Luke,

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## FOOTBALL

### Ely routs 'Hawks for first win

Victory marred by season-ending injury for Wolves senior Dalton Schreffler

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

BABBITT — The Timberwolves' first win of the season proved bittersweet after senior running back Dalton Schreffler suffered a broken leg early in the second half, putting him out of commission for the season.

Schreffler had been experiencing an extraordinary night on the field up to that point, racking up 195 yards rushing to help lead Ely to a 44-6 win over winless Northeast Range. According to Ely Head Coach Cory Lassi, Schreffler was attempting an off-tackle run from the five-yard line looking for the end zone when he suffered his injury.

"He got hit initially and another defensive player came in on cleanup and got him hard in the lower leg. It was just bad luck that he suffered the break. He will see a specialist this week, but he is done for the season. I hope he can finish off his senior year with a chance to play hockey and baseball yet."

Lassi said it was great for the Timberwolves to experience how it feels to get a win, but losing No. 18 was a big loss for the whole team. "He did everything. He was our starting running back and starting linebacker. He did kick-offs and punting duties and returned punts. The team is staying positive about it and is looking

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**Above: Ely senior running back Dalton Schreffler looks for running room in a thicket of Ely blockers and NER tacklers. Schreffler broke his leg later in the game, putting him out of commission for the season.**

**Left: NER's Max Dean puts a solid tackle on Ely QB Bryce Longwell.**

photos by K. Vandervort

## FOOTBALL

### North Woods comes close on Chiabotti's big night

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

HINCKLEY—North Woods sophomore T.J. Chiabotti racked up 187 yards rushing and three touchdowns here last Friday, but it wasn't quite enough to keep pace with the Jaguars' explosive passing game.

"We did a great job of slowing down Hinckley-Finlayson's running game," said Grizzlies Head Coach John Jirik. But the Jaguars picked apart the Grizzlies' pass defense, connecting on four big pass plays for touchdowns that kept them in the lead throughout the game. The Jaguars drew first blood, but the Grizzlies had their moments and went into the break with the game still close at 22-16.

North Woods did have

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## Sports week

### FOOTBALL

**Friday, Oct. 11**  
North Woods hosts East Central, 7 p.m.

Northeast Range at Cook County, 7 p.m.

Ely at Cherry, 7 p.m.

**Wednesday, Oct. 16**  
North Woods at Chisholm, 7 p.m.

Ely hosts LOW, 6 p.m.

Northeast Range hosts Carlton, 7 p.m.

### VOLLEYBALL

**Monday, Oct. 14**  
North Woods at Chisholm, 7 p.m.

Northeast Range hosts Cherry, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday, Oct. 15**  
North Woods hosts South Ridge, 7 p.m.

Ely at Silver Bay, 6:30 p.m.

### SWIMMING

**Saturday, Oct. 12**  
Northeast Range at Hibbing High School, 5 p.m., True Team Sections

### CROSS COUNTRY

**Tuesday, Oct. 15**  
Proctor Invite, 4 p.m.

## VOLLEYBALL

### Grizzlies top Spartans in three

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

FIELD TWP—In an up-and-down match on Monday, the Grizzlies topped Nashwauk-Keewatin in straight sets, 25-22, 25-14, and 27-25. With the regular season heading into

**Left: North Woods senior Kenzie Fox bumps the ball to setter Morgan Burnett.**

photo by C. Stone

its final game on Tuesday, the Grizzlies have shown they're capable of high-intensity play—at least most of the time. "We need to work on maintaining a high level of play throughout the whole game," said North Woods Head Coach Kandi Olson following Monday's win. "We roller-coastered a bit throughout the night," said Olson. "It took us a while to find our groove."

Senior Coley Olson had a

big night, with 15 kills, eight digs, and six ace serves. Fellow senior Kayla Tschida notched ten kills and nine digs, while senior Karlyn Pierce tallied 11 kills. Sophomore setter Morgan Burnett added 34 assists, seven digs, four kills, and two ace serves.

Monday's win came on the heels of the team's third-place

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### Timberwolves peaking as playoffs loom

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

MT. IRON-BUHL—With the end of the regular volleyball season set to wrap up next Tuesday, the Timberwolves appear to be peaking at just the right time. The team went 14-0 in sets played this past week,

including 8-0 at the Mesabi East tournament on Saturday.

They followed up with a straight sets victory over Mt. Iron-Buhl on Tuesday to improve to 21-3. "The girls had a great night of volleyball," said Ely Head Coach Andrea Thomas. "We played with our regular line-up in the first two sets and

the girls passed well and played aggressively."

Senior Erika Mattson had a big night, notching 13 kills, 13 digs, and four ace serves, while junior McKenna Coughlin racked up 11 kills and six digs. Senior Brielle Kallberg, who returned to action last Thursday after missing ten days with an ankle

sprain, added seven kills and four blocks. Senior setter McCartney Kaercher notched 33 assists and 16 digs.

It was more of the same at the Mesabi East tournament on Oct. 5, as Ely plowed through the

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SWIMMING

# NER/Ely edged by Virginia in home meet

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**BABBITT**— Strong showings in several events kept the Nighthawks' swim team in contention in a face-off with Virginia here on Tuesday. The Nighthawks' 200 freestyle relay squad, comprised of Lily Tedrick, Cedar Ohlhauser, Abby Koivisto, and Morgan McClelland, took first with a time of 1:56.81, besting their Virginia opponents by

nearly four seconds. In the 200 medley relay, Tedrick, Ohlhauser, Koivisto and Brooke Pasmick finished a close second to Virginia with a time of 2:11.90, less than a second off the pace of Virginia's top finishers. In individual competition, McClelland blew past the competition in the 500-yard free with a time of 6:37.28, beating the next closest competitor by nearly ten seconds in the distance

event. Tedrick took first in the 100-yard fly, with a time of 1:10 even, topping the second-place finisher by more than five seconds. Senior Brooke Pasmick finished at the top of the pack in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:09.87 and missed a first-place finish in the 50-yard freestyle by 0.32 of a second. Koivisto finished a close second in the 100-yard freestyle, losing by less than

half a second to Virginia's Elise Hoard. The Nighthawks' junior varsity squad outpaced Virginia 49-36. The swim team heads to Hibbing on Saturday. **Right: The Nighthawks' Lily Tedrick comes up for a breath while competing in the breaststroke. Tedrick took first place in the 100-yard fly.** photo by J. Greeney



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**Left: Ely's Dalton Schreffler runs for daylight through a hole in the Nighthawks' line.**

photo by K. Vandervort

forward to finishing out the season. Jason Kerntz will likely move up on the roster and get more responsibilities," he said.

Ely opened Friday's game with a long drive that lasted more than eight minutes. Schreffler scored from three yards out, and carried in the two-point

conversion. Northeast Range gave the ball right back to Ely after a three-and-out, and Schreffler promptly ripped off a 55-yard touchdown run. Longwell completed a two-point pass to Schreffler, giving the Timberwolves a 16-0 lead. In the second quarter, Schreffler scored again from three yards out. A completed pass from Longwell to Mason Davis on the conversion gave the Timberwolves a 24-0 halftime lead. Ely forced another

three-and-out on the Nighthawks to open the third quarter. Following Schreffler's season-ending injury, Longwell scored on a keeper from two yards out. The conversion failed, giving Ely a 30-0 lead. Later in the third quarter, Mason Davis scored on a 40-yard catch and run from Longwell. The conversion failed, giving Ely a 36-0 lead. Ely scored again early in the fourth quarter, this time on a 40-yard run from scrimmage by Davis. Kerntz ran in the conversion giving Ely a 44-0 lead. Northeast Range's Zander Lislegard ran back the ensuing kick-off 60 yards for their only score

of the game. "This was a trap game," Lassi said. "Both teams were winless going in and at this point we can't overlook anybody. "I was proud of the guys staying focused after we lost a player and we finished the game for the win." The Wolves moved the ball effectively against the struggling Nighthawks, racking up a total of 381 of offense, including 323 yards rushing. Quarterback Bryce Longwell also completed three of four passes for 58 yards. On defense, Tjoe Banks had six tackles and Josh Larson added five more. "In all, our four defensive linemen had 24

tackles as a unit," Lassi said. They really came together to stop them." As the season heads into its final week, Lassi said the Wolves will be focused on avoiding penalties and mental errors. "We have to work on the false starts, neutral zone infractions and off-side penalties. As we make a run at the end of the season here, this win should give us confidence that we can play tough with anybody." The Timberwolves were set to travel to Cherry on Friday, Oct. 11. They close out the regular season at home against Lake of the Woods on Wednesday, Oct. 16. Kickoff is at 6 p.m.

## FOOTBALL...Continued from page 1B

a chance to take the lead in the third quarter, but penalties brought back a touchdown twice on the same drive. "Penalties were a key factor in the loss," said Jirik. "We were called for eight penalties for 90 yards while Hinckley-Finlayson was only called for two penalties for 15 yards." The Jaguars went on to

extend their lead, with two more touchdowns in the second half. North Woods added one of their own to make it a 36-24 final score. The Grizzlies had little success in the air, as quarterback Zach Cheney completed just three of 16 attempts, all of them to Chiabotti. Senior Nathan Crain added to the

Grizzlies' running game with 54 yards on 11 carries, while Cheney rushed five times for 33 yards. On defense, sophomore Jake Panichi notched an interception, while Cheney recovered two fumbles. Despite the loss, the Grizzlies are continuing to show progress as they

compete for the first season at the 11-man level. Jirik said he saw real improvement, particularly as his team racked up 300 yards of offense and largely controlled the Jaguars' running game. "Overall, we were happy with the improvement and are hoping to have two starting defen-

sive backs return soon which will help us defend the pass," said Jirik. They'll get the chance to test their progress when they host East Central next Friday. Jirik said it should be an interesting game, one that is currently forecast to include chilly temperatures and possible snow. "Both teams will

be battling winter-like conditions and most likely a soggy field," said Jirik. "The conditions will definitely alter the style of play for both teams." Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.



## GRIZZLIES...Continued from page 1B

finish at the Mesabi East tournament on Saturday. "We started off really strong and working together really well," said Coach Olson, as the Grizzlies started the day with 2-0 match wins

over both Wrenshall and Floodwood. It was the afternoon session, when North Woods faced host Mesabi East and this year's powerhouse, 21-3 Ely, that they ran into trouble. "In the afternoon we struggled

with the strong attacks we were facing." Even so, the Grizzlies put up impressive stats. Olson tallied a remarkable 34 kills, 19 digs, and four blocks in the tournament, while Tschida added 15

kills and 22 digs. Senior Karlyn Pierce posted 21 kills, while Burnett added 72 set assists and 18 digs. Sophomore Abbi Shuster added 19 digs and four ace serves while ninth-grader Hannah Kinsey posted ten

kills and six blocks. The Grizzlies wrap up their regular season at home, on Tuesday, hosting South Ridge, with a 7 p.m. start.



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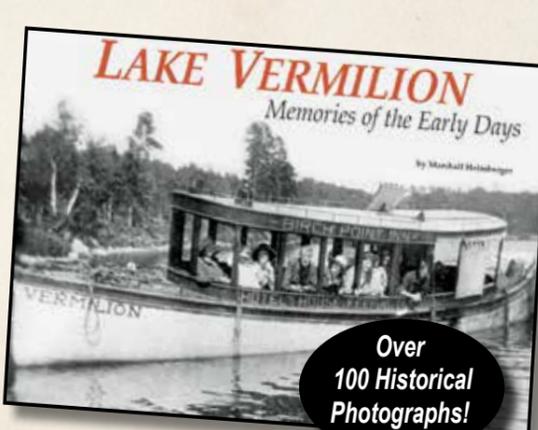
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Emmett, Jasper and Gabriel placing high, it worked out great for us." The Ely girls varsity results, with place and time, include: Sydney Durkin, 53rd, 23:36.1; Phoebe Helms, 55th, 23:37.2; and Laura Holmstrom, 125th,

25:52.6. Ely is set to compete next Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the Proctor Invitational, which is their final competition before the 7A sectional meet, set for noon on Thursday, Oct. 24.

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competition in four straight 2-0 matches to finish first on the day. "The girls played well all day long. We had great communication and movement on the court," said Thomas. Ely topped Chisholm 25-13, 25-20, before downing Barnum 25-23, 25-14. They topped host Mesabi East 25-15, 25-19 before dispatching North Woods 25-14, 25-21. In action last Thursday, the Wolves crushed Bigfork

in straight sets, 25-14, 25-7, and 25-10. Mattson had another big night with eight kills, two blocks and eight ace serves, while Coughlin added five kills, nine digs, and three ace serves. Kallberg tallied four kills and three ace serves while senior Jenna Merhar posted four kills and three blocks. Kaercher added 23 set assists. The Wolves wrap up their regular season on Tuesday at Silver Bay, with a 6:30 p.m. start.

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## Obituaries and Death Notices

### Kenneth L. Zgaynor

Kenneth "Kenny" Louis Zgaynor, 82, of Greaney, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019, at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, Oct. 10 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cook. Military Honors were accorded by the Cook VFW Post 1757 Honor Guard and the Orr American Legion Post 480 Honor Guard. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Kenny was born to Louis and Mary (Rent) Zgaynor on March 3, 1937, in Cook. He grew up in Greaney on the family farm. At the age of 23, Kenny was drafted into the United States Army. He served two-and-a-half years. He earned a Good Conduct medal along with Sharpshooter and Marksman Badges. He received an honorable discharge in 1962.

Kenny had helped his parents build their home on the Greaney farmstead. Farming was in Kenny's blood, and soon after leaving the Army, Kenny returned home to the family farm. During this time, he met the love of his life, Bernice. They were married on May 22, 1965, in St. Bridget's Catholic Church in Greaney. The family lived in Cook for ten years and then moved to the Greaney area to continue the tradition of raising beef cattle. Kenny was a self-employed logger. He also worked for several companies - Pete Eddy Construction, AB Skubic Construction, Ulland Brothers and KGM.

Kenny was a very meticulous and proud farmer, however, he took particular pride in the way his flower gardens flourished under his care. Kenny loved to tease, but could also take it in stride, and with good humor. Kenny's best times were spent with his family and friends as everyone would often gather for "happy hour" at the farm. Kenny remained on the farm until his last days with the dedicated help and support of his son Jeff.

Kenny is survived by his son, Jeff (Lisa) Zgaynor of Greaney; stepson, Randy (Shannon) McFarland of Spring Valley, Wis.; stepdaughter, Kelly Glover of California; sisters, Rosemary Hoffer of Orr and Audrey Carlson of Brooklyn Park; brother, Bill (Linda) Zgaynor of Princeton; six step-grandchildren; two step-great-grandchildren; and last but not least, his dog, Lady, whom he called his favorite "little girl".

Kenny was preceded in death by his parents; and beloved wife, Bernice.

### Jo Ann Brzoznowski

Jo Ann Brzoznowski, 76, of International Falls, passed away on Friday, Oct. 4, 2019, at her home.



A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Northwoods Bible Church in Ray. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Jo Ann was born in Bemidji on Sept. 19, 1943. She lived in Guthrie and attended school in Bemidji through the eighth grade. Her family then moved to Ray and she attended Falls High School, graduating in 1961. Jo Ann then moved to International Falls and obtained a job at the Falls Creamery. During this time, she met her first husband, Bloyd Breneman, and moved back to Ray and started a family. Dean was born in 1965, Julie in 1967, and Rebecca in 1970. Jo Ann was a master farm wife and mother, conquering all the tasks necessary to keep an efficient dairy farm running and a happy, well-cared for family. She was a master gardener, yard keeper, tree planter, cook, canner, seamstress, and as one of the hired farm boys recently stated, "She sure could out-run a rain cloud with a baler and wagon." She was also an expert at any craft imaginable. Jo Ann loved to draw, paint, scrapbook, sew, and would attempt any "do it yourself" project she could find. She was always successful at making it look better than what the instructions had shown her, as she never followed instructions anyway.

Once the children were a bit older, Jo Ann went to work at Hay's General Store where she and her sister Ethel Mae were well known for their antics. Jo Ann would become known as one of the best meat cutters in the absence of Jim Hay, who was, of course, the best. Jo Ann's

marriage to Bloyd ended, but the relationship and parenting obligations stayed strong throughout the remainder of her life. She then started working at United Health Care in International Falls where she created many new friendships and was regarded as a someone who always put a smile on her co-workers' faces. She then moved to Lake Kabetogama and worked for her dear friends, Jim and Marlene Tomczak, at the Gateway Store where she was also known for her joking around and always making people smile. She was an exceptional employee and considered to have done a great job at training in the Harts as new owners. Phil Hart would go on to say, "She was my boss for many years and taught us so much." It was here that she reconnected with a dear friend, Julian Brzoznowski, and they married in September 1995. She then moved to the Brzoznowski Farm with her new husband and revisited the farm life. She was known for her beautiful flower beds and her meticulous upkeep of the yard, along with her fierce protection against any varmint that dare try and mess with her flowers.

With her marriage to Julian, her family expanded to a total of six amazing children, adding Mary, Anne and Little Julien, whom she adored from day one, along with Julian's two sisters, Rosie and Frances, whom she held very dear in her heart. Some of Jo Ann's proudest and most enjoyable moments began in 1990 with the birth of her first grandchild, through 2019 with the birth of her final great-grandchild, leaving her with 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. She so cherished each and every one of them and any time she was able to spend with them. Julian and Jo Ann would continue to live on the farm until 2017 when they sold it and moved "south" to Orr. It was here that she would lose her dear husband Julian in December 2018. Jo Ann then moved to International Falls to live with her daughter Rebecca and son-in-law Shad, and to spend the rest of her days surrounded by all her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren whom she so adored.

Jo Ann is survived by her son, Dean Breneman of International Falls; daughters, Julie (Russell) Helgeson of Ray and Rebecca (Shad) Murray of International Falls; stepdaughters, Mary (Bob) Servis of International Falls and Anne (Jim) Sather of Orr; stepson, Julien Brzoznowski Jr. of Illinois; grandchildren, Cody Erickson of Mankato, Dustin Helgeson (Emily Werner) of International Falls, Wyatt (Talitha) Helgeson of Duluth, Sabrina Murray (Damien Allan) of International Falls, Adam Salmi of Rochester, Allan (Marie) Salmi of Grant, April (Michael) Wilcox of Angora, Ryan Servis of Rochester, Christina (Scott) Fuller of East Bethel and Thomas "T.J." Sather of Avon; great-grandchildren, Braden Sheridan and Haven Westover, Able, Anastasia and Avaliese Fuller, Elizabeth and Jack Udovich, Zoey, Shay, Annabelle and Charlie Wilcox, and Julian Salmi-Miller; brother-in-law, Clemens Jr. (Melba) Brzoznowski; sisters-in-law, Roseland (Paul) Ehrenberg and Frances Brzoznowski; and many special nieces, nephews, lifelong friends and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Neil and Alberta DeBoer; beloved husband, Julian; brother, William DeBoer (U.S. Army in Vietnam); sister and brother-in-law, Ethel Mae and Dale Himes; Breneman/Strieff infant twin granddaughters; and special dog, Morgan.

### Loren Connor

Loren "Hawk" Connor, 70, of Nett Lake, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019. A Traditional Service was held on Sunday, Oct. 6 at the Bois Forte Government and Services Center. Military Honors were accorded by the Bois Forte Honor Guard, Orr American Legion Post 480 Honor Guard and Cook VFW Post 1757 Honor Guard. Burial was at the Nett Lake Cemetery. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Loren was born to Lawrence Sr. and Katheryn (Day) Connor on Sept. 9, 1949. He grew up in Nett Lake and attended school in Orr. He was active in sports, playing basketball, football and running track. He graduated from Orr High School in 1967. In July 1967, Loren was drafted into the United States Marine Corps. He



served two tours in Vietnam with the 5th Marine Division and the 5th Tank Battalion. During this time, he earned a Good Conduct Medal and a Rifle Expert Badge. He served his country with pride and was honorably discharged in 1977.

After returning home, Loren met the love of his life, Diana Goggeley, and they remained together for 38 years. They had four children together, whom he loved dearly. Loren was an avid deer hunter and a duck hunting guide on Nett Lake. He loved ricing and was considered one of the best ricers on the lake. Loren enjoyed and was a very talented woodworker. He would make picnic tables, paddles, knocking sticks, and other woodworks to sell.

Loren loved spending time with his family and friends. He was always smiling and was a loving, kind-hearted and giving spirit. He was always there for anyone who needed a hand.

Loren is survived by his stepmother, Olive Connor; his love, Diana Goggeley; children, Michael Goggeley and his children, Elijah, Michaela, Kristina, Isaiah and Michael Jr. Goggeley; Leona Connor and Jason Drift and their children, Carlos, Sierra, Serena Jensen, Harley, Frankie, Mercedes Connor, Alexis and Dezarae Drift; Lyle Connor and Sarah and their son, Whyett Connor; and Mark Connor (Chaylynn and her son Wilbert); siblings, Lawrence Connor Jr., Lois (Dean) Graham, Annamariae Dorr, Francis Connor, Darrell Connor, Karen Connor, Kay Connor, Kelly Rutar, Ruth Connor, Jeneal (Gerald Sr.) Goggeley, Eugene Boshey Jr. and Barbara (Darrel) Brodeen; many nieces, nephews and close friends; and special pup, Skuzzer.

Loren was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Alden Connor Sr.; grandson, Michael Jr. Starlin Strong; and stepfather, Eugene Boshey Sr.

### Hans Smith

Hans Smith, 55, of Ely, died due to an accident while removing a fallen tree from a roof near Eagles Nest Lake during the storm of Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2019. A memorial gathering for Hans will be held from 1-4 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12 at the Hidden Valley Ski Chalet in Ely.



It will be a very informal gathering, just as Hans would have wished. At 2 p.m., there will be a time for anyone to relate a short story about Hans.

Anyone wishing to speak should contact Hans' dad, Paul, by phone at 218-235-3858 or email to sunrockrd@gmail.com, so a speaking list can be made up. Coffee, tea and cider will be served, along with cookies and bars. Anyone wishing to bring some of the latter items will be appreciated.

Hans and his brother Erik grew up in Ely and spent their youth canoeing, cross-country skiing the lakes, and backpacking various mountains out West. Starting at 17, Hans worked for several years as a cowboy on ranches in Montana and Nebraska. He worked at various fire jobs on the Superior National Forest before becoming a smokejumper for ten years in Montana at Missoula and West Yellowstone. Then he transferred to Alaska for several years of fire duties at Tok and McGrath. He finally returned to Ely to open his own business of tree work; he also worked on national fire overhead teams in the Western states.

Hans spent many winters traveling with friends and family to Mexico, Belize, Honduras, Guatemala, the Philippines, Puerto Rico, the Bahamas, Bali, Korea, China, Laos, Thailand, India and Hawaii. At various times in his life he was an avid canoeist, backpacker, back country and telemark skier, rock climber, moose hunter, and both outrigger canoeist and surfer in Hawaii. He lived an adventure-some life!

Hans is survived by his wife, Traci, and their son, Rowan; stepchildren, Bryce of Hong Kong, Alexis of Australia, and Jacob of Kona, Hawaii; brother, Erik of Ely and Zhuhai, China; and father, Paul of Ely.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Patricia Donnack in 2014.

### James J. Mehle Sr.

James J. Mehle Sr., 76, of Hibbing, formerly of Ely, passed away surrounded by family on Thursday, Aug. 22, 2019, at Fairview Range Medical Center. A Celebration of Life open house gathering will be held on Saturday, Oct. 12 from

3-5 p.m. at the Grand Ely Lodge in Ely. Memorials may be sent c/o Dougherty Funeral Home in Hibbing.

He is survived by his children, James (Jill) Mehle Jr. of Otsego, Paul (Jolene) Mehle of Lakeville, Pam (Jason) Liestman of Becker and Christy (Andy) Berndt of St. Michael; stepchildren, Christy (Christopher) Peterson and Michael Tuomi; siblings, Michael (Jan) Mehle of Minnetonka and Robert (Jayme) Mehle of Maple Grove; grandchildren, Jamae (Bill) Halluska, Justine Mehle, Mikayla Mehle, Matt (Brittany) Mehle, Garrett Mehle, Mari Liestman, Jacob Liestman, Jayna Berndt, Griffin Berndt and Jace Berndt; great-grandchildren, Billy, Presley, Josephine, Daweslyn, Brooklyn and Parker; step-grandchildren, Rayanna, Kaitlyn and Logan; and many cousins, nieces and nephews.

### Marion L. Birk

Marion Lois Hove Birk, 93, of Hoyt Lakes, died on Wednesday, Oct. 2, 2019, at Essentia Health-Northern Pines in Aurora. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Oct. 8 at Faith Lutheran Church in Hoyt Lakes with Pastor Eric Roth officiating. Inurnment will be in the Hoyt Lakes Memorial Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are by Ziemer-Moeglein-Shatava Funeral Home of Aurora.

Survivors include her husband, Arleigh; children, Lois (Robert) Dunne of Pennock, Caryl (Dan) Kaler of Burnsville, Bruce (Sandra) Birk of Idaho Falls, Idaho, Brian (Kathie) Birk of Tower and Kathryn (Bruce) Feroe of Hoyt Lakes; grandchildren, Sara (Andrew) George, Matthew Kaler, Lisa (Lee Sherwin) Birk, Phillip (Megan) Birk, Rebecca (Jeremy) Phillis, Carly (Ross) Malo, Heidi (Matt Connick) Feroe and Erica Birk; great-grandchildren, Frederick, Logan, Olive and Norah; and numerous nieces and nephews.

### Caroline M. Anderson

Caroline Marie "Big Ma" Klobuchar Anderson, 88, of Ely, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 3, 2019, at the Boundary Waters Care Center. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely. A wake will be held at the funeral home from 4 to 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 10. Visitation will continue on Friday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. until the 11 a.m. service at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. Pastor Eric Thiele from the Grace Lutheran Church will officiate. Luncheon will follow in St. Anthony's Catholic Church basement. A private family burial will follow at the Ely Cemetery.

She is survived by her brother, Jerry of Burlington, Wis.; daughters, Sue Ellen (Kim) Kainz of Ely and Cheryl (Mike) Moats of Larimore, N.D.; sons, Mick (Sandy) of Tower, Dave (Stephanie) of Ely, Steve (Michele) of Soudan, Terry (Sally) of Soudan, Jeffrey (Janice) of Marinette, Wis., Timmy of Ely, Thomas (Tracey) of Virginia and Brian (Terri) of Hibbing; 35 grandchildren, 40 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and many special cousins.

### Margaret J. Asplund

Margaret Jean "Peg" Coons Asplund, 93, of Babbitt, departed this world from Solvay Hospice House in Duluth on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019. A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 12 at Woodland Presbyterian Church in Babbitt, with visitation to begin at 10 a.m. Reverend Dr. Frank Davis will officiate. A lunch will follow the service in the Church Fellowship Hall. Funeral services are provided by Landmark Funeral Home of Virginia. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Woodland Presbyterian Church.

She is survived by her children, Thomas Asplund of Babbitt and Carol Jean (Alan) Stewart of Minnetonka; son-in-law, Alan Stewart; grandchildren, Lynsey (Joe) Frantz and Ian (Allison) Stewart; great-grandchildren, Camilla, Henry and Faye Margaret; and nieces and nephews.

### Elizabeth Davey

Elizabeth "Poppy" Koski Davey, 92, of Babbitt, died on Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019, at the Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 11 at Ziemer-Moeglein-Shatava Funeral Home in Aurora with Pastor Barbara Hegfors officiating. Family and friends may gather one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Inurnment will be in Forest Hill Cemetery in Aurora.

She is survived by her son, Darryl of Babbitt; grandchildren, Christopher, Melissa and Lucas; and several great-grandchildren.



# Outdoors

Our lives in the  
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## RESEARCH

### Study cites impact of region's worst invasive: earthworms

Spread of non-native worms is causing severe effects to forest soils, worsening drought and water quality

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Concern about invasive species is widespread these days, and with good reason. Invasive organisms, from ash borers to zebra mussels, can have significant consequences for both terrestrial and aquatic ecosystems.

Yet one of the most harmful

and pervasive of the invasive species lives all around most of us, affecting the ground on which we walk, the trees that grow around us, and even the quality of the water in our lakes. And, in most cases, we don't even think of them as invasive species or recognize the dramatic changes they've brought to the region.

Earthworms, angleworms, or night crawlers may seem like

part of the natural environment here, given that in most parts of northern Minnesota, these invasive worms are now found almost everywhere. But that wasn't always the case. The spread of these invasive worms has happened gradually over the past century, facilitated mostly as worms became popular fishing bait. The invasion has spread from hot spots around popular fishing lakes to

**Right: The spread of earthworms across Minnesota is having a major impact on forests.**

photo by L. Frelich

eventually encompass most of northern Minnesota.

Lee Frelich has reason to know about the impact of invasive earthworms. He's

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## ASPEN GLOW



The aspen and birch were in peak form this week and the view from the overlook on Hwy. 169 between Tower and Ely was spectacular. photo by M. Helmsberger

## INTRODUCING A NEW SPECIES

### Report: Habitat and public support elk in St. Louis County

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— There is plentiful habitat and broad public support for introducing elk to north-eastern Minnesota. Those were the findings of a coalition of research partners who examined three potential areas for a possible introduction of the species as a hedge against a changing climate that is likely to eventually eliminate moose, another large member of the deer family, from the region.

In a report released earlier this month, the research team, comprised of biologists from the University of Minnesota and the Fond du Lac Band, assessed the merits of an elk introduction at one of three possible zones. Their top selection, based on a number of factors, was a large portion of the Cloquet Valley state forest located in east-central St. Louis County, south of the Iron Range and east of Hwy. 53.

The researchers examined the habitat suitability by examining nearly 200 vegetation plots across the three study areas. They also conducted opinion surveys with local resi-

dents to determine if there was public support for an introduction effort. The researchers also considered the amount of public land in an area, versus private lands, as well as the extent of agricultural production. While small herds of elk have long existed in northwestern Minnesota, their impact on farming operations there have prompted the Department of Natural Resources to sharply limit the population of wild elk there.

Researchers concluded that the relative lack of commercial agriculture in northeastern Minnesota, combined with the abundance of public land, might be more suitable to sustaining a substantial elk population.

The researchers concluded that the 681 square-mile study area could sustain approximately 550 elk, or a bit under one per square mile. "These estimates probably underestimate biological carrying capacity as we assumed elk consume only a small proportion of the available forage," noted the researchers in their report.

Less clear was whether that number of elk could live in the study area



without causing problems for the human residents.

Yet, opinion surveys conducted in all three areas found overwhelming support for an elk introduction. A total of 82 percent of all landowners and 86 percent of local residents expressed support for a introduction effort.

Elk, which once lived across most of Minnesota, were never native to north-eastern Minnesota. The dense boreal forest that once dominated the landscape was home to moose and woodland caribou at the time of European settlement. While moose still remain, the caribou had largely disappeared by the

1920s, victims of the loss of habitat in the wake of widespread logging and the influx of an aggressive competitor, the whitetail deer.

While moose remain a boreal species adapted to extreme cold, which makes them vulnerable to a warming climate in Minnesota, elk are able to thrive in substantially warmer temperatures.

While the study found both adequate habitat and public support, the researchers noted that a number of other steps still remain before an elk introduction could be undertaken. "To be clear, this study was

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**Above: The sight of a bull elk could soon become part of the North Country experience if a proposal to introduce elk to the Arrowhead wins political backing from legislators and agency officials. A just-released study finds that there is adequate habitat and broad public support to allow elk to survive.**

photo by D. Kenyon, MI DNR

## Outdoors in brief

### Whitefish netting begins opening across the area

REGIONAL— The whitefish netting season gets underway on two area lakes this weekend, with additional lakes opening in the next few weeks. Recreational netting for whitefish and cisco, also known as tullibee, is open most years in the autumn, and is permitted only for Minnesota residents. Whitefish netting schedules are based on expected water temperatures. As the water temperature cools, game fish head to deeper water while tullibee come to shallow water for fall spawning.

The season gets underway Friday, Oct. 11 on both Crane and Elbow lakes in northern St. Louis County. Other lakes in the area will open later, at dates to be announced by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Other area lakes expected to open later this fall include: Vermilion, Shagawa, Side, Newton, Ojibway, Fall, Bear Island, and Basswood.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources allows netting when there is little chance that game fish populations would be negatively impacted by recreational netting in shallow water. Game fish incidentally taken in nets must be returned to the water immediately.

Complete regulations, including designated lakes, netting schedules, and requirements related to use of gear and invasive species, are available on the DNR website at [www.dnr.state.mn.us](http://www.dnr.state.mn.us).

### Ely Field Naturalists to host Big Sit

ELY - On Sunday, Oct. 13, the Ely Field Naturalists become the Boreal Birdometers as registered participants in the Big Sit. The Big Sit is an annual, international, noncompetitive birding event.

The Big Sit is like a Big Day or a bird-a-thon in that the object is to tally as many bird species as can be seen or heard within 24 hours.

Some people have called it a "tailgate party for birders." Find a good spot for bird watching—preferably one with good views of a variety of habitats.

The Ely Field Naturalists will host their own sit at the lakeshore next to the boat access just east of Grand Ely Lodge on Shagawa Lake. Members of the Ely Field Naturalists will be present from before sunrise to sunset with binoculars, spotting scopes, field guides, warm clothes and hopefully plenty of participants to help spot birds.

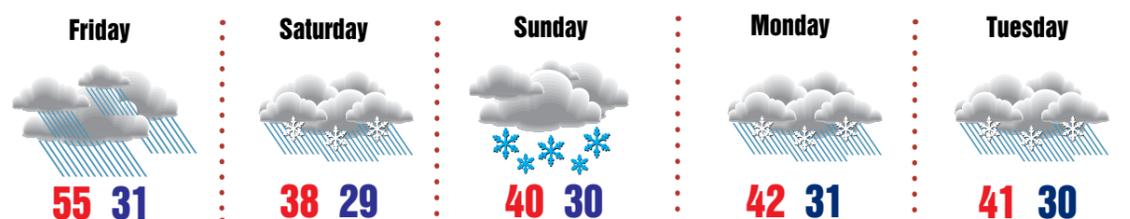
For more information, call Bill Tefft, at 218-235-0878.

**BIG FALL PIKE**



**Mark Nelson, of Champlin, landed this monster northern pike on Birch Lake. Fall is an excellent time to catch big pike, which are feeding voraciously ahead of ice-up.** submitted

**LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST** from NOAA weather



Ely	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Emb.	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Cook	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Orr	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Tower	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.
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**ELK...**

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only designed to assess the suitable habitat and public support questions," noted Fond du Lac biologist Mike Schrage, who worked on the study. "Although these are critical pieces to have, there are many additional steps to consider if this process is to move forward from here. Among other things, we would need to determine how and if we can bring elk here while minimizing the risk of Chronic Wasting Disease, a source herd or herds would have to be identified, funds would have to be raised and decisions made how to manage elk once they're here."

Schrage noted that any further steps, or the actual implementation of an elk introduction effort, would require future support from both agency and political leaders in the state.

Whether that support will be forthcoming remains to be seen. While state Rep. Rob Ecklund, DFL-I-Falls, says he's open to hearing more, he will have questions about the impact to farmers, as well as the risks posed by chronic wasting disease.

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a professor of forest ecology at the University of Minnesota and the lead author of a recently published article in the journal, *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, that documents the extent to which the spread of non-native earthworms is fundamentally altering northern forests.

According to the study, European earthworms now inhabit more than 80 percent of Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Michigan, and the presence of these invasive worms is creating a cascade of impacts, from increasing the susceptibility of forests to drought to creating excessive runoff to diminishing water quality in lakes and streams.

Perhaps the most obvious change, says Frelich, is the almost total elimination of the deep duff layer that used to be commonplace in Minnesota forests. That's the result of aggressive feeding by earthworms, which consume and digest this kind of organic matter. According to Frelich, prior to the introduction of non-native earthworms, the leaf litter that covered the ground in northern Minnesota's forests was often 6-7 inches thick, representing the accumulation of as much as 20 years' worth of organic material.

Frelich, who has studied areas that invasive worms have

yet to reach, said the difference between the forest floor in infested and un-infested areas is dramatic. Where earthworms still are absent or rare, the ground is spongy. "It's literally like walking

“It will change ecosystem function in a lot of ways.

Professor Lee Frelich

on a memory foam mattress," he said.

That layer of duff plays a significant role in many aspects of the forest ecosystem, according to Frelich. "The duff provides a lot of insulation, which means midsummer soil temperatures don't get as warm. It also helps to retain moisture, like mulch in your garden."

The loss of forest floor duff results in warmer soil temperatures and less retention of moisture, which makes forest soils more subject to drought. Frelich said the arrival of worms in any given location can usually be determined through tree core samples, which soon begin to indicate more drought stress. Frelich said he suspects, but has

not yet confirmed, that the arrival of invasive earthworms was the primary cause of the massive birch die-off on the North Shore in the past 15-20 years, by making soils there warmer and more subject to drying.

The loss of duff can also impact water quality. According to Frelich, the duff layer has traditionally helped filter rain and snowmelt and slow runoff. Once the duff is gone, the soil becomes harder and more subject to heavy runoff. "The other thing that happens is there is more erosion of the soil and more leaching of important nutrients," said Frelich. That includes both nitrogen compounds and phosphorus, which can quickly impact water quality by increasing the growth of unwanted algae. "Once the worms cover an entire watershed, it's been shown it will impact water quality. And those impacts will worsen over time," said Frelich.

And as nutrients in the soil are leached into nearby waterways, the availability of nutrients to plants in the forest is diminished, slowing the growth of many forest plants, including trees like the sugar maple by as much as 30 percent.

The duff also provided a hospitable seed bed for many tree species, like birch, sugar maple, or balsam fir, which appear to be declining in many locations as

they're replaced by species like red maple and white pine, which do better on hard, mineral soils than other species. The spread of red maple into northeastern Minnesota forests has been one of the most dramatic effects of the spread of invasive earthworms.

The disappearance of the duff has also affected the type of wildflowers found in northern Minnesota forests. According to Frelich, once-common forest wildflowers, like trilliums, are being replaced by sedges and grasses, which do better on the hard, duff-less soil now found on forest floors across most of northern Minnesota.

That's why Frelich's recent journal article refers to a "cascade" of effects from the introduction of invasive earthworms. "When you change the structure of the soil over whole landscapes, it will change ecosystem function in a lot of ways," said Frelich. "It just cascades from one organism to the other."

Given the widespread distribution of earthworms, the change to Minnesota's environment is probably a permanent fixture, notes Frelich. Any effort to rid the soil of earthworms would likely impact other soil fauna, he said, causing even greater disruption to the environment.

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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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### CITY OF ELY

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### KUGLER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

The Kugler Town Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Monday, October 21, 2019 at 6 p.m. at the town hall.

Julie Suihkonen, Town Clerk

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by Linda Thistle

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♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Like history
  - 5 Apt. divisions
  - 8 - -Lorraine, France
  - 14 Flatten, informally
  - 19 Long (for)
  - 20 Have an onstage role
  - 21 Coal miners
  - 22 Succinct and meaningful
  - 23 Start of a riddle
  - 26 Victorious
  - 27 Here-there link
  - 28 Skilled forger
  - 29 Largest city in Norway
  - 30 "That's a new - me!"
  - 31 Party mixers
  - 33 Riddle, part 2
  - 37 I-5, e.g.
  - 39 Hat material
  - 40 Adz relatives
  - 41 Big name in razors
  - 44 JVC or Hitachi rival
  - 46 Collection of maps
  - 50 Trailers, e.g.
  - 54 Riddle, part 3
  - 58 Hit the bottle
  - 59 Giant
  - 60 Rink legend Bobby
  - 61 Six-sided state
  - 62 Do the dishes?
  - 63 Relating to a heart part
  - 65 Got 100% on, as a test
  - 68 "Eso -" (Paul Anka hit)
  - 70 Eye, to a bard
  - 71 Riddle, part 4
  - 76 One may cry "Foull!"
  - 77 Tiki or Baal
  - 78 "I came," to Caesar
  - 79 Gives the most votes
  - 81 Celestial hunter
  - 83 Wish
  - 85 Crunches tone them
  - 88 Very angry
  - 89 Island of Alaska
  - 90 Riddle, part 5
  - 94 Cosa - (Mafia affiliate)
  - 96 Coats with element #30
  - 97 Nation north of Mex.
  - 98 "Porgy and -"
  - 99 Shop draw
  - 101 Hamster holder
  - 103 Follower of chi
  - 105 End of the riddle
  - 112 Pastry bag filler
  - 116 Painter Matisse
  - 117 Nastase of the court
  - 118 Saudi and Iraqi
  - 120 By means of
  - 121 Bowed
  - 122 Riddle's answer
  - 126 Ordinary
  - 127 Sulky
  - 128 Short history
  - 129 Ex-Dodger Hersher
  - 130 Insolvent
  - 131 "Knocked Up" director Judd
  - 132 Stitch (up)
  - 133 Funeral heap
  - DOWN**
  - 1 Lowly chess pieces
  - 2 Preceder of "Bless you!"
  - 3 Glass bit
  - 4 Asian holiday
  - 5 Chicago's - Emanuel
  - 6 Occasional Golden Arches sandwich
  - 7 Event with pig racing, perhaps
  - 8 Boorish sort
  - 9 Driving req.
  - 10 Got to one's feet
  - 11 Something not to be missed
  - 12 Viola's kin
  - 13 Witch on "Bewitched"
  - 14 One doing a parody
  - 15 St. Paul site
  - 16 Give voice to
  - 17 Bamboo unit
  - 18 Sleep: Prefix
  - 24 Hushed head-turner
  - 25 Elisabeth of "CSI"
  - 32 Semitic language
  - 34 Smelting refuse
  - 35 Relative of -ess
  - 36 Large public show
  - 38 Display fallibility
  - 41 "- way to go!"
  - 42 Up until that time
  - 43 Puts new parts on, in a way
  - 45 - -Magnon
  - 47 Increase in volume
  - 48 Toward a ship's rear
  - 49 Pokes a hole in
  - 51 Procession of cars
  - 52 Works such as "H.M.S. Pinafore"
  - 53 Ivanjica inhabitant
  - 55 One of the Skywalkers
  - 56 - Sea (Asian lake)
  - 57 "Close call!"
  - 62 "It Takes a Thief" rapper
  - 64 Pioneered
  - 66 Large grotto
  - 67 Lens locale
  - 69 That lass
  - 72 Start of a pirate chant
  - 73 Faint from surprise, in slang
  - 74 Omani money
  - 75 Like exercise that gets the heart going
  - 76 Horse coat pattern
  - 80 Court units
  - 82 Fully extended, as arms
  - 84 Preceder of chi
  - 86 Chesapeake Bay crustaceans
  - 87 Scheme: Abbr.
  - 90 Island near Java
  - 91 "- homo!"
  - 92 "And fast!"
  - 93 Breach
  - 95 With speed
  - 100 Paradox
  - 102 U.S. territory since 1898
  - 104 "Aye aye," in Iberia
  - 105 Cassidy of old pop
  - 106 Succinct
  - 107 How actors should enter
  - 108 Augustus - ("Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" character)
  - 109 Bejeweled headwear
  - 110 Spartan serf
  - 111 Holmes or Couric
  - 113 Elephant tusk stuff
  - 114 NFLer of San Fran
  - 115 Crystal of country
  - 119 Arch above the eye
  - 123 Abbr. in a personal ad
  - 124 "Yuck!"
  - 125 Swiffer product

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### Answer

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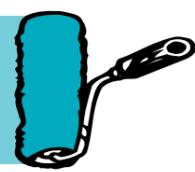
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