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NATIONAL HEALTH EMERGENCY

Ely forum addresses opioid crisis

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

State recorded 632 overdose deaths last year

ELY – On the eve of President Donald Trump’s declaration that the opioid crisis is a national public health emergency, Ely residents gathered at Washington Auditorium to discuss the local impacts of the drug problem.

During a White House signing ceremony, President Trump said last

Thursday that the nation’s opioid epidemic is killing more than 100 people every day and is the “worst drug crisis in American history,” and he pledged the nation’s full resolve in overcoming it.

Jeff Polcher, a substance abuse prevention and intervention social worker for St. Louis

County Health and Human Services, told a sparse audience, “Right now we’re in an epidemic, some would disagree but the numbers don’t lie. There were 632 fatal overdoses in Minnesota last year.”

Other panelists included George Burger of the Ely Police Department, Laura Palombi, an assistant pro-

Sgt. George Burger of the Ely Police Department spoke about drug enforcement at a public forum last week.
photo by K. Vandervort

fessor at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, Deb Hernandez,

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HALLOWEEN 2017



Above: Children pick out rubber ducks at the Timberjay office in Tower on Halloween.

Left: Sage Reichel dressed as a cute butterfly at the Cook Lions Halloween party.

Right: Violet Udovich, 7, and Juliana LaMontagne, 6, prowled the street of Ely looking for treats Tuesday afternoon.

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TOWER COUNCIL

City accepts sewer bid for Hoodoo Point Campground

OKs low bid of \$412,391 from USA

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER— The city of Tower will extend its municipal sewer to Hoodoo Point Campground, following action by the city council on Monday. The council approved the low bid from Utility Systems of America, for \$412,391, for sewer line installation, replacement, and upgrades at the city-owned campground.

The city had called for a second round of bids, after a mathematical error was found in the low bid from the first round in September and other bids came in too high.

“We also took out some of the smaller items of work that the city maintenance department can do themselves,” said Jason Chopp, project manager from SEH.

Chopp told the council that while sometimes fall bids can come in high, this bid came in very close to their estimates. He also said they had contacted the bidder who will be able to start on the job this fall to ensure completion by May 15, in time for next year’s campground season.

The council approved the bid from USA, which was the lowest of five bids that contractors had sub-

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HEALTH INSURANCE

MNsure open enrollment runs through Jan. 14, 2018

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

Sign up by Dec. 20 for coverage that begins Jan. 1, 2018

REGIONAL- The 2018 open enrollment period is now underway. Minnesotans can log on to the MNsure website (www.mnsure.org) to enroll.

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ANIMAL RESCUE

Out of the wilderness

Wayward dog reunited with family after weeks on its own

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY — A group of local residents here recently helped reunite a family and their lost dog after they were separated earlier this summer in the Boundary Waters. Lisa Foss, a Minnesota Federated Humane Agent, said a friend contacted her to assist in the retrieval last week of a dog owned by a Minneapolis family that had gone missing in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness this fall. The dog had been spotted several times in the Ely area in recent weeks. “A friend who works with (a pet retrieval service called) the “Retrievers” asked if I could help with the case of Lindsey, the missing dog,” Foss said. “Lindsey was with her family in the BWCAW and was lost in the

wilderness when the family was going home.” Lindsey was subsequently picked up by other campers in the area, but escaped from their home in Ely, according to Foss. “At that point I was asked to lend a hand with the Retrievers by setting up a live trap near where we had sighted her with our trail cam,” she said. By this time she’d already been missing a couple of weeks. “The trap was set up but we think because of all the activity in the area she was spooked and left the area,” she said. Signs were put up all around Ely asking for sightings. “Last Wednesday I got a call from one of the students at the (Vermilion Community College) Outdoor Learning Center telling me she’d been in the area. I drove out there and talked to

several people who had seen her often and decided the trap needed to be moved out there,” Foss said. She enlisted the help of her daughter, Jen Flermoen and husband, Steve, to move the trap and set it up. “Before we could even arm it, Lindsey appeared and within a minute walked right in,” Foss said. “She ate all the food and laid down a few yards away and took a nap. It was probably 45 minutes later that she ran off and we were able to arm the trap. We didn’t think she’d be back immediately so we headed back to town to grab a bite to eat.” Foss’ remote link to the trail cam showed that Lindsey came right back and was trapped. “We turned around and went back and there she was, sitting calmly in the secured trap, shaking but



Left: John Lundquist of Minneapolis and his daughters were recently reunited with the family dog, Lindsey, who was lost in the Ely area for several weeks this fall. submitted photo

unharmd,” she said. They secured the dog with two leads, removed her from the trap and took her immediately to the Ely Veterinary Clinic. “The owners were notified and drove up from Minneapolis and were reunited that same night,” Foss said.

CITY OF COOK

Council hears update on city projects

by MELISSA ROACH
Staff Writer

COOK — The city council here heard updates on city projects at their meeting on Oct. 26. John Jamnick, of JPJ Engineering, discussed city infrastructure projects and contract change orders. The council approved a change order for a \$62,641. A second change order included a \$16,202 increase and \$5,962 decrease for a net change in contract price of \$10,240. The council also approved a \$2,721 payment. Jamnick also reported

the county has called for bids for the bridge repair work on Nov. 9, with work expected to begin after July 4. The council also approved payment for KGM Contractors for paving in connection with the infrastructure project for a total of \$68,333. Larry Rodgers of Arrowhead Transit presented the council with information on the new public Dial-A-Ride transit service. The buses have added a route in Cook for Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 12 noon, and people can also call and set up a personalized ride.

The bus is equipped with a wheelchair lift and tie downs. The AEOA-sponsored public transportation service costs \$1 per ride. More information can be found at www.arrowheadtransit.com or by calling 800-862-0175 to set up a ride. The council approved a \$13,405 payment to SEH for the airport master plan with layout plan as well as a \$3,180 payment to Reichel Electric for repairs to the wiring for the tank sensor. This month’s ambulance report noted that EMT Marilyn Hannan has been named to head

the management and safety for the department. The ambulance service has begun training new EMRs and is working on FirstNet learning classes, and NIMS (National Incident Management System) classes to improve safety knowledge. Fire safety was also a focus this month with community outreach events at Little Beginnings and North Woods School. Blood pressure checks were also set up at Zup’s. An OSHA safety check was completed at the library. The service also hopes to hold two training nights a month, bloodborne train-

ing and 12-Lead and EKG training. Councilor Storm gave the council updates on the Lake Vermilion Trail Steering Committee. The group is working on the structure and operation of the Joint Powers Board now that a Joint Powers Agreement has been solidified. The steering committee is also looking at fundraising options, as well as marketing and public relations. In other business, the

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Editorial

Wild rice standard

Political meddling undermines credibility of the MPCA

We may now understand why the state’s Pollution Control Agency spent more than three decades studiously ignoring a state sulfate standard designed to protect wild rice. The standard— the nation’s strictest at 10 milligrams per liter— has put the MPCA in a political and legal vise, with no easy way for agency officials to extricate themselves.

On one side are northern Minnesota Indian tribes and environmental groups, who have been threatening legal action for years over the agency’s failure to enforce the existing water quality standard. On the other side is the taconite industry and its supporters, who question whether sulfate is truly harming wild rice and whether it makes sense, in either case, to foist significant clean-up costs on an industry that is already struggling with the effects of a worldwide glut of iron ore and steel.

Enter the politicians, who have gone in multiple directions in hopes of staving off enforcement of the rule to protect the taconite industry. And despite the current uproar over the agency’s latest proposed sulfate standard, it’s worth noting that the MPCA is doing exactly what the Legislature, at the urging of the Iron Range delegation, told them to do.

A little history may be in order. About five years ago, Iron Range politicians made moves to significantly loosen the sulfate standard as the agency started to take steps to enforce it for the first time. But MPCA officials informed them they couldn’t do that without scientific evidence to justify it, so the politicians approved funds for a new study, hoping that it would discredit the 1940s-era science that provided the basis for the current standard.

It didn’t go well. Instead, the research— this time led by UMD biology professor Dr. John Pastor— largely confirmed the work of the late DNR biologist Dr. John Moyle.

The MPCA mulled over the findings and did the only thing they could legally do under the provisions of the Clean Water Act: they announced that they would begin enforcing the 10 mg/l sulfate standard on dischargers into wild rice waters.

That’s when unpleasant stuff hit the fan in St. Paul. Iron Range legislators and US Steel went to Gov. Dayton and

said no way. As a way out, the governor and MPCA officials put forward their so-called “flexible standard,” citing some preliminary findings from the Pastor study that suggested that higher levels of iron in the sediments of receiving waters might help to mitigate the harmful effects of higher sulfate levels.

Iron Range legislators lauded the new concept, if only because it likely meant two more years without enforcement of the current standard. After all, just like legislators, regulators can’t change a water quality standard without going through a rule-making process, which typically takes about a year and a half to complete under normal circumstances, which these are not. The recent hearing in Virginia was part of that rule-making process.

In the meantime, the Legislature and governor enacted a law in 2015 that prohibited the MPCA from enforcing the existing standard until the rule-making process could be completed, some time in 2017. Last year, the Legislature passed yet another law, this one giving the MPCA until the end of 2018 to develop its new rule. When the MPCA issued a draft of its proposal this past August, Iron Range officials again acted with alarm, apparently assuming they had more time. In fact, the MPCA needs to be at this stage in order to complete the rulemaking in 2018, as the Legislature had ordered.

Now, Iron Range legislators are promising new legislation to prevent the MPCA from finishing the work they had earlier instructed them to do. They’ve cued up the scare-mongering, suggesting bankruptcy for Iron Range communities and the shutdown of the region’s taconite industry. None of that is true, of course, but it helps to keep every local official singing from the same hymnbook.

In short, it’s a mess. And the more that legislators interfere with the process, the more they bolster the claims of environmental critics who allege that politics, not science, governs the regulation of major industries in Minnesota, particularly mining. After the past five years, it’s tough to argue otherwise, and that should concern Minnesotans who are legitimately concerned about protecting the environment.



“CAN’T MAKE AN OMELET WITHOUT BREAKING A FEW EGGS!”

Letters from Readers

Thanks for the service you provide

I don’t know how you do it week in and week out at the *Timberjay*. Every week I gain something new and relevant whether it is a better understanding of another’s perspective, a heads up about interesting local events, information about state politics, knowledge about our natural world, details about our schools. The list goes on, thanks to your skilled and thorough reporting. Thank you for providing this service for us in the northland. Bravo *Timberjay*! Bravo!

Shannon Barber-Meyer Ely

Petition shows support for TMM

During the Blueberry Art/Festival held annually in Ely, Up North Jobs declared July 28-30, 2017, to be Twin Metals Minnesota Appreciation Day. The Ely Chamber of Commerce estimates that more than 30,000 people attended the Art Festival in July. During that time, several thousand people visited our pavilion and met our staff (all volunteers) who had the opportunity to explain to them the importance of TMM to our local economy, e.g., real estate taxes paid to the city and county, salaries paid to employees, and donations made by TMM to our local area charities.

During the festival, more than 562 persons signed a petition, requesting Secretary of the Interior Ryan Zinke and Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue, to rescind the 234,000-acre mineral withdrawal application approved by the Obama administration in January 2017, and further, to renew Twin Metals Minnesota’s two mineral leases.

Soon after the Art Festival was held, Up North Jobs posted the petition on its website, Up NorthJobs.org. Over 700 electronic signatures were submitted in three days. The electronic and paper signatures were then compiled to eliminate duplicate signatures. The net number of

petitioners requesting the rescission of the withdrawal application totaled 1,193.

We estimate that at least 95 percent of the petitioners are citizens of Minnesota’s Iron Range, and stakeholders, who have been and will continued to be harmed by the decision of the Obama administration’s mineral withdrawal of federal lands in the Rainy River Watershed. We are providing electronic copies of this letter to Congressmen Tom Emmer and Paul Gosar, and Senators Amy Klobuchar and Al Franken.

Gerald M. Tyler
CEO, Up North Jobs Ely

Don’t knock tourism or dismiss the risks of mining

In another local newspaper, I recently posted my opinion that tourism has become the primary source of revenue for Ely. I also stated my hope that this revenue resource might be expanded through featured local events. After all, people WANT to come here to enjoy the local beauty. They don’t need much of a reason to make the drive.

A local brain surgeon disagreed. That’s fine with me, since discussion creates new understanding. For example, the doctor noted that limiting wilderness entry via a lottery system reduces the number of visitors into the park each year. He’s correct. But it helps to understand the reason. A wilderness cannot be a wilderness when it’s full of motors, campers, airplanes, poodles and trash. Or strip mines. In Ely’s case, there is an abundance of lakes and national forest outside the wilderness boundaries, with well-maintained campgrounds and toilets, which help add to Ely’s economy. Those revenue streams deserve exploration and expansion, not dismissal.

A few small manufacturing interests would perfectly complement this tourism base. I hope the city council is successful in their already-admirable efforts in this regard. And here’s why it matters.

From around 1978 and continuing to the mid-80s, I was employed by Lucky Mac Mine, and then Union Carbide. Both were open pit uranium mines in the Gas Hills of Wyoming. At Lucky Mac- my first union job - I was part of a service crew that performed maintenance on heavy earth-moving equipment. Later at Union Carbide, I tested into their engineering department as a surveyor. We set new claims, calculated cut-and-fill quantities for planned reclamation, plotted ore strength on plat maps, and so on. In both cases, when the ore played out I was laid off with about 200 other union members.

The experience changed me in two ways. First, it made me a lifelong, adamant supporter of unions and their role in bringing benefits to working people. Without the efforts of unions, we all suffer. And we don’t need a large mining work force to organize and to agitate for a living wage.

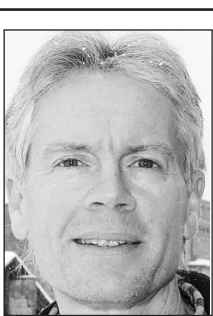
The experience also introduced me to what seems to be standard operating procedure for large mining interests: First, convince the populace that YOUR operation will be environmentally responsible. Put up a bond as insurance that the water will stay clean and the land will be reclaimed. Then—once approval is granted—well, you know, just extract and process that ore as quickly as possible while increasingly ignoring the initial promise of land stewardship. Maximum return to investors after all! When complete, abandon the financial bond, fire the miners and walk away, leaving the state—that is, the citizenry—to bear the burden of clean up, the cost of which is many times the value of the initial bond. Now, who wants to clean up someone else’s mess? Not Wyomingites! Which is why the region and its water are still devastated. I’m sorry, but I cannot agree that this represents the best interests of Ely, of Minnesota, or its people.

Duane Behrens
Ely

Trump inaction has steel industry facing new crisis

Don’t look now, but Iron Range taconite producers could soon be in trouble again. Imports of inexpensive foreign steel are up 24 percent so far this year, the biggest spike in steel imports since 2014, which was the last time that imports sent domestic steel prices tumbling. That left several iron ore producers on the Range shut down for months, and some never did reopen despite a modest recovery since.

Yet here we go again, as the price of iron ore has been tumbling since the summer and rising steel imports



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are putting increasing pressure on domestic producers. As of late summer, foreign imports comprised 30 percent of domestic sales and U.S. steel factories were running at just 75 percent of capacity, a level that industry officials say isn’t sustainable.

This wasn’t supposed to be happening. A year ago, then-candidate Donald J. Trump was talking tough on foreign imports. Trade agreements would be sent to the shredder. Buy American policies would be implemented. Industrial America was

going back to work, Trump promised. Industrial workers, including many on the Iron Range, were convinced, and they voted for the Republican Trump in unprecedented numbers.

For a time, it seemed like Trump would make good on his promises. In just his first week, Trump signed an executive order approving the Keystone XL pipeline and another soon followed that fast-tracked new rules to require that all that new pipeline would be built with American steel.

Turns out, it was all classic Trump, which is to say pure puffery for his reality show presidency.

One of the dirty little secrets of the

first nine months of the Trump presidency is that most of his executive orders, which he signs with great fanfare, are merely for show. Most are just vague directives, issued for the television cameras, with little to no follow through.

Turns out, of course, that TransCanada, which had proposed construction of the Keystone XL pipeline, had already purchased much of the pipe for the project from foreign suppliers, so Trump’s promise that the pipeline would be built with American steel was as hollow as the rest of his campaign pledges. The Trump White House quietly exempted

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Letters from Readers

Dinner With a Witch was a fun event for everyone

The Dinner With a Witch at Vermilion Country School was a hit! Halloween is always a fun time of year for kids of all ages. Those in attendance at the dinner on Saturday night certainly enjoyed themselves. The Vermilion Country School choir sang a few cute Halloween songs, and the cake-walk (or graveyard-walk) was really well done as well. All the effort on decorations, costumes, and dinner menu were well worth the time involved. If you are in Tower next year for Halloween, be sure to put this fun event on your calendar.

Kathy Lovgren
Lake Vermilion, Tower

Apology accepted, now show us that it's sincere

Apology accepted. But was it sincere? The whole incident reported in the *New York Times* magazine makes me believe that the environmental extremist movement led by Becky Rom and her husband Reid Carron showed their true colors. They aren't only opposed to copper, nickel and precious metals mining. They want to stop all

mining, iron ore mining included. They probably don't like logging or farming, either.

It came to me as I was sitting on my deck drinking a beer (metal chair, a by-product of mining; wooden deck, from logging; beer, from hops and grains from farming). I thought, now what's wrong with sitting on my deck and drinking a beer. Then I thought, I wonder if the anti-mining people have metal chairs on their decks? Maybe they don't! Maybe they have plastic chairs (that came from drilling oil).

Then I thought, if drinking beer is a negative thing, I wonder if the anti-mining people drink Moscow Mules instead. I don't know many beer-drinking miners who drink Moscow Mules but Moscow Mules are served in copper mugs.

Getting hungry, I came into the house for a BLT. I fried some bacon on a metal stove in a copper-lined pan. (Copper pans don't stick and they clean up in a breeze.) The bacon was in my metal refrigerator which has a cooling element going through copper pipes. Of course, none of that copper was mined on the Iron Range and anti-mining forces seem content to get their copper from another country that has no environmental, safety laws, nor child labor laws.

I thought, what's wrong with this picture? Great environmental laws, child labor laws, and safety

regulations are good things. Shouldn't we be doing the mining where all are enforced? But wait, we mine right here on the Iron Range. We have been mining here for 135 years. And the modern economy requires that we must mine, log, farm or drill in order to make things. That's why I'm always puzzled when mining opponents say they will support projects: "If the science proves it safe!" Well, let's see:

We have been mining for 135 years in virtually the same area that PolyMet will mine,

PolyMet will use a former iron ore mining site to process the ore, and the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board recently published an environmental report card on Minnesota's statewide water quality.

Guess where you'll find the only area that has really good water? Yup! Right here in Northeastern Minnesota. The heart of mining country IS the Land of Sky Blue Waters. Pretty good science if you ask me.

Look folks, our mining industry is credited with winning two World Wars, building our roads and bridges, our cities, our schools, our automobiles, refrigerators, stoves, washing machines and dryers, microwaves—we'll you know all this. We can and should be the ones who provide the precious metals necessary to our new-age economy. PolyMet would let our mining industry join this new-age economy.

Importantly, it has gone through the most extensive environmental review on the planet.

Jobs in the mining industry are some of the best jobs offered anywhere in the state. Whether young kids just out of college (you can't get one of these mining jobs anymore unless you have at least two years of college) or those miners with 20 years of experience, they are driving new trucks, buying homes that are equipped with refrigerators, stoves, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, computers... buying ATV's, snowmobiles, paying taxes and, yes, drinking beer. All because they have a job that pays them a living wage which allows them to raise a family with healthcare and a pension. As a direct result, there are spinoff jobs that provide that same quality of living and there are medical jobs, teaching jobs, professional jobs, individual entrepreneurs and much more.

I don't begrudge anyone's vocational choice because not everyone can be a lawyer, or a teacher, or a doctor or a nurse—and not everyone can be a miner. In fact, if your choice is to be a tour guide and paddle a canoe around the Boundary Waters, then have at it and you've got my respect. But Rom's and Carron's comments about our neighbors, our miners, were not justifiable, dignified, nor Minnesota Nice. The comments, however, DO reveal an even

bigger picture. The extreme environmentalists who have been so deadset against the Iron Range getting the next generation of mining are now after our very lifeline—iron ore mining. If the apology was sincere, it's time for environmental extremists to come to the realization that mining exists in our own backyard because that's where Mother Nature put the ore. It is done safely and in an environmentally friendly manner. Let's not depend on a volatile world market to provide all our precious metals. Heck, most of us can't go ten minutes without looking at our cell phones—filled with precious metals. Our history proves we helped America become a global economic powerhouse. We need minerals, paper, lumber, and food from our own backyards and we can provide them in a safe and reliable manner.

So, back on my deck with my beer and BLT, I couldn't help but think that the environmentalists must drink beer, too. Maybe even one of those craft beers made in those great big copper vats, but hey, at least we have something in common. Or maybe we have a lot in common as we all need mining and mining jobs.

Apology accepted. Now show me it's sincere.

Sen. David Tomassoni
District 6
Chisholm

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the project from any Buy American provisions a few months later, not surprisingly without the big announcement he had scheduled for the signing of his original executive order.

The exemption probably wasn't necessary anyway. Trump's Buy American proposal has gone nowhere, as the president has focused on what he sees as more important issues—like NFL players kneeling for the national anthem or waging Twitter wars with Republican critics or Gold Star families. What's more, the Keystone XL pipeline, which was supposed to transport diluted bitumen from the Canadian tar sands to U.S. refineries is looking increasingly in doubt anyway, another victim

of the sagging economics of the oil sector.

Meanwhile, deadlines that the Trump administration had set for key decisions on steel imports, one in June, another in July, came and went without any action or decisions. In late August, 25 top industry executives wrote Trump directly, urging him to take immediate steps to head off a growing crisis for the industry, which they blamed on government inaction. The Commerce Department was supposed to release the results of a Section 232 investigation into foreign steel dumping months ago, but the administration hasn't mentioned it in months.

When asked about the lack of action in September, Trump's

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said the issue is being put on the back burner, in favor of tax reform. After all, to the Trump folks, approving tax cuts for millionaires and billionaires is a lot more important than worrying about the fate of the steel industry. The truth is, the industry, without a doubt, enjoyed significantly higher status and more actual effort from the Obama administration, which took concrete steps to rein in steel dumping beginning in 2015. But then the Obama administration actually engaged in the hard work of governing.

So far, all Trump has brought to the job is lip service and photo-ops. He plays president occasionally for the cameras, then hits the links or hangs out in the

White House residence watching television news and ranting on Twitter about "fake news" or hurling insults at foreign leaders. What an embarrassment.

The steel industry, and its tens of thousands of employees, has good cause to worry. Trump's America First rhetoric is just that, and the even the tone has changed since the departure of chief strategist Steve Bannon, who, despite his many flaws, appears to be a genuine economic nationalist, and was the one member of the Trump team who might have been willing to act on behalf of domestic steel. With the rest of the Trump White House and Cabinet filled with Wall Street financiers or, as with Betsy DeVos and Rick Perry, the

just plain incompetent, there's little chance that Trump will ever focus on the needs of the steel industry.

What's worse, his Buy American rhetoric has actually fueled the rise in foreign imports, as companies that anticipated tougher regulations are using the current inaction to stock up on supplies. As steel inventories have risen, it has put increased price pressure on domestic producers. If the Trump administration ultimately fails to deliver, as seems increasingly likely, the bottom could very well fall out for the U.S. steel industry. Trump keeps promising a lifeline, but like so many other Trump promises, this one may well be just for the cameras.

COUNCIL...Continued from page 2

council:

➤ Heard that the city bow hunt harvested four adult female deer.

➤ Heard from Administrator Theresa Martinson who reported

there has been a great response from the business community for the HRA Commercial Rehabilitation Project.

➤ Heard that the Highway 53 striping has

been completed. The new stripes are pedestrian walkway lines for crossing the highway. The city had discussed the safety concerns about people crossing the highway, and MnDOT

had agreed to add the striping. There had been an issue with the paint supplier, which has now been resolved.

➤ Heard that the Cook Country Christmas event

will be held Friday, Dec. 1. This year Santa will be at the Cook Community Center. The farmers market has also been invited to set up at the community center as well. Activities are being

planned for the annual community event.

BREITUNG...Continued from page 3

found that three cabins in the township were being rented out and either not charging tax or charging the tax and pocketing it. The lodging tax is three percent of the rental price

and goes directly to advertising and promoting the area.

➤ Approved invoices for the law firm of Johnson, Killen, and Seilor for \$175 and \$1,860.

➤ Recognized the efforts of Matt Tichel during the recent wastewater line break and agreed that he did a very good job handling the event and commended his work.

➤ Noted that upcoming meetings will be on Tuesdays, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m., Nov. 28 at 1 p.m. and Dec. 12 at 1 p.m.

➤ Heard that Local 346, representing the police, will be in for negotiations on Nov. 14 at noon in a closed meeting. At 1

p.m., a regular town board meeting will be resumed and negotiations approved.

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Team Thunder: Front (from left) Nico Lenci, Caz Carlson, Bobby Swartz. Back: AJ Kvistad, Hayden Klassy, Truce Lightfeather, Greyson Reichensperger. Not pictured: Chloe Adkisson.



Team Lightning: Front (from left) Thomas Aldrich, James Yernatich, Zach Poderzay. Back: Christian Nelson, Colt Kvistad, Rogelio Noyes, Jada Medicine. Not pictured: Bailey Pratt.



Zach Poderzay runs the ball for Team Lightning.



Nico Lenci gains some yardage for Team Thunder. photos by J. Summit

COMMUNITY NEWS

Veterans Day program on Nov. 10

TOWER- Tower-Soudan Elementary is hosting their annual Veterans Day program on Friday, Nov. 10 at 9:30 a.m. in the school gymnasium. All area residents, and especially veterans, are invited to attend. Coffee and a meal will be served after the program.

Learn how to make mittens on Nov. 9

TOWER- Make some mittens of your very own creation during a Community Education

Class led by Sue Cramer. The class will be held at the Tower-Soudan Elementary School in the flex room on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 4:30 – 6 p.m. and is for adults. Please bring your own materials and sewing machine to learn how to make fleece, wool, or felt mittens. \$5 is payable at the beginning of class. Please call Leone Graf at 218-343-3744 to register or for more information.

Tower Soudan Civic Club meets Nov. 15

TOWER- The November meeting of the Tower Soudan Civic Club

will be on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. Krista Harrington will be the guest speaker and will give an informative talk on happenings at Ely’s International Wolf Center. This facility in northern Minnesota is home to many beautiful wolves of various ages and is staffed by a group of well-trained individuals whose job is to help maintain the health and well-being of these wild animals. Hostesses for the evening will be Kathy Lovgren and Linda Haugen. Julie Luczak will supply the attendance prize. Coffee and dessert will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Going away party for Pastor Berhanu on Nov. 12

SOUDAN- A going away party for Pastor Berhanu will be held on Sunday, Nov. 12 at 4 p.m. at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Soudan. Bishop Tom Atkins will be present. A light meal will be served.

St. Paul’s Chili Feed set for Nov. 7

SOUDAN- St. Paul’s annual “election day” chili feed will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Cost is \$7 for chili, beverage, roll, and dessert. There will also be a craft sale at the church that day. Take-outs will be available.

St. Martin’s Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 11

TOWER- St. Martin’s Catholic Church is hosting their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Social Hall. We are very excited about this year’s event. At present we have fifteen private vendors participating. In addition to the vendors, there will be bucket raffles, a quilt raffle, and cash drawings – be sure to bring your address labels. There will be some activities for kids only – a make

and take table (there will be a variety of decorations to choose from) and a Christmas Gift Shop for kids to do their own Christmas shopping.

Tickets for the quilt raffle cost \$5 and no more than 200 tickets will be sold. The quilt is on display at Jeanne’s Card and Gift Shop. Tickets may be purchased from Jeanne as well as at the bazaar. The quilt raffle is sponsored by our quilt ministry. As always, there will be a lunch available for purchase.

Donations needed for this year’s Operation Santa toy drive

TOWER- It’s not too early to start planning for this year’s Operation Santa. Operation Santa is a local fundraiser which purchases Christmas gifts (toys, gift cards, and warm winter items) for children whose families use the Tower Food Shelf. Last year we served over 150 area children.

The effort is organized by The Timberjay and the Tower Soudan Civic Club, with help from many area groups, churches, organizations, and individuals. If your group or church is planning to donate this year, please contact Jodi at 218-753-2950. (This helps with planning!)

Lake Country Power’s Operation RoundUp® program has once again

made a very generous donation to the Tower Soudan Civic Club (formerly the Tower Women’s Club), to help cover the cost of purchasing warm items for the children.

Donations can be dropped off at the Timberjay in Tower. We are looking at donations of toys, games, art supplies, and sporting equipment for children, and gift cards to either Target or Walmart for our teenagers (\$10 or \$15).

We also accept gently-used holiday decorations and gifts for the adults who use the food shelf.

Senior Bingo in Tower on Monday, Nov. 6

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, Nov. 6 at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m.

Christmas Bingo (with special wrapped prizes!) is set for Monday, Dec. 4. There is no senior bingo in January, and then bingo resumes in February.

Bingo is cancelled if school is closed due to winter weather. Call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950 with any questions.

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HALLOWEEN FUN



Above: This year's Dinner with a Witch at Vermilion Country School included a visit to the "Graveyard Walk" where some lucky diners won cakes and cookies. Below left: Lee Majerle and Tasha Trucano took a trip down the "Yellow Brick Road" with Cecelia and Bob. Below right: Kayla Dougherty got some dinner at the Tower Fire Department's Halloween Party. Bottom right: Dean and UPS man Boone Broten were trick-or-treating on Main Street. Timberjay staff photos



YOUTH ATHLETICS

Few tickets still available for TSAA Auction

Annual fundraiser set for Thursday, Nov. 9 at The Wilderness

TOWER- Tickets are now available for this year's Tower-Soudan Athletic Association Auction Fundraiser, set for Thursday, Nov. 9 starting at 5 p.m. at The Wilderness. This is the TSAA's single annual fundraiser. Money raised helps support local youth athletics and activities, including Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball, Tower-Soudan Elementary activities, unicycling and other Chimp-related fun, athletic activities, environmental education, outdoors-related

field trips for the Vermilion Charter School, and other needs. The cost for tickets is \$25 in advance, which includes a large buffet of hot and cold appetizers prepared by the amazing kitchen crew at The Wilderness. There will be silent auction items, games of chance, raffles, and live auction action. There will be homemade candies, jams and jellies, Minnesota-themed books, handcrafted items, gift certificates for favorites such as Firelight Galleries and Herberger's,

Wilderness golf packages, hotel stays, and many other gift items up for grabs. LuAnn Zaudtke will once again be the emcee and provide karaoke. The evening is fun for both women and men. Tickets must be paid in advance. To reserve your spot, contact Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950, stop by the Timberjay in Tower during regular business hours. The event is co-sponsored by TSAA and Friends of Vermilion Country School.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



I am at my little secr taire in the lower depths (the cellar) composing my billet-doux to you! I have left Hilda unsupervised in the kitchen and the noises wafting down are amazing and scary... will there be any plates by the time she and the dishes are DONE? I am here alone and filled with doubt and fear. It happens every year at this time. The leaves turn color, a brisk wind comes from the North, and I am haunted by the eternal question: "Have I purchased enough daffodils?" Are there some jonquille I have missed, in the dark recess of the big box store, that are about to be tossed into a dumpster by some heartless acne-spotted teenager? Who, not having love in his wretched life, is taking his pain out on these poor plants, ending their precious lives amid the empty coffee cups and crumpled napkins from the cafeteria. Let me just warn you,

if you are so moved—DO NOT DUMPSTER DIVE for abandoned bulbs of any kind! Once I was trapped behind a large big box store for an hour. It was cold and I had wrapped myself in yards of discarded bubble-wrap to keep from freezing even though I was wearing my snowmobile suit. Just two bits of information for future employers: First, is to check the health records of their employees- especially the elderly. Does the person they hired have a heart condition? Is there the possibility that a large lady in a snowmobile suit wrapped in popping bubble wrap from a dumpster would cause a problem? Second, there are no Yetis in the area, regardless of what a man on a stretcher tells an investigating official. I always feel the police over-react— well, maybe just when I am involved. Also if someone goes into a police evidence room and finds a blue snowmobile suit and a bubble suit— I want the suit. Money will change hands. Remember folks, daffodils in our clime, and crocuses, will come generally year after year. Tulips cost

me a lot of money before I learned they are a fickle flower! Hilda and I have been checking the local newspapers to see if ANY high school is producing a fall play. We remember quite vividly our Junior Class production of "The Skeleton Walks." In part I suppose because we had used the washer in the phy. ed. office to do the dyeing of the long Johns which were the bases of the skeleton. So the football team's (how does one put this nicely in a family newspaper?) UNDER GARMENTS were bright pink. Who knew? The Senior Class play was "Nine Girls," because all the guys were STILL mad. These days with boys soccer, girls soccer, boys cross-country, girls cross-country, volleyball, foot-

ball, swimming and diving I am surprised anyone has time to drive up and down Main Street in Tower. The really REALLY cool kids would 'bomb Chestnut Street' or so we heard. Hilda and I feel to this day it made us stronger people... bitter and a little mean but STRONGER! Like stronger is going to make up for slow dancing with HILDA at homecoming! I have learned to eschew bitterness and hatred, like many, my classmates. ENOUGH of this wallowing in the past... there is just so much to wallow in in the here and now that one can do without sending poison pen letters to former classmates. "I know what you did and I am telling your grandchildren...." Ms. Vera Milion

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, Nov. 8, 29, Dec. 20

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

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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 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 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.

Week of Nov. 6

Monday- Chicken Patty with Wholegrain Bun

Tuesday- Beef Fried Rice, Dinner Roll

Wednesday- Field Trip- bag lunch

Thursday- Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Roll

Friday- Chicken ala King with Wholegrain Bread Bowl.

Week of Nov. 6

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 Nov. 21.

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

Wednesday
St. Paul's Bible study- meets from 2-3 p.m. at the Soudan Apartment activity room.

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

Thursday
Vermilion Country School Board- Fourth Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. (except near holidays). Meetings posted online at vermilioncountry.org.

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



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Mondays, Ledgerock
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Tuesdays, Woodland
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ELY - At first, Cassi
Camara ignored the call of
the wild. While she was
essentially destined to
work with wolves after
trailing her grandfather
around while he worked
to reintroduce red wolves,
she set off on a much dif-
ferent path at first.
Camara attended
college and earned a bach-
elor's degree in, of all
things, Eastern European
studies. She said she
doubted herself and
doubted her intelligence.
Following in her grandfa-
ther's footsteps seemed
too daunting a task.
That's when the acci-
dent happened.
Camara was injured in
a car crash and suffered a
traumatic brain injury.
Determined to not let
that injury define her,
Camara decided to go back



Cassi Camara

to school.
“I wanted to prove I
was smart,” she said. She
enrolled at Colorado State
University and soon grad-
uated with a master's
degree in zoo, aquarium
and animal shelter man-
agement.
Camara got to work
with the degree, managing
a herd of whitetail and
muntjac deer in Fort
Collins, Colo., at CSU.
She also spent time
working with the Rocky
Mountain Wolf Project.
Just a few months ago,
she saw a posting for a wolf
educator at the
International Wolf Center
in Minnesota. The job
seemed a perfect fit. She'd
travel to classrooms and
educate students through
a unique program called
Wolves At Our Door.
Camara was one of dozens
who applied and she ulti-
mately earned the position.
She started in October.
Camara grew up idol-
izing her grandfather,
George Garris, who
worked for the United
States Fish and Wildlife

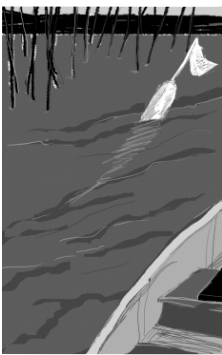
Service. One of his proj-
ects was the red wolf rein-
troduction program. “I
thought my grandfather
was the coolest guy in the
world,” she said.
Often times during
her summer breaks,
Camara would tag along
while he tracked red
wolves. “When you are
seven years old and you
see a red wolf, it sticks with
you,” she said.
Camara's interest in
wolves stems, in large part,
from the controversy sur-
rounding them. The Center
doesn't take sides on those
controversial issues, but
aims to spread science-
based information so that
when people go to make
up their own minds they
are armed with facts
instead of myths. “Those
issues need someone in the
middle,” Camara said.
“That's why the education
and outreach is so impor-
tant to me.”
Now, Camara is ready
to take her act on the road.
Thanks in part to a grant
from the Minnesota
Environment and Natural
Resources Trust Fund,
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offered free to public
schools across Minnesota.
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program, or to register

your classroom for a free
visit, go
to: <http://www.wolf.org/pr>
ograms/wolves-at-our-
door/.
Camara can be
reached directly by writing
to cassi@wolf.org.
**New flagpole in
Ely dedicated to
former Wolf
Center employee**
Anyone who bumped
into Rebecca Mesa could
figure out almost imme-
diately that she was pas-
sionate about wolves. With
that in mind, her career in
membership at the
International Wolf Center
was a perfect fit.
It was a rare occasion
when Mesa showed up for
work and didn't have an
article of wolf-themed
clothing on. It was also rare
that she'd be caught
without a recent copy of
the membership brochure.
She'd often carry them
with her in her purse and
hand them out to people
she'd cross paths with
everyday. Mesa was so
dedicated that she often
used her vacation time to
drive to Ely and volunteer
to care for wolf pups at the
Center.
Sadly, Mesa passed
away in 2015.
Since then, staff at the
center have been trying to
come up with a way to

honor her commitment to
the organization. So,
earlier this year, a new
flagpole in her honor as
erected at the Wolf Center
in Ely.
Mesa served her
country in the military
before retiring and coming
to work for the Center
part-time in membership.
“She really did a great job
for us,” said Rob Schultz,
the center's executive
director. “She was very
passionate about wolves.
She always wore wolf
clothing. She'd always
have a copy of the mem-
bership brochure in her
purse to show people. She
was the biggest ambassa-
dor for the center.”
“When she passed
away, we wanted to do
something to remember
her by.”
As the old flagpole in
Ely began to show its wear,
the cord running to the top
would often break. The
buildings and grounds
committee at the center
began discussions on
replacing it, and that's
when it was decided that
getting an altogether new
pole to honor Mesa would
be a perfect fit.
“We thought that it
was a really good way to
honor her, especially with
her military experience,”
Schultz said. The new pole
was recently erected.

Breathing Out

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checking the fish net
out on dark charcoal waters
fish spirits unleashed

LAW ENFORCEMENT

Area man who once terrorized Ely campers in trouble again

REGIONAL—Barney
Lakner is due in Lake
County Court next month
facing charges of rape.
According to the Lake
County Sheriff's Office
deputies were notified June
15 of a reported sexual
assault at a remote cabin
on Fall Lake.
According to the crim-
inal complaint, a deputy
talked to the alleged victim,
who said she'd been with
a group of friends the day
before when she left with
Lakner, 47, to drop off her
dog at her house.
Afterward, the two stopped
by Lakner's cabin for a
drink, the complaint said.
The woman told police
her drink tasted strange.
Afterward her vision
blurred, and she felt like
she could no longer hold
herself up. It was an out-
of-body experience totally
unlike being drunk, she
told police.
According to court
documents, the woman
recalled lying on a bed
while Lakner struggled to
pry her shorts off. She said
she lacked the strength to
push him off.
Police searched the
cabin and collected evi-
dence and a handgun,
according to the criminal
complaint. Lakner was
arrested and charged with
three felonies, including
third degree sexual
conduct, and being a felon

in possession of firearms
and ammo.
He is due in Lake
County Court on Nov. 8.
Ten years ago, Lakner
racked up 22 charges,
including harassment,
stalking, and reckless dis-
charge, for his role in ter-
rorizing families camping
on Basswood Lake.
Lakner pleaded guilty
to several felonies and was
sentenced to three years in
prison. He was also banned
from the Boundary Waters
for five years.
In 2014, Lakner led a
team of conservation offi-
cers on a snowmobile chase
through the Boundary
Waters.
Lakner was found
guilty of a felony charge
of fleeing a police officer,
and five misdemeanors,
including operating a
snowmobile in the
Boundary Waters.
Lake County Judge
Michael Cuzzo sentenced
Lakner to 180 days in jail
and three years probation.
According to court records,
if he violated probation,
Lakner could be sent to
prison for 13 months. Court
records show Lakner was
caught violating probation
in October 2016, but was
given more probation.
*City Pages of
Minneapolis contributed
to this report.*



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News In Brief

Artisans wanted for holiday craft fair

ELY - The Ely Arts and Heritage Center is pairing with Stone Soup Events to host the Holiday Fantasy Arts and Craft Fair, Nov. 24-25. The event will be held at the city of Ely's Pioneer Mine site.
Invitations are offered to area artists and artisans to reserve booth space. In 2016, over 700 visitors came to see the toy trains, automatons and holiday decor in the Miners Dry House, just off Pioneer Road.
For more information, call Janine LaMontagne, 218-340-1211.

Ely Free Clinic open Mondays

ELY - The Ely Community Health Center is Ely's Free Clinic. They are open every Monday evening from 5:30-7 p.m. in the lower level of the Frandsen Bank building on 1st Ave. in downtown Ely.
They are available to see anyone who does not have health insurance. They are also available for anyone who has health insurance but has unaffordable co-pays or deductibles (underinsured).

Tuesday Group Schedule

ELY - The upcoming Tuesday Group schedule (subject to change) is listed below. All talks are at 12 noon on Tuesday at Grand Ely Lodge, unless noted.
Nov. 7 – Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL)
Nov. 14 – Shawn Otto – “The War on Science”
Nov. 21 – To be announced
Nov. 28 – Peg Jesme – Northern Lights Clubhouse

Ely Women Who Care meets Nov. 5

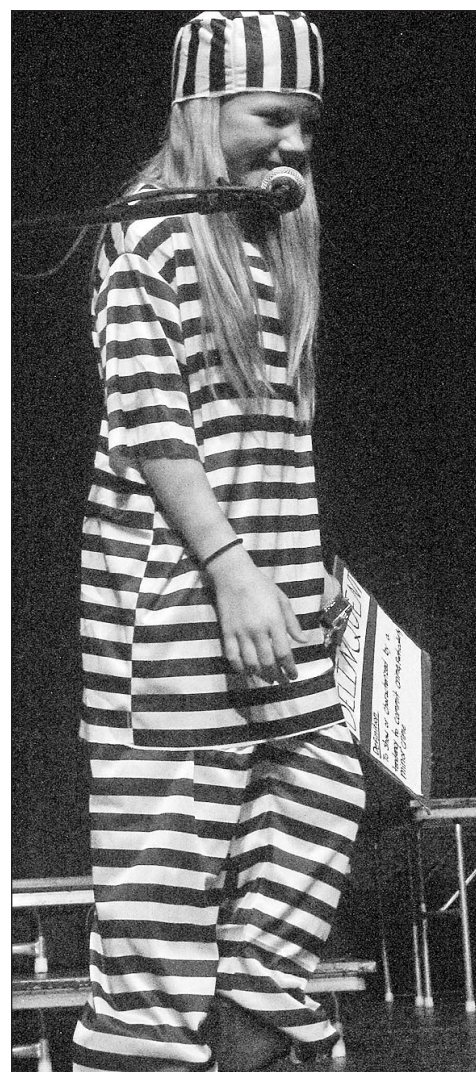
ELY – The 100+ Ely Women Who Care group, formed to support our local nonprofits, will meet on Sunday, Nov. 5, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Hidden Valley Chalet.
In response to their first event, held last April, 113 Ely women from all walks of life joined together and voted to contribute \$7,000 to Northern Lakes Arts Association.
This is how it works. Each member and each team pledge to donate \$100 to the 501(c)(3) public charity selected at the event through a process of nominations and votes. Once a charity is selected, members write donation checks directly to the charity. By a group of women joining together and donating a significant sum at one time, the selected charity will be able to provide services and programs they may otherwise be unable to afford.
For more details and to register, go to www.100ElyWomenWhoCare.org. Please register before the gathering even if you donated at the previous event. We need to confirm your membership status, plan the venue and refreshments. Hard copies of the registration form can be found around town.
For more information, email a request to: Info@100ElyWomenWhoCare.org.

Co-dependents meet on Fridays

ELY – The Ely co-dependents support group meets Fridays at noon at St. Anthony's Church in Classroom 3. Use west side entrance. For more information, go to www.coda.org.

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HALLOWEEN FUN AROUND ELY



Above:
Ely fifth grader Rylee Larsen dressed up as a "delinquent" in the fifth annual Vocabulary Parade at Washington Elementary School Tuesday morning.

Right:
St. Louis County Sheriff's Department Deputy Cody Dillinger passed out candy to trick-or-treaters in front of City Hall.

photos by K. Vandervort



News In Brief

Music and Drama Club seeks nominations for top community arts supporter

ELY - Every December, the Ely Music and Drama Club recognizes a member of the community who has gone "above and beyond" in service to enhancing the arts in the Ely community.

The Ely Music and Drama Club is seeking nominations for this year's award to community members—either living or deceased—who have given their time, energy and talents to developing and promoting the arts in Ely.

If you would like to nominate someone, including posthumously, who you think has made a significant contribution to the arts in Ely, please contact Sara Skelton at 218-235-2142 until Friday, Nov. 10.

Award winners are announced at the December meeting of the Ely Music and Drama Club and winners' names are placed on a plaque at the entrance to the Fine Arts Theater at Vermilion College.

New Ely art studio opens next week

ELY - Local artist Andy Messerschmidt will be having an exhibit and opening next week at his new studio, The Ornamental Hermit.

Located at 132 N 1st Ave. E. next to Music Outfitters, the new art space will be open Wednesday, Nov. 8 from 5-8 p.m.

"The public is welcome, and the event is kid-friendly," Messerschmidt said. "I'll have a drum kit and tequila if the little ones get bored with looking at art. Cover charge? Like, never!"

Visitors are encouraged to bring patterned elements to help donate/integrate into a collaborative wall collage. "Symmetrical patterns or images in pairs that can be arranged bilaterally are the only stipulations," he said.

"Bring camo. Bring lace. Bring fabric, paper and cardboard. Bring the hood ornament from your car that fell off when you rammed your first snowbank of the year. Bring your old Zubaz jogging pants. And by all means, bring Christmas wrapping paper," he said. "You'll see what I mean when you get there."

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

Ely arts future meeting is Nov. 9

ELY - On the heels of a successful introduction, a second meeting to discuss the future of arts in Ely will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 6-9 p.m. at the Ely City Hall council chambers, 209 E. Chapman St.

A working meeting is scheduled with an agenda to achieve specific goals. Jerritt Johnston will facilitate the meeting to:

- Develop a Mission/Goal/Function statement;
- Develop a structure (how it will operate);
- Items to consider under structure to include administrative help, going forward, rotating leadership, set up group email and volunteers for a core working group;
- Discuss a name for the arts effort;
- Set first meeting date of the new group for January 2018.

Come with an open mind and ideas to share to reach goals for the evening.

For more information or to get involved, please email undergroundoptimist@gmail.com.

Youth In Philanthropy OKs Ely grant

ELY - Area students serving on the Minnesota Power Foundation Youth In Philanthropy Board approved \$9,169 in grants to 12 youth-led projects, including one from Ely.

Youth In Philanthropy is an initiative of the Northland Foundation's KIDS PLUS Program.

A Story Portage concept submitted by Ely youth resulted in a \$1,000 grant to create and implement a student-led theatrical production engaging the whole Ely community.

Program support provided by the Minnesota Power Foundation, resulted in a dozen grants being approved by the 15 young people and four adults serving on the Northland Foundation's 2017-2018 KIDS PLUS Youth In Philanthropy Board. This year's 7th through 12th grade youth board members come from Chisholm, Cloquet, Duluth, Ely, Hibbing, and McGregor, and the border community of Superior, Wis.

The young people on the Board make grant-making decisions three times during the school year—October, January, and April—working with an annual grants budget of \$25,000.



Kindergarten students in Megan Devine's class dressed up as their favorite color and announced their hue as they marched across the stage for the Vocabulary Parade Tuesday morning.

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ATTENTION ELY RESIDENTS Input Needed On Broadband

The Ely Area Broadband Coalition (ELY ABC) has been working the past year to utilize and improve broadband in the Ely area. The Ely Area was selected as a Blandin Broadband Community and received grant funding to complete a broadband feasibility study. The feasibility study is being completed by Design Nine, a professional consulting firm with extensive knowledge and experience. If you are a resident or business within the Ely school district ISD 696 please visit the link to fill out a quick online survey concerning broadband. If you do not have internet access you can get a paper copy at Ely City Hall or the Ely Public Library. It is important to hear from everyone in the study area to complete the feasibility study.

The deadline for filling this out is November 10, 2017. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Harold R. Langowski at 218-235-3083 or elyod@ely.mn.us

<http://projects.designnine.com/survey/ely-residential-broadband-survey>

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Veterans Day Luncheon on Nov. 10

COOK- Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook will be hosting a Veterans Day luncheon on Friday, Nov. 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. This year's date is a day early as local veterans will be at the school for the Veterans Day program.

This free lasagna lunch is in recognition of the service and dedication all our veterans have given for our country. All area veterans and their family members are welcome to attend, as well as surviving spouses of veterans. Any questions can be directed to the church office at 218-666-5965. Trinity is located right off Highway 53 by the American Bank in Cook at 213 2nd St. SE.

Coding Club for Kids Thursdays at Cook Library

COOK- Ever wanted to learn how to create a computer game or design your own website? Come to the library to explore computer coding in a fun and interactive environment. Kids in grades 5 and up are invited to participate. Adults are encouraged to attend and learn with the kids. All materials will be provided. The club will take place at 5 p.m. at the Cook Public Library every Thursday in November, except Thanksgiving.

Readers and Rappers meet Nov. 14

COOK- The next meeting for Readers and Rappers, the Cook area book club, is Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m. "The Garden of Beasts" by author Erick Larson, will be discussed. Mickey Maki will be the moderator and the hostess will be Marilyn Berlin. December's selection is "The Wife, The Maid, and the Mistress" by author Ariel Lawhon. Readers and Rappers meet the second Tuesday of every month in the community room at the Homestead Apartments in Cook. All are welcome.

North Woods Parent-Teacher Conferences will be Nov. 14 and 15

COOK- North Woods School Teacher Conferences for parents and guardians will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 14 and Wednesday, Nov. 15. Conference hours on Tuesday are 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. Conference hours on Wednesday are 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. The conference schedule is also available on the North Woods School website.

November events at NWFA

COOK- Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook has many events going on this month. Stop in for a class, meeting, group, or simply to enjoy the art.

Watercolor painting classes with Lois Larson start Tuesday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. The course lasts six weeks. You must call Lois at 218-666-5830 to register.


Winter Writers Group meets the second Saturday of each month from 1 – 3 p.m. The next meeting is Nov. 11. The writers group is free and open to all. Call the coordinator, Ellie Larmouth with any questions at 218-753-5327.

Open Art Saturday starts on Nov. 18 at 1 p.m. and will continue on the third Saturday of each month from 1 - 3 p.m. All are welcome, please bring your own supplies and interest in art. Do your own thing in a supportive atmosphere. Bring a friend or your child if they are old enough to do art. Come and share your love of art and support other artists.

The November Board Meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 21 at noon is open to all who want to bring ideas and critiques for NWFA. We will be planning for winter events and most importantly, looking ahead at the 2018 budget. All ideas and proposals are welcome, but we do need to get specific so that we can pay for events.

Looking ahead, Cook's Country Christmas will be held on Friday, Dec. 1 starting at 5 p.m. NWFA will have crafts for kids available.

The gallery is located at 210 River St., next to the Dreamweaver Spa and Salon and is open on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Visit our website at www.nwfamn.org for more information.



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CRANE LAKE

Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames

C R A N E LAKE- As predicted, the snow is with us. The first storm is always the worst, probably because we aren't really ready for it. First came the wind and then rain, sleet, and then the big wet heavy snowflakes covered every tree, bush and blade of grass. Some areas reported eight inches of snow. A large area in Crane Lake was without power all night until long into the next day. It is so easy to understand that the trees toppled over the electric lines and put out the power. We got our first reminder of how dependent we are on electricity, because the hours that we were without it seemed to be three times longer than they really were. The oldsters have been known to comment on how the kids can't be parted from their electronics—but one of the Dames kissed her TV and stove when the lights came back on!

The storm covered a large area from Duluth to International Falls. But it was beautiful! Everything was encompassed in ice and snow. The electrical wires looked like large white pipes. It lasted most of the day but gradually



large deposits of ice and snow fell to the ground, returning the scene to normal with the ground covered with snow. A new snowfall ensures us that winter is here. Snow is predicted for most days this week.

The entire community is saddened by the death of Tony Cornelius. Tony was a delight to know and many missed him when he left the Crane Lake Bar and Grill for employment on the railroad. Tony leaves his lovely wife Kristen, two darling children, his mother and father, grandparents, a host of aunts, uncles and friends. We give our condolences to all who have lost this special person.

Condolences also go to John Turk of Eveleth and his family on the loss of his wife Barbara Turk. You may remember John and Barbara as guests of their friends Mike and Linda Lang and Ruth Carlson. John worked with Mike for many years at the Eveleth/Gilbert School. Barbara will be greatly missed.

Sue Hankner is enjoying her life of retirement. She has purchased a large

ATV with a plow and is busy plowing her driveway and keeping snow cleared from around her garage. Hats off to Sue, everyone enjoys retirement at their own pace.

On Oct. 28, 1886, Pres. Grover Cleveland dedicated the Statue of Liberty, France's gift of friendship to the American people, in the New York City harbor. The ship "Isere," supplied by the government of France, transported the pieces, which were carefully marked for reassembly like a giant puzzle, in 214 cases. The trip here took over one month and the assembly took about a year. The concrete foundation added to her total weight of 225 tons. Do you think your frame is larger than you would like? Well, the statue has a waistline of 35 feet across and her nose is 4-1/2 feet long! If she were human, her shoe size would be 879. She is now 131-years-old.

Did you have a scary Halloween? There are some people who really fear it. The fear of Halloween is called Samhainophobia. Defined as a persistent and abnormal fear of Halloween, Samhainophobia is a term rooted in ancient pagan traditions. The fear of the

traditions, decorations and costumes of Halloween has been named for the ancient Celtic autumn festival of Samhain that was celebrated about 2,000 years ago. Many people who suffer from the phobia are frightened by the social interactions of Halloween, while others are scared of the scary costumes and decorations that surround the holiday. Hope you had a fun time and the little ones got a sack of treats.

Let us hear from you. If you are a snowbird tell us what life is like in your area. Snowbirds like to hear the news of what is going on at Crane Lake; we like to know about you. The Dames have very lively imaginations, which they may use if they do not hear from anyone. Send news by e-mail to info@thelakecountry.com, by fax at 218-757-3533, or by phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be added. So fire away with your news.

The Dames leave you with a thought for the day. Living on this earth is expensive but it does include a free trip around the sun.

Until the next time, the Teapot Dames are singing off.

HALLOWEEN



Above: Costumed students paraded through the halls at North Woods School. Below: Lions Club member Jeff Schirle tested out his balloon-skills during the annual Cook Lions Halloween Party at the Cook Community Center. photos by M. Roach



NORTH WOODS

Grizzly school spirit



North Woods students dressed for the beach to cheer on the volleyball team as they cruised to a win over Hill City last week. The impromptu “Cheer Squad” helped keep fans’ spirits high during the games. photo by C. Stone

Community pitches in to keep field snow-free for game

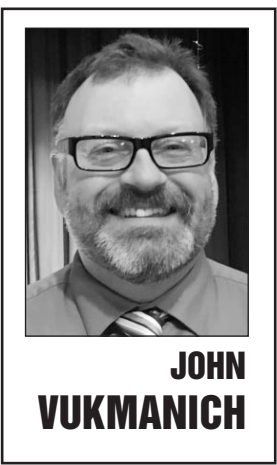
FIELD TWP- Last week, Saturday, Oct. 28, the North Woods Grizzlies and the Ely Timberwolves football teams played a hard-fought semi-final playoff game at North Woods. As you might recall, the weather leading up to game day was very winter-like. The forecast for the week had called for anywhere from four to ten inches of the white stuff, and the Cook area did indeed receive around four to five inches of wet, heavy snow overnight Thursday. Players, coaches, and fans may have noticed the excellent condition of the game field at North Woods Saturday. It was dry and in excellent condition. This was no accident! This is where we tell “the rest of the story,” the story of a school, parents, and local communities coming together to make something great happen behind the scenes.

With the forecast calling for a chance of snow, the discussion began earlier in the week. We asked ourselves, “How can we keep the football field from turning to mud?” The North Woods field is notorious for getting sloppy when the conditions are wet. It was discussed that we either wait and clear it as soon as possible after the pending snow, or try to

cover it with tarps. Mr. Fazio, a teacher at North Woods, contacted Bois Forte. Bois Forte sprang to action, agreeing to fund the purchase of enough tarps to cover the field. The tarps were staked down at practice by the football team, but blew up in the strong wind. Mr. Fazio, several coaches, and the team then obtained nearly two hundred and fifty pieces of steel rebar to place on the tarps to hold them down.

Overnight, the snow came, and on Friday morning we faced the problem of removing thousands of pounds of rebar and wet, heavy snow from the tarps. The power of forty coaches, players, and parents was not enough to remove the tarps and snow. Luckily, a local contractor, KGM Construction, was contacted and provided the school with the use of an ASV skid loader with a sweeper brush for free! The head custodian agreed to stay late to use a tractor with a bucket to remove additional snow from the sidelines. By the end of the day, green grass shone and a dry field awaited for practice.

The following morning, game day Saturday, over forty parents and community members arrived to shovel the



JOHN VUKMANICH

bleachers, clear the remaining snow from the field, and fold up the tarps. It was incredible to see the outpouring of support and hard work. In the end, although puddles of icy water covered much of the area around the field, the field itself was dry and in excellent playing condition!

This is what community support and school pride looks like! Hundreds of people-hours of labor were donated for free in order to ensure that the facility was appropriate for the high level of competition for Saturday’s game.

A special thanks to Bois Forte, Dave Fazio, Jeff and Jeffery Chaulklin, KGM Contractors, the Grizzlies coaching staff, Steve Bartolus, North Woods teachers (for being flexible during the busy week), the Grizzlies foot-



ball team, and all of the parents and community members who pitched in to make this happen. We are so lucky and appreciative to have this level of support.

The Ely Timberwolves showed a strong effort, but in the end North Woods prevailed. Good luck Grizzlies as you take on Cook County in the Section Championship at Esko on Friday, Nov. 3.

Go Grizzlies!
Your Principal,
John Vukmanich

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Ruby's Pantry in Cook on Nov. 9

COOK- Ruby's Pantry will be distributing food on Thursday, Nov. 9 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the old Cook School. Registration begins at 3 p.m. at the school with a \$20 cash donation at the door. Volunteers are asked to please arrive at 3 p.m. Please bring your own containers. Ruby's Pantry is now offering online registration at rubyspantry.com starting Friday, Nov. 10 for the December distribution. Online registration is a \$21 donation at sign-up. Ruby's Pantry is sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Alango. For more information, contact Sue Kolstad at 218-741-3925.

My Life as a Writer with Lorna Landvik in Cook and Babbitt

COOK - The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present Lorna Landvik with My Life as a Writer, a free program being offered for ages 12 through adult at the Cook Community Center, 510 Gopher Dr. on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 1 p.m. The program will also be held at the Babbitt Public Library on Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 1 p.m.

Experience the writer's life of Lorna Landvik, author of recently-released, "Once in a Blue Moon Lodge." Patrons from teens through adults will enjoy this witty and informative discussion.

Lorna Landvik is the author of many novels including the bestselling "Patty Jane's House of Curl." She has performed stand-up and improvisational comedy and is also a public speaker, playwright, and actor.

Lorna's mother's family was from the Valdres Valley area in Norway, and her dad's family was from Telemark, Norway. The author was born in North Dakota, even though the family lived in East Grand Forks. Lorna visited Norway at seventeen years of age. Lorna is married with two children and currently resides in Minneapolis.

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, please see our calendar at www.alslib.info, find us on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/ArrowheadLegacy](https://twitter.com/ArrowheadLegacy), on Pinterest at <https://www.pinterest.com/alexisleitegb/legacy-events>, or like us on Facebook at <http://www.facebook.com/alslibinfo>.

Watercolor Class by Lois Larson begins Nov. 8

COOK- Watercolor painting classes instructed by Lois Larson will be held for six weeks, every Tuesday beginning Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook. NWFA Gallery is located on the main street of Cook at 210 S River St. next to Dream Weaver Salon.

Larson is an accomplished artist well known in the community. Beginners are invited to attend her classes, as well as experienced artists. Bring your watercolors and paper if you have them and join the group for a couple of hours on Tuesday, Nov. 8 for the first class. Participants are expected to supply their own paint and paper after the first class.

The cost of the six sessions on Tuesdays is \$40 payable prior to class. Lois Larson is a NWFA member encouraging artists of all ages by holding painting classes each Tuesday evening in November and into December. To register, contact Larson by telephone at 218-666-5830.

Six-week Grief Support Group starts Nov. 6

VIRGINIA- A six-week Grief Support Group will take place Monday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m. on Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Dec. 4, 11 at the Peace United Methodist Church, 303 9th Ave. S in Virginia. There is no cost for this group. Please call East Range Hospice at 218-749-7975 or 1-877-851-2213 to register by Friday, Nov. 3.

Experiencing the death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. Learning about the grief process and having support from others can help a great deal. Please consider reserving your spot to participate in this six-week grief support group. It is open to anyone in our area who has experienced the death of a loved one. Sponsored by Essentia Health St. Mary's East Range Hospice.

TOWER BINGO Monday, Nov. 6

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, Nov. 6 at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m. Senior Bingo is organized by the Friends of the Vermilion Country Charter School. In case of inclement weather or school cancellation, bingo may be cancelled. Questions, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

Upcoming dates for 2017:

Monday, November 6

Monday, December 4

No bingo in January

Monday, February 5

BOIS FORTE

Wilderness raises over \$44,000 for scholarships



From left: Brandon Benner (District 1 Representative), Ray Toutloff (District 2 Representative), Tom Beaudry (General Manager/Wilderness), Cathy Chavers (Tribal Chairwoman), Travis Morrison (District 1 Representative), and David Morrison Sr. (Secretary/Treasurer). submitted photo

TOWER- The Wilderness at Fortune Bay raised a record \$44,014 during the 13th Annual Indian Summer Classic golf tournament. The event was held on Monday, Oct. 2 with over 105 players in attendance.

The proceeds from the tournament go toward the Bois Forte Scholarship Fund, which provides students with financial assistance while attending college or vocational training.

"It is an honor to be a part of another record-breaking event and

it was all made possible by our sponsors," said The Wilderness at Fortune Bay General Manager Tom Beaudry.

Beaudry extended a special thank you to the Title Sponsors of the event, which included CCSTPA, Aristocrat Technologies, Upper Lakes Foods, Key Bank and Northern State Bank.

"They really stepped up to help us out with this worthwhile cause," said Beaudry.

Other major sponsors included Fortune Bay Resort & Casino, Coca Cola, TPI, Delta Dental of Minnesota,

Twin Metals, The Jacobson Law Group, Kemper Sports Management, Konami Gaming, PolyMet, RSM US LLP, Professional Pension Services Inc., Starkovich Distributors, Fond Du Lac, Architectural Resources Inc. and Scientific Games.

If you would like more information regarding the 2017 Indian Summer Classic, please visit www.golftthewilderness.com or call 1-800-992-4680.

HELPING OUR CAREGIVERS

23rd Annual Family Caregiver Day program on Nov. 9

HIBBING- National Family Caregivers Month - celebrated each November - is a time to recognize and honor our family caregivers across the country. Range Respite, Home Instead Senior Care, and Fairview Greenview Residence join that tradition on Thursday, Nov. 9, with a day-long event planned at the Hibbing Park Hotel & Suites, 1402 East Howard St. The theme for this year's event is: "Caregiving Around the Clock."

Celebrating Family Caregivers during NFC month advances Range Respite's objectives to raise awareness of family caregiver issues, celebrate the efforts of family caregivers, educate family caregivers about self-identification, and increase support

for family caregivers.

Caregiving can be a 24-hour a day, 7-day a week job as half a million Minnesotans know. Caring for a senior with Alzheimer's or a child with special needs can be non-stop. Providing care around the clock can crowd out other important areas of life. And you never know when you will need to rush to the hospital or leave work at the drop of a hat. What challenges do family caregivers face, and how do they manage them day and night? It is a herculean task that leaves many caregivers exhausted, stressed, and in poor physical and mental health. This actually results in the need of assistance for themselves.

The program this year will

feature speakers who are subject matter experts. It will also offer music and entertainment, a hot lunch and time to view the displays of many organizations sponsoring the event. Additionally, the naming of 2017's Caregiver of Excellence will cap the event. This event is funded in part by Lake Country Power RoundUp® and the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation, Central Mesabi Fund.

Call Range Respite to register for this event at 218-749-5051 or e-mail to hgrinage@rangerespite.org. Transportation from Virginia to Hibbing will be provided by Arrowhead Transit. Donations of \$6 per person can be offered at the door.

EVENTS

New exhibit at First Stage Gallery

VIRGINIA- Amy Lucas-Peroceski has written a children's alphabet book about an eccentric billionaire who collects zebras with letters displayed in their stripes. The Lyric Center for the Arts is pleased to present this walk-through exhibit of the story of Arthur Zar's collection of alphabet zebras. Lucas-Peroceski's work will be on exhibit from Nov. 2 through Nov. 18. Pre-orders for the printed book will also be available. Gallery hours are Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. The First Stage Gallery is temporarily located in the Lyric Annex at 516 Chestnut St., in downtown Virginia.

Doing the Right Thing, at Mesabi Unitarian on Sunday, Nov. 5

VIRGINIA- Join us at Mesabi Unitarian on Sunday, Nov. 5 for a service, "Doing the Right Thing - Responsible and Responsive Volunteering" presented by Reverend Eric Northard.

What does it mean to be of service? What motivates us to give to others and to offer service to our community? We all know people who give generously to the community and are highly engaged in civic service. During this service we will explore how we strive to help the community and the world, and

we will investigate which sorts of efforts are the most effective catalysts of change.

Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 230 7th St. S in Virginia. Usual services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.mesabiuu.org. A parent/infant area is provided, as is toddler care, and religious education is provided for the over fives. All are welcome and we are handicap accessible.

2018 overnight Voyageurs reservations open on Wednesday, Nov. 15

INT'L FALLS- Voyager's National Park staff would like to remind visitors that overnight tent camping and houseboat reservations for the 2018 season will become available on Nov. 15 at 9 a.m. Park staff encourages visitors who wish to camp, or stay overnight on a houseboat or any other boat, to make a reservation as soon as they know their plans. Visitors may make reservations by going online at www.recreation.gov or by calling the National Call Center at 877-444-6777.

Overnight houseboat visitors to the park may find a summary of the reservation program at the following link, <https://www.nps.gov/voya/planyourvisit/houseboating.htm>.

Overnight tent visitors to the park may find a summary of the reservation program at the following link,

<https://www.nps.gov/voya/planyourvisit/tent-camping.htm>.

All income generated from overnight fees stays at Voyageurs National Park. Fees are used for the improvement of amenities at the sites which include: mooring rings, docks, bear-proof food lockers, tent pads, picnic tables, fire rings, and site cleaning.

A reminder to all visitors who use www.recreation.gov, in the main search box enter: Voyageurs National Park Camping Permits or Voyageurs National Park Houseboat Permits. Visit our website at www.nps.gov/voya.

Genealogy Genie at MDC on Nov. 11

CHISHOLM- Join us on Saturday, Nov. 11 at 10:30 a.m. for the next Genealogy Genie class at the MN Discovery Center. The topic for this class will be historical photographs. The Iron Range Research Center (IRRC) staff will provide an overview of its historical photographic collections: prints vs. digital copies, ordering reproductions, permission to publish, and other photographic resources (e.g., MN Reflections, MNHS, DPLA). Each class is free to the public and will last about an hour.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

TOWER SOUDAN CIVIC CLUB

A show-and-tell all about aprons



by STEPHANIE UKKOLA
Staff Writer

TOWER- Patti Norrgard of Cook gave a presentation to the Tower Soudan Civic Club on the history of aprons at their meeting last month. Norrgard explained that her mother, Betty Johnson, who is now 90 and living in Cook, liked to collect many things, among them aprons.

The early history of aprons first began with tradesmen. The earliest report Norgaard could find was from the butchers guild in the tenth century. Next to adopt aprons were tradesmen such as blacksmiths, barbers, carpenters, and shoemakers. Different trades wore different styles and colors of aprons to best fit their work.

Aprons weren't popular for women until the 17th century, Norgaard explained. Housemaids, who only had one or two dresses, would wear them over their dress since they were easier to make and maintain. Aprons eventually served many purposes for women around the home. Norgaard gave examples of aprons being used in many ways in a woman's day such as to carry in eggs and vegetables, dusting furniture, wiping tears and brows, and as a hiding place for small children.

Many foods such as sugar, flour



Patti Norrgard of Cook showed off her apron collection and spoke about the history of aprons. photos by S. Ukkola

and potatoes came in cloth sacks that thrifty women would repurpose into aprons. As the manufacturers became aware of what the women were using the sacks for, they started changing their packaging. Bags started as coarse, then later came with ink that washed off, then became softer, and then later had colorful patterns.

Norgaard shared her collection with the group and showed many unique varieties. Some aprons were

made from repurposed materials such as food sacks, handkerchiefs, and dishcloths. Norgaard showed embroidered and quilted aprons as well as aprons made from doily patterns. She showed carpenter and grilling aprons for men and even aprons that were made to fit over pant legs for men and women. Norgaard said that every apron has a story, and that the variations are unique to each woman who has created and worn

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Birches, berries, and boughs in Embarrass

EMBARRASS- The Nelmark Homestead Museum will be open Friday and Saturday, Nov. 10 and 11, as well as Friday and Saturday, Dec. 8 and 9. This season's theme is Birches, Berries and Boughs. The Nelmark is located on Hwy. 21 across from Timber Hall in Embarrass.

Friday, Nov. 10 will be bread day,

spiced up with many fantastic sweet treats and Thanksgiving breads. Pumpkin goodies and early Christmas goodies will be available as well, along with many crafts and special creations the artisans have come up with. Many new items will be available. We will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days.

Early Frost Farms will also have

food and gift items for sale at the Nelmark.

Northern Comfort Bed & Breakfast and Gifts is also open these two weekends, located nearby on Waisanen Rd. Stop by and enjoy this historic country homestead and surroundings while you shop for more unique antiques, gifts, clothing, and crafts.

The Murder of Crows in Bigfork for an Edge Concert Nov. 10

BIGFORK- The Murder of Crows is an atmospheric alternative band from Duluth. The duo consists of guitarist/vocalist Alan Sparhawk and violinist/vocalist Gaelynn Lea. The two musicians met in 2011 when Alan saw Gaelynn playing fiddle at a farmers market in their hometown of Duluth. They later did a live soundtrack to a Lon Chaney film screening: it turned out they enjoyed playing together so The Murder was born. Experience The Murder of Crows at The Edge Center in Bigfork on Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. The price is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. Lea will also be conducting student residencies at the Bigfork School.

Alan Sparhawk is best known for his work as the lead singer/songwriter in the band Low, a minimalist indie rock trio which was

formed in 1993 and has released 11 studio albums to date. Gaelynn Lea has been performing throughout Minnesota solo and in various musical groups for just over a decade, but her musical career took a national twist on March 3, 2016, when she was named the winner of NPR Music's second-ever Tiny Desk Contest. Just one week later Gaelynn performed a moving Tiny Desk Concert, at which the show's host Bob Boilen said "there was hardly a dry eye." Alan flew out to join her for the last two songs of the set.

At its core, The Murder of Crows is built around slow, winding, hypnotic instrumentals that hopefully create a kind of mental journey. Sparhawk utilizes looping pedals and other musical gadgets to produce layered waves of sound. Their music has been described as meditative,



haunting, intense, and beautifully sorrowful. The band prefers to think of it as ideal bird-watching music.

Gaelynn Lea also does speaking engagements about disability, finding inner freedom, and the power of music. Lea has a congenital disability called osteogenesis imperfecta, or Brittle Bones Disease. In

recent years, she has used her music as a platform to advocate for people with disabilities and to promote positive social change. For a sample of Gaelynn Lea's music, go to <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6oSeODGmoQ>.

Visit The Edge at www.the-edge-center.org, or call us at 218-743-6670.

Finnish Genealogy at Finnish Americans and Friends on Nov. 7

HIBBING- Mary Lukkarila, recently retired after 34 years as librarian for the Cloquet Library, will share her extensive research on DNA. Everyone is invited to hear this presentation on information on Finnish DNA and its traits and migration patterns. People who look into their own genealogy can discover who they are related to, leaving an important legacy for their families!

The meeting of Finnish Americans and Friends will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Hibbing Tourist and Senior Center across from the county courthouse. Coffee will be provided and treats brought by attendees will be shared before the brief business meeting.

Open mic at the Lyric Center, Nov. 6

VIRGINIA- Writers, readers, and all who appreciate the written and spoken word, an open mic awaits you on Monday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyric Center's monthly Words and Lyrics event. The theme for the evening is "Transition Times." Come to read your own work evoked by this theme or bring something by another writer. A new feature has been added to the Words and Lyrics program format - a few minutes of creative time to write your own thoughts about the topic while you enjoy coffee, tea or a snack. This event is free and open to the public at the Lyric Annex, 516 Chestnut St. in Virginia.

Veterans Day band concert on Nov. 9

MT. IRON- The Mesabi Community Band, under the direction of Paul Helfter, will present its annual Veterans Day Concert on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at Merritt School Auditorium in Mt. Iron.

For the past several years, the band has presented a Veterans Day Concert to honor veterans and active duty members of the Armed Forces. This concert will include The Thunderer March, The Stars and Stripes March, America the Beautiful, Highlights from "Fiddler on the Roof," Armed Forces Salute, and other musical selections to round out the evening.

Members of the combined Mt. Iron and Virginia Servicemen's Color Guards will present the Colors. The band is now in its 43rd year and has members from towns all over the Iron Range, ranging from Pengilly to Aurora, Cook to Tower, and the Quad Cities area. Members range in age from teens to eighties. There are also several members who have been or are current students of teachers in the band. Admission is \$5 and no charge for students under 18. For more information, contact Holly at 218-744-5250.

Sherry Abts' Northeastern Minnesota Common Loon Report for 2017

ELY- The Ely Field Naturalists will sponsor a wrap-up of the Loon Season with a presentation by EFN's appointed Loon Ranger, Sherry Abts. Sherry has years of experience observing loons, reporting observations, and working with researchers. Much of the information on loons in the Ely area flows through Sherry and this will be her year-end revue. Vermilion Community College will host this event on Wednesday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. in Classroom CL104.

Sherry will bring information on Loon Watch at Northland College and Loon Watcher Volunteer Surveys for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources along with 2017 survey results from local lake associations. There will also be a discussion on featuring the loon or other options for an EFN logo.

EFN programs are open to the public at no charge (donations welcome). Join in this year-end celebration of Minnesota's State Bird, the Common Loon, as snow and ice arrive at the onset of winter.

Vendors needed for Tower Holiday Craft Show set for Dec. 9

TOWER- The Tower Holiday Craft Show will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 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.



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Rural AIDS Action Network, Jeff Kazel, Duluth Police Department, Stacy Sundquist of the St. Louis County Attorney’s Office, Verne Wagner, Nar Anon, and David Archambault of the Range Treatment Center. The forum was organized by St. Louis County Public Health and Human Services department.

Burger said the Ely Police Department is seeing an increase in the use of all drugs. “The big thing right now in our community is opioid use,” he said. “Impaired driving, because of drugs, has gone up. We’re not only worried about alcohol impaired driving but drug-impaired driving, too,” he said. “(Drug) use, along with overdoses, just keeps increasing.”

Palombi, who graduated from Ely High School 20 years ago, said she is working with St. Louis County grant funds to find solutions for safe prescribing of opioids and distributing other medical information to professionals and the community.

“We’re looking to see if there’s an interest in starting a coalition in the Ely area on opioid use and misuse,” she said. “This affects all of us and it’s taking a lot of lives. We’re seeing what we can do together to find solutions.”

Palombi also works with prevention and education in schools and the community. “We continue to work on more grant funding to get these programs into the rural schools.

If a person overdoses on heroin, prescription pain medications or other



Laura Palombi, an assistant professor at the University of Minnesota College of Pharmacy, is also an Ely Memorial High School graduate. She returned to the school last week to take part in a public forum on the opioid crisis.
photo by K. Vandervort

opioids, their life can be saved if they are quickly given Naloxone, a medicine that blocks or reverses the opioids’ effects.

The Minnesota Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis grant that was awarded to St. Louis County last month includes funds specifically to expand Naloxone treatment. With the goal of increasing the amount of Naloxone dispensed, the grant includes money to increase outreach to pharmacies, especially those in rural areas, and to provide education and training about this life-saving medication.

Training sessions have now been scheduled around the region for physicians, pharmacists, dentists, advanced practice nurses and physician assistants. A training session will be held later this month at Vermilion Community

College.

In a statement released last week, the White House said, “building upon the recommendations in the interim report from the President’s Commission on Combating Drug Addiction and the Opioid Crisis, President Donald J. Trump has instructed his Administration to use all appropriate emergency and other authorities to respond to the crisis caused by the opioid epidemic.”

“The opioid crisis is an emergency, and I am saying, officially, right now, it is an emergency. It’s a national emergency,” Trump said earlier. “We’re going to spend a lot of time, a lot of effort and a lot of money on the opioid crisis. It is a serious problem the likes of which we have never had.”

Among the recommendations were to rapidly increase treatment capac-

ity for those who need substance abuse help; to establish and fund better access to medication-assisted treatment programs; and to make sure that health care providers are aware of the potential for misuse and abuse of prescription opioids by enhancing prevention efforts at medical and dental schools.

Since 1999, the number of American overdose deaths involving opioids has quadrupled, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. From 2000 to 2015, more than 500,000 people died of drug overdoses, and opioids account for the majority of those. New government data show an increase in opioid overdose deaths during the first three quarters of last year, an indication that efforts to curb the epidemic are not working.

Declaring a public health emergency makes the opioid epidemic the government’s top priority, infusing much-needed cash into hard-hit areas and bolstering resources.

Sundquist said she has seen how opioid addiction hits every part of a person’s life. A new “drug court” has been set up to give someone intensive support instead of sending them to jail in hopes they don’t re-offend. “I tell parents we’re not trying to make criminals out of kids, we’re just trying to get them on the right track,” she said.

“We’re also being as aggressive as we can to prosecute higher level offenders,” Sundquist said. “If we put everyone who was a drug offender in jail we’d be more overcrowded that we are. That’s why

we’re looking at other options.”

Kazel is involved with the Lake Superior Drug and Violent Crime Task Force that recently merged with the Boundary Waters Drug Task Force.

He explained opioid drugs are often prescribed after a surgery and doctors do not understand the addiction rate.

“The more access (to drugs) the more people become addicted,” he said. He urged everyone to properly dispose of unneeded pills. A drop-off box is located by the Ely Police Department office in City Hall.

He also stressed the importance of teaching kids that the pill in the medicine cabinet is no different from heroin.

Burger said the Ely Police Department has hired an officer who will be trained to work in the Ely schools. “One of the goals of Chief Lahtonen is to get someone in the schools as much as we can,” he said.

Drug enforcement actions in Ely may not be very visible to some residents, Burger said. “People come up to me on a weekly basis and say someone they know of is selling meth. I ask them how they know and they say they heard it from somebody. We have to follow procedural law to get them. We can’t just go into somebody’s house to see if they’re making meth.”

Minnesota Health Commissioner Dr. Ed Ehlinger issued the following statement regarding the federal government’s announcement of new steps to address the nation’s opioid

crisis:

“Opioid addiction is a serious public health problem with tragic consequences in Minnesota and around the country. Many steps have been taken to address this problem in our state, and more resources and actions are needed to reinforce and expand on those efforts. Unfortunately, the announcement by the Trump Administration does not appear to provide the right mix of actions and resources to have a significant and lasting impact.

“It is important to understand that the crisis of opioid addiction does not occur in a vacuum. At the same time we are seeing an increase in opioid addictions and deaths, we are also seeing significant increases in alcohol and other substance abuse, mental health crises, suicides and other violent deaths. These are all diseases of disconnection and despair arising from the same set of community conditions – lack of connection, belonging and hope.

“While we must directly address the issue of opioids, we also must address these underlying conditions through broader public health and community-building efforts. That includes working for stronger schools, safer neighborhoods, better access to transportation and a sustainable income for all Minnesotans. By taking this broader, more complete view of public health we can more effectively treat those impacted today and prevent more problems in the future.”

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mitted to the city.

With contingencies, remaining design costs, and construction engineering and inspection, the project’s final cost is now expected to come in at just under \$500,000. That’s closer to engineer’s estimates than the first round of bidding, but still above the earlier estimates.

The city plans to issue a revenue bond to pay for the project, with income from seven

new seasonal RV sites and rate increases for all the RV sites. Those rate hikes should come close to covering the bond payments, with the rest to be covered by tapping campground profits. The city was able to transfer \$70,000 in campground profits to its general fund in 2016 and had budgeted \$80,000 in 2017, but the city is currently proposing to take \$60,000 in 2018. Those excess revenues help to

fund other city operations.

City officials looked at other funding possibilities, but never applied for grant funding to pay for any portion of the project, according to City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith.

The project will include replacement of some of the aging sewage and water lines at the campground, and will allow for the creation of seven new seasonal sites. City officials had indi-

cated they were concerned that the addition of the seven RV sites would overtax the campground’s aging mound treatment system.

Lamppa sale reversed

In other business the council reversed the sale of Lot Two in the city’s business park to Lamppa Manufacturing. The business has decided to go with the Tower Economic Development Authority’s origi-

inal proposal to have TEDA construct a new facility for the growing business, using a non-recourse loan from the IRRRB. TEDA would then lease the building to the company. That’s similar to the arrangement the city used to construct the Powerain building, and which is currently in place for the Vermilion Country charter school, which now leases the former Powerain facility.

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MNSure’s Contact Center has expanded its hours starting Nov. 1: Monday - Friday: 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Saturday: 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. You can reach them at 1-855-366-7873.

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ELY HIGH SCHOOL FALL MUSICAL



Ely High School students cut loose with 'Footloose'

Show runs next weekend

ELY - Ely Memorial High School students are cutting loose and busting moves all over the stage, as they prepare for this year's musical, "Footloose." They have been working for seven weeks on their singing, their acting, and their footwork. "This musical exudes energy and everyone who attends will feel it," said Director James Lah.

In the play, the main character, Ren (Blaise Lah), and his mother (Emma Terwilliger), starting a new life, have to move from the big city of Chicago to Beaumont, Texas.

"The culture shock is enough to ruin Ren's life," Lah said. "He learns that this town has outlawed dancing because of a past tragic accident."

Reverend Shaw Moore (Jasiah Wigdahl) is the de facto mayor and enforcer of the "no-

dancing" law. In doing so he alienates his daughter Ariel (Erika Mattson) and his wife Vi (Danielle Krostue). Ariel rebels and finds Ren quite attractive. Vi retreats, but by the end finds her voice.

Ariel and Ren lead the high school on a quest to reverse the dancing law. In doing so, Ren helps the Reverend let go of the past, which secures his support of dancing. "The play ends in a dance sequence that has the whole cast pounding the boards," Lah said.

"One of the most difficult things about doing a play in Ely is that the students are involved in everything. Practices and performance weave their way through four sports schedules, music concerts, and personal breaks," he said.

Because of this the public should be informed about the unique performance schedule.

The two performances will be Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 12 at 4 p.m.



The Ely Memorial High School Fall Musical, "Footloose," will be presented on Friday, Nov. 10 and Sunday, Nov. 12, in Washington Auditorium. All seats are \$5. photos by K. Vandervort

These two performances will be in the Washington Auditorium. All tickets are \$5.

WORLD POLIO DAY

Purple Pinky Pub Portage raises funds

ELY - The Ely Rotary Club celebrated the historic progress made toward a polio-free world last week while soliciting community support through the Purple Pinky Pub Portage event to end the paralyzing disease.

The event brought in \$500, and the Ely Rotary Club donated \$2,017 for the effort.

"With a two-to-one match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation of just over \$5,000, we raised a total of \$7,552.74 in the Ely area to help eradicate polio," said Sarah Guy-Levar, Ely Rotary Club president.

Local Rotary Club members and friends hosted a Purple Pinky Pub Portage, starting at Zup's Food Market on top of the hill on Sheridan Street, and ending at the bottom of Sheridan Street.

"Without full funding and political commitment, this paralyzing disease could return to previously

polio-free countries, putting children everywhere at risk," Levar said.

"Ely Rotarians aren't afraid to put some fun in fundraising, and many community members joined us in our efforts to end this terrible disease," she said. "Most of us have participated in a Pub Crawl, well in Ely, we didn't crawl, we portaged, to raise awareness and raise funds during the Purple Pinky Pub Portage."

Why Purple Pinky? "In areas with large populations when children and adults are immunized their pinky finger is painted purple to indicate they have received the vaccine," Levar said. "In Ely as we worked our way from one establishment to another we solicited donations and marked the pinkies of those contributing to this campaign."

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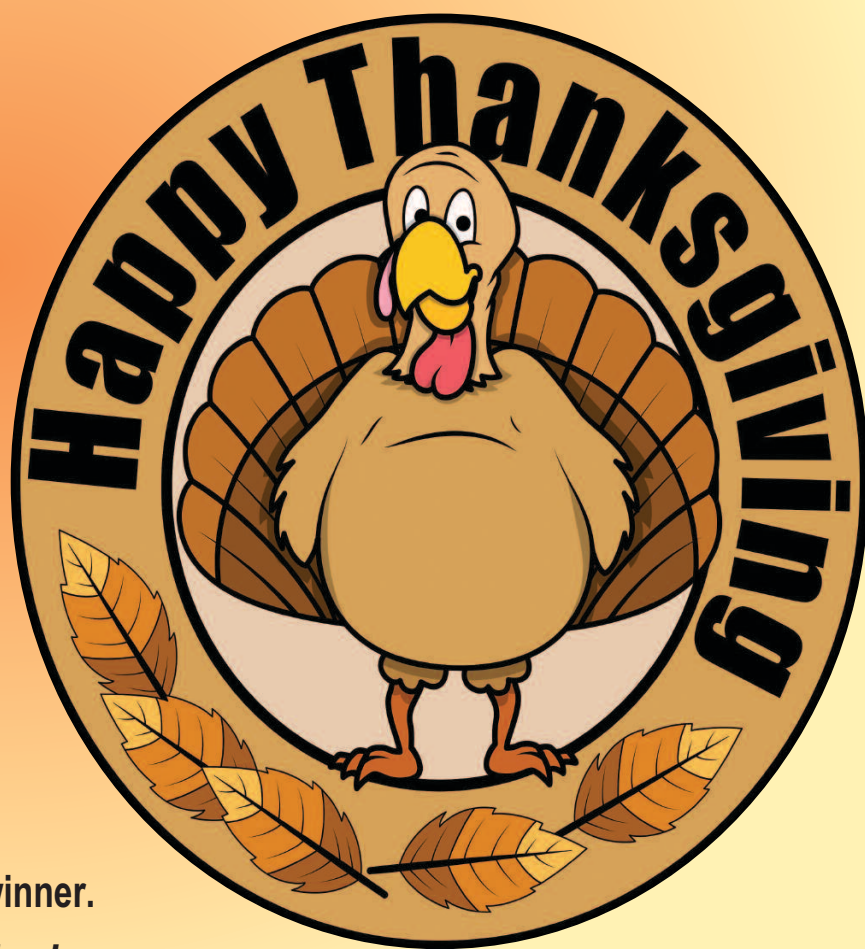
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VOLLEYBALL

Grizzlies win ninth straight in quarterfinal

Will face top-seeded
Carlton in semifinal

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

FIELD TWP— The Grizzlies were set to face Carlton Wednesday night in Hibbing in the semi-final round of the Section 7A volleyball playoffs.

The Grizzlies racked up their ninth straight win last Friday as they beat sixth-seeded Hill City in four sets in quarterfinal action.

Playing on their home court, the Grizzlies won in four sets, 25-18, 25-22, 22-25, and 25-23.

“We came out really slow again,” said Assistant Coach Dee Ann Sandberg.

“We can play really well in spurts and then we always let them catch up a bit. We need to figure out how to play at

our high level for the whole game.”

The Grizzlies will likely need to do just that, Sandberg said, to get past top-seeded Carlton. The 23-5 Bulldogs have lost just two of their past fifteen matches and they swept eighth-seeded Floodwood 25-10, 25-10, and 25-12 to advance to the semi-final round.

Against Hill City, Regan Ratai again set the pace for North Woods, with 23 kills, ten digs, four blocks and two ace serves. Hanna Sandberg tallied 14 digs

and two aces, while Kayla Tschida racked up four kills, three blocks, four digs, and three aces.

Setter Claire Beaudry was busy as well, notching 45 assists and three aces, while Karlyn Pierce tallied nine kills and two blocks. Coley Olson slammed three aces and added 12 kills, while Kate Stone notched four aces and as many digs. Jacie Lakoskey also added six digs.

FOOTBALL



Grizz head to title tilt

Ely’s season ends on 42-18 loss to North Woods

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

FIELD TWP— Last year, Ely beat North Woods to win the Section 7 Nineman football title. This year, North Woods turned the tables, eliminating the Timberwolves in semi-final round action on Saturday.

The Grizzlies will now face Cook County for the section title this Friday, in Esko. Game time is set for 4:45 p.m.

As it has all season, a balanced offensive attack proved the key to victory for North Woods as they beat Ely 42-18 under cold and cloudy conditions. The score suggested a blowout, but the game was close throughout the first three quarters. But yet another big fourth quarter, during which North Woods scored 16 unanswered points, allowed the Grizzlies to ice the deal.

“We played a very solid game,” said Wolves Head Coach Brian Lamppa, “but they’re a very powerful team.”

Ely was left in catch-up mode from the start, as North Woods took the opening kickoff for a touchdown in just four plays, led by a 47-yard scamper by senior running-back Brendan Parson.

North Woods looked poised to pad their lead on their next drive, after senior quarterback Tate Olson connected with Tanner Barto on a 50-plus-yard pass leaving North Woods with a first and goal on Ely’s four-yard line. But a penalty followed by a fumble gave the ball back to Ely. When the Wolves were forced to punt a few plays later, North Woods was back knocking on the door again, but this time they gave it back on downs at Ely’s



From top to bottom:
Junior Hayden Picek of North Woods wraps up sophomore Eli Conaway.

photo by M. Helmberger

North Woods Senior Brendan Parson goes up to force the incomplete pass.

photo by C. Stone

Junior Tanner Barto catches the ball with his fingertips.

photo by M. Helmberger

7A FINAL

Wolves send three to State CC

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

CLOQUET – Ely’s Ryne Prigge placed second overall in last Thursday’s Section 7A finals here and will join fellow Wolves runners Luke Olson and James Schwinghamer at this year’s state cross country meet on Saturday, Nov. 4.

Olson placed sixth and Schwinghamer finished in eleventh place in the boys competition.

Those three will travel to Northfield for the state meet, to be held at St. Olaf College.

“We’re very happy with the girls race,” said Ely Head Coach Jayne Dusich. “Impressive run by Ryne especially in the last 400 meters.”

The girls team placed

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VOLLEYBALL

Ely’s season has crash ending

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

ELY— With their playoff run on the line, Ely looked solid throughout their five-set match with Hill City. But a late injury and sudden nerves allowed the Hornets to come from behind to edge the Wolves 15-13 in the deciding set.

“The control of this match was up for grabs all night long and didn’t end until the last whistle blew, unfortunately not in our favor,” said Ely Head Coach Andrea Thomas. “The loss is still sinking in.”

Neither team was going to be outworked or out hustled in this match. Bodies were on the floor and in the stands chasing down every ball as they tried to put points on the board.

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VOLLEYBALL

Nighthawks’ run ends

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

DEER RIVER – Northeast Range road tripped to Deer River last Friday, full of confidence after a come-from-behind opening round playoff victory over Chisholm. The Nighthawks took the opening set and appeared ready to take down the number-one-seeded Warriors.

Deer River had other ideas, however, and took the next three sets, 25 – 13, 25 – 22, and 25 – 13 to advance to the semi-final round and end the Nighthawks’ playoff run, and their season. Offensively the Nighthawks were led by their lone senior Melissa Nelmark with 22 set assists and 10 digs. Hannah Reichensperger notched nine kills, four blocks, and

12 digs followed by Sophie Lenz with nine kills, two blocks, and 13 digs. Maija Maki added eight kills and a block while Maude Lenz chipped in three kills. Northeast Range will bring back the core of their team as they will lose just Nelmark. They played the season with a young team and look forward to building on this year’s success.

FOOTBALL

Ironmen lose playoff opener

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

BRAINERD – VCC lost to Central Lakes 24-8 in college playoff action last Sunday, bringing their season to an end. The Ironmen fell behind early, repeating a pattern that has plagued the team all season. Sticking mostly to the run, Central Lakes burned time off the clock on two long drives in the first half, and took a 14-0 lead into the break. Central Lakes did it again to open the third quarter, although this time they settled for a field goal. The Ironmen finally put some points on the board, with a 57-yard drive capped by a two-yard touchdown pass from Breon Jackson to Dejohtae Grant. Central Lakes blocked the extra point try, leaving

VCC trailing 17-6. The Ironmen later tacked on a safety narrowing the lead to 17-8. That was as close as they would get. Central Lakes added a fourth quarter touchdown and extra point, to wrap up the scoring. The Ironmen had opportunities again in this game as they twice were in the red zone and came away empty-handed. Offensively, the Ironmen were forced once again to rely on the pass. Their two quarterbacks connected on 23 attempts of 53 attempts for 284 yards, a touchdown, and two interceptions. They were also sacked five times. On the ground, the 18 rushing attempts netted a total of only 10 yards for a per carry average of just 0.6 yards. Defensively the Ironmen had Danilson Da Veiga-Semedo and

Ricardo Smith leading the way with nine solo tackles apiece. Demaratre Locullen followed closely with seven solo tackles. The Ironmen experienced a season of ups and downs especially with their roster as they started the season with just over 60 players and played their season-ending playoff game with just 27 healthy players. “We could have easily won two or three more games this year,” said VCC Head Coach Sterry Etheridge. “Injuries hurt us, especially early in the season when our young guys were learning our system.” The Ironmen return a strong group of underclassman and are working on a strong recruiting class that should help them improve significantly next year.

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“I’m so proud of these girls—they fought all night long,” said Thomas. “We had our ups and downs but they continued to battle and that is all I could ask for.” Ely came out and took the first set 25 – 19, seemingly shaking off any pre-game jitters. The Hornets made some adjustments in sets two and three and managed to win those sets 25 – 22 and 25 – 21. “Hill City did a nice job of blocking us and we really had to work around

the block,” said Thomas. “When we started blocking them, they started tipping and were able to find our holes at times.” In the fourth set, the Wolves made some adjustments of their own and were able to win another close set 25 – 22. In the fifth and deciding set Ely came out on fire and took a 5 – 0 lead before the Hornets knew what happened. Hill City battled back, but when the Wolves lost setter Lida Dodge to injury, it seemed to deflate the rest of the

team. Offensively, the Wolves were led by a strong sophomore group that will have two more years playing together. Brielle Kallberg had 17 kills, 12 digs, and six blocks, followed by Erika Mattson with 13 kills and a team high 21 digs. Jenna Merhar had 10 kills while Winter Sainio had seven kills, along with four ace serves. Kalley Fischer, the lone senior, playing in her final match for Ely, added 11 digs. Lida Dodge had 42 set assists and 10 digs

before leaving with an injury. Ely had their best season in years and has no reason to hang their heads as they left everything they had on the court this whole season. “This team had a tremendous season!” said Thomas. “Senior Kalley Fischer leaves big shoes to fill at the libero position but it is exciting to know that we’ve got a good core returning.”

RUNNERS...
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fourth overall in the team standings with a score of 93, just missing out on a team berth at the state meet. Seventh grader Zoe Devine, running her first section meet, came in fourteenth place. The Ely boys placed fifth overall with a score of 149. Seniors Emma Terwilliger, Evelyn Bercher, and Ben Gustafson ran their final high school cross country meets and also finished with impressive times. Their leadership will be missed.

SECTION 7A GIRLS VARSITY TEAM SCORES

- 1. Proctor 79
- 2. North Shore 81
- 3. Mesabi East 81
- 4. Ely 93
- 5. South Ridge 161
- 6. Moose Lake/Willow River/Barnum 196
- 7. Virginia 208
- 8. Greenway/Nashauk/Keewatin 221
- 9. Eveleth-Gilbert 222
- 10. Marshall School 223
- 11. Esko 229
- 12. Carlton 255
- 13. International Falls 286
- 14. East Central 357

ELY INDIVIDUAL GIRLS

- 1. Ryne Prigge 20:18.2
- 2. Emma Terwilliger 21:08.3

- 3. Zoe Devine 21:10.4
- 4. Evelyn Bercher 22:26.3
- 5. Kalyssa Eilrich 22:33.0
- 6. Julia Schwinghamer 23:59.7
- 7. Sarah Isbell 25:20.1

SECTION 7A BOYS VARSITY TEAM SCORES

- 1. North Shore 52
- 2. Greenway/Nashauk/Keewatin 69
- 3. Esko 81
- 4. Moose Lake/Willow River/Barnum 144
- 5. Ely 149
- 6. International Falls 159
- 7. Cromwell – Floodwood 214
- 8. Lakeview Christian Academy 232
- 9. Deer River 237
- 10. Eveleth – Gilbert 250
- 11. MIB 311
- 12. Virginia 314
- 13. Proctor 318
- 14. Marshall School 375
- 15. Mesabi East 377
- 16. South Ridge 404
- 17. East Central 464
- 18. Chisholm 514
- 19. McGregor 558
- 20. Carlton 590

ELY INDIVIDUAL BOYS

- 1. Luke Olson 17:24.6
- 2. James Schwinghamer 17:45.1
- 3. Ben Gustafson 18:21.7
- 4. Emmett Faltesek 18:29.5
- 5. Jasper Johnston 19:31.5
- 6. Raif Olson 19:42.7
- 7. Gabriel Pointer 19:43.2

FOOTBALL...
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10-yard line. In the second quarter, a promising Ely drive and an apparent touchdown pass from quarterback Carter Gaulke came back on a holding penalty and the drive eventually fizzled. The Grizzlies padded their lead on their next drive, thanks to Olson’s pinpoint accuracy and Barto’s sticky fingers. A failed conversion left the Grizzlies up 12-0 at the break. Ely closed the gap in the third quarter on a long drive capped by a one-yard Gaulke plunge. A failed conversion left Ely down 12-6. But the Grizzlies came right back, needing just 55 seconds to put six more points on the board, thanks to a 38-yard touchdown pass to tight end Matthew Schultz. Ely drove deep in their next possession, but a Jake Hyppa interception near the goal line stymied the Wolves advance and put them in desperate need of a big play to turn the game’s momentum.

They got just that with a minute remaining in the third quarter, thanks to a 65-yard touchdown run by Eli Conway that put them back in the game, 18-12. But Ely had little time to savor their rally. With just 42 seconds left in the third quarter, the Grizzlies took possession on their 39-yard line. And it was Olson, again to Barto, who connected on a 50-yard touchdown strike. A successful conversion left the Grizzlies up 26 – 12 as the quarter ended. Ely showed they weren’t ready to fold. They mounted a six-minute long drive in the final stanza, capped by a four-yard Matt Gerzin run for six. But that’s as close as the Wolves would ever come. When Ely attempted a squib kick, North Woods recovered the ball near midfield. Two plays later they were in the end zone again, and added two more points on the conversion.

Ely fumbled on their next possession, giving the ball back to North Woods on the Ely 48-yard line. Three plays later, North Woods had added six more, and the conversion left them up 42-18 with just 3:38 remaining. By then, the Grizzlies’ win was sealed. “They were the best passing team we had seen all season,” said Lamppa. Indeed, Olson completed nine of 13 passes for a whopping 278 yards, with Barto accounting for 141 of them. Chase Kleppe tallied three receptions of his own, for 99 yards and a touchdown. Parson led the ground game for the Grizzlies, with 148 yards and a touchdown on 20 carries. Garrett Abramson ran for 44 yards and two touchdowns on 13 carries. Ely’s running backs both had big days, but it wasn’t enough. Eli Conaway ran the ball 21 times for 148 yards and Matt Gerzin was right behind with 147 yards on 28 carries. Gaulke connected on 3 of 10 pass attempts for 29 yards and Matt Gerzin connected on a halfback pass for 27 yards. Grizzlies Head Coach John Jirik said the game played out pretty much as he had expected. “I figured we had to maintain our success in passing. That really gives us that little extra edge.” Jirik said the Grizzlies have tended to start slowly, which was true in Saturday’s matchup as well. “I thought we were in control early, but mistakes let the game turn around,” he said. “Fortunately we’ve been able to explode in the fourth quarter. We tend to play our best football the last 15 minutes. I hope it continues.” Saturday not only ended the season for the Wolves, it marked the last game of Lamppa’s coaching career. He started as an assistant coach in Babbitt for thirteen years, then spent the next seven years as head coach. During his eight years as Ely’s head coach, he led the Wolves to four state berths in eight years.

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POLITICS

Erin Murphy: Why she is running for governor

by MELISSA ROACH
Staff Writer

COOK-Democratic gubernatorial candidate Erin Murphy made a campaign stop in Cook last month. The event was the first in the “Why I’m Running” series hosted by Northern Progressives. She currently is a representative for the metro area district of 64A, a seat she has held for the past 11 years. Born in Wisconsin, she studied nursing and then organizational leadership. She was a surgical nurse on a transplant team and then went to work for the Minnesota Nurses Association and during that time she helped the legislature craft Minnesota Care, an insurance program developed for lower-income Minnesotans. “I became a nurse because I care about people, and it’s the same reason I became involved in politics. I was able to use politics to improve advancements for people’s health.” She then took time off to care for her mother, who was dying of cancer. “I was dealing with insurance companies and I was really mad, and a month after she died, I

made the decision to run for office.” She continued, “I was out door-knocking and people told me stories of frustration and worry. I knew that feeling and I was prepared to do the job.” Through her tenure in the legislature, she became House Majority Leader and worked to close corporate loopholes and fund all-day Kindergarten. “I saw a spark of what is in us, of what we can do. I’ve also seen a slide in what is not getting done, and what needs to be done. We have real challenges, but in Minnesota we are hopeful and practical and we believe in our capacity to get things done.” For Murphy, politics is like nursing, “You can’t walk away. You have to take it on, even if it’s hard. The hard work now must be confronting the increasing power struggles.” She feels that some of the struggle is from watching back-room deals being made, and working up to deadlines as a means of gaining leverage. “We need debate. Transparency is fundamental to our democracy.” As governor, she said she would work through some

of the issues by signaling early on to the legislature, setting those expectations on what she would sign and what she wouldn’t sign. “I would make that clear and push legislation back into the public eye, when negotiations are happening behind closed doors.” She added, “What I see in Washington is an extreme threat to our democracy.”

On Issues

“We are making progress in pursuit of climate goals and seeing the impact in terms of fossil fuels.” Murphy said she would vote against the Enbridge pipeline, “We aren’t even sure we need this capacity; we are moving towards renewables. The status quo is using power in politics. It’s not in our best interest, but in their interests. I see states and cities stepping up where the country is not.” Murphy was asked about her position on copper-nickel mining. “I am more familiar with PolyMet than Twin Metals, because the permit process is further along.” She did state that she is opposed to the land swap as it shuts out a branch of government, and “skirts the law.”



Gubernatorial candidate Erin Murphy met with interested residents in Cook in October, part of the Northern Progressives series “Why I’m Running.” The group hopes to host all the candidates for the upcoming 2018 governor’s race. photo by M. Roach

ISD 2142 gets updates on SRO program

REGIONAL-At the Oct. 23 ISD 2142 school board meeting, School Resource Officers Matt Krueger and Pat Olson gave an update to the SRO program. The officers and building principals took part in ALICE, active shooter civilian response training this past summer and have begun training teachers and students. They reported that working with the students is going well and have received positive feedback.

Northeast Range Principal Kelly Engman updated the board on strategic plan goals to include a focus on elementary and high school student learning goals which are aimed at improving student centered learning and achieving individual learning targets. The focus also includes writing a manual that will be used for consistency in assessments, as well as providing intervention by looking into individual student data and setting individual goals. Engman also reported she is promoting a coordinated communication effort through a two-way process throughout the district, including through the Community Task Force group. Her report also

included updates on student activities and opportunities. The board voted to deny the level three grievance that was brought by Northeast Range Band Director Kevin Ryks. In his complaint, he alleges he has not been paid for summer marching band based on the 2017-2019 contract, and has instead been paid on the 2015-2017 pay schedule. Foster Jacobs & Johnson Project Manager Carl Clark gave the board a tour of the NE Range heating conversion project. Supt. Steve Saltee thanked Clark for his work on the project

as well as the staff for their patience and support. He also thanked district Facilities & Grounds Director Tony Buccanero for all his work on the project. The board accepted the retirements of Penny Sundahl-Tower-Soudan, and Karen Kempa-Cherry. Also accepted the resignations of Brenda Harteau-South Ridge, Carla Olson-NE Range, Sue Nelson-South Ridge, Jeff Chaulklin-North Woods, and Melissa Schroeter-NE Range.

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2017 FIREARMS DEER SEASON

The recovery continues

Hunters should find plenty of deer for Saturday's opener

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL—Hunters should have a backdrop of white and a full moon when they take to the field Saturday morning for the opening of the 2017 firearms deer season. And they should find plenty of deer as well, thanks to the effects of three mild winters in a row. The season runs through Sunday, Nov. 19.

Strong fawn production and good winter survival the past three years have allowed the whitetail population to rebound across most of northern and central St. Louis County, and that bodes well for hunters starting this weekend. "The deer herd has increased exponentially in the three years since the consecutive severe winters in 2013 and 2014," said DNR Tower Area Wildlife Manager Tom Rusch. "The 2016 and 2017 fawn crops are huge with adult does in excellent condition following the mild winters," he said.

The recent strong reproduction will mean hunters should find an abundance of younger bucks, increasing the opportunities for

“The deer harvest locally has increased 41 percent over the past two years.

Wildlife manager Tom Rusch

those hunters limited to bucks only. "The deer harvest locally has increased 41 percent over the past two years," said Rusch, and that's a trend he expects will continue with this year's hunt, although he acknowledges that the final results will somewhat depend on weather conditions, which can impact hunter effort and success. The forecast for the weekend looks seasonably cold, a departure from some recent openers. "That should help keep the deer moving," said Rusch.

Not surprisingly, the deer herd has been recovering most quickly in western parts of the Tower work area, where soils are better and where deer can take advantage of

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Top: A nice family of deer, including a doe and two fawns, were intently watching something in the distance recently, near Tower. More hunters will have the opportunity to harvest antlerless deer this year as the population continues to recover. photo by M. HelMBERger

Below: Most hunters will be on the lookout for one of these. file photo



Whitetail deer: the facts and figures



Size

➤Adult female white-tailed deer weigh about 145 lbs., and males weigh about 170 lbs.

➤The biggest white-tailed deer recorded in Minnesota was a 500-pound buck.

➤A whitetail's home range is about one square mile.

Hunting

➤There are nearly 500,000 firearms deer hunters in Minnesota.

➤Last year, 32 percent of Minnesota firearm hunters successfully harvested a deer. About 61 percent were antlered bucks.

➤70 percent of Minnesota's firearms deer harvest typically occurs during the first three or four days of the season.

Deer licenses

➤In total, about 604,000 deer hunting licenses and permits (all

types) were sold in 2016.

➤The three primary types of deer hunting seasons are firearms, muzzleloader and archery.

Hunting economics

➤Deer are the number-one hunted species in Minnesota and deer hunters along with other hunters and wildlife watchers together contribute more than \$1.3 billion each year to the economy.

➤All hunting-related expenditures in Minnesota totaled \$725 million.

➤Trip-related expenses such as food, lodging and transportation were \$235 million.

➤Hunters spent \$400 million on equipment.

➤Hunters spent \$90 million on other items such as magazines, membership dues, licenses, permits, land leasing and ownership.

YOUR STORIES

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own hunting
experiences



Deer season is a time of tradition, family and fun. It's also a time for great outdoors stories and we'd like to hear yours — so we can share the best with our readers.

We're looking for stories and photos from this year's hunt. Whether it's an interesting encounter in the woods, a monster buck, a funny story about life at deer camp, or a young person's first deer, we want to hear about it. Don't worry if you're not a writer. Just tell us the story over the phone— we'll write it for you. Or email us with a few details and we'll take it from there. And don't forget— nothing highlights the story better than some photos, so send them along as well.

Contact Marshall HelMBERger at 218-753-2950 with your stories or email them to marshall@timberjay.com. You can also mail them the old fashioned way to The Timberjay, PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790 or drop them off at our office in Tower. You can send photos to the same address. Be sure to have a return address if you want your photos back.

So go out and have a great time. And let us know how you did!

Outdoors briefly

**Don't forget
to register
your deer**

REGIONAL—Hunters are reminded to register deer before processing, before antlers are removed, and within 48 hours after taking the animal, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

"Deer registration provides information that is essential to our ability to manage deer populations," said Steve Merchant, wildlife populations and regulations manager. Hunters register deer with a phone call, online or in person.

Phone registration

Register deer via phone by calling 888-706-6367. Directions are printed on each deer hunting license. Have a pen or permanent marker ready. A confirmation number will be given; it must be written on the license and site tag.

Internet registration

Register deer via internet at mndnr.gov/gameregistration. Directions will be similar to phone registration, and a confirmation number must be written on the license and site tag.

In-person registration

When phone or internet registration is not possible, hunters must take their deer to a big-game registration station. The person whose name appears on the license must be present at the registration station with their deer.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather

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Fishing reports

Anthony Postudensek, age nine, from Ham Lake, is pictured with his largest walleye to date, a 29-incher! Anthony caught the monster while camping in the BWCA. He is the son of Mark and Paula Postudensek, and the grandson of Jim and Norma Postudensek of Duluth and Lake Vermilion. submitted

AQUATIC INVASIVES

Grant to aid AIS fight by Vermilion and Burntside lake associations

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — A \$60,000 Initiative Fund grant will help fund the work of new aquatic invasive species prevention teams working on Lake Vermilion and Burntside Lake. The funds are part of a larger grant that will pay for a two-year project designed to pilot innovative ideas to help resort, lodge, campground and marina owners protect their lakes from invasive species. The effort will focus on increasing boat inspections and early-detection activities and on supporting stewardship at these lake businesses.

The Initiative Fund allocated a total of \$210,000 to fund prevention teams in Itasca, Cass, and St. Louis counties.

The \$60,000 in St. Louis County-related funds

is being directed to the Vermilion Lake Association, but the funds will be shared with the Burntside Lake Association as well as the North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District, according to Jeff Lovgren, AIS program leader for the Vermilion Lake Association. Soil and Water Conservation Districts in Itasca and Cass counties will spearhead the efforts there.

“Our lake association has worked with North St Louis SWCD and Burntside Lake Association for several years as we battle AIS together,” said Terry Grosshauser, VLA president. “This \$60,000 grant from the Initiative Foundation will allow us to better support our lake businesses at Vermilion and Burntside.”

In 2017, the North St. Louis SWCD and

Vermilion Lake Association began working with Vermilion’s resorts, campgrounds and marinas with private accesses to boost detection and education efforts.

“We found the business owners to be very committed to AIS prevention and eager to work with us,” said Emily Nelson, a DNR-trained AIS Detector and inspection supervisor at North St Louis SWCD. “And we learned a lot about how to make the program even better in 2018. This funding will help us do that.”

A key principle within the AIS prevention community is sharing ideas with others.

“Everything learned at Vermilion will be applied to Burntside,” said Ward Nelson, BLA president. “But now, through this multi-county project, AIS teams in Cass and Itasca

will also benefit from our work. And we will more quickly benefit from theirs.”

“Developing innovative methods to apply what works in one region to other regions is a key objective of this project,” added Lovgren. “We anticipate that will not be easy. Vermilion, for example, has 23 private accesses concentrated on one lake. On the other hand, Itasca County has over 100 resorts and lodges spread widely over many lakes and a large geographic area.”

Funding for this project was provided from the Outdoor Heritage Fund, as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature. The Initiative Foundation selects innovative projects to support and oversees those projects.

Outdoors briefly

Whitefish netting now open on Vermilion and other area lakes

REGIONAL — Recreational whitefish and tulibee netting is now open through Friday, Nov. 17 on the following lakes:

Vermilion (all except Pike Bay, south and west of a north-south line at narrowest portion between Echo Point and Punchers Point) - 3.5 inch mesh.

Fall – 1.75 inch mesh

Basswood – 1.75 inch mesh

Newton – 3.5 inch mesh

These lakes all are designated infested with spiny waterfleas so netters are encouraged to review rules that help prevent the spread of aquatic invasive species. Other Tower area lakes will be announced in November.

The season comes with a long list of regulations, which are available online at <http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/rlp/regulations/fishing/whitefish-tulibee.pdf> or by stopping by or contacting the DNR’s Tower area office at 218-300-7802.

The DNR bases netting schedules on expected water temperatures, fish abundance and vulnerability of game fish. Netting is allowed when there is little chance that game fish populations would be negatively impacted by recreational netting in shallow water.

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scattered agricultural land. Permit area 177, which extends from the farm country west of Cook to the east end of Lake Vermilion, is already back to a hunter’s choice designation this year, meaning the population is at or near goal. Hunter’s choice means that hunters can take a single deer, of either sex, with their license.

Permit areas 176 and 178 are close to goal, but the DNR is still limiting the number of antlerless permits in those areas in order to allow for continued recovery. The DNR has already allocated the antlerless permits in those areas, which were determined by lottery.

Further east, in the primary moose zone, permit areas 130 and 118 are both designated hunter’s choice. While those permit areas have significantly lower deer densities than areas to the west, the DNR specifically manages these areas for lower deer numbers in order to assist the moose

herd. Whitetail deer carry major parasites, particularly liver flukes and a parasitic brainworm, that are either debilitating or deadly to moose.

Permit areas 108 and 119, both in the border country, are the only zones where the deer recovery, or other management considerations, are preventing a return to more liberal bag limits. Rusch said intensive forest management in those areas has significantly reduced critical winter cover, which has kept the deer herd from rebounding as quickly as in other areas. Permit area 119 remains bucks only for this season, while the DNR allowed a nominal 100 antlerless permits in area 108.

In addition to chilly temperatures this weekend, hunters are likely to find wet conditions in the woods following months of above normal rainfall throughout the region. “Hunters may find water in areas that are typically dry this time of year and forest road access may be difficult or impass-

able in some locations,” said Dave Olfelt, northeast region wildlife manager.

While colder weather may help freeze up some of the wet spots, swamps and boggy areas can take considerably longer to freeze.

Get more info

Hunters will find more information available on all of the permit areas on the DNR’s website, at www.dnr.state.mn.us/hunting/deer/map.html.

Hunters may also want to pay attention to the phase of the moon for opener. Under the bright light of a full moon, deer often remain active overnight, and will often take a breather in the early morning hours, before becoming active again midday. So rather than heading into camp at noon, consider packing your lunch and staying in your stand. Deer experts know that 10:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m. can be an excellent time to hunt during the full moon.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Ely Community for making our new playground a reality. The students and faculty of Washington Elementary extend our sincere appreciation to all the donors and community volunteers whose support made this possible!

Special Thanks to the following: ISD 696 - Evergreen Construction - Warren Johnson Excavating - Low Impact Excavating - Forest Concrete - Nickerson Construction - Morse Township - Bear Island Land Co. - Pete Swanson - JJ Day Construction - Ely Community Care Team - Twin Metals - Nemanich Family - Washington Elementary PTO - Ely Education Foundation - Shopko - Ely Kiwanis - Happy Days Preschool - V. Ivancich - Mesabi Bituminous

Thanks to those who donated food throughout the community build: Sir G's Pizza - Zup's Market - Ely Northland Market - Dairy Queen - Plum Bun Bakery.

And a big Thank You to the community volunteers who made all of this possible! We had many volunteers donate their time and skills from the early stages of planning to the fundraising and to the actual build of the playground. Thank you!

We are moving on to Phase II of the playground project which will include the Lunar Blast net climber, basketball hoops, benches, and garbage cans. We will continue to fundraise for this phase. Check out our GoFundMe page at <https://www.gofundme.com/washingtonelementaryplayground>. Don't forget, "Give to the Max" day is 11-16-2017.

We would like to invite all the companies, food vendors, and volunteers who made this possible to our Ribbon Cutting Ceremony which will be held on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 2:30 pm on the playground. We would like to honor and thank you!

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Obituaries and Death Notices



Isabelle P. Strong

Isabelle Pearl Burnside Strong, 67, of Tower, died on Thursday, Oct. 26, 2017, in the Cook Hospital, after a 21-year battle with pulmonary fibrosis. The Strong family wishes to recognize the outstanding care Isabelle received from the Cook Hospital Physicians and Staff. Visitation was on Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Vermilion Family Wellness Center. The funeral service was on Sunday, Oct. 29 with Pastor Kevin Land officiating. Interment followed in the Vermilion Reservation Cemetery. Family services were provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower. She was born on Feb. 5, 1950, in Cloquet, to Alice Burnside and Anthony Boney. Isabelle married Kenneth Strong Sr. on Sept. 14, 1968, in Nett Lake and they made their home on the Vermilion Reservation. They opened their home to all in need and provided a safe haven for many people and pets. Isabelle cherished time spent with family and had immeasurable love for her grandchildren. She enjoyed shopping trips, traveling on family trips, concerts and music fests, craft fairs and attending pow-wows. In her earlier years, she loved to go swimming, hunting, fishing, netting, ricing, and berry picking.

As the matriarch of the family, Isabelle is survived by her children, Kenneth Albert (Stacy) Strong Jr., Kristal Dawn Strong and Donovan Eric (Sarah) Strong; grandchildren, Dylan DV (Alyson) Strong, Kaitlin R. Strong, Ryker J. Strong, Jake A. Riihiluoma, Kaitlyn (Jay) Jensen, Brayden Peliska, Shaylin Peliska, Megan Benson, Matt Benson, Alex Prochnow, Eric Prochnow and Christina Prochnow; great-grandson, Oliver Jack Thayer; siblings, Wilma Mary Andrews, Janice Bertha Martin, Lorraine Goggleye and Dr. Lauri Banaszak; special relatives and friends, including Gene and Hank Goodsky, Ellen Adams, Aunty Rose Hedlund, Charlie Riihiluoma, Phyllis Boshey and the Vermilion Waters Fellowship Group.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband; and

family members, William Goggleye Jr., Jackie Goggleye, Sarah Strong, Gaynard Strong and Alma Lumbar.



Anthony S. Cornelius

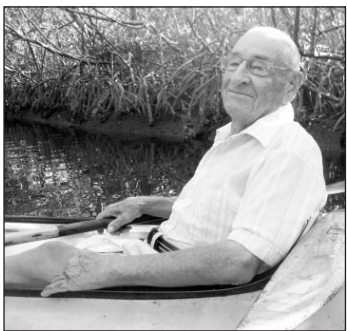
Anthony Scott “Tony” Cornelius made his first footprint on this earth on Oct. 3, 1986, at Cook, where he brought immeasurable hope and joy to his Mom, Kay and his Pops, Tim. Tony’s “baby” sister Tonja joined the Irish Shenanigans four years later. He roared his way through school using it as a stage for making friends and meeting the love of his life, Kristen Scott. Ella Marie arrived to light up their world, followed by an Irish lad named Brecken Scott. They built a life at Crane Lake and were starting a new adventure in Hermantown where he was a Thermite Welder for Canadian National Railroad. Tony lived life on the edge, never passing up a chance to make a memory. He was overjoyed to check a successful Montana Elk Hunt off his bucket list. A life well lived is a legacy of joy and laughter, a living, lasting memory our grateful hearts will treasure. May he Rest in Peace, Oct. 25, 2017.

Tony passionately lived the adventure called life. Whether celebrating at Chateau LeVeaux or Vermilion Falls with Kristen, driving around in the GEO hunting, picnics in the woods, and boat trips up the lake with Ella and Brecken perched by his side, living on the wild side with Tonja, a lifetime of hunting with his best friend, Pops “Dad”, deep, soulful conversations about his love for his family with Mom, or having a cold one with family and friends, all were moments Tony treasured. His Irish grit and tenacity pushed him through tough adversity, turning it into a strength, so that he lived with no regrets.

Family who will carry on in his absence include his wife, Kristen Scott; daughter, Ella Cornelius; son, Brecken Cornelius; Mom and Pops, Kay and Tim Cornelius; sister and brother-in-law, Tonja and Phil Ruelle; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Carole and Darrell Scott;

sister-in-law, Michelle Scott; Granny, Syvilla Shermer; Grandma, Mary and Ted Bird; a whoppin’ big family; a boatload of friends; and his hunting companion, Piper.

Family who paved the way were Grandpa, Darrell Cornelius; and Gramps, Nick Shermer.



Edwin M. Woolverton

Edwin Mitchell Woolverton, 101, peacefully passed away on Monday, Oct. 23, 2017, at Carefree Living in Cook. Much thanks to the staff and residents of Carefree Living for helping to make Ed’s last few months pleasant and comfortable. No memorial service is planned before next spring. If you wish to honor Ed, spend a previously unplanned hour or more outdoors, walking, fishing, paddling, etc. and contemplating ‘the wonder of it all’.

Ed, an Eagle Scout, grew up in Albert Lea, and attended the University of Minnesota. During college breaks he would hitchhike to diverse locations near and far - trout fishing in the Ozarks, or looking for black pearls off the tip of the Baja Peninsula (La Paz). In 1939, he and a fellow Eagle Scout from Albert Lea set out to bicycle/hitchhike around the world, talking their way onto a freighter in New York heading to France, then crossing Europe, down Italy to North Africa. When they reached East Africa to cross to Australia, WWII was about to start. They had to backtrack, and got back to the States just before Germany invaded Poland.

Over the course of WWII, he worked on merchant marine ships on the Atlantic and Pacific as a seagoing civilian in the winters. He spent the summers working in the border country, first as a canoe guide for the Charles L. Sommers Boy Scout Canoe Base near Ely. In 1943, he manned the firetower on Kekekabic Lake, and in 1944, worked as a lineman out of the Forestry’s Crooked Lake Cabin (you can see his journal from that summer online at the Minnesota Phenological Network site).

After the war, Ed settled in the Oak and Wake-em-up Narrows area of Lake Vermilion, making his living trapping, wood-working and doing assorted work for folks in the area. He met his wife, Marie Trucano, and they

became the caretakers for the Dayton family’s summer cabin on Lake Vermilion. “I used to pull the Governor on water skis,” he would say. While working as the Daytons’ caretaker for almost 30 years, he raised two children and became proficient at carving wood, known for his duck decoys.

Retirement didn’t slow Ed down; he took up training to run marathons and in his late 60’s ran one in the Twin Cities and two in Duluth, as well as many 5K and 10K runs in Minnesota and Florida. Upon doctor’s advice, he switched to walking and walked at least an hour a day until just a few weeks ago. A snowbird for the last forty years, he was best known around his winter home area near Placida, Fla., as the originator of the Woolverton Kayak Trail, a paddling trail through several miles of mangrove tunnels (see it online on Youtube). Ed was kayaking, fishing and working on the trail well into his 90’s.

Ed was a host and a world traveler in the organization, Servas. Servas promotes peace and understanding between countries by helping to connect average citizen travelers in one country to average citizen hosts of another. Many lifelong friendships from several countries were developed, and when he wasn’t traveling, Servas brought the world to his door.

Ed is survived by his sister, Ruth; daughter, Vicki; son, Richard; and grandson, Dan.



Craig J. Roseland

Craig J. “Rosey” Roseland, 67, of Lake Vermilion-Tower and Austin, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017, at Essentia-St. Mary’s Hospital in Duluth. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Nov. 2 at Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in St. Cloud. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Craig’s name to the Tri-County Humane Society in St. Cloud.

Craig was born on Sept. 30, 1950, in Clear Lake, Iowa, to Robert G. and Nina Larimore Roseland. He graduated from Washington High School in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, in 1969. He attended the University of Wyoming on a wrestling schol-

arship. After college, he started his sales career with Big A Auto Parts, selling shock absorbers throughout the western states. In 1975, he was hired as a sales representative for Riverton Concrete Products in Riverton, Wyo., a division of Cretex Companies, Inc. of Elk River, Minn. He stayed with the Cretex Companies for over 25 years, selling concrete products, bridges and manholes in Minnesota and Wisconsin. He was well known and respected in the construction industry. In 2004, Craig started his own company, Roseland Brothers, specializing in industrial coatings for the water and sewer industry. Craig married Catherine Zack on Oct. 12, 1979, in Des Moines, Iowa. They were married for 38 years and raised two children. He was a devoted sports Dad, watching his children participate in their soccer, hockey and football games. He was a devoted grandfather to four young grandchildren, driving the pontoon boat at the lake or giving them rides on his bulldozer.

Craig had other loves - collecting fast cars and working on his 40 acres in Northern Minnesota. He was most proud of competing in the Texas Mile race, racing 189 mph in his 2013 Dodge Viper. His goal was to exceed the 200 mph mark. He loved spending summers at his lake cabin on Lake Vermilion and winters in Austin, Texas.

Survivors include his wife, Cathy; daughter, Kate (Mat) Wachlarowicz of St. Bonifacius; son, Robert (Heather) Roseland of St. Joseph; grandchildren, Jack, Lyla, Knox and Boone; and sister, Anne (Mike) Thompson of Irvine, Calif.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Kurt.

Robert Hargadine

Robert Hargadine, 68, of Ely, passed away on Monday, Oct. 23, 2017, at the Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 3 at Kerntz Funeral Home. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by his siblings, Shannon, Noreen, Bridgit, Michael, Kate, Keith and Meegan; nieces, nephews and friends.

Joseph Osaben

Joseph “Joe” Osaben, 96, of Ely, a veteran of World War II, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 25, 2017, at Carefree Assisted Living in Ely. Funeral services were held on Sunday, Oct. 29 at Kerntz Funeral Home. Family services were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

CHILDCARE CENTER OPENINGS

Classroom Teacher

The Little Eagles Childcare Center is hiring a lead teacher to provide quality, engaging and safe care for the children in the Tower/Soudan area. The lead teacher will teach and supervise the children alongside a team of like-minded caregivers to promote the development of their social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth. Pay Scale: \$14/Hour, .75 to full time hours per week.

Teacher Assistant

The Little Eagles Childcare Center is hiring a daycare teacher assistant to provide support to a lead teacher by helping the Lead Teacher to teach and supervise the children and promote the development of their social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth. Rate of Pay: \$11.75 per hour, 20-32 hours per week.

Classroom Assistant

The Little Eagles Childcare Center is hiring a daycare classroom assistant to provide support to the teaching staff and director and provide supervision to the children in the center. The classroom assistant will also promote the development of the children’s social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth under the direct supervision of the center lead teacher or director. Rate of Pay: \$11.75 per hour, 20-32 hours per week.

For complete job description, responsibilities, and minimum and preferred requirements, email littleeagleschildcaremn@gmail.com, or marshall@timberjay.com, or stop by the Timberjay office in Tower.

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Dated: August 14, 2017

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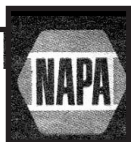
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6 University in Druid Hills, Georgia	55 Picnic spoiler	107 Shiny stone	8 Russian city	54 Make it	92 Took a chair
11 Old TV's "Mayberry —"	56 Pitching star	110 Riddle's answer	9 Iranian coin	57 Mown paths	94 Waldorf's Muppet partner
14 Mythical man-goat	57 Clog or pump	117 Student	10 Yin's partner	58 Before long, to a bard	95 Formal reply to "Who's there?"
19 Sub in WWII	58 Skylight?	119 Hill VIP: Abbr.	11 Throw again, as dice	59 Ex-governor Carlson	96 Scads
20 Coloratura Callas	60 No-frills shirt	120 Sky hunter	12 Like silky down	62 Savings acct.	98 Biblical verb suffix
21 The "E" of REO	61 Riddle, part 3	121 Feel jubilant	13 Authoritarian decree	63 Blu-ray —	99 Lectern platforms
22 Milo of films	67 Actress Long or Vardalos	122 Beneficial	14 Black magic	64 Unvarying	100 "Hondo" actor James
23 Toot one's own horn	68 Hurry-scurry	123 Ending for Sudan	15 On a cruise	65 Suffix with block	101 Official seal
24 Tidy up	69 People with power	124 "Pippin" Tony winner	16 Sleeping bag fabric brand	66 Suffix with balloon	102 Lie at rest
25 Seoul soldier	70 Riddle, part 4	125 Lamp spirit	17 Osaka coin	70 Skype setup	103 Bewailed
26 Bride straps	82 Lac liquid	126 Overly fond type	18 Coll. dorm supervisors	71 Coiffure	108 "The Office" actress
27 Start of a riddle	83 Bumper finish	127 Old JFK flier	35 More homely	72 An amplifier receives it	109 Deals (out) French river
31 Volcano stuff	84 Assistant	128 Paid to play	36 Gives a call	73 "— you in?"	112 Den fixture
32 Basilica seat	85 Man-mouse connector	129 Braying ones	38 "Liftoff!" preceder	74 Drag	113 Pressing tool
33 — -Lorraine (region of France)	86 eBay offers	DOWN	39 Really annoy	75 Ambulance inits.	114 Nasal spray, e.g.
34 Break bread	88 Stitches	1 Friend of Forrest Gump	40 Ward off	76 "Star Trek" actor George	115 Dreamcast company
37 Riddle, part 2	89 Signed one's name to	2 Some double reeds	41 Prior to, to a bard	77 Rush along	116 Firewood splitters
44 Made up for	91 Up and about	3 Household insect trap	42 Swindle	78 Mix in	117 Peas' place
46 Cupid's counterpart	93 Weeps	4 Curiosity org.	43 Beyond, to a bard	79 Holders of frankfurters	118 ET carrier
47 Mello — (drink brand)	95 Slushy drink	5 Caesar's dying words	44 "Woe!"	80 Maumee Bay's lake	
48 Paint type	96 Gave in exchange		45 Tijuana nosh	81 36 inches	
	97 End of the riddle		49 "I caught ya!"	87 Month no. 9	
	104 Me, in Lyons		50 Fa-la link	89 German "I"	

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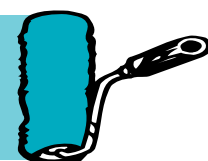
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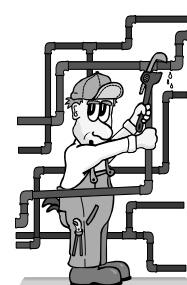
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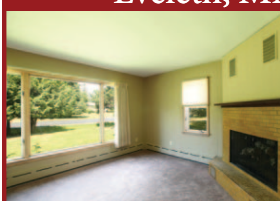
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