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## COUNTY SCHOOLS

# Superintendent named at ISD 2142

Reggie Engebritson tapped to replace former Supt. Steve Sallee

by MELISSA ROACH  
Staff Writer

REGIONAL — Reggie Engebritson is the new superintendent for the St. Louis County

Schools. The ISD 2142 school board voted 6-1 last week to hire Engebritson on a permanent basis, although the details of a planned three-year contract have yet to be worked out. Engebritson's current

interim contract runs through June 30, and her new contract would begin July 1.

Engebritson's hiring didn't come, however, without some debate on the process.

"I am concerned by the attitude regarding the lack of a complete and professional search, regardless of minimum requirements, or advice

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Reggie Engebritson

## DOROTHY MOLTER MUSEUM

# 25 years, 25 stories



# Ely museum remembers Dorothy Molter

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - Since the Dorothy Molter Museum opened in Ely on May 6, 1993, numerous personal histories detailing individual experiences with the last resident of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness have been added to the museum's archives.

Here is one:

"My father, Lloyd Grobel, and his buddies visited Dorothy on June 19, 1956. They had a terrible time coming

into Knife Lake on the Vera Lake Portage and were thrilled to see a sign that said "Cold Beer" with an arrow (they had never heard of Dorothy Molter). They had a beer and then camped nearby. The next morning a nest of crows was very noisy. My Dad's buddy shook the tree in frustration. A baby crow tumbled out of the nest. They didn't know what else to do so they gave the crow to Dorothy. She named the crow "Vera" since they had come through Vera Lake."

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## RECREATION

# Bakk weighs in on planned Vermilion Trail

Says concerns focus on logging access, not hunting camp

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

LAKE VERMILION — Sen. Majority Leader Tom Bakk, DFL-Cook, is dismissing suggestions that he's opposed to a planned Cook-to-Tower bike trail over its possible impact to a hunting camp he's used for decades. The hunting camp, located just west of the Frazer Bay, is surrounded by hundreds of acres of public land, which trail backers had hoped might be accessible for their proposed trail system.



Sen. Tom Bakk

Obtaining recreational trail easements on public lands in the region has typically been easier than obtaining such rights from a large number of private landowners, but some St. Louis County officials have proven resistant to the proposed Lake Vermilion Trail. Some trail supporters have seen Bakk as playing a role in the county's reluctance to support the trail.

Bakk acknowledged he has concerns about the proposal, but says they're unrelated to the poten-

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## CITY OF ELY

# Historic home destroyed by fire

Two families lose everything in early morning blaze

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - Eight people from two families were displaced early Sunday morning as a result of a house fire in Ely.

According to the Ely Fire Department, the fire was reported around 1 a.m. at a

**A duplex at 26 White Street was destroyed in a fire early Sunday morning. The structure was moved from an island on Shagawa Lake in the 1920s.**  
photo by K. Vandervort

duplex located at 26 White Street. Upon arrival, firefighters found flames coming out of first- and second-story windows.

According to the officials, all of the residents were able to safely evacuate the house,

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CITY OF TOWER

# City council rebids marina demolition project

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER— In a six-minute special meeting here, on Tuesday, the Tower City Council voted to reject demolition bids opened at their Feb. 12 meeting for work on the former Standing Bear Marina.

The facility, now owned by Your Boat Club, is slated for significant renovation beginning this year. But first, the new owners want to clear away old docks and dock canopies, which had fallen into disrepair over the years, and they were planning to utilize the IRRRB’s commercial demolition program to pay for much of that work, which

requires the city’s involvement.

The week before, the council had opened two dramatically differing bids for the demo work, which prompted them to table action until they could consult further with their engineers, the IRRRB, and the new marina owners.

Bringing the issue back on Tuesday, the council voted to reject both bids.

The council then approved a resolution authorizing the city to apply for demolition funds from the IRRRB.

The council then approved a new request for bids for a modified demolition project that excludes the previous call for removal of a portion of sea

**Right: The former Standing Bear Marina is slated for renovation beginning this year. Docks and dock canopies should be removed in the next several weeks.**

wall near the marina building as well as interior walls within the building. Instead, the project will be limited to the removal of dilapidated docks and dock canopies, to clear the way for new docking which is already on order, according to the new owners.

City officials expressed concern that the removal of the sea wall could require a DNR permit, which could push the project timeline out by months. The Your Boat Club owners



want to complete much of the dock demolition while there’s still ice on the river this winter.

“We may still come back at a later point and deal with the sea wall and the interior marina wall through the demo program,” said City Clerk Treasurer Linda Keith. “But getting the docks and canopies out is the top priority.”

CITY OF ORR

# Ambulance controversy prompts updates to policies

by MELISSA ROACH  
Staff Writer

ORR— The city’s ambulance service is working on updates to its policies and procedures after a controversy erupted last month stemming from an ambulance call attended by a caregiver without fully compliant certification.

The issue came before the council for a second time on Feb. 12, after initial discussion at a special meeting on Jan. 31. “We had an issue on one of the runs with there being an allegation against the ambulance of there being an unlicensed person,” said Councilor Ericka Cote.

The alleged incident occurred during a patient

transfer in early December in which Chandra Klakoski, who is currently uncertified, was in the back of the ambulance along with another EMT, Jules Long, and may have administered patient care, although reports are somewhat conflicting. Klakoski was formerly certified, and had reportedly recently completed a refresher, but has not completed necessary paperwork to obtain a certificate.

City officials consulted Robert Norlen, the state of Minnesota’s EMS Field Supervisor, about the possible breach of policy. According to the meeting minutes, “Norlen indicated that as long as two EMTs were in the ambulance, and one was in the back

with the patient, minimum standards would be met. Only the EMT would be allowed to provide patient care. He also indicated the ambulance needed to follow whatever policies and procedures have been approved by the Ambulance regarding ride-alongs.”

The council held their January special meeting to sort out the allegations, which another ambulance service responder had brought to the attention of the city council.

The council questioned the ambulance service personnel about the ambulance policy concerning ride-alongs, as well as what is considered patient care, and if the ambulance fulfilled

personnel requirements. In a report, Diana Klakoski acknowledged the policies need to be reviewed and updated. The city council then directed the ambulance department officers to develop and to maintain a written set of policies and procedures by April 1, which set minimum standards of conduct and operating standards using suggested guidelines from the League of Minnesota Cities. The council also wanted assurance that the current by-laws are being enforced.

At their special meeting last month, the council instructed the ambulance service to adopt and enforce a policy that only persons holding an active or current EMT/

EMR card would be allowed to respond until the updated policies and procedures have been approved by the council. If needed, a current firefighter with valid driver’s license and current EVAC training could drive the ambulance.

Mayor Joel Astleford also addressed the ambulance officers, telling them they needed to be treating each other and city staff in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner and further personal attacks and disruptive behavior may result in termination.

In other business, the council approved entering into a purchase agreement with the American Legion Post 480 for purchase of the club’s meeting hall.

The Legion has expressed interest in turning the building over to the city for some time now, and decided to move forward in pursuit of this agreement after discussion regarding the matter was brought up at the January special meeting. Legion members expressed hope that the city would agree to take ownership of the building as a community center. The group has noted that they have an aging and dwindling membership and are financially unable to maintain the building in the near future. The council accepted the terms, and passed the motion for moving forward with the agreement. The city will

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POLITICS

# Bakk now cautious on Eighth District race

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Sen. Tom Bakk said he remains hopeful that Democrats will hold the Eighth Congressional District this fall, but he said he thinks the party’s chances have diminished in the wake of Rick Nolan’s decision to retire.

“I think Tony Lourey was our strongest candidate, but now he’s out,” said Bakk. Lourey, a state senator who represents Pine and Carlton counties and a small swath of southern St. Louis County, is well known in the district. Bakk said he visited party



Tom Bakk

didn’t mention any of the other DFL candidates, including Leah Phifer, who decided to challenge Nolan for the party’s nomination, as well as Kirsten Hagen Kennedy, Joe Radinovich, and Michelle Lee, who announced their candidacies in the wake of

Nolan’s decision to retire. Phifer made a strong showing in the DFL precinct caucuses earlier this month, which may have been one reason for Nolan’s decision. He announced his retirement three days after the party caucuses. Nolan had lost support from a number of party activists over his decision to align himself with the Trump administration and an anti-public lands coalition in the House in hopes of advancing copper-nickel mining projects in the region.

“I think it could be a pretty tough election for us,” Bakk said. “Pete Stauber’s a pretty good guy. And you don’t want

to underestimate a hockey family.” Stauber, a Duluth police officer and St. Louis County Commissioner, is the only announced Republican candidate for the seat.

“I think Rick Nolan was absolutely going to win,” Bakk said, and he predicted the Republican National Committee would now pour more resources into the race. He also said he thinks Stauber might be helped if President Trump follows through on recommendations from his Commerce Department to impose strict tariffs on imported steel.

The race had long been con-

sidered a toss-up by most political analysts, even with Nolan in the mix. The Cook Political Report had listed Nolan as one of the most vulnerable Democrats in the country in the 2018 election. The race proved to be the most expensive House race in the country in 2016, as both parties and their affiliated independent groups poured millions into the campaign. Nolan edged his GOP rival, Stewart Mills III, by just over 2,000 votes out of the over 350,000 votes cast.

## EIGHTH DISTRICT RACE

# From news anchor to candidate

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— For decades, she was the face of the local nightly news on KBJR television in Duluth. Now, Michelle Lee is setting her sights on Congress. Lee, who recently retired from broadcasting, announced her candidacy for the DFL nomination for the Eighth District congressional seat this past Sunday, at the Fond du Lac Tribal Community College.

In a statement announcing her run, the veteran journalist said her depth of knowledge about the issues she covered during her career has been her primary motivation to seek political office.

“For years, I had a front-row seat to the issues of the Eighth District and the decisions made locally, statewide and nationally that impacted the residents of this region,” said Lee. “I had to keep my feelings about the decisions and their impact to myself. That was then. This is now.”

Lee said she has immersed herself in the issues confronting the



Michelle Lee

Eighth District and began taking steps towards a political career, having attended political training through Wellstone Action and other leadership forums. “It’s infectious,” she said, as she talked with others who attended those trainings and were considering running for office themselves.

Lee said she’s been a DFLer as long as she could vote, so her party affiliation is no surprise to those who knew her outside her role as a journalist.

In her announcement speech, Lee laid out a broadly progressive platform reminiscent of Vermont Sen. Bernie Sanders, including adoption of a Medicare-for-all, single-payer health insurance system, and free public university tuition.

“We should be swinging open the doors to technical and community colleges, to prepare our young people for the future,” she said. “There are going to be a lot of jobs out there with the retirement of the baby boomers.” But right now, she said, the high cost of college is saddling the next generation with crushing debt. “They aren’t having babies, they aren’t buying houses,” she said. “They’re frozen in time.”

Lee joins three other candidates already in the race, including Leah Phifer, Kirsten Hagen Kennedy, and

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Joe Radinovich and his faithful lab Dakota

## Radinovich enters race

CROSBY— Former state Rep. Joe Radinovich, of Crosby, has announced his campaign for Minnesota’s Eighth Congressional District.

He becomes the third candidate to announce he’s seeking the DFL nomination for the seat currently held by Rick Nolan. Nolan announced last week that he would not seek re-election.

Former FBI national security analyst Leah Phifer, of Isanti, and North Branch Mayor Kirsten Hagen Kennedy have previously entered the race. Phifer had announced her candidacy several months ago, and had performed well in the recent precinct caucuses. Nolan announced his decision to retire

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# OPINION

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## Editorial

### Mass shootings

Time for a victims compensation fund, paid for by the gun industry

The shooting erupts. People, often children, die in horrifying numbers. We offer thoughts and prayers, and move on, until the next mass shooting momentarily attracts our attention, and we repeat the entire exercise all over again. When it comes to guns these days, that’s the reality that’s baked in to our daily experience in 21st century America.

So first things first. Let’s quit pretending that gun control legislation is going to be the solution to the problem. Meaningful gun control is unlikely to happen because of the political power of the National Rifle Association and because the Supreme Court has upheld an individual’s right to own guns.

Besides, America is already so awash with guns, that it’s unclear whether controlling the sale of things like assault rifles would have any appreciable impact on our mass shooting phenomenon, at least in the short run. As for confiscation of legally-owned firearms, that isn’t going to happen in America, nor should it.

This is not to suggest, however, that America has no alternative but to suffer an endless series of mass shootings, leaving thousands of victims and their families behind to pick up the pieces of their shattered lives.

While America has a long history of gun ownership, it also has a long history of holding manufacturers accountable for the inherent dangers of the products they sell. The Supreme Court says the constitution protects individual gun ownership, but the constitution gives no protection, nor should it, to a gun manufacturer or seller who profits from the sale of weapons, ammunition, and related accessories that are intentionally advertised for their capacity to maximize mayhem.

Other industries have been held accountable when they’ve put the public at risk. We tell power plants they can’t spew toxic chemicals into the air, because some people will be sickened by it, and we fine them if they don’t comply. We’ve fined auto manufacturers billions of dollars, and regularly have them initiate costly recalls when their products prove unsafe. We sued the cigarette manufacturers for tens of billions of dollars to compensate states for the medical costs

their products inflicted on society.

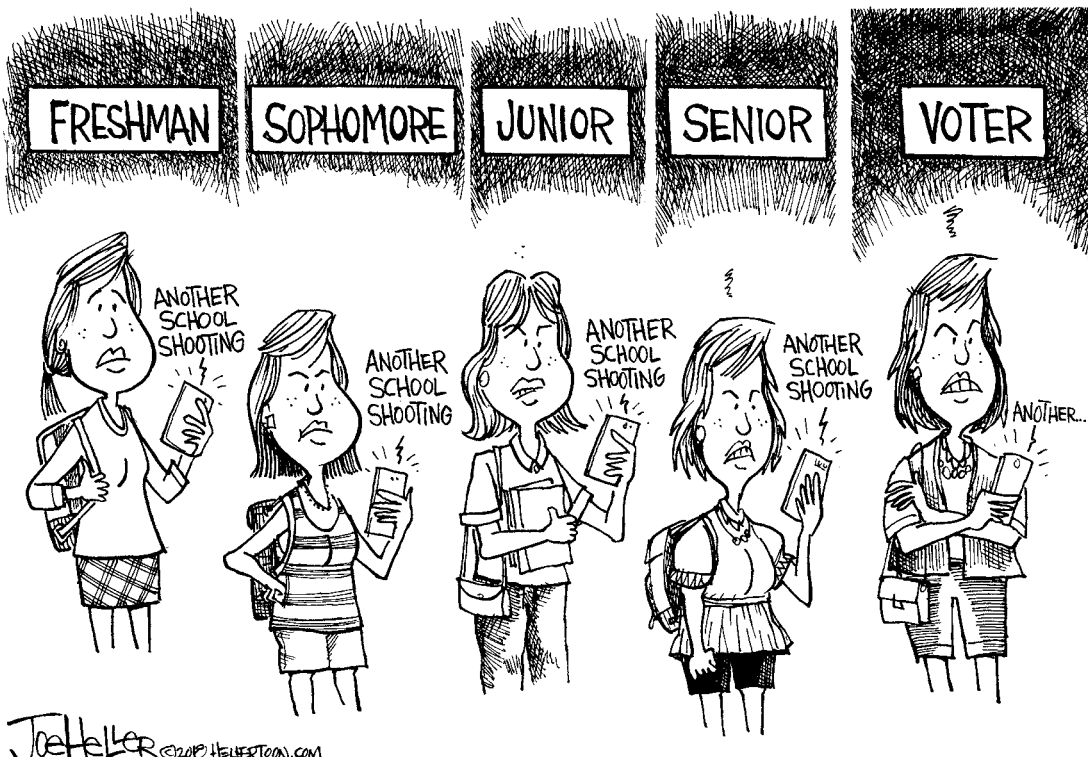
It’s time we do the same thing to those who make millions in profits off the carnage in our streets and our schools. We need to change the incentives in the gun industry, by making those who cash in from the bloodshed pay for the costs they inflict on society, just as we do in other industries. Rather than another push for gun control measures that ends up stalled out in Congress, Americans who are fed up should push for the creation of an American Gun Victims Compensation Fund, paid for by a windfall profits tax or a similar assessment on the manufacturers of the guns, high-powered ammo, and large capacity clips, that are routinely used in mass shootings.

By focusing on compensation for victims, the NRA and its allies in Congress can’t continuously wrap themselves in the flag and the constitution whenever the latest massacre prompts a renewed push for gun control measures. There is no constitutional right to profit off the death, injury, and suffering of others. Focusing on compensation, rather than gun control, would fundamentally alter the debate.

Such a tax should be levied directly on the profits of those manufacturers who make the exact weapons that are used in mass murder and the proceeds should be used to pay for the medical costs, pain and suffering, and compensation to family members of victims as well.

That’s not only the right thing to do for victims, it would likely prompt these companies to stop selling the types of guns, ammunition and accessories, that have become the preferred tools of killers. It could very well prompt the manufacturers to take steps on their own to ensure that these weapons aren’t made accessible to dangerous individuals. They could do that if they truly wanted to address the problem, rather than profit from it.

We don’t have to ban these weapons to make meaningful progress on this issue. But we do need to hold the merchants of death accountable, by making the destruction wrought by the products they sell a lot more expensive. The gun industry makes millions off the bloodletting. It’s time it starts costing them, instead.



## Letters from Readers

### Settlement with 3M may be precedent for sulfide mines

The state of Minnesota just settled with the 3M Corporation for \$850 million over alleged contamination of ground and surface waters in the east Metro area. Both sides claimed victory, largely for having avoided a lengthy court proceeding. It’s worth noting that the state was seeking \$5 billion dollars in damages; so, bottom line: the taxpayers settled for 17 percent. Whatever the details of that particular case, you have to wonder what precedent it may set regarding monetary compensation for industrial pollution. When it comes to the inevitable damage that would be done by sulfide mining in NE Minnesota, is 17 percent going to be the going rate, with taxpayers picking up the remaining 83 percent?

**Peter M. Leschak**  
Side Lake

### We pray for Ely to be a place where all are welcome

As faith leaders in Ely, we are deeply disturbed to learn that Ku-Klux-Klan propaganda is being distributed within the Arrowhead Region, including our city. We believe it is imperative that all leadership — civic, corporate, and ecclesiastical — immediately and vehemently reject all forms of hatred, bigotry, and racism as soon as they are encountered in our community. We also believe that remaining silent only serves to embolden these hate groups to continue spewing their malicious and divisive message throughout our community.

Racism and white supremacy are the opposite of what God intends for humanity. Racism

whispers a lie about our neighbors and friends. It tries to say that some of us are less valuable than others. This is a stark contradiction to the Word of God and the message of Jesus Christ.

To this end we pray for our community both individually and collectively. We pray for the vibrant light of Jesus Christ to pierce through the darkness of racism and white supremacy. We pray that the hardened hearts in our region would be softened, and we pray that the city of Ely will stand as a place where everyone feels welcome and valued as equals.

We commit to challenging the lies of white supremacy and disrupting the message of racism wherever we find it, not only in prayer but in our actions and in our words. Today we proclaim the truth that our racial and ethnic differences are a gift and an asset to our community and that everyone is a beloved child of God.

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**Pastor Tim Cook**  
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**Ely**

### Thanks for letting us know about the Frontier probe

Thank you for writing this article about this investigation. We live in Garrison, Minn., and have had the worst customer service from Frontier in the last

four years, and have learned that they can treat people like this because we have no other choice for the web and bundle services. We have had their own employees tell us that the company doesn’t hire enough field people and they work such long hours and the service takes so long when you call up to find out about billing or bad service, we have been told to hold on for a minute, and they hang up and don’t call you back.

We appreciate the info on how we can report our experiences to the proper place, and please try to let as many people know about this.

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# Absolutely don’t make your bed...

My husband, Bill and I celebrated our first wedding anniversary on Feb. 13. Isn’t that our paper anniversary? It is, because I googled it to find out. So next year is our cotton or second anniversary that I will probably celebrate the same way as our first, snowmobiling! I said it was “better than a shrimp dinner,” to be out on the sleds. With our busy schedules I am amazed we find the time and energy.

Adding a wee bit of friction to the months of our first year of marriage were my gallbladder ordeal, the



**SCARLET LYNN**  
**STONE**

December parties arrived, with a catered Welsh dinner and theatrical reading

move from Ely, painting the new house, and learning to be Innkeepers at Soudan’s Vermilion Park Inn. We began the Innkeeper training process in summer for a mid-October takeover. There was a big rush of guests the first weekend we were in charge, and I didn’t “stroke out”...followed by frustrating moments learning the reservation system, winterizing, then decorating for the holidays. The Inn at Christmas was beautiful.

of “A Child’s Christmas In Wales”. We hosted an evening reading for poets which featuring my brother Paul and a poem he had published in the *Atlanta Review*. In early January, we held an Open House for our neighbors, the residents of Soudan.

Now we are knee deep in snowmobile season, without a doubt! Last weekend brought an interesting assortment of guests to the Inn: southern snowmobilers seeking trails with snow-cover rather than dirt, elderly Texans exploring winter, old friends meeting and staying at the Inn, and two grateful women with a dog who needed a place to hold up during the heavy snowstorm that swirled through.

The snowbound friends plugged in their crock-pot with the vegetarian carrot

stew they made at a lake cabin they had stayed at in Ely, and invited all of us to eat! Hospitality reigns supreme at the Inn. There’s always coffee being brewed and food being brought in for sharing at the large wood kitchen table.

Saturday morning, our guests from Texas, the Martins, were headed out to snowmobile on rented machines. Mrs. Martin was getting her day planned and found me cleaning a room near the kitchen and asked me sweetly with wide-open brown eyes, “I have never stayed at a bed and breakfast before, so do I have to make my bed?” With great enjoyment I replied,

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TOWNSHIP NEWS

# State’s OSHA investigating Greenwood’s FD hiring

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- A decision by the Town Board here last December has embroiled the township in another investigation by the state’s division of OSHA.

Jeff Maus, who state officials had earlier designated as a whistleblower, subject to legal protection, filed a second complaint with the agency following the board’s hiring of Mike Indihar as Assistant Fire Chief late last year. Maus had sought the position as well, and believes that the hiring decision was based on retaliatory motives.

Employees who have made complaints to OSHA on workplace safety issues are protected, under both federal and state law, from discrimination in hiring or promotions, and other work-related employment issues. The township previously settled an OSHA complaint with Maus, after Maus, who had raised concerns about safety issues in the fire department, had his captain’s position eliminated

without notice. Maus retained his position as a firefighter and EMR after the settlement.

Maus said he filed his latest complaint with OSHA shortly after the township’s Dec. 12 meeting, noting that such complaints must be filed within a 30-day period. Maus said he filled out additional paperwork, and then OSHA forwarded questions to the township.

“I was pretty much told to keep my mouth shut,” he said, noting he had not discussed the issue with others in the township.

“I am not suing the township,” Maus said. “OSHA is investigating my claim of retaliation.” Any action against the township would be from OSHA, as in the previous case he filed.

Maus said his complaint is not asserting that he is more qualified for the position than the person hired, but he is questioning the process for the hiring, and whether or not his past history of questioning fire department policies and safety procedures led to the decision.

Township Chair John Bassing said that only township elected officials had been

notified of the OSHA inquiry, and they had been told by the township attorney not to discuss the issue. Bassing said he had no idea how a township resident had found out about the matter, which was the subject of a recent letter to the editor in the *Tower News*.

The fire department had posted the assistant chief position internally, as is department policy, and two firefighters applied — Maus and Indihar.

The board took up the hiring in November. Fire Chief Dave Fazio was absent, but fire department member Howard Ankrum told the board that the department had approved the hiring of Indihar.

At December’s meeting, Chairman Bassing said he had made repeated requests to Fazio for a copy of Indihar’s application, but had only received it just prior to the meeting via the town clerk. The township had already received a copy of Maus’s application.

Bassing questioned whether Indihar was qualified for the position, because township policy requires a six-month training period before an employee is considered hired. Indihar was a

long-time department member, but had retired over six years ago, and had just recently re-joined the department.

Bassing noted that Indihar had never held a leadership position in the department, but that Maus had served in leadership roles, as well as completed three of the four fire department leadership component trainings at Camp Ripley.

Maus has been an active member of the department for 11 years, and his application came with recommendations from Steven Flaherty, Executive Director of the MN Board of Firefighter Training and Education, as well as from fire chiefs from Virginia and Hibbing.

However, a motion by Bassing to hire Maus for the position quickly ran into opposition.

Supervisor Mike Ralston noted the chief has the right to appoint members to leadership positions, with town board approval. Fazio told the board he had recommended Indihar because of his long-time background with the department.

Supervisor Larry Tahija also supported Indihar, noting

his active participation in the department in the past.

Supervisor Paul Skubic noted the board had previously hired Fazio to run the department, and “I feel we have to go with his recommendation.”

Bassing said there was a lot of difference in qualifications between the two candidates. But Skubic said that Indihar’s 26 years of experience “speaks for itself.”

The motion to hire Maus failed 4-1, with only Bassing voting in support.

A motion by Supervisor Carmen DeLuca to hire Indihar passed 4-1, with Bassing against.

“I think Mr. Skubic stated it right,” said DeLuca. “The chief has to work with the people. He feels he can work with Mr. Indihar and not Mr. Maus.”

The township will now be in the position of defending their hiring decision to OSHA. Since the case would be considered as a type of litigation, the board is allowed to act in private with their attorney, and any negotiations done by the township might not be made public until the board needs to take formal action.

## BED...Continued from page 4

“No, you absolutely do not have to make it, that’s your space and you do whatever pleases you because you are on vacation!” She was relieved to hear that and robustly headed to dress for outdoor adventure.

Also staying at the Inn was a family with two teen daughters. The parents were in one room and the daughters reluctantly decided they could tolerate one another for a couple of nights while sharing a separate room down the hall from their folks. The folks seemed to enjoy their space and demonstrated they were in fun spirits with a prank they involved me in. They were expecting the arrival of two male friends who were enroute on sleds from Two Harbors. The expected friends also had a room reserved at the Inn... so they thought. Moments before the travelers arrived, the mischievous couple handed me a ten dollar tip to participate in a bit of “Tom Foolery.” When the two traveling friends

entered through the front door, all dressed in gear and looking completely worn out, I gingerly told them I didn’t have a room as previously stated, due to a glitch in our reservation system. However, I apologetically said I may have a room in the basement next to the old morgue. (The entire Inn was a hospital in its former life.)

All I could see during this tall tale I was spinning were two increasingly aggravated heads, still with helmets on, staring at me with blackening eyes under bushy eyebrows. Soon I sensed it had gone far enough, so I quickly reached into my pocket and pulled out the ten dollar tip, and waved it as I confessed, “Your friends say hello, they are here and paid me to do this AND I am SO sorry!” We all had a good laugh.

The previous weekend we had a group of seven Canadian men venture down by snowmobile from Winnipeg. Since they did

not have vehicles, they asked me if I could drive them to Tower for drinks and dinner and then pick them up. I enlisted Bill to assist with his Suburban, because I couldn’t fit them all in a single Jeep load. In keeping with my flamboyant, slightly theatrical nature, I was prompted to dress the part. I wore a long black blazer, black slacks, my white pleated shirt, red plaid bow tie, a black velvet feathered hat and a killer pair of red plaid, Doc Martens, Mary-Jane-style-shoes... with black leather-stud covered toes and heels. They screamed, “Rob Roy, I’ll hunt you down!” I added white gloves, too! I played the part and earned a thirty dollar tip, while providing myself a mini-theatrical production that a gal such as me fuels herself with. After leaving the theater scene in Ely, you didn’t really think I’d hang it up did you?

Between checking in guests, grocery shopping

and ironing or mangling sheets at the Inn, plus my work at the *Timberjay*, I have concluded I am too busy, however.....I’ve actually had some time to get out on my own snowmobile. In the fall of 2015 I bought a used 2000 Arctic Cat in Babbitt, a 2-up rider and so comfortable. I’ve really enjoyed seeing the woods and lakes from new perspectives. Some may say snowmobiles are too noisy....but I figure you’ll get noise with fast transportation. I used to cross country ski for years and don’t any longer as a result of a knee injury. Truthfully I just like the thrill of driving that sled.

Bill and I rode into the Lake Vermilion Park east of Soudan last weekend, on the trail that is for bicycles in season. We rode past old mining gorges, plenty of pine forests on the hilly, curvy trail that seemed to head mainly downhill to Armstrong Bay on Lake Vermilion. I was glad not to be pumping uphill on a

bike. I was thrilled to see what was around the next corner as it was all a new surprise. I let Bill take his turn at driving by the time we moved out from the woods onto the lake. I sat back and studied the rocky shoreline and the islands; it was my first viewing and I was thinking how much the east end of Lake Vermilion resembles Burntside Lake.

I had spent summers as a kid on the west end of the lake and would still know how to navigate over there, but this east end is a big challenge that I am enjoying. When summer arrives we plan to have our pontoon boat out to explore, so this is a good start. Bouncing along toward Tower, I considered all the vacated lake places with darkened forlorn windows that reflected the orange setting sun. Docks lifted toward the sky, on hold, through many frozen nights before they feel warm sun and are adorned with lawn chairs and colorful beach towels

again. We continued buzzing across the ice and I thought about construction costs involved in some of the mammoth homes, the lovely interiors they must have, the bathrooms, the vacuuming, the taxes! Then I spotted a modest-sized cabin with its old, many-paned windows, funky shingle siding in gray and red, and I smiled because to me that is what a cabin on a lake was when I was young and what I prefer even now.

Before we know it snowmobiling season will be over and I’ll be drifting on a breeze, avoiding rocks with my pontoon boat on Vermilion’s east end. Bill and I will be easing out of the Inn as the summer managers return from wintering in Arizona, which will give us more time to put in some gardens and work on the exterior of our house in the cotton year of our marriage. Until next time, enjoy your life and keep your eyes on the trail ahead!

## ORR...Continued from page 2

take ownership for a cost of one dollar. The tables, chairs, kitchen equipment, coolers, freezers, bar and bar stools are included in the transfer. The Legion will continue to hold monthly meetings as long as the charter is active, and hold its 52 Club fundraiser in the building at no cost. Memorabilia and other items will be allowed to remain in the building or in the building storage. The Legion also agreed to be

responsible for the 2018 real estate taxes.

Councilors also reviewed a request from Rosie Hoffer for reimbursement for property damage. In the claim, Hoffer reported that she was driving in the alley behind Patten’s Café and one of her tires slid into a hole. She is requesting that the city compensate her for some of the damage done. “We’re not liable for something like this, I

don’t think,” said Mayor Astleford. Clerk Cheri Carter told the council that the request has been turned over to the insurance agent, Todd McGillivray of Otis-Magie, who is investigating the claim, and will advise the city on the results. He noted that municipalities are granted immunity from liability claims in certain situations.

**Department reports**  
Paul Koch reported

that the bio-solid permit has expired at Shermers, and would like to get an application area set up on the far side of the airport. Koch reported he would look into permitting or issues with the state or FAA.

Dallas Johnson reported the Fire Department has a few new interested people. He told the council he would like to send new members to an upcoming summer Firefighter I & II

class this summer.

Jim Gray reported the Ambulance is seeking to utilize the back room at the old city hall for those who would like to be involved with the ambulance but live too far away. The room would allow for responders to come and do stand-by.

In other action, the council:

> Heard from Mayor Astleford on the problem of people feeding deer in

the city, which has become a public safety hazard for drivers.

> Approved training and travel requests for the ambulance and city maintenance supervisor.

> Approved an ambulance request for purchase of a stair chair for \$5,584.13

> Approved a request from the Fire Dept for purchase of a transformer piercing nozzle for \$715.

## MICHELLE LEE...Continued from page 3

Joe Radinovich, and she is the first DFL candidate to acknowledge definitively that she would oppose the opening of copper-nickel mines in the region.

Lee said other candidates have tried to “thread the needle” on the issue, but she won’t do that. “It is essential that we sepa-

rate copper-nickel mining from taconite mining,” she said. “Based on scientific evidence and the history of similar mines I am not convinced that this new-to-Minnesota mining can be done safely without threatening our fresh water, which is our most important strategic

reserve.”

Lee said the two types of mining are much different, but have gotten lumped together in many people’s minds. “And that’s not fair,” she said. “We shouldn’t have to choose between being an environmentalist or being a miner.”

At the same time, Lee said she is a strong supporter of taconite mining and would work to grow the industry and create new opportunities in the sector.

Since leaving broadcasting, Lee has been a frequent online contributor, sharing her opinions on social media and her per-

sonal blog. “I intend to put action behind my words,” she said. “I believe I have proven I am someone people can trust to tell the truth. There is so much at stake. I believe we can solve our problems together, forging a future that sets divisive politics aside with solutions that will benefit

us all.”

Lee and her husband Gary Kovanen have been married for 36 years. The couple resides in Moose Lake. They have one son, Fred, who is married and lives in Duluth.

## RADINOVICH...Continued from page 3

three days later.

Radinovich served one term as state representative from the Crosby area. He has also worked for the IRRRB, managed Nolan’s previous re-election effort, and most recently has

served as Chief of Staff for Minneapolis Mayor Jacob Frey.

But Radinovich stressed his Cuyuna Range connections in announcing his bid. “Northeastern Minnesota is who I am,

where I’m from, and what I’ll always fight for. I’ve spent my life fighting for working families, whether it be organizing for workers’ rights, promoting economic investment in northeastern Minnesota,

or proudly representing Aitkin and Crow Wing counties in Saint Paul. I’m no stranger to hardship and I will always stand up for what’s right.”

He said he’d fight to expand opportunity for

kids in rural Minnesota, to ensure that working people have opportunities in a changing economy, as well as harnessing the region’s natural resources.

Radinovich calls himself “a fourth-genera-

tion Cuyuna Iron Ranger, born into a blue-collar family of electricians, plumbers, miners, and nurses, who lives in Crosby-Ironton with his dog, Dakota.”

## Movie Night set for Sunday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. at St. James

TOWER- St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower is hosting a free movie night on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 6 p.m. The movie this month is “Jimmy.” Ian Colletti delivers the performance of a lifetime in this heartfelt drama based on the best-selling novel by Robert Whitlow. Colletti stars as Jimmy Mitchell, a young man whose world is a place where a boy can be a man, even if he’s “special.” w“Jimmy” is an extraordinary tale about growing up in the midst of real struggle. Movie night was rescheduled from last Sunday because of the snowy weather.

## Monthly Grief Support Group meets in Tower on Thursday, March 1

TOWER- The new monthly Grief Support Group meets the first Thursday of each month from 2 – 4 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower. The next meeting is Thursday, March 1. This group was just started in February. There is no cost for this group. Anyone who wishes to attend is welcome to join the group at any time. It is open to anyone in our area who has experienced the death of a loved one.

The March 1 Grief Education and Support Group topic will be “Common Symptoms and Feelings of Grief.”

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 monthly grief education and support group. This education and support group will be an open group that will meet one time per month.

Sponsored by Essentia Health St. Mary’s East Range Hospice.

Please call East Range Hospice at 218-749-7975 or 1-877-851-2213 to register. Registration is recommended but not required.

## Learn about our native trees and tree care during two weekend classes

SOUDAN- Planting and caring for native trees benefits our wildlife, pollinators, soil, and water. If you are planning to plant trees this spring, this is the class for you. Beth Kleinke, a District Forester from the St. Louis County Soil, Water and Conservation District will present information on the right tree for the right location, how to care for your trees, how to make them grow, and how to watch out for pests and diseases. The class will also profile several unique northern Minnesota trees for your front lawn, swamps, and river banks. Two classes are offered: Saturdays, Feb. 24 or March 17 from 9 -10:30 a.m. at the Soudan Fire Hall. You must pre-register. For registration and more information please call or text Leone Graf at 218-343-3744 or email camplake@earthlink.net.

## Jared Poderzay named to St. Cloud State Dean’s List

ST. CLOUD- Jared Poderzay, of Soudan, has been named to the Fall Semester Dean’s List at St. Cloud State University. He is a student in the School of Health and Human Services, majoring in Health and Physical Education. To be eligible for the honor, students must have a grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4.0 scale.

St. Cloud State University is Minnesota’s second-largest university, with nearly 15,000 students from 90 different nations.

## Area students named to Fall 2017 Dean’s List at Bemidji State University

BEMIDJI –Austin Hujanen, of Tower, Abrianna Mellesmoen, of Embarrass, and Nikki Shaw, of Embarrass, all earned Dean’s List honors from Bemidji State University, at the conclusion of the Fall 2017 term.

To be eligible for the Dean’s List, BSU students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 GPA during the semester. Bemidji State University, located in northern Minnesota’s lake district, occupies a wooded campus along the shore of Lake Bemidji.

## LOCAL HISTORY

# Tower-Soudan Historical Society: 2018 dues provide funding for upcoming projects

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Historical Society is currently updating membership records for 2018. Annual dues are \$10 for an individual and \$20 for a family. Membership dues provide steady funding for projects and programs year-round. Members also receive 10-percent off in the depot gift shop (open Memorial Day through Sept.). New and renewing members should mail their dues payment to TSHS, PO Box 465, Tower MN 55790. Please include member’s name, mailing address, phone and email.

A few projects in progress include life stories/oral histories of local residents, adding a model train display in the depot museum, and restoring the historic fire hall. A major accomplishment is the TSHS Cemetery-on-Line pro-

gram. Volunteers Jayne Sundeen and Karen Officer have spent countless hours setting up and entering data for cemetery-on-line access to locate burial sites at Lakeview Cemetery. You can reach this information by clicking “Cemetery Records” on the TSHS website, [www.towersoudanhs.org](http://www.towersoudanhs.org). This brings you to a burial information search page where you can enter the first few letters of a person’s last name and press “search” to bring up a comprehensive list of burials with last names beginning with those letters. Basic information includes birth year, death date, burial date, cemetery, and location; newer entries will show street name as well as burial site numbers.

Please bookmark the website, [www.towersoudanhs.org](http://www.towersoudanhs.org), and

check it out regularly for updates. The TSHS Board would appreciate suggestions from the community on what would be meaningful. There is already a wealth of information on the website; you may find something near and dear to you that you would like to become involved with.

The 2018 TSHS Board consists of President Doug Workman, Vice-President Nancy Larson, Secretary Linda Folstad, Treasurer Diane Meehan, Cookie Bonicatto, Barb Burgess, Corrine Hill, Pauly Housenga, Desirae Larson, and Mary Shedd. The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, March 14 at 10 a.m. at Sulu’s. Interested members are welcome to attend.

## ST. MARTIN’S YOUTH



Odin Picard played with his spoon while waiting for his booyah.

# St. Martin’s Youth “Souper Bowl” a real winner

This year’s Souper Bowl of Caring at St. Martin’s Catholic Church raised a record \$1,724 for the Tower Area Food Shelf. The annual booyah fundraiser, put on by the church’s youth, raised \$400 more than its previous all-time high. Youth group volunteer Bergetta Indihar said 13 youth volunteered for the event, chopping, cooking, and then serving and cleaning up.

“The kids felt really validated for the work they did for the food shelf,” she said. “We were all amazed at the generous donations we received.”

photos by J. Summit



Youth served up bowls of the tasty soup, along with bread and dessert, to the long line of attendees at this year’s fundraiser.

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## Senior Bingo in Tower on Monday, March 5

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, March 5 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.

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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Boathouse Brewpub marks 10 years

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – This city’s only  
brewpub is celebrating 10  
years of brewing success  
and community involve-  
ment this spring. Back in  
2008, the Boathouse  
Brewpub and Restaurant  
was the only brewpub  
north of Duluth.

Ely native Joe Tome  
has been general manager  
of the establishment for the  
past seven years. “The  
original owners had a plan  
to have their own brewery  
and picked Ely to do it,”  
Tome said. “We’re lucky  
they did.”

Ben Storbeck has been  
the Boathouse’s fourth  
brewer for the past seven  
years. “In 2008 we made  
92 barrels of beer, and last  
year we made 279 barrels,”  
Storbeck said. That works  
out to about 66,790 gallons.  
To make the expanded  
brewing capacity possibly,  
additional brewing equip-  
ment has been added over  
the years .

The Boathouse  
Brewpub makes as many  
as 12 varieties of the golden  
nectar, including ales,  
lagers, pilsners, stouts,  
porters, IPA’s, and other  
varieties. “By far, our most  
popular beer is the  
Blueberry Blonde Ale,”  
Storbeck said. “Tourists  
will come and request that  
specifically and some have  
walked out if we didn’t  
have it,” Tome added.

With the help of the  
Ely City Council, the city  
ordinance was modified to  
allow expanded sales of  
“to-go” beer in a “growler.”

The state of



Ben Storbeck has been the brewer at the Boathouse Brewpub in Ely for the past seven years. The Boathouse Brewpub made 279 barrels of beer last year. photo by K. Vandervort

Minnesota also allowed  
growlers to be sold on  
Sundays, and the city of  
Ely went along with that.  
However, other beer and  
liquor sales on Sundays  
remain prohibited around  
town.

“The Boathouse is still  
here because of the com-  
munity support,” Tome  
said. “We put out a good  
product. We’re proud of it,  
and the community enjoys  
it.” The Boathouse is one  
of the few restaurants in  
town that is open seven  
days a week all year long.

The Boathouse  
employs 27 year-round  
employees with an annual  
payroll approaching

\$375,000.

The establishment is  
committed to helping in a  
variety of community  
causes. The fourth annual  
Great Nordic Beardfest,  
part of the annual Ely  
Winter Festival, resulted in  
donated funds being pre-  
sented to the Ely Area  
Food Shelf.

“We have helped raise  
in excess of \$100,000 for  
our community,” Tome  
said. That is something  
we are extremely proud to  
be part of.” He listed the  
Food Shelf’s Empty Bowl  
event, numerous youth ath-  
letics programs, suicide  
awareness, the Dorothy  
Molter Foundation, fund-

raisers for community  
members battling cancer  
or who have suffered  
through a house fire,  
fishing contests, the  
WolfTrack Classic, and  
other community events  
they have benefitted.


The Boathouse is cel-  
ebrating 10 years of busi-  
ness March 2-3 with  
“Forty-eight Hours of  
Happy Hour.”

“We kick it off Friday  
evening with music by  
Van and the Free Candies,  
coming back to where they  
started,” Tome said. Free  
pizzas happy hour prices,  
“tons of give-aways,” and  
other special events round  
out the first evening.

The party continues  
on Saturday with an all-  
day happy hour, more free  
pizzas and other free stuff,  
specialty beers brewed just  
for the anniversary, gift-  
card prizes, and of course,  
more live music featuring  
the Paisley Straps, Jen and  
Anj, and the Three-Man  
Strings (electrified) Band.

“We thank the com-  
munity for our success, and  
we’re having a party to cel-  
ebrate our 10-year mile-  
stone,” Tome said.

For more information  
on their celebration, check  
out the Boathouse  
Facebook page.



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The Great Nordic Beardfest and the Boathouse Bewpub presented a \$250 donation to the Ely Area Food Shelf. Front row, from left, Kristen Williams, Taylor Oakerson, Steve Schon, Chris Ellerbroek, and back row from left, Joe Tome, Brian Naykki, Shaun Chosa, Heidi Pinkerton, Brett Ross. submitted photo

Great Nordic Beardfest benefits Ely Area Food Shelf

ELY - The Great Nordic Beardfest and the Boathouse Brewpub pre-

sented a \$250 donation to the Ely Area Food Shelf. Money was collected from jars around town, and that amount was increased by further donations from the Great Nordic Beardfest and the Boathouse Brewpub. The Ely Food Shelf is the beneficiary of efforts during Beardfest.

The Fourth Annual Great Nordic Beardfest saw tremendous growth in one of the most popular events of the Ely Winter Festival. “This year saw a committee formed for the

Great Nordic Beardfest, as well as a community social club, the Black Hat Society,” said organizer Shaun Chosa. “The Black Hat Society will focus on doing positive action in the community.”

The GNB also joined the Adopt-a-Highway program in St. Louis County. “Look for our folks to police the Winton Road with spring and fall trash clean ups,” Chosa said.

The Great Nordic Beardfest looks to expand with a kids’ event, and a

team-based event aimed primarily at locals thru a local tavern crawl. “Beardfest expansion will see further integration and additions to the Ely Winter Festival,” Chosa added. New events and other non-beard activities are also on the horizon coming from the Super Mega Beast Production Co. run by Chosa.

Find them on Facebook and online at greatnordicbeardfest.com.

**Breathing Out**

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suddenly snow falls  
winter again, shovels out  
4 a.m. plowing

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## PEE WEE HOCKEY



The Ely Blue Line Hockey Club hosted the 2018 Pee Wee B District Tournament this year. The home team took third place and advanced to the Regional Tournament to be held in Sauk Rapids on March 2-4. submitted photo

## ELY COMMUNITY EDUCATION

## Dog obedience classes offered this spring

ELY – Ely Community Education is offering beginning and advanced dog obedience classes beginning May 7.

This advanced class works on improving the dog's response to commands, moving the dog and handler to the next level of skill and understanding.

In this class, participants will reinforce learned commands and learn new commands. Socializing and controlling the dog while distracted, voice commands, off leash and other training will be addressed. Off lead work is introduced for dogs that are ready. This is a structured class that builds teamwork between the dog and the handler.

This class follows the Beginning Dog Obedience class but it is also an excellent class for the dog and

handler that have been away from training and need to brush up on their skills.

Dogs must be six months or older or have instructor approval. Dog handlers must be at least 12 years old, no exceptions. Bring proof of vaccination to first class. Dogs must be vaccinated against rabies and parvo.

The beginning class meets 6-7 p.m. and the advanced class meets 7-8 p.m. for eight sessions on Mondays at the Ely High School Ice Arena, beginning Monday, May 7, and continuing May 14, May 21, June 4, June 11, June 18, June 25, July 2. No class on Memorial Day.

The fee is \$120 for each class. Instructor Paula McKenzie has spent a good portion of her life working with dogs. She has acquired

a vast amount of experience in all aspects of a dog's life, from years of hands-on work with dogs of all sizes, shapes and breeds.

In addition to teaching Ely Community Education Dog Obedience Classes, she trains and works with certified therapy dogs, and helps teach reading skills through the Reading to Rover Program.

McKenzie breeds English Labs and Brittany Spaniels, and trains dogs in everything from basic dog obedience to agility training and hunting. She has participated in dog shows and has several champions. She owns Kramer Kennel providing grooming and overnight boarding. She lives and works out of Kramer Bay in Babbitt.

## Softball, baseball skills developmental camp starts Sunday

ELY – The Ely Community Education Softball and Baseball Skills Development Camp begins Sunday, Feb. 25 and will meet once a week for two hours through April 8. The Skills Development Camp is designed to increase both the mental and physical skills of baseball/softball players.

Each weekly session will focus on a different developmental skill. Camp session instruction is designed to keep partici-

pants engaged in learning and improving skills: reinforcement of skills; lectures, demonstrations, and video review of new skills; hands on work and development of skills at various skills stations.

Topics will include: Arm Care and Conditioning, Throwing Mechanics, Hitting Mechanics, Pitching Mechanics, Base Running, Infield Defense, Outfield Defense, Catcher/Pitcher Defense, and other skill development.

Instructor Paul Kienitz has coached and managed youth baseball teams for several years from ages 7 – 18 years old, including being a volunteer assistant coach on Ely's high school team last season. He has also been the hitting and pitching instructor for various youth baseball teams. Paul is a lifetime baseball player. He played high school baseball and played softball for decades. He brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to his

coaching. His camp is designed to teach skills in a positive and creative way.

WHEN: Sundays, Feb. 25, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 (no class – Easter) April 8 (last class)

TIME: 3-5 p.m.  
WHERE: Ely Memorial Gym

FEE: \$35 per student, \$60 max per family.

AGES: 10 to 18 years of age (may be divided into smaller age groups).

## News in Brief

## Artists, musicians wanted

ELY - The third annual Celebration of Art and Music is now in the works. Stone Soup Events is looking for artists, teachers, musicians and anyone wanting to share their talents. Host an art show or concert, teach a class, read poetry, sell your wares - the sky is the limit.

Spend two weeks celebrating the amazing talent that Ely has to offer. The Celebration will run from March 23-April 14. Your event may take place any time within that time period.

There is no cost for you to participate! Stone Soup Events will advertise and help to coordinate dates, space and anything else you may need.

Contact elystonesoup@gmail.com or 218-206-4702 by March 1.

## EMPOWER meets Feb. 26

ELY - EMPOWER meets at 5:30 p.m. on Monday Feb. 26th at the United States Forest Service building in Ely.

Peggy York-Jesme, CNP, will be our featured speaker. She is the chair of the Well Being Development Board, serving the communities of Babbitt, Ely, Embarrass, Soudan, Tower, and Winton. She will update us on Northern Lights Clubhouse and Ely's Behavioral Health Network.

## Tuesday Group schedule

Feb. 27 – Shannon Barber-Meyer – Wolf and Deer Research Project

Yesterday's news,  
this week

from the archives of

## THE ELY MINER

*Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society*

February 22, 1918

Draft board receives orders  
for two more men

Orders have been received by the Local Board of District No. 3 to entrain two men on Feb. 27 at 7 a.m. for Camp Dodge.

These two men are to take the place of others discharged for physical disability. The quota from this district had been filled but by the discharge of three men a vacancy is caused. Credit has been secured for an enlisted man and thus it leaves the district short only two to fill the first quota of 86.

City Clerk Arthur Knutson has been ordered to be ready to entrain on the morning of the 27th as has also Matt Berquist of Winton. The men will go directly to Camp Dodge along with 8,000 others ordered to the camp to fill the quota.

Notices of discharge for physical defects of Arthur Selke of Winton, Oscar Levander of Embarrass, and David H. Blackmore of Ely have been received by the local board. These were all with the contingent that went from here to Camp Scott at San Francisco in December. Selke returned to his present home at St. Paul, Levander to Embarrass, and Blackmore to Ely.

## Funeral held Monday

The funeral of Miss Angela Fromhertz, who was accidentally killed by a street car in St. Paul last week, and whose remains were brought here Friday, was held Monday from the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Stoll, aunt and uncle of the unfortunate lady.

Services were held at the Catholic Church and the attendance was large. Miss Bessie Lambert provided special music at the church. A number of relatives of the dead girl from all over the country attended the funeral.

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 (under-insured).

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Open Office Hours are 10am - 3pm on Monday & Tuesday from 10am - 2pm or call for an appointment. Youth grant applicants must call for a grants review by March 9.

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...for making our first year a successful one.

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The Story Portage Board: Anthony Wright, Angell Magliulo, Lynne Halverson, Rita Koch, Katarina Schmidt, Dale Beers, and Dick Larson





**Sledding Sunday at VNP on Feb. 25**  
INT’L FALLS- Join park staff and their families on Sunday, Feb. 25 from 2 – 4 p.m. at VNP’s Kabetogama Lake sledding hill for an afternoon of fun. Participants should bring their own sleds. Afterwards, warm up by a campfire. Recommended for ages two and up. The free event is part of the park’s 2018 Winter at Voyageurs Event Series.

**Empty Bowl fundraiser set for Friday, March 2 at North Woods School**  
FIELD TWP- Preparations are underway for the sixth annual North Woods School Empty Bowl event. This year the event will honor veterans. North Woods ceramic students are working to meet the goal of making 250 bowls for the event. The high school students also pitched in, assisting the third-grade elementary students in glazing the bowls. Local area churches and volunteers make the soup. Last year the event raised over \$2,000 for the Cook and Orr Food Shelves, as well as the Nett Lake Boys and Girls Club.

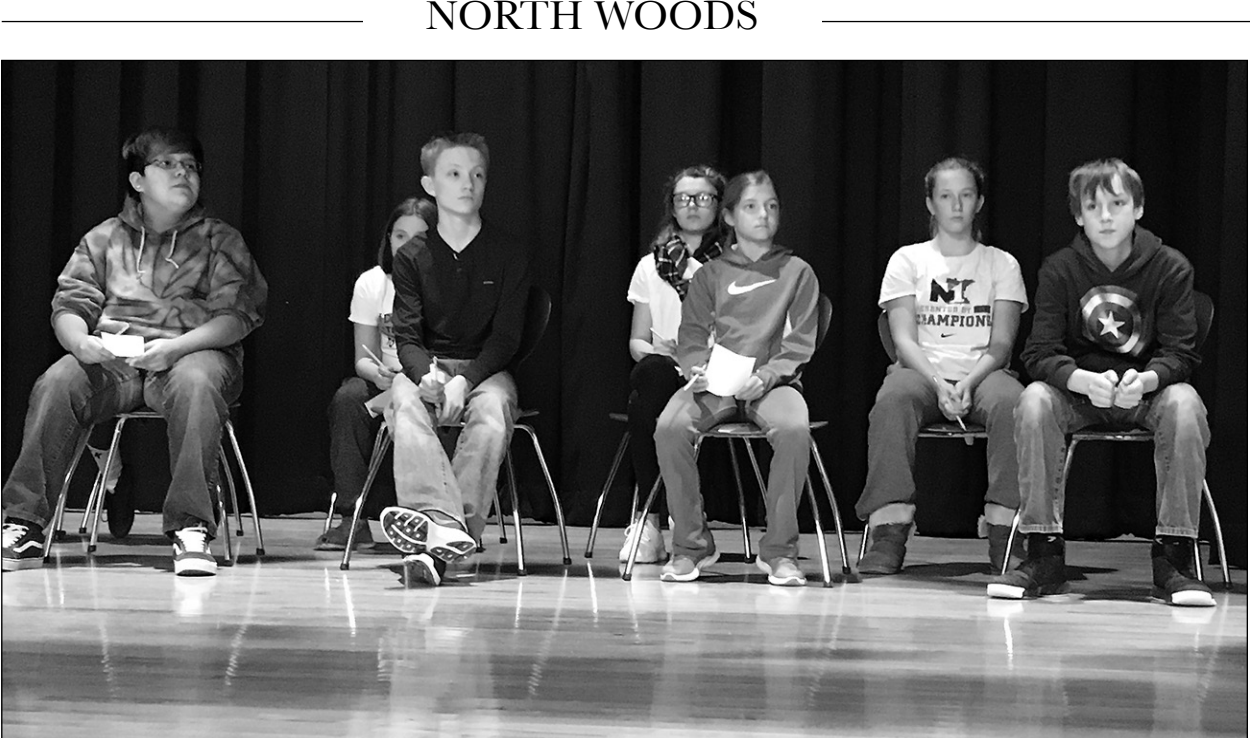
The Empty Bowl event will take place on Friday, March 2 from 4:30-7 p.m. The one-of-a-kind ceramic bowls will be available for \$10; included in the price is a soup dinner with dessert and beverage.

**Tacos and Trivia night at North Woods on Saturday, March 3**  
FIELD TWP- International Travel Club Students of Cook will be hosting a Taco and Trivia Night on Saturday, March 3, at the Cook Community Center. Tacos will be served from 3:30-7:30 with take-out available or stay for the evening to participate in the Trivia Competition starting at 6 p.m. Taco meal will include two tacos, Spanish rice, chips, salsa, dessert and a beverage for \$8 for adults and \$5 for children, 12 and under. \$25 per trivia team with 50-percent pay-out. There will be ten rounds, so gather your friends to create a team of 1-6 people of any age. Pre-registration is encouraged, but not required. Email Carrie Carstens at ccarstens@isd2142.k12.mn.us or Denise Parson at dparson@isd2142.k12.mn.us to register your team. Come support this fundraiser and enjoy a night of tacos, trivia and fun with friends and family.

**Beginners Wood Carving Class meets twice a month in Cook**  
COOK- Have you ever wanted to try whittling something from wood? The Beginners Wood Carving Class at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery, 210 S River St. in Cook will be held twice monthly and the next class is Thursday, March 1 from 6 - 8 p.m. Experienced carvers will supply some tools and knives if students are unable to bring their own. Class size is limited to 12 participants so registrations will be taken in Cook, next to Dream Weaver Salon at NWFA Gallery on Thursday, Friday (10 a.m. to 4 p.m.) and Saturday (9 a.m. to 1 p.m.), or call Howard Hilshorst at 218 741-7941.

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# Daebwae Chosa wins bee

Chosa and second-place winner Morgan Burnett go to district bee

by MELISSA ROACH  
Staff Writer  
FIELD TWP-Students were all abuzz with anticipation for the North Woods Spelling Bee. The two best spellers from the fifth, sixth, seventh, and eighth grades met up for a spell-down last week. Eight spellers took to the stage. Students spelled out (or misspelled) words such as har-binger, arrogant, dilapidated, and ballyhoo, until eventually, three finalists remained. Eighth-graders Daebwae Chosa, Morgan Burnett, and fifth-grader Addison Burckhardt were the last three spellers in the bee. North Woods teacher Kandi Olson said the competition was one of the longest spelling bees that she could remember. Students were given a small intermission, and during the break the spellers classmates rallied around the three finalists with support and encouragement. Burnett was the district champion last year. This year, Chosa secured first place for the school contest, with Burckhardt and Burnett continuing to



**Spelling Bee Winners Daebwae Chosa (left), first place, and Morgan Burnett, second place, will advance to the district spelling bee representing North Woods.** photos by M. Roach

battle it out for a few more rounds, until Burnett advanced to second place. Both Chosa and Burnett will advance to the district-wide competition.

## CRANE LAKE

# Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



**Life in the North Country**  
Warm weather has been given us and it is beautiful!  
Sad news: Bud Bystrom passed away this week. Services will be in the spring.  
Not much news. Snowmobilers have taken over the entire community. Presidents Day week-end brought out many tourists. The locals are staying home or going to homes for entertainment.  
Chris White and Lindsey spent the week-end with Ruth Carlson. They split wood for Ruth and stacked it. How lucky she is!  
This old Dame has gotten the cold bug that is going around. It’s made her a little slow.

**Life in the Land of Sun and Sand**  
Life in the Land of Sun and Sand was good this past week. Finally got into some high-70s for temps and the sun was out. Florida has hazy mornings, and one thinks it’s going to be an icky day, but by 10 a.m. the haze has burned off and the glorious sun shines through. The patio of our condo unit gets sun just about all day, and we spent much of the day in the sun, just enjoying the weather and ocean view. Lots of people on the beach—many visitors from Louisiana, mostly because of the long holiday week end and a lot of the schools were off all last week for Mardi Gras. Seems like they have a lot of time off from school down here in “South land”—but one must consider that school starts here in early August, and summer vacation doesn’t begin until near mid-June.  
Heard you had some snow in Crane Lake over the weekend! Also heard a lot of you have been glued to the Olympics. Did you know that the first Winter Olympics to

use artificial snow was in Lake Placid in 1980? That was the year that Eric Heiden won all five speed-skating events and the “Miracle on Ice” occurred when the U.S. Hockey team won an upset victory over the Russians.  
Have you ever heard of thundersnow? That is when thunder and lightning occur during a snowstorm. It is one of Mother Nature’s rarest events. A mass of cold air meeting with warm, moist air lurking near the ground is the cause, and it is usually associated with heavy snowfall. Lightning during a snowstorm usually heralds an 86-percent chance of at least six inches of snow.  
For you movie goers, this Dame saw “The 15:17 to Paris” last week. Of all the movies seen of late, the Dame would give this one a 5. It was okay, not great, and a little bit of a disappointment in that usually Clint Eastwood is connected with pretty good movies. The point may have been that these were just average U.S. kids having a European holiday, then were placed in a situation where they became heroes. Consequently, the movie was pretty ho-hum until they got to the terrorist-on-the-train part. Most interesting was the fact that the “heroes” played themselves in the movie, so it must be pretty factual.  
Have you ever seen a starfruit? Last week the Dame had her first exposure to it. Carambola (starfruit) is a popular variety of fruit here in Florida—supposedly packed with nutrients and minerals. The name comes from its distinct shape when cut in cross-sections (a star). The starfruit is about 3-6 inches in length and the flesh is yellow, crisp and tart in taste. The entire fruit can be eaten or used in cooking. It can be made into relishes, preserves, and juicy drinks. However, it was only observed, not experienced, so you will have to take their word on it!  
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 and we like to know about you. Send news by e-mail to info@thelakecountry.com, by fax to 218-757-3533, or by phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be added. Fire away with your news. Remember any funds received for this column are added to the Crane Lake Scholarship Fund. This scholarship is given to our local students who graduate and will receive further education. The committee for the Scholarship Fund is Sandra Bodkin, Linda Lang and Tracey Francke. Contact any member of the committee should you wish to make a donation.  
Until next week the Dames are singing of.f.

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PLAY BALL



Grizzlies  
in training

The second-grade boys basketball team played during  
halftime of the boys varsity game last week. The boys  
had a great time during the scrimmage with lots of cheers  
from the crowd. photos by C. Stone

GRIZZLY UPDATES

Snowmobile to School Day: Welcome back winter

On Monday, Feb.  
12, North Woods School  
had our 1st Annual “Ride  
Your Snowmobile To  
School Day!” The idea  
actually started out last  
year. A couple of North  
Woods students ap-  
proached me asking if  
they could ride their sleds  
to school. As an avid  
snowmobiler myself, I  
wanted to give them the  
opportunity to use their  
machines without having  
a pack of snowmobiles  
cruising around campus  
daily. So, we decided to  
pick a date in February  
and go with it!

I contacted the local  
DNR Officer to ensure  
that we were not break-  
ing any laws by allowing  
the event. The biggest  
concern was finding legal  
routes for students riding  
in from all directions. In  
discussing with him, it  
looked like we could pull  
it off as long as we abided  
by the law when it came  
to who was allowed to  
cross roadways. The MN  
Snowmobile Regulations  
state that riders who are  
at least 14-years-old and  
possess a MN Snowmo-  
bile Safety Certificate are  
allowed to cross roadways  
independently. The deci-  
sion was made that due  
to the road-crossing stip-  
ulation, our event would  
be for ninth-  
through twelfth-graders  
only. We finalized our  
date and.....then Mother  
Nature threw us a curve-  
ball.

If you recall the  
weather last winter, we  
had snow. Lots of it!  
By the third weekend of  
deer season we had a foot  
of the white stuff on the  
ground. Then it melted.  
We received more snow.  
It melted. By late Janu-  
ary, we were experienc-  
ing an early spring, and



JOHN  
VUKMANICH

our hopes of riding were  
dashed like the Vikings’  
run for the Super Bowl.

This winter seemed  
much the same. Multi-

ple snow falls succumbed  
to the warmth of the  
sun, but with our date  
of Feb. 12 approaching  
it looked like we had a  
chance. With our event’s  
day close, hopes were  
high. Then the weather  
turned cold. REAL cold!  
Temps on Monday were  
around -15F with wind  
chills making it feel cold-  
er. Sleds started rolling in  
a little after 8 a.m. and by  
the start of school at 8:30  
a.m., 16 students braved  
the cold to enjoy their  
sport and make a regular  
Monday at school a little  
more interesting.

Although we lost a  
couple of riders along the  
way, one to the flu and

one to a broken shock  
mount, everyone arrived  
safely. As we enjoy  
snowmobiling in the win-  
ter playland that Minne-  
sota offers us, the most  
important consideration  
is to ride safe. My thanks  
to DNR Conservation Of-  
ficers John Velsvaag and  
Matt Frierichs, and also  
to School Resource Offi-  
cer Matt Krueger for their  
help.

If our snow holds up,  
we may have a second  
event on a warmer day!

Have a great week-  
end. Go Grizzlies!

Your Principal,  
John Vukmanich

Tacos & Trivia  
Hosted by  
International Travel Club  
Students of Cook

Saturday, March 3  
Cook Community Center.  
Tacos served 3:30-7:30 PM  
(take out available)  
\$8 adults, \$5 children  
(12 & under)

Trivia Competition at 6 PM  
\$25 per trivia team  
50% pay-out  
Ten rounds  
Teams 1-6 people-any age

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## Penguins Snowmobile Club hosting mystery ride on Feb. 24

REGIONAL- The Vermilion Penguins Snowmobile Club has a mystery ride scheduled on Saturday, Feb. 24. Meet at the Vermilion Club at 10 a.m. for a ride to the Penguins Cook-Out at a mystery location. Call 750-0695 with any questions.

## Ruby's Pantry in Babbitt on Feb. 24

BABBITT- Ruby's Pantry will be distributing food on Saturday, Feb. 24 (4th Saturday of each month) from 10 – 11:30 a.m. at Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Dr. in Babbitt. A \$20 cash donation buys an abundance of food. Sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church. Volunteers always welcome.

## Try Hockey for Free on Saturday, March 3 in Ely

ELY- The Ely Blue Line Club is hosting a Try Hockey for Free Day on Saturday, March 3 at the Ely Ice Arena from 9-10 a.m. Please register at TryHockeyForFree.com. Any questions, call 218-235-1935. Hockey teaches kids a lot more than how to skate. Come play youth hockey and experience more great moments in your child's life.

## Copper Street Brass to perform two children's programs in Babbitt on Tuesday

BABBITT- The Minneapolis-based group, Copper Street Brass, brings their original children's program, "Big Ears and the Blue Ox," to Northeast Range Elementary for two free performances on Tuesday, Feb. 27.

This 40-minute interactive concert presentation includes brass instruments, drums, and a narrator, and is designed for children ages 2 – 10.

Performances will be held at 9:15 a.m. for the elementary children, and then again at 10:15 a.m., with a special preschool and family program.

"Big Ears and the Blue Ox" takes kids on a trip through the Minnesota woods while they help Big Ears the Rabbit build the perfect song for Paul Bunyan's birthday party. Along the way, children learn how to carefully listen for musical concepts like melody, rhythm, and harmony while singing and moving their bodies to the music.

## Red Owl Reunion on March 10

VIRGINIA- An informal gathering of Red Owl Store staff and friends will be held on Saturday, March 10 starting at noon. The Virginia Red Owl Store closed about 30 years ago. Please RSVP to Donna at 218-749-5444 or Mary at 218-741-8069.

## Vermilion Dream Quilters to meet in Tower on Thursday, March 1

TOWER- Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1 in the social hall at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower. Our February snowball block lottery drawing was postponed due to bitter cold weather at our last meeting, so you can still be included and might win all of the blocks. Bring your snowball blocks with an address label on the back. In addition, Noreen Saukko will present the Year of the Dog Challenge, which will be due at our Oct. 4 meeting. Marlene Johnson and Cathy Burt are coordinators of our famous Chinese Auction. It's time to check your shelves, drawers, and closets for quilting-related (or not) items that are duplicates or no longer needed, but that will appeal and have value to others. Raffle tickets will be sold that evening, and you might be the lucky winner of someone else's neglected treasure. As a hint, address labels make putting your name on the tickets easy. All proceeds benefit the Tower Food Shelf.

For more information, please contact Corrine Hill in Tower at 218-753-4600.

## TOWER BINGO Monday, March 5

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, March 5 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 2018:

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Monday, April 2  
Monday, May 7  
Monday, June 4  
Monday, July 9 (second Monday)

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## WINTER FUN

# Pond Hockey tournament on Feb. 24

Winter family fun at White Eagle Resort on Lake Vermilion



COOK- On Saturday, Feb. 24 pond hockey returns to Lake Vermilion for the second annual Lake Vermilion Pond Hockey Championship in front of White Eagle Resort. Even if you don't play hockey, plan on stopping by the rinks

to take in the action.

In addition to the hockey competition, hot food will be served all day with proceeds going to the local cheerleaders. The menu will include chili, hot dogs, burgers, and pulled pork sandwiches. A kiddie rink will

be open for youngsters, and it will be a great day to bring the family out for some winter fun. Hop on the snowmobile and park rinkside to take in the action.

We'll see you on the ice!

## LOTS TO DO!

## Benefit set for Kevin Turner on March 3

GILBERT- A benefit fundraiser for Kevin Turner will be held on Saturday, March 3 from 4 – 8 p.m. at the Gilbert VFW. There will be a rigatoni and meatball dinner, raffles, and silent auctions. Music is by High Voltage Sounds DJ.

Kevin had emergency surgery last spring and was finally able to return to work in October. But in December he was diagnosed with throat cancer. He had surgery and is now undergoing chemo and radiation and is unable to work. Anyone wishing to drop off donations can call 218-780-0196 or 218-750-7938.

## Services at Mesabi Unitarian Universalist

VIRGINIA- On Sunday, Feb. 25, Cherie Bridges will present "A Perspective on Death and Dying." In our quest to live intentionally, how can we become more comfortable talking about and preparing for our own death? How will we die in a way worthy of our lives? What legacy will we leave behind? Laced with humor, Bridges offers practical suggestions that address a variety of end-of-life issues.

Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 230 7 St. S in Virginia. Usual services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information,

visit [www.mesabiuu.org](http://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.

## Sons of Norway meet Thursday

VIRGINIA- Sons of Norway Haarfager Lodge 40 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, March 1, in the Virginia City Hall Club Room. Our King and Queen will be crowned. Stephanie and Nathan Lutzka will present a program on the Scandinavian game Kubb. The serving committee consists of Duane and Sue Gustafson and Sara Palazzari. Anyone interested in Norwegian culture and heritage is welcome to attend.

## Finnish Americans and Friends in Hibbing

HIBBING- At 2 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, Finnish Americans and Friends will feature Katherine Johnson, who will discuss her new historical novel, "The Wind and the Drum". This is a story of a young Saami who faces challenges from not only the harsh environment, but threats to maintaining traditional life. When strangers come to take away the drums and other sacred items, Tuuli embarks upon a perilous journey to save the deer, herself, and the Saami way of life.

Everyone is invited to this presentation at the

community meeting room of Grace Lutheran Church, 4010 9 Ave. W in Hibbing. Coffee time with treats brought by attendees will follow the program.

## Eight-week grief support group

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

The support group meets Mondays from March 5 to April 30, from 6 – 8 p.m. at the Peace United Methodist Church, 303 9 Ave. S in Virginia. Please call 1-877-851-2213 or 218-749-7975 to register. There is no cost to participate.

## Family history pick-and-tell project

VIRGINIA- Students in Mr. Holmes's class at the Roosevelt Elementary School have scoured their attics, basements, cabinets, and drawers in search of artifacts that are a part of their family histories. The fifth-graders will report their findings to the Virginia Area Historical Society on Friday, March 2 at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Apartments in Virginia.

Attendees can expect to learn about a silver harmonica, a well-worn comb and brush set, an alto saxophone with a black mouthpiece, a golf ball with 336 dimples, a 1964 Sears Christmas Catalog, a kitchen mixer about the size of a small microwave oven, and many other interesting items.

## Blackberry Winterfest Sleigh Rally on Saturday

BLACKBERRY- Got the wintertime blues? Need some family fun? The North Star Draft Horse Association is holding an old-fashioned horse drawn sleigh and cutter event at the North Central Minnesota Farm and Antique Association show grounds at Blackberry on Saturday Feb. 24 from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. Horse-drawn sleigh rides are \$3 for adults, \$1 for children ages 6-12. Kids 5 and under are free.

Expect to see Percherons, Belgians, Hafflingers, and many other horse breeds, as well as a donkey named Jack. There will be games for the children including the chance to win a cake playing the cake walk game. Food will be available on site.

The Blackberry show grounds are located 5 miles east of Grand Rapids on Highway 2.

No dogs, please. In the event of really bad weather, it may be cancelled. Call Ed Nelson at 218-966-1354 for more information.

## Virginia mental health support group for families meets second Tuesdays

VIRGINIA- NAMI Minnesota (National Alliance on Mental Illness) sponsors free support groups for families and friends of individuals living with a mental illness. Led by trained facilitators who also have a family member with mental illness, the support groups help families develop better coping skills and find strength through sharing their experiences. A family support group meets in Virginia on the second Tuesday of each month, from 6 – 7 p.m., at Essentia-Health Medical Arts Clinic, 901 9th St. N., in McMillan Room B. For information, call Dan at 218-290-5461. NAMI Minnesota is a non-profit organization that works to improve the lives of children and adults with mental illnesses and their families through its programs of education, support and advocacy.



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## HIGH SCHOOL CHOIR

### Boundary Waters Choral Festival brings big choral sounds to small school singers

Concert performance set for Friday, March 2 at 7 p.m. in Ely



Above: Choir students working with college choir instructors during last year's event. Below: Vermilion Country School students on stage last year. file photos

ELY- For the ninth year in a row, high school choral students will have the opportunity to train and sing as one large choir as part of the Boundary Waters Choral Festival on Friday, March 2. The public is invited to attend the evening concert, at 7 p.m. in Ely's Washington Auditorium. There is no charge, but donations are greatly appreciated.

This year the festival will feature students from Ely, International Falls, Mt. Iron-Buhl, Silver Bay, and the Vermilion Country School in Tower. As has been the tradition since its inception, each school's choir will sing the two selections that they will be singing for the Minnesota State High School League Music Contest which will be held later in March. They will then perform three selections as a festival choir under the direction of Festival Director Dr. Matthew J. Olson.

Students spend the entire day participating in choral workshops with Olson, along with the other guest performers including University of Minnesota vocal staff Alice Pierce, Rachel Inselman, and Elias Mokole, who all participated in the event last year. The students have been practicing the special music for this year's festival on their own, but on this day, they begin to practice the works as one large group.

This year's repertoire includes "Gloria" from Mass in D by Dvorak, "The Wild Rose" by Matthew J. Olson and Wendell Berry, and "Baba Yetu" by Chris Kiagiri and Christopher Tin. Olson wrote The Wild Rose as a surprise gift to his wife on their wedding day.

The day is a once-a-year experience for these young singers, who get the guidance of working with college-level choral instructors along with the experience of singing as one large choir.

Matthew J. Olson leads a diverse career as a conductor, choral composer, singer, songwriter, arts administrator, and music educator. In the upcoming 2017-18 season, he serves as Artistic Director of Oratory Bach Ensemble, a professional baroque orchestra and choir; Visiting Director of Choirs at Carleton College; Instructor of Voice at North Hennepin Community College; Guest Conductor

of Magnum Chorum; and Assistant Conductor of The Singers, with whom he will lead performances of Joby Talbot's choral symphony *Path of Miracles*.

Rachel Inselman, soprano, is a Professor of Voice at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She has performed numerous opera roles as well as appearances as soloist with symphony orchestras throughout the United States including the Cleveland Orchestra, Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, Toledo Symphony, and Lincoln Symphony Orchestra.

Alice Pierce, soprano, is an Instructor of Voice and Director of Opera Studio at UMD. She received a BM and MM in Vocal Performance from Indiana University. Early in her career, she served on the faculty at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington and the North Carolina School of the Arts. During these years, she was a Metropolitan Opera Regional finalist twice, singing often in concert and opera.

Elias Mokole, baritone, serves on the faculty at UMD and is equally at home in recital, musical theatre and orchestral concerts, as well as opera. Praised by both *Opera News* and the *Washington Post* for his "powerful, rich warm baritone," Mokole's performance highlights include: Germont in *La Traviata*, Enrico in *Lucia di Lammermoor*, Sharpless in *Madame Butterfly*, Scarpia in *Tosca*, Ford in *Falstaff*, as well as Elijah in *Elijah*, Juan Perón in *Evita*, the title role in *Gianni Schicchi*, and soloist for the Brahms Requiem.

A new professional performer this year is Bryon Klimek, who will be the cellist for Dr. Olson's piece "The Wild Rose."

A native of Chisholm, Klimek is the principal cellist of the Mesabi Symphony Orchestra and a substitute cellist for the Duluth-Superior Symphony Orchestra.

Ely's own Irene Hartfield is the accompanist for the event. She began playing the piano at the age of three, and studied with Ely piano teacher Ina Dunstan at four. She went on to pursue a career in music in New York City, singing and playing there and in Las Vegas and other U.S. venues, Venezuela, Bermuda, and Sweden. She also spent three years entertaining on Holland America Cruise Lines. Today, she has returned to her hometown where she entertains locally and plays for two churches.

The school choir directors, Mary Carroll (Silver Bay), Tamara Koenig (International Falls), Susan Lindmeier (Mt. Iron-Buhl), Karin Schmidt (Vermilion Country School), and Michael Rouse (Ely Memorial) have been very busy preparing their choirs for the state contest as well

as for this year's festival. We are so lucky to have such dedicated students and directors in this part of Minnesota!

Billie Rouse, the executive director of the Boundary Waters Choral Festival, has been hard at work organizing and fundraising for this year's festival and is already in the planning stages for the 2019 festival. The Boundary Waters Choral Festival is made possible through the generous donations of several businesses as well as grants including the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust, which has been a major contributor throughout the years. A little "inside" knowledge ... mark your calendars now for Friday, March 1, 2019 ... you will not want to miss the 10th annual BWCF! There will be some special surprises and guest performers!

We will see you there for a joyful evening of choral music!

### Sisu Heritage annual meeting Feb. 25; speaker on Finnish education

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage, Inc. will hold its annual meeting on Sunday, Feb. 25 at 2 p.m. at the Embarrass Town Hall. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Philip Johnson, President of Finlandia University in Hancock, Mich., on the topic of the Finnish education system. This should be of interest to all involved in education - teachers, students, administrators, parents, and the general public. A short business meeting will precede Dr. Johnson's talk, including committee reports, election of board members, and presentation of the 2018 budget. Coffee and will be served and door prizes awarded.

Sisu Heritage, Inc. is a non-profit organization affiliated with the St. Louis County Historical Society. Its mission is "to enhance the Embarrass region by preserving and sharing its unique culture, climate and history." Memberships to Sisu are \$10/year and can be renewed or purchased at the meeting, or by mail to Sisu Heritage, PO Box 127, Embarrass, MN 55732.

The public is cordially invited to join Sisu members for the afternoon. Embarrass Town Hall is located at 7503 Levander Rd. Please call 218-984-3402 with any questions.

### Musical film highlights women's contribution to Finland, Feb. 24 at Kaleva Hall

VIRGINIA- The Singing Strings Musical Drama, a 55-minute film, will be shown on Saturday, Feb. 24 at 3 p.m. at Kaleva Hall, 125 3rd St. N in Virginia. Admission is free and coffee and will be available after the film.

The film chronicles "Women's Contribution to Finland's 100 Years of Independence." It took two years for the pianist and co-director of Singing Strings to collect information and write this musical drama. The film is about the life stories of Finland's women who influenced and advanced the country's aim to achieve independence from Russia.

This film uses music, pictures and narration to enhance the effect of the stories. This project has made us realize how important it is to include and educate women all around the world about the contributions women have made, said co-directors Hilpi Leino-Kantola, pianist, and Helina Leino-Pakola, violinist.

### Annual NSLSWCD tree sale underway; new varieties available this year

REGIONAL- Trees are available for your spring planting needs from the North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District. Take your choice of over 20 varieties of trees in bundles of 10, 15, or 25. There is a nice assortment of shrubs, deciduous trees, and conifers. New this year are bur oak and red splendor crabapple. Reasonably priced between \$30 and \$45 per bundle. Plantskydd and Repellex brands of organic animal repellent products are available to help keep the critters away. All proceeds are used for conservation efforts in the northern part of St. Louis County.

Order early for best selection. Quantities are limited. Deadline to order is Thursday, May 4. Pick up will be in Eveleth on Thursday, May 10 and Friday, May 11. Order forms and information are available at [www.nslswcd.org](http://www.nslswcd.org), via e-mail to [info@nslswcd.org](mailto:info@nslswcd.org), or by call or text to 218-749-2000.

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ELY SCHOOL BOARD

# Ely School District adopts 2018-2019 school calendar

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – The Ely School Board adopted the 2018-2019 school calendar last week that calls for 172 student attendance days, and remains largely unchanged from the current school schedule.

On a 5-0 vote, with Heidi Mann absent from the Feb. 12 meeting, board members agreed with the administration’s recommendation that calls for the school year to run from Sept.

4, 2018 to May 31, 2019.

After several years of commencement exercises scheduled for the middle of the Memorial Day weekend, the school district broke from tradition this year with seniors attending their graduation ceremony on Saturday, June 2. The new tradition will be repeated next school year with graduation scheduled for Saturday, June 1, 2019.

School begins as usual on the Tuesday after Labor Day, Sept. 4, 2018. Teachers will have work-

shop days on Aug. 28-30, 2018. An open house for students to meet their new teachers is scheduled for Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018.

Students will have a four-day weekend in October with MEA in-service days scheduled for Oct. 18-19.

The Thanksgiving weekend will feature a five-day weekend. For Christmas break, classes go until Friday, Dec. 21. Classes resume on Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2019. A four-day President’s

Day weekend is set for Feb. 15-18, 2019.

Spring Break will be scheduled for March 14-18, 2019. Easter Break will be held April 19-22. The last day of school is Friday, May 31, 2019.

## Facility upgrades

School Board members did not discuss the proposed courtyard project to connect all campus buildings. Estimates of construction costs and facility upgrades

vary widely from \$1.5 million to more than \$6 million.

Board member Rochelle Sjoberg strongly suggested that the issue become a permanent agenda item on future board meetings for discussion to move forward.

School Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson released the results of a staff survey to assess facility needs. The proposed courtyard addition to connect the buildings received much support, as well as the con-

struction of an additional gymnasium.

The anonymous survey listed such ideas as:

- Safety for students;
- Improved lunch cafeteria for students;
- Limited gym/multi-purpose space for students during regular school day;
- Science or art space in a multipurpose room;
- Coordinated and centralized location for support staff, administration and entrance for stu-

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of the MSBA,” said board member Chris Koivisto, who was the lone vote against the decision. “Furthermore, I think by extending the timeline, the board would have shown a greater responsibility and done our due diligence in pulling from a diverse pool of candidates... Indeed Reggie has a competent resume, but I would have liked to have vetted the position through a suitable pool of candidates. So, I can’t support this.”

Koivisto stressed that his position was based on his concerns about the lack of a hiring process, not a reflection on his opinion of Engebritson. “This no vote shouldn’t be misconstrued as a vote of no confidence in Reggie as a candidate,” he said.

Board member Dan Manick said he agreed with Koivisto’s concern, seeing it as an opportunity lost to the board. “I was looking forward to the process and

hoped the position would have been posted for a longer period of time. I wanted to see what the outside world thinks of our school district,” he said. “My support for Reggie hasn’t wavered, I was just really looking forward to seeing how many applicants we got, to use it as a measuring stick.”

But board member Patrick Christensen suggested a broader search would have wasted time, since most of the board was already firm in their desire to hire Engebritson. “What is the point of making people drive up from the cities to interview for something they’re not going to get... and we would have arranged to spend a lot of time, basically wasting time interviewing people we really weren’t going to hire because people were sold on what we were going to do.”

Koivisto rebuked

Christensen, telling him, “I think it’s offensive that you are discounting my opinion and my ability to vet candidates, and that perhaps a candidate would come here and further change your mind based on exposure to those candidates.” Christensen responded, “Others had stated they were ready to hire her on the spot, some time ago, because of that I felt that if we were going to open this up for two months, we were wasting a lot of time.”

Manick said he recalled a plan to conduct a broader search. “The last time we met as a board, we hired Reggie, and then we discussed a timeline, and there was kind of a defined process we were going to go with and we were looking at posting in February,” he said.

Board member Christine Taylor said that she thought the process got condensed in the end. “I’m

not offended that you think our opinions could not change if we were given other candidates,” she told Christensen. “I would assure you that if we were to bring people here to speak with us, my mind would be open. I don’t think it would have been a waste of time... I recognize Chris’s concerns, and share them to some extent.” Regardless, she added, “I feel that the district has locked ourselves into a very good superintendent.”

Engebritson began working for ISD 2142 in January, replacing former Superintendent Steve Sallee, who left mid-contract for a position in Rochester.

Engebritson is a long-time educator and administrator, having served for the past ten years as executive director of the Northland Learning Center, a special education cooperative with eleven area independent school districts. Engebritson studied special education and received her Master’s degree as well as her Administrative License from St. Cloud State University. She went on to obtain her Doctor of Education in Educational Policy and Administration from the University of Minnesota.

Engebritson has described her management style as one that focuses on leadership development for principals and teachers, focusing on student-centered classrooms.

## Other business

In her superintendent’s report, Engebritson updated the board on the inter-workings between the 2142 and Mountain Iron-Buhl school districts, concerning the possibility of sharing the superintendent position with MIB. Board members

expressed some confusion about the actual job description, chain of command, and the role of agreements that are already in place for the principal and assistant principal positions. By adding a superintendent to the mix, some members questioned if this was really becoming a consolidation.

Last summer, the board approved a list of shared service agreements for the 2017-2018 school year with MIB, calling for Kristi Berlin to also serve as MIB elementary principal and curriculum director. The terms of the agreement show MIB paying the St. Louis County Schools 45 percent of the district cost for salary and benefits, estimated at \$58,724.86. Last fall, the board also approved a \$10,000 one-time shared stipend agreement between the district and MIB, acknowledging Kristi Berlin for “going above-and-beyond what was expected of her in her 2017-2018 role as elementary school principal and K-12 curriculum director for MIB schools.” Another shared services agreement calls for 2142 to provide MIB administration payroll and administration of ACA reporting. In return, MIB will pay the district \$30,600 for the payroll portion and \$5,100 for ACA reporting. The board also agreed to provide MIB with a licensed school nurse’s services, with MIB paying the district \$10,265.

“I know Senator Bakk wants this to happen,” Engebritson said. “He said point blank this is not a consolidation. It’s a collaboration.”

MIB hoped to have a plan in place by March 10 for their board to vote on the proposal and negotiation package. The 2142 board thought that the plan would not be in place by then. Koivisto expressed

hesitation in sharing the positions, and didn’t want the 2142 superintendent being spread too thin. Ultimately the board wanted to see the plan for an agreement showing a job description, command chain, as well as cost and expense. Member Troy Swanson said, “In the end we just need to see a picture of what the net benefit will be to our district.”

In other business, the board:

➤ Approved an online preventative maintenance work order program at a prorated cost of \$27,244 for the first year, and \$3,660 for the second year. “SchoolDude” provides a tracking system for equipment maintenance and ensuring accountability. The program generates small repair work orders. Grounds and Facilities Director Tony Buccanero also noted the work orders could be handled by a new assistant, a position he is developing a job description for.

➤ Approved capital roofing projects for NE Range and Tower-Soudan schools. The project involves a partial roof replacement of the existing roof at both NE Range and TS. The project is estimated at \$1.819 million for NE Range and \$187,849 at Tower-Soudan. The estimate includes partial replacement of decking, and the price could increase if there is additional “bad decking” once the roof has been removed.

➤ Approved an employee benefit for after-school enrichment programs that are run through community ed.

➤ Approved a new teachers’ contract with Michelle Phillips.

➤ Approved an MOU for Cook Hospital and Care Center and North Woods School.

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tial impact to his hunting property now that the trail planners have assured him they have no intention of using eminent domain to obtain easements for the project.

Bakk said he's concerned that the trail could prompt users to lobby for a halt to logging along the corridor. "We just had a huge fight over a timber sale off of Burntside Lake," Bakk said, referencing the controversy over a timber harvest along a portion of the North Arm ski and hiking trails. "I don't want to put

another trail through the middle of the woods that will impact timber sales," he said.

Bakk noted that the potential trail corridor includes a significant amount of county-managed forest land, which is one reason he thinks the county has been cool to the plan to date. "I think it's a pretty significant issue," he said.

"That's pretty much the same thing he told us," said Carol Booth, one of the early organizers of the trail plan. Booth, who retired from the U.S. Forest Service,

said she thinks Sen. Bakk might be stereotyping bike trail users as anti-logging. "I don't think it's fair to assume that," she said, noting that local residents, who are used to timber management, would likely provide a lot of the trail use. Booth, who used to explain the need for timber management to the public as part of her former job, said she thinks logging could be an educational theme for the trail. She said many of the concerns that might arise over logging along the trail could be addressed through

vista management, which was frequently used by the Forest Service to mitigate the visual impacts of logging in high traffic areas.

Bakk said he would prefer to see trail planners focus on using existing road corridors, such as Hwys. 24 and 115, which would likely be easier to develop than trying to push through a trail closer to the lake.

Booth said she personally isn't opposed to using some road right-of-ways, where alternatives aren't available, but she said the planning commit-

tee strongly prefers a more scenic route. "Our first preference is to look for willing landowners, and make it as scenic as possible off the road. My personal opinion is we'll try that and realize it may not happen everywhere."

Booth said the group has already found some interest from landowners around Head-o-Lakes Bay, which has been encouraging. Getting from there to the city of Cook, however, remains somewhat daunting, given the significant area of swamp located just

south of the existing Vermilion Fairways golf course. Booth said the group still isn't sure how it gets past the wetlands.

On the trail's east end, the group is currently focused on a segment from the city of Tower to the Y Store, where wetlands are less of an issue.

With a timeline that estimates trail completion at 2037, Booth said members of the committee recognize that the trail is a long-term project that will present any number of challenges along the way.

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# Edberg named new executiver director at Dorothy Molter Museum

ELY - The Dorothy Molter Museum has named Jess Edberg as its new Executive Director, taking over for Sarah Guy-Levar who will be stepping down March 1. Laurie Bambas has been hired to the new position of Wholesale Manager.

Guy-Levar has served as the executive director since 2007 and has successfully led the museum, reinvigorating it financially with a thriving craft root beer production and

distribution, and publishing a biography of Dorothy Molter.

She made the decision to step into a new role at the museum as a part-time consultant and senior tour guide. "I am looking forward to focusing more of my time on my passion for watercolor painting and having more flexibility to enjoy living in the Northwoods with my family," she said. "I will remain a very active member of the Dorothy

Molter family though."

Guy-Levar and Edberg worked on a plan together to ensure a smooth transition in leadership.

"Appointing Jess was a clear choice for us," the museum's board president, Pam Brunfelt, said. "She has the experience, knowledge of the museum, and a passion for bringing Dorothy's story to the public."

Edberg was hired in April 2014 as the Visitor

Services Manager and will continue with many of the same duties. As part of the transition, a new Wholesale Manager position was created and filled to absorb the duties held by Guy-Levar specific to the brewing, bottling and distribution of the Museum's Isle of Pines Root Beer product.

Laurie Bambas will start as the Wholesale Manager in March to shadow Guy-Levar in all things root beer. She is an

Ely resident with ties to Chicago, Ill., just like Dorothy Molter, and brings a wealth of experience in product distribution, shipping, retail and marketing.

Most recently, Bambas managed store and e-commerce operations at Northern Tier High Adventure Base, where she oversaw annual retail sales of over \$1 million, and has 20 years of experience in ocean export.



Jess Edberg

## DOROTHY...Continued from page 1

Carrie Grobel, Shorewood, Minn., Aug. 28, 1998

Short, long, casual or intimate, each story provides an opportunity to get to know Dorothy through the perspective of the story-teller. A collection of 25 stories, deemed by museum staff as among their favorites, were included in the program for the Dorothy Molter Museum's annual fundraising dinner last Friday night at the Grand Ely Lodge.

In welcoming remarks, Pam Brunfelt, president of the Dorothy Molter Foundation's Board of Directors said, "This remarkable woman in many ways embodies all the changes that women went through in the 20th century."

Another story: "I first met Dorothy, I think it was June of 1970. We were on a [co-ed youth] canoe trip with the IsaaK Walton League and we passed through Knife Lake and stopped at Dorothy's and had a root beer, signing her book on June 26.

"Then again, in 1971, we took another trip of just

boys only. On that one we had just 15 on that trip. But again, it was through Don Valand on Moose Lake up through Sucker and of course up through Knife. We again stopped at Dorothy's and signed her book again.

"And then in 1974, I believe, the wife and I took a trip. Just 10 days prior to our trip, our youngest son had wiped on a bicycle and had 10 stitches in his head. The Doctor, at home at that time, thought the stitches should come out in about 7 to 10 days; we told him we would be in the Boundary Waters but we did know a nurse.

"At that point when we stopped by Dorothy she took our son over to the corner of the island and removed his stitches. We then went about our way. At that point she signed one of her Christmas letters for him and we still have it.

"On these trips we would usually bring Dorothy fresh fruits and vegetables and drop them off. She would be very happy to receive them. Our last trip was in 1984 when we visited her and I

remember bringing sweet corn at that time. The wife and I always stopped and we would always chat and drink some of Dorothy's world famous root beer."

Bob and Ann Engleson, Aug. 13, 1996

After dinner, the museum's executive director, Sarah Guy-Levar, introduced a slide show showing the birth and growth of the Dorothy Molter Museum where it stands today on the east side of Ely.

The Minnesota Association of Museums held their annual conference in Ely last fall. During a reception at the museum, a state museum professional impressed upon Levar the culmination of her 11 years as leader of the fledgling little museum in Ely. "She gushed, 'I love this place,' and a sudden feeling of relief followed by immense pride washed over me," Levar said as she choked back tears. "I love this place."

She continued, "Some of us have grown to love this place, this place with a special mission of fostering the next generation of Northwoods stewards."

Levar is stepping

down as executive director this spring. (See story above) "This place let me grow as a business woman, a community member, a student, and miraculously as the co-author of a book that is now in its third printing."

She said it is time for "some new energy to carry on with our mission," as she announced that Jess Edberg, current visitor services manager, will be taking over the museum's leadership role.

Levar pointed to Butch Diesslin in particular. "Butch served as my board president for 10 years and was by my side through thick and thin and some very, very hard situations. I am eternally grateful for that gift and your friendship."

Levar is not completely leaving the Dorothy Molter Museum. "I will be around one day a week for support," she said. "I have given myself the title of 'senior tour guide,'" she said.

Edberg began working for the museum in 2014. She said she was energized yet apprehensive about her new job with the museum. She was an ecology teacher at the International Wolf Center. "I could always fall back on the scientific process to find answers," she said. "Dorothy was a person who embodied characteristics and values that we all aspire to. She represented a time in Ely's history that is still sensitive to talk about."

Edberg said her anxiety was replaced with admiration over time. "Here was a woman who throughout her life made choices that defied social convention. I felt a kinship with her and she started to inspire me rather than intimidate me."

She thanked Levar for guiding her into the position of new executive director. "She can create a sense of family out of a diverse staff, something I aspire to. Sarah is leaving

really big shoes to fill. I do feel up to the challenge and I ask for your patience."

One last story:

My younger sister broke out with red measles while my family was canoeing. Dorothy said she wasn't sure if root beer would cure them, but it couldn't hurt!"

Ann Montgomery, Plymouth, Minn., July 18, 2013



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however one occupant was taken to the Ely hospital for possible smoke inhalation.

The owner of the rental duplex, Ely City Council member Paul Kess, said Monday that a victims' account has been established at the Ely Area Credit Union to take donations for the two families. A social media site has also been established to accept donations. Go to [www.youcar-ing.com](http://www.youcar-ing.com) for more information.

"Our daughter, Dana, her partner Patrick Bishop, and their three kids lived in the first-floor apartment," Kess said. Second-floor residents included a couple and a baby.

"The families lost everything," Kess said. "They need clothes, furniture, beds, food. Everything is gone."

Kess said he believes the historic house is a total loss. "That house was owned by Dr. Shipman and it was located on Shipman Island in Shagawa Lake," he said. "They moved it into town in the 1920s. At that time, White Street was literally at the edge of town."

A Babbitt firefighter suffered a wrist injury after slipping and falling on the ice.

Firefighters from Ely, Babbitt and Morse-Fall Lake were on the scene and the house was extensively damaged, according to the report.

The Minnesota State Fire Marshal's Office has been called in to investigate the fire and the Northland Chapter of the American Red Cross is assisting those displaced by the fire.

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## BOYS BASKETBALL



# Grizzlies notch 22nd win

Top Lakeview Christian, Mesabi East to rebound from first loss of the season

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

FIELD TWP— The Grizzlies polished off their 22nd win of the season at home on Tuesday as they beat Lakeview Christian Academy 85-43. Sophomore forward Trevor Morrison, who has been improving his numbers all season, proved the game's high scorer, with 24 points.

The Grizzlies never trailed, and

**Left: The Grizzlies' Chase Kleppe plays tight defense in last Friday's game with Mesabi East.**  
photos by C. Stone

built a 20-point lead by the half. They outpaced Lakeview 38-16 in the second half to walk away with the rout.

"It was a very good game for us defensively," said North Woods Head Coach Will Kleppe. "Lakeview Christian averages 78 points a game and we held them to 43. I think on the offensive side Trevor Morrison really stepped up."

For the Grizzlies, it was more of the same formula that's worked from Day One, with a full slate of players contributing offensively. In addition to Morrison, senior Tate Olson scored 17 points, while junior guard Cade Goggleye added 10. Senior Brendan

Parson notched nine points, and Darius Goggleye added eight. Chase Kleppe and Tanner Lokken added six points apiece.

Brandon BarBee led Lakeview with 15 points.

"Overall, it was a good game as we prepare for tournaments in a couple weeks," said Kleppe.

The Grizzlies rebounded after their Feb. 15 loss to Virginia, easily defeating Mesabi East on Friday night, 105-61. "For the third Class 2A opponent in a week I was proud of the way the boys bounced back from Thursday," said

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## STATE TOURNAMENT

# Strong day for Ely Nordic skiers

Girls take sixth at state, boys claim seventh; Prigge top Ely individual racer

by JAY GREENEY  
Sports writer

BIWABIK – Both the Ely girls and boys Nordic ski teams finished in the top ten at last week's state tournament at Giants Ridge, marking another successful season for the skiers from the end of the road.

The girls team, which struck gold in last year's state tourney, finished in sixth place, but was in close competition throughout.

"The girls were only six points out of third place at the end," said Ely Head Coach Paula Anderson. "The boys finished in the top half of the field in seventh place."

It was an impressive performance considering that Ely routinely competes against much larger schools in the Nordic competition, which runs all schools through a single class.

Ryne Prigge, who led the girls team all season, took 11th place overall in the individual standings, followed closely by Emma Terwilliger who finished

less than four seconds behind in the 13th spot. Both were repeat all-state award winners.

A healthy Laura Pasmick stepped up to take 48th while Evelyn Bercher came in 59th. Following them was the future for the girls team as sophomores Kalyssa Eilrich and Brooke Pasmick finished 94th and 103rd. Freshman Julia Schwinghamer finished 128th in her first state competition.

Freshman Jasper Johnston and sophomore James Schwinghamer continued to improve all season and had strong performances at state, finishing 22nd and 40th. Johnston's finish was the best freshman time in the competition and was good enough for an all-state award. Ben Gustafson, Ethan Hasz, and Elijah Olson, all seniors, finished 55th, 85th, and 102nd skiing in their final meet. Sophomore Raif Olson was 111th and edged out classmate Nate Nettifee at 113th.

"The girls will be in a rebuild-

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**Above: Members of the Ely boys and girls ski teams.**  
photos by J. Bianco

**Right: Ely's Emma Terwilliger had a strong outing at state, finishing in the 13th spot, just four seconds behind Ely's girls leader, Ryne Prigge.**

**Left: Freshman Jasper Johnston was Ely's top boys finisher, at 22nd.**



## GIRLS BASKETBALL

# North Woods holds on to edge T-Wolves

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

FIELD TWP— It came down to the wire last Thursday as North Woods snuck past the Ely girls basketball team, 62-60, before a home crowd that got everything they paid for. It was as close as a basketball game can get, with the teams knotted at 29 at halftime, but in the end, clutch shooting late in the game made the difference for the Grizzlies.

"This was a tough game to lose," said Ely Head Coach Darren Visser. "The girls fought really hard to get a 10-point lead in the second half but in the end the credit goes to North Woods for hitting some tough shots and being able to pick

up their defensive pressure."

Brielle Kallberg had a big night, pouring in a game-leading 22 points for the Wolves. Shayla Zaverl was right behind, with 20. Erika Mattson added eight points, while Gabi Omerza added four.

Bria Chiabotti led the way for the Grizzlies, with 13 points, followed by Brynn Simpson and Regan Ratai, with 11 points apiece. Kennedy Wardas notched eight points and Sasha Strong added seven, while Kate Stone added five and Alanna Rutchasky added four.

It was critical win for the Grizzlies, who have struggled a bit in the late season.

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**The Grizzlies' Brynn Simpson reaches over Ely's Erika Mattson in a fight for possession.**  
photo by C. Stone

# Nighthawks notch first win of the season

by JAY GREENEY  
Sports writer

BABBITT – The Lady Nighthawks notched their first win of the season this past Thursday, and just in time for Parents' Night. It's been a tough season for Northeast Range, but

they held on for a 43-38 win over Nashauk-Keewatin, which was 2-17 coming in to last week's match-up.

Northeast Range had a slim margin of 21-18 going into half-time, one of the few times they had led at the break all season.

"Our offense has continued

to improve all season," said Northeast Range Head Coach Paxton Goodsky. "Our patience gave us many good opportunities to score."

The sizable crowd reacted enthusiastically to the win, which came on their penultimate game of the season.

Leading the way for the Nighthawks was junior guard Shayler Lislegard with 22 points, including five from outside the arc. Sophomore Makaya Bodas added eight points.

## Sports week

### Boys bball

**Friday, Feb. 23**  
NW at Chisholm,  
7:15 p.m.  
Ely at South Ridge,  
5:45 p.m.  
NER at ME, 6 p.m.

**Tuesday, Feb. 27**  
NW hosts Carlton,  
7:15 p.m.  
Ely at Hibbing,  
7:15 p.m.

**Friday, March 2**  
NW hosts Deer River,  
7:15 p.m.  
Ely at NER,  
6:30 p.m.

### Girls bball

**Friday, Feb. 23**  
NW at Barnum,  
7:15 p.m.  
Ely at South Ridge,  
7:15 p.m.

BOYS BASKETBALL

# Wolves' win streak at 13

## Top Chisholm; rally for Parents' Night win over MI-B

by JAY GREENEY  
Sports writer

ELY—The Wolves kept a Parents' Night crowd happy as they rallied from an early deficit to beat Mt. Iron-Buhl on Tuesday. The 81-57 victory extends Ely's current winning streak to 13 games.

The Wolves trailed early in the game after a quick start by the Rangers, but took the lead for good a few minutes ahead of the break, thanks to an outstanding half from junior guard Pat Vanderbeek.

"We rode Pat's shooting in the first half," said Ely Head Coach Tom McDonald. Vanderbeek poured in 22 of the team's 39 points in the opening half.

"We broke open a close game in the second half by clamping down on defense," added McDonald. "Other players started to score which allowed us to pull away."

For the game, Vanderbeek led all scorers, with 30 points. Senior guard Carter Gaulke notched a double-double with 15 points and a team-high ten assists, while Trevor Mattson added 12 points. Blaise Lah was the leading rebounder with ten.

Ely traveled to Chisholm last Friday night and dumped the Bluestreaks, 81-65.

"I thought we played very well on both ends of the floor," said McDonald. "We defended them well and also shot the ball well."

A balanced attack on both sides

of the ball is just what teams are looking for as the playoffs are just a couple games away. Ely is healthy and appears ready as the season winds down.

The Wolves were led on Friday by Gaulke with 24 points and nine assists. Vanderbeek added 20 points while Blaise Lah manhandled the boards with 21 rebounds to go with ten points.

Ely, now 18-3, will take its win streak on the road for the final three regular season games. On Friday they will play 8-14 South Ridge, followed by 16-6 Hibbing on Tuesday.

**Left: Ely junior guard Trevor Mattson goes for a jump shot.**  
photo by J. Greeney



BOYS BASKETBALL

# Virginia hands Grizzlies first loss of the season

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

VIRGINIA— Nobody's perfect. Not even the North Woods boys basketball team, whose perfect season came to an end here last Thursday. The Blue Devils hit the court at a gallop, combining sharp outside shooting and their height advan-

tage on the boards to run away from the previously unbeaten Grizzlies, 77-54.

North Woods Head Coach Will Kleppe didn't mince words. "Virginia played a very good game and was efficient on both ends of the court," he said. "Their defense made it difficult to get good looks at the basket and they controlled the boards."

The Grizzlies managed to edge Virginia 58-55 in their first match-up this season, at North Woods, so there was little doubt that their Feb. 15 rematch on the Blue Devils' home court would be the Grizzlies' toughest test so far this season. At 18-3, Virginia is one of the dominant teams in Class 2A, and their height advantage certainly helped them

against the single A Grizzlies. The Blue Devils grabbed the lead from the start and never trailed as they kept North Woods' top scorers mostly in check.

Junior guard Cade Goggleye led the Grizzlies with 14 points, while sophomore center Trevor Morrison tallied ten, as the only other North Woods player to reach double digits. Morrison

was in foul trouble early, which limited his playing to some degree.

Also scoring for the Grizzlies were Tate Olson and Brendan Parson, with eight points apiece, Chase Kleppe with seven, and Travis Lokken with five. Darius Goggleye added two.

Nathan Fink led the way for the Blue Devils, with 19 points.

GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Grizzlies top L-BF for second straight win

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

LITTLEFORK— The Grizzlies girls racked up their second win in a row on Tuesday, topping Littlefork-Big Falls

70-61. It was strong night for the Grizzlies, as they slowly extended their lead throughout the first half. They led 29-21 by the break, and held steady with the Vikings throughout the second half.

Bria Chiabotti had a huge night, with 25 points, including three from outside the arc. Kate Stone added nine points, while Brynn Simpson and Regan Ratai added eight points apiece. Sasha Strong and

Hanna Sandberg each added five points.

The win evened the Grizzlies record at 9-9 on the season as they were set to play their final regular season game on Friday, at Barnum.

BOYS BASKETBALL

# Nighthawks lose close one to Cherry; fall to N-K in a rout

B A B B I T T — The Nighthawks struggled against Nashauk-Keewatin on Tuesday, falling to the Spartans 66-20. N-K dominated the first half, taking a punishing 39-8 lead into the break.

Quintin Pecha led scoring

for the Nighthawks, with nine points, including a three-pointer. Brett Rosendahl added seven, including two treys, while Ty Fabish connected for four points.

The Nighthawks nearly notched their second win of

the season against Cherry last Friday, falling 39-35 to the 2-20 Tigers.

Brett Rosendahl had his biggest performance of the season, pouring in a game-high 18 points for the Nighthawks. Quintin Pecha added six,

Austin Erickson and Dillon Gorsma added four apiece, and Ty Fabish added two.

The Nighthawks were set to face Mesabi East on Friday before wrapping up the regular season on Tuesday, against Ely.

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Head Coach Will Kleppe, referencing the team's first loss of the season to Virginia on Feb. 15. "We shot and passed the ball well and our defense held Tyler Baribeau, one of the best

around, to four points. And Cade had an excellent game."

Indeed, junior guard Cade Goggleye poured in 39 points and added ten assists for a double-double, along with three

steals. Senior Tate Olson had a good night as well, with 13 points, five boards and as many assists. Trevor Morrison added nine points and six rebounds, while Brendan Parson and

Dylan Chiabotti added eight points apiece. T.J. Chiabotti and Darius Goggleye each added six points, while Chase Kleppe and Isaiah Squires added five points apiece.

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They'll hope to finish up with a win in their final regular season match-up with Barnum

on Friday.

Ely will be looking to pad its win count as well, with the

playoffs getting underway next week. "We need to focus and work hard to get as many wins

as possible before the end of the week to help secure our seed for the playoffs," said Visser.

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ing phase but there is a lot of young talent that will work very hard this summer and is ready to fill those spots," said Anderson. "Next year we will field a competitive boys team that will be looking for a return trip to the state meet."

The girls will lose their top four finishers at state to graduation and will be looking for younger skiers to fill their boots. The boys will lose three seniors but their top two finishers were a ninth grader and a sophomore, which bodes well for the team's competitiveness over the next few years.

"We had a good state meet

with the usual mix of results," said Anderson. "Overall it was a good, solid day at state and many of them will be back next year to go for it again."

INDIVIDUAL ELY GIRLS		
PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
11.	Ryne Prigge	34:29.1
13.	Emma Terwilliger	34:33.0
48.	Laura Pasmick	36:55.0
59.	Evelyn Bercher	37:18.6
94.	Kalyssa Eilrich	38:56.4
103.	Brooke Pasmick	39:19.4
128.	J. Schwinghamer	41:05.8
INDIVIDUAL ELY BOYS		
PLACE	NAME	TOTAL
22.	Jasper Johnston	30:56.7
40.	J. Schwinghamer	31:39.6
55.	Ben Gustafson	32:07.9

85.	Ethan Hasz	32:57.8
102.	Elijah Olson	33:32.4
111.	Raif Olson	33:54.2
113.	Nate Nettiffee	33:58.5

GIRLS TEAM RESULTS	
1.	Stillwater 414
2.	Forest Lake 407
3.	Robinsdale Armstrong 372
4.	Duluth East 369
5.	Minneapolis Southwest 368
6.	Ely 366
7.	St. Paul Highland Park 338
8.	Wayzata 327
9.	Edina 304
10.	Andover 291
11.	Eastview 233
12.	Winona-Winona Cotter 230
13.	Mora 216
14.	Bemidji 206
15.	Alexandria Area 175
16.	Minneapolis South 94

BOYS TEAM RESULTS	
1.	Wayzata 384
2.	Stillwater 382
3.	Forest Lake 377
4.	Minneapolis Southwest 366
5.	St. Cloud Cathedral-Sartell 350
6.	Robinsdale Armstrong 325
7.	Ely 324
8.	Grand Rapids 288
9.	Little Falls 285
10.	Mora 279
11.	St. Paul Highland Park 269
12.	Blaine 268
13.	Prior Lake 249
14.	Eden Prairie 223
15.	Burnsville 204
16.	Minnehaha Academy 163

COLLEGE

# Ironmen still in the hunt for conference crown

by JAY GREENEY  
Sports writer

ELY— A strong second half lifted the Ironmen to a 94-76 win over Hibbing on Saturday. The Ironmen were coming off a big victory over conference-leading Rainy River the previous night and needed a win to stay in contention for the conference crown.

The two teams were knotted at the break, but Vermilion stepped up its defense and continued its hot shooting to pull away in the second half. The Ironmen forced Hibbing into 23 turnovers and nabbed 16 steals.

It was VCC's second win over the Cardinals this season, and left them just one game behind Rainy River with two conference games remaining.

The Ironmen were led by Demetrice Mitchell with 28 points and ten rebounds. Noel Mshihiri and Marquail Johnson were both perfect from inside the arc, completing a combined 13 shots in as many attempts. Johnson tied for the team lead with ten assists.

VCC needed a win on Friday night against conference leader Rainy River to stay within striking range of the conference title. Vermilion went into halftime down three points as the crown seemed to be slipping away. But a big second half by the Ironmen pulled out the victory 89-80.

The Ironmen were led on offense by Bradlee Lewis with 23 points while Noel Mshihiri had 18 points to go with ten rebounds. Denario Jackson notched another double double with 14 points and a game-high 12 assists while Demetrice Mitchell cleaned up the boards with team high 16.

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# Greenwood clears up disputed FD pension issue

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- It took several months, but Greenwood Township has cleared up a longstanding request from former fire chief Scott Kregness to have an adjustment made to his PERA pension, adding in one additional service year (2014), as well as making sure the township had reimbursed him for on-call pay for calls he had responded to in Greenwood during that same year.

Chairman John Bassing, at the Feb. 13 meeting, said that all PERA needed to make the correction was a signed statement from the township's fire chief, Dave Fazio.

Fazio has disputed the eligibility of Kregness during that time period.

"I can't find the mistake," Fazio said. "So I can't write it."

Bassing produced township documents, including certified letters, with the pertinent information. He noted that when the town board hired Kregness as

chief in 2010, they were aware that Kregness was often out of the area for his job with FEMA, so the fact that he missed local meetings and trainings was not at issue.

"The bylaws at that time allowed for excused absences due to employment as well as temporary absences." Bassing also noted that training done outside of the fire department could be counted as part of service credits.

He noted that Kregness had provided the township with documentation of over 70 hours of training he had completed in 2014. Bassing noted that this information had been sent to the township clerk and fire department administrative assistant in 2014.

Bassing said he had given Fazio a copy of the letter needed to send to PERA, but Fazio said he could not submit it.

"There are a lot of unknowns in my mind," Fazio said.

Bassing reported that as of Feb. 16, the PERA issue had been settled and Kregness was

receiving the proper amount of pension for his service to the township. The town board sent in the necessary paperwork, he said.

## Other business

In other business the board:  
> Heard that Supervisor Mike Ralston will be meeting with Commissioner Tom Rukavina, along with representatives from the Penguins Snowmobile Club and St. Louis County Land Department to discuss options for purchase of land for the planned snowmobile club maintenance building.

> Declined to act on a recommendation from Ralston to solicit quotes from area contractors for a preferred vendor list for township maintenance needs. The town board will consider the request again next month. Ralston said this would give the township a list of professionals to call when problems arise, and also have a set rate for any work that needs to be done.

> Approved a grant appli-

cation from the township's recreation committee to raise funds for improvements to the bocce ball courts. The project would be done with no cost to the township. The project would include improving drainage, and giving the courts a better surface.

> Heard that volunteers Mary and Mike Richard have been working on the township inventory, have cleaned and arrange the township garage by the town hall, and have organized the township's medical loan township. The township donated excess equipment to a veterans organization in Hibbing. The loan closet items are now all on the main floor. Anyone needed to borrow equipment can contact clerk Sue Drobac at 218-753-2231, during clerk office hours.

> Heard concerns from Dave Seppelt, that Sen. Tom Bakk may attempt to pursue the annexation of Greenwood Township into the Cook-Orr Healthcare District, without township approval.

> Heard that St. Louis County will be charging \$975/ per mile/per year for the snow-

plowing work they do on the two township-owned roads.

> Voted to purchase a new voting machine, at a cost of \$5,375, minus a \$400 trade-in for the old machine. The township has received a \$1,858 grant to help cover some of the cost.

> Accepted multiple donations to the fire department in memory of Darryl Horsman and Jodi Ferguson.

> Approved hiring Heisel Brothers to do repairs on furnace motor in the fire hall.

> Approved the hiring of Krystal Strong as a new fire fighter and EMS. Strong is a nurse. Discussion was held on the township's policy for doing background checks on new hired.

> Approved having fire department members attend an officer school instructor training. The class costs are covered under a training grant the department receives each year, but the township would be responsible for mileage costs for those attending.

## Obituaries and Death Notices



### Lewis E. Bystrom

Lewis "Bud" Everett Bystrom, 81, of Crane Lake, passed away on Monday, Feb. 12, 2018, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth in the loving presence of his wife Charlotte, family, and beloved dog Jet. A Celebration of Life event is being planned for June. The family would like to express thanks and sincere gratitude to those who work on the hospice ward (2 West) at St. Luke's Hospital. Their excellent care, compassion, and professionalism were greatly appreciated.

Bud was born on Feb. 26, 1936, in Cook. In first grade, Bud wrote Charlotte a letter stating that he would marry her one day. They were married right after high school. In their early years together, Bud worked for Minntac and later as a construction contractor for the military, traveling to Greenland and Vietnam. For most of his career, Bud was a carpentry instructor at Moorhead Technical College where he taught the trade to many of the area contractors. He was a man of many talents and was always willing to share. He was a lifelong member of the Masons, becoming Potentate at

El Zagal Shrine Temple in 1991. He was an avid hunter and fisherman, something he instilled upon his children. In 2000, Bud and Charlotte retired to Crane Lake, on the Canadian border, a place where they had spent nearly every summer of their lives together. He enjoyed spending time with his many grandchildren and great-grandchildren at their lake home.

Bud is survived by his wife of 63 years, Charlotte; children, Brian (Ronda) Bystrom, Brad (Tonja Rolfson) Bystrom, Brent (Laurie) Bystrom, Brenda (Jerry) Pohlman and Beth (Sheldon) Sokoloski; eight grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by parents, Everette and Helen; brother, Byron Bystrom; and daughter, Cindy Bystrom.

*I See You've Traveled*

*Some*

*Wherever you may*

*chance to be*

*Wherever you may*

*room,*

*Far away in foreign*

*lands*

*Or just at Home,*

*Sweet Home,*

*It always gives you*

*pleasure,*

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*It makes your heart*

*strings hum*

*Just to hear the words*

*of cheer,*

*"I see you've traveled*

*some."*

*And when your final*

*summons comes*

*To take a last long trip,*

*Adorned with*

*Lambskin Apron white*

*And gems of fellow-*

*ship,*

*The Tiler at the*

*Golden Gate*

*With square and rule*

*and plumb*

*Will size up your*

*deeds and say, "Walk in,*

*I see you've traveled*

*some."*

### Gregory Laakkonen

Gregory Laakkonen, 58, of Orr, passed away on Monday, Feb. 19, 2018.

There will be no service per Greg's desire.

He was born on Feb. 18, 1960, in Virginia. Greg loved the Minnesota Vikings, the Wild and the Twins. He was a great fan.

He is survived by his parents, Jesse and Judy of Ranier; brother, Curt (Wendy) of Orr; niece, Cassie of St. Paul; and great-niece, Fae of St. Paul.

### Stephan R. Schally

Stephan Raymond "Ray" Schally, 80, of Ely, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 17, 2018, at the Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely. No formal services will be held. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Janet;

daughter, Stephanie Marie (David); son, Christopher Lee (Michelle); brother; David O. (Sheila) Schally; nephew and niece, Daniel and Jennifer Schally; and the loves of his life, grandchildren Maximillian, Jacob and Nathan.

### Sally Davidson

Sally Davidson, 102, of Ely, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 14, 2018, at the Boundary Waters Care Center. She will be buried in the Fort Snelling Memorial Cemetery in Minneapolis alongside her late husband Quinn Davidson. Memorial service to be determined. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her son, Tom Morris of San Diego, Calif.; grandsons, Thomas and Erik

Morris of Arizona; and five great-grandchildren.

### Marvin Jonas Sr.

Marvin Jonas Sr., of Ely, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 13, 2018, at the Virginia Care Center. Funeral services were held on Saturday, Feb. 17 at First Lutheran Church in Ely with Military Honors provided by the Ely Honor Guard. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by three sons, Peter (Faith), Marvin Jr. (Paula) and Charlie (Patsy); seven grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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RESEARCH

# A new approach to wolf research

Dr. Barber-Meyer will try non-invasive methods

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

ELY — For half a century, wolf researchers working just east of Ely have used leghold traps and tranquilizers, which have allowed them to gather blood and other tissue samples, and fit their subjects with radio collars.

But now, Dr. Shannon Barber-Meyer is working to change that, and she's asking for help from the public to make it happen. Barber-Meyer outlined her idea last week to the Ely Field Naturalists during a presentation at Vermilion Community College.

Barber-Meyer's concept is all part of a growing trend in the field of wildlife research to move away from the more invasive methods that researchers have used for decades. For years, researchers studying larger animals have relied on capturing wild animals, often through the use of anesthetizing drugs, to gather data on their subjects. In the case of wolves

in the Superior National Forest, which have been the subject of Dr. David Mech's research since the 1960s, researchers have relied on leghold traps and tranquilizers, which have allowed them to gather blood and other tissue samples, and fit their subjects with radio collars.

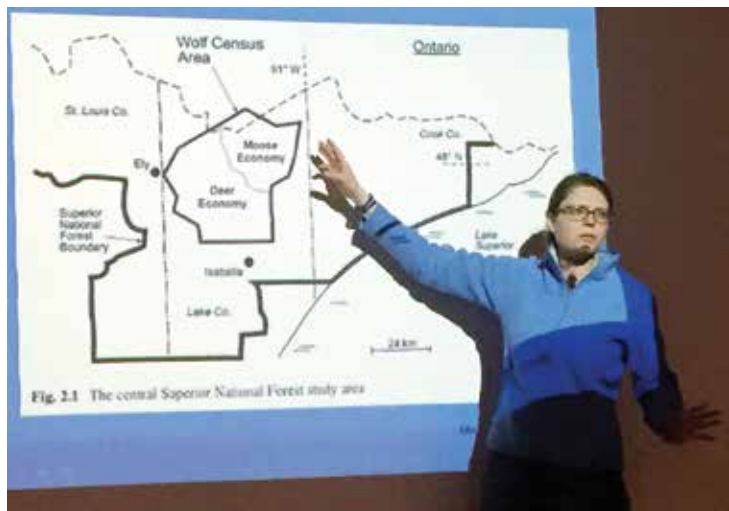
But Barber-Meyer said the younger generation of research-

There is some skepticism about whether this can work.

Dr. Shannon Barber -Meyer

ers is increasingly looking for less invasive methods that eliminate the stress, and sometimes the deaths, of the animals they study.

Barber-Meyer works under the supervision of Dr. Mech, who at 81 is still very active in wolf research. Barber-Meyer said Dr. Mech was initially skeptical when she proposed



Dr. Shannon Barber-Meyer talks about her work on the ongoing wolf-deer study east of Ely. She spoke to the Ely Field Naturalists last week.

M. Helmburger

to continue the wolf research without the use of traps and radio collars, but that he was willing to consider it once she had outlined her proposal in detail.

Instead of the traditional methods, Barber-Meyer wants to deploy technologies that weren't available in the past, like DNA analysis, and engage the public in helping her track the movements of wolves within her study area, which is centered on the eastern end of the Fernberg Road. By using recorded observations by the public, trail cameras, snow tracking, and by collecting scat for DNA analysis, Barber-Meyer hopes to be able to keep tabs on the

movements and numbers of wolves in the study area.

For it all to work, she'll need help from folks like the Ely Field Naturalists, who spend time in her study area and pay attention to what's going around them. "We're asking for input from people who just happen to be out there anyway," she said.

It's an ambitious undertaking, and Barber-Meyer acknowledges that something like it really hasn't been done before. "There is some skepticism about whether this can work," she said.

Her new approach won't really get underway until next

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RECREATION

# Trail funding approved for Superior NF

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — The Superior National Forest is one of 15 priority areas across the country to receive federal funds for trail maintenance, according to an announcement made late last week by U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue.

Nationwide, the proposal calls for \$300 million to address a trail maintenance backlog on national forests and grasslands. Officials on the Superior say they don't know yet how much funding they're likely to receive. "We are very appreciative of any additional resources to help with maintaining trails for safe public use and enjoyment," said spokesperson Kris Reichenbach.

A press statement issued by the USDA cites the series of major windstorms that have struck the Superior in recent years, which have left large segments of trails impassable.

Focused trail work in these priority areas, bolstered by partners and volunteers, is expected to help address needed infrastructure work so that trails managed by the Forest Service can be accessed and safely enjoyed by a wide variety of trails enthusiasts. About 25 percent of Forest Service trails currently meet those standards while the condition of other trails lags behind.

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## Fishing reports

### Ely area

Lake trout continue to captivate anglers' attention on Burnside and Snowbank lakes. A good number of trout have been taken from both in recent weeks, and the action should continue right on through the end of the season on April 1.

Most successful anglers have been bringing fish out of the holes by active jigging, whether it be spoons like Slender Spoons PK's Flutter Fish or Tingle's and Tumblers, and soft plastic jigging lures such as tubes from Gitzit and Berkley, or other soft paddle tail baits. These are active presentations where one must keep the bait moving, and work the water column from bottom to top, with some fish chasing the baits from the very bottom in fifty feet or so, all the way up to just below the ice. For the more laid back angler, a frozen smelt or live, small, sucker fished right on the bottom under a tip-up or dead stick seems to be doing the trick.

Crappie anglers are now taking to the ice as well, as temperatures become more moderate. The weather is important, as anglers should stay mobile when fishing crappies, as the schools tend to move around more at this time of season rather than holding in one spot that can be fished from a portable or permanent ice shack. Small jigs tipped with minnow heads or waxies have been working well.

Courtesy Babe's Bait at Ely's west entrance



Left: A small herd of moose makes its way through heavy timber on one of the plots surveyed as part of the DNR's annual moose population estimate.

Courtesy MNDNR

## MOOSE IN MINNESOTA

# Moose numbers remain stable

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— It appears that moose numbers have stabilized in northeastern Minnesota, but still show no sign of recovery from declines experienced from 2006-2013.

"While the population appears stable, low numbers of moose are still a major concern for the DNR," said DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr. "We continue to pursue the best science, research and management tools available to us to help Minnesota's moose."

The 2018 aerial moose survey estimated 3,030 moose in northeastern Minnesota. That's lower than last year's estimate of 3,710 moose, but DNR researchers point out that natural variation inherent in such surveys makes the difference from last year statistically insignificant. Researchers note that they will never see and count all of the moose across the 6,000-square mile survey area, which means the survey number is always on a statistical model, rather than a hard count. Statistically, the DNR is 90 percent certain that the population is somewhere between 4,140 and 2,320 moose.

This year's result showed no major change in the closely-watched calf-to-cow

## Yet still no sign of a population rebound

ratio, which is an indicator of reproductive success. This year's ratio of 0.37 calves per cow is similar to the ratio the last few years, but is somewhat higher than the ratios seen during the most dramatic decline in the moose population, when barely one in four cows had a surviving calf during the annual January survey.

"The stability of moose numbers in recent years provides a reason for some optimism — after all, we're not facing a significant decline," said Glenn DelGiudice, DNR moose and deer project leader. "But this year's results would be more palatable had they reflected the beginning of a turnaround in the population trend."

This year's survey also recorded 1.25 bulls for every cow spotted by researchers, a relatively high discrepancy. Generally, a species like moose tends to have slightly more females than males. Over the past ten years the bull-to-cow ratio has ranged from 0.64 to 1.25.

Reproductive success and adult survival have the greatest impact on the moose population over time.

"Our field research has shown that annual pregnancy rates of adult females

in this population have been robust," DelGiudice said. "But it is a challenge to maintain a high number of adult females that can become pregnant, produce calves and rear them to one year of age."

Survey results also indicate that calf survival to January has been relatively stable, but consistently low. Field studies have indicated that it is even lower by spring, translating to low numbers of moose calves living through their first year. Importantly, the DNR's detailed investigations have shown that wolf predation has consistently accounted for about two-thirds of the calf mortality compared to one-third of the adult mortality.

Annual aerial moose surveys have been conducted each year since 1960 in the northeast. Adjustments were made in 2005 to make the survey more accurate and annual results more comparable.

This year's survey involved flying in 52 survey plots distributed across northeastern Minnesota's moose range from Jan. 3 to Jan. 13. The Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa and 1854 Treaty Authority contributed funding and provided personnel for the annual moose survey.

Fishing reports

Kab-Nam area

With the recent 12 inches plus of new snow, the trails are being groomed and are in premier shape. If you can get up here, the next couple weeks should be awesome riding around the entire area. Always check with the Park Service and local snowmobile clubs for the latest conditions.

On to fishing.....the walleye bite has slowed some but with the warmer weather coming through the weekend we should wrap up the walleye and pike season with a bang. Right now, 30-34 ft. over mud seems to be producing the best. Casey from Reef Runner Rentals and Voyageur Park Lodge is starting to move his houses onto the mud in preparation for what should be a fantastic late-season perch bite. We have some monster

jumbo perch on Kab and the fishing can be fast and furious! And don't forget about our great crappie fishing. Rumor has it they are biting but you need to explore a little to find them. Generally the area around Ash River is a great place to start.

Snowmobiling and fishing aren't the only activities to take advantage of in Voyageurs National Park right now. Snowshoeing, cross country skiing, the park service sledding hill and skating rink are just a few things to keep you busy in our winter wonderland. We also have winter camping for the brave ones!

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*Courtesy Gateway General Store, Lake Kabetogama*

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winter, she said, since winter is the best time to keep tabs on wolves through their tracks and scat. “We’ll be asking people to start helping out next January through March,” said Barber-Meyer.

In the meantime, she said she’ll be reaching out to ice fishing and dog-sledding guides, skiers, members of the field naturalists, and others who travel in the study area during winter, to let them know what kind of information she’s looking for.

Mostly, she said, she’s seeking wolf scat and information on verified wolf tracks, and actual wolf sightings. In every case, she said, she’ll need dates and as precise a location as possible. By piecing all of the data together from multiple

sources, she’s hopeful she can gain as clear a picture of wolf numbers and wolf activity in the study area as is possible through the current methods. While the new approach may allow Barber-Meyer to obtain much of the information that’s currently gathered in less intrusive ways, she acknowledges that some data likely will be missed. “There are a slew of things you can’t get without capture methods,” she said, including blood samples, precise movement information, and cause of death data.

“If this works, we wouldn’t be trapping in the summer [of 2019],” she said. “If it doesn’t work, we’ll suspend the idea and go back to our old methods.”

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather

Friday

29 6

Saturday

30 15

Sunday

30 10

Monday

27 10

Tuesday

29 11

Ely	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Emb.	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Cook	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Orr	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Tower	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.
02/12	14	-13	0.00		02/12	10	-25	0.00		02/12	12	-17	0.02	0.2"	02/12	3	-18	0.00		02/12	13	-18	0.00	
02/13	8	-16	0.01	0.1"	02/13	16	-10	0.01	0.1"	02/13	5	-18	0.02	0.2"	02/13	27	-6	0.00		02/13	5	-20	0.00	
02/14	28	7	0.00		02/14	2	-22	0.00		02/14	26	4	0.00		02/14	46	14	0.00		02/14	27	5	0.00	
02/15	47	16	0.00		02/15	25	-23	0.00		02/15	45	16	0.00		02/15	28	-4	0.00		02/15	47	13	0.00	
02/16	28	-11	0.00		02/16	41	13	0.00		02/16	25	-14	0.00		02/16	18	-15	0.00		02/16	27	-14	0.00	
02/17	20	-10	0.00		02/17	24	2	0.00		02/17	17	-11	0.00		02/17	25	10	0.00		02/17	20	-14	0.00	
02/18	27	1	0.00		02/18	15	-12	0.00		02/18	24	0	0.00		02/18	16	-2	0.00		02/18	24	-2	0.00	
Totals			0.75	40.3"	Totals			0.73	41.4"	Totals			0.94	50.5"	Totals			NA		Totals			0.80	37.5"

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“The trail maintenance backlog was years in the making,” said Perdue, “with a combination of factors contributing to the problem, including an outdated funding mechanism that routinely borrows money from programs, such as trails, to combat ongoing wildfires.

“This borrowing from within the agency interferes with other vital work, including ensuring that our more than 158,000 miles of well-loved trails provide access to

public lands, do not harm natural resources, and, most importantly, provide safe passage for our users.”

Federal officials are also stressing partnerships with other organizations. “Our communities, volunteers and partners know that trails play an important role in the health of local economies and of millions of people nationwide, which means the enormity of our trail maintenance backlog must be adequately addressed now,” said

Forest Service Chief Tony Tooke. “The agency has a commitment to be a good neighbor, recognizing that people and communities rely on these trails to connect with each other and with nature.”

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PUBLIC NOTICES

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING  
AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Breitung Township, County of St. Louis, and State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

The election poll hours will be from 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect by ballot:  
One Supervisor for a term of 3 years  
One Clerk for a term of 2 years

The Board of Canvass will meet following the Election.

The Annual Meeting will commence following the Board of Canvass to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meetings will be held at the Breitung Town Hall.

Valeda McDonald, Town Clerk, Breitung Township

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EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Eagles Township, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota, that the Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 13, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. at the Eagles Nest Town Hall. In case of inclement weather, the Meeting may be postponed until Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

Deb Siverhus, Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING  
AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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The election poll hours will be from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect by ballot:  
One Supervisor for a term of 3 years  
One Clerk for a term of 2 years

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location:  
VERMILION LAKE TOWN HALL  
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Frances Silverberg, Town Clerk, Vermilion Lake Township

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In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 20, 2018.

The election poll hours will be from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect by ballot:  
One Supervisor for a term of 3 years  
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The Board of Canvass will meet following the Election.

The Annual Meeting will commence following the Board of Canvass to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meetings will be held at the Leiding Town Hall.

The regular monthly meeting of the Leiding Town Board will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. at the Leiding Town Hall.

Marie Milan, Town Clerk, Leiding Township

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EMPLOYMENT



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by Linda Thistle

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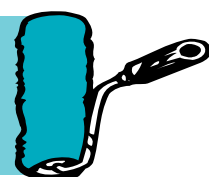
## Super Crossword

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| <p><b>ACROSS</b></p> <p>1 — Mart (retail giant)</p> <p>4 Hushed "Hey!"</p> <p>8 Part of PETA</p> <p>15 Some snakes</p> <p>19 Extra refrigerator convenience</p> <p>21 Pre-euro Greek coin</p> <p>22 Scrutinize, with "over"</p> <p>23 Extremely bad weather, e.g.</p> <p>25 Deep purple</p> <p>26 Skating great Yamaguchi</p> <p>27 Canton-born architect I.M.</p> <p>28 Big cracker brand</p> <p>30 Drink name suffix</p> <p>31 Offering at a memorial service</p> <p>37 Org. for Michelle Wie</p> <p>40 '60s psychedelic</p> <p>41 Nero's 1,006</p> <p>42 Apply an oily liquid to</p> <p>43 Folding art</p> <p>46 It glances off the bat and counts as a strike</p> | <p>49 A while ago</p> <p>50 Prevention of a blaze from spreading</p> <p>53 Madden</p> <p>54 "Dracula" director Browning</p> <p>55 "— doin'!" ("Forget it!")</p> <p>56 Melt</p> <p>58 Dunne of movies</p> <p>60 Slow, tempo-wise</p> <p>64 Not less than</p> <p>69 To be, at the Louvre</p> <p>70 Longtime tech ad slogan (and a hint to this puzzle's theme)</p> <p>73 Essence</p> <p>74 Actress Dawson</p> <p>76 Hip-hop record label</p> <p>77 "— suggest that ...?"</p> <p>78 About</p> <p>80 African land</p> <p>83 Some vinyl records</p> <p>84 Philately item</p> <p>88 Clash between social groups</p> <p>93 Beseech</p> <p>94 Husky-toned</p> | <p>95 Ominous</p> <p>96 "All of Me" director Carl</p> <p>98 Little hotel</p> <p>99 Notable time stretch</p> <p>101 One writing briefs: Abbr.</p> <p>102 Efforts to protect ecosystems, say</p> <p>108 Simile middle</p> <p>109 — avis declaration</p> <p>110 Existential</p> <p>111 How very close games are won</p> <p>115 Mixed breed</p> <p>117 Calamitous effects</p> <p>122 Love god</p> <p>123 Deep green</p> <p>124 Repeal</p> <p>125 Desiccated</p> <p>126 Late-night flights</p> <p>127 Draws on</p> <p>128 Here-there linkup</p> <p><b>DOWN</b></p> <p>1 Laundry detergent brand</p> <p>2 Aspire PC maker</p> <p>3 — Strauss jeans</p> <p>4 Trilogy start</p> | <p>5 Yarn bundle</p> <p>6 Minute div.</p> <p>7 Recurring themes</p> <p>8 Murphy of "48 Hrs."</p> <p>9 Prefix with glyceride</p> <p>10 Toque, e.g.</p> <p>11 Here, in Arles</p> <p>12 C minor, say</p> <p>13 Prenatal test, briefly</p> <p>14 Track racer's windup</p> <p>15 iPhone extra</p> <p>16 Comforting in sorrow</p> <p>17 Discretion</p> <p>18 College term</p> <p>20 Text or email</p> <p>24 Dweeby sort</p> <p>29 Buddhism school</p> <p>32 Film director Eastwood</p> <p>33 "Hurry up!"</p> <p>34 Half of a zygote</p> <p>35 Cairo's river</p> <p>36 When morning ends</p> <p>37 More exalted</p> <p>38 In advance of</p> <p>39 Bridge parts</p> <p>44 Skin ailment</p> <p>45 Dairy sound</p> | <p>46 Conclusion</p> <p>47 Blowup stuff</p> <p>48 "— to Be You"</p> <p>51 "Imagine —!"</p> <p>52 Helped</p> <p>53 Saddlery tool</p> <p>57 Supped</p> <p>59 School lobby gp.</p> <p>61 Many a PC image file</p> <p>62 Bite, break or bruise</p> <p>63 "August: — County"</p> <p>65 Mileage rating gp.</p> <p>66 Send in via helicopter, maybe</p> <p>67 Diamond-shaping method</p> <p>68 Abounding in prickly plants</p> <p>70 Grafton's "— for Innocent"</p> <p>71 Saw edge</p> <p>72 Apple desktop</p> <p>75 Hip-hop music</p> <p>77 Stupid</p> <p>79 "— Day Will Come"</p> <p>81 Jack Sprat's dietary rule</p> <p>82 Genetic cell stuff</p> | <p>84 Family appellations</p> <p>85 Value highly</p> <p>86 Rabble-rouser</p> <p>87 Diner list</p> <p>89 Beef cut</p> <p>90 Sunbathes</p> <p>91 — Reader</p> <p>92 Tilting</p> <p>94 One walking</p> <p>97 Flub up</p> <p>99 Gabor and Mendes</p> <p>100 French composer Jean-Philippe —</p> <p>103 Felon's deed</p> <p>104 Competed in a regatta</p> <p>105 Fruit coats</p> <p>106 "— hope so!"</p> <p>107 Butter substitutes</p> <p>112 Thom —</p> <p>113 "Mr. Nobody" star Jared</p> <p>114 River of Flanders</p> <p>116 Mao — -tung</p> <p>118 In advance of</p> <p>119 Low coral reef</p> <p>120 Bullring shout</p> <p>121 Victims of NFL sacks</p> |
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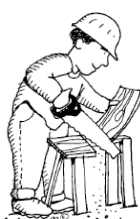
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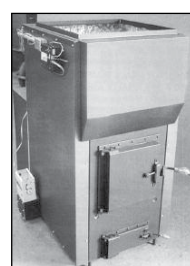
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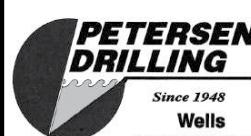


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