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## ELY CITY COUNCIL

# A sticky situation

### Ely looks to slow flow of maple sap from city trees

by **KEITH VANDERVORT**  
Ely Editor

ELY – Based on concerns expressed by the Ely Tree Board, the City Council is considering taking action to slow the flow of maple sap tapping that appears to have been initiated by out-of-town

commercial operations on practically every maple tree in the city.

In their March 12 meeting minutes, the board agreed that tapping the city trees was not a good idea despite the abundance of material found online that indicates that tapping “doesn’t hurt trees.”

The information

referred to relates to sugar maples tapped in the bush. Ely’s silver maples do not compartmentalize wounds as efficiently as sugar maples. “Tapping is not advised on stressed trees even in more natural settings, and the boulevards provide a continually

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**Bright blue plastic bags hang on silver maple trees along James Street in Ely, Wednesday morning. The bags are used to collect sap during the spring. Forty gallons of sap can be boiled down to produce about one gallon of maple syrup.** photos by K. Vandervort



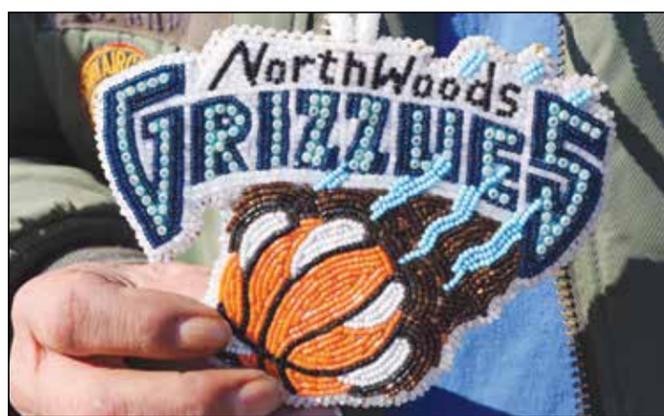
## NORTH WOODS GRIZZLIES

# ON TO STATE!



## Fans cheer 7A champs

Grizzlies fans, both young and old, turned out Wednesday to offer a big send-off for the boys basketball team as they head to the state tournament. The Grizzlies are currently ranked second in the state in Class A boys basketball and could be a contender for the state title this year. The Grizzlies defeated Ely in the Section 7A championship last Saturday night to earn the trip to state. See full coverage of the title match beginning on page 1B. photos by B. Smith



## INVESTIGATION

# Diligence lacking in campground sewer project

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**  
Managing Editor

TOWER— It appears the Tower City Council committed to spending at least \$175,000 for a sewer extension to the Hoodoo Point Campground without verifying the need for the project, or without understanding how it could impact plans for future economic development in the city.

Work is already well underway on the project, which is expected to be completed in late spring. The price tag for the total project is \$529,000, which includes the cost of connecting the campground to the municipal sewer system operated by the Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board. Other work includes repairing and replacing sewer laterals throughout portions of the campground, installing a new grinder station and replacing or repairing more than 1,000 feet of other sewer lines in and around the campground. The project also included new electrical service in the new campsites and other necessary electrical upgrades.

Much of that work appears to have been needed to replace aging sewage infrastructure at the campground, some of which dates back to the 1960s. Recent televising of the lines

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## GUN SAFETY

# Ely hosts ‘March For Our Lives’ for stricter gun laws

by **KEITH VANDERVORT**  
Ely Editor

ELY – Ely residents are invited to collaborate with the “March For Our Lives” event in Washington, D.C., in a similar event at Whiteside Park on Saturday, March 24 beginning at 11 a.m.

“This is not about taking away our Second Amendment rights. This about getting guns out of the hands of people who should not have them.”

**Dayna Mase, Ely ‘March for Our Lives’ organizer**

Dayna Mase, organizer of the local event, credited the students of

Parkland High School, the site of the Valentine’s Day massacre of 17 Florida

children and adults, for starting the movement that has resulted in protests, as

well as pressure on elected officials to enact further gun restrictions. “Those survivors are the ones who started this movement,” she said.

“This public event is an effort to draw attention to the need for stricter gun laws in our country,” she said. “We are trying to

make people aware that more changes need to be made to gun laws.” This is not about taking away our Second Amendment rights. This is about getting guns out of the hands of people who should not have them.”

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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

# Pedaling to D.C. to raise awareness of mine threat

Dave and Amy Freeman launch next adventure in bid to halt mine near the BWCAW

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY -Local environmental advocates Dave and Amy Freeman's next wilderness adventure in their continuing fight to save the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness will begin April 20 as they embark on a 1,750-mile bicycle trip to Washington, D.C.

"Folks keep asking us, 'What's next?'" Dave Freeman said in referencing their past advocacy projects, including paddling a canoe from Ely to the nation's capital to deliver petitions opposing the planned sulfide mining projects on the edge of the

wilderness

The husband-and-wife explorer team spent 366 straight days in the BWCAW, from 2015 to 2016, on an epic trip they describe as "witness activism" to raise awareness of the dangers proposed copper-nickel mines pose.

The Freemans, seasoned worldwide explorers who were named National Geographic's 2014 Adventurers of the Year, used social media to communicate the vulnerable majesty of their surroundings. They blogged daily posts as they paddled, portaged, and dog-sledded more than 2,000 miles across 500 bodies of water.

Last fall the Freemans pub-

**Right: Dave and Amy Freeman posed with their bikes recently, to announce their next adventure, which begins April 20.** submitted photo

lished "A Year in the Wilderness," an account of their marathon BWCAW trek and the activism that fueled it.

The Freemans officially announced their next adventure advocacy project last week. "Pedal to DC: A Book Tour to Save the Boundary Waters," will take the Freemans across nine states between April 20 and June 18.

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## COUNTY SCHOOLS

# Concerns raised over MI-B collaboration proposal

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Members of the St. Louis County School Board got a closer look at some of the details of the proposed service-sharing agreement with the Mt. Iron-Buhl School District at a study session held last week at the district office. And at least a couple board members have concerns about what they saw.

Under the proposal outlined by ISD 2142 Business Manager Kim Johnson, Superintendent Reggie Engebritson would see a 25-percent increase in her compensation for providing superintendent services to MI-B, which would add \$40,302

to her annual salary. Engebritson's recently-approved contract with ISD 2142 totals just under \$180,000 including all benefits, so the increase would boost her total compensation to \$220,137, according to Johnson.

Under the agreement, MI-B would pay for the additional salary along with a contribution of \$35,967 to cover a portion of Engebritson's base salary with ISD 2142. That would put MI-B's total contribution towards the superintendent services at \$76,269.

The arrangement for Kristi Berlin's position as Director of Teaching and Learning would be similar. Berlin would see a pay increase of 15

percent, or \$17,668, for a total of \$153,931. MI-B would pay \$44,920 in total compensation for Berlin's services.

Transportation Director Kay Cornelius would also see a 15-percent salary increase, or \$10,782, for managing the two districts, bringing her total compensation to \$111,469. Johnson told the board, MIB would be required to pay all of the increase in salaries for handling the two districts and an additional 20 percent of the base salaries for the contracted services. The additional 20 percent is added, as MIB is roughly one fifth or 20 percent of the size of 2142, she noted.

While the deal would potentially save ISD 2142

about \$83,356 in salary costs, board member Chris Koivisto worries that the savings pale in comparison to some of the things the district could be losing through the agreement. "We may save money, but I worry we'll be losing touch," he said.

Board member Dan Manick has similar worries. "I'm still concerned that putting that much on someone's plate could be too much work," he said. While MI-B is a significantly smaller school district than 2142, both Manick and Koivisto suggest it may be bigger than it appears, considering that the superintendent, in particular, would be taking on a separate school board and an entirely different

set of employee contracts for each district. "I believe our superintendent already has a full-time job," said Koivisto. "I worry that by doing this, we won't get the work done that we need to oversee our schools. I'm just not convinced it will work."

They also question how Engebritson could effectively represent both districts in any competitive bid for future funding or grants. "Would she advocate for one district just a little bit less?" asked Manick.

Koivisto has similar concerns about the sharing agreement for Kristi Berlin, who oversees testing results for the district. "We're seeing that test scores are not going

forward in the way we'd like to see right now," he said. "Maybe we need that work done here in our schools."

Both Manick and Koivisto worry that if things fall through the cracks as top administrators focus on MI-B, there will soon be calls to hire assistants, which could minimize or even add to ISD 2142's overall administrative costs.

The proposal to hire a new assistant for the transportation director is an example. While MI-B would pay 20 percent of Cornelius's current base salary, the district now plans to hire an assistant director as well.

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POLITICS

# Phifer tops delegate haul at Sixth District convention

In gubernatorial race, Walz narrowly edges Otto, with most delegates uncommitted

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor



Leah Phifer

REGIONAL— Grassroots enthusiasm for DFL Eighth District congressional candidate Leah Phifer continues to play out at county and state senate district conventions around the region.

Phifer, whose strong endorsement challenge of Congressman Rick Nolan, was at least one factor in his decision to bow out of a re-election bid, picked up nine more committed delegates from the Sixth Senate District convention held last Saturday in Hibbing.

Rep. Jason Metsa, whose district encompasses the Iron Range portion of the Sixth District, picked up five delegates, with six delegates listed as uncommitted. The convention elected a total of 20 delegates and as many alternates, who will advance to the state convention in June as well as the April 14 endorsing convention for the Eighth District congressional race.

Former state Rep. Joe Radinovich,

North Branch Mayor Kirsten Hagen Kennedy, and former KBJR news anchor Michelle Lee also attended the convention. All participated in a candidates' forum just prior to the selection of state convention delegates.

Field organizers for Phifer's campaign worked the convention throughout the day on Saturday. They had expected to face an uphill fight for delegates in Metsa's backyard but found plenty of enthusiasm among the just over two hundred delegates who had assembled for the convention.

Phifer's success in the Sixth came in the wake of the March 10 Third Senate District convention in Ely, where Phifer won nine of the 14 delegates elected there. Phifer also won the bulk of delegates in a Koochiching

County convention held last Saturday and claimed five delegates in a convention held in North Branch over the weekend according to political commentator Aaron Brown. The North Branch mayor, by contrast, won just one delegate at that gathering. Eight other delegates were advanced as uncommitted.

Phifer also picked up some significant endorsements this past week, including the support of longtime former legislator and gubernatorial candidate Becky Lourey, of Kerrick. She also won the endorsement of Our Revolution-Duluth and Our Revolution-Minnesota, two organizations created as offshoots of the Bernie Sanders campaign.

It appears almost certain that Phifer will arrive at the April 14 endorsing convention with a solid lead in delegates, but it remains unclear whether she'll reach the 60-percent threshold

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## Hainey, Sandstede also garner DFL endorsements

REGIONAL— Shaun Hainey, of Pike Township, is the newly-endorsed DFL candidate for the 6B state House seat currently held by Jason Metsa. Delegates to the Sixth Senate District party convention in Hibbing last Saturday voted to make that endorsement by a two-to-one margin.

Metsa has announced he's running for the Eighth District congressional seat currently held by Rep. Rick Nolan, and so is not expected to seek re-election to his House seat.

Hainey currently works for the St. Louis County Assessor's Office and is a member of the AFSCME union. He is also Vice Chair for Friends of the (Olcott Park) Greenhouse, is an active Rotarian, and co-teaches Sunday school at United in Christ Lutheran Church.

Hainey has served on the Quad-Cities Early Childhood Coalition and Laurentian Chamber of Commerce Legislative Affairs Committee along with charitable boards for Volunteers in Education and Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability.

Hainey grew up in Pine Springs, a metro area community, and attended the University of Minnesota, Morris, where he earned a degree in political science with minors in economics and psychology. He lives with his wife, Cassandra (Maki) Hainey, and their four children on an aspiring hobby farm.

District 6B extends from the southern outskirts of Tower in the north to the Duluth suburbs in the south, including the Quad Cities of the East Range.

Rep. Julie Sandstede was also unanimously endorsed for re-election to the 6A seat she currently holds. Sandstede's district includes western portions of the Iron Range, stretching from Angora in the northeast to Floodwood in the south and Bigfork in the northwest.



Shaun Hainey

## EARLY LEARNING

# Little Eagles child care expected to reopen in May

Staffing shortage proves an unexpected complication, forces temporary closure

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER— The Little Eagles Childcare Center has closed temporarily while the organization seeks a new lead teacher. The center must abide by strict state licensing requirements, which include having a lead teacher on the premises during the bulk of the center's hours of operations, and without a teacher in place, the center cannot accept students.

The center is currently seeking a new lead teacher, but the hiring process, which

includes interviews, background checks, and certification approval by the state Department of Human Services, is likely to take at least a few weeks.

Amy Richter is continuing as center director, on a part-time basis. She had also served as lead teacher for Little Eagles, but has taken a new position with the Head Start program, which prevents her from serving in a teaching capacity at Little Eagles.

"This temporary closure is unfortunate, but we have taken pains to comply with

all the state rules in place to ensure a quality experience for the students and families we serve," said Troy Swanson, board chair for the nonprofit corporation that operates Little Eagles. "We're not about to cut corners."

Swanson said the center management intends to have the facility back up and in operation by May, when programs like Head Start, Early Learning Family Education, and Learning Readiness end for the summer. "In the meantime," said Swanson, "we encourage parents who

will be needing summer care to contact us immediately for registration materials and to learn more about financial assistance opportunities."

Parents of children may qualify for childcare assistance through St. Louis County, or for Early Learning Scholarships for children ages three and four. Eligibility for Early Learning Scholarships includes families earning up to 185 percent of the federal poverty level.

"We can help people negotiate the process of

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## Editorial

### A little sunshine please

Refusal to answer questions suggests  
Tower officials don't like their answers

Asking questions. There are few tasks more critical to the workings of a newspaper as it serves its vital watchdog role.

We ask questions most often to ensure accuracy. But sometimes we ask questions because they need to be asked, and because they aren't being asked by the public officials who make decisions that affect us.

In our experience, public officials don't like questions when they aren't proud of the answers.

And that appears to be the situation with the city of Tower, which has now officially informed this newspaper that it will not respond to questions related to the city's decision to connect the Hoodoo Point Campground to the Tower-Breitung municipal wastewater system. Ironically, the city's decision not to respond to legitimate questions came during Sunshine Week, a nationally-recognized event designed to highlight the importance of transparency in government.

Sadly, there is far too little sunshine in the city of Tower these days. For more than a year, we've urged city officials to reconsider this project, and more recently, we've asked for any evidence that the three pressurized mound systems that have provided wastewater treatment for the campground for the past 25 years actually needed to be abandoned.

This was a key question, not only because connecting the campground to the municipal sewer system would be costly, but because it threatened to consume a sizable portion of the remaining capacity in the municipal system, potentially hamstringing future economic development efforts and requiring far more costly expansion of the municipal capacity.

Without solid evidence that the existing mound system was failing and could not readily be restored to full function, the city council's decision to abandon it was foolhardy.

When pressed on the issue, city officials have fallen back on their city engineer, saying that the recommendation to connect to the city system came from him. In response, we addressed a number of pertinent questions to the city engineer. We have since been informed that the city will not be responding to any of them.

So here are the questions we want the city or its engineer to answer. Perhaps the public will begin asking these questions as well and we can finally understand the rationale, or lack thereof, for this costly decision.

1) Could the campground project have included the repair/replacement of the sewage collection lines from the campground to the lift station, and still left the [pressurized mound system] intact, eliminating the need for a sewer extension?

2) Were you aware when you recommended the sewer extension that it would potentially consume a significant portion of the remaining wastewater treatment capacity for the Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board?

3) If so, were you aware that this would likely necessitate that the TBWB undertake a sewage capacity expansion, or that it would severely limit planned or proposed economic development in the city?

4) If so, did you inform city officials of the development implications of consuming so much of the remaining treatment

capacity?

5) Why did you recommend that the city pursue the sewer extension?

6) What actual evidence do you have that the existing [pressurized mound system] was or is failing?

7) Were you aware that the existing septic system has three [pressurized mounds] that were supposed to be alternated on an annual basis?

8) Were you aware that one of the valves had been stuck open for a period of years?

9) Did you ever evaluate the cost or feasibility of replacing the problem valve?

10) According to Linda Keith, the televising of the sewage collection lines at the campground revealed they were in bad condition, with numerous breaks. Is that your understanding?

11) Based on that, do you believe that the system may have been experiencing significant inflow and infiltration of fresh water?

12) Do you have any evidence that addressing the inflow and infiltration issue would NOT have adequately addressed whatever concerns might have existed around the [mound systems]?

13) Finally, would it be possible for the city to hold off on disconnecting the campground from the existing [mound system] to maintain existing wastewater treatment capacity until additional municipal capacity is brought online?

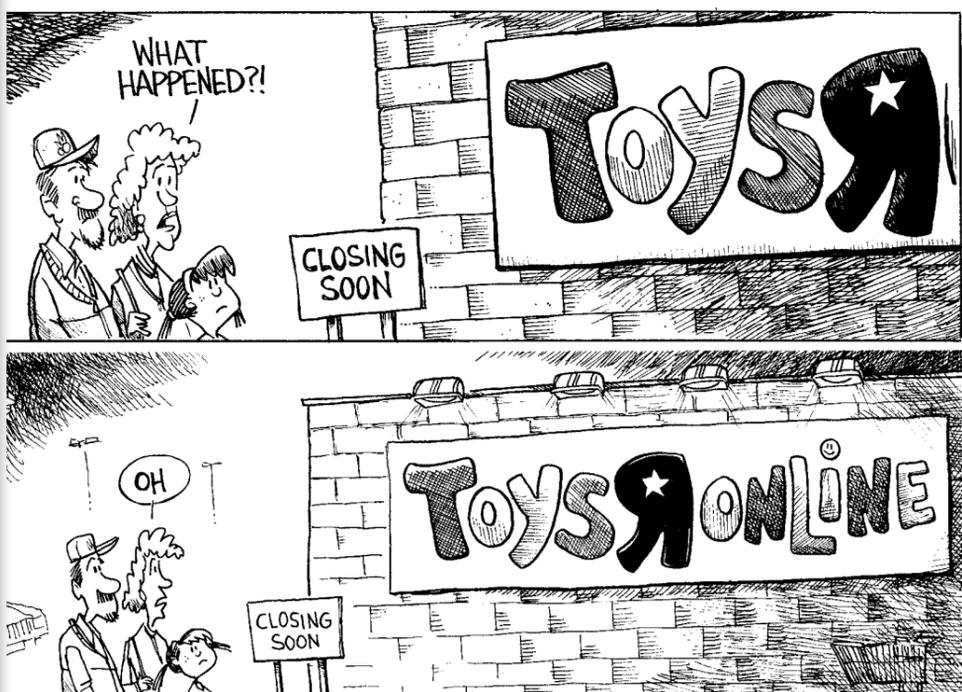
None of these questions is inappropriate. Indeed, these are all questions that the city council should have asked. By refusing to respond, city officials are refusing to be accountable for their own actions.

We recognize that small town governance isn't easy, and that public officials often lack the technical expertise that's needed to make informed decisions on complex issues. That means they frequently rely on engineers, consultants, and attorneys to advise them.

That's appropriate, but it does not excuse officials from exercising due diligence and from using their own common sense. In this case, it appears that the city failed to adequately explore whether it was actually necessary to abandon an existing wastewater treatment system, and what the broader implications of such a decision might be.

Finally, it's worth considering the impetus for this entire situation, which began with a perfectly reasonable request to upgrade a portion of the city's campground to add seven seasonal RV sites. Unfortunately, what had seemed a modest project quickly mushroomed into a very costly venture, with wide-ranging implications. At some point, city officials should have stepped back, and re-examined the city's real priorities. By failing to do so, they've incurred significant expense that was very possibly unnecessary, forced far greater future expense, and hampered prospects for economic development in the process. All to add seven RV sites at the campground.

We all make mistakes. The best we can hope is to learn from them. Unfortunately, their refusal to ask questions, or even answer appropriate questions posed by others, suggests city officials are more intent on circling the wagons than attempting to understand what went wrong.



## Letters from Readers

### Forget the wall; let's invest in our Veterans, instead

I guess I can't understand why our Commander in Chief wants to spend 25 billion dollars building a wall between Mexico and the U.S.A. That won't stop them from making their way into the U.S.A. one way or another? I think the money would be better spent on the Vets who gave their lives and limbs to keep our country safe for us and our children. We need to get our Vets help that they are not getting now. For God's sake, take care of those who have taken care of us for so many years. Forget your wall, Donald. Wake up and smell the coffee. It's not about your promises before you got elected. It's about how we take care of our own. It's not about money. It's about lives we can save. We owe more than that. We have to give them their lives back.

**Dan Fleagle  
Tower**

### Time for a little sunshine in the Legislature

Readers should be aware of bills that are in the House and Senate right now, which would require that the Legislature come under the Open Meeting Law and the Data Practices Act that Cities, Counties, school boards, etc. must abide by. It would be a good thing to help shine some needed daylight on the State

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The House bill is: HF1065

Please ask these fellows to sign on and co-sponsor these bills. If you live in different districts, please notify your State Representative and State Senator to do the same.

**Lee Peterson  
Lake Vermilion, Tower**  
In March 2016, Governor

### Let Twin Metals continue its development work

Dayton issued a directive to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources not to authorize or enter into any new state access or lease agreements for mining operations on state land in the Superior National Forest in close proximity to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. Further, the Governor contacted the Bureau of Land Management, urging that Twin Metals Minnesota's leases, currently under review, not be renewed. The Governor's actions were contrary to Minnesota law, the Minnesota Constitution and Public Law No. 49-495 that expressly permits mining in the Superior National Forest.

The Governor's actions were shamefully misguided.

Directing the Minnesota DNR to deny access to state land in the Superior National Forest where mineral development is expressly permitted, and not issue new mineral exploration leases on thousands of acres of state land, including 95,000 acres of school trust land, was based neither upon facts nor science. Gov. Dayton was inspired to act by environmental organizations that applied political pressure to pre-emptively quash a proposed mining project during the planning stage before the feasibility studies could even be completed.

The Governor's actions were not only unlawful, but profoundly irresponsible and thoughtless. Someone please inform the Governor that the median household incomes in the cities of Hibbing, Virginia, Ely and Babbitt average less than 59 percent of that of the state as a whole. Twin Metals' proposed mining operation will create 650 new mining jobs and 1,300 jobs in mining-related industries. Gov. Dayton continues to ignore the well-being of thousands of northeastern Minnesotans. Many are under-employed because there are too few jobs available that pay a living wage, are forced to take a second job to support their families, and are stripped of their dignity and self-esteem.

**Gerald Tyler,  
Chairman  
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## Stella Artois and the old mink coat

In the grand scheme of things within our country, people are marching... FOR OUR LIVES. The current presidency, gun control and women's rights remain intensely at the top of national concerns. For me, a non-activist, living in my smaller scheme of things, I continue managing the Vermilion Park Inn, assisting with husband Bill's recovery from rotator cuff surgery, and at the *Timberjay*, learning our new InDesign software. I keep challenged, that's



for sure. This is me, just where I am at with it all...but I've been in a bit of a dilemma that may seem trivial and a waste of concern to many. It started like this:

A few weeks ago, I was sitting at a bar in Ely having a Stella

Artois-Cidre. Bill and his brother, Dave, were playing a few games of pool in the same bar, when a friend came in and joined me. It was good to see her. She sat next to me and we caught up on this and that, while she dipped into

the pull-tab gambling boxes behind the bar. None of the other players were pulling out any winners, yet most, including her; kept gambling. I'm sure they were thinking, "When I'm in this deep I have to try to recoup at least some of my loss!" Another handful of losing tickets hit the garbage when my friend reminded me she'd promised to give me her vintage mink coat, back around the holidays. Geez, I'd forgotten about it in all honesty, but being reminded, I admit, the concept piqued my curiosity. It's not an item I have ever considered purchasing for myself. Fur coats, in my mind, are something frivolous that wealthy folk

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## Letters from Readers

### Sainthood for Antofagasta? Not quite...

In his recent letter to the editor in the *Ely Echo*, Mr. Bob Colombo nominates Antofagasta ("the owner of Twin Metals Mining") for corporate sainthood! It is commendable, of course, that the Luksics (Antofagasta's founder/owner family) engage in philanthropy and good causes. But, as the history of philanthropists in our

country demonstrates (from the Rockefellers to Warren Buffett), major charitable donations often originate in ill-gained profits. Mr. Colombo glosses over the lamentable environmental and human rights track record of Antofagasta's mining operations.

Instead, Mr. Colombo tries to get Antofagasta off the hook for its "two or three negative issues" with a curious argument: "Do you honestly think that BP wanted to lose a drill rig and eleven gifted employees in the Gulf of Mexico? Do you really

think that Exxon really wanted to destroy an oil tanker on a reef in Alaska?" Here he is inadvertently supporting what is perhaps the strongest single reason why copper/nickel mining should not be permitted in the BWCAW watershed. Namely, that regardless of a company's good intentions and touted modern technology, accidents happen! In other words, Mr. Colombo is willing to place our clean-water national treasure at the risk of an unintentional environmental disaster.

And then comes a disin-

genuous disclaimer: "So who pays when something bad happens? Antofagasta will put the required funds in the bank to cover any catastrophic disaster; it's part of the deal." So, he admits that "something bad" can happen, and if it does, why then, Antofagasta will make good. Two problems with that empty promise: First of all, it is my understanding that the negotiated financial assurance amount is based on the projected costs of cleaning up the site when the mine closes and does not cover potential accidents. And,

secondly, water scientists tells us that, should a disastrous spill of acid enter the Kawishiwi River, there is no way that this sensitive waterway can be restored. The damage of an accident will be permanent.

In short, despite Mr. Colombo's sugarcoating, Antofagasta will not be "a welcome addition to the Minnesota Arrowhead."

**Elton Brown**  
**Morse Township**

### MINK COAT...Continued from page 4

wear, or are for people who live in cold climates and use the entire animal for food and warmth. I recalled my mother referring to fur coats as "car coats." It wasn't until the fifties and sixties that cars started to get decent heaters, so people wore the warmest coats they could find. This seemed a more valid reason to have a fur coat, but my car has heat, so wearing a fur coat wouldn't be necessary. Well, at any rate...back to the dilemma. After a few more rounds of bad luck with pull tabs, my friend left to get more gambling money, at her apartment nearby.

I knew she'd returned when I heard a loud, "Here ya go, for YOU!" as she thrust a mink coat onto my lap. My eyes widened and I sat back thinking, "This is very generous!" She told me she'd gotten it from a friend but wasn't wearing it any longer and that I looked like a fur-coat-wearer and should have it.

It was old, probably from the forties or fifties. It originally belonged to

a woman who was the owner of a flower shop in a North Shore town. In fact, upon inspection, the original owner's bold initials remained intact, machine-embroidered on the inside of the right lower panel. I got up and walked to the bathroom to try on the coat in privacy. FLASH... in memory I saw my Great-Aunt Adele, "Udd", standing in her fur. She was from Chicago, was short, wore high heels, hats and had fur coats. Udd looked at home in fur; I did not. The coat had some tears, mainly up on the collar, along with a few worn edges. It had clearly seen better days, (which would have been on the living animals' backs decades ago). I stood there in the bar restroom looking at my reflection and tweaked out a wry smile. Having learned about fur, years ago as a seamstress, I recognized the construction of this coat. It was a less expensive version, made from sewing together smaller scraps of many larger skins.

I stopped looking at

myself in the mirror, forty pounds heavier in the puff and fluff, and returned to sit at the bar, with the bottle of Stella, my friend and other dismayed pull tabbers down the bar and my newly-acquired pile of deceased...worn-out minks in my lap. Soon Bill was done playing pool so we exchanged thank yous, goodbyes, then left to head back to Soudan.

When something odd and unexpected comes into my life as a gift, it sometimes feels burdensome. The next day I thought... "Do I really want this?" It represents such controversy with PETA; will people yell at me for wearing it? The following day I went online and watched PETA videos of caged minks at filthy farms. I felt awful about those animals and about the fashion-fur industry.

I put the coat on a hanger in my closet for a couple weeks and did some exploring on wearing vintage fur. I came across one path of reasoning that I could relate to. Rachel Poliquin, the

author of "The Breathless Zoo: Taxidermy and the Cultures of Longing," says..."As soon as you get into talking about animals, and the appropriate ways we use animals, it's just such a never-ending pit of questions. Unless you live your life without using any animal products, and you don't wear leather shoes or a leather belt, and you don't eat meat, you're always a hypocrite, and there is no gray. I think a lot of people like to live in the gray zone."

"Right on, Rachel!" say I. I DO live in the gray zone; I'm surprised I dye my hair red...because I am SO gray in how I live my life! I eat chickens that come from big poultry farms. I have used leather my entire life and am aware not all leather comes from the meat industry. Plenty of leather is brought to the U.S. from other countries where they don't even consume beef. So, I decided that because the animals are already dead, decades dead, I would at least clean the coat and wear it respectfully. I hold

the lives of animals in a place of importance just because they are alive, not because they are pretty or not pretty. So, on we go.

Last week, I was in Duluth for Bill's rotator cuff surgery. He went down the hall to be repaired and I went to the fur store to talk to them about repairing and cleaning the coat. The owner was very knowledgeable and courteous to me. He told me the coat was in fragile condition, particularly the collar area. He and an experienced Polish seamstress studied the coat in the back room and concluded it would probably not hold up to cleaning, much mending, or lining replacement. The skins had become brittle and were tearing very easily. The sleeves and lower half of the coat however were in much better condition and could be salvaged. I considered the situation and decided to use those portions and repurpose them into a wide stole with black lining.

While my vintage coat had been under review in

the back room, I had wandered around looking at the beautiful animal fur...now made into coats. I flipped over the tags revealing the type of fur the coats were made of and the high prices too. From my reading, I was aware that a new fur coat can use as many as 55 minks, 100 chinchillas, or 125 ermines. A pretty staggering thought, indeed.

Well, I didn't become an activist in the fur store that day. I didn't protest. I am, simply put,... a hypocrite...just a chicken-eating, vintage-fur wearing, cowhide-shoe trodding thing.

So, calmly, this creature headed out the door of the fur store, knowing I'd be back to pick up the repurposed garment and scraps, and that would be it...the end of my involvement with acquiring any fur. I drove back to the hospital, feeling I had done right by the old coat. It would be repurposed and taken care of from that point on. It was time to greet Bill and get on with helping him recover from surgery.

### FREEMANS...Continued from page 2

"We hope the tour will bring renewed awareness of the efforts underway to protect the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from sulfide-ore copper mining," Dave said. They will also share their critically acclaimed book: *A Year in the Wilderness*.

"We will depart by

bicycle near ground zero of the proposed Twin Metals mine just outside of Ely on April 20 and plan to arrive in Washington, D.C., on June 18," he said.

With the help of Milkweed Editions, Save the Boundary Waters, and many other partners, they are organizing as many as

30 events at bookstores, libraries, outdoor stores, colleges, breweries, community centers, and other venues in Minneapolis, Milwaukee, Chicago, Columbus, Pittsburgh, and many more communities all along their route.

"This year marks the 40th Anniversary of the Boundary Waters Canoe

Area Wilderness Act of 1978 and we hope you will use Pedal to DC as a way to celebrate and protect our public lands during this momentous year," Amy Freeman said.

"Follow us, share our posts with your friends, come sign the signature canoe we will tow behind our bikes, help host or

promote an event in your area, read our book and share it with your friends, and alert people you know along our route that we are pedaling their way," she said.

"When we all speak loudly for this quiet place our collective voices will be heard and sulfide-ore copper mining will not be

allowed in the watershed of our nation's most popular wilderness."

To learn more and find updates on the tour, visit: <http://www.savetheboundarywaters.org/pedaltoDC>.

### CONCERNS...Continued from page 2

That means that while MI-B would pay just over \$40,000 in compensation for a portion of the time of both Cornelius and her assistant, ISD 2142 would add \$39,255 in additional salary and benefits for the assistant.

#### New transportation software

Board members also learned more about a bus

tracking software system that administrators would like to purchase for use by both districts. The new EDULOG program would come with \$36,000 annual price tag, according to Cornelius, although she argued that it could save the districts money by allowing her to develop more efficient routing of the district's buses and vans. It would also allow

parents to track the bus miles through the district parent portal.

As the largest school district in the state, geographically, Cornelius told the board that she is presently planning the routes using paper maps, which she contends is putting the district behind the power curve. She explained she has already saved the district some expense

with routing changes, and could possibly save more using the EDULOG program with more precise routing software, which also allows Cornelius to track hours, limiting the need for overtime.

MIB would pay 17 percent of the cost for the EDULOG software in proportion to the number of MIB buses, translating into \$6,120. Cornelius

would also receive a one-time payment of \$5,757 for the implementation of EDULOG software, which Johnson said would be covered by MIB. The MIB school board will need to approve the agreement before 2142 moves forward.

Cornelius also lobbied the board for creating an assistant to the director of transportation position,

citing the changing district transportation needs as 2142 and MIB share services. She also said that she would want the transportation assistant director to be required to have or obtain a school bus driver license, to be able to assist with the driver shortage.

### CONVENTION...Continued from page 3

for endorsement, at least in the early rounds. Brown, in a recent blog post, speculates that Radinovich could be a contender if he enters the convention in second place and gathers support from other candidates as they're eliminated in

the voting. According to Brown, some DFLers still harbor resentment toward Phifer for her challenge of Nolan.

In any event, the race is almost certainly headed for an August primary, since both Jason Metsa and

Michelle Lee have implied that they don't intend to abide by the endorsement. Phifer, Radinovich, and Hagen Kennedy have indicated they intend to abide by the endorsement, but if the party fails to make an endorsement in April, it's

likely all five candidates will continue on to the primary.

In other convention results, gubernatorial candidate Tim Walz picked up five delegates and Rebecca Otto garnered four. The remaining delegates were

### CHILDCARE...Continued from page 3

applying for the assistance that is available to help make quality childcare affordable to families," said Director Amy Richter.

Richter encouraged parents to consider the value of the early childhood enrichment offered by a high-quality, state-licensed facility like Little Eagles. Numerous studies have consistently demonstrated the many benefits

of high-quality centers like Little Eagles, which offer students the kind of daily structure that young children benefit from, as well as academic enrichment, socialization, and development of muscle and motor skills.

"Centers like Little Eagles provide much more than child care," notes Richter. Indeed, the center is being renamed the Little

Eagles Learning Center to emphasize the important learning opportunities made available there.

The center first opened in November and has seen a growing number of students enrolled. Little Eagles staff anticipate significant interest from families this summer, so parents are encouraged to register as soon as possible to ensure they will have a

space. The center can take no more than 18 children. Once re-opened, the center will be able to accept children ages 16-months to pre-Kindergarten. For more information or for registration materials, contact Amy Richter at 410-7077 or Marshall Helmberger at 753-2950.

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### Everybody's Uncle playing at Tower Civic Center on Saturday, March 24; fundraiser for Fourth of July events

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion Events Board is sponsoring a fundraiser dance on Saturday, March 24 starting at 8 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. The dance will feature music by "Everybody's Uncle," featuring Jimmy Laine on the drums and Southside Willy on the sax.

Proceeds of the bar will be donated by the Good Ol' Days to the Fourth of July Fund, so please come and support this fun event.

Everyone is invited to stop by, have a fun night, and help raise money for this year's Fourth of July!

### Chimpy Skating/Snow Party

SOUDAN- With winter weather still hanging on, Chimpy has planned another skating/snow party on Saturday, March 24 from 12 noon - 3 p.m. at the Soudan Skating Rink. There will be food and outdoor fun. Chimpy said that last week the turnout was great, so stop by for a lively afternoon. This week's party is sponsored by the Tower Firemen's Relief Association.

### Greenwood Township holding 40th Anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 25

GREENWOOD TWP- Planners for this summer's anniversary celebration for Greenwood Township are working on compiling a pamphlet with township history. They are asking if people on each particular road could compose a short history about their road, for example, who named the road, who were the first people to live on the road, were there any interesting businesses or other events that happened on that road, and how many live on the road today. Also, they are looking for any funny or particularly interesting stories that people might remember about the residents of the road. Keep it short. Photographs that go along with the stories are also encouraged.

The township celebration is set for Saturday, Aug. 25 in the afternoon and will include free food and entertainment.

For more information, please contact Pam Lundstrom, co-chair, Greenwood 40th Anniversary, 218-753-3006.

### Red Hat Belles attend high school musical

VIRGINIA- The Northern Red Hat Belles recently attended the Virginia High School's production of "The Little Mermaid." The club meets monthly for an outing, which often includes attending an event and visiting an area restaurant for a meal. New members are always welcome. Call Pam Lundstrom at 218-753-3006 if you have any questions.

### Correction

EMBARRASS- Embarrass Township is estimating approximately \$9,750 in additional costs for landscaping, site prep, and paving for the new post office. The clerk incorrectly stated that amount would be \$24,000 at the annual meeting.

### Grief support group in Tower first Thursday of the month

TOWER- 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 new monthly grief support group in Tower. The group is open to anyone in our area who has experienced the death of a loved one.

The Monthly Grief Education and Support Group meets from 2 - 4 p.m. on the first Thursday of the month at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 304 Spruce St. There is no cost for this group.

The group is led by Catherine Burt, East Range Hospice Family Grief Support staff. Please call to register, 1-877-851-2213 or 218-749-7975. The group is being sponsored by Essentia Health St. Mary's East Range Hospice.

## COMMUNITY EDUCATION

# Easter bunny helpers...



Kim King offered one of her afterschool craft classes last week, and children got the opportunity to make several different kinds of candy-filled Easter treats to bring home. Above: Bailey Pratt helped Kasen and Kooper Dostert create some candy carrots.



Nailee Moyer started the afternoon by making a St. Patrick's Day card.



Kim King helped Shaye Isham with one of the projects. photos by J. Summit

## Letters from Readers

### Thoughts on Palm Sunday: Jesus stakes his claim as king

One of the most common thoughts today is that Jesus is just one of many perfectly reputable religious gurus. This thought is as common and as prevalent as the cool, clean, fresh Northern Minnesota air. And we breathe it in just as much. And it rarely is questioned in our relativistic and secular culture.

But if Palm Sunday teaches us anything, it's that Jesus himself rejects that idea outright. On Palm Sunday, he stakes

his claim as king!

The first piece of evidence that Jesus thinks of himself as king, is that he takes advantage of his right as king to secure and requisition the proper transportation. As a king, if you wanted to go someplace you just told people how you wanted to get there, and they would make it happen. Jesus tells two disciples to bring him an ass and its colt, for it is on them that he will ride into the city.

The second piece of evidence is that Jesus consciously and intentionally fulfills the prophecy of the prophet Zechariah six centuries before.

Listen to this prophecy: Zechariah says, "Exult greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout for joy, O daughter Jerusalem! Behold: your king is coming to you, a just savior is he, humble, and riding on an

ass, on a colt, the foal of an ass." (Zechariah 9:9). The Jews saw this as one of the prominent messianic prophecies, one that needed to be fulfilled to prove one's true kingship. And Jesus is intentionally fulfilling it.

In his entrance into Jerusalem, Jesus was intentionally and conscientiously claiming himself as king.

So, the question I pose to us today as we get set to begin Holy Week, the holiest time of the year, is this: Is Jesus our king? He is claiming kingship. That is certain. Do we allow Christ to be king in our lives or is he just one of the things I attend to? I have my job, my family, I have hunting, I have my TV shows, I have the Vikings, I have my Budweiser, and I have Jesus as well. No. That's not good enough for Jesus. He stakes his claim as king!

If you are ready to make Jesus king, or even if you are just willing to consider it, know that you are most welcome at St. Martin's in Tower. You can find our Holy Week schedule listed in the community events section. And I am always willing to get a cup of coffee and talk more about Jesus if you'd like. I assume you are also welcome at the other area churches.

Jesus is king. He wants to be our king. How will we respond? By making Jesus our king? Or shouting like the crowd on Good Friday, "We have no king but Caesar!" because we've made something else king in our life?

God bless, and a Blessed Holy Week to you and your loved ones!

Father Nick Nelson, Pastor at St. Martin's Catholic Church, Tower

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VERMILION COUNTRY SCHOOL

# Choir competes at State Contest



From left: VCS Choir members Jacob Dorman, Andrew Sauls, Alanna Honkola, and Alyssa Pratt all won Superior awards and medals (the top honor) at this year's Choir Contest. The entire choir earned an Excellent rating for their performance. photo by J. Summit

TOWER- The Vermilion Country School Choir received three Excellent ratings for their performances at the Minnesota State High School League Choir Contest held on March 12.

A trio composed of Andrew Sauls, Alanna Honkola, and Alyssa Pratt earned a Superior rating, and these students were awarded certificates and medals.

Andrew Sauls, Alanna Honkola, and Jacob Dorman performed solos, and all three earned a Superior rating, and were also awarded certificates and medals. The choir is led by teacher Karin Schmidt.

The VCS Choir is now working on pieces to perform during the school's Expo Day in May and for graduation on Saturday, June 2.



## Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, March 31

TOWER- The Annual Community Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, March 31 at 11 a.m. sharp at the Tower Civic Center.

Families are asked to be at the civic center by 10:45 a.m. to get ready. Children are sent outside to hunt for eggs (sorted into age groups) at 11 a.m. sharp! The event is for children ages three years to sixth-grade. There will be prizes, special raffles, and lunch for all.

The event is sponsored by St. James Presbyterian Church, with help from members of Immanuel Lutheran Church, and support from community businesses.

### AEOA Senior Dining Menu

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

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

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

**Week of March 26**  
Spring Break- No School all Week

**Week of April 2**  
Monday- No School (but there is Bingo at the Civic Center!)  
Tuesday- Chicken Sandwich, Vegetable  
Wednesday- Taco Salad, Corn Muffin  
Thursday- Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Vegetable  
Friday- Spaghetti with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread Stick

Week of March 26

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

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

**Tuesday**  
Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is April 17.

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

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

**Thursday**  
Vermilion Country School Board- Next meeting is Tuesday, April 24 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings posted online at [vermilioncountry.org](http://vermilioncountry.org).

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

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### HOLY WEEK SERVICES

#### Community Palm Sunday Service at Soudan Baptist

SOUDAN- A Community Palm Sunday Service will be held at Soudan Baptist Church on Palm Sunday, March 25 at 6 p.m. All are invited. Coffee an' will follow. This ecumenical service is sponsored by the Tower-Soudan Ministerial Association.

#### St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower Holy Week schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25: 10:30 a.m. at St. Martin's; we will begin the service in the Social Hall  
Chrism Mass, March 26: 5:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of Our Lady in Duluth  
Holy Thursday, March 29: 6 p.m. at St. Mary's in Cook

Good Friday, March 30: 6 p.m. at St. Martin's  
Easter Vigil, March 31: 8:15 p.m. at St. Mary's in Cook  
Easter Sunday, April 1: 11 a.m. at St. Martin's

#### St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday, March 25: Worship at 10 a.m. "Peace, Be Still" based on Mark 4:35-41  
Maundy Thursday Communion and Pot-Luck, March 29 at 6 p.m. "The Last Passover"  
Easter Sunday, April 1: Worship at 10 a.m. "All The Church Has Is Jesus" based on Matthew 28:1-10, 16-20. The service is followed by our Pot-Luck Easter Brunch.

#### Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower Holy Week Worship Schedule

TOWER- Please join us for worship at Immanuel during Holy Week. Special worship services this week include:  
Palm Sunday, March 25: Worship with Palm Branch Processional and Holy Communion at 10 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday, March 29: Worship with Holy Communion at 6:30 p.m.  
Good Friday, March 30: Joint service with St. Paul's Lutheran at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel  
Easter Sunday, April 1: Celebration Worship with Holy Communion at 10 a.m.

NORTHEAST RANGE HIGH SCHOOL

## High School Band earns Superior ratings at State Contest



The Northeast Range Band received three superior ratings at the State Contest on Tuesday, March 13. The competitive contest was held at the Mesabi East School. This is the fourth year in a row the band has received Superior ratings. The band is directed by Mr. Kevin Ryks. submitted photo

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WINDOW INTO YESTERDAY

# Rock Crusher stands tall in Ely's past

by DAVID KESS  
for the EWHS

"We're almost there—we're almost in Ely!" is what our parents exclaimed to the kids in the car as it got close to town. There on the left side of the highway was Ely's mountain. It was a landmark and more.

Young people made many "unauthorized" bike trips there to climb the mountain, to explore, and to swim. Some even went cliff jumping and skinny dipping into the emerald green water of the abandoned quarry on the other side. It was a secret getaway.

Bill Mackie, now of San Antonio, Texas, recalls it this way: "Ah, yes—the old Rock Crusher. The Rock Crusher was a summertime destination for my friends and me—Ronny Mavetz, Dale Nelson, et al, because it had a neat, spring-fed swimming hole, cliffs to leap from into the water, even a wee one-person 'cave.' Once upon a time the enormous green pile of crushed rock had twin peaks that offered a great view in all directions. You could see the Ely water tower three miles away. We called the pinnacles Vesuvius and Etna. It was a mountain to us. Over the years as I returned to Ely from college and work in Duluth, then later from Texas, I've watched my Ely Alps erode away until it became barely visible from the highway. The Rock Crusher still lives for me however."



The Rock Crusher was located a couple of miles out of Ely and was in operation in the 1920s and 1930s. It was a summertime bike ride adventure for area youth. photos courtesy Ely-Winton Historical Society

The rock crusher came about because of the greenstone rock that could be crushed to provide a mineral surfaced for roofing. A.C. Hall, B.F. Nelson, and J.B. Preston were the principals of the operation from 1921 - 1932. The plant was located three miles west of Ely near the intersection of the D. M. and I. R. railroad, Highway 88, and Highway 169. Greenstone was mined from a quarry and then crushed into small granules. At first two railroad cars of the material were sent out daily. When in full production, ten cars were sent out.

The corporate name was the Emeraldite Rock Surface Company and was headquartered in North Carolina. The parent company exists there yet. The plant, which included a complex of wooden buildings, burned after several years. It was rebuilt soon after with a loan from the Reconstruction Finance Corporation, a creation of President Herbert Hoover. This agency was later incorporated into the New Deal.

At its peak, 45 men were employed, with two supervisors, and a manager. The workers were paid \$.35 per hour and worked 10-hour days. The work was dangerous—safety equipment and regulations were nearly nonexistent at the time.

According to one source, the plant closed in 1932 but other sources list its closing as 1937. Another source cites the material as being inferior for roofing, still another says the Ely operation was too expensive. It is known however that a number of the men suffered from a silicosis type of illness from dust particles that entered their lungs.

The buildings were torn down shortly after the closing. The water-filled quarry and a stockpile of crushed rock are all that remain today.

Many stories about fun (and forbidden) times have circulated over the years. One tells of a steam shovel being left in the quarry (and reports of a body inside the cab). Neither story has been substantiated. Another has it that there was a zip line stretched across the quarry. But most recall riding bikes there unbeknownst to their parents. It was, after all, three miles from town. For the longest time it was Ely's "mountain"—one with an irresistible siren call.

Carl Karasti notes that the pile of crushed rock is itself not technically the Rock Crusher. That would have been the mill buildings where the rock was crushed and processed. Ely greenstone is similar to Pillow Rock and not limestone as some think. Over the years, he says, water has leached out minerals such as calcium



causing the greenstone gravel and sand to solidify. Quite a lot of loose granules and gravel still remain. These materials erode away with the elements, slowly bringing down the height of the pile. While it has visibly shrunk, the trees around it have grown and hidden it further.

The property is privately owned and off limits to the public. Liability insurance prohibits public use.

What most of us have left is our childhood memories. The men who once worked there are no more. Elyite Dea Whitten got permission

to do a painting called "Reflections of the Rock Crusher." It can be seen at the Ely Shopper office. Dea loaned a print for display at the Ely-Winton Historical Office at VCC. Gen Palo has donated photos of the crushing operations. Further details may be found in micro films of the Ely Miner or Marriage, Mining, Mischief, and More.

This display will be transferred to the public library in early May. If you have not seen the postcards from Ely display at the college, it is now at the library. Call 365-3226 for further details.

## Libraries

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

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

## Support groups

- AA - Alcoholics Anonymous**  
AA - 7 p.m. Mondays,  
First Lutheran Church,  
915 E. Camp St.
- WOMEN'S AA - Noon Mondays, Ledgerrock Community Church, Ely - use 15th Street entrance**
- BABBITT AA - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church.**
- AL-ANON - Sundays 8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely.**  
For persons who encounter alcoholism in a relative or friend.
- BABBITT AL-ANON - Thursdays, 7 p.m., at Woodland Presbyterian Church.**
- CO-DEPENDENTS' 12-step support group, noon Fridays, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Ely.**
- ELY FOOD SHELF - third Wednesday each month. 15 W. Conan St..**
- ADULT BASIC EDUCATION**
- GED - Study materials and pre-test available. Ely Community Center Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tower by appointment.**



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### Tuesday Group

ELY - The upcoming Tuesday Group schedule (subject to change) is listed below. All talks are at 12 noon on Tuesday at Grand Ely Lodge.

- March 27** - Ely-Bloomenson Hospital Staff - Diagnostic imaging available in Ely
- April 3** - Linda Sutton, Kay Vandervort and Joe Owens - Ely 100% Equal Pay Community

### Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2018



sunshine on the ice  
bobber suddenly goes down  
a fish for dinner

### HONORS BAND



Ely band teacher Sarah Mason, left, with students Gabriel Pointer, Gracie Pointer, Madison Hasz, Willow Ohlhauser, Micah Larson, and Levi Shusta. submitted photos

### Ely students compete at UMD Band Festival

ELY - Ely Memorial High School band students took part in the University of Minnesota-Duluth's 50th Annual Junior High Honor Band Festival last month.

Taking part in the day-long event with Ely K-12 Band/Classroom Music Teacher Sarah Mason were students Gabriel Pointer, Gracie Pointer, Madison Hasz, Willow Ohlhauser, Micah Larson, and Levi Shusta.

"The kids were introduced to completely new music at the start of the day and by the end of the day, they performed it in front of the public at a concert in the UMD Marshall Performing Arts Center," Mason said.

The Gold Band, the top band at the UMD Band Festival held Feb. 27, had three Ely students accepted into it.

About 40 schools from Minnesota and Wisconsin brought students to the festival. "They had a lot of fun," Mason said. "Kids are getting more and more excited about band in this community, which has been fun to witness. I think this is a testament to our students' hard work."

CULTURAL CELEBRATION

# Finland (Minn.) does Saint Urho's Day



Highway 1 in Finland was lined with St. Urho's Day Parade watchers on Saturday. The village celebrates their patron saint every year on March 16. photos by K. Vandervort

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

FINLAND—What do grasshoppers, grapes, and Finns have to do with one another?

The legend of St. Urho is not the product of one person, but of many. The original character is usually traced to Virginia, Minn., but like most good legends, there have been many voices in creating the history of St. Urho.

The little town of Finland, about an hour down Highway 1 from Ely, takes the March 16 celebration seriously.

St. Urho was created by Richard Mattson, who worked at Ketola's Department Store in Virginia. Mattson is generally credited with conjuring up the Finnish counterpart to St. Patrick in the spring of 1956. Just as Patrick had driven the snakes from Ireland, Mattson's saint drove a plague of frogs from Finland.

There were several Finnish names suggested, but Saint Ero or Saint Jussi, or even Toivo or Eino, just didn't have the correct ring of a saintly name. Urho Kekkonen became president of Finland in 1956, and some believe that is where the name came from. Others say that Kekkonen was called "Saint Urho" by the citizens of Finland, and the name was attached to Mattson's legend.

Gene McCavic took the St. Urho legend and, with help from Mattson, wrote an "Ode to St. Urho". It told of a boy ("poika", Finnish for "boy") named Urho who got strong on sour whole milk ("feelia sour") and fish soup ("kala mojakka"). In the original, Urho chases out "tose

'Rogs" (those frogs) with his loud voice. The original Ode also celebrates St. Urho's Tey as "twenty-fourth of May". The original poem was written on a piece of wrapping paper, and is on display at Ironworld Discovery Center in Chisholm.

[Brief note on the Finnish language: Finnish has several fewer consonants than English. Missing are B, C, D, and G. Consequently there are no sounds for those letters, and B becomes P, C becomes S or K, D becomes T, and G becomes K. When Finnish rally drivers talk about transmission problems with their cars, they refer to it as a "kearvox". There are also no articles in Finnish sentence structure -the, a or an are not part of Finnish grammar.]

Also credited as the originator of the St. Urho legend is Dr. Sulo Havumäki, a psychology professor at Bemidji State College. He is credited with changing the plague to grasshoppers, that were consuming the grape crop that would become wine in ancient Finland. (Pre-historic Finland was allegedly a much warmer place than it is today.) St. Urho's triumph was saving the vineyards and the jobs for those who picked the grapes. That is how St. Urho became the Patron Saint of Finnish Vineyard Workers.

The legend spread, originally across Minnesota to Finnish settlements on the Mesabi Iron Range, and to Menahga, New York Mills, Wolf Lake, and of course, Finland. St. Urho's Day is now celebrated in towns with Finnish heritage across Michigan's



Sara Walters, left, of Rochester, and Audrey Ferris, soon to be of Finland, wore their best "hero" costumes at the St. Urho's Day parade.

Upper Peninsula; Thunder Bay, Ontario; Burlington, Vermont; Butte, Montana; and Hood River, Oregon.

Today, the St. Urho tradition is carried on in many Finnish communities, sometimes as an excuse to add an extra day of rowdy celebration to the St. Patrick's Day festivities. In many Finnish-American communities, however, St. Urho's Day is the celebration, and St. Pat's feast day is merely an afterthought, a day to sleep off the hangover.

There are differing opinions as to whether it began with the tongue-in-cheek tales told by Richard Mattson of Virginia, or with the fables created by Sulo Havumaki of

Bemidji. Either way, the legend has grown among North Americans of Finnish descent to the point where St. Urho is known and celebrated across the United States and Canada, and even in Finland.

As legend had it, Urho came and scared off all the grasshoppers, and saved the grape harvest. He did so by shouting, "Heinäsiirikka, heinäsiirikka, mene täältä hiiteen."

Translation: "Grasshopper, grasshopper, go to Hell!"

Learn more about Saint Urho's Day at [sainturho.com](http://sainturho.com).

## Higher Education

### Ely students honored at VCC

ELY – Several students from Ely were named to the Fall 2017 honors, high honors and highest honors lists at Vermilion Community College.

Students named to the honors lists have attained a GPA, as shown, for the semester: 3.75 GPA = Highest Honors; 3.5-3.74 GPA = High Honors; 3.0-3.49 GPA = Honors.

The Ely students include: Reece Boucher, Highest Honors; William Bradley, Honors; Vannesa Bravo, High Honors; Aidan Bremner, Highest Honors; Eric Brgant, High Honors; Lindy Dalberg, Highest Honors; Mitchell Davidson, Highest Honors; Dillon Farrell, Honors; Vanessa Gerzin, Honors; Joshua Hageny, Honors; Lindsay Hause, Highest Honors; Naomi Isbell, Honors; Douglas Johnson, Highest Honors; Kaitlin Knutson, High Honors; Sydney Matthias, Honors; John Niznick, High Honors; Elijah Olson, Honors; Samantha Parker, High Honors; Leticia Reineke, High Honors; Katarina Schmidt, Honors; and Jeffrey Willis, Honors.

### Gustafson honored at St. Olaf

NORTHFIELD – Ely student William Gustafson was named to the St. Olaf College dean's list for the fall 2017 semester.

Gustafson is studying for degrees in Physics and Mathematics. He is the son of Todd and Gail Gustafson.

The dean's list recognizes students with a semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4-point scale.

## Yesterday's news, this week

from the archives of

### THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

March 23, 1918

### Saloons close

Hilariously, but without the intervention of the Ely Police Department, the saloons in Ely went out of business Friday evening at 10 o'clock in company with other saloons throughout St. Louis County in conformity with the mandates of the voters at the County Option election held last year.

Every place in the city had a filling crowd until the clock showed the hour of closing, and notwithstanding the fact that jags were no uncommon occurrence, the demise of the saloon was observed without an arrest being made.

Large quantities of beverages of the alcoholic variety were consumed on that evening and many who had a dread of a future drought fortified themselves with bottles and jugs for future reference. As shipments into dry territory are barred, the future supply was a happy thought on the part of those who cannot get along without their favorite nip.

There is no doubt but what large quantities of both beer and whiskey have been laid in and for some time there will be no immediate dry spell. The shipments received at the station here during the past month would indicate this. The breweries have until the first of April to get rid of their manufactured products on hand.

According to the laws as laid down, this section is just as dry as the Indian territory in other parts of the country, and the same rules as to confiscation of contraband goods and carriers apply. The railroads are prohibited from receiving alcoholic liquors for shipment and automobiles and other carriers are prohibited from carrying wet goods into dry territories. The nearest oasis in the Sahara is Superior in Wisconsin and in order to get any out of there it must be drank and thus carried out. Kegs, bottles, jugs, etc., are tabooed.

## News in Brief

### Calling all area artists

ELY – Artists are needed for the annual Summer Children's Art Camp, held June 11-13.

For nearly 15 years, Ely Greenstone has conducted the art camp, and plans are underway for the 2018 Camp to be held at the Ely Miners Dry at 105 Miners Lake Landing Road, across from the Grand Ely Lodge.

Camp is Monday thru Wednesday, June 11-13, from 9 a.m. until noon with an art show for family and friends on Wednesday at the close of camp. Approximately 50 students ages 7-12, divided into four groups, enjoy four 50-minute class sessions and a time for snacks each day.

Greenstone pays for teachers and materials and arranges for volunteer assistants. All proposals are welcome by April 13 in any media suitable for the age group and time allotted.

Please email Co-Chair Muffin Nelson at [muffinely@gmail.com](mailto:muffinely@gmail.com) or call 218-365-6101 with any questions.

### Ely Free Clinic open Mondays

ELY - The Ely Community Health Center is Ely's Free Clinic. They are open every Monday evening from 5:30-7 p.m. in the lower level of the Frandsen Bank building on 1st Ave. in downtown Ely.

They are available to see anyone who does not have health insurance. They are also available for anyone who has health insurance but has unaffordable co-pays or deductibles (underinsured).

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

### Co-dependents group meets Friday

ELY – The Ely co-dependents support group meets Fridays at noon at St. Anthony's Church in Classroom 3. Use west side entrance.

For more information, go to [www.coda.org](http://www.coda.org).

## Protect the Lakes You Love



### WICOLA

The White Iron Chain of Lakes Association

### Spring Meeting Saturday, April 7

9:30 AM -11:30 AM  
at Veterans On The Lake  
(161 Fernberg Road, Winton)

Members of WICOLA, and those interested in learning more about the organization, are invited to hear staff from the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation District speak on the use of native plantings to create a buffer along the shoreline.

Coffee and Donuts will be served.

If you have any questions,  
call 218-365-7863

**2018 Wings and Things date set for Saturday, April 28**

COOK- Mark your calendars and get ready to indulge yourself in delectable wings and the opportunity to win fabulous prizes in drawings and raffles! Cook's Friends of the Parks has scheduled Wings and Things 2018 for Saturday, April 28 from noon to 8 p.m. at the Cook VFW. All proceeds for this event will benefit the future endeavors of the Friends of the Parks.

Tickets for the main raffle are already on sale at Zup's, the Country Store, the Credit Union, the VFW, and from Friends of the Parks members. Prizes for the Main Raffle are \$500 cash for 1st place, a \$200 Zup's gift card for 2nd place, and a \$100 gift card from the Country Store/Vermilion Motel for 3rd place.

Donations for the event of any amount from businesses, organizations or community members would be greatly appreciated. Also needed are prizes and baskets for the raffles. Perhaps an individual or a group would be able to put a basket together with items or donate a prize. Contact Val Annen, Carrolle Wood, Tammy Palmer, Diane Brunner, Jeannie Taylor, or Sue Thomas if you have something that needs to be picked up, or you may leave donations at the courtesy counter at Zup's.

Get ready to eat wings, play Bingo, win prizes, and be prepared to have a great time at Wings and Things 2018!

**Cook Area Health Care Auxiliary offering two scholarships**

COOK- Cook Area Health Care Auxiliary is offering two \$1,000 scholarships to any graduating senior who is planning to pursue a career in the medical field. Applications are available from the North Woods School counselor or by calling Shawna Kishel at 218-280-6510. Applications are due by April 4.

The Health Care Auxiliary runs the thrift shop and has been offering scholarships since 1960. Recipients will be selected by a committee and announced at the Spring Awards Ceremony. Money will be sent to the school's financial office after receipt of the student's first semester grades.

**Businesses in Cook region to display art during Spring Art Expo**

COOK- The Spring Art Expo 2018 is registering local businesses and artists for the 8th annual event sponsored by Northwoods Friends of the Arts. Artists will be exhibiting artwork in local businesses in and around Cook beginning June 8 until June 29.

All publicity for this event is provided by NWFA including posters, news articles and a pamphlet listing all of the participating businesses. The Spring Art Expo coincides with Cook's Timber Days celebration as well as many other activities such as classes, a concert, receptions and a 50/50 cash drawing.

If your business has space to display artwork or if you, as an artist, want to display your work, please register your business by e-mailing [nwfamn.org@gmail.com](mailto:nwfamn.org@gmail.com) or contacting the NWFA Gallery at 210 S. River Street in Cook. Next to Dream Weaver Salon, the gallery is open Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. To have your business listed in the Spring Art Expo pamphlet you must register by Friday, April 13.

NWFA was created in 2010 as a non-profit organization by local folks in Cook with a mission to support the arts in all forms in the region of Cook. Membership is only \$15 annually.

**Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners, Inc. invites scholarship applicants**

REGIONAL- VHHP announces 2018 scholarship opportunities! Applicants must be pursuing a career in the medical field (nursing, dental, EMT, physical therapy, etc.). High school students living in the Cook, Nett Lake, Orr, or Tower-Soudan school attendance areas may apply. Any previous scholarship recipients now in college are encouraged to apply for the college scholarship as well as any other college student living in the same attendance areas.

This year, we will be giving away three high school scholarships and one college scholarship.

Applications to VHHP must be postmarked by April 13. Applications can be obtained from the North Woods High School counselor's office, the VHHP website ([www.vhhp.org](http://www.vhhp.org)), or by contacting program director Becca Bundy at 218-780-5423 or [vhhpdirector@gmail.com](mailto:vhhpdirector@gmail.com).

High school and college recipients will be notified by mail in May. The college scholarship is mailed to the recipient in mid-June and high school recipients will receive their scholarship after successfully completing one semester of college.

Please call or e-mail Becca with any questions.

**Bookmobile schedule**

Visit your library on wheels, the Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile.

Thursday, April 12, May 3, 24

Nett Lake - Community Center 9:30-10:15 a.m.

Crane Lake - Ranger Station 11:15 a.m. - 12 noon

Orr - Lake Country ReMax building 1:45 - 2:30 p.m.



Kabetogama - Town Hall 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.  
For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, write or call the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768 218-741-3840, or check our website at [www.alstlib.info](http://www.alstlib.info).

HOLIDAY TRADITION

**Easter egg fun in Cook and Orr on Saturday, March 31**

**Cook event at the Cook Community Center from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

COOK- The annual Kids' Easter Party will be held on Saturday, March 31 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Cook Community Center. This free event is for children 10 and under. There will be food, games, and Easter baskets. Four boys and four girls bikes will be given away. The event is sponsored by the Cook Lions Club, Cook VFW, Zup's Grocery, and the Cook News Herald.

**Orr event at the Orr Legion Building from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**

ORR- The annual Kids Easter Party will be held on Saturday, March 31 from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Orr Legion Hall. There will be an Easter egg hunt, balloon animals, face-painting, and a visit from the Easter Bunny. Prizes include Easter baskets and bikes! The event is sponsored by the Orr Chamber of Commerce, and donations from area businesses and individuals.



**Friends of the Parks and Cook Youth Baseball fund new storage garage for Doug Johnson Recreation Area**

COOK- Cook's Friends of the Parks is happy to announce the latest addition at the Doug Johnson Recreation area. A 20' by 32' building was purchased through local businessman Rick Appleby of Northland Buildings. Site work was done last fall in preparation and the building was erected in March.

Estimated total cost of the project was just over \$22,000 and paid for through Friends of the Parks fundraisers such as raffles and the Wings and Things events and a \$5,000 contribution from Cook Youth Baseball. This new addition shows that great things can happen through community collaboration.



**Melgeorge's 2018 Antique & Classic Snowmobile Race results**

**Antique Division**

(listed in order, first and second)

REAR ENGINE 9 HP AND OVER: Ryan Holman, Orr, 1969 AutoBoggin

2 CYCLE 9 HP AND UNDER: Kevin Barry, Roseau, 1966 Polaris Mustang; Jordan Ezell, Gilbert, 1965 Polaris Mustang 9 Horse

2 CYCLE 9 HP & OVER Blake Stanaway, Cook, 1968 Johnson Ski Horse; Carter Holman, Orr, 1967 Ski-Doo

2 CYCLE 10 HP & OVER: Kory Johnson, Saginaw, 1965 Ski-Doo; Curt Granquist - Proctor, 1965 Ski Doo

4 CYCLE 9 HP & UNDER: Terry Smith, Cedar, 1965 Arctic Cat D 100

**Classic Division**

(listed in order, first, second)

250-300 CCs STOCK AIR COOLED: Austin Erickson - Embarrass, 1971 Arctic Cat Lynx; Joel Brener - Pine City, 1974 Polaris Colt

250-300 CCs MODIFIED AIR COOLED: Jim Amundson - Chatfield, 1972 Arctic Cat Lynx ; Melody Wold, 1970 Arctic Cat Panther

340-400 CCs STOCK AIR COOLED : Jeremy Wright, Orr, 1977 John Deere Spitfire; Todd Carlson - Duluth, 1977 Ski-Doo

**Olympic**

340-400 CCs MODIFIED AIR COOLED: Dale Brunner, Cook, 1973 TX 400 Polaris; Clint Menz, Isanti, 1975 Polaris Colt

440-500 CCs STOCK LIQUID COOLED: William Cariveau, Farmington, 1976 John Deere

440-500 CCs STOCK AIR COOLED: Cory Moore - Onalaska, Wis., 1975 Suzuki Fury; Jacob Holman, Orr, 1972 SkiDoo Elite

400-500 CCs MODIFIED LIQUID COOLED: William Cariveau, Farmington, 1976 John Deere Liquefire

440-500 CCs MODIFIED AIR COOLED: Tom Deer, Elko, 1978 Arctic Cat Pantera; Otto Stavnes, Hibbing, 1971 Arctic Cat Lynx

500 CCs & UP STOCK LIQUID COOLED: Tom Deer - Elko, 1796 Rupp

500 CCs & UP STOCK AIR COOLED: Sklyer Smith - Mora, 1971 SkiDoo TNT; Wayne Wayne Schlauderoff, Detroit Lakes, 1971 TNT Ski-Doo

500 CCs & UP MODIFIED LIQUID COOLED: Tom Deer - Elko, 1976 Rupp Magnum

500 CCs & UP MODIFIED AIR COOLED: Jesse Brunner, Cook, 1977 Arctic Cat Eltigre; Tom Deer, Elko, 1978 Arctic Cat Pantera

**Vintage Division**

(listed in order first, second)

250-300 CC'S STOCK: Val Melgeorge, Superior, Wis., 1980 Yamaha Enticer; Sawyer Smith, Mora, 1981 Yamaha Exciter 250

340-400 CC'S STOCK: Jim LaFavor, Hibbing, 1980 Enticer; Scott Gillete, Stacy, 1980 Polaris TX

440-500 CC'S STOCK: Wayne Schlauderoff, Detroit, 1980 SkiDoo Everest

550 CCs & OVER MODIFIED: Dan Reardon, Delano, 1980 Yamaha SS; Matt Reardon, Delano, 1980 Yamaha SS

**Other Divisions**

OPEN CLASS: Bob Reini, Britt, 1967 Scorpion

MINI -KITTY CAT: Jackson Long, 1997 Arctic Cat Kitty Cat

ELMER SMITH AWARD for Best Unrestored: Dave Utsch, 1969 Polaris Colt

BESTE DRESSED: Bat Man- Jordan Ezell, Gilbert

BEAST OF SHOW: Tom Deer, Ski Daddler

BEAUTY OF SHOW: Bob Reini, Britt, 1967 Scorpion

CUTTER: Dave Utsch, Trail Mate

PEOPLE'S CHOICE: Chuck Van Canneyt, 1972 Arctic CAT

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COOK LIBRARY

# A whodunit that could have come from the pages of local history

by MELISSA ROACH  
Staff Writer

COOK- Wealthy Lake Vermilion land owners, bootleggers, shady real estate deals with the Chicago mob, and a jilted bride created the scene for a whodunit mystery event at the Cook Library on March 8. Library Director Crystal Phillips wrote the original script, creating characters for the theatrical performance based on historical newspaper articles of events that happened in this area during the 1920s.

Attendees were ushered into the year 1928 as they mingled with the costumed characters over a table of hors d'oeuvres. The guests learned about the characters until the party took a mysterious turn as the library became a crime scene.

Undercover federal agent Salvatore Pizzarel-

li had come to the party with his new bride, a Chicago dancer named Betty Lou Swift. Also in attendance was Rose McGinn, his ex-fiancee whom he had abruptly broken his engagement. When Pizzarelli is found murdered in the corner of the library, the rest of those at the party must find out who did it, and why.

As the event unfolded, the investigator walked the audience through the evidence found at the scene and interrogated the suspects to discover illegal activity, plausible motives and interesting alliances. The audience eventually learns the guilty person is Pizzarelli's driver Billy Hanson, played by Josh Olson. Attendees also voted Josh Olson as Best Actor, and Elizabeth Storm as Best Dressed.



photos by M. Roach



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# Talent on tap!



**Left: Parker Jones won first place with a piano solo he wrote himself. Right: Parents of junior class members performed a skit. Below right: Tori Olson and Mckenna McCormick took third place. Below center: Mya Kinsey took second place.**



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**Above: Former band teacher Larry Baker performed. Below: Junior class members performed a skit.**



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GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

# Both losing candidates demand recount

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

**GREENWOOD TWP**- It seems that nothing in Greenwood Township can be simple.

The newly-elected supervisors will not be sworn in during the reorganizational meeting on March 22 because the two losing supervisor candidates have requested a vote recount.

The recount was requested by both John Bassing, who is the current town board chair, and Rick Stoehr, who each lost by slim margins, five and six votes respectively, to winning candidates Larry Tahija and Byron Beihoffer.

The recount was originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 20, but clerk Sue Drobac did not

properly notify all the supervisors involved. The recount is expected to be held sometime during the week of March 26.

The township attorney, Mike Couri, has sent detailed instructions, as well as the relevant state laws, to help the township work through the recount process.

Drobac, as clerk, will be the administrator of the

recount, and two election judges will conduct the actual re-counting of the ballots. Greenwood uses an optical scanner voting machine with paper ballots for the election. For the recount, the counting is done by hand. The election judges will go through each paper ballot, one at a time, for each of the two races in question.

Couri has recom-

mended that one election judge, who had publicly endorsed specific candidates prior to the election, not be one of the two chosen for the recount.

Any ballot can be challenged by any of the candidates involved.

Greenwood has not had an election recount in recent memory.

The reorganization meeting was still set for

Thursday, March 22. But because of the recount, the old board will be seated during this meeting. Newly-elected supervisors would be sworn in after the recount and the Board of Canvass and the hearing of any challenges.

According to Drobac, candidate Byron Beihoffer has retained a representative, an attorney, for the recount.

CITY OF ORR

# City Council: Ambulance Service sufficiently staffed

by MELISSA ROACH  
Staff Writer

**ORR**— Members of the city council here, on Monday, March 12, sought to calm concerns voiced by residents over a patient transfer in early December involving ambulance employees Diana Klakoski and Julie Long.

The council sought to assure residents that the ambulance department is sufficiently staffed and trained, and there have not been any resignations or terminations. Clerk Cheri Carter pointed out that the department has seen new people joining, expanding the numbers available to

serve.

The council did take disciplinary action, at a special meeting held on March 8. In a closed session, the council determined disciplinary action was warranted. The council then voted 3-1 to suspend Klakoski for 30 days and determined she will not be able to hold the director position. Councilor Tom Kennebeck opposed the motion. Klakoski has retained Attorney Richard Hechter, though neither was reportedly present at the meeting. The council also voted at the special meeting that the ambulance service will have updated bylaws, policies,

and procedures for review by May 1.

## Voyageur ATV Club

In other business, the council was asked to support two resolutions authorizing the city to apply for funds on behalf of the Voyageur Country ATV Club. The first resolution seeks funds from the federal recreation trail grant program for general trail improvements and a raised boardwalk/bridge near the Gold Coast Road and Vermilion Falls Road. The second resolution calls for the city to sponsor a funding request from the Greater Minnesota Regional Park and Trail

Commission. The council objected to the terms of the resolutions, which require local government ownership for no less than 20 years, with the city responsible for maintenance of the trail. Furthermore, city officials do not want to have ownership of the trail system because the trail system is not within city limits. The council further deemed that the city was in no place to be responsible for easements and trail maintenance cost. In the end, the council tabled the resolutions in hopes that St. Louis County would step-up a local government sponsor role for the ATV club.

## American Legion

The council approved a resolution authorizing the city to take ownership of the Orr American Legion Post 480 at a cost of one dollar for the purpose of developing a community center. The tables, chairs, kitchen equipment, coolers, freezers, bar and bar stools are included in the transfer. Memorabilia and other items will be allowed to remain in the building or in the building storage. The terms show the Legion has agreed to be responsible for the 2018 real estate taxes. 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.

In other business, the council:

➤ Approved gambling permits for the Orr Lions Club.

➤ Approved a request from a resident for a one-time adjustment on a water bill.

➤ Approved a request from Roseau Airport for \$150,000 for entitlement transfer of FAA funds.

➤ Accepted a bid from Range Water for a water softener at the liquor store for \$1,795.

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stressed condition,” the Tree Board said. “We are concerned also that the energy that a tree requires to heal from tapping is energy taken away from other activities those stressed trees need to perform to survive.”

The Trees Board is developing the city’s Tree Plan and is considering including language that bars all tapping of trees currently being planted and those that will be planted in the future. “While we prefer that community members refrain from tapping our older silver maples, banning the

tapping of the older trees would likely be contentious and does not seem worth acting on, given that the trees are near the ends of their lives” The Tree Board said. “Education in the present and not allowing tapping in the future is the best way to proceed.”

Council member Paul Kess noted the increase in the number of taps and blue plastic bags hanging off more and more trees. “Apparently, the same party is tapping every tree in town. It has gotten out of hand and we should move to address this,” he said. He did not offer any specific

recommendations.

Council member Al Forsman suggested that, without an ordinance, asking for trees to be limited to just two taps, might help slow the flow of bleeding the trees to an early death. “The hope is that (the tree tappers) can police themselves to keep the city from taking more formal action,” he said.

Mayor Chuck Novak came to the defense of what he called, “the maple syrup gang,” those local citizens who have been tapping the city’s trees for years. “It has been kind of a ritual with them. This year it is

different. All of a sudden we have metal brackets and blue bags all over town.”

According to Novak, who discussed the issue with one of the locals, the influx of tappers are from out of town, and they might be selling the maple syrup commercially. “I asked the Police Department to find out who these people are with the blue-bagged taps and where they are from. If they are doing this commercially, see if they have a Department of Health license, and if they are a registered business.”

Novak said the local “maple syrup gang” gives their syrup away to friends.

“My personal perspective is this is theft of city property,” Novak said.

Council member Jerome Debeltz suggested the situation be patrolled by the maple syrup police. “This is unfair and there has to be a way to patrol

this,” he said.

Police Chief John Lahtonen said he has no plans at this time to add more officers to his force.

Novak suggested the city issue a permit to tap maple trees on city property. “The permit would be waived for local citizens,” he said. “It would be \$2,000 for those who don’t live here. That will keep it in check.”

The council took no action on the issue. Novak asked for the Tree Board to weigh in at the next council meeting.

## Other business

In other business, the council took the following action:

➤ Approved the council and city staff to attend the 2018 League of Minnesota Cities conference in St. Cloud, June 20-22;

➤ Agreed with the Ely

Utility Commission and approved moving forward with issuing \$710,000 in bonds for the utility metering project;

➤ Agreed to pay JPI Engineering \$14,200 to evaluate the city’s waste water treatment facility to meet MPCA’s mercury limit proposal, with the stipulation that future mercury-limiting expenditures require council approval;

➤ Hired Steve Renneberg as a firefighter to replace one who retired;

➤ Tabled a Fire Department proposal to purchase portable radios;

➤ Authorized Library Director Rachel Heinrich to attend the Arrowhead Library System summit on April 24 in Mt. Iron;

➤ Scheduled a special council meeting for 5 p.m. on May 17 for the Local Board of Appeal and Equalization meeting.

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Mase spoke to the Ely City Council on Tuesday. “The students said, ‘Enough is enough. Our lives are just as important as the right to own an assault weapon. If the adults can’t protect us, then we need to protect ourselves.’ They started this movement.”

According to Mase, Ely is one of nearly 800-plus communities across the nation planning to hold an event on March 24. “It will coincide at a time when thousands of people are expected to descend on Washington, D.C. We will march in solidarity. We will gather peacefully and march with signs requesting sensible gun laws be enacted so

we as a country can come together to protect children and all citizens,” she said.

She said she is trying to find someone to speak about gun safety at the event, expected to last until 2 p.m.

In a poll she took of more than 40 Ely residents, she said 98 percent agreed with the following: the need for universal background checks, shared data bases across state lines, a waiting period for gun purchases, and to ban bump stocks.

She said she was present last Wednesday morning outside Ely Memorial School, when about 30 middle school and high school students walked out of classes for 17

minutes, joining a nationwide protest in support of more gun restrictions. “Saturday’s event marks the next step in continuing the conversation,” Mase said. “I don’t know what the solution is, but I know we need to continue to talk about it.”

For the “March For Our Lives” event, Sisu Designs Yarn Shop, 31 W. Chapman St., is putting together kits with just enough yarn for your eye (so you don’t have to buy a whole skein). Stop by the shop to choose your kit or email them to request one at sisuyarns@gmail.com.

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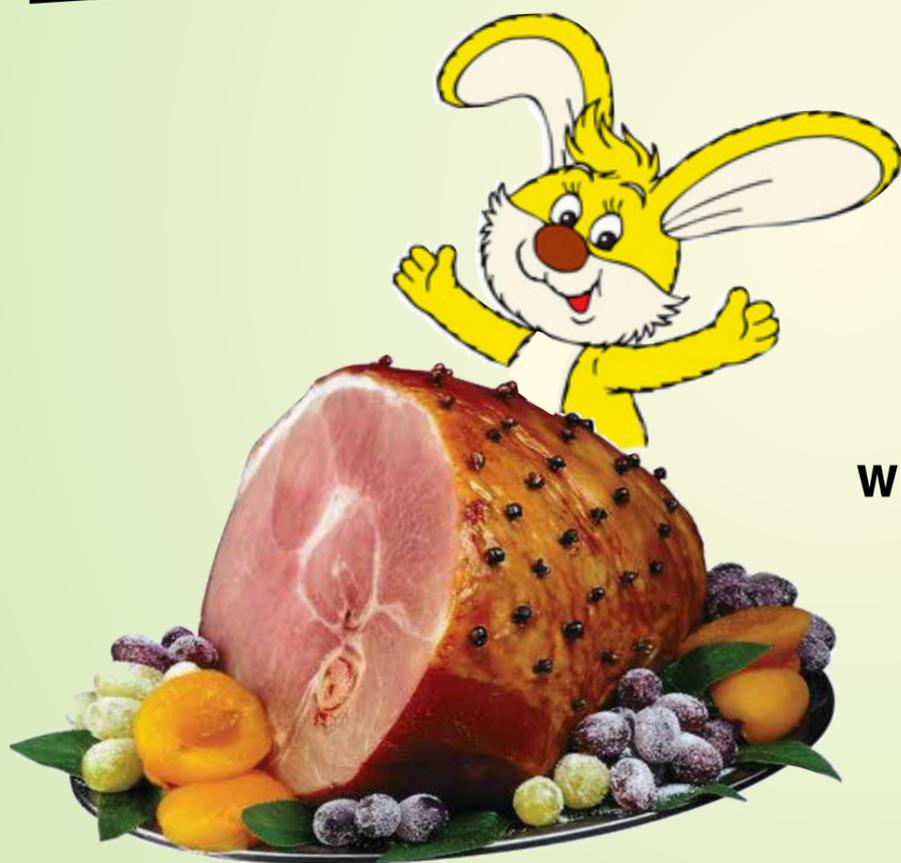
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ely street project a reality with final DEED funding

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY—The renovation of 17th Avenue on the east side of Ely took the last step in becoming a reality late last week with the official approval of the final funding piece

Ely Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski confirmed Tuesday that a total of \$750,000 in matching grant funds will be coming from the state's Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) through their Business Development

Public Infrastructure (BDPI) program.

"We got the letter late last week with the final approval that the funds will be awarded," Langowski said. As was reported in late January, the DEED funds were the final piece of a \$1.6 million funding puzzle for the road and infrastructure project that has dwelled on the city's capital improvement list for at least a decade.

The gravel road that runs from Camp Street to Miners Drive on the western edge of the Vermilion Community College campus, will be

completely rebuilt starting with infrastructure components of water, sewer, storm water, electrical upgrades, curb, gutter sidewalks and asphalt.

Back in January, the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board awarded the city of Ely a grant of \$450,000 for the project.

In addition to the IRRRB grant, the city will add \$400,000 to the project. "That money has been budgeted in our projects fund," Mayor Chuck Novak said. "We have \$350,000 and we will add another \$50,000."

Langowski said project bids will be going out next week. "We'll be digging this spring and hope to have blacktop poured before we get snow next fall," he said. With work planned this summer on 7th Avenue from Sheridan to Pattison streets, Novak is hopeful both projects can be bid to the same general contractor.

Gov. Mark Dayton did not include public infrastructure projects in his end-of-year bonding package proposal. "The Governor put no public infrastructure projects on

his list," Novak said. "Our bonding requests were not on his submitted list."

That forced the city of Ely to seek other funding mechanisms for the project.

Novak noted that the first phase of the 7th Avenue project will be from Harvey to Pattison streets between the high school athletic fields, school bus garage, parking lot and Little League field. "We will be doing curb and gutter and a sidewalk on one side along with repaving and infrastructure work as needed," he said.

"We have a tight

schedule on that project," he added. "We're looking at starting right after the Blueberry Arts Festival and completing the work before the start of the school year. It would be nice to bid the two projects together."

Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski said he told local and regional contractors about the city's upcoming construction season. "It's going to be a really busy year," he said.

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revealed numerous cracks and breaks which were likely allowing a significant amount of freshwater runoff into the system.

The city began considering the project in late 2016, after the Hoodoo Point Campground manager suggested improving several overflow sites at the campground to serve seasonal RVs. The campground has a significant waiting list for seasonal RVs, so the facility manager suggested the upgrade, which is expected to generate an additional \$17,000-\$18,000 in revenue annually.

It remains unclear, however, why city officials chose to abandon the three pressurized mounds that have provided sewage treatment for the campground and the adjacent airport. The mounds are much newer than the rest of the campground sewage infrastructure, having been built in 1992. The Timberjay has asked city officials for an explanation of the rationale for the decision, but City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith confirmed last week that the city does not intend to answer that question, or any other questions associated with the project, a highly unusual decision for a governmental body.

The three separate mounds were designed to treat a combined total of up to 9,500 gallons per day on a year-round basis, which is well in excess of the flow that should be coming from the campground. According to city engineer Jason Chopp, of SEH, upon replacement of old sewer lines, total anticipated flow from the campground during its roughly five-and-a-half months of operation shouldn't exceed 6,000 gallons per day, even with the addition of seven new seasonal sites. Sewage flow from the municipal airport is minimal, amounting to less than 100 gallons per day.

While city officials have provided no official explanation, the Timberjay has learned that some city officials had noticed that the ground was soggy near at least one of the three mounds in the past couple summers. But it appears that the city made no effort to ascertain why that might be so, or if it was connected to the possible overflow or failure of one or more of the mounds. The past two summers have been wetter than in recent years and given the poor condition of the sewage collection lines in the campground, the mounds might have received excess infiltration of surface runoff.

The treatment system was designed to provide a year of rest for each of the mounds every three years. The flow to each of the three mounds was supposed to be controlled by valves that could be shut periodically, since only two of the mounds were necessary at any one time to handle the anticipated flow. But the Timberjay has learned that the valve to one of the mound systems was stuck in the open position and could not be closed, which meant the mound did not receive a rest period like the other two. The Timberjay asked the city engineer whether he was aware of the stuck valve, and whether the valve could have been replaced at relatively minimal cost, but city officials declined to answer.

A Nov. 14, 2016, report from city engineer Jason Chopp recommends that the "city consider evaluating the need to connect the campground to the city's sewer system," but city officials declined to answer whether such an evaluation was ever completed.

Chopp makes no mention in his report of soggy conditions, a stuck valve, or other such evidence as reason for an evaluation. Instead, Chopp said he was making his recommendation "based on the perceived age and lack of available information on file with St. Louis County on the septic system."

On Oct. 16, 2016, Chopp had informed Keith that St. Louis County had no permit or permit application on file for the system. An email from a county information specialist appears to confirm that claim, indicating that the county only had a diagram of the system on file.

Yet the Timberjay was able to obtain the full permit and application for the campground's mound system from St. Louis County Environmental Services earlier this month, so it's not entirely clear what exactly the city's engineer had requested.

The permit, number 62-15-228-19, was for a three-mound commercial/industrial septic system to serve the airport and the campground. Former county septic inspector Rich Hyrkas and former City Clerk Tim Kotzian both signed the permit on March 17, 1992, and the final inspection was completed on Oct. 6, 1992. The system's 24-hour design flow was 9,500 gallons, and the total project cost

was \$62,000.

The county information specialist who responded to Chopp suggested he contact the local sanitarian, John Lindquist, to see if he had any information on the system. Lindquist said he had no recollection that Chopp had contacted him back in November 2016, but said he couldn't rule it out, either. Lindquist has since retired from the county.

Lindquist said he was familiar with the mound system in question and had inspected the three mounds a few times over the years, mostly out of curiosity. "Last time I checked, they were functioning as designed," he said, although he acknowledged that given the soils in the area he suspected the system might not meet current state guidelines. The system is governed, however, by St. Louis County because its design flow is under 10,000 gallons per day. Lindquist said such a system would probably be considered "non-conforming" by the county. "That means it's considered good enough to keep going until it quits, but then we would need to do something else," he said.

Lindquist said he hadn't followed the latest developments with the campground project but urged the city to ensure that any forced main they do install has sufficient capacity to take additional flow from other nearby cabins, particularly those on city lease lots near the airport. "In my opinion, as the retired sanitarian for the area, I would tell them that they have a moral obligation to the lessees to get those people hooked up," said Lindquist "They're sitting in an ash swamp."

The Timberjay argued similarly in an editorial last October, which urged the city to consider upgrades to the campground as part of a larger project to extend municipal sewer to more Lake Vermilion shoreline and do so as part of an overall project that included expansion of municipal sewage treatment capacity. By taking a more regional approach, the Timberjay argued, the city could increase their chances of obtaining grant dollars, similar to the experience at Crane Lake and Lake Kabetogama, where millions in state grant dollars have helped fund sewer projects near the border. Instead, the city is funding the project entirely through the issuance of bonds, which the city hopes to pay for through primarily through rate hikes at the campground

Bigger costs ahead

While the cost of connecting the campground to the Tower-Breitung wastewater district is significant, it pales in comparison to the expected cost to expand the capacity of the current municipal system. While eventual expansion of the system was likely, assuming that current development plans move forward, the connection of the campground consumed roughly 40 percent of the remaining capacity in the system, which could limit the city's ability to approve any significant new development beyond the 20 town homes

slated for construction later this year.

That could be a significant setback for prospects for a new hotel and additional residential development that Orlyn Kringstad and his development firm Tower Vision 2025 has been planning.

While the Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board has taken tentative steps forward in initial planning for a sewage capacity expansion, initial discussions with officials from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency suggest the process will be complicated, expensive, and time-consuming. Indeed, given the timelines

for funding application, it appears unlikely that the TBWB could bring additional capacity online before 2021.

Meanwhile, though the price tag isn't clear, it is likely that any significant expansion will cost a million dollars or more. And while the city of Tower and Breitung Township normally share the expenses of improvements to the joint system, Breitung officials have repeatedly warned that township residents may not be willing to pay for a project that they see as forced on them by questionable decisions made by officials in Tower.

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## SECTION 7A BOYS BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

# The Agony & The Ecstasy

## Grizzlies dominate Ely in Section 7A title tilt



by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

HIBBING— Defense rules. That’s a point that the North Woods Grizzlies made again last Saturday as they shut down Ely’s powerful offense to claim the Section 7A boys basketball title in a rout before a packed house at the Hibbing Arena.

Ely knew coming in that the stars would need to align to upset the top-ranked Grizzlies. But the Wolves had shown the ability to score all season long. Coming off a convincing 73-51 win over Wrenshall in the semi-finals, Ely was clearly peaking at the right time.

And then came the Grizzlies, who put on an astonishing defensive display, holding Ely’s offense to just 13 points in the first half en route to a 70-38 final. It was Ely’s poorest offensive performance of the season by a substantial margin.

“It was a rough ending to a really good season,” said Ely Head Coach Tom McDonald. “We ran about everything in our play book and they just smothered it all. That just shows how good they are.”

Grizzlies Head Coach Will Kleppe said containing Ely’s best performers — namely junior Pat Vanderbeek and senior Carter Gaulke — was key to the game. He tasked junior point guard Cade Goggleye with containing the ever-dangerous Vanderbeek, and senior guard Brendan Parson with stopping Gaulke.

“They’ve got some really skilled players,” noted Kleppe. “Gaulke was able to take it to the

basket at will against Wrenshall,” he said.

But Ely just couldn’t break through the Grizzlies’ perimeter and struggled to connect from three-point range. Vanderbeek, as usual, had the most success from beyond the arc, connecting for 14 points in the game. Dylan Fenske added ten, but McDonald said there were few other stats

“It was a rough ending to a really good season.”

Ely Coach Tom McDonald

worth mentioning. Gaulke had six assists but was otherwise shut down from start-to-finish.

Kleppe said he wasn’t surprised by the final result, but he was pleasantly surprised at the intensity of his team’s defensive play.

The Grizzlies also dominated the boards, with 23 rebounds. “We managed just two offensive rebounds,” noted McDonald. “We just didn’t get many second chances.” The Grizzlies tallied six offensive rebounds but didn’t need as many second chances as the Timberwolves. “They shot the lights out,” said McDonald.

In fact, Ely’s defense had an excellent night, limiting the Grizzlies to 70 points, their fifth lowest point total of the season.

Brendan Parson came up big for the Grizzlies, with 19 points, including five three-pointers.

Trevor Morrison was par-



ticularly hot in the early going, helping the Grizzlies build their commanding early lead. He scored 16 points on the night, while Cade Goggleye tallied 11. Seniors Isaiah Squires and Tanner Lokken added seven points apiece, and Tate Olson tallied five. Chase Kleppe

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Top left: Ely Head Coach Tom McDonald looks on grimly as the final seconds tick off the clock.

Above: North Woods coaches Jerry Chhabotti, Will Kleppe and Matt Bergman embrace after the final buzzer sounds. photos by M. HelMBERGER

Left: Ely sophomore guard Eric Omerza is blocked by North Woods defenders Brendan Parson and Trevor Morrison. photo by C. Stone



Clockwise from top left: Grizzlies point guard Cade Goggleye goes in for a layup. photo by C. Stone

Timberwolves fans try to rally their team. photo by M. HelMBERGER

The Grizzlies’ Trevor Morrison takes a jump shot under pressure from Ely’s Patrick Vanderbeek and Carter Gaulke. photo by C. Stone

Grizzlies cheerleaders rev up the large North Woods cheering section at the Hibbing Arena. photo by C. Stone

Ely Head Coach Tom McDonald embraces senior Carter Gaulke after the disappointing end to their season. photo by M. HelMBERGER



SECTION 7A BOYS BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS

# Ely routs Wrenshall in semi-final round

by JAY GREENEY  
Sports writer

HIBBING— On paper, Ely entered last Thursday's semi-final round playoff matchup with 25-2 Wrenshall as the underdog. But the Timberwolves quickly sent the feathers flying as they jumped to a 23-8 lead over the Wrens in the first ten minutes en route to a 73-51 win. The Wrens did manage to close the gap ahead of the break, thanks to defensive

adjustments and better shooting that trimmed the gap to 30-22 by the half. Wrenshall was first out of the gate in the second half, scoring a quick basket to trim Ely's lead to six. But that was as close as they would get. "We came out and played really well on both ends of the floor in the second half and stretched our lead to 30," said Ely Head Coach Tom McDonald. "I thought the key was getting an early lead and playing great defense all

night." It was a good test for the Wolves, who held the vaunted Wrenshall offense to just 51 points. The Wrens had averaged 79 points a game this season. Ely was once again led by its one-two punch of Carter Gaulke and Pat Vanderbeek, with 26 and 25 points respectively. Eric Omerza had eight points to go with seven assists while Blaise Lah took control of the boards with 15 rebounds.

# Big second half put the Grizz up top over LCA

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

HIBBING—A slow start didn't keep the North Woods Grizzlies from coasting to a 90-55 victory over Lakeview Christian Academy last Thursday, to advance to the Section 7A boys basketball championship round. Despite being heavy underdogs, Lakeview managed to keep the game close through the opening stanza, trailing by just three points at the break, 31-28. It was a bit too close for comfort for many North Woods fans, but

relief came quickly in the second half as the Grizzlies poured in 59 points in the period to coast to their 35-point victory. Tate Olson had a huge night, with a game-high 27 points and seven rebounds, while Brendan Parson added 21 points and five steals. Trevor Morrison added 15 points and Chase Kleppe tallied 11. Point guard Cade Goggleye added six points, and 12 rebounds and eight steals. TJ Chiabotti also scored six points.

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Left: Ely junior guard Patrick Vanderbeek looks for room around Grizzlies sophomore freshman Trevor Morrison. photo by M. Helmberger



Lower left: Grizzlies' senior forward Tate Olson looks to pass while under pressure from Ely's sophomore forward Dylan Fenske. photo by C. Stone

dominated the boards, with nine rebounds. Saturday's section final marks the end of Ely's season. McDonald notes that his team will lose two key players to graduation this year, Gaulke and Blaise Lah, the team's rebound leader. "It's going to take a lot of work," he said. "They'll be tough to replace." Meanwhile, the Grizzlies were preparing for their Thursday match-up against Heritage Christian Academy at Williams Arena, in the opening round of the state tournament. Heritage enters the tournament unseeded after finishing the season at 13-17, so they're likely to face a challenge

to upset the Grizzlies, who enter the tournament as the second seed. Assuming an opening round victory, the Grizzlies would take on the winner of the game between Rushford-Peterson and Cass Lake-Bena at 2 p.m. on Friday at Target Center. The state Class A championship match is set for Saturday, at 11 a.m., at Target Center. The Grizzlies will be looking to improve on their second-place finish in last year's state tournament, when they lost to Minneapolis North Community in the title match. The Minneapolis school is no longer competing in Class A.

## Two Ely cagers win all-conference honors

ELY—Two Ely girls basketball players have received all-conference honorable mentions for their performance this last season. They include Senior Shayla Zaverl, who passed the 1,000-point mark at season's end. Zaverl, a starter for the past two seasons, led the team in scoring this year, with an average of 16 points per game. Sophomore Erika Mattson earned her first post-season award, after averaging 15.2 points per game this season. She is expected to help lead the charge for Ely as a junior next year.

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## Briefly

### WICOLA to host spring meeting

ELY - The White Iron Chain of Lakes Association (WICOLA) will conduct their spring meeting on Saturday April, from 9:30 – 11:30 a.m. at Veterans On the Lake, 161 Fernberg Road. Members of WICOLA, and those interested in learning more about WICOLA, are invited to hear staff from the Lake County Soil and Water Conservation

District speak on the use of native plantings to create a buffer along the shoreline. Coffee and doughnuts will be served. For more information, call 218-365-7863.

### Youth firearms safety training set for Ely

ELY - Youth Firearms Safety Training classes begin at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, April 3 and continue through Tuesday, April 17, at Vermilion

Community College, rooms CL104 and CL110. A sign-up sheet is available in the Ely Memorial High School office for those interested. Students must be 12 years

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### 2017-2018 Grizzlies Varsity Roster

No.	Name	Grade	No.	Name	Grade
0	Jaime Ocampo-Drift	11	15	Tate Olson	12
1	Darius Gogleye	9	21	Brian Whiteman	10
2	Blake Scofield	11	23	Chase Kleppe	11
3	Cade Gogleye	11	24	TJ Chiabotti	8
5	Brendan Parson	12	25	Tanner Lokken	12
10	Isaiah Squires	12	30	Parker Jones	11
12	Ian Sherman	11	31	Austin Chaulklin	12
13	Tanner Barto	11	33	Kent Villebrun	11
14	Dylan Chiabotti	11	35	Trevor Morrison	10

### Coaches/Managers

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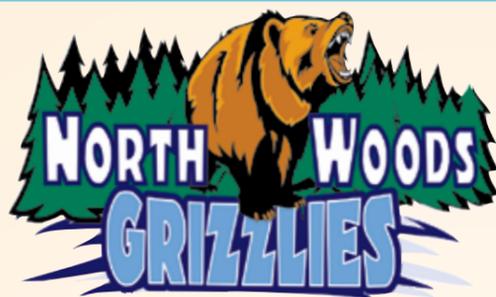
**Head Coach:** Will Kleppe  
**Assistant Coaches:** Dan Squires, Jerry Chiabotti, Matt Bergman  
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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## ELY BLUE LINE CLUB

### Young recruits: Hockey club introduces kids to sport



The Ely Blue Line Club offered a "Try Hockey for Free" day earlier this month. A group of soon-to-be hockey enthusiasts, aged three and up, got the chance to see why hockey is one of the most popular winter sports in the northland. submitted photos



## Obituaries And Death Notices

### Lorraine Johnson

Lorraine Raida Johnson, of Lake Vermilion-Tower, and formerly of Embarrass, passed away peacefully at the J.A. Wedum Residential Hospice in Brooklyn Park, under the wonderful care of their staff and her family. Visitation will be from 10 a.m. until the noon memorial service on Saturday, March 24 at Bauman Family Funeral

Home in Virginia. Pastor Nathan Sager will officiate. Interment will be at West Pike Cemetery later in the spring. Family services are provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her sister, Loretta (Richard) Rehberg of Balsam Lake, Wis.; brother, William Raida of Pike Township; children, Aubrey (Eny)

Johnson of Anoka, Merleen (Mike) Knott of Red Lake Falls and Lowell (Nuvia) Johnson of Bruno; grandchildren, Kevin, Christopher, Jonathan, April, Grant, Brett, Chelsey, Armani and Gianni; great-grandchildren, Avory, Autumn, Wilder, Hailey, Summer, Jett and Oklei; numerous nieces and nephews; and the many friends she has made over the years, including Lois and Rodger.

Hospital. Per George's request, there will be no formal services.

He is survived by his wife of 68 years, Shirley; sons, James (Janette) Miller of Rosemount and Joe Miller of Excelsior; eight grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

### Patricia North

Patricia Smith Willman North, 77, of Ely, passed away on Thursday, March 15, 2018, in Side Lake. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her sons, Jack (Kirsten) Willman of Detroit Lakes, Patrick (Lori) O'Toole

of Side Lake and Randy Willman of Ely; daughter, Sandra Willman of Ely; sister, Dorothy (Duane) Thunstrom of Detroit Lakes; and grandchildren, Gerry Willman, Rianen Willman, Nathon Willman, Tony (Kristen) Farley and Misty Willman.

### Patricia L. Sterbenk

Patricia Leah Edwards Sterbenk, 86, of Babbitt, passed away on Saturday, March 10, 2018. Memorial services will be held

at 1 p.m. on Saturday, March 24 at Woodland Presbyterian Church in Babbitt. Visitation will be one hour prior to services at the church with inurnment at a later date. Lunch will be served following the service. Flowers welcome, please no plants. Memorials are preferred to Woodland Presbyterian Church in Babbitt or Presbyterian Mission Agency. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kertz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her daughters, Lolly (Bruce) Naslund of Circle Pines and Jackie (Peter) Lund of Bemidji; grandchildren, Stacy Naslund of Bloomington, Alyn (Rachel) Naslund of Omaha, Neb., and Andrew (Katie) Lund of Duluth; great-granddaughter, Blake Margery Naslund; sister, Laurel Shepel; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins whom she held close to her heart.

### A Memorial Tribute

It has been 3 years since the passing of the love of my life Joanne (Zaawebinesiiik). She is sadly missed by me and our daughters Gayle Littlewolf, LeighAnn Donald, Carolyn Donald. Many tears have fallen in her remembrance. The special years we were all together will never return. But with the love in our hearts for her she will walk with us forever. Joanne is also missed deeply by her grandchildren.

This poem is one that was given to us.

"Your mother is always with you. She's the whisper of the leaves as you walk down the street. She's the smell of certain foods you remember, flowers you pick, the fragrance of life itself. She's the cool hand on your brow when you're not feeling well. She's the breath in the air on a cold winter's day. She is the sound of the rain that lulls you to sleep, the colors of the rainbow; she is Christmas morning. Your mother lives inside your laughter. She's the place you came from. Your first home, and the map you follow with every step you take. She's your first love, your first friend, and even your first enemy, but nothing on earth can separate you. Not time, not space... Not even death."

Rest In Peace in the Spirit World Joanne.

Love Forever Gary W. Donald



### George E. Miller

George E. Miller, 89, of Embarrass, passed away on Sunday, March 11, 2018, at the Ely Bloomenson Community

## TOWER BINGO Monday, April 2

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, April 2 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 County 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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The event is free with preference given to women living within the United Way of Northeastern Minnesota service area. A nominal fee of \$100 is requested for those veterans living outside the service area. Women veterans from all branches and all ages are welcome.

Activities and programs to choose from include healthy living, mindfulness, yoga, military transitions and PTSD, self-defense and safety, wine and cheese tasting, pallets and painting with Beth Milos, memoir writing with Sheila Packa, and much more. The free program includes all lodging and meals also. Registration and retreat infor-



mation is available online at [www.unitedwaynemn.org/womenveteransuite](http://www.unitedwaynemn.org/womenveteransuite), or by phone at 218-254-3329. The registration deadline is April 20. DD214 proof is required and space is limited. The event is sponsored by United Way of NE Minnesota's United for Veterans Initiative.

Over the years, veterans and their family members have expressed the critical need for expanded, wrap-around services throughout our rural communities to United Way staff, board and volunteers. Understanding the need, UWNEMN

recruited Wilder Research to help determine the most critical issues for UWNEMN to focus on.

UWNEMN is focusing on the most critical issues at hand with the support of a committee "United for Veterans" that is comprised of local veterans from the Iron Range whose mission is: "To create an environment of honor and respect for all fellow comrades in Northeastern Minnesota, while developing opportunities, supporting those in need and empowering veterans."

## Poetry contest winners announced

REGIONAL- Area students and adults have been awarded prizes in the Random Acts of Poetry Contest, sponsored by Story Portage of Ely. Winning poems received a \$10 honorarium and will be showcased at Ely-area businesses. Selected poems will be considered for publication in the Ely Summer Times. The theme for this year's contest was "water."

Adult winners included Polly Carlson Voiles, Steve Voiles, and Vince O'Connor, all from Ely, and Heather Unver, a 1993 graduate of Ely Memorial High School.

Student winners included Northeast Range students Alice Wolter, Hope Williams, Inga Lakey, Morgan Bush, Michele Buckanaga, Tori Sawyer, Erin Backe, Natalie Nelmark, Audrey Anderson, Logan Meskill, and Wyatt Gorsma; Ely students Reba Kissell, Zach Robbins, and Karissa Van Vickie; and Rosella Joyce, from Albertville.

## Warrant resolution day to be held in Duluth

DULUTH- St. Louis County District Court in Duluth is partnering with local prosecutors, law enforcement agencies, the public defender's office, and Community Connect to hold a Warrant Resolution Day on Wednesday, March 21, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Damiano Center in Duluth.

During the event, individuals with outstanding warrants will have the opportunity to speak with a public defender or prosecutor, arrange to pay outstanding fines, or have a hearing before Sixth Judicial District Chief Judge Sally Tarnowski regarding their warrant. In addition to local judges and court staff, representatives from the Sixth District Public Defender's Office, Duluth City Attorney's Office, St. Louis County Probation, St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, and the Driver Diversion Program will be on site during the event.

The event is intended to simplify the process of resolving an outstanding warrant, with the goal of

helping people avoid being arrested or detained for having an outstanding warrant. Local justice partners will make their best efforts to resolve an individual's case or cases during the event.

Individuals can determine if they have an outstanding warrant in St. Louis County by visiting [www.stlouiscountymn.gov/lawpublicsafety/CourtServices/Warrants.aspx](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/lawpublicsafety/CourtServices/Warrants.aspx).

For more information visit [www.mncourts.gov/Duluth-Warrant-Day.aspx](http://www.mncourts.gov/Duluth-Warrant-Day.aspx) or call Duluth Court Administration at 218-726-2460.

The event is being held in conjunction with Legal Services Day at the Damiano Center, which is located at 206 W 4 St. in Duluth. There will be representatives available from Legal Aid Service of Northeastern Minnesota, the Volunteer Attorney Program, and Zenith Law Center. A variety of services will be available including family law, senior law, HRA accommodations, domestic violence, and debt and garnishment.

UNITED WAY

## Spring brings new beginnings and endings

Spring is just around the corner, or at least I hope it is! With spring comes the end of United Way of Northeastern Minnesota's fiscal year on March 31 and the beginning of a new year on April 1. Each year, in March, funds that have been raised during UWNEMN's annual campaign are allocated to nonprofits and programs in the community. These organizations complete and submit an application, receive a site visit by UWNEMN volunteers and go through a formal interview process. All of the programs requesting funding must adhere to UWNEMN's focus areas of Helping Children Succeed, Empowering Healthy Lives, and Stabilizing Families and Individuals. I have been a panel chair during this process many times and each time is interesting, thought-provoking and eye-opening. There is



Stacy Hart  
Board President, UWNEMN

incredible need in our communities and being a part of the UWNEMN process is so rewarding!

Also in the spring, we hold our Annual Campaign Celebration to mark the end of the campaign, the distribution of grants and the start of a new year. The 2018 Annual Campaign Celebration will be held on Tuesday, March 27

at Minnesota Discovery Center. Awards will be presented to UWNEMN's leading companies, volunteers and agencies. The keynote speaker will be Brian Maki, Chairman, President & CEO of Lakehead Constructors. Lakehead was chosen as the contractor for UWNEMN's new office and program space and has recently begun the renovation process. We invite anyone invested in the community and UWNEMN to join us at this event. To purchase a ticket for \$25, visit [www.unitedwaynemn.org](http://www.unitedwaynemn.org) or call 218-254-3329.

UWNEMN's new fiscal year will also mark the end of my term as Board President. Serving

as Board President has been a great honor and I am very glad to remain on the Board of Directors. Stepping into the role of Board President will be Julie Lucas of Hibbing Taconite. Julie is thoughtful, intelligent and a terrific community leader; UWNEMN is very lucky to have her at the helm for the upcoming year.

## Family Discovery Day: Fossils, Fossils, Fossils on Saturday, March 24 at MDC

CHISHOLM- Join us on Saturday, March 24 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

for Family Discovery Day: Fossils! Fossils! Fossils! Paleontologist John Westgaard will be returning to the Minnesota Discovery Center to display fossils and answer questions about the exciting discoveries from the Hill

Annex Paleontology Project. Come learn what new discoveries have been made since last year. Kids will get to participate in hands-on activities and games to learn about fossils.

## Babbitt Easter Egg Hunt on March 31

BABBITT- The Babbitt Easter Egg Hunt is scheduled for Saturday, March 31 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Babbitt Beach. If the weather is bad, it will be held at the Babbitt Municipal Gym. The hunt is sponsored by Just Bite Me Miller's Bait. Call Theresa at 218-235-7170 with any questions.

## Ruby's Pantry in Babbitt on March 24

BABBITT- Ruby's Pantry will be distributing food at the Babbitt Municipal Center on Saturday, March 24 from 10 - 11:30 a.m. (Always on the fourth Saturday of each month.) A \$20 cash donation buys an abundance of food; no checks. There are no income or residency guidelines. Bring two large boxes or baskets.

Sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church. Volunteers are always welcome.

## Cook Library hosts "Coding Time for Kids" on Thursdays at 5 p.m.

COOK- The Cook Public Library is hosting "Coding Time for Kids" every Thursday until April 26 at 5 p.m. All students interested in learning about computer coding are invited to stop by. Students will get help from our volunteer coder, Theresa Drift, or can use the space to work on projects of their own. Laptops and public computers are available for student use.

## Reminder to order trees for spring planting; deadline to order is May 4w

VIRGINIA- North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District is taking orders for your spring planting needs. Over 20 varieties of trees in bundles of 10, 15 or 25 are available to choose from. There is a nice assortment of shrubs, deciduous trees, and conifers, while quantities last. Plantskydd and Repellex brands of organic animal repellent products can be ordered to keep the critters away.

These are small trees, seedlings or transplants, between 5" and 24" tall. Most are sold as bare root stock although some come in a soil plug, for easy planting or difficult soil conditions. Reasonably priced between \$30 and \$45 per bundle. All proceeds are used for conservation efforts in the northern part of St. Louis County.

Deadline to order is Friday, May 4. Pickup will be in Eveleth on Thursday and Friday, May 10 and 11. Information is available at [www.nslswcd.org](http://www.nslswcd.org), via email to [info@nslswcd.org](mailto:info@nslswcd.org), or by call/text to 218-749-2000. District Forester Beth Kleinke can help you choose the trees best suited for your needs.

## Documentary on childhood resilience showing at Mesabi Range College on Wednesday, March 28

VIRGINIA- Mesabi Range College & Family Service Collaboratives invite you to a free showing of the documentary Resilience: The Biology of Stress & the Science of Hope on Wednesday, March 28. Resilience is a one-hour documentary that delves into the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the birth of a new movement to treat and prevent toxic stress. Now understood to be one of the leading causes of everything from heart disease and cancer to substance abuse and depression, extremely stressful experiences in childhood can alter brain development and have lifelong effects on health and behavior. But what's predictable is preventable. These physicians, educators, social workers, and communities are daring to talk about the effects of divorce, abuse, and neglect, and are using cutting-edge science to help the next generation break the cycles of adversity and disease.

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# Outdoors

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## WILDLIFE RESEARCH

# DNR wraps five-year study of region's moose

Researcher says there's no "smoking gun," as several factors appear to be contributing to the population decline

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— After five years of effort, the field portion of the state's ongoing GPS-collared moose study has come to an end. And while researchers will continue to sift through and interpret their data over the next few years, one of the conclusions is already clear: the decline of the moose population in northeastern Minnesota has no single, identifiable cause.

"Our study has highlighted the complexity of factors affecting moose health and, to the disappointment of some,

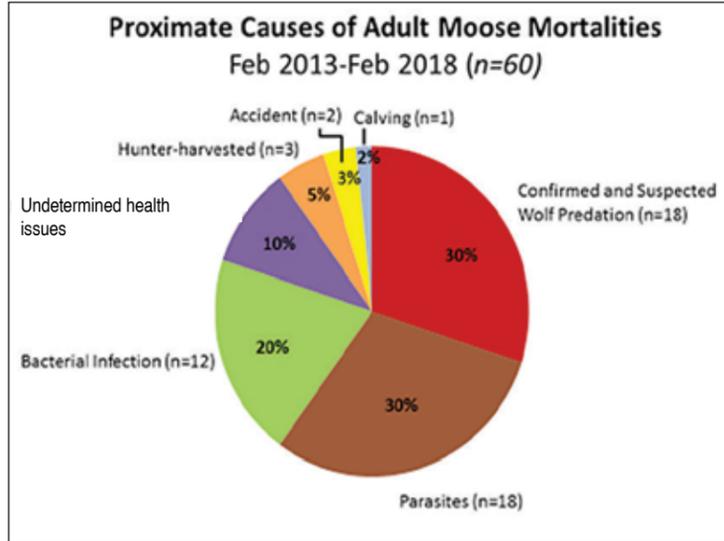
shows no clear smoking-gun," wrote Michelle Carstenson in an email last month to fellow researchers and others.

"Wolves are not the sole drivers of the decline in the adult moose population, although they play an important role in mortality," wrote Carstenson. At the same time, she wrote, wolves appear to be playing a role that biologists commonly associate with this large predator, preying primarily on the sick and older moose in the adult population. According to Carstenson, that's "exactly what these predators should be doing in this system."

Where wolves appear to be having the most deleterious effect, however, is with the young, according to Carstenson. "As documented by the concurrent work on calf survival, wolves are playing a major role in calf mortality and reduced recruitment," she said.

At the same time, notes Carstenson, parasitic infections, mostly brain worm and liver flukes spread by whitetail deer, have a "broad effect, either causing direct mortality or reducing overall fitness, on moose survival." In other

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## THE NEIGHBORS

# Nosy martens

One more benefit of life in the woods

Living out in the woods isn't always convenient, but the compensation package is pretty good, including routine visits from our furred and feathered neighbors. Our inquisitive neighborhood pine marten is among our regular visitors and for the most part this one seems to confine himself to the rules of what passes for civilized behav-



**MARSHALL HELMBERGER**

**Above and right: Martens are always on the lookout for something.** photos by M. HelMBERGER

ior out here in the sticks. Which means he doesn't break into our outbuildings (like some other martens have done), contenting himself mainly to gorging on the latest offerings from the compost pile, chewing on the lingering bones of last fall's deer carcass, and making the occasional run at the dozen or so red squirrels that have made the ground under our bird feeders their permanent home much of the winter.

The red squirrels may scatter for a moment or two, just adding to the constant entertainment offered up outside our picture window. With compensation like this, you couldn't pry me away from our little piece of paradise with a crowbar.



## FISHING

# DNR to change trout strain stocking in Lake Superior

LAKE SUPERIOR— To protect Lake Superior's naturalized rainbow trout population, genetically screened steelhead-strain fish, originating from wild runs in the big lake itself, will replace the hatchery-raised Kamloops trout strain the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources now stocks to bolster fishing opportunities near Duluth.

New advances in genetic

testing confirm Kamloops interbreed with wild rainbow trout. When that happens, fewer young survive and the overall steelhead population is reduced.

The change from Kamloops to stocking wild-sourced steelhead lets fisheries managers improve fishing opportunities on area streams while continuing the rehabilitation of the wild fish population.

"We have worked hard to

develop a solution that respects what our diverse group of rainbow trout anglers have told us is important to them—harvest opportunities in both the stream and the boat fishery, as well as high quality catch-and-release opportunities for wild steelhead," said Cory Goldsworthy, the DNR's Lake Superior area fisheries supervisor.

Since 1976, the DNR has stocked the Kamloops strain of

rainbow trout in Lake Superior's waters near Duluth. Stocking increased angler opportunity and reduced harvest pressure on wild steelhead. The action helped Lake Superior's wild rainbow trout recover from the detrimental effects of invasive sea lampreys and overfishing.

Despite only localized stocking, the stocked Kamloops

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## Outdoors briefly

### Tower DNR fisheries seeks comments on lake plans

REGIONAL — The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Tower area fisheries is seeking comments through Friday, March 30 on management plans for a number of area lakes.

Management plans describe the past, present and desired future conditions of the fishery and identify management activities planned for that lake in the next five to 20 years.

"Our management plans are the basis of how we make fishery decisions for individual lakes and streams," said Edie Evarts, area fisheries supervisor. "Public comment is important as goals are created or revised in a plan," Evarts added.

Every year, DNR fisheries staff prepares or revises individual lake management plans for several waters in each management area. In the Tower area, plans for the following lakes will be reviewed.

St. Louis County lakes:

- Agnes
- Burntside
- Embarrass
- Hustler
- Low
- Mashkenode
- Ruby
- Slim
- Stuart
- White Iron

Lake County lakes:

- Adams.
- Basswood
- Ennis
- Farm.
- Gabbro and Little

Gabbro.

- Garden
- Nickel
- Ogishkemuncie
- One
- Sandpit
- Tin Can Mike
- Two
- White Iron

People can review current plans for lakes as well as recent fish survey information at the DNR's Tower fisheries office, 650 Highway 169 in Tower. Office hours are 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To request a draft copy of any lake management plan listed above, email jer.malley@state.mn.us or call 218-300-7802.

Questions or comments can be sent by email to Tower area fisheries supervisor, Edie Evarts, at edie.evarts@state.mn.us.

**Fishing reports**



**Quinn Cummings, of Aitkin, picked up this 31" lake trout while jigging in twenty-five feet of water on Burntside Lake.** submitted photo

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words, moose affected by brainworm, in particular, could well be more vulnerable to predators or even accidental deaths that healthy moose.

"We still have much work to do on understanding how potential ultimate drivers (body condition and climate) may be influencing a moose's ability to handle various parasite loads and why it tips the scale for some, while others seemingly survive better," wrote Carstenson.

Over the five-year period of the study, the overall annual survival rate for the roughly 100 moose originally collared for the study averaged 85.3 percent, which is just slightly below the 88-92 percent rate considered typical elsewhere in North America. But a related study on moose calves demonstrated very high mortality rates, primarily due to wolf predation, which appears to be limiting moose reproductive success.

Among adult moose, wolf predation and parasites were each responsible for 30 percent of moose mortality, while bacterial infection accounted for another 20 percent. Bacterial infections were either related to ongoing health issues, or were the result of wolf attacks.

Another ten percent died from unidentified health issues. Accidents, hunter harvest, and childbirth accounted for the remaining moose deaths (see graphic).

The study was originally designed for five years and with a sample size of over 100 animals. The study did last five years, although the sample size diminished significantly in the final years. Gov. Mark Dayton signed an executive order in 2015 that halted further collaring of all moose by the DNR after a *Timberjay* investigation revealed questionable actions by top DNR researchers in the handling of moose calf abandonments.

A year ago, the study still had 44 collared moose alive and transmitting data, but researchers have since been attempting to trigger automatic release mechanisms to recover the detailed GPS data stored on the collars. Only three collars remained on active moose as of last month.

But the collars appeared to have a significant error rate, with nearly 60 having failed over the years. Researchers could not recover those collars so they will never know the fate of those moose or recover the data stored on their collars.

**LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST**

from NOAA weather

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genetics have shown up in samples taken from many North Shore streams, the Wisconsin Bois Brule River and Michigan waters of Lake Superior.

"These discoveries confirm that interbreeding is widespread well beyond Minnesota waters," Goldsworthy said. "It would be irresponsible for the Minnesota DNR to keep stocking these fish that research has shown negatively impact Lake Superior's steelhead population."

Numerous genetic studies on the North Shore all point toward the negative impacts of interbreeding on wild steelhead populations, but DNR researchers were never able

to confirm genetic interbreeding in the wild even with genetics work done as recently as the 1990s.

"With new tools, we now know without question that we can't have a goal to rehabilitate wild steelhead populations while at the same time stock the Kamloops strain for harvest," Goldsworthy said.

The steelhead the DNR stocks will have an adipose fin clipped off, just like Kamloops did. That process, which doesn't harm the fish, allows anglers to easily determine what can be harvested. Unclipped, wild steelhead will continue to remain catch-and-release only - as they have been since 1997. Because of this, the stocking

change means anglers will see the same harvest regulations.

The 1995, 2006 and recently revised 2016 fisheries management plans for the Minnesota waters of Lake Superior all discuss the need for continued monitoring for interbreeding between Kamloops and wild steelhead as well as re-evaluation of using the Kamloops strain should interbreeding be confirmed.

More information about the Lake Superior fishery, including the 2016 Fisheries Management Plan for the Minnesota Waters of Lake Superior can be found on the DNR website at [mndnr.gov/areas/fisheries/lakesuperior](http://mndnr.gov/areas/fisheries/lakesuperior).

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## EMPLOYMENT

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### Nett Lake School Custodians Wanted

The Nett Lake School is taking applications for (1) full-time and (1) part-time custodian. Applicants must have a high school degree or equivalent, valid MN Drivers License, pass a pre-employment physical, drug test and a criminal background check. Interested parties must submit their application by 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, March 28.

Applications can be picked up at the school office or you can apply on line at [www.nettlakeschool.org](http://www.nettlakeschool.org)

Submit application to : James J. Varichak, Superintendent, Nett Lake School, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, MN 55772. ttn

### Nett Lake School Teachers Wanted

The Nett Lake School is seeking applications for (2) elementary teachers for the 2018-19 SY. Applicants must submit a letter of interest, resume, copy of their valid MN teaching license or eligible for a variance and three letters of reference. Applicants may apply online at [www.nettlakeschool.org](http://www.nettlakeschool.org). The district will begin reviewing applications on Friday, April 20.

Submit to: James J. Varichak, Superintendent, Nett Lake School, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, MN 55772. ttn

### KUGLER TOWNSHIP CLERK APPOINTEE NEEDED

The Kugler Town Board will be looking to appoint a Kugler resident to the town clerk position as of June 1, 2018. This person will fill in until the next township election in November. The clerk spot is currently held by Julie Suihkonen, who is resigning due to her other work commitments. Anyone wanting to learn more about the position should contact Kugler Board Members Tim Kotzian at 218-753-5416 or Jack Brandt at 218-753-4241.

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69VI-PR-17-168

ESTATE OF  
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Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 11, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. a hearing will be held at the Virginia Courthouse, 300 S 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, Virginia, Minnesota on a petition for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of decedent's heirs, and for the appointment of Jerry D. Kujala, whose address is 4951 Spirit Lake Road, Mt. Iron, MN 55768, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

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### Nett Lake School Indian Home-School Liaison/Director

The Nett Lake School is seeking applications for an Indian Home-School Liaison/Director. This is a 35 hr./wk for 42 weeks position. A complete job description and application can be found at [www.nettlakeschool.org](http://www.nettlakeschool.org) or you may stop by the Nett Lake School. Salary will be based on qualifications and experience.

The district will begin reviewing applications on April 20, 2018. This position will remain open until filled. ttn

### CHILDCARE CENTER Classroom Teacher

**Job Overview**  
The Little Eagles Childcare Center in Tower is hiring a Lead Teacher to provide quality, engaging and safe care for the children in the Tower/Soudan area. The Lead Teacher will teach and supervise the children alongside a team of like minded caregivers to promote the development of their social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth.

**Minimum Requirements:**  
 > Hold an AA degree in Early Childhood Education from an accredited college  
 > 1040 hours experience as a teacher, aide or student intern  
 > Experience working with young children and families  
 > Possess current First Aid/CPR certificate or must be able to obtain  
 > Ability to pass a background study  
 > Able to lift 50 pounds and occasionally more; and able to kneel, bend, stoop, and sit on floor to attend to children's needs

**Responsibilities**  
 > In partnership with the Director, design and follow a full schedule of activities and discover suitable teaching material  
 > Provide basic care and caregiving activities  
 > Use a wide range of teaching methods to enhance the child's abilities  
 > Evaluate children's performance to make sure they are on the right learning track  
 > Communicate with parents and update them on the progress of their children  
 > Observe children's interactions objectively  
 > Identify behavioral problems and determine the right course of action  
 > Collaborate with other colleagues  
 > Adhere with teaching standards and safety regulations

**Preferred Candidates also must have the following qualities:**  
 > Proven experience as a child care provider or assistant  
 > Excellent knowledge of child development and up-to-date education methods  
 > Methodical and creative  
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### City of Tower Maintenance Assistant

**Duties:** Performs routine duties that are necessary to maintain all city properties and any other duties assigned by his/her supervisor.

**Hours of Work:** 40 hours per week.

**Starting Rate of Pay:** \$16.80 w/out Welder's Certificate and \$17.87 with Welder's Certificate

**Benefits:** Per Union Contract

Applications are available at the Tower City Hall or on the City's web page at [www.cityoftower.com](http://www.cityoftower.com) under City Forms & Applications. Applications, resumes, and references must be received no later than 12:00 Noon on April 6, 2018.

Applicants may submit their applications with attachments to Linda Keith, City of Tower, 602 Main Street, PO Box 576, Tower, Minnesota 55790. Applications with attachments can also be e-mailed to [linda@cityoftower.com](mailto:linda@cityoftower.com). For questions, please contact Linda Keith at 218-753-4070. 3/30



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### Vermilion Country School Special Education Paraprofessional

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Full job description online at [www.vermilioncountry.org/employment](http://www.vermilioncountry.org/employment)

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**Position will remain open until filled. Please e-mail resume, cover letter, transcripts of college work and/or ParaPro score, and three letters of recommendation to:**  
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### City of Winton Full-time Public Works/Utility Manager Position

The City of Winton is seeking applications for a full-time Public Works and Utility Manager position. The normal working hours will be 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday to Friday. This is an AFSCME union position that includes benefits. The position requires possession of State of Minnesota Class D water and wastewater operator licenses. For more information call City Clerk Anne Jackson, 365-5941 or Mayor Kathy Brandau, 365-3985. Applications and job descriptions will be available from the City Clerk, Winton Community Center, 102 N. Main Street, Winton, or at Brandau Plumbing, Hwy 169, Winton. Applications and resumes with references may be brought to the City Clerk, Mayor, or mailed to City of Winton, PO Box 163, Winton, MN 55796. Applications are due by March 31, 2018. 3/23

### LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION KUGLER TOWNSHIP St. Louis County, Minnesota will meet at the KUGLER TOWN HALL on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 from 10 - 11 a.m. (please note that meeting place is at the Kugler Town Hall this year)

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the town has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and also to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you are still not satisfied with the valuation or classification after conferring with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board shall review the valuation, classification, or both if necessary, and shall correct it as needed. Generally, an appearance before your local board of appeal and equalization is required by law before an appeal can be taken to your county board of appeal and equalization.

Julie Suihkonen, Clerk, Kugler Township

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### CITY OF ORR Notice of Public Hearing COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

The Orr City Council will meet Monday, April 9, 2018 at 7:00 PM at City Hall, 4429 Highway 53, Orr, MN 55771 regarding the adoption of the Orr Comprehensive Plan Update. All interested persons are encouraged to attend and provide comments, concerns, or ask questions. The plan document can be viewed at [www.ardc.org/orr](http://www.ardc.org/orr). Persons unable to attend may provide comments and direct questions to the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission at (218) 529-7516.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS  
DISTRICT COURT  
PROBATE DIVISION  
SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT  
Court File No.  
69VI-PR-18-46

In Re: ESTATE OF  
Warren Perry Rein  
Decedent

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS (ANCILLARY PROCEEDING)

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on April 25, 2018, at 9:30 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at the St. Louis County Courthouse, 300 S 5th Avenue, Virginia, Minnesota, on a petition for

the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship for the Decedent, and for the appointment of Carolyn Rein, whose address is 18220 Highway 5, Lebanon, Missouri, 65536 as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper and if no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the assets of the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, pay all legal debts, claims, taxes and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and do all necessary acts for the decedent's estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minn. Stat. 524.3-801) all creditors having claims against the Estate

are required to present the claims to the personal representative or to the Court Administrator within four (4) months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: March 20, 2018  
BY THE COURT  
HON. GARY PAGLIACCETTI  
Judge  
AMY TURNQUIST/  
STEFANIE HIGGINS  
Court Administrator

Attorney for Petitioner  
Angela E. Sipila  
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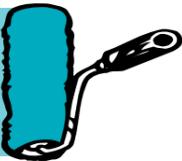
## BROOCH THE SUBJECT

## Super Crossword

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| <b>ACROSS</b>                     | <b>DOWN</b>                           |
| 1 Ritchie Valens hit              | 1 Camera eye                          |
| 8 Store up                        | 2 Aid in evil                         |
| 13 Credit (to)                    | 3 Male swine                          |
| 20 Black keys, informally         | 4 Prefix with 61-Down                 |
| 21 Air raid alert                 | 5 Actress Liza                        |
| 22 Percussion pair                | 6 Light brown                         |
| 23 Very tidy sort                 | 7 Questioner                          |
| 24 Musical pace                   | 8 Bubbly wine                         |
| 25 Airplane trips                 | 9 Personal manner                     |
| 26 Viola or cello                 | 10 Weaponry                           |
| 29 Tulip chair designer           | 11 Octets minus one                   |
| 30 Always, in an ode              | 12 Loud sleeper                       |
| 31 Eucalyptus-eating "bear"       | 13 Like most radios                   |
| 35 "Deck the Halls," e.g.         | 14 Shop lure                          |
| 39 Outlet insert                  | 15 Crease                             |
| 45 "Anne of Green Gables" town    | 16 Convertible auto                   |
| 48 Sounds of wonderment           | 17 Einstein's "I"                     |
| 49 London brew                    | 18 Slugging club                      |
| 50 Mlle. who's canonized          | 19 Ending for lion                    |
| 51 Where a ball rolls in an alley | 20 Purifies, as ore                   |
| 53 Nero's 251                     | 21 Wild, as an animal                 |
| 55 Luau dish                      | 22 Secrete                            |
|                                   | 23 Mother's milk                      |
|                                   | 24 In a group of 124                  |
|                                   | 25 Oto or Ute                         |
|                                   | 26 Moved stealthily                   |
|                                   | 27 Female gerbil                      |
|                                   | 28 Mystifying Mr. Geller              |
|                                   | 29 Race loser                         |
|                                   | 30 Bank offer                         |
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Answers to March 23 puzzle

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Answers

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by Linda Thistle

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