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CITY OF COOK

'Great American Read' coming to Cook library

Programs designed to celebrate the joy of reading

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

COOK- Cook Public Library will have lots of fun programming over the summer after receiving a grant from the American Library Association and PBS. Cook Library will be hosting library programs around "The Great American Read."

This new, eight-part television series is designed to celebrate the joy of reading and books Americans love, and will let readers vote on their favorite book from a list compiled of 100 favorite novels.

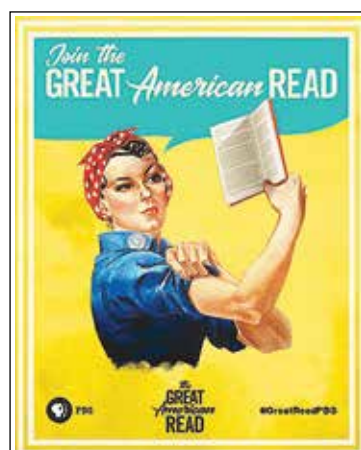
More than 220 public libraries across the nation applied for the \$2,000 grants, that will support public programs around

the series. Cook Public Library was one of just 50 libraries nationwide to be selected.

"This grant will allow us to host programs and events throughout the summer and purchase books for our collection," said Cook Library Director Crystal Phillips. "We are honored to be the only library in Minnesota to receive this grant."

Phillips said she is busy scheduling programs, with June 1 set to be the kickoff event, Book Madness. There will be a reception at the library and they will explain how the program will work. There will be a book-related movie showing at the Comet Theater in the

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BRIDGING CULTURES



A voice for indigenous rights

Lyla June hopes to inspire upcoming generations

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

REGIONAL- Bridging cultures around the world, Lyla June Johnston is a student, a scholar, a musician, a poet, and an environmental activist. Her trip last week to the Tower and Ely area was her first to northern Minnesota, but her message is one she is working to spread

Lyla June spoke and performed at the Ely Folk School last weekend. photo courtesy of Brad Carlson across the nation.

"I like to introduce myself in the traditional Dine' (Navajo) manner," she told students at Vermilion Country School, where she spoke and shared her music on Friday. "We view everyone as our kin and our own people... anyone with five fingers who walks on this

earth, they are our people, our nation, our family."

Lyla June started by explaining her family tree: her mother's clan, her father's, and her maternal and paternal grandmother's. With roots in the Navajo

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BOIS FORTE

New primary set for July 10 General election will be Sept. 18

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

REGIONAL- The Bois Forte Band will hold a new primary election for tribal offices in the wake of a decision by the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe's Tribal Election Court of Appeals.

The ruling upholds the earlier decision of the Bois Forte Tribal Court to invalidate the results of the April 3 primary election.

The primary election results were initially challenged by candidates Kristal Strong, Brandon Benner, and Edward D. Chavers, who raised issues with irregularities with the handling of absentee ballots. The decision by Bois Forte Election Contest Judge Christopher Anderson, dated April 20, affirmed that there were issues related to the handling of absentee ballots that affected the rights of as many as 64 tribal members to cast a timely vote, and ordered a new primary election be held.

This decision to redo the election was then appealed by candidates Karlene Chosa, Shane Drift, and Mildred Holmes, as well as the Bois Forte Election Board.

"The only way to guarantee the integrity of the election at this point is to give everyone the opportunity to vote again," wrote the court in their decision dated May 8. "While this is an extraordinary remedy, it is necessary here where the Election Ordinance violations that admittedly impacted the ability of 64 tribal members to cast their

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ELY MINING SERIES

Fading into history

Rolando: Ely's mining past being forgotten

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - "Our mining history is fading here in Ely." Those were the opening words from Seraphine Rolando last week as

The Pioneer Mine in Ely, the city's last iron ore mine operation, shut down in 1967. submitted photo

he began a presentation on Ely's rich tradition of iron ore mining.

He spoke as part of a Mining Series sponsored by Up

North Jobs and held the second Thursday of each month at the Ely Senior Center.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Sauna Day celebration set for Saturday, June 2 in Embarrass

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage will be celebrating National Sauna Day on Saturday, June 2 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nelimark Homestead and Museum in Embarrass. A number of traveling saunas will be on display, including at least one that will be fired up for use by visitors. Carl Forsman is bringing the sauna he had at the Super Bowl earlier this year; he'll have the stove going and people are welcome to take sauna that day.

Outdoors, rain or shine, there will be food, games for kids and adults, demonstrations by Lamppa Mfg. and other local businesses, door prizes, raffle tickets for sale, and music. Eli Bissonett will be strolling the grounds with his fiddle from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Farmstead Artisans gift shop will be open, offering free coffee and selling an array of hand-made and homemade goodies, including pulla. The shop has aprons, notecards, T-shirts, Finnish ceramics, books, rugs and much more. Tour the museum rooms, the buildings on the grounds, and the old farm implements.

Bring your towel and come to celebrate the Finnish tradition of sauna. The Nelimark is located on Hwy. 21 at Salo Rd., across from Timber Hall. National Sauna Day is generously sponsored by these local businesses: Lamppa Mfg., Wintergreen Northern Wear, Benville Service, Fortune Bay Resort, C&C Winger, Garson Tile & Stone, Embarrass-Vermillion Credit Union, and Mealey's Sauna Shop.

Red Hat Belles to meet May 31

GREENWOOD TWP- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet on Thursday, May 31 at the Wilderness at 12 noon. Everyone will order off the menu. Please RSVP by May 25 to Gwen at 218-753-6695 or Carol at 218-753-3220. Welcome back snow-birds! New members and guests always welcome.

Ruby's Pantry on May 26 in Babbitt

BABBITT- Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution will be at the Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Drive, on Saturday, May 26, the fourth Saturday of the month, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. A \$20 cash donation buys an abundance of food; no checks accepted. There are no income or residency guidelines. Bring two large boxes or baskets. St. Pius X Catholic Church sponsors Ruby's Pantry. Volunteers are always welcome.

Auditions set for May 20 and 22 in Ely

ELY- Northern Lakes Art Association (NLAA) is proud to present a unique production this summer, incorporating local dancers, musicians, poets, photographers, videographers, and artists. Reflections on Water will be performed on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3 and 4, at 7 p.m. at the Vermilion Community College Fine Arts Theater and will feature dance pieces inspired by the theme of water's integral place in our lives. Auditions for dancers and singers are set for Sunday, May 20 and Tuesday, May 22 from 6 - 8 p.m. at the VCC Fine Arts Theater. Dancers ages ten and up are invited to participate. Fifteen to twenty-five dancers are needed for the performance. Singers with experience in choir performances are also invited to be part of the backup chorus for the show. Selected musicians under the direction of Irene Hartfield will accompany the dance performances live, along with pre-recorded music.

VERMILION COUNTRY SCHOOL

Vermilion Country School hosting Expo Day on Wednesday, May 23

TOWER- The community is invited to attend this year's Vermilion Country School Expo Day on Wednesday, May 23 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Expo Day is a chance for students to show off their projects, academics, and extra-curriculars from throughout the year. It is also a chance to see how VCS provides a strong educational alternative for students, and how the teaching staff works to meet the needs of all its students. VCS is a grades 7-12 public charter school. The school was recently re-authorized for an additional five years, based on its record of student achievement. Students at VCS come from Tower-Soudan, Lake Vermilion, Bois Forte, Ely, Embarrass, Babbitt, and the East Range areas.

From 10 - 11 a.m., students will display samples of their work, including the school newspaper, yearbook, art projects, running club, BWCAW trip, choral contest, soap-making, baby chicks, hydroponics, recycling, and more. Come and talk with VCS students about what they have accomplished this year; they are excited to share what they have learned.

There will be displays and discussions of student volunteer work this year including Senior Bingo, Potters Field cleanup, roadside cleanup, and food shelf activities. Each month a rotating group of students helps run the Senior Bingo at the Tower Civic Center, which is a fundraiser for the school. Students help with set-up, serving, and clean-up, and then lead the bingo games



VCS Student Alyssa Pratt showed off student artwork at Expo Day last year. file photo

in the afternoon. VCS students help unload the monthly food truck delivery at the Tower Food Shelf and then sort the food onto the shelves and help with cleanup. A dedicated group of students also works to maintain the Potters Field section of the Lakeview Cemetery, as well as cleaning a two-mile stretch of roadside on Hwy. 169.

At 11 a.m., there will be a series of performances including choir, duets, solos, theater, and a poetry reading.

The school will serve lunch at 12 noon, and all are invited to attend.

At 12:30 p.m., there will be the school awards program, along with an overview of highlights from this school year.

At 1 p.m., there will be a science fair-style presentation of the school's

environmental education program this year, covering waste-related topics: garbage and recycling, sewage, nuclear and medical waste, electricity, and water. Five groups of students, representing the five major topics for the year, will be interviewed by volunteer community members, who will judge the students on their presentations.

Student work will be on display all day. Come see our baby chicks, the school greenhouse, and our new beehive with bees.

School tours will be available. The school is now taking enrollments for all grades for the upcoming school year. The school is located at 1 Enterprise Dr. in Tower. For more information, call 218-753-1246.



Brodini Comedy Magic Show at Ely and Babbitt libraries June 12

REGIONAL - Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present the Brodini Comedy Magic Show. This program is free and for all ages. Join us on Tuesday, June 12 at Ely Public Library at 9 a.m. or at Babbitt Public Library at 1 p.m.

The Brodini Comedy Magic Show offers fun and exciting magic

tricks that are so cool you won't believe your eyes! Magician Graylyn Morris will raise spirits and test kids' powers of concentration as he manipulates ropes, scarves, balls, and other magician props in a perplexing "now you see it, now you don't" performance! This program is for all ages. For more information about the Brodini Comedy Magic Show, please visit brodini.com.

Rural Living Environments has new crisis/respite facility

ELY- Rural Living Environments is proud to announce the groundbreaking for their new crisis/respite facility located at 204 Pattison St. W in Ely. Rural Living Environments has provided residential, supported employment and crisis services to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities for more than 15 years. Today RLE employs more than 85 part-time and full-time staff with plans to add another fourteen when the new crisis/respite home is complete.

The Ely site will serve as a temporary location for individuals who are between places to live permanently. This four-bed site will be staffed twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. The employees at this site will have an average wage of \$14 to \$18 per hour plus benefits. For employment inquiries, please refer to www.rurallivingmn.com, stop by our office on 22 E Chapman St. in Ely, or contact Don Negley at 218-305-4846.



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CITY OF ELY

Council OKs capital project changes

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – The city council here, on Tuesday, authorized several adjustments to the 2018 capital project budget recommended by the Budget Committee.

The changes include:

► The Heritage Preservation Commission’s ongoing renovation and restoration project at the Pioneer Mine site requires a condition assessment at a cost of \$3,000. The original cost of the assessment was estimated at \$500. “This is an important piece of the renovation at the historic site,” said Budget Committee member Paul Kess.

The renovation work the HPC has in mind is expected to cost as much as \$17,500. The work is being partially funded by a \$10,000 grant from the Minnesota Historical Society, along with a \$1,000 donation from the Ely Arts and Heritage Center, and a private contribution of \$3,500.

“There is a concern that the condition of the frame and the foundation, including the retaining wall, may not be sufficient to keep the

building (standing) for an extended period of time,” said Mayor Chuck Novak. “We have to make sure we don’t lose the historical value of that site.”

► The expenditure of \$17,400 for design work for the proposed mountain bike trails at Hidden Valley Recreation Area. Originally, the Mountain Bike Club had proposed 10 miles of trails, but increased that to 20 miles, according to Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski. The cost for 20 miles of design work by Dirt Candy Designs will be as much as \$26,400.

“As of today we have \$9,000 received in donations from community members for the project design work,” Langowski said. “We are looking at a first phase of 10 miles and a future phase of another 10 miles.” Funding assistance from Morse Township will also be requested.

► Spending a total of \$26,385 for additional utility work for the future development of the old public garage site along with the current Rural Living Environments development behind Sibley Apartments.

“The adjustment is needed because we upgraded the size of the water line to allow for future

expansion in the area so we don’t have to go back and dig it up again in the future,” Kess said. “We are looking at a 10-inch line rather than a five-inch line.” A \$140,000 grant was received from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board for the project.

► The Budget Committee also recommended awarding the Semer’s Park pavilion project to TL Construction, who was the low bidder for the project at \$167,000. This project will be partially funded by \$55,000 in donations, \$85,000 in the city’s park projects budget, and a \$15,000 donation from the Ely Jaycees Club.

Langowski said the cost of the project could be reduced by what he termed value engineering. “We are looking at redesigning the slab and the footings, reducing excavation work, and making some changes to the roof structure,” he said.

► A total of \$1,600 for four used radios for the Ely Fire Department from Itasca County.

All of the spending adjustments to the capital projects budget were

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POLITICS

Otto calls for creation of a state-owned bank

Says proposal would provide needed capital to small business, rural regions

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— A state-owned and managed bank could help boost investment in rural Minnesota and help level the playing field for small businesses, minority-owned companies, and even college students. That’s according to State Auditor and DFL gubernatorial candidate Rebecca Otto, who is calling for the creation of a state bank as part of the fifth and final plank in her “Renew Minnesota” agenda.

Otto, who is among three candidates still in the race for the DFL party endorsement for governor, released her Local Economies Plan late last week and talked to the *Timberjay* about her ideas. The concept of a state-owned bank is not a new one— in fact, North Dakota created a state bank way back in 1919 as a means of providing working capital for farmers, rural cooperatives and other small businesses that had a difficult time accessing other sources of funding.



Rebecca Otto during a visit to Ely earlier this year. file photo

Otto said those same challenges remain a century later. “Small businesses tell me all the time that they can’t get access to capital, and that creates a barrier to growth,” said Otto. This is about equality of opportunity and encouraging local development,” she said.

A state bank would operate much like a traditional bank, but would likely provide lower interest rates, and would have a mission focused on public goals rather than private profits. “It would provide access to capital for small businesses. It would potentially provide crop insurance for small family farms who are being left out in the current system, and it would provide low-cost student loans to ensure the workforce of the 21st century.” The Minnesota State Bank will help level the playing field so that every Minnesotan has an equal shot at success, according

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

TEDA OKs budget set-aside for charter school

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER— Members of the Tower Economic Development Authority approved a request by the Vermilion Country School to include a small city budget earmark to pay for improvements to the TEDA-owned building that is currently leased by the school.

The school, which pays \$78,000 a year in rent, is in the final year of its five-year lease with TEDA, and the two parties are close to final agreement on a new five-year lease.

But School Administrator Kevin Fitton told members of TEDA last Thursday that he’d like to see greater willingness by the city to make improvements to the building. He noted that it had taken the city two years to finally agree to invest about \$3,000 in creating a more secure main entrance to the school building. In addition, he said, roof leakage due to ice damming has been a chronic problem.

Fitton suggested a set-aside of \$2,500, which could accumulate over time if it isn’t used in any particular year. The city does maintain

a hefty surplus from the charter school lease. The city’s debt service for renovations runs about \$55,000 annually. City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith said that the city spends an average of about \$13,000 annually on maintenance, which still provides a \$10,000 surplus.

TEDA approved a motion to recommend that the city council include a budget set-aside for building improvements starting at \$2,500 a year. TEDA also gave the green light to the new five-year lease for the

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Editorial

The do-nothing Legislature

With three days to go, legislators should, finally, turn to the people's business

Sessions of the Minnesota Legislature have gained a reputation in recent years for limited accomplishment. This year, they seem to be outdoing even the low bar they've set for themselves.

With the regular session set to expire on Sunday, the list of accomplishments is so limited, it's barely worth mentioning. As of midweek, the Legislature had not even reached agreement on the one thing they are definitely supposed to accomplish—a 2018 bonding bill.

While they might still complete that task by the end of the session, the measure approved by the House earlier this week is far too stingy to be considered a success. At a time when everyone agrees that the state's infrastructure needs are critical and when historically-low interest rates are starting to creep higher, one can only ask what legislators are waiting for.

The governor's bonding plan addresses true needs and takes advantage of low interest rates while they still exist.

At the same time, the Legislature has failed to address a long list of other policy and funding priorities, including emergency school funding that the governor has proposed to address immediate school budget deficits and prevent teacher layoffs and larger class sizes. The measure proposed by the governor would increase funding to area school districts by the following:

- ▶ St. Louis County Schools-\$317,926
- ▶ Ely Schools-\$85,983
- ▶ Nett Lake School-\$20,963
- ▶ Vermilion Country School-\$9,061

These funding increases would be felt in the classroom at a time when there's growing public awareness of the importance of education in providing the next generation with the tools needed to be successful in an economy in rapid transition. Minnesota

is falling behind again in education funding and the Legislature should find that unacceptable.

The Legislature has also failed to act on the governor's proposal to allow Minnesotans to buy into the state-run health insurance program known as MinnesotaCare. At a time when choice is increasingly limited in the individual insurance market, the governor's plan would offer a public option available in all corners of the state that would provide quality coverage for a very competitive price. Why wouldn't the Legislature want to expand choice and access to quality health insurance? Whose interests are they really serving in St. Paul?

It's a similar question on the subject of opioid addiction, where lobbyists from the pharmaceutical industry have managed to block efforts to curb opioid abuse and require the industry to pay some of the cost of addressing this public health scourge. The state Senate passed the measure overwhelmingly, but the lobbying effort appears to have convinced GOP leaders in the House to block the measure, allowing Big Pharma to bank the profits from the opioid epidemic they helped create without taking any responsibility. It's a shame.

The Legislature also failed to act to recover \$200 million in revenues lost as a result of the federal GOP tax bill, which exempted profits sheltered overseas from taxation by the states.

For big corporations, it's been a windfall session. But for Minnesota students, teachers, the elderly, and those seeking decent, affordable health insurance, it's been a bust.

At least there's still time. In the final days, we urge legislators to reconsider their priorities and show they can actually do the people's business for a change.

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Letters from Readers

Industry wants state forests to make up for their mistakes

Can a million cords/year be harvested off state-owned lands for the next ten years? That's the question put to the DNR by Gov. Mark Dayton in 2016, prompted by timber industry pressure to increase harvest levels on state-owned land from the 800,000-cord target of the last 15 years to levels not seen since the liquidation-forestry days of the early 20th century.

After more than a year of rigorous, independent scientific analysis by a respected professional forestry consultant, public input, and consideration of environmental and economic impacts, the DNR, never one to shy away from aggressive timber harvest levels, nonetheless published a report that determined "One million cords of timber harvested annually from DNR-managed forest lands is not sustainable."

Instead they concluded that 870,000 cords offered for sale annually from state-owned lands is sustainable, even though they found any harvest exceeding 600,000 cords annually would compromise non-timber values like biological diversity, water quality and old forest habitat. Regardless, DNR went the extra cord to satisfy industry and set a target of selling 900,000 cords annually for the next five years, followed by another five years of 870,000 cords sold annually.

This, of course, didn't satisfy

our largely foreign-owned forest industry, which resumed pushing for at least a million cords/year, aided by area politicians. For example, Rep. Rob Ecklund said in his newsletter that for the industry to be "comfortable," he'll be working to increase the harvest to the million-cord level. And Gov. Dayton is rumored to be close to ordering DNR to ignore their study and set a million-cord target.

They rationalize that if DNR harvested more trees, then stumpage prices will decline, making Minnesota mills more competitive. Perhaps so. But before burdening our state-owned lands with unsustainable harvests, we should hit the pause button and ask why industry finds itself in this predicament. It's not because harvests from state-owned lands have declined. Cords offered for sale from state-owned lands increased significantly around 2000 and, with some year-to-year variation, have remained fairly stable since. Other public forest landowners aren't to blame either, since collective harvest levels from all public lands have increased since 1997.

The culprit, it turns out, are private forest landowners. Harvests from non-industry private lands have declined precipitously since 1999, a consequence of low stumpage prices. Harvests fell on industry lands too, about 100,000 cords since 2005/06, or the very amount they're seeking to add to harvests on state-owned lands.

To understand why, look

no further than their decision to sell more than 400,000 acres of their industrial forest land between 1999 and 2007. Those acres could easily have yielded over 100,000 cords each year, more than enough to make up the shortfall they want to push onto state lands. They might have been able to access a lesser, but reasonable amount of wood from the lands they sold but for their decision to lay off most of their private forest management staff, the very people whose job it was to facilitate harvests from other private lands, around the same time.

The reason for these seemingly short-sighted decisions? In a word, greed. Both moves increased profit and share value at a time when executive compensation was increasingly tied to share value, providing none-too-subtle pressure on corporate boards and executives to increase short-term profits at the expense of long-term considerations. It seems they have only themselves to blame for their current situation. Why, then, shouldn't we expect forest industry to address their self-inflicted dilemma by taking those same profits and investing them back into robust private forest management staffs, or even rebuilding their private industrial forest land base, rather than expecting Minnesota citizens to tolerate unsustainable harvest levels on the lands we own?

Are you listening Gov. Dayton?

Steve Wilson
Tower

COMMENTARY

Why I vetoed the wild rice sulfate standard repeal

by MARK DAYTON
Governor of Minnesota

To my fellow Minnesotans: I recently vetoed a bill that would abruptly withdraw Minnesota from compliance with the 45-year-old federal Clean Water Act, one of the cornerstones of our country's protection of its natural resources.

Following that federal law, back in 1973, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency set a

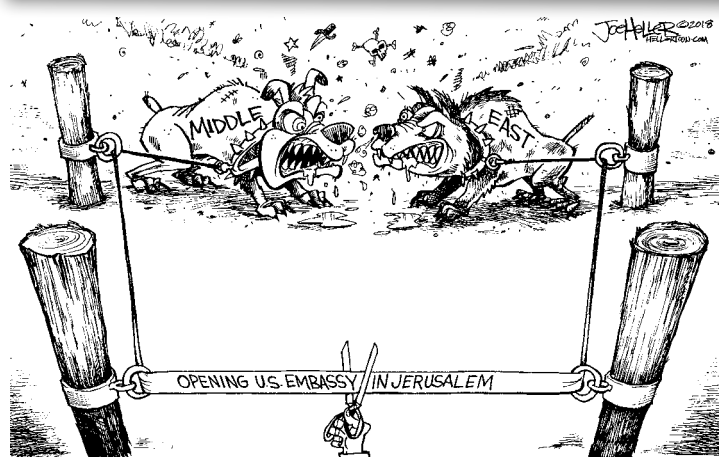
limit for the amount of sulfate in the state's waters, in order to protect wild rice, specifically, and water quality, generally. Since then, some studies have found that limit to be too restrictive and excessively costly.

So, in 2011, the Legislature told the MPCA to develop a new rule to limit sulfate concentrations. The draft of that rule provoked widespread opposition. As a result, I instructed the

MPCA to withdraw it last month.

However, the bill passed by the Legislature would make a bad situation even worse. It would eliminate the existing sulfate standard and, instead, have no sulfate limit at all. That would take Minnesota backward in our efforts to balance the necessary protections of wild rice with the economic imperatives of jobs.

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Radnovich tries to bridge the DFL divide

Can Joe Radnovich speak to both sides in a divided DFL?

That's the task he's laid out for himself as he campaigns for the seat his political mentor Rick Nolan has held since 2012. Radnovich stopped by our office in Tower recently to talk about the race and the issue that has



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innards of the DFL party for at least the past two election cycles, and helped push Nolan out of a re-election bid.

Radnovich sees the divide over copper-nickel as the classic wedge, and it's potent because it ultimately comes down to identity. He grew up near Crosby, on the Cuyuna Range, decades after

the last of the mines there had closed. "But as far as I knew, I lived in a mining town. That's how strong the identity was," he said.

Community identity can change, but it takes time and it takes an influx of new people from different backgrounds to light the fire. We see that in process in a place like Ely, where there is no longer a clear consensus on the community's identity, and where copper-nickel has become a dividing line that is far more a debate about

tribal identities than economics. Radnovich has seen some of those changes in Crosby, as well, as a result of the new mountain biking park established on old mine spoils, which has brought some new businesses and vitality to a main drag that had seen little change in decades.

Radnovich, to some extent, walks in both worlds, having grown up in the mining culture while having worked most recently as chief of staff to the mayor of Minneapolis. He rejects things like boycotts of

Bent Paddle beer as unhelpful and doesn't necessarily see a new form of mining as answering the need for good jobs, given the rapid mechanization that's occurring in the industry. "Thirty-five years ago, we had roughly fourteen and a half thousand ironworkers producing 40 million tons of iron ore," he said. "Then thirty-five years later, we have four and a half thousand ironworkers producing the same amount of ore. Technology and

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mechanization are displacing those jobs.”

And it isn't just mining, he notes. “The same thing is happening on farms and in factories and in the checkout aisle of the grocery store,” he said.

That transition is creating tremendous economic angst for those who work in primary industries, and Radinovich believes that Donald Trump was able to channel that discontent, to make the inroads that he did in the Eighth District. To a large extent, says Radinovich, the copper-nickel debate is really a stand-in issue for the economic anxiety being felt by workers in primary industries as the economy undergoes what many analysts believe is a transition far more profound for working people than the Industrial Revolution.

The question is, how do we as a society address those legitimate concerns? Radinovich said getting back to a focus on the primary issues that have long motivated Democrats is an answer to the economic challenge, which will ultimately resolve the political divide. “What unites Democrats and our coalition is our investments in education, health care, and protecting Social Security and Medicare,” he said. Radinovich



Joe Radinovich stopped by the Timberjay office earlier this month. photo by J. Summit

believes that if we can ensure that people have basic security, in terms of their housing, food, public safety, and health care, they'll be better able to take advantage of the economic changes and new opportunities that he sees as inevitable.

“We need to talk more about the real problem,” he said. “These changes are happening no matter what we want to do about it.”

Radinovich's analysis is familiar to those who oppose copper-nickel development since they, too, have argued that the actual job creation from new mines is likely to be underwhelming at best. In that sense, Radinovich is speaking

a language that opponents of copper-nickel can hear and understand.

Radinovich talks to copper-nickel supporters, however, by using an industry talking point that appropriates the “think globally, act locally” sentiments expressed for years by progressively-minded environmentalists.

Radinovich says the new economy, particularly the new, greener energy economy, will take additional resources to build, and that it matters where the material is sourced. “If we need copper-nickel, and other minerals in the future, how do we do it?” he asked. “It isn't really so much about jobs. It's about sourcing for the materials we need in the 21st century,” he said.

At a candidates' forum in March, Radinovich cited the maltreatment of mineworkers elsewhere in the world, particularly in Africa, where child labor is often deployed in the mines.

It's a sentiment that tugs at progressive heartstrings, even as it suggests an outcome that is entirely unrealistic. Let's be clear—new mining in northeastern Minnesota will have absolutely no effect on labor or environmental practices at mines elsewhere. Mining companies care only about profit and they'll

continue to mine first wherever it's the cheapest to do so.

Starting new copper-nickel mines in Minnesota won't raise the labor or environmental standards in other countries. The globalization of the production and distribution of basic commodities has put exactly the opposite pressure on the industry and affiliated states and countries, having led, instead, to the *weakening* of environmental and labor standards as governments try to maintain competitiveness with lower-cost countries. There's a reason the Minnesota Legislature is constantly seeking to weaken or prevent enforcement of the state's pollution standards.

Radinovich is hoping to thread the needle on this issue. What is uncertain is how effectively any candidate can achieve that task given the pretty stark divide, and given other candidates who have staked out clearer pro- and anti-copper-nickel positions. Radinovich is an impressive candidate to be sure. He's young, articulate, politically savvy, and having served as Nolan's campaign chair last time, he is undoubtedly well-connected in the Eighth District. He's raised considerable funding, second on the DFL side only to Jason Metsa, who

has the backing of the mining industry.

The key question for many DFLers, particularly on the anti-copper-nickel side of the divide, will be whether to back former news anchor Michelle Lee, who opposes copper-nickel development, but whose initial roll-out has been a little rocky, or Radinovich. The fourth candidate in the race, Kirsten Kennedy Hagen, hasn't gotten much traction.

Radinovich can at least feel confident that others have been successful in the district with his current position on copper-nickel, namely that it should be up to the established process to decide. That's the same position that Nolan held for years and it seemed to satisfy most DFLers.

It was only once Nolan started backing legislation to override those processes and stack the deck in favor of the industry, that he lost a significant contingent of DFL support and sparked the endorsement challenge of Leah Phifer.

Whether Radinovich can reassemble Nolan's fractured coalition remains to be seen. But he may well be the only candidate in the race who can.

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It would almost certainly be challenged in federal court, which would add even more years of costly regulatory uncertainty.

Also making matters worse, some opponents have exaggerated the future effects of any sulfate regulation. People have been persuaded that state government wants to use a new sulfate rule to shut down iron ore mining in northeastern Minnesota.

That is absolutely

untrue. Throughout all my years in our state government, I cannot remember any majority of legislators or any Governor, who did not strongly support ferrous mining's continued success here. Minnesotans, whose jobs and communities are dependent on those mines, should know that their state government is firmly on their side.

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ty upon which our state's iron ore mining companies can depend.

Equally absurd is the belief that the state would use water quality standards to shut down or make unaffordable communities' wastewater systems. To the contrary, the state has stated repeatedly that it would use all existing tools within state and federal law to prevent that result. It is true that some places will have to do more to

keep their water clean and safe for everyone to drink and use. We want never to become like Flint, Michigan or Love Canal, New York, where officials hid the truth from their citizens until after serious health damage was done.

Everyone on the Range should know: your state government is on your side. It has been for the seven years of my administration, and I can confidently say that

it will continue, whoever the next Governor will be. Politicians, who are trying to exploit this issue to fabricate a partisan divide, should be ashamed of themselves. Any employers who are frightening their workers that they will lose their jobs if their companies don't get their way, should also be ashamed.

It might take a little more time, but we can work this out. In the remaining days of this

legislative session, I urge legislators to forge that kind of responsible solution, in a way that protects mining jobs, municipal wastewater, wild rice, and water quality. We all want this state to succeed for everyone. And, if we work together, it will.

Sincerely,
Mark Dayton

TEDA...Continued from page 3

school. The city council will have the final word on both the lease and the proposed set-aside, which would not take effect until 2019.

In other business, TEDA agreed to explore a proposal to install a disc golf course on city property. Cale Leiviska, a disc golf enthusiast who installs courses for cities,

had suggested a recently-logged area near the city ski trails as ideal for a course. TEDA members were enthusiastic about the idea and thought it might be a draw for visitors as well as a recreational opportunity for residents. But while the city owns most of the land in question, some of the area may be county tax-forfeit

and would require county approval. Maintaining the course would require some cutting of some regenerating trees, which would likely reduce the future timber potential of the property in question.

TEDA also discussed the possibility of providing a loan to Ron Abrahamson Sr. to pay for the cost of a Phase I vapor study or

a mitigation project to address soil contamination issues at the former Classy Cars building. TEDA could recover the funds once the building is sold.

As it is, TEDA chair Steve Peterson Sr. said interested buyers have backed away due to the cost of confirming and possibly mitigating any contamination issues.

Peterson suggested that the city's commercial rehabilitation loan fund might be one option, but Keith recommended using money from TEDA's revolving loan fund, which was established last year.

No Lamppa bids

TEDA had rescheduled its May meeting from May 3 to May 10 so members could review

and approve bids on the new industrial building for Lamppa Manufacturing, which were supposed to have been available by May 10. But the bid opening was pushed back to May 18, so it appears unlikely that TEDA will have the chance to review the bids prior to council approval.

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to Otto. “This is about the common good.”

Otto said Minnesota needs to do more to encourage the kind of innovation that used to create major employment in the state. “Minnesota's 18 Fortune 500 companies started as small businesses,” Otto said. “But we've stopped creating them. The last Fortune 500 company started in Minnesota was 41 years ago. We've slipped to number 37 in new ventures and innovation among the states—and that's where

the opportunity lies,” she said. “We could see significant economic gains as a state by strengthening our small business and innovation communities across Minnesota. I'd like to see us as number one.”

Otto sees several components to helping small businesses succeed, in addition to access to capital. Key among them, she said, is single payer health care. “This would be a game changer for our small business community. It would allow our farmers to focus on

growing our food, and innovators with a creative idea to focus on growing a small business without fear of not being able to afford a family health insurance policy,” Otto said.

Other key elements include improving the accessibility and affordability of broadband statewide and building out modern transportation infrastructure, both of which have been tied to improved economic growth. Otto also said the University of Minnesota is an important economic

driver. “We must increase funding for the U of M and for the arts, because a strong 21st century economy requires a strong creative class,” she said.

Otto said her plan isn't just a series of policy proposals, but pieces that fit together as a comprehensive plan. “It's really

about what's going to drive the economy in rural areas in the future,” she said. “I haven't been afraid to put out what I think is necessary for our state to be successful.”

Otto is offering her latest proposals with a key decision point in the gubernatorial race just

over two weeks away. The DFL state convention will make its gubernatorial endorsement on June 2 in Rochester.

Currently, it's a three-way race between Otto, First District U.S. Rep. Tim Walz, of Mankato, and state Rep. Erin Murphy, of St. Paul.

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approved.

Other business

In other business, the council took the following action:

► Presented a key to the city (with built-in bottle opener, according to Mayor Novak) to Ely's newest Eagle Scout, Ethan Hasz;

► Awarded the contract for construction projects for 17th Avenue, 7th Avenue and the water tower supply line to

the low bidder, Casper Construction of Grand Rapids, for \$2,110,050;

► Approved temporary liquor licenses to the Ely Jaycees Club for Crapola Fest on June 30, Blueberry Arts Festival, July 27-29, Harvest Moon Festival, Sept. 7-9, and the Ely Marathon, Sept. 22;

► Approved the first reading of the proposed ordinance to add the regulation of city trees to the Ely City Code;

► Accepted the Cemetery Committee appointment of Jeannie Zaverl;

► Approved the IRRRB grant award of \$32,328 for the demolition of four blighted residential properties;

► Authorized the application by the Ely Rotary Club for a raffle permit.

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St. Martin's Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 19

TOWER- St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower is hosting its 9th annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 19 from 8:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. For all the early bird shoppers, the doors will open at 8 a.m. for the small charge of \$5. We have something for everyone: rummage sale items, bake sale, and a light lunch. There will also be a 50/50 cash drawing - tickets are \$1. Winner will be drawn at 12:45 p.m. Proceeds from this sale will go towards the purchase of new cabinets in the social hall kitchen. St. Martin's is handicap-accessible.

Spaghetti Fundraiser for Fourth of July at Greenwood, Saturday, May 19

TOWER- A spaghetti dinner will be held at the Greenwood Town Hall on Saturday, May 19 from noon to 6 p.m. Please mark your calendars. The meal will include spaghetti, meatballs, coleslaw, garlic bread, an assortment of desserts, and a beverage. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12. Tickets are now on sale from committee members. Meal tickets will also be available at the door and take-outs will be available as well. This year we are having a Chinese Auction prepared by members of the committee and local businesses. The proceeds of the meal will all go to the Fourth of July activities in Tower-Soudan. Please come and support this effort to make sure we have a wonderful Fourth of July this year in the Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion area.

Junior and Junior Legion baseball sign up on May 20

BREITUNG TWP- Junior and Junior Legion baseball sign-up will be at Breitung Ball Field on Sunday, May 20 at 6 p.m. Cutoff birthday for Juniors is Jan. 1, 2004. Junior Legion's cutoff is Jan. 1, 2002. For questions, call Greg Dostert at 218-248-0648.

St. Paul's Lutheran will hold congregational meeting May 20

SOUDAN- The St. Paul's Lutheran Church Council has approved a congregational meeting on Sunday, May 20 after worship, for the sole purpose of calling Pastor Greg Anderson.

Little Church service set for Sunday, May 20

VERMILION LAKE TWP- The Vermilion Little Church will hold a service on Sunday, May 20 at 4 p.m. Pot luck and coffee an' will be served after the service. Jon Salo will be speaking. Everyone is welcome to attend. The Little Church is located on Hwy. 26/Wahlsten Rd at the Pike River.

Spring Salad Luncheon at St. James on Thursday, May 24

TOWER- Please join us at St. James Presbyterian Church, located on the corner of Spruce and 2nd St. N in Tower for the Spring Salad Luncheon held Thursday, May 24 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Donations accepted.

Movie Night at St. James on Sunday, May 20

TOWER- St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower is hosting a movie night on Sunday, May 20 at 6 p.m. "Faith Of Our Fathers" is a story of fatherhood and a journey of brotherhood. This movie is rated PG-13.

Taylor Westin graduates from Brescia University

REGIONAL - Taylor Jean Westin, of Soudan, graduated from Brescia University, in Kentucky, with a B.S.W. in Social Work on May 5, 2018.

SOUDAN

Breitung dedicates new ballfield flagpole and flags



Breitung township officials and area veterans held a flag-raising ceremony and dedication for the new flagpole at the Breitung Baseball Field on May 10. Breitung Chair Tim Tomsich, speaking at the event, said "I have great pleasure now to formally mark the presentation of this American flag and all it symbolizes to the Soudan community. As the youth play ball on this field, they will remember those who made it possible for them to continue to enjoy the freedoms that have been so dearly protected." submitted photos

Celebrating service to the city



Community members turned out to wish Tower Maintenance Supervisor Randy Johnson a happy retirement. Johnson has served the city for almost 27 years.

Above: Terry Driscoll, who is a retired custodian from the Tower-Soudan School, visited with Johnson.

Left: Breitung Maintenance Supervisor Dale Swanson wished Johnson well.

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Piano, vocal students to hold recital on May 23

TOWER- The community is invited to a vocal and piano concert on Wednesday, May 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel

Lutheran Church, in Tower, featuring the piano and vocal students of Mary-Beth Reller.

The recital begins with the youngest student, second-grader Claire Jonas. Claire will be performing her two favorite songs, "The Mermaid" and "On Monday I Never Go to Work."

The recital also include Blaise Lah a senior at Ely High School. Blaise will sing several vocal solos; "O Danny Boy," is probably one of the most familiar.

Next on the program

are first-year piano students Grace Bundy followed by her sister Rory Bundy. These students are from Cook. Julia Tuchel, of Soudan, who has been taking piano lessons for four years, will share her music. Hannah Cheney, also from Cook, will be singing and also performing piano solos. Ruby Milton, a sixth-grader, will sing several of her songs which might be familiar to the audience. Kadyn Kangas, a ninth-grader from Mesabi East, will perform two piano so-

los. Kadyn also played these two piano solos at the Minnesota State High School League Music Contest.

Reller feels that recitals are an important and essential part of developing any young musician or any performer. You need to make a connection to the audience. "Music is communication," she said, "and audience is vital."

Refreshments will be served after the recital.

MEMORIAL DAY



Tower-Soudan Memorial Day Service set for Monday, May 28 at the Tower Civic Center

TOWER- Plans are being finalized for the Tower-Soudan area-wide annual Memorial Day Tribute to be held on Monday, May 28 at the Tower Civic Center from 10 a.m. to noon. This tribute will honor the military service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform, their families at home, and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for our country. The Bois Forte Honor Guard will provide the Flag Ceremony, 21 Gun Salute, and Taps. The names of local veterans killed in action and deceased veterans will be read. The program will conclude

with a traditional Memorial Day wreath placed on a symbolic Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in a ceremony to be held outside the Tower Civic Center. Refreshments, provided by the Tower-Soudan Civic Club, will be served before and following the tribute. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend this heartwarming event. The American Legion Women's Auxiliary Unit 220, of Mt. Iron, will be selling fundraiser poppies and will present the wreath in the ceremony. Current members of the United States military and local veter-

ans are encouraged to participate in the tribute. Six additional volunteers are needed to help read the names of our veterans. Please call Barb Peyla at 218-753-6228 if you are willing to participate. The deadline to call is May 21. Additionally, a new coordinator is needed to lead this committee next year. Most of the workers and volunteers are already in place. If you are interested in learning more about this volunteer opportunity, please call LuAnn Zaudtke at 218-235-7434.

Correction/Clarification

The "clerk's" email account that was discussed at the township meeting last week is the township's single email address. And while it is mostly used for clerk business, it also includes business addressed to the treasurer. According to Treasurer Pam Rodgers, the clerk has been printing out emails that were for the treasurer, but a couple of times an email was missed and the treasurer was not aware of something she should have been aware of. This is the reason she asked for access to the account.

Fourth of July donations starting to come in; many more needed!

The Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion Events Board would like to thank the following individuals and businesses for their generous donations for this year's Fourth of July fund. Funds raised pay for Fourth of July expenses include parade prizes, parade bands, children's races, and other Fourth of July

event costs. Checks can be made out to and mailed to: T-S Fourth of July, P.O. Box 461, Tower, MN, 55790. Donation cans are also set out at area businesses in Tower and Soudan. The Fourth of July celebration costs as much as \$15,000 per year to put on, and this does not include the cost of fireworks, which are donated by the Tower Fire Department Relief Association.

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Parade participants needed

Registrations are also being taken for floats, bands, and other parade entries. Please call or text Julie Johnson at 218-750-7242 or email the events board at tsevents-board@gmail.com.

Estate Planning class on June 13

TOWER- Learn "Why Estate Planning Takes More than Just Filling out a Document Online" on Wednesday, June 13 in the Tower Depot Coach Car at 4 p.m. An attorney will lead you through key factors to drafting and personalizing wills and trusts, preparing probate documents, creating documents for long-term health care, drafting a durable power of attorney, and preparing health care directives. You must pre-register so we can plan accordingly for class space and materials. Please call or text Leone Graf to pre-register at 218-343-3744; if no answer leave a message. We will gladly relocate if you require handicap accessibility; please just ask.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



Dear Hearts,

I am almost positive that we have seen the last of the snow for three, maybe four, months.

The older one gets (I AM NOT TALKING about me and my house), one must celebrate the small things that help you make it through the night.

Some people look to Aristotle and Socrates for life lessons...me... Kris Kristofferson!

Have had to have a sit down with the boys in the basement and have a long talk about life, plastic surgery, and politics.

I started out with "... sometimes when you see something spectacular, this can be like a magic trick. It isn't real. It's just show business and silicone."

Hated to break their hearts and rain on their parade.

To make up for my forcing them to face the 'flat' truth, we have allowed them upstairs to watch some basketball tournaments on TV. Realize that I have not watched a basket-

ball game since I was a cheerleader for the Golden Eagles and Hilda was homecoming queen. Even though we don't subscribe to Sports Illustrated, Slamming, or XXL Baseball, we thought we understood the finer points of the game.

This was professional basketball.

First off, those guys are tall, really, really tall- telephone pole tall! It seemed as if three steps would take them from one end of the court to another.

I began after a couple of innings, or whatever you call them, to suspect from the crowd's reaction that these giants in pedal pushers were lacking a true understanding of how the game should be played.

While players dribble to their opponent's basket, the crowds would chant "defense, defense, defense!"

These guys make money by playing the game that was created by Dr. James Naismith in Springfield, Mass.

Hilda claims she dated Naismith and that one of his axioms was "if you have the ball, don't let the other guy take it away from you!"

I kept waiting for

the guy dribbling to stop, slap his forehead, shrug his shoulders, and turn to the screaming hordes and say, "OMG, why didn't I think of that!"

I would also like to know where the "downtown" from which they shoot is exactly.

Also, some blond woman, who I guess is also some whiz, came on the tube and said, "Well it was extreme chalk."

So we have watched basketball for the year, and Hilda and I are as American as apple pie and the NFL!

I understand that this basketball competition goes on for several more weeks.

Whatever, boys and girls, it shall go on without the two of us. The 2018 catalog from Adelman Peony Gardens has arrived. I can only compare my reaction to the arrival of this sacred text to the reaction of a teenage boy coming across

his first copy of Playboy in the barber shop!

We have been friends (for the most part) these many years. Wouldn't you like to make an old woman in the sunset of her life happy?

All I need, besides some changes in the political milieu, in these golden years is, Sonoma YeDo, "a yellow double peony, yellow with red flairs which produce a multitude of light red carpal tips in the center to provide additional interest- a must have."

It's only \$350... what are friends for?

Ta ta, friends... remember to give the weeds names! If you rip up a dandelion that you have named after a certain political foe, it makes for lighter work in your garden. I suppose you could yell "defense, defense" as you weed, but tell the neighbors.

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AEOA Senior Dining Menu

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

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 May 21

Monday- Grilled Cheese, Tomato Soup

Tuesday- Italian Meatball Sub, Vegetable

Wednesday - Hamburger Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll

Thursday- Lasagna, Dinner Roll

Friday- Breaded Pollock, Baked Potato, Bread Stick

May 28

Monday- No School

Tuesday- Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheesy Bread Sticks, Marinara Sauce.w

Week of May 21

Monday

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

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

Tuesdawy

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 June 19.

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

Breitung Town Board- 1 p.m. on May 22

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Vermilion Country School Board- Next meeting is Thursday, May 24 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings posted online at vermillioncountry.org.

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Ely-Winton Historical Society

In April of 1932—86 years ago—Ely residents lost four prominent men in an airplane crash near Duluth. Only one week prior to that, the same pilot and one passenger crashed a plane on Finn Hill near Chandler Location.

On that occasion both Herbert Kurvinen and “Dutch” Fuller were injured but walked away, somewhat injured although one would have never known it by the totally wrecked plane.

Theron “Dutch” Fuller, Herbert Kurvinen, Toivo “Toby” Somero, and Matt “Bill” Somero all perished instantly when the later flight crashed. The four, all close friends, were on their way to Detroit to the National Aircraft Exposition. The plane was loaded with about 50 pounds of printed material advertising Ely area resorts.

The plane took off from the ice on Shagawa amidst a throng of local residents who came to wish them well.

The plane was owned by Kurvinen and “Toby” Somero, who had formed the Scenic Airways Co. Their main pilot was Fuller. The company first had a Curtis Robin plane (a two-seater) and then added the four-seat Stinson-Detroit.

“Dutch” was an experienced pilot having been an instructor for some time with the Minnesota Flying Service in Hibbing.

WINDOW INTO YESTERDAY

Two airplane crashes in 1932



The same Ely pilot crashed twice in one week in April of 1932. The first crash was on Finn Hill near the Chandler mine location. submitted photo

Both he and Kurvinen had piloted many fishing parties into nearby lakes. He also contracted for flying fire patrols for the U.S. Forest Service.

There are several theories as to why the plane with the four men went down twenty-odd miles from Duluth near Alborn. All point to the weather conditions and the blinding snow that day. One said the pilot was seeking to land in a farmyard in the area and he flew too low due to extremely poor visibility. Another said that a heavy amount of snow gathered in the tail assembly, throwing it off balance.

Yet another theory was that a wing had touched a telephone pole which had caused it to hit the ground. The plane jack-knifed and the motor crashed through the fuse-

lage and into the cabin. The wings were folded lengthwise against the fuselage. The passengers were crushed.

The plane finally hit a five-foot snowdrift. The federal aeronautical inspector deemed the pilot as capable and the plane most likely in good condition. “There is nothing to report except the pilot flew into miserable weather and was unable to find a landing field.”

Besides being a pilot Herbert Kurvinen was a much sought after auto mechanic in the area. He owned and operated the Central Garage on Sheridan Street. Herb was active in civic affairs and numerous fraternal organizations and had been a veteran of WWI. He was thirty-six years of age and hailed from Otego, N.Y.. The business was later

owned and operated by John Koshak and is now home to the Piragis Outlet Store.

“Toby” Somero was thirty-one years old at the time of his death. He was the president of the Ely Finnish Stock Company, a large mercantile business which now is the home of the Steger Mukluk Co. He also was one of the chief fur buyers for the Master Furrier Co. of Duluth. The furs he collected from his trappers were often ferried to Duluth by plane. He was also active in Ely civic affairs and a member of several fraternal organizations. “Toby” built a handsome large log cabin and other outbuildings on Burntside Lake which eventually became the property of Frances Mathews, Secretary of the Navy under President Harry Truman.

“Bill” Somero was twenty-nine years of age. He was well known as a tourist guide, a camp cook, a fine log builder, and investor in lake properties. “Bill” often promoted Ely tourism at the Chicago Outdoor Show and the Minnesota State Fair. He also belonged to several local organizations. The two Someros were two brothers from a family of five sons and one daughter.

While there are several accounts of both accidents in the *Ely Miner* (April 8, 1932) and *Ely Since 1888* (*Ely Echo*) there are few pictures, especially of the Duluth crash. Those may be seen during May and June in the lobby of VCC adjacent to the historical society office and museum.



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Tuesday Group schedule

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

May 22 - Joe Radinovich - Congressional Candidate

May 29 - Pam Ransom - Incredible Ely

June 5 - Lynn Evenson - Mesabi Symphony Orchestra

Random Acts of Poetry popping up

ELY - Random Acts of Poetry can be found at Crapola World Headquarters, The Front Porch Coffee and Tea Company, Rockwood, The Ely Folk School, and Gator's Grilled Cheese Emporium throughout the summer.

Poets from Northeast Range School and Ely Memorial High School are featured besides regional writers. Sponsored by Story Portage, Random Acts of Poetry will be popping up until the fall.

Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2018



a rush for planting for starter plants and seedlings short season gardens

AROUND TOWN



The Ely Ministerial Association's Blessing of the Fleet was held on Tuesday, April 24 at Semer's Park. Area outfitters, camps, forest service crew, and families were invited to participate in a short prayer service for a safe and successful season, followed by lunch together. submitted photo

Ely resident seeks county board seat

ELY - Mike Forsman Jr., of Ely, is looking to follow in his father's footsteps for a seat on the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners. The son of former Commissioner Mike Forsman has announced that he will enter the race to represent the county's fourth district.

Candidate filing period runs from May 22 to June 5.

Tom Rukavina announced last month that he is not seeking re-election to seat because of health reasons.

Forsman, 48, is joining a rapidly-growing field of contenders for the board position, that will include at least three other candidates: Vermilion Community College faculty member Paul McDonald, former Ely mayor Roger Skraba, and retired deputy sheriff Bernie Mettler. A primary election will be held in August.

Forsman moved back to Ely several years ago after a career in the Coast Guard. Most recently he was stationed in Maryland, and was also stationed in Baudette during the mid-2000s.

He and his wife, Tara, have three children.

Music, Drama Club meets Monday

ELY - Members of Ely Music and Drama Club are reminded of their end of season meeting, with a dinner at the Ely Steak House on Monday, May 21 at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a white elephant item to benefit the scholarship fund.

In memoriam

ELY - In Memoriam: George Rukavina's burial will take place at 2 p.m., on Saturday, May 26, at the Ely Cemetery. Friends and family are invited to a gathering following at the Grand Ely Lodge at 3 p.m., in his honor.

Ensemble will benefit marimba purchase for Ely School District

ELY - A percussion ensemble concert will be held on Friday, May 25 at 7 p.m. in the Ely Elementary School Washington Auditorium.

This will be a benefit concert to raise money for a new marimba for the school's music department.

According to school band director Sarah Mason, the new instrument, a Yamaha 4.3 Octave Intermediate Acoustalon Tough-Terrain Marimba, will cost about \$5,300.

Co-dependents 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.

ELY MIDDLE SCHOOL MUSICAL THEATER CLASS



The Ely Middle School Musical Theater class presented The Wizard of Oz last weekend. Cast members shown from left, include Matthew Jankela, Gabe Mann, Chase Anderson, Reba Kissell, Sidney Marshall, and Annikka Mattson. photos by K. Vandervort



Esther Anderson played Auntie Em and Haedyn Miller played Miss Gulch.



The Wicked Witch was played by Theo Quick.



Glinda, at left, was played by Cora Olson. Some of the Munchkins are shown above.

Pop Up Art Exhibit May 18, Open Art May 19 at NWFA

COOK- NWFA will host a Pop Up Art Exhibit by Lily Wheeler on Friday, May 19 from 5-7 p.m. with discussion afterwards.

Then on Saturday, May 19 join NWFA's Open Art group from 1-3 p.m. Artists will get together to work on and discuss projects to help one another solve problems and celebrate their work. You don't have to be a member to attend.

NWFA is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to supporting the arts in all forms and the artists in the region of Cook. Visit our website at nwfamn.org, or email us at nwfamn.org@gmail.com. See NWFA on Facebook and Instagram. Stop in, NWFA is located at 210 S River St. in Cook. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturdays.

Cook Library adds Saturday hours

COOK- The Cook Public Library will be open the first and third Saturdays, June through August, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Stop by the library to check out books, DVDs, and experience hands-on Makerspace activities.

Makerspace activities will take place on the following Saturdays: June 2: Lego Land, June 16: Coding for Kids, July 7: 3D Doodler, July 21: Little Artist, August 4: Wii Party, August 18: Super Magnets.

Events in May At NWFA

COOK- Much is happening at Northwoods Friends of the Arts during the month of May. Please join us for the following events.

- Saturday, May 26 is the deadline for entering photos in the photo contest.
- Saturday, May 26 is Open Sewing by Cabin Quilting from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Friday, June 15 there will be a concert fundraiser featuring the Church of Cash, Eric and Anna Pederson and Mike Randolph. Tickets for the concert are \$20 each. For tickets, please call 218-750-1989.

For more information on any of these events, visit the NWFA website at nwfamn.org.

Spring Art Expo raffle tickets on sale

COOK- In preparation for the Spring Art Expo, tickets are being sold for the 50/50 raffle at \$5 each. You may purchase tickets from NWFA members and at the NWFA gallery. Spring Art Expo will be exhibiting June 8 to 29. Art will be displayed in the NWFA Gallery as well as in businesses in and around the city of Cook.

Ray Ingebretsen now with RE/MAX Lake Country

ORR- Ray Ingebretsen has joined the staff at RE/MAX Lake Country in Orr.

"Why? Because I loved the interaction with the customers/guests in my previous jobs and was always intrigued by the thought of a career in real estate," he said. "Why RE/MAX Lake Country? I watched this business start up 11 years ago, as a new real estate company in Orr, and grow to what it is now, one of the top real estate companies in northern Minnesota, driven to succeed. I feel confident that with my 23-plus years of customer service, knowledge of the area, and being part of a successful company like RE/MAX Lake Country, I can help you find your perfect house, lake cabin, or hunting land."

Ingebretsen, along with his wife Vanessa, moved their family to northern Minnesota in 1995. His first job was working in construction, sales, and design for Voyageur Log Homes. In 1997 they bought an old fishing resort. Over the next 20 years of building, remodeling, and customer service, they turned it into one of the premier family resorts on Pelican Lake in Orr. They sold the resort last year and moved to Crane Lake to spend more time with family. They now spend most of their free time boating, snowmobiling, or out on ATVs with their family and grandkids.

NORTH WOODS HIGH SCHOOL



High school band and choir concert

photos by M. Roach



CRANE LAKE

Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



We are enjoying 80-degree weather. Is it safe to say summer is here? The lakes are open and yes there was a "fishing opener". Crappie fishing was reported as fantastic. So another fishing opener is in the books! How great to see our town's businesses busy and active and open. Hope you were lucky enough to have a great opener—most of the reports heard have been mixed. If you had your first shore lunch, consider yourself among the more fortunate anglers of the weekend. The upcoming weekend is the Canadian Opener, so good luck with that, or your second weekend of fishing on U.S. lakes. Hopefully, it will be a long, busy,

productive summer, no matter what your favorite activity on the lake is. Already observed have been some canoers, paddle-boarders, boaters, fisher people, and planes taking off and landing.

Tom Walters of Buyck reported the hummers are back. He had several at his feeder on Mother's Day. Thanks for the report, Tom.

The Dames are not sure why— but fishing opener is always on Mother's Day weekend. Maybe the plan was to give Mom a real day off by getting the men out of the house— or giving Mom a weekend where she gets to relax with a fishing pole in her hand when it would be hard for "the guys" to exclude her. No matter, hope all you moms had a great weekend! Speaking of moms—the most children born to any woman in recorded history is 69. You read that right, 69. According to Guinness World Records, the mother was a peasant from Russia, living in the 18th-century. She had 27 pregnancies, including 16 pairs of twins, 7 sets of triplets, and 4 sets of quadruplets. Even if you don't have 69 children, today's mothers should not feel insignificant. For the amount of jobs done by a mother who works only in the home, the price tag for her efforts would yield \$143,102 per year. This amount includes a base

salary of \$48,509 for a 40-hour week, as well as 52 hours of overtime pay, which adds the extra \$94,593. Moms— toot your own horns. Especially all you moms who work outside the home besides. You are worth every penny.

The big wedding celebration "across the pond" is this weekend. Congratulations and best wishes to Prince Harry and Meghan Markle. A local reception in their honor will be held at the home of Ruth Carlson. If you are going to be in attendance, hope you have your wedding apparel selected for this formal occasion. (Does anyone have a hat that's not the baseball variety? Or a pair of dressy gloves?)

Trail's End is going to "shake things up" this summer by trying some new drink specials to go along with the usual tasty food offerings. Monday will be Martini Night, so here's your opportunity to try a martini. (It is quite possible that the Dames will not want to miss that!) Tuesday night will be Bucket O' Beer Night. It will be accompanied by the wing special and the popular meat raffle. Wednesday will be Wine Night, Thursday features Margaritas, and Friday is the time to try some infused vodka drinks. Long Island Tea is the drink highlighted on Saturday, and Sunday sounds like a

good time to have a delicious Bloody Mary, made with pepper vodka. If you're not a drinker, you won't be disappointed with the friendly atmosphere there, so stop in just to see what's going on.

Great to see our other dining establishments open also. We always look forward to new menu items, new drink offerings, new (or not-so-new) wait staff, and new t-shirts, sweatshirts, and tourist items. Every year is an adventure.

Ruth Carlson was featured in the Spring 2018 issue of *Girlfriends*, a magazine published for gals in Northern Minnesota and their varied interests. It is very well done and you might want to check it out. Ruth has been writing a column for the *Mesabi Daily News*, *A Touch of Taste*, for several years, and we all know that she is a great cook. We also know that Ruth is "a character", and both aspects of her personality are evidenced in the article. Some copies of the magazine have been distributed in the area, so ask the "locals" if they have a copy that you can see. We are proud of you, Ruth!

Save the date of Friday, July 13 from 6-9 p.m. to attend the Voyageur Days Crane Lake Painting Class. Join local artist Cherie Serrano on the lawn at Voyageur Lodge as she walks you through the steps to make a beautiful work of art. You will leave the class with your very own painting of a beautiful northwoods landscape. Registration is required as the class size is limited to 15 participants with a minimum class size of six. There is a \$50 fee. Please call 800-882-6287 with questions and to register.

Let us hear from you! Send news by e-mail to info@thelakecountry.com, by fax 218-757-3533 or by phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be added.

Until next week, the Dames are singing off.

Bookmobile schedule

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

Thursday, May 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.alslib.info.



Orr July 3 Fun Day is looking for ROYALTY CANDIDATES



Looking for some extra cash this summer? You can earn cash and a crown by selling tickets during the month of June.

Participants will receive ten percent of their sales, plus an additional \$100 for every thousand tickets sold. There are additional prizes for first, second, and third-place sellers.

King & Queen: Ages 11 and up
Prince & Princess: Ages 10 and under

Participants must be willing to sell raffle tickets and be responsible for all tickets and monies from the sale of their tickets.

For more information and to register, call or text Karis at 218-684-5416. Help the Orr Chamber of Commerce support Orr July 3 Fun Day. Ticket sales begin at 6 p.m. on Friday, June 1.

GRIZZLY MUSIC

Spring sing!

Right: The first-graders sang "Make New Friends."

Below: The sixth-graders sang the Bruno Mars song "Count on Me."

Below right: Kindergarten students on stage.

photos by M. Roach



ORR COUNCIL

Carefree Living considering converting some excess space into apartment rentals

ORR- At their meeting on May 14, the Orr City Council heard from Shawn Franklin from Carefree Living, the assisted living facility in Orr. Franklin addressed the council to ask what the facility could do to better support the community. She said that currently there are rooms not being utilized, and wanted council input on how to better utilize the building to fit the community's needs. She said talks so far have been centered around rental units and a daycare. As affordable housing is an issue, Mayor Astleford expressed support of the rental units. Franklin said, "We had a long discussion about rental units and we would probably have to limit to 55 (years of age) and older. Daycare was discussed, and we would have to either get into the daycare business or refurbish rooms for someone else to get into the daycare business." Franklin said room renovations required to become rental units would be a fairly minimal, adding small kitchen appliances and a door. Recently the facility has made a room available for the overnight-shift ambulance personnel to stay.

Moving on to other items, the council discussed the Saatela family offer to sell two lots to the city for a government emergency response center for ambulance and fire departments. The lots are on Lake Street. Mayor Astleford said, "My opinion would be not at this time." Councilor Tom Kennebec thought it would be good to have the ambulance and fire departments look at it if they are interested. Astleford agreed and said that if the departments are interested, they could go after monies for that purpose. The council voted to not accept the offer for sale of property at this time.

The council voted to approve the amended Ambulance Service guidelines that were first adopted in March. Any further changes to the guidelines will be made through an amendment. Personnel who have



City of Orr Mayor Joel Astleford (left) presented Waste and Water Department Manager Paul Koch an award from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for his management of the Orr municipal wastewater and efforts in protecting and preserving waters. photo by M. Roach

not signed the agreement to abide by the service guidelines by May 17 will be removed from active employment with the ambulance department and will need to return city-owned equipment.

Other actions

- Mayor Astleford presented Paul Koch with an award certificate from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency for his efforts in maintaining the city wastewater treatment facility.

- Approved FAA entitlement funds transfer to the Mahnomens County Airport in the amount of \$100,000, with repayment in 2021. The council discussed future airport needs, and looked at upcoming repayment from other airports to meet airport needs.

- Approved repairs to the fire suppression system at American Legion building and new locks totaling \$2,356.

- Approved request from Orr Chamber for use of hockey shack for July 3rd Fun Run.

- Approved 2017 cemetery report and payment of 2018 dues for \$1,000

- Approved appointments for community center committee and hiring committee

- Approved fire department to apply for AFG grant for new truck tender.

- Approved application for building permit for Jeremy Wright.

- Tabled application for building permit and variance for Fred and Dana Erkila.

- Approved resolution for government sponsorship of Voyageur Snowmobile Trail, to be maintained by the VTSI and MN-DNR.

- Heard that volunteers are starting to move the Orr Community Library to its new home at the ORR Center.

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Ely School Board sharpens focus on facilities

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – The Ely School District continues to look to the future as it works to meet the need for ongoing facilities and buildings maintenance while planning for future growth and improvements throughout the campus.

School Board members considered a list of priorities submitted from recent meetings of the facilities planning committee. “Our stakeholders have listed areas that are important to them, and our next step is to prioritize the list of ideas,” Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson said Monday night during the board’s monthly meeting.

Some of the more popular ideas include: connecting the three campus buildings; improving the elementary drop-off area; adding more gymnasium space; remodeling the cafeteria; adding a swimming pool; and improving the fields and grounds.

Financing any facilities project will continue to challenge the administration and school board. Borrowing money through bonding requires voter approval for big-ticket improvements like construction projects.

Abrahamson told the board that some facilities maintenance and improvement projects could be accomplished without bonding. The demolition of the former boiler room could be accomplished through grant or loan money from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board. “As soon as we have an estimate on how much that would cost, we could get that process started,” he said.

He also discussed the possibility of using board-approved “abatement bonds” for specific facilities projects limited to construction or improvements to parking lots. “We could use this (process) to update the parent drop-off area for the Washington building or to resurface our parking lots and to add more ADA (Americans With Disabilities Act) spaces in front of the buildings,” he said. “These projects wouldn’t cost millions of dollars, rather a couple hundred thousand (dollars) and the tax impact would only be two or three dollars.”

The facilities planning committee requested having the services of an architect to discuss the various projects for the school campus.

Abrahamson asked for and received the board’s approval spend \$1,500 (already budgeted) for Katie Hildebrand of Architectural Resources, Inc., of Duluth to attend the next facilities meeting to have preliminary discussions about several campus projects.

The next meeting of the facilities planning committee will be at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 29.

Abrahamson updated the board on an upcoming maintenance project on the school’s heating system. “Work needs to be done on the propane fuel vaporizers and it is going to be a huge chunk of change,” he said, “about \$45,000. He said the work is required because the equipment is not plumbed correctly and the unvaporized fuel is not allowing the boilers to function properly. “Only two of our three boilers are functioning properly right now, and we also have to get that repaired.”

Facilities and Operations Director Jeff Jankowski explained that liquid propane must be vaporized into a gas to burn. “We are not heating it correctly and we are not getting enough vapor to burn efficiently,” he said. He said the original plumbing did not take into

account the need for traps and draw pipes.

A boiler must also be repaired, and Jankowski is awaiting an estimate on that cost. Work will begin on the heating plant after school is out.

Winter sports

Athletic Director Tom Coombe summarized the school district’s winter sports activities. “In boys basketball, this was the first time since 2001 that we made it to the section finals,” he said. It was another big year for the Nordic ski team with members of both (boys and girls) teams advancing to state. Girls basketball made it to the quarterfinal round in the playoffs for the first time in eight or nine years.”

He talked about participation numbers in the winter sports activities. “Year in and year out, season by season, we are in the neighborhood of 130 to 150 kids participating,” he said. “For a school our size, that’s good.”

Participation in boys hockey continues to lag. Just 21 students participated this season. “I don’t see us fielding a JV team again this year,” Coombe said. “The problem we have in hockey is that

with the bigger schools we play, the JV team would be competing against 10-11 graders, and it would be a mismatch.”

In comparison, boys basketball had 30 participants. Girls basketball had 27 participants. The Nordic ski team had 28 girls and 18 boys participating this year.

Coombe told the school board that the football team will compete at the nine-man level for the 2018-2019 school year. The Timberwolves are scheduled to move back to 11-man competition in 2019-2020.

“We fall into the category where we can file an appeal, because we are within 10-percent of the cut-off of 150 students, and we are at 156,” he said. “I have no way of knowing right now which way it will go.”

Likely teams that Ely would compete against include North Woods, which is moving up from nine-man, Chisholm, Mesabi East, Black Duck, Barnum, East Central, and Deer River.

Other business

In other business, the school board took the following action:

► Approved the MSBA-sponsored

School Board self-evaluation process;

► Changed the date of the May study session from May 28 to May 21 because of the Memorial Day holiday;

► Authorized an agreement with Per Mar Security for updating the fire system in the Industrial Arts building for \$7,789, and \$1,276 for ongoing campus-wide services;

► Approved \$2,500 requested by the Ely Area Girls Softball Club for work on the softball field;

► Hired Kristen Mattila and Monica Freeman for the Extended School Year Paraprofessional positions;

► Accepted the resignation of Charles Plantz from the Media Specialist position at the end of the 2017-2018 school year;

► Accepted the resignation of Katie Townsend from the Early Childhood Family Education Classroom Assistant position;

► Accepted the resignation of James Lah from the Assistant Speech Coach position at the end of the 2017-2018 school year.

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votes in what amounted to very close races.”

The court noted that allowing only the 64 affected voters to vote again would not produce fair election results.

“These 64 persons would lodge their vote knowing how tight the races are,” the court order noted, “which may increase their rate of participation. More importantly, however, these individuals would vote knowing the precise distribution of votes from the April 3 election. As a result, they may very well vote differently that they would if such results were not a given.”

The new primary election will be held on Tuesday, July 10, with the same slate of candidates as the April 3 election. The Bois Forte General Election Board will coordinate the details of the new election under the direction and guidance of the Executive Director of the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe. The general election date has been set for Sept. 18.

All the same absen-

tee voting requirements will apply. To obtain an absentee ballot, voters must request one for the New Primary Election of July 10, 2018. If a voter sent a request for an absentee ballot prior to May 9, 2018, it is invalid and will not be honored. Voters must send a new signed, written request. Questions should be directed to the General Election Board by telephone at 218-757-0276 or by email at election-board@boisforte-nsn.gov.

April 3 primary results

In the single reservation-wide contest, incumbent treasurer David Morrison was the top vote getter overall, with 186 votes, in a three-way race against Karlene Chosa, with 134, and Brandon Benner with 132.

Sidra Starkovich tallied 44 votes and Peter F. Boney had 34 votes to advance for the Vermilion seat. Other candidate totals were Kristal Strong 23, Gary W. Adams 9,

George J. Strong 12, Corey Strong 27, Earl Villebrun 9, and Muriel Deegan 15.

Shane Drift was the top vote-getter for the Nett Lake seat with 61 votes and Mildred R. Holmes had 54 to advance to the general. Other candidate totals were Charles Wagner 48, Edward Villebrun 33, Crystal Villebrun 5, Eddie Chavers 38, Robbie E. Goggeye 32. This is the seat currently held by Brandon Benner, who opted to run for treasurer.

There were 452 ballots cast, and of these 94 were absentee ballots for Nett Lake and 36 were absentee ballots for Vermilion.

Editor’s note: The April 27 article in the Timberjay about the April 20 initial repeal of the election incorrectly stated that the decision came from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe, when in fact it had been made by the Bois Forte Tribal Election Contest Judge Christopher Anderson.

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fall, and pre-showings of the television show at the library through the summer. The Friends of the Library will put together a program, teens will do a book heroes-themed program, and there will be a final event in September. There will also be voting conducted throughout the summer to choose a single novel for the community to read in the winter. The library will have at least

one copy of every novel on the top 100 list available. Phillips said the list is diverse and will interest both kids and adults. "It will be interesting to see how it plays out." Some of Phillip's favorites, "Pride and Prejudice" and "Great Expectations" made the list. "I don't know why our library was chosen; there are lots of big libraries that received the grant, too. It

was very exciting when I received the email." In addition to the grant money, Cook Public Library will receive a DVD collection of the series with public performance rights; a hardcover copy of the companion book, "The Great American Read: The Book of Books" by PBS, and other resources. "The Great American Read" will be hosted by television personality and

journalist Meredith Vieira and will engage audiences with a list of 100 diverse books, encouraging audiences to read the books, vote from the list of 100, and share their personal connections to the titles. The two-hour launch episode will kick off a summer of reading and voting. In fall 2018, seven new episodes will air, featuring appearances by celebrities, athletes,

experts, authors and everyday Americans advocating for their favorite book, culminating with a finale that reveals America's best-loved novel as chosen by the American public. The series will premiere at 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 22 on PBS stations with a two-hour launch, kicking off a summer of reading and voting and will introduce viewers to the full list of America's 100

favorite novels selected through a demographically representative national survey conducted by YouGov. The series will also feature interviews with celebrities, authors, super fans, and everyday Americans discussing the way particular books have influenced them and their significance in American popular culture.

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and Cheyenne nations, as well as a grandfather from Scandinavia, she said she is connected to both the Native American and European worlds.

The 28-year-old lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with her 94-year-old grandmother, but admitted she spends more time on the road than at home. She has studied at Stanford University and the University of New Mexico, and is starting work on her doctorate degree at the University of Alaska-Fairbanks this year (through an online program which will allow her to continue to travel to perform and speak).

Lyla June started writing poetry in high school and was a member of her school's varsity poetry team, which travelled around the country competing in poetry slam events. Her musical roots include hip-hop and beat-boxing.

"Growing up I felt that people misunderstood our culture," she told the students. She talked about the complexities of many

native American languages, some of which have much larger word bases than English. She talked about her grandmother's experience at an Indian boarding school, where students were punished for speaking their native language.

"They destroyed our language before learning to understand it," she said.

Lyla June explained that this treatment of erasing cultures through the eradication of native languages was not new to America.

"This happened to many European tribes," she said. She spoke about the persecution of women in Europe who were branded as witches. These women were healers, using herbs and natural remedies. It is estimated that six to nine million women were persecuted, often burned alive or drowned.

"I need to heal both sides of my heritage," she said.

As late as the 1920s, she said, the British worked to eradicate the Welsh language spoken in Wales.

Students were humiliated and punished for speaking in Welsh.

She spoke about the Native American holocaust, when over 95 percent of Native Americans were wiped out as the Americas were settled by Europeans. About 9,000 Navaho and Apache were jailed at Fort Sumner in the 1860s, and 6,000 died due to disease and starvation, she said. This model, she said, was studied by Hitler when he designed the internment camps in Germany.

"It happened here first," she said.

Lyla June said learning this history is important, not to create guilt or shame, but "as a wind in our sails to uplift native cultures."

"Every tribe has a sad story to tell," she said.

Lyla June's music speaks as a call to action.

"What is our legacy?" she asked the students. "We are here to help the next seven generations."

As part of her trip to Minnesota, Lyla June did a series of fundraising concerts, with proceeds

going to native language immersion programs in the Twin Cities area that teach young people their language. She called on the government to help fund these programs. "The U.S. Government destroyed these languages. They have a responsibility to help preserve them," she said.

"We can create a beautiful end to this tragic story," she said. "We have the power to heal the past."

"You are all warrior spirits," she said, calling on the younger generations to care for Mother Earth. "We are dealing with the consequences of the mistakes of our ancestors."

Lyla June's music videos and spoken word

performances can be found on YouTube.

Lyla June at the Ely Folk School

ELY- A packed house at Ely Folk School greeted guest speaker Lyla June for the May 12 potluck gathering and intercultural event. Lyla June spoke on "the path of service" which has led her to environmental causes like the Standing Rock protests, her acclaimed spiritual rap song "All Nations Rise" on YouTube, her book "Lifting Hearts Off the Ground" which declares indigenous rights in poetry and her co-hosting of the annual Regeneration Festival honoring children

around the world.

The event nicely set the stage for EFS's summer-long intercultural endeavor (thanks to a Northland Foundation grant) through which they will engage Ely young people together with native Bois Forte young people in crafting a traditional birch bark canoe. Canoe artisan Erik Simula will guide the process while Mary Anderson, whose family is connected with the Bois Forte band, will coordinate the youth involvement. Adults are also welcome to participate in the two dozen canoe-crafting sessions set for this May to September.

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"All of the people who know anything about this history are gone or going," he said. "There are only about 20 miners left who actually worked underground."

Rolando was born in Ely in 1946. He graduated from Ely High School in 1965, and went right to work for Reserve Mining. He was laid off in 1982. A big proponent of community service, 15 years ago with the help of John Seliga, he co-founded the miners museum at the Pioneer Mine site.

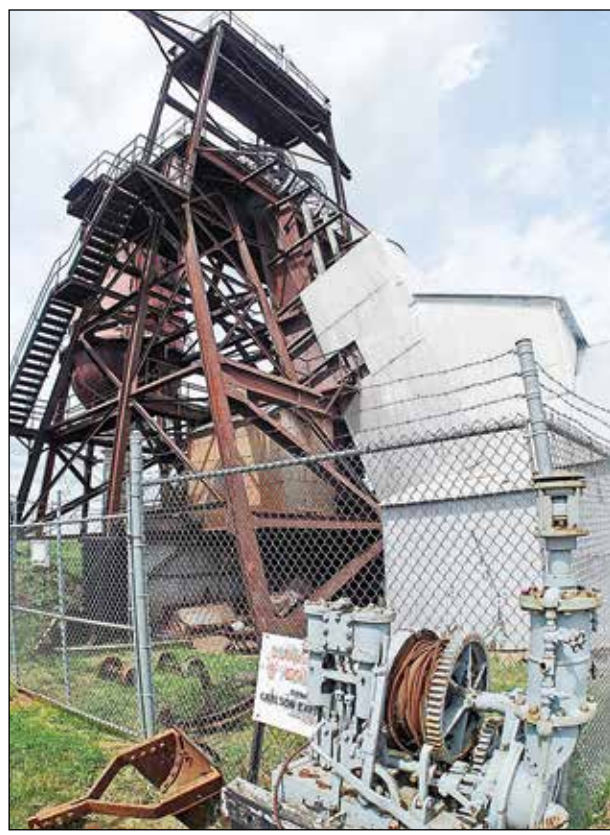
"We are trying to preserve whatever is left. We are trying to preserve the remaining mine buildings and equipment over there," he said. The Pioneer Mine Museum is open for visitors during the summer months. "We are usually open just two days a week because most of the time there are only two of us." Two other volunteers, Bill Erzar and Doug Popper, help out. And a volunteer tour guide from the Soudan Mine in Tower helps out too, according to Rolando.

Rolando spoke to the 60-plus participants about his tour-guiding experiences along with his mining adventures and misadventures during decades of work. "People come down and see that head frame (the main iron structure across the road from the Grand Ely Lodge) and they don't know what it is. 'I had one lady tell me that it has to be a rocket launching site,'" Rolando said. "Yeah, I told her we have a secret base down there and we have to close the doors when we are ready to launch."

His best story yet? "There were seven ladies at the museum site in the evening and I was out cutting grass. They were looking at the mine site sign and were curious about it," he said. He directed them to the Trezona Trail with the mining-related historical plaques along the four-mile route.

He also invited them to come into the museum and look around. "The lady looked at me and asked if I was a killer," Rolando said. "There are seven of you and I'm an old man. I don't know what they were thinking."

The Ely community actually started in the Spaulding area as a trading post, he said. "People (from Michigan) came up here looking for gold prior to the 1880s. Duluth was a little city



The Pioneer Mine site in Ely is slowly rusting away and deteriorating. The city's Heritage Preservation Committee is continuing restoration efforts. photo by K. Vandervort

and Beaver Bay was the only other place that had any people. Otherwise, there was nobody up here except the Indians and fur traders."

He said the fur traders had heard reports of iron rock in the area, but they focused on the reports of gold in the ground. "These folks from Michigan made their way to Lake Vermilion through the Babbitt area and along the way their compasses started going wacky. They were over a big iron deposit. The gold mine thing didn't work, and later they started the Soudan Mine."

Iron ore was soon discovered by the Pattison brothers near the site of the present-day Pioneer

Mine. "They found chunks of iron ore just laying around," Rolando said. "They opened the Pioneer Mine, and the Chandler Mine before that," he said. "There was no railroad up here and they hauled the mine equipment with ox carts across the lakes in the winter."

The community of Ely actually started closer to the Winton area. "It would have stayed there if more mines weren't opened to the west. Everybody moved closer to where they worked," he said. "They didn't have cars."

Rolando showed photographs of the displays and equipment at the Pioneer Mine Museum site. "We have a drill core (displayed) there that is

16 feet long and five feet across. In 1938 they bored the Zenith Mine airshaft. It resembled a big hole saw. They went down 1,200 feet and pulled out the core piece," he said.

The Pioneer Mine site also has a steam-powered diamond drill. "Eventually we want to set it up on the west end of the property," he said. "We have the steam boiler and everything to set it up. That's one of our projects that has been sitting there for about 10 years. One of these days we'll get enough people, or somebody might want to do it. We're all getting old. We don't have a lot of help."

As part of the mining display, Rolando and the boys wanted to build a mine tunnel replica. "We used paper-mache for the sides to make it look good," he said. "We were doing pretty good, but it was slow work and messy. At first, we had a lot of volunteers to help. On the first day, everyone showed up. On the second day, fewer people showed up. Pretty soon, nobody showed up and that project went down the drain. We tried using foam and made it look like rock, but then we found out we were broke. My sister, who is rather artistic, helped out, and now we have paper painted to look like rock; just don't poke on it too much."

The Ely area had several mines, Pioneer, Chandler, Savoy, Sibley and Zenith. "The Pioneer is the only one that has ore still in it," he said. "There is still over nine million tons in there. They were

mining at the 16 level and developed the 17 level. Then they shut it all down in 1967. They were pumping 450,000 gallons of water a day out of the mine. They shut the pumps off and it took about 10 years to fill up where it is now (Miners Lake)."

Pioneer Mine: How long will it stand?

Is Ely's mining history worth saving? Ely Greenstone Public Art believes so.

EGPA, as managers of the Ely Arts & Heritage Center at Pioneer Mine, has struggled to raise funds to restore parts of the structures that are badly in need of repair. That includes roof materials and rain gutters for the Captains 'Dry House as well as the fixing the retaining wall that supports the Pioneer Mine Head Frame. Each project could cost as much as \$40,000.

The group is concerned that this mine site treasure, visited by more than 2,000 people every summer, will continue to deteriorate if left abandoned. Two structures, Shaft House and the Miners Dry House, were restored about 11 years ago on the seven-acre city of Ely property. The Engine House was demolished due to neglect.

Placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978, since 2003 EGPA has held a variety of arts events in the complex and, through grants and donations, has paid for and updated the wiring,

safety fencing and added new furnaces.

Monies have also been received for a Miners Memorial with \$7,800 in funds dedicated to honor the 213 men who died while working in or as a result of injuries from work in Ely area mines.

Historical signs were installed along the Trezona Trail with city help and a Minnesota State Historical Society grant. These identify the locations of the Chandler, Pioneer, Zenith, Savoy and Sibley mines that were adjacent to what is now Miners Lake. It is now a dedicated trout lake.

Ely miners teach a thing or two

"When the Pioneer mine (Ely) closed, they decided they were going to take 150 or so men to Minntac (modern taconite plant built in 1965). I knew the supervisors at Minntac and they mentioned to me 'I don't know what we're going to do with underground miners coming down here. They don't know anything about plants.' When they got our fellas down there and they got them broken in and working, they really changed their tune. They said, 'Boy, those guys showed us tricks we never heard of before!' Because in an underground mine, these fellas did everything on their own, and they were good at making things work. It was up to them to do it the best way that they could."

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SOFTBALL

Ely doubles up Rangers

After decent week, Wolves in the hunt for a home playoff berth

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

MT. IRON-BUHL – The Wolves took advantage of solid pitching to take two from the Rangers on Monday.

Left: Charly Flom fields a grounder earlier this week. photo by J. Greeney

Game two was a pitchers' duel as Erika Mattson struck out seven and allowed just two hits to win 1-0. The Wolves' only run came in the bottom of the fifth. With Charly Flom on third, Shayla Zaverl got the walk-off single to end the game.

Mattson got some help on the mound from catcher Jenna

Merhar who threw out two potential base stealers early in the game.

"For the game we only managed five hits," said Ely Head Coach Tom McDonald. "None bigger than Shayla's."

Game one saw another strong pitching performance

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BASEBALL

Grizz struggle with inconsistency

Brief letdowns in close games leading to costly losses

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

FIELD TWP – If they could only take back one inning. That's been the story of the Grizzlies baseball team much of the season.

"This team has all the tools to be extremely good, but we just can't seem to get past a certain point in close games," said North Woods Head Coach Jeff Smerud, whose team's 7-5 record reflects several one- or two-run losses.

It was the same story Tuesday night as the Grizzlies took a 6-4 lead over International Falls into the bottom of the sixth. Senior pitcher Tate Olson was cruising, having struck out eight Broncos batters.

After retiring the opening batter in the sixth, a Grizzlies error put an I-Falls runner on base. Then a walk put two on base. Then two more errors, followed by a couple hits, and it was off to the races. "When the wheels fall off there's no stopping it," said Smerud, who watched in frustration as the Broncos went on to score six in the frame en route to a 11-7 victory on the North Woods field.



Above: The Grizzlies' Nathan Crain slides in safe at home during Tuesday's home match-up with International Falls.

Right: North Woods catcher Cole Thiel and a Broncos runner mix it up in the dirt on a close play at the plate.

photos by C. Stone



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Mixed week for Ely against tough competition



Ely's Tyler Housey dives back to first just ahead of a pick-off attempt during Tuesday's game with Mesabi East. photo by J. Greeney

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

ELY – Trevor Mattson notched his fourth win of the season as he scattered five hits, struck out five, and walked none as the Wolves easily outpaced Mesabi East, 11-1, on Tuesday.

It was a pitching duel for the first two and a half innings before Ely took advantage of a couple Mesabi East miscues to put points on the board. Tyler Housey reached on an error and was followed by a Nils DeRemee walk. Gage Merhar singled both of them home moments later to put Ely up 2-0.

After holding Mesabi East score-

less in the top of the fourth the Wolves put five more runs on the board, knocking out the Giants' starting pitcher. Dalton Schreffler started the big inning with a triple as Ely took advantage of a couple more hits and some additional Mesabi East errors.

Mesabi East scored a run to open up the fifth inning before Ely followed up with four more runs to ten-run the Giants.

Gage Merhar led the Wolves with two hits and three RBIs. Nils DeRemee added two hits and scored three times.

Tuesday's win was a welcome rebound after the Wolves struggled

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GOLF

Olson takes second in 120-plus golfer field

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

GIANTS RIDGE – Grizzlies senior Tate Olson continued to shine on the links this past week, as he took second overall in competition among 122 golfers from 21 of the toughest schools in northern Minnesota. Olson shot a 153 across the two-day Northern Invitational tournament held at Giants Ridge, helping lift his team

to an eighth-place finish in the contest, with a combined score of 676.

"The team finished very well considering the competition," said North Woods boys golf head coach Will Kleppe.

Olson shot a 79 in the first day of competition last Friday, and followed up with a 74 the next day to finish in the runner-up position behind Brady Raph, of Pine River/Backus. Several other Grizzlies



Tate Olson

golfers finished in the top 50. Davis Kleppe carded a combined 171, good for the 35th spot, while Chase Kleppe and Sam Frazee tied for 48th with a two-day total of 176.

Ian Olson shot 179, good for 57th place, while Blake Scofield shot a 193, to finish in the 92nd spot.

Top ten team scores were: Eveleth-Gilbert (645), Cloquet (648), Hermantown (660), Duluth East (662), Crookston (665), Virginia (666), Woodbury (670), North Woods (676), Willmar (680), and Superior (690).

Three is magic number for North Woods golfer

GIANTS RIDGE – Three seems to be the magic number for North Woods sophomore golfer Nicole "Coley" Olson, who finished in the third spot in three straight meets in the past week.

On Monday, Olson shot an 87 at Giants Ridge to take third in the competition. Kylie Parson also performed well, carding 100.

This past Thursday in Virginia, Nicole shot an 81, good for third again after tying for second with Hermantown's Megan Chaffey. Chaffey won a scorecard playoff, leaving Olson in the third spot. The first nine at the

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Sports week

Baseball

Friday, May 18
North Woods hosts NE Range, 4:30 p.m.

Friday-Saturday, May 18-19
Veterans Memorial Showcase

Monday, May 21
North Woods hosts Virginia, 4:30 p.m.
Ely hosts Eveleth-Gilbert, 4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 22
North Woods hosts Deer River, 4:30 p.m.
NE Range at Wrenshall, 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 24
North Woods hosts Eveleth-Gilbert, 4:30 p.m.
Ely at Nash-Kee, 4:30 p.m.
NE Range at Cherry, 4:30 p.m.

Friday, May 25
NE Range at Cook County, 4:30 p.m.

Softball

Friday, May 18
North Woods at I-Falls, 4:30 p.m.
Ely at Hibbing Tourney, TBD

Boys golf

Friday, May 18
Virginia Invitational, 10 a.m.

Wednesday, May 23
Section 7A at Virginia

Thursday, May 24
Section 7A at Virginia

Girls golf

Wednesday, May 23
Section 7A at Virginia

Thursday, May 24
Section 7A at Virginia

TRACK

Ely boys crush at Beluzzo meet

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

CHISHOLM – The Ely boys track team dominated the O.J. Beluzzo Meet here this week, taking first place by a margin of better than 50 points.

Ely had a number of strong performances, particularly in the hurdle events, where the Wolves dominated the top spots. In the 110 hurdles, Henry Dirks and Eli Conaway finished first and second, just .15 seconds apart. In the 300 hurdles, Isaac Gawboy, Dirks, Conaway, and Raif Olson finished first through fourth respectively.

James Schwinghamer continued his dominance

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SOFTBALL

North Woods bats sing in 15-4 win over Chisholm



Errors spoil impressive start in Monday matchup with E-G

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

CHISHOLM— The Grizzlies' bats turned red hot here on Tuesday as they ten-runned Chisholm 15-4. "We finally had some hits from our girls who have been struggling at the plate," said North Woods Head Softball Coach Dee Ann Sandberg. "I think it gave them some confidence that they can do it."

Left: Shortstop Hanna Sandberg gets the tag at second with second baseman Maddy Serna backs her up.

photo by C. Stone

Regan Ratai had a big day at the plate with three hits, including two triples. Kennedy Wardas also smashed a triple among two hits on the day, while Hanna Sandberg notched three singles. Kayla Bodri and Kate Stone each had a double.

Taylor Vagle got the win, giving up just five hits and a walk, while striking out two.

The Grizzlies had a little help from freshman Chisholm pitcher Courtney Anderson, who issued four walks and hit three batters in taking the loss.

Playing at home on Monday, the Grizzlies posted four errors in the fifth inning to turn a 2-0 lead into

a 9-3 Eveleth-Gilbert victory. The Golden Bears picked up eight runs in the error-ridden frame, spoiling what had been an impressive outing in the early innings.

Alanna Rutchasky took the loss, going six and a third innings and giving up ten hits and two walks, while striking out two.

Claire Beaudry, Regan Ratai, and Olivia Niska had two hits apiece.

Last Thursday, the Grizzlies lost 18-8 to Cherry in six innings. Kennedy Wardas and Hanna Sandberg each had two hits. Alanna Rutchasky took the loss, giving up 16 hits and three walks.

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against some tough Class 2A competition over the weekend. Mixed results on the mound and some shaky defense resulted in a 1-2 road trip.

In game two of a Saturday double header with Nevis, Gage Merhar hurled a two-hitter while striking out nine Tiger batters.

The game was tied 1-1 in the fifth when the Wolves Dalton Schreffler hit a solo home to give Ely a 2-1 lead. That was followed by a two-run blast by Merhar, his fifth home run of the season.

The fourth-ranked Tigers were unable to score any additional runs, giving the Wolves a 4-1 win and a split on the day.

"Playing two top ten teams certainly was good for us as we were a bit exposed this weekend and surely need to clean up a few things," said Ely Head Coach Frank Ivancich. "Learning a bit about yourself and how to handle pressure situations will go a long way for this club down the stretch and playoffs."

The opening game of the double header on Saturday

had Dylan Kienitz on the mound and he pitched better than the score indicated. He gave up seven runs on just seven hits as only two runs were earned. He struck out four and didn't walk a batter. Five Ely errors in the fifth and sixth innings allowed the Tigers to cruise to a 10-6 victory.

Luke Olson had a big game at the plate with four hits, including two doubles, to lead Ely's 11-hit offensive performance.

On Friday Ely played Pequot Lakes, currently ranked eighth in Class 2A. Too many walks resulted in a 13-6 lose for the Wolves.

Carter Gaulke was the starting pitcher and took his first loss of the season, giving up six runs on four hits. It was walks, however, that did the damage, as Gaulke and eventual reliever Dalton Schreffler combined for 12 free passes to help Pequot to a 13-6 win.

"You just cannot give a team the quality of Pequot extra outs and walks if you want to win," said Ivancich. "This weekend certainly tested our character and we will be better playing quality

teams." Offensively, Gage Merhar and Nils DeRemee led for the Wolves, with two hits apiece.

Hosting Cherry on Thursday, Ely enjoyed a stronger pitching performance and won 8-1.

Trevor Mattson scattered three hits and struck out four, while walking two over five innings. Cody Davis pitched the final two innings and gave up no runs on just one hit and struck out two.

Mattson helped himself at the plate as he had two hits good for four RBIs. Dalton Schreffler added three hits and two RBIs.

Ely, now 11-3, hosts the Veterans Memorial Showcase this Friday and Saturday. They open the tourney at noon on Friday against Virginia, with a 7:30 p.m. nightcap against Mounds Park Academy. Saturday they will play International Falls in the final game of the Showcase at 6:30 p.m.

Eveleth-Gilbert comes to town on Monday as the Wolves head into the final week of the regular season. Game time is 4:30 p.m.



BASEBALL

NER Nighthawks slip to Spartans

S O U D A N — The Nighthawks were tied 2-2 in the seventh against Nashauk-Keewatin, but the Spartans blew the game wide open with six runs in the top of the frame to win 8-3 here on Monday.

Zack Anderson, pitching at left, had a strong outing despite the loss, allowing just one earned run on four hits in six-and-a-third innings, while striking out seven.

Below: Brett Rosendahl tries to avoid getting picked off at first.

photos by P. Wethering.



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The blown inning spoiled a strong effort by Olson, who helped his cause by knocking in two Grizzlies runs on a four-hit evening that included a double and a home run. Jake Hyppa went 2-4.

The sixth inning curse bit the Grizzlies again last Friday against Cherry, as

they blew a 3-2 lead in the bottom of the inning, giving up four runs on two errors, including a dropped fly ball in the outfield with the bases loaded. "It's the routine plays that are killing us right now," said Smerud. "We need to get that straightened out soon."

The Tigers went on to win 6-4.

Isaiah Squires pitched a strong game, despite the loss, holding the Tigers to five hits in seven full innings, while striking out seven. Zach Cheney drove in two runs on two hits, including a double, while Jake Hyppa went

2-4, driving in a run on a double. Squires went 2-4.

The Grizzlies did notch a win on Monday as they exploded for 15 hits to rout Wrenshall 15-6.

Matt Schultz had a huge day at the plate, driving in four runs on four hits, while Jake Hyppa sent two runners home on three

hits. Andrew Zika went 3-4 with an RBI, while Zach Cheney added two hits and an RBI for good measure.

Squires was impressive on the mound once again, pitching five innings of shutout ball, while striking out four. Cheney struggled in two innings of relief, giving up six runs on

six hits, but it was too little, too late for the Wrens.

The Grizzlies host Northeast Range on Friday and finish out their regular season next week, with home games Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday.

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and better run production for Ely as the Wolves cruised to a 10-0 win.

Merhar was on the mound this time, and tossed a one-hitter, while fanning six Rangers' batters.

"We played well in the first game," said McDonald. "Our hitting was good, our pitching was very good, and our defense was solid."

Erika Mattson smashed three hits to go with three RBIs to lead

the Wolves offensively. Shayla Zaverl and Lida Dodge had two hits apiece while Holly Dirks added a two-run double.

On the road on Friday, solid pitching and an early lead sent the Wolves home early after they ten-runned Floodwood in five innings. Merhar pitched another good game allowing four hits while striking out five.

"We played well defensively," said McDonald. "We put the ball in play

and Floodwood made a few errors to allow us to score a bunch of runs."

Ely was led by Lida Dodge with three hits, while Sydney Richards had two RBIs.

In an earlier matchup on Friday, shaky defense and lost opportunities allowed Nashauk-Keewatin to tip the Wolves 6-4.

Mattson performed well on the mound striking out seven and allowing just two earned runs. The

Spartans jumped out to an early lead, mostly on unearned runs, before the Wolves defense tightened up.

Ely outhit the Spartans nine-to-five but couldn't get the hits with runners on base. For the game, Mattson, Jenna Merhar, and Charly Flom had two hits apiece.

Eveleth-Gilbert came to town last Thursday and claimed an 18-9 win in a slugfest. "Eveleth-Gilbert is probably the best hitting

team we have seen all year," said McDonald. "They just hit the ball all over the place and we couldn't do much to stop it."

Ely was down 10-2 in the fifth and looked to be nearly finished. But a huge inning cut the lead to 10-9 and had the Wolves with the momentum.

But the Golden Bears added runs in both the sixth and seventh and held Ely scoreless to secure the win.

The Wolves had 17

hits for the game, led by eighth-grader Charly Flom with four hits. Sydney Richards and Shayla Zaverl added two hits apiece.

Ely was set to host Littlefork-Big Falls as the Timberjay went to press. This weekend they will participate in the Hibbing Invitational with game times TBD. Playoffs begin Tuesday with Ely still battling for home field advantage in the opening round.

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in the 3,200, winning by an astonishing 49 seconds.

The Wolves performed well in the field events, starting with Eric Omerza winning the triple jump. Jasiah Wigdahl won both throwing events but had good support of teammates. In the shotput, Conaway took second while Nate Nettifee and Ethan

Hasz finished second and third in the discus.

The Wolves will participate this Friday in Hibbing for one final tune-up before subsections next Wednesday.

ELY TOP THREE INDIVIDUAL FINISHERS
100 Meter Dash
3. Dylan Fenkse

1600 Meter run
2. Emmett Faltesek 4:54.15
3. Gabriel Pointer 5:05.50
3200 Meter Run
1. James Schwinghamer 10:04.40
110 Meter Hurdles
1. Henry Dirks 16.44
2. Eli Conaway 16.59
300 Meter Hurdles

1. Isaac Gawboy 42.14
2. Henry Dirks 44.24
3. Eli Conaway 44.87
4. Raif Olson 46.08
4 x 100 Meter Relay
1. Ely 46:32
4 x 400 Meter Relay
3. Ely 3:57.66
4 x 800 Meter Relay
3. Ely 9:37.16

Shot Put
1. Jasiah Wigdahl. 41-11.00
2. Eli Conaway 39-06.00
Discus Throw
1. Jasiah Wigdahl 124-04
2. Nate Neffifee 119-10
3. Ethan Hasz 107-10
Triple Jump
1. Eric Omerza 37-01.00

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event was also scored as a makeup for an earlier ERC meet that was cancelled due to weather, and Olson

took third in that contest as well.

Playing in the Falls on May 9, Olson shot an 81,

finishing in the third spot yet again. Parson scored a 93 for the Grizzlies and Haley Bogdan carded a

117. The front nine at the meet was scored for another ERC meet, and this time Olson won, with

a two-over-par 39.

The Grizzlies were set to compete in the ERC conference championships

on Wednesday at the The Quarry.

BOIS FORTE

Ancient artifacts find new home at Heritage Museum

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA
Staff Writer

VERMILION RESERVATION- Bill Latady, curator at Bois Forte Heritage Museum has a new project that will keep him busy. Larry and Sheri Trapper recently donated a large collection of artifacts to the museum. Sheri's family, Lavern and Lucille Oveson, collected artifacts, including stone knives, scrapers, gunflints, pottery shards, adzes, arrowheads, spear points, bullet shells, and projectiles. Latady is still just familiarizing himself with the collection but estimates some pieces to be as old as 10,000 years and others to be as recent as 50 years. The Ovesons collected the artifacts near Kabetogama and Rainy lakes between the 1920s and 1980s.

Latady explained that it is difficult to know the true date of an object unless you can use carbon-dating techniques; unfortunately none of the pieces

of this collection contain organic materials, so carbon-dating is not an option. Latady said he will have to use guesswork to determine an approximate age by comparing the artifacts to other similar artifacts with a known context.

One interesting tool is a piece of obsidian. Obsidian is a type of volcanic glass, not native to this area. Latady says the tool would likely have come from as far away as New Mexico, Wyoming, Oregon, or Utah. He says he is unsure exactly what the tool was used for, but he could tell it had been used extensively and had been worn down to its core. Latady said that it is possible to determine exactly where the obsidian came from. Latady also found what he thinks is a mule shoe, another surprising artifact since mules would have been an uncommon sight in this area.

Latady has discovered some adzes as well; adzes are used for woodworking, specifically for carving. They were likely used

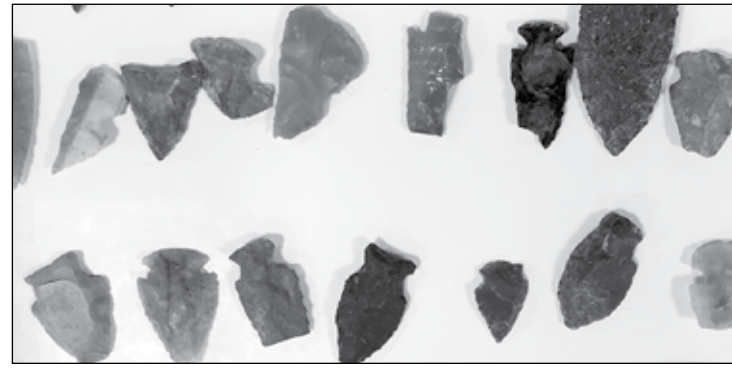
in the manufacture of dugout canoes, the precursor to birch bark canoes.

As Latady sorts through this new collection he is not only identifying the artifacts but also looking for what kind of story they can tell. He says, "It's easy when you start looking at this, there's a lot of stories you can check. Objects will point you in a direction. It's determining how you want to look at these neat things."

Right: Shari Trapper (far left) presented her family's artifacts to Bois Forte last month. She is pictured with Ron "Moots" Geshick, Bill Latady, Martha Anderson, Vern Adams, and Gary Adams.

Bottom right: The artifacts include arrowheads and stone tools.

submitted photos



TOWER

City okays local food truck at Hoodoo Point Campground

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER — The city council here, minus Mayor Josh Carlson, gave the green light to a proposal to operate a food truck at Hoodoo Point Campground but won't allow the vendor to sell alcohol.

Randy Semo, owner of Good Ol' Days Bar and Grill, had proposed to operate the food trailer, to serve campers and anglers who could come in off the water for a quick bite. The council had tabled the idea last month until they could get input from the campground managers.

The managers, Randy Pratt and Julie Kranz, were present at the meeting and offered little encouragement to the idea. "I really don't see a benefit," said Pratt, "but I don't think it would be detrimental."

Pratt said he would definitely object to the

sale of alcohol from the trailer. "That's our biggest concern," he said. "It's a family campground and it gets loud enough on the weekends."

Some councilors had raised concerns about alcohol sales when the request first came up last month in a letter from Semo, and they were quick to concur with the managers once the issue was raised again. The council passed a motion allowing the food trailer, without alcohol sales.

Semo said he disappointed but not surprised by the decision. Even so, he said he plans to operate the food truck if he can find employees to run it.

In related news, city engineer Jason Chopp told the council that the campground utilities project was nearing substantial completion, although the contractor might receive a few days extension. He said water, sewer, and elec-

tric service was hooked up in time for the fishing opener.

Pratt said he had received a number of negative comments about the ongoing work, but said he was pleased to see the city making an investment in the campground. "I would personally like to thank the city for what they're doing out there," he said.

In other action, the council:

- Approved a new five-year lease for the Vermilion Country School, which will run through 2023. The school will continue to pay \$78,000 in annual rent for the facility.
- Approved a TEDA

budget set-aside of \$2,500 a year that would be earmarked for building improvements at the city-owned school building.

➤ Approved donating all remaining funds in the Tower-Soudan Queen Committee account to the 4th of July Committee. The council declined a suggestion by City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith to disband the Queen Committee entirely on the hope that interest might be rekindled in the future.

➤ Approved the submission of a DNR 50/50 matching grant for new turnout gear.

➤ Approved a motion to allow another special

deer hunt this fall, with a five-day hunt and a 20-deer total harvest.

➤ Approved a pay estimate of \$44,064 for demolition work at the former Standing Bear Marina, now owned by Your Boat Club. The work is being done under the IRRRB's commercial demolition program.

➤ Approved a pay estimate of \$26,194 for

a portion of the work on the Hoodoo Point Campground utilities project.

➤ Approved a DNR dock agreement for the docks at the city's harbor, at no charge.

➤ Tabled consideration of the city's audit until the city's auditor can make a presentation at an upcoming meeting.

Death Notices

Thomas D. Norman

Thomas D. Norman, 70, died on Wednesday, May 9, 2018. Funeral services were held on Monday, May 14 at Johnson-Peterson Funeral Home in St. Paul. Interment with military honors was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials are preferred to Union Gospel Mission.

He is survived by his son, Carter Norman; grandchildren, John, Joe, Matthew, Sam and Tom Norman; siblings, Tim (Nancy) Norman of Britt, Peggy (Richard) Claviter of Orr, Terry (Joni) Norman of Hermantown, Anthony (Lynne) Norman of Orr and Ted (Julie) Norman of Virginia; brother-in-law, Robert Larson of Cohasset; several nieces and nephews; and many friends.

Michael L. Kemp

Michael Leonard "Mike" Kemp, 74, of Cook, passed away on Tuesday, May 8, 2018, at his home. A private family celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

He is survived by two sons, Michael (Jennifer) of Cook and David (Amy) of

Angora; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and his girlfriend of 17 years, Lana Christian.

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**JPEGs, Entry Fees and Applications Due June 22nd
(by 4pm)**

Other Important Dates:

Deliver Art to Miners Dry July 5th 4-7pm or July 6th - 10-noon
July 7th - Artists Reception 7pm-9pm

This year we celebrate the Stars, our artists, with an Opening Night Reception!

Tickets are available for the public to attend the reception. You, the artists, are our featured guests to share, wine and light hors d'oeuvres while you converse with art lovers of Ely.

July 8th-10th - The show is open to the public free of charge, from 1-4pm daily.

All pieces submitted will be the choice of each artist. Display space will be available on a first entered basis. Ely Arts and Heritage Center is a 501(c)3 organization which uses its funds for arts, educational and heritage programs.

For an application to the **Star Spangled Art Show & Sale** please e-mail: art@elygreenstone.org
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Outdoors

Our lives in the Northwoods

WILDLIFE

Bear (viewing) season opens May 26 at sanctuary

Vince Shute center has a summer of activities on tap

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ORR— One of the world's best places to view black bears in the wild opens for the season next Saturday, May 26. The Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary is the legacy of former logger Vince Shute, who befriended animals of all kinds that lived in or near his remote residence west of Orr. While Vince cared for

all his fellow creatures (he even put out food and water for the mice that inhabited his trailer house), he was best known for his real friendships with the wild black bears that lived in the surrounding forest.

He eventually began feeding them, and over the decades, the small forest opening surrounding his house became a regular stop for hundreds of bears. Shortly before he died, Vince transferred his property

Right: From the sanctuary's elevated deck, the public can watch wild black bears feed, climb trees, and interact, with complete safety. The sanctuary is open to the public Tues.-Sunday from 5-8 p.m. file photo by M. HelMBERGER

to the non-profit American Bear Association in order to carry on his legacy and to serve as an educational

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Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower
SWEET COLTSFOOT



It's one of our earliest wildflowers and it can be a tough flower to identify because the flowering stalk pokes its head out of the ground well in advance of this plant's distinctive, palm-shaped leaf. Look for **Sweet Coltsfoot**, *Petasites palmatus*, in wet areas, like bog and swamp edges or along wet ditches. The flowering stalk typically grows 6-12 inches high and is topped by a loose cluster of cream-colored flowers. Come June, well after the flowering stalk has withered, it's deeply-cleft true leaves will appear. It's a member of the Composite family.

Fishing reports

Ely area

The season opener started off very well for most anglers. There was some tension among many that the ice would not be off the lakes before the season started, but Mother Nature came through and warmed things up enough to clear the lakes just in time.

Basswood Lake led the pack in success rates this year, as in most, with some truly great catches of walleyes and northern pike. Rainbow chub minnows were THE bait to have due to the cold water temps, and anglers just couldn't be happier with the results. A good portion of the fish caught were in relatively shallow water near shore, and this is probably due to the late ice out and the shallows warming up quickly in the sun.

Fall Lake had its usual flotilla of boats congregated around the power dam, and anglers were doing fine, although there were many undersized fish to be released. Minnows were the best option on a jig fished in and around the rock piles. Some anglers fished areas away from the crowds and found fish to their satisfaction elsewhere.

White Iron Lake had its usual herd of fishermen clustered around the area where the Kawishiwi River river enters on the southern portion of the lake. A lot of undersized fish were cooperating, but those who persevered managed to extract enough walleyes out of the size slot to fill their stringers.

Burntside Lake surprised a few anglers with lake trout willing to smack both spoons and larger crank baits trolled in twenty to thirty feet of water.

Courtesy Babe's Bait at Ely's west entrance.



MINNESOTA FISHING OPENER 2018

Fish stories abound

Open water, mild temps, and hungry walleye combine for great opener

REGIONAL— Picture perfect.

That was pretty much the consensus of this past Saturday's opening of the walleye season. The ice had cleared just in time, the sun was out, the wind was light, and the temperatures were mild.

Oh, and the walleye were biting.

"Everyone I talked to was pretty happy," said Rob Bryers, a Lake Vermilion fishing guide, who was out for the fun of it.

"With just about everyone catching limits of fish it could be one of the best openers in years," concluded Jason Cooper, one of the new owners of the Gateway Store at Lake Kabetogama. By most reports, the fish were biting just about everywhere, and at every depth. Jake Schmidt, of rural Tower, found walleye in over 50 feet of water, while others were hooking nice fish in the shallow water right off their docks. Bryers said he found most of his fish about halfway in between, in about 28 feet of water.

The active bite seemed to belie the late ice-out and the water temperatures, which hovered in the mid-40s on opening day. Just last week, Crane Lake fishing guide Butch Eggen was advising anglers

to give the walleye a little time before setting the hook. But when he finally got out on the water on Sunday afternoon with his fishing pal Pete Redmond, they were coming hard and fast. "They wanted it," he said. "You definitely knew it was a bite." His nicest fish of the afternoon was a 20-inch male walleye, which he quickly returned to the water.

Quite a few did even better, said Eggen. "My neighbor caught a 28-incher in the Crane Lake Narrows," he said.

In the Ely area, anglers were out in force and reporting plenty of limits, with most zeroing in on current. The outflow from the Winton dam, and Silver Rapids were popular spots, although plenty of local anglers headed to Basswood, where they found plenty of success. Jigs and rainbow chubs seemed to be the ticket according to Captain Russ at Babe's Bait and Tackle in Ely.

It was the same story on Vermilion, where jigs and lindy rigs were working well. "We were happy and everyone I talked to was also doing well," said Bryers. "Once you found them, they seemed to be feeding pretty actively. A lot of them were nice fish, right in the 15-18-inch keeper-sized range."

Above: Grant and Jack Aysta, of Eveleth, were having a great time fishing with their dad and his friends on Lake Vermilion. photo by M. HelMBERGER

Below: Mike Sibley, of Ely, hoists a hefty stringer of walleye that he and friends caught on Basswood opening day. submitted photo



That's right in line with the latest DNR fish survey, which found huge numbers of walleye in that same size range. Milder springs the last few years have helped walleye reproduction

in many area lakes, and that seems to be paying dividends for anglers. So catch 'em while the fishing's hot!



MARSHALL HELMBERGER

Fishing reports

Kab-Nam area

To say the 2018 fishing season started with a bang would be an understatement. With just about everyone catching limits of fish it could be one of the best openers in years. Most years, the start of the season on Kab can be a head scratcher, but not this one. Fish were being found in most depths and were hungry to say the least.

Dock and shoreline anglers seemed to fare best with the bigger fish and those in a little deeper water were finding more of the eater variety. If you could find shiners at your local bait shop, you got lucky as very few had them. Even though shiners were producing more fish, all minnow types did well. Jig fishing was by far your best option. Tip your favorite jig with any minnow you could find and it was

game on! All techniques were working whether you were jigging under a bobber, over the side of the boat or pitching the shorelines. Northern pike were a nuisance as usual, but it was the size that made the difference. Last year's pesky 20 inchers are now that perfect 23-26-inch eater-size and no one is complaining about losing a few minnows to them.

Throw in the almost perfect weather and we had a banner start to what could be shaping up to be one of the best years we have seen on Kab!

On a final note, make sure to pop your head into Gateway General as we have a new look and a lot more to offer. It's your one stop place on the way to the cabin or before you go out on the lake!

Courtesy Cooper's Gateway Store, Lake Kabetogama.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather

Friday					Saturday					Sunday					Monday					Tuesday					
72 46					55 35					68 41					70 42					69 45					
Ely	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Emb.	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Cook	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Orr	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Tower	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	
05/07	69	32	0.00		05/07	66	38	0.00		05/07	68	34	0.00		05/07	82	34	0.00		05/07	67	31	0.00		
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05/10	52	33	0.13		05/10	44	40	0.00		05/10	50	33	0.19		05/10	52	30	0.28		05/10	50	32	0.35		
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05/13	67	32	0.00		05/13	64	24	0.00		05/13	67	33	0.00		05/13	73	45	0.00		05/13	66	26	0.00		
Totals			3.16	79.2"	Totals			3.60	79.9"	Totals			3.70	82.2"	Totals			NA	NA	Totals				3.68	72.2"

What's In YOUR BOATHOUSE?



by ROBERT MATSON
Columnist

My featured boat this week is a 1947 Chris Craft 17 ft. Deluxe Runabout, owned by Tom Renquist of Big Fork. The boat is powered by its original Chrysler K 95-horsepower engine. The boat was refurbished in 2014 by Howie Lehman of Iron River, Wis., modeling his work on a Chris Craft A, featured on the cover of *Vanity Fair* a few years ago. The boat came out of the Algonquin, Mich., factory in March of 1947, the same month in which its present owner was born! She plies Hatch Lake, 12 miles southwest of Bigfork, and in 2015, won First Prize for



Best Inboard in the Lake Superior Classic & Custom Boat Show. This boat was manufactured one year before I was born, and it's in better shape than I am!

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facility to teach the public about the true nature of the bears that Vince loved.

The center is open to the public in the evenings, from 5-8 p.m., which coincides with a busy feeding period for bears. In addition to regular daily viewing sessions, the

center hosts special events, such as "Breakfast with the Bears," which will be held July 7 and Aug. 7, and three weekend photography workshops in June and August.

The center is located about 14 miles west of Orr on County Road 23. From Hwy. 53, turn left at the

Dam Supper Club and continue 14 miles to the entrance sign for the sanctuary.

For details on these programs, contact the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary at 218-757-0172, email bears@americanbear.org, or visit <http://www.americanbear.org>.

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- Ely Area: Van Vac Road Public Landing: Daily, 8 AM-6 PM
- Sandy Point Public Landing: Fri-Sun, 8 AM-6 PM
- Lake Vermilion Tower: Y-Store: Thurs-Sun, 8 AM-6PM
- Lake Vermilion Cook: Country Store: Thurs-Sun, 8 AM-6 PM
- Gilbert/Eveleth Area: Lake Ore-Be-Gone: Fri-Sun, 10 AM-6 PM



PUBLIC NOTICES

MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 707

by Villebrun and seconded by M. Geshick to approve the bills in the amount of \$67,763.94 (list attached). MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

18-072 Motion was made by Steel and seconded by T. Geshick to approve the December 30, 2017 Financial Report. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

Tara Geshick nominated Brandon Benner as Vice-Chairman. No other nominations were made. Brandon Benner declared Chairperson.

Mariyn Geshick nominated Beverly Steel as Vice Chairperson. No other nominations were made. Beverly Steel declared Vice Chairperson.

Marilyn Geshick nominated Karlene Chosa as Clerk. No other nominations were made. Karlene Chosa declared Clerk.

Marilyn Geshick nominated Jane Villebrun as Treasure. No other nominations were made. Jane Villebrun declared Treasurer.

Signature plate will remain the same, because of no changes.

18-073 Motion made by M. Geshick and seconded by Chosa to approve Salaries and Compensation for Board Members the same as last year. Which are the follow-

ing: \$250.00 per member per regular meeting \$40.00 per negotiations meeting \$130.00 per year additional for the Chairman \$100.00 per year additional for Vice-Chair, Clerk and Treasurer \$40.00 per year one issue meeting lasting less than one half hour \$65.00 per one issue meeting lasting over one half hour

18-074 Motion was made by Steel, and seconded by Chosa to Approve American Bank of the North and MSBA Liquid Asset Fund as the District Depository. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

18-075 Motion was made M. Geshick and seconded by Steel to approve The Timberjay and Bois Forte News as the Official District Newspaper. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

18-076 Motion was made by M. Geshick and seconded by Villebrun to set the second Monday of each month and time 8:00 a.m., for School Board meetings. The meetings will be in the Board Room at the Nett Lake School. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

18-077 Motion was made by Steel, seconded by M. Geshick to adopt Robert Rules of Order 11th Edition for the Nett Lake School. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

18-078 Motion was made by Chosa and seconded by T. Geshick to approve School Board and Staff expense allowance \$65.00/day with receipts for one full day. (with receipts) MOTION CARRIED 5-1-0

The following board members have been appointed as Representatives to the

following committees: Community Education - Marilyn Geshick Early Childhood Family Education Advisory Board - Marilyn Geshick Local Indian Education Committee (LIEC) and Indian Education Committee-Karlene Chosa.

The following people were approved to be on the following committees: Certified Negotiations/Grievances - Tara Geshick, Marilyn Geshick, and Jane Villebrun Policy Committee - Karlene Chosa, Marilyn Geshick, and Beverly Steel Meet and Confer - Brandon Benner, Marilyn Geshick, Karlene Chosa, Jane Villebrun, Beverly Steel, and Tara Geshick

18-079 Motion was made by Steel and seconded by T. Geshick to set mileage rate at the current federal mileage rate of \$0.54.5 MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

Superintendent/Principal Report was reviewed. Christmas Program/Lunch went well and was well attended. The staff put together a nice program. The new Hot Water Heater was installed and is working well. Hallway lights were installed. The new phone system was installed, and the phone company is here today, finishing up on installing the system. The LIEC is changing the guidelines for Athletes riding the athletic bus home from practice. Only athletes and students who have Extra - Curricular Activities will be allowed to ride the bus.

No Technology Report

18-080 Motion was made by Chosa and seconded by T. Geshick approve the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

18-081 Motion was made by Steel and seconded by Villebrun, to accept the FY2017 audit prepared by Miller Mc Donald Inc. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

18-082 Motion was made by Chosa, and seconded by Villebrun, to approve the Pay Equity Report. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

18-083 Motion was made by Villebrun and seconded by M. Geshick to approve the Paul Bunyan Quote in the amount of \$798.53. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

18-084 Motion was made by M. Geshick and seconded by Villebrun to adopt the Wellness Policy #533. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

Discussion on Display Cabinet Bid. Original bid was \$6,296.00. Mr. Varichak will check to see if he can get the quote to go down in price. He will also check to see if he can find an existing cabinet.

Discussion on Tech Support for the School.

Enrollment is currently at 58 students.

18-085 Motion made by T. Geshick and seconded by Steel to adjourn the meeting at 10:21 a.m.

The Board Meeting went into closed session regarding Teacher Negotiations.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS

DISTRICT COURT SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No.: 69VI-CV-18-130

NOTICE OF AND ORDER FOR HEARING ON COMPLAINT FOR DETERMINATION OF ADVERSE CLAIMS (under Minn. Stat. Section 559.01) AND QUIET TITLE TO BE TRIED IN VIRGINIA, MN

The Estate of Lynette Hakkila also known as: Lynette L. Hakkila, Ronald Lee Hakkila, Plaintiffs vs. GMAC Mortgage, doing business as dittech.com, their assigns and successors, and all other persons unknown claiming any right, title, estate, interest or lien in the real estate described in the complaint herein,

Defendant, Ronald Lee Hakkila has filed a Complaint to Determine Adverse Claims and Quiet Title. It is Ordered that on June 12, 2018, at 9:00 AM, a hearing will be held in this Court at 300 South 5th Avenue, Virginia, Minnesota 55792, on the Complaint.

The petition represents that the decedent died more than three (3) years ago leaving property in Minnesota. The petition requests that the Court determine the descent of such property and assign the property to the persons entitled.

Any objections to the petition must be raised at the hearing or filed with the Court prior to the hearing. If the petition is proper and no objections are filed or raised, the petition will be granted.

Notice shall be given by publishing this Notice and Order as provided by law and by:

Mailing a copy of this Notice and Order to each interested person by United States mail at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

Serving a copy of this Notice and Order personally at least 14 days before the time set for the hearing.

BY THE COURT Dated Apr. 27, 2018 Gary Pagliacetti, Judge of District Court

Amy Turnquist, Court Administrator

Sipila Law Office, LLC Angela E. Sipila MN# 024501X 108 S 5th Ave. Suite #1 Virginia, MN 55792 Telephone: 218-741-5000 Facsimile: 866-675-0629 e-mail: ange@sipilaw.com

Published in the Timberjay, May 4, 11 & 18, 2018

NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S EXECUTION SALE OF REAL PROPERTY

Under and by virtue of an Execution issued out of and under the seal of the District Court of the State of Minnesota, in and for the Fourth Judicial District and County of Hennepin.

On the 5th day of October, 2015, upon a judgment rendered and docketed in said Court and said County in an action therein, between e5 Solutions Group LLC; Peter Wolf; George James Ryan; Joseph Lincoln; Troy Baak, Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor; and Kurt Grotenhuis, Defendant/Judgment Debtor, in favor of said Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor and against said Defendant/Judgment Debtor,

Kurt Grotenhuis, for the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Sixty and 48/100 Dollars (\$350,060.48), as appears by the judgment roll filed in the Office of the Clerk of said District Court for said County. Said judgment was docketed in the Hennepin County District Court on the 15th day of December, 2015, at 8:34 a.m., and was subsequently docketed in the St. Louis County District Court on January 19, 2016 at 1:44:16 p.m. The sum of Four Hundred Forty Thousand Two Hundred Sixteen and 13/100 Dollars (\$440,216.13) is now actually due thereon with interest of \$95.91 per diem, increased costs and for all Sheriff's fees, costs and disbursements of levy. At the time of sale, additional cost may be incurred and added.

Which said Execution has to the Sheriff of St. Louis County been duly directed and delivered, said Sheriff has levied upon and will set at public auction to the highest cash bidder, in the lobby of said Sheriff's main office, 100 North Fifth Avenue West, Room 103, in the City of Duluth, Minnesota 55802, in St. Louis County on the 5th day of July, 2018 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. the fee simple interest that the above named Defendant/Judgment Debtor had in and to the real property, commonly known as 1147 Ring Rock Road, Ely, Minnesota, and herein-after legally described on the 19th day of January, 2016, that being the date of rendition of said judgment or any interest therein which said Defendant/Judgment Debtor Kurt Grotenhuis has since that day acquired the legal description of the real property being as follows, to wit:

Lot Ten (10), Block One (1), Ring Rock, St. Louis County, Minnesota

according to the plat thereof on file and of record in the office of the Registrar of Titles in and for St. Louis County.

The real property is encumbered by a mortgage executed by Kurt Grotenhuis and Mary Grotenhuis, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated October 31, 2011, filed November 8, 2011, as Document No. 906873.

Ross Litman Sheriff, St. Louis County Dated: May 14, 2018 By: /s/ Sgt. C M Nylund Deputy Sheriff (Signature) Sgt. C M Hylund Deputy Sheriff (Printed)

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EMPLOYMENT

FIRE CHIEF WANTED

Eagles Nest Township is accepting applications for the position of Fire Chief. For information and applications please call Town office @218-365-4573 or 218-290-1986, Applications are being accepted through June 15, 2018.

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DEPARTMENT OF IRON RANGE RESOURCES & REHABILITATION Loan Officer Permanent, Full-time Position Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Eveleth, Minn.

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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 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. tfr

EMPLOYMENT

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. The district will begin reviewing applications on Friday, April 20.

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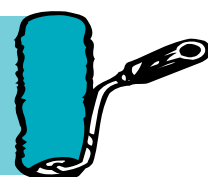
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