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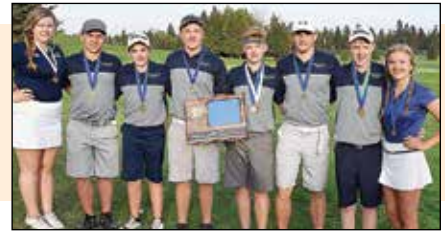

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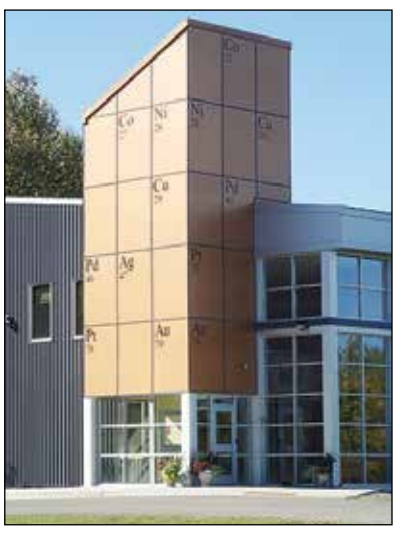
TWIN METALS MINNESOTA

New mine proposal shows scale-back

Daily ore production sharply reduced; new location for processing



by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The new preliminary mine proposal released late last week by Antofagasta subsidiary Twin Metals signals a substantial reduction in the scale of mining operations at the facility, and a lower initial capital investment from the company's original plan released in 2014.

The Twin Metals Minnesota office in Ely would be joined by another office in Babbitt, according to a new plan submitted by the company. Timberjay file photo

The new project outline would sharply reduce the rate of ore production, from the 50,000 tons per day in the company's original proposal to 20,000 tons per day under the new plan. The company now proposes to locate their processing plant about a mile south of the existing Maturi deposit, located adjacent to Birch Lake, east of Babbitt. The company's previous plan had proposed a plant located about 1-2 miles west of the mine site.

The processing plant would directly access the mine site via underground tunnels, according to the company.

Several elements of the plan would remain much the same as the company's 2014 proposal. The tailings facility would be located about 12 miles southwest of Babbitt near the Peter Mitchell pit on land owned by Twin Metals. According to company spokesperson Bob McFarlin, the tailings would be deposited in a lined basin, through a wet method of tailings disposal. The company did consider dry stacked tailings storage, according to McFarlin, but ultimately opted for a more conventional method. Dry stack tailings storage is being proposed more frequently in modern mines as it is seen as less subject to leakage and collapse, such as occurred at the Mount Polley Mine in British Columbia in 2014.

McFarlin notes that approximately half of the tailings generated by the mine operations

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HISTORICAL ELY

Mighty moose mural

Iconic Ely photograph displayed at art gallery

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

A large mural of the iconic Crossman moose team photograph hangs on the exterior of Art & Soul Gallery. photo by K. Vandervort

ELY – Local artist Nancy Scheibe spent several months this past winter putting together an eight-piece mural of one of the most iconic photographs from Ely's history.

The Crossman moose team photograph from 100-plus years ago appears in nearly every history book about Ely.

According to "The Pioneer Life in Ely," written by Lee Brownell and published by the Iron Range Historical Society, "During the winter of 1904, it was not unusual to see two moose hitched to a sleigh on the Ely streets. This team, owned by Edward Crossman, was bought from an Indian when the moose were very young. With much patience, Mr. Crossman tamed and trained the team. In 1905, the moose team was broken by the disappearance of one of the animals. It was never ascertained whether the moose escaped or was killed for meat."

Scheibe worked most of February and March on the panels of profes-

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TOURISM

Campground dedication set for next Thursday

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

BREITUNG TWP- Even if you can't make it to the ribbon-cutting ceremony at the new state park campground on Thursday, June 7, be sure to stop by Tower's Main Street from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. for a local celebration.

The Tower-Soudan & Lake Vermilion Events Board has planned a fun day of activities as part of a summer-wide effort to make sure campers take advantage of all that Tower-Soudan has to offer.

"We are working to promote the proximity of Tower-Soudan to the new state park," said Events Board member Tim Tomsich. "I think it's important to the success of the new state park and Mesabi Trail that visitors find out all that Tower-Soudan has to offer." Tomsich said the event is also a time to showcase other camping and lodging

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MINNESOTA WEATHER

Storms leave damage across North Country

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

Wind-damaged trees narrowly missed grave stones at Lakeview Cemetery in Tower Tuesday night. photo by S. Ukkola

REGIONAL— A powerful line of thunderstorms moved through the area Tuesday evening, downing trees, causing some damage to buildings and knocking out power to thousands of residents in northern St. Louis and Lake counties. A report of a capsized boat with 3-4 people on board on Lake Vermilion was not verified according to the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office. A search of the area using sonar along with a search of shoreline in the vicinity found no sign of a missing boat and there have been no reports of missing people.

The storms moved up from the south, reaching the Lake Vermilion and Ely areas around 7 p.m., when strong wind gusts along the front caused most

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Community Events and Notices

Senior Bingo in Tower on Monday

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, June 4 at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is a $10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m. July bingo will be the second Monday, July 9. Call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950 with any questions.

Help needed planning Greenwood's Fourth of July Float; meeting Tuesday

GREENWOOD TWP- Greenwood Township residents are invited to the next 40th Anniversary Celebration planning meeting on Tuesday, June 5 at 1 p.m. at the Greenwood Town Hall. Help is needed planning the program for the Aug. 25 event as well as helping to create a float for the Fourth of July parade. We have many talented residents, please consider helping out. All ideas are welcome!

For more information, call Pam at 218-753-3006.

Vermilion Dream Quilters meet June 7

TOWER- Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 7 in the social hall at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower.

Our program for June, TOOLS – Good, Bad and Ugly, will draw from everyone present – bringing and sharing what we like about various tools we really love and those we really hate. What do we use on almost every project and what is at the bottom of the stack, never retrieved, and was a waste of money? We also will discuss the Aug. 2 trunk show and Aug. 3 workshop with Katie Hennigar from Bay Window Quilt Shop in Perham.

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

Ely Community Health Center Fun Run on Saturday, June 16

ELY- Ely Community Health Center will hold a fun run on Saturday, June 16. Registration is at 8 a.m., race begins at 9 a.m. on the Trezona Trail. Entry fee is $10 for adults and $5 for youth. Please pre-register by June 6. For more information or to pre-register, contact Sara Jue at director@elycommunityhealth.org or 218-235-9562. Participants are invited to walk or run. All proceeds go directly to Ely Community Health Center. ECHC is committed to access to health services for all.

COOK

Don't miss this year's Timber Days

Events for all ages, Friday through Sunday, June 8 - 10 in Cook

Bagpipers were one of the highlights of the Sunday parade last year. file photo

COOK - The City of Cook officially kicks off summer with the 20th annual Timber Days Festival, Friday through Sunday, June 8-10. This year's festival will feature fun for all ages. The city park and main street will be filled with perennial favorite food vendors, crafters, displays, as well as the pet show, and of course, the parade at 2 p.m. on Sunday. The beer garden will be downtown on Friday night from 4 – 8 p.m., and then move out to the ballfield at the Doug Johnson Recreation Center on Saturday during the softball tournament.

Live music includes a street dance with "Payback" on Friday at the Old Muni from 8 p.m. - midnight. There will also be karaoke at the VFW. On Friday and Saturday, there is Music in the Park at the downtown gazebo from 4 – 7 p.m. "Elvis" is featured at the VFW from 4 – 6 p.m. on Saturday. "Forty-Below" is playing live at the VFW from 8 p.m. – midnight on Saturday.

Sunday features the parade, starting at 2 p.m. in downtown Cook. There will be Music in the Park following the parade, as well as live music at the Old Muni.

The popular pet show will take place at 11:30 a.m. Saturday at the gazebo with sign up at 11 a.m. The "Lock and Stock" will take place Saturday from 12 noon - 3 p.m. near the gazebo. Put your favorite person in jail for three minutes with proceeds to benefit the Cook Area Food Shelf. At dusk on Saturday, the Doug Johnson Recreation Area will host the fireworks show to light up the night; please note the change in location from last year.

Feel good about yourself all weekend after participating in the Cook Hospital's "Shake-a-Leg" 5K on Saturday at Doug Johnson park. Register at 8 a.m. for the race start at 9 a.m.

The Timber Days raffle drawing is set for Saturday at 7 p.m. at the gazebo. The coronation of Timber Days Queen and King will follow.

Kids activities downtown include a bounce house all three days, mini-carnival kids games on Saturday from 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. and Sunday from 1 – 4 p.m. There are races downtown following the pet show on Saturday.

There is a car show (register at 11 a.m.) and Northwoods Riders motorcycle show (register at 11 a.m.) downtown on Saturday from 12 noon – 3 p.m. Chainsaw carving will be featured downtown on Friday from 5 – 7 p.m. and Saturday from2 – 6 p.m. Come play bingo at the VFW on Saturday from 12 noon – 3 p.m.

Sunday features an ecumenical service hosted by local clergy at the gazebo at 10 a.m.

Other events include a slow pitch softball tournament which will start Saturday at the Dan Swanson Memorial Field at the Doug Johnson Park and continue on Sunday. There will be a bean bag tournament on Friday at 6 p.m. at the downtown beer garden. Lawnmower races will be held before the parade on Sunday at 12 noon. More information can be found at cookminnesota.com, on Facebook at Cook Annual Timber Days Celebration, or email cooktimberdays@gmail.com.

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MINE READER

TWIN METALS MINNESOTA
www.twin-metals.com

AN UPDATE ON THE TWIN METALS MINNESOTA PROJECT

We at Twin Metals Minnesota (TMM) are making significant progress with the design of our underground mine project. We know how much this project means to local communities and feel it's our responsibility to share updates whenever possible.

As previously noted, the project will be located within the Maturi deposit approximately nine miles southeast of Ely and 11 miles northeast of Babbitt. It will be outside of the state and federal mining buffer zones and outside of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, and in an area where mining is both allowed and encouraged by state and federal law.

Our goal is to submit a formal project proposal to state and federal agencies for extensive environmental review within 18 months. We plan to propose the following key aspects of the preliminary project design:

- Processing approximately 20,000 tons of mineralized ore per day extracted from underground.
- Locating the processing site approximately one mile south of the underground deposit.
- Accessing the mine by tunnels at the processing site.
- Storing about half of the tailings as permanent cemented backfill in the underground mine. The remaining tailings would be stored on a modern, lined surface tailings storage facility near the Peter Mitchell Mine southwest of Babbitt and outside of the Rainy River Watershed. Testing shows the tailings would be non-acid generating.
- Opening an additional office in Babbitt.
- Busing mine employees from both Ely and Babbitt, minimizing traffic and maximizing employment opportunities across the region.

Although there is still plenty of work to do, we couldn't be more excited about the progress we have made and the economic potential this project holds for northeast Minnesota.

For more information on Twin Metals Minnesota, visit www.Twin-Metals.com.

NWFA Spring Art Expo starts on June 8

COOK- During Cook Timber Days celebration, Northwoods Friends of the Arts will launch the eighth annual Spring Art Expo. New art will be exhibited in the NWFA Gallery, Trinity Lutheran Church, and in businesses in the Cook region. The expo will exhibit from June 8 to 29. Find the informational brochures at NWFA Gallery and participating businesses.

An open house will be held at NWFA Gallery at 210 S River St. on Friday, June 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday, June 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. See new art including the O'Keefe WWII memorial, NWFA woodcarvings, and the Range Fiber Arts Guild displays. Vote for your favorite in the photo contest exhibit and view the prize for the 50/50 raffle, a framed eagle photo.

On Saturday, June 9 there will be a "Make It and Take It Art" event for children of all ages at the City Park. Look for the NWFA table near the Peace Pole.

On Sunday, at 2 p.m., see Grandma Moses in the Timber Days Parade as well as the "Tri-Apron," an apron in honor of working together in the community.

Camp Broadway
Elementary Edition

Northeast Range School is hosting it's first-ever Musical Theater Camp this summer ...
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Camp cost is $40 ($20 for students on reduced/free lunch at school)

Register by returning the attached form (to the NER office) or online at:
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After June 1st only ONLINE registration will be available (or register the 1st morning of camp in the auditoriium)

WORKFORCE SHORTAGE

Help wanted: Businesses find few takers for job openings

Employee shortage an inconvenience for some, but leads to closure of local childcare center

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— With the busy summer season ramping up across the North Country, area businesses are facing a growing challenge to find employees to serve the customers the warmer weather regularly brings to their doors.

It's been a challenge for the past few years, say employers, but this year is shaping up to be one of the worst ever as a strong economy and a regional population that's added few workers in recent years combine to leave a growing number of businesses wondering how they'll operate.

"It's a little scary right now," said Vicky Hill, who operates the Subway sandwich shop in Ely. She normally staffs 14 employees over the summer months, but as of earlier this month she only had eight on board. "I don't know where I'm going to get six more employees," she said.

Hill said she always has to recruit to find the workers she needs, but this year, her efforts just aren't paying off. "I've had one application in the past month," she said.

The situation is evident in the pages of newspapers in the region, which have been full of help wanted ads for months. From resorts to local retailers, the challenge of finding workers is acute.

And it isn't just summer workers who are in short supply. Businesses can't find welders, warehouse workers, drivers, or home health aides— positions that are typically year-round. And schools are struggling to fill para-professional and even teaching positions, and bus drivers are among the toughest to find, in part because the job requires a clean driving record and special licensure.

And it isn't just an inconvenience for employers in some cases. The Little Eagles Childcare Center, a state-licensed facility which opened in Tower last November, has been shut down since March after the lead teacher left for a higher-paying position. Despite months of advertising and other recruitment efforts, the center has yet to receive a single inquiry, much less an application for the position. The center's board had hoped to be back open by May, but without qualified staff, which is required by state law, the center will remain closed indefinitely, according to board president Troy Swanson.

"It's incredibly frustrating," said Swanson. "We never thought it would be such a challenge finding staff."

The situation may be a surprise to some for a region where unemployment has traditionally been higher than elsewhere in the state, but it's no secret to Erik White, who oversees the Workforce Center in Duluth for the state Department of Employment and Economic Development. "We're definitely hearing about it from the business sector," said White. "Businesses are trying to reach out to the workforce center because their own methods of recruiting employees just aren't working that well right now."

White notes how dramatically conditions have changed since the recession in 2008, when businesses in the region, on average, received ten applications for every job opening. Today, that same business can expect to receive just one.

"If you're getting ten applicants per job, you have lots of choice as an employer," said White.

"With just one, you don't have many choices."

While that may be a frustration to prospective employers, today's tight labor market is creating opportunities for those who may not have been considered for jobs before.

"Those with criminal backgrounds are getting more opportunities," noted White. "Perhaps that's one of the positives from the current labor market."

It also means that employers are having to offer more training, and raise wages, according to White. "We are seeing noticeable wage growth," said White. "Employers are definitely responding to the competition for

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ELDER SERVICES

Neglect substantiated at former assisted living facility in Tower

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER— The Minnesota Department of Health has substantiated multiple charges of neglect or abuse of residents at the former Golden Horizons assisted living facility in Tower. An investigation of the allegations, completed April 28, found that an overnight aide at the facility repeatedly failed to provide required care for three residents with dementia who needed assistance using the bathroom. The aide also took advantage of a fourth resident, by reportedly stealing a pain-killing medication from the resident, and was believed to be involved with missing drugs from at least two other residents at the facility.

According to the MDH investigation, Golden Horizons failed to discipline the aide, failed to conduct its own internal investigation of the abuses, and failed to report the maltreatment.

The aide, who is not identified, was not fired, but eventually left by his or her own choice.

The investigation found that the aide had repeatedly failed to provide toileting assistance for three residents suffering from varying types of dementia, or help changing their "briefs". Morning aides suspected the night aide was failing to provide required care because they repeatedly found the residents "completely saturated in urine, through to the bed linen," on mornings after the night aide had worked. All three of the residents had cognitive

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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Dayton vetoes latest wild rice sulfate bill

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Environmental groups are lauding Gov. Mark Dayton's decision to veto a second version of a bill that would have prevented enforcement of the state's strict sulfate discharge standard for waters that sustain populations of wild rice.

"We thank Governor Dayton for his veto of this ill-conceived attempt to undermine wild rice protections in Minnesota," said Steve Morse, Executive Director of the Minnesota Environmental Partnership. "We should be continuing an inclusive conversation about how to leverage our resources to protect the future of our wild rice waters. By vetoing this bill, the Governor has ensured that we can continue to have that discussion and work toward a long-term solution."

The Legislature had originally approved a measure,

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Editorial

Workforce woes

Access to child care is linked to the region's need for more workers

The North Country has a major workforce challenge and a child care crisis that is only worsening the situation. Which means it's time to get serious about solutions.

As we report this week, the region is experiencing a shortage of workers. It's a circumstance somewhat at odds with the prevailing view of the economy of northeastern Minnesota, where we tend to think of unemployment as being the primary economic challenge.

While the relatively strong economy of the past few years has certainly made a difference, the region has at least two systemic problems which are likely to continue to limit the number of workers for businesses in our region. Perhaps the most critical is the aging of the workforce. Northeastern Minnesota has a population dominated by baby boomers, who are rapidly moving into the ranks of the retired. This is happening all across the country, of course, but unlike many other parts of the country, our region is not experiencing any substantial in-migration of new residents. So as boomers reach retirement, we don't have as many available replacements as we need.

This hurts our region economically, because it discourages new business start-ups and expansions of existing businesses due to the lack of available workers. The lack of in-migration also limits the number of potential customers for new or existing businesses.

Among the start-up businesses affected by the workforce shortage is the Little Eagles Childcare Center in Tower, and the center's experience is a case study in why we need to do even more to address the childcare shortage, particularly in small communities. The center has been closed since March because its board can't find qualified staff to run the state-licensed facility. It can't find staff because, like so many childcare centers, it can't afford to pay the kind of wages that will attract qualified people. This has been a chronic issue for childcare facilities and the stronger economy is only making the challenge all the more difficult.

In many cases, such centers have increased wages to keep pace, but the only way to pay those higher wages is to charge parents more for child care services. And that puts an enormous burden on families, for whom childcare costs are already significant. As those costs rise, more families opt to have one parent remain at home, and that limits the availability of workers, exacerbating our workforce shortage.

State and federal officials have tried to address the situation by offering some scholarship funding, direct childcare assistance for income-qualified families and tax credits. But those incentives simply haven't been enough to make child care affordable for many families. The programs can also be cumbersome and can take weeks or months to successfully apply for.

A better approach would be to work directly with centers to buy down some of the staffing costs, particularly in underserved regions like much of rural Minnesota, in exchange for a limit on what centers can charge for their services. This would allow private childcare centers to obtain the funding needed to attract quality staff and ensure greater affordability for families using the center.

We hear all the time of the need to attract new, preferably younger, residents to our region. Yet the existence of quality and affordable child care is one of the major deciding factors that young families consider before moving to a new community, and it's one reason that some young people opt to leave the area.

We need to recognize that developing childcare access is a key element in building our region's workforce and its economy.

These days, building a strong and sustainable economy in our region is about more than creating jobs. Most parts of the country, particularly larger cities, offer an abundance of opportunity for young people. They won't consider places like northeastern Minnesota unless we have amenities that they enjoy, and the basic services, like quality, affordable child care, that they expect. If we're going to attract new workers to our region to address our workforce shortage, we have to address the childcare shortage now.

Letters from Readers

Get rid of Legislature's adjournment date

As another legislative session ended without its work being properly completed, largely due to Minnesota's constitutionally-set adjournment date, I ended up thinking about Memorial Day. Our service people have been honored for over two hundred years because of their duty and sacrifices in protecting America. They stay on the job, reflecting truly incredible dedication.

Similarly, our legislators have the very important job of debating through the issues and working openly toward solutions that benefit the public. Due to a flaw in our state constitution, the session adjournment deadline date, entire legislative sessions are "gamed" right up to the adjournment deadline minute. The result is that just a very few top leaders of both parties end up cutting secret deals that are stuffed into huge "omnibus", "must pass" bills that are passed before the Senate and House members, or the public, can even read them. Then they are dumped on the Governor to either sign or veto. Great system, huh?

Although not a "cure all", I believe that we need to amend the Minnesota Constitution to rid it of the session adjournment deadline date. State Senators and Representatives could pretend they're in the military and have to get the job done before they go home! Just maybe our politicians could then gain a little of the respect that our service people have.

It's time.

Lee Peterson
Greenwood Township

I'm running for tribal secretary-treasurer

Hello, my name is Karlene Chosa, I am a candidate for the Bois Forte Secretary-Treasurer in this unprecedented do-over primary election set for Tuesday, July 10.

The Election Contest Judge decided that a new primary election should be conducted because of delays in sending out some absentee ballots and other irregularities by the Election Board. I appealed that the election not be held again and lost. I was the second-highest vote getter which placed me to run in the general election.

I served in the tribal government as the District I Representative from 2012-2016. During my term I initiated the reservation tribal government salary freeze. The total wages paid in Fiscal Year 2012 were $9 million. The 3.5-percent cost of living allowance (COLA) would have cost another $250,000, but was saved by the freeze. The total savings to the band over my four-year term was approximately $2 million.

I currently serve on the Nett Lake School Board where I play an important role in keeping the school on-track and setting policies that affect our children and school. The school board sets the vision and goals.

In January 2016 to present my husband Donald and I joined Zaagibagaang, the word describes the buds of trees and flowers as they blossom in the springtime. This is a grassroots effort with a dedicated group of Anishinaabeg. We envision this process for our people as we share our gifts and contributions towards mino-bimaadiziwin. The group has excellent ideas on constitutional reform that we need to pursue. The Anishinaabeg have a choice, and it's less about me versus my opponent, and more about the Anishinaabeg spirit. Will we miss this opportunity?

I will proactively pursue a mandated census for the Bois Forte Reservation to plan for the provision of health care, education, employment, etc. The data will be used to help determine where to build treatment facilities, childcare and nursing homes. The census is also an important economic tool.

Living in the heart of the Nett Lake village, I know the issues that we are faced with every day. The biggest problem facing our reservation is the salary and fringe benefit issue which weighs our reservation down like an anchor. If elected I will immediately follow through with steps to correct these issues which are causing the band to deplete revenues, creating financial hardships and putting stress on budgets.

Another major concern is access to financial information, revenue, profits and budgets. I believe in open government. If elected I will promote policies and bring resolutions to meetings to have access to our financials.

We have a beautiful gaming enterprise, hotel, casino, golf course and Y Store which provide jobs and revenue to the band. We need to keep the enterprises viable and profitable and operate with transparency.

I will seek recognition of the Bois Forte Elder Committee and support for them by the tribal government. Our Elders are an important resource and need to be acknowledged and supported.

I want to engage the band members in discussion about concerns of our wild rice, forest management, water, hunting, fishing and gathering resources in the 1854 area. The gifts given to us by our Mother Earth are valued by my upbringing, hunting, clean water, wild rice, fishing, and berries. I'm not influenced by corporations when it comes to our natural resources.

We are in a crisis with opioid and methamphetamine addiction. With my background as a chemical dependency counselor I want to find supportive ways to deal with recovery.

We need homelessness units built here on our reservation because of the increasing homeless population. We need to understand the causes of homelessness on Bois Forte and in the urban areas to find ways to address this growing problem.

I'm for open communication, listening and having an open-door policy. I'm up against candidates that have money and popularity that can buy elections, I'm for the people, fairness and equality. If elected I will work hard to accomplish my agenda for the people.

I look forward to hearing your thoughts and concerns. The only way we can achieve these goals is with your support and vote. We all have a vested interest because this is our home.

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Karlene Chosa – Candidate for Bois Forte Secretary-Treasurer

Sugar... oh how sweet it isn't

BETTY FIRTH

Recently someone offered cookies to a group of people I was with, and someone said, "Oh, yeah, sugar makes everything better." Actually, it doesn't. It would be far more accurate to say sugar makes everything worse, far beyond the commonly recognized hazards of weight gain, cavities and ruining your appetite before supper. Nutrition experts who aren't in the pockets of the food industry have long recognized the dangers of sugars and highly processed foods, but well-paid lobbyists do their bit to protect the industry, and we don't want to hear that our favorite treats are really bad for us, so we generally prefer to ignore both the available information and just plain common sense. What does trickle out to the public is through a heavy filter of advertising from an industry with a lot to lose.

The excessive use of high fructose corn syrup has received a lot of attention. It's found in foods you wouldn't expect, like applesauce, crackers, flavored oatmeal, cold cuts, peanut butter, canned soup, flavored milk, mayonnaise substitutes, steak sauce, ketchup, relish and other condiments, dressings and sauces. It almost makes sugar sound good and good for you in comparison, but don't be fooled. One website I looked at said that high fructose corn syrup makes you fatter and dumber, ages you and your skin, and is addictive. All of that applies to sugars, cane and otherwise.

Sugar comes in many forms, hidden on labels behind names like sorbitol, maltodextrin, muscovado, panocha, barley malt, honey, molasses, agave syrup, and over 50 others. You might ask, as I have many times, why would a food company take a nutritious food like peanut butter and adulterate it with sugar or high fructose corn syrup, not to mention other unhealthy additives? Why wouldn't they do everything in their power to create the healthiest version of peanut butter they could, given that it's a favorite with children? Instead they specifically target the young, marketing products like peanut butter with jelly or chocolate. This is one of my

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Letters from Readers

Thanks for the prompt cleanup!

What a storm! I've heard stories about trees and power lines down all over our area. A huge tree went down on 1st Ave., nearly missing David Kess's and Sally Koski's house. Gratitude for that. City crews were there immediately, dismantling the tree and moving it out of the way. I know City of Ely and electrical crews were out all night. I want to thank Mike Popesh, Harold Langowski, and everyone else for their service last night and in the past.

Carol Orban
Ely

Convert Community Center to housing

It has been more than four years since the Community Center was vacated. Efforts to find a commercial occupant have not generated meaningful results. It is time to reconsider the feasibility of a residential alternative.

The Community Center's historic significance and exceptional downtown location can be transformed into a home-like and functional residential structure. The city appears willing to offer the building, that is 29,745 gross square feet in size, to a viable developer at a low cost.

The existing building has significant cost saving advantages that would reduce renovation costs and permit modestly priced residential units. Construction and financing can be accomplished with local contractors and institutions.

Historic Art Deco characteristics can be preserved to enhance the esthetics, comfort and quality of life for residents. The image of the distinctive glass block windows on the building's façade would be preserved, coupled with unpretentious modification to provide modern day convenience. Other features that would be retained are (a) the gold leaf ceiling and black terrazzo marble floors in the building's entry, (b) the period lighting features, (c) the small library with the Kasota fireplace, plus a connecting common meeting room, and (d) the sculptured exterior relief of workers depicting Ely's industries of mining, logging and fur trading. There may be preservation grants available to further contribute to the attractive pricing of the residential units.

Amenities can be added to provide enhance beauty, enjoyment and activities: (a) a large informal year-round common solarium with fireplace, plants, comfortable furniture, and a panoramic view of sunsets on the second-floor roof set-back, (b) outdoor patios for ground floor units, (c) discrete landscaping in front of the building, (d) outdoor or glass enclosed patios on certain small roof set-backs, (e) possible resident roof gardens and/or greenhouses, (f) easy access to individual basement storage units, and (g) residential sheltered parking in the basement with short ramp access from Harvey Street.

The Community Center is in a superb location. Within two or three blocks, there are extensive facilities, such as: library, restaurants, schools, churches, grocery stores, Post Office, plus numerous shops and services and the soon to be restored State Theater. It is anticipated that dedicated docking facilities at a near-by lake could be obtained for residents to store and dock their boats, kayaks, canoes or other aquatic equipment.

Who are the people likely to want to live in this restored historic building? Local real estate agents point out that there are ample moderately priced house vacancies in and around Ely to fill the needs of those seeking a residence. Despite these availabilities, there is a segment in the real estate market of people who prefer relatively maintenance-free living accommodations. They also specifically enjoy having a variety of activities within walking distance and the benefits that can be provided by a residential complex.

There are people who have owned property in and around Ely for many years, but no longer want to deal with snow removal, lawn maintenance, downed trees, painting, plumbing, etc. Yet such options are limited in Ely, which prompts some to leave the community. Others who move merely want the convenience and security of turning the key in the door on a moment's notice to go out of town to visit friends or family. Moreover, some may seek to generate meaningful cash savings by selling their present home and moving into a lower cost residential unit in the restored Community Center.

Single parents may want the comforts and security of a residence within walking distance of the schools and playgrounds. Other people who have lost a spouse may want to move out of a house to a smaller residence, but not to a lonely residential house. Rather, they would welcome the opportunity of having near-by neighbors that are conducive to forming new relationships.

One of the primary benefits to the city would be the property taxes generated by 18 to 20 residential units. The revenue would far exceed the taxes of any corporate entity since those taxes are based only on the overall building structure. The magnitude of tax revenue differential would have an exceedingly beneficial impact on the City's budget.

The Community Center is a wonderful building in a superb location. A residential restoration will provide a long term solution in preserving its historic heritage.

Gerry Snyder
Ely

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favorite food rants because I really like peanut butter, and it bugs me that they have poisoned a nutritious food choice that kids generally like. Adults, too, for that matter: Americans eat 700 million pounds a year, enough to coat the floor of the Grand Canyon. Do you want to rate your peanut butter? You can go online, but it's quite simple: it should have one or two ingredients: peanuts or peanuts and salt.

The top three brands, Jif, Skippy and Peter Pan, are all made with fully hydrogenated vegetable oils, like soybean and rapeseed. that are extremely hard, wax-like fats made by forcing as much hydrogen as possible onto the carbon backbone of fat molecules. To obtain a manageable consistency, food manufacturers often blend the hard fat with unhydrogenated liquid fats, with more fat in a two-tablespoon serving than in a small order of fries. Tasty treat for the kids, eh?

I've considered writing about this topic for a long time because of my own addictive dance with carbohydrates and my awareness of the pervasive negative effects of the sweet poison in our country and worldwide. Diabetes rates in the U.S. doubled over 20 years to 9.3 percent in 2014, more than 25 percent of seniors (65 and older) have diabetes, which is the seventh leading cause of death in the U.S. Childhood obesity is epidemic, and Type 2 diabetes in children is increasing by 5 percent per year, when it used to be rare. I've hesitated to tackle this topic due to the complex web of information and misinformation. I also realized that it's similar to the subject of overpopulation: everyone who is the least bit conscious knows that it's a problem—a serious problem, without easy answers—so we generally prefer to not discuss or think about it and just keep doing what we want to do. But one in four people with diabetes don't realize they have it, so I think it's a good thing to keep talking about it and face our own patterns around sugar. Since I can't do this topic justice in one column, I'll just write more until I'm satisfied or bored with it. Sound bites won't do it justice, and I trust the *Timberjay* readers can handle in-depth information.

When I say "sugar" or "sugars," I am referring to all highly processed foods and simple carbohydrates that metabolize into sugar very quickly in our bodies: white rice, pasta, popcorn, soda pop and everything made from white flour. Even 100-percent fruit juice, once considered a healthy choice, has a heavy load of fructose, natural fruit sugar. Eating the whole fruit is a better nutritional choice. The healthy diet solution is simple, just not easy for most of us: avoid all of the aforementioned mostly or entirely, depending on your sugar sensitivity. Eat whole foods, real, unprocessed foods and healthy protein, complex carbohydrates, healthy fats and oils, and plenty of water. A simple guideline suggests that if your great-grandmother wouldn't recognize the ingredients in a product or if you can't pronounce them, don't eat it.

Why is the simple advice not easy? For a number of reasons: sugar has infiltrated every aspect of our lives, like a 100-armed octopus reaching in and around every birthday, wedding, get well visit, and holiday with traditional family recipes playing the starring role. The workplace lounge offers hard-to-resist doughnuts, cookies, candy, and birthday cakes. In classrooms students are rewarded for performance or good behavior with sugary treats, ironically, because behavior often deteriorates after consuming sugar. Every teacher and parent knows and dreads the sugar highs and lows. We're all familiar with the whiney or screaming kid in the grocery store, begging for his favorite package of sugar, artificial flavoring and coloring: that's a pint-sized addict right before your very eyes. The truth is, we all have that whiney kid inside us, wanting to feed our habit, wanting the comfort of that favorite sweet or starchy treat.

When our country was new, only the wealthy could afford much sugar; the average citizen consumed six pounds of sugar a year compared to 130 pounds today. From the 1700's on, the sugar beet and sugar cane industries grew, then the Mason jar was invented in 1858, triggering demand for white sugar for canning purposes. In 1875, the U.S. signed a free trade agreement giving Hawaii free access to the U.S. market in exchange for land that became Pearl Harbor and American companies invested heavily into sugar cane plantations.

During World War II, sugar was rationed because cane fields in the Pacific were cut down or burned by armies, and the war effort needed sugar to make everything from antiseptics to explosives. A five-gun salvo used up the yield from an entire acre of sugar cane. After the war, sugar became available again and in demand. The food industry recognized that the public had an insatiable sweet tooth, that sugar was addictive, and that their sales would soar by adding inexpensive sugar to replace more expensive, more nutritious ingredients. Today sugary treats sing their siren songs from checkout counters everywhere, but we should think twice before giving in, as research shows that simple carbs are implicated in most, if not all, of the chronic diseases we dread. To be continued...

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workers."

While some businesses can lower their standards, those that can't face a particular challenge. That's one reason that finding bus drivers, or staff for a child care center or school is so difficult. Swanson notes that state rules require that any lead teacher they hire must have a specific educational background, significant previous experience in early childhood learning, and be able to pass a background check. The center boosted the pay rate to $15 an hour in hopes of attracting interest, but so far it's apparently not enough.

White says northeastern Minnesota faces bigger workforce challenges than other parts of the state for a couple of reasons. "For one, we have a stable population without any real immigrant presence, so we don't have a surplus workforce to reach out to," he said. Add to that an aging population where you have large numbers of residents leaving the workforce every year, and you have the makings of a growing challenge for employers. "That's what makes northeastern kind of the canary in the coal mine on this issue," said White.

Expansion difficult

For businesses that can barely staff existing operations, the prospect of expansion or taking on a new venture becomes increasingly daunting, and that limits the growth of local economies.

"That's especially so if businesses are looking to expand, but worry they can't find workers," said White.

For employers who are planning expansions in the tight job market, it may be important to be creative. The folks at Lamppa Manufacturing are hoping that offering employees flexible scheduling in addition to solid wages will help them meet their increased staffing levels once they move into their expanded production facility this fall.

"We're going to be open to flexible hours, or even part-time, to make it easier for employees," said business manager Dale Horihan. While the production facility has long been a male bastion, since much of the work has involved dirty conditions and heavy lifting, Horihan said the new plant will be much cleaner, brighter, and will have the necessary equipment to put an end to the heavy lifting. "We know this has been thought of as a man's job, but we're definitely going to be encouraging women to apply," said Horihan.

He said the company will be willing to consider job sharing arrangements and split shifts, if necessary, to allow parents to work around their children's schedules. That's a particular issue in the Tower area, where childcare availability is limited. "We don't have to have people working a straight eight anymore," said Horihan. "We're open to being a little more creative."

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issues that prevented them from reporting the lack of assistance directly.

The daytime aides told the investigator that they had reported the situation to the facility's administrator, but that nothing appeared to have been done about the situation. The daytime aides sought to verify that the night aide was failing to change the residents' briefs by marking them before leaving for the night, an effort that helped to document the night aide's lack of assistance.

The documentation did prompt the center's administrator to draft a disciplinary notice but the aide never signed it and took both copies. The aide was allowed to continue to work until leaving voluntarily some time later.

The investigation also concluded that the aide was involved in the theft of 96 tablets of a controlled substance prescribed to a separate resident who remained mentally sound. The investigator determined that the aide was reporting that the resident was taking the drug (tramadol) when, in fact, the aide was systematically stealing it.

Facility staff became suspicious because the resident rarely asked for tramadol. A review of the medication record showed that virtually all of the drug was reportedly administered during shifts worked by the alleged perpetrator and that an entire card of 30 pills had gone missing. Staff immediately notified the administrator, who failed to contact law enforcement over the missing drugs and failed to suspend the suspected aide or order an investigation.

The investigation found that four months earlier, the same aide had been involved in the disappearance of 588 tablets of hydromorphone left over after a resident at the facility died. When questioned, the aide claimed to have disposed of the medication, but other medications in the room were not touched. The aide's personnel file, however, lacked any documentation of the incident.

The violations are considered Level Three, which includes incidents that harmed a resident's health or safety.

The assisted living facility was recently sold and the new owners of the facility, renamed Vermilion Senior Living, had no comment on the findings of the investigation.

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backed by Iron Range legislators, that would have eliminated the sulfate standard. Dayton had vetoed the bill, calling it "extreme" and a likely violation of federal law that would guarantee litigation.

The latest version of the bill would have prohibited the state's Pollution Control Agency from enforcing the existing sulfate standard until a cost-effective treatment technology is available. Determining whether a technology is cost-effective would include an analysis of impacts to ratepayers and profitability, impacts to regional employment, availability of public funding for implementation of new technology, and the effects of disposal and energy costs associated with the treatment.

Supporters of the proposed change in the law had not responded to the governor's veto as of presstime.

MEMORIAL DAY 2018

The Tower-Soudan Community Memorial Day Ceremony again filled the Tower Civic Center with community members ready to remember those who gave their lives in service to this country.
Right: Soren and Charlie Bortnem played their violins. Their grandfather, Rolf Anderson (pictured below) led the community choir in a series of patriotic selections.
Right: Honor Guard members gave the gun salute. photos by S. Ukkola

More singers needed for LVCC Midsummer dinner

TOWER- The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center is looking for new members for the Midsummer Singers. Pictured are the singers at last summer's gala. This year the theme is "Live! from Lake Vermilion" and the songs will have a Minnesota theme. The event will be held on Saturday, June 23, at 5 p.m., at the Tower Civic Center. Rehearsals will be at St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower at 7 p.m. on June 12, 14, 19, and 21. On Midsummer weekend there will be two final rehearsals at the Tower Civic Center on June 22 from 2 to 5 p.m. and on June 23 at 10 a.m.

The Tower, Soudan and Lake Vermilion area singers will be joined by singers from the Twin Cities, Duluth and other parts of the state for the final rehearsals and program. Questions? Contact Larry Reynolds at larryreynolds52@gmail.com. If you wish to attend the Midsummer gala and have not received an invitation, go to the LVCC website to register: lakevermilionculturalcenter.org or contact lakevermilionculturalcenter@gmail.com.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion Events Board is currently seeking donations for this year's event. Funds raised pay for Fourth of July expenses including 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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Poppy sale benefits Veterans on the Lake

TOWER- The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 220, Mt. Iron, and member Delores Clark would like to thank Tower-Soudan and Lake Vermilion area residents for their generous donations to this year's poppy sale. Special thanks to Cathy Wright and Lori Tomsich for their help this year. Poppy donations can only be used to benefit veterans organizations. This year's proceeds will be donated to Veterans on the Lake in Ely.

Scholarship scramble awards $10,000 in scholarships

BABBITT- The Men's Club of the Babbitt Golf Association has awarded $10,000 in scholarships to five graduates of the Northeast Range High School in Babbitt. Each scholarship is valued at $2,000. The scholarships were awarded to Melissa Nelmark, Tasha Bisonnette, Countney Kilmister, ShaRee Kachmarzinski, and Zachary Anderson. According to Jim Lassi, scramble chairman, this is the 20th year that the Men's Club has awarded scholarships. With this year's award of $10,000, the total amount of scholarship money awarded comes to $157,500. Lassi said that the money is raised during the annual golf scholarship scramble held at the Babbitt Golf Course on Labor Day weekend.

Defensive Driving refresher course to be held June 12

SOUDAN- A Defensive Driving four-hour refresher course will be held Tuesday, June 12 at the Soudan Fire Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The four-hour refresher course is offered for drivers 55 years of age and older who have previously completed an eight-hour beginner's course.

The class fee is $15 for AARP members and $20 for non-members. Payment is payable to the instructor on the day of class. You must pre-register; please call or text Leone Graf to pre-register at 218-343-3744. If there is no answer, please leave a message.

Parade entries needed

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

Grief education and support group meets June 7 at Immanuel Lutheran

TOWER- A grief education and support group meets the first Thursday of each month from 2 – 4 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 304 Spruce St. in Tower. The next session will be June 7. There is no cost for this group. Registration is not required, however it is recommended. Please call East Range Hospice at 218-749-7975 or 1-877-851-2213 to register.

The topic for the June 7 group will be "Sharing Memories and Mementos." You are welcome to bring photos and/or mementos of your loved ones to share with the group if you'd like. The death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. Learning about the grief process and having support from others can help a great deal. This Grief Support Group is sponsored and facilitated by Essentia Health St. Mary's East Range Hospice, Patient and Family Grief Support Services.

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TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY

Tower-Soudan fifth- and sixth-graders were honored during the D.A.R.E. graduation ceremony held on May 23. Above: Bailey Pratt (left) and Jasmine Jabber (center) read their winning essays out loud. Breitung Police Chief Dan Nylund (pictured above) teaches the class. Below: Truce Lightfeather receives his certificate from sixth-grade teacher Scott Chiabotti. Below right: Graduates celebrate with cake after the ceremony. photo by S. Ukkola

Week of June 4

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

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

Tuesday
Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is June 19.

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

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

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

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION

Dear Hearts,

Heaven knows that I am not one to become involved with politics. Having voted the STRAIGHT Democratic ticket since 1953, my only potential problem is marking the wrong box! I do have it all written down, tucked in my bosom, so I can double check the candidate.

HOWEVER, after watching THE WEDDING….I want the Monarchy back…now! I suppose when push came to shove I'd probably yearn for a president and all that stuff– oh how I miss good old Harry Truman giving his foes Hell!

THEN CAME THE WEDDING!

A group of us girls got together and had a little party– hats optional– but who could resist the chance to dig them out of the back of the closet, dust off the roses, and fluff up the feathers. None of us could top the Brits with their toppers, but we tried.

Hilda won the 'most valiant effort' category by simply sticking a couple of birch twigs, with tassels attached, in her hair.

She alleged she had arrived at this chapeau after weeks of consideration.

Everyone 'ooohed' and "aahed', but I know there were no twigs in her hair when we parked the car!

I am loyal to the end– you can torture me with Miley Cyrus singing opera, and I still would not rat on a buddy!

The only chubs were in the choir that sang "Stand by Me!"

We all loved, loved, the group!

Loved, loved, loved, the Queen in lime-green from head to toe.

There was a discussion regarding did she have it made or was it just some old thing from her vast closets.

"Today is Saturday…Saturday is lime green." Clothes organized by the day would make life so much more easy!

Mother Nature seems a little bit slow this year!

I check the hosta daily, and not a nub have I seen.

The bees keep buzzing the lilacs looking for lunch!

We tried to dress it up for the wedding– no parkas, no snow boots.

Hilda wore her flowered parka– daisies and roses. As she passed the flowerless lilac there was a stir in the bees.

I would think that bees could tell real flowers from rayon but they were hungry! They made for her like a bee bomber. The coat was lined but still they persisted. She was stung more times than some of us were in the last election.

We got her to the party house and swabbed her with so much calamine lotion that she looked like an Alp. All we needed was a von Trapp kid (small) and we would have had, in addition to the wedding, the sound of music.

Thought you might like this recipe if you didn't have enough of England with the coronation. It's not tea time without clotted cream to smear on your scone or crumpet.

The cream has to be unpasteurized. If it HAS been pasteurized it won't clot.

The fewer stops between you and the cow, the better the clotted cream

Clotted cream

4 cups heavy cream (not ultra-pasteurized)

Preheat oven to 175 to 180 degrees F. Pour cream into a shallow glass or ceramic baking dish (an 8- or 9-inch square pan is ideal). Cream should be about 1-1/2 to 2 inches deep. Place dish in preheated oven. Bake 12 hours. Do not stir. Carefully remove from oven and let cool to room temperature.

Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight or until completely chilled. Turn over a corner of the top layer of thickened cream; carefully pour liquid underneath into a container to use for baking. I didn't pour off the liquid first time I made clotted cream and it wasn't good. Pack the clotted cream into a ceramic crock or canning jar. Cover and refrigerate up to five days.

I know, I know, everything these days is pasteurized, homogenized, and irradiated!

We live dangerously!

Sometimes Hilda drives without her seat belt…well, just to the main road. WE may be old, but we LIVE ON THE EDGE.

You can smear clotted cream on practically anything—Zup's has English muffins in the frozen food aisle-- however I will look for a CRUMPET RECIPE for the future.

Ms. Vera Milion

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I would like to thank the City of Tower for honoring me with a celebration on the day of my retirement. It was very humbling to see so many of you turn out for the event with kind words of gratitude and words of encouragement in my retirement.
I feel fortunate that I was able to have a career in my hometown and to be of service to the people I live with.

Randall Johnson

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Wednesday	Noon-6 pm
Thursday	Noon-6 pm
Friday	Noon-5 pm

Phone: 827-3345

Support groups

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

Tuesday Group

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

June 5 – Lynn Evenson – Mesabi Symphony Orchestra

June 12 - Roger Powell - Habituation and Supplementation of Black Bears

Youth golf camp starts June 5

ELY – The Ely Youth Golf Camp will be held June 5-8 at the Ely Golf Course from 9-11:30 a.m. each day.

Proven to be a fun time learning golf for beginners to experienced players, all area youth or visitors are welcome, ages 5–15.

Sign up at the Ely Golf Course by June 3. All equipment provided.

The fee is $20 for the first child and $10 for additional children. Scholarships are available.

Call 218-365-5932 for more information.

Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2018

watching plants rise up
daffodils, tulips, garlic

delight of color

the TIMBERJAY

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ELY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Ely graduation is today

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

The Ely Memorial Class of 2018, top, is greeted by Washington Elementary School students last week as the grads make their way to the auditorium for graduation practice. High School Principal Megan Anderson, above, was hoisted in the air by three of her former third-grade students, Mikey Muhvich, Gage Merhar and Matt Gerzin, as the grads gathered in the courtyard. photos by K. Vandervort

ELY – The Ely Memorial Class of 2018, all 43 of them, will walk across the stage at Washington Auditorium tonight and receive their diplomas.

The entire class overflows with uniqueness. On the way to graduation rehearsal last Friday morning, Matt Gerzin did his best Spider Man imitation by climbing the wall outside the main doors of the school. A couple of students, Gerzin, Mikey Muhvich and Gage Merhar, who had their principal Megan Anderson as their third-grade teacher, lifted her up in their arms in the courtyard. They "high-fived" and "low-fived" the elementary school students in their hallways.

The class of 2018 selected the cactus as their class flower and "Razzmatazz" as their class color. ""They are a great bunch of kids and will do well in life," Anderson said as she escorted the grads to rehearsal. "Their motto is, 'We don't need a motto,'" she said.

Graduation is set for 7 p.m. on Friday, June 1. Jeff Anderson, Ely class of 1995 alum, and aide to Rep. Rick Nolan, will give the commencement address.

The graduates' class song is "Good Old Days" by Macklemore & Kesha. The Senior Class speaker-sare Benjamin Gustafson and Blaise Lah.

The Processional will be led by the Ely Memorial High School Band under the direction of Sarah Mason. The band will also play the Star Spangled Banner. The Ely Memorial High School Choir, under the direction of Mike Rouse, will sing "May the Road Rise to Meet You" a traditional Irish blessing. The Senior Choir will also perform "A Million Dreams."

Megan Anderson, Memorial High School principal, will present the Class of 2018. Ray Marsnik, School Board chair and Kevin Abrahamson, District Superintendent, will present their diplomas.

The Graduating Class of 2018 includes: Evelyn Bercher, Austin Blanchfield, Vannesa Bravo, Lucia Chavarria, Lindy Dalberg, Cody Davis, Henry Dirks, Chase Eilrich, Kalley Fischer, Nella Foy, Carter Gaulke, Matthew Gerzin, Benjamin Gustafson, Brandon Hanson, Gracie Hanson, Ethan Hasz, Christian Hauffe, Hannah Jankovec, Austin Kallberg, Emma Kari, Jeremiah Kari, Dylan Kienitz, Danielle Krostue, Blaise Lah, Emma Larson, Ashley Lindgren, Cole Longwell, Brandon Martin, Adam McDonald, Gage Merhar, Thomas Montana, Tyler Moravitz, Michael Muhvich, Anna Nelson, Austin Nelson, Elijah Olson, Laura Pasmick, Ryne Prigge, Andrew Rouse, Lily Sauls, Emma Terwilliger, Tyler Walter, Shayla Zaverl, and Foreign Exchange Student, Leo Georges.

AROUND TOWN

The 100+ Ely Women Who Care group gathered last month to collect donations to make a difference in the Ely Community, and they selected Northwoods Partners as their recipient. A check for $7,610 was recently presented to help support the mission of Northwoods Partners: to provide resources that promote independence and healthy aging for our areas seniors. NP provides a variety of services including transportation, friendly visits, exercise programs, caregiver support, memory care support and caregiver consultant services. For more information on Northwoods Partner or 100+ Women Who Care visit their websites at www.northwoodspartners.org and 100elywomenwhocare.org. submitted photo

Ely's new website will officially launch next week

ELY - The city of Ely, through a Blandin Foundation grant and the work of a group of dedicated volunteers, has launched a new website for Ely called elyite.com.

The purpose of elyite.com is to showcase the many charms and opportunities of the Ely community. We want to attract new businesses and people interested in purchasing existing businesses, to show people, from retirees to young families, that Ely is a great place to live, raise their children and follow their dreams. We firmly believe Ely has so much to offer and we want to show it off.

There will be an official launch party on Thursday, June 7 at 4:30 p.m.at Amici's Event Center. Come and enjoy appetizers and a beverage while you visit with other Elyites and take a look at our new website. There will be plenty of time for questions and input.

Mayor Novak will officially "cut the ribbon" on this new website.

It will still be a work in progress as folks make suggestions of additions and corrections. Visit the website, leave a comment or suggestion or ask a question. The volunteers will work to respond as quickly as possible.

Send the link to all your friends living elsewhere and maybe you can help make them into neighbors! And, come to the party to celebrate our great community.

OUR COMMUNITY

Sebasta named director at Ely Chamber of Commerce

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - After a three-month search, Eva Sebesta has been named executive director of the Ely Chamber of Commerce by its board of directors. Sebesta filled the interim executive director position after Cherie Sonsalla resigned from the Chamber on Feb. 9.

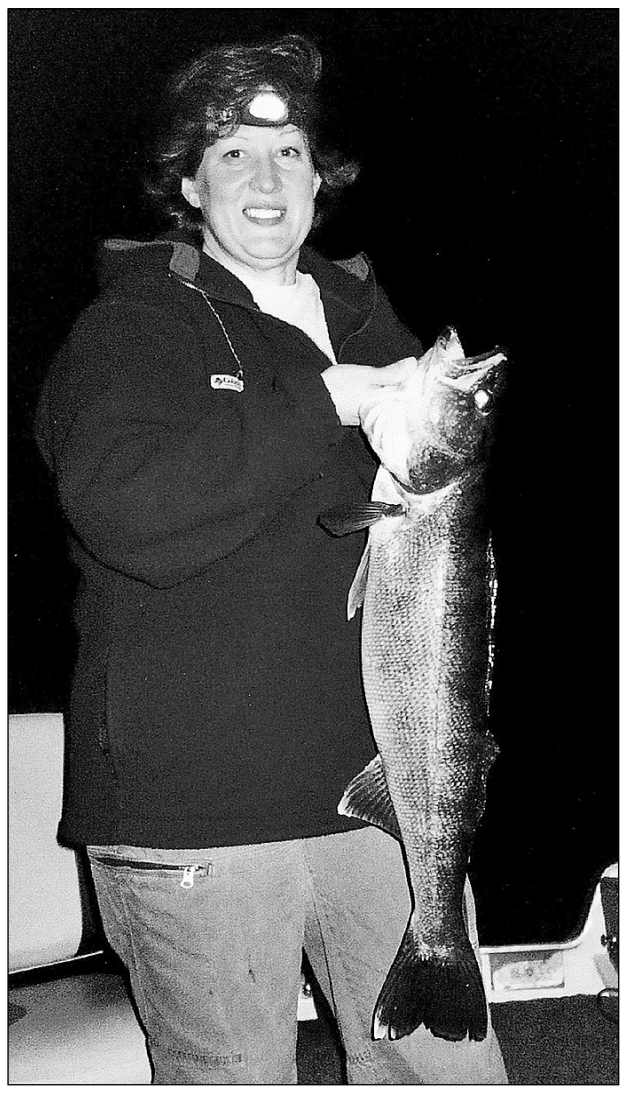
Nineteen individuals from the Ely area, across Minnesota, and surrounding states applied for the open position. Seven were selected for the interview process. Brian Forsberg noted, "Eva has an understanding of the inner workings of the Chamber, plus she is familiar with the Ely community which the board felt was extremely important."

Sebasta and her husband, Dave, have lived in the Ely area for over three decades. Their son, David, attended the Ely High School and graduated in 2003. Eva spent almost 20 years working as an administrative manager at two different outfitters, along with husband Dave. She also served as the program director and interim executive director at Northern Lights Clubhouse in Ely, before moving to the Ely Chamber of Commerce as the administrative assistant.

In 2004, Sebesta went back to Vermilion Community College to complete a two-year degree she had started years prior. "Family is extremely important to me," said Sebesta, "so the associate's degree went on the back burner and starting a family and raising a son became priority. Not everyone can say it took them 22 years to earn a two-year degree!"

Once she completed her associate's degree at VCC, she went on to obtain a bachelor's degree in Ecology and Conservation Biology at the University of Idaho and a master's degree in Natural Resource Management at North Dakota State University.

In her spare time, Sebesta enjoys hiking, canoeing, fishing and gardening and notes there is never enough time to do it all. She serves on the WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race board of directors as the secretary and volunteer coordinator and also on the July 4th Parade committee – both are near and dear to her heart. "Mushing is a huge part of Ely's history and embedded in Ely culture. The work and dedication mushers invest – whether recreationally or on the racing circuit – is huge. And Ely's July 4th parade is amazing. The thousands who line the street, along with the parade entries who come from all over, can't help but make a person fill with Ely pride."



Eva Sebasta has fit right in to the Ely community over the past 30 years. She was named executive director of the Ely Chamber of Commerce this week. submitted photo

Sebesta said she is excited to fill the permanent position. "My predecessors, Linda Fryer and Cherie Sonsalla, have left some really big shoes for me to fill, but I am up to the challenge and look forward to working with the business community," she said. "There are some really positive things happening in Ely and for that matter at the Chamber of Commerce."

WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Kindergarteners visit the Ely Airport

The Washington Elementary Kindergarten class took their annual trip to the Ely Airport last week for a tour and a pilot's view. Jessie Zobitz, below left, and Hayden Weidemann, below right, explore the various forest fire fighting equipment based there this spring. photos by K. Vandervort

News in Brief

Candidate filing period ends June 5

ELY - The filing period for the city of Ely general election for mayor and city council runs through Tuesday, June 5. The position of mayor (two-year term), and three City Council positions (four-year terms) expire at the end of 2018.

A primary election will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 14 if three or more candidates file for the mayoral position, and/or six or more candidates file for the open council seats. The general election will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 6.

The council seats up for election are now held by Albert Forsman, Heidi Omerza and Daniel Forsman. Omerza filed her candidacy affidavit last week. Mayor Chuck Novak, who ran unopposed two years ago, is also seeking re-election.

Candidates may file in person or by mail between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Ely City Hall, 209 E. Chapman St. The cost of filing is $5. Affidavit of Candidacy forms are available at the Ely Clerk's office, and on the city of Ely website. For more information, call the city clerk's office at 218-365-3224.

Ely History Nights start June 13

ELY – The Ely Winton Historical Society will again offer Summer History Nights programs this summer. All programs begin at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in room CL 104 at Vermilion Community College. A free-will donation is appreciated.

The schedule includes:

June 13: Annual Meeting and Dinner in the VCC Cafeteria. Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m., with the meeting to follow. Make reservations by calling EWHS at 218-365-3226. The guest speaker, Art Skantz, will discuss his book "A Kid From Ely," beginning at 7 p.m. in room CL 104.

June 27: Pam Brunfelt speaks on Cooperatives and the Common Good.

July 11: Tim Cochran talks about the Basswood Indians.

July 25: Jeffrey Kroll of the U.S. Forest Service will present his program "Older Than Dirt". He will analyze the soils of this area and talk of his love of gardening and collecting foods from the fields and forests.

Aug. 8: Celia Domich will teach participants how to research their own family tree in "Tools For Researching and Documenting Your Family History."

Highway 1 lane closures in effect

REGIONAL – Motorists traveling on Highway 1 are encountering single lane closures and flagging operations in Lake County. Short duration closures for rock blasting may also occur.

Work will take place from just south of the Kawishiwi River to just west of T-273 and from just southeast of County Road 2 to Isabella. Drivers should use caution and be prepared to stop.

The finished project will result in improved drainage, safety, and driving surface.

For more information visit: http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/hwy1isabella/index.html.

For updated road condition information, call 511 or visit www.511mn.org.

Higher Education Briefs

Ely student honored at MSCTC

FERGUS FALLS - Minnesota State Community and Technical College named 675 students to its President's List for the 2018 Spring Semester, including Andrew Prikl of Ely.

To earn this award for scholastic achievement, a student must complete 12 or more college-level credits for the semester and earn a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Incorrect names provided for UM-Mankato graduation

MANKATO - Minnesota State University, Mankato awarded 2,335 degrees at the end of the spring 2018 semester.

Ashly Fairchild, of Ely, graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Earth Science.

St. Louis County Area Solid Waste Facility Site hours

Northwoods Transfer Station
9384 Hwy 21 N. between Ely and Babbitt
Summer Hours
Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am–3pm
Tue: 9:30am–3pm
Wed: noon–6pm

Aurora Transfer Station
5910 Hwy 135 N.
Hours
Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am–4pm
Tue, Wed:10am–4pm
Sat: 8am–noon

Embarrass Canister Site
7530 Koski Rd.
Hours
Thu: 10am–5pm
Sat: 12:30–4:30pm

Soudan Canister Site
5160 Hwy 169
Hours
Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun:
8am–5pm

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
5341 Regional Landfill Rd
Hours
Tues and Sat: 8am–1pm

Regional Landfill
5341 Regional Landfill Rd (east of Virginia)
Hours
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Sat: 8am–3:30pm

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St. Louis County Environmental Services Department
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Office hours 8-4:30 Monday through Friday

Friends of the Cook Public Library to host Timber Days Book Sale

COOK- The Friends of the Cook Public Library will host the annual Library Book Sale Friday, June 8 from noon to 6 p.m., Saturday, June 9 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, June 10 from 9 a.m to noon at the "Book Barn" (old MediaCom Building, 219 1st St SE) in conjunction with Timber Days.

All books are offered for a freewill donation. All proceeds will benefit the Cook Public Library. Your support enables the library to offer fun and engaging programming for all ages and launch special projects to enhance this busy and vital community space. Stop by to pick up some great summer reading and support your library.

The Friends of the Cook Public Library also invite the community to their Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 21 at 6 p.m. at the Cook Public Library. All are welcome.

For more information, to make a donation, or to volunteer, contact the Cook Public Library at 218-666-2210 or email crystal.phillips@alslib.info.

Spring Art Expo Open House and Children's Art Boot at Timber Days!

COOK- Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery, on River St. next to Dream Weaver Salon, will hold an open house with refreshments for the public on Friday, June 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, June 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

On Saturday, June 9, look for The Children's Art Booth in Cook City Park from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. On Sunday, see NWFA in the Timber Days Parade at 1 p.m.

Cook Lions Club grilling at Timber Days June 8, 9, and 10

COOK- The Cook Lions have been on the prowl to explore new fundraisers – and again will be grilling burgers June 8, 9, and 10 at Cook Timber Days! Starting at noon on Friday, June 8, you can again support the Cook Lions by having a burger or two for lunch and again for dinner.

You can place an order for burgers to be delivered for lunch (minimum order of five) to your business in Cook on Friday. Call Jody at 218-256-3118. On Saturday we will also have a 50/50 raffle drawing in and around the park and the Lions coupon book, "The Cook Book", will be for sale.

Cook Seniors to meet at the Watering Can on June 6

COOK- The Cook Senior Citizens and Friends will meet at the Watering Can Garden Center on Wednesday, June 6 at 1 p.m. Come enjoy the greenhouses and do some transplanting. We will bring home a plant or two. Everyone welcome!

Book Madness Kickoff Event at Cook Public Library on Friday, June 1

COOK- Stop by the Cook Public Library to learn about PBS's The Great American Read. Our Book Madness event kicks off at 5 p.m. on Friday, June 1. Learn more about how you can participate in the national vote, pick up your copy of the 100 book list, learn about upcoming programs and vote for your favorites in Round 1 of Cook Public Library's Book Madness. Appetizers and refreshments will be available.

For more information, visit the library website at www.cookpubliclibrary.org or call 218-666-2210. Remember to follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

Readers and Rappers will meet on June 12

COOK- The Readers and Rappers Book Club will meet in the Community room at Homestead Apartments in Cook on Tuesday, June 12 at 1 p.m. to discuss "The Long Shining Waters" by Danielle Sosin.

Janel Goerdt will be the moderator and Sue Gustafson the hostess. Please join us; new members are always welcome.

There is no book club meeting in July.

SCHOLARSHIPS

North Star CU awards five scholarships

REGIONAL- North Star Credit Union proudly announces that five graduating high school seniors have each received a scholarship to assist in their pursuit of higher education. This year North Star Credit Union has awarded a total of over $3,000 in scholarships.

As a community-focused financial institution, North Star Credit Union (NSCU) responds to the call of community involvement. NSCU provides scholarship awards to talented young men and women who are planning to move forward with their lives in higher education. In providing these funds North Star's hope is that these students, through the pursuit of their respective educations, will be prepared for future success and ultimately possess the ability to give back in the form of service in their future communities. The North Star Credit Union 2018 Scholarship was open to any high school student in the membership field high schools that we serve, classified as a senior with a projected graduation date of 2018. Applicants were judged on scholastic achievement, school leadership, community involvement and an essay. This year's essay focused on: What is a credit union? How does it serve the community?

Xari Simon-Mankoski is from North Woods High School. She plans to attend the University of St. Scholastica, majoring in Chemistry.

Congratulations to the winners of this year's scholarship competition!

This year North Star selected five students who were each awarded a scholarship.

➤ Brandi Stougard is from Nashwauk High School. She plans to attend Itasca Community College to receive an undergraduate degree in Health Studies.

➤ Dayelise Marie Davidson is from Greenway High School. Dayelise will be attending the University of St. Scholastica, majoring in Medicine.

➤ Marissa Bober is from South Ridge High School. She plans to attend the University of St. Scholastica, majoring in Nursing.

➤ Xari Simon-Mankoski is from North Woods High School. She plans to attend the University of St. Scholastica, majoring in Chemistry.

➤ Jordan Danielson is from Denfeld High School. He plans to attend the University of St. Cloud, majoring in Business.

North Star Credit Union established its scholarship program as a means to encourage young adults to further their education and to prepare themselves for the future challenges of a successful life. The scholarship program, along with our internship programs, school branch programs, and The BOSS program, are all a part of our overall goal of giving back to our communities as we continue our commitment to our vision of "Helping to build thriving communities across Northern Minnesota."

NWFA fundraiser concerts features the "Church of Cash" on Friday, June 15

COOK- In Cook, on Friday, June 15, there will be two live concerts sponsored by Northwoods Friends of the Arts featuring the "Church of Cash," created by Jay "Jayder" Kalk, who is true to the music of Johnny Cash. "Singer Jayder's deep baritone voice sings like a prairie breeze and stomps like a boot heel." The featured concert performance is at 7 p.m. at Cook Community Center located on Gopher Rd. at the Doug Johnson Recreation Center. Find out more on Facebook or see churchofcashmusic.com.

The concerts and fundraiser begin with local talent, Eric Pederson, Mike Randolph and the voice of Anna Marie Pederson at 5:30 p.m. Tickets are on sale for $20 and may be purchased from NWFA members or at NWFA Gallery on Wednesday, Thursday or Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 210 S River St. in Cook. You may also call 218-750-1089 for tickets.

The "Church of Cash" is the eighth annual concert and fundraiser held during NWFA's Spring Art Expo which begins with the Cook Timber Days celebration on Friday, June 8 and continues with exhibits and events until the closing reception on Friday, June 29. See our website at nwfamn.org or email nwfamn.org@gmail.com for more information.

Thursdays "Open Art" at NWFA in Cook on Thursdays

COOK- Open Art is a place to do art, experiment with new media, finish a project, or begin a new experience with other artists of all ages. We are changing our time and day. In June we will be at the gallery every Thursday from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Each year in June NWFA sponsors "Spring Art Expo", which features community concerts, events and exhibits of art throughout the community of Cook and beyond. Look for the bright green art exhibit signs with the twirly spiral flags at participating businesses. The June 15 concert tickets and 50/50 raffle tickets are for sale also. Brochures are available in businesses as well as at NWFA Gallery at 210 S. River St. in Cook on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

NWFA Writers' Group Presents "Open Mic" on Tuesday, June 12

COOK- The public will have the opportunity to hear regional writers perform, reading personal poetry and prose, in Cook on Tuesday, June 12 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery.

"Open Mic", where neighbors from all walks of life, ages 12 to 80 will gather for refreshments while sharing their craft of writing with the public during NWFA's Spring Art Expo 2018, June 8 - 29.

This "Open Mic" event will begin the summer writing sessions in Cook the second and fourth Tuesday each month this summer from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. This NWFA group is open to anyone who enjoys writing and spending time with others who share an interest and passion for communication through writing.

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

HIGHWAY CLEAN UP IS UNDER WAY!!

THE TOWNSHIP WILL HAVE BAGS AND SAFETY VESTS AT THE TOWN HALL OFFICE.
(Outside by the door for easy access)

FULL BAGS CAN BE LEFT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD FOR PICK UP. PLEASE HELP TO KEEP OUR TOWNSHIP LOOKING AS GOOD AS IT CAN!

THANK YOU!!

Area St. Louis County Solid Waste and Recycling Facility site hours

Ash River Trail Canister Site
11391 Ash River Trail
Summer Hours
Wed: 1pm–4pm
Sat: 2:30pm–5:30pm

Kabetogama Lake Canister Site
10150 Gamma Rd
Summer Hours
Mon. & Wed: 9am–noon
Sat: 10:30am–1:30pm

Sturgeon Canister Site
8380 Hwy 73
Hours
Sun: 10am–4pm

Orr Canister Site
4038 Hwy 53
Summer Hours
Tue: 9am–1pm, Thu: 2pm–7pm
Sat: 8am–noon, Sun: 10am–2pm

Portage Canister Site
6992 Crane Lake Rd.
Summer Hours
Mon & Tue: 2pm–6pm
Thu: 10am–1pm, Sun: 3pm–6pm

County 77 Canister Site
2038 County Rd. 77
Summer Hours
Tue:1–6pm, Thu: 8am–1pm
Sat: 8am–5pm, Sun: noon–6pm

Cook Transfer Station
2134 S. Beatty Rd.
Hours
Mon: 10am–6pm
Tues thru Sat: 9am–3:30pm

Regional Landfill
5341 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia
Hours
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Sat: 8am–3:30pm

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3994 Landfill Rd, Hibbing — Sat: 8am–1pm

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666-0205
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Sun: 7 a.m. - 5 p.m.
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(Effective May 6)

NORTH WOODS ELEMENTARY

FULL STEAM AHEAD

North Woods Elementary students showed off their Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics learning at an open house event last week.
Right: Fourth-graders showed off their projects about the water cycle.

Left: Making bird feeders.
Below: Third-graders showed their glue-resist paintings.
Right: Sixth-graders created Rube Goldberg machines.

photos by M. Roach

GRIZZLY UPDATES

Final thoughts on a terrific year

JOHN VUKMANICH

Hello Grizzlies Families!

Congratulations to the North Woods Grizzlies Class of 2018 as they move on into the next stage of their lives! Best of luck to all of our area Seniors upon your graduation from high school.

This column marks the end of another school year at North Woods. As we wrap up the year, we can look at some great success stories for our school and communities. The North Woods Boys Golf Team secured a Section title and a State appearance. State golf will take place June 10-14 at Pebble Beach in Becker. Also, North Woods Senior Tate Olson won the Section individual title. Tate has had quite a run at North Woods. He quarterbacked the football team to the State 9-Man Quarterfinals, was a starter on the Grizzlies State Runner-Up Basketball team, pitches for the baseball team, and has now capped his athletic career with a Section Golf Championship. In an era when many students specialize in one sport, it's nice to see students who still fit the profile of the consummate student/athlete. He plays a nice trumpet, too. Nice work, Tate!

Fellow athlete, Junior Chase Kleppe, has also had quite a run this year, qualifying for State in three team sports: football, basketball, and golf. Good job, Chase!

The Girls Golf Team also had a highly successful season with Chole Olson winning the Section, and Kylie Parson coming in third. Both girls also qualified for State. Congratulations, ladies, on a fine season. Our communities are proud of you.

In track, North Woods Junior Taylor Mejdrich qualified for Sections in the Long Jump and also as a member of the 4x100 Relay along with members of the team from Northeast Range and South Ridge. As of the writing of this article, they will go in as the top seed and compete May 31 at the Section meet at UMD.

Congratulations to all athletes on their accomplishments this year. Although I am pointing out some of our individuals who have had a high degree of success, it takes an entire team to be successful as a team. Our small towns have an enormous amount of athletic, academic, and artistic talent. Thanks also to all of the coaches, teachers, and advisors who give so much of their time to work with our kids.

Thanks to the readers out there for the positive feedback on my column. I appreciate it! The intent of my column is to get as much positive PR out for all the great things happening at our school. Have a great summer, and make sure that you spend some quality time with your kids, especially outdoors. I personally believe that we need to turn off the technology, enjoy each other's company, and enjoy all that Mother Nature has to offer.

Have a great summer!

Your Principal,
John Vukmanich

Bookmobile schedule

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

Thursday, May 24; June 14; July 5, 26

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

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

Kabetogama – Town Hall 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

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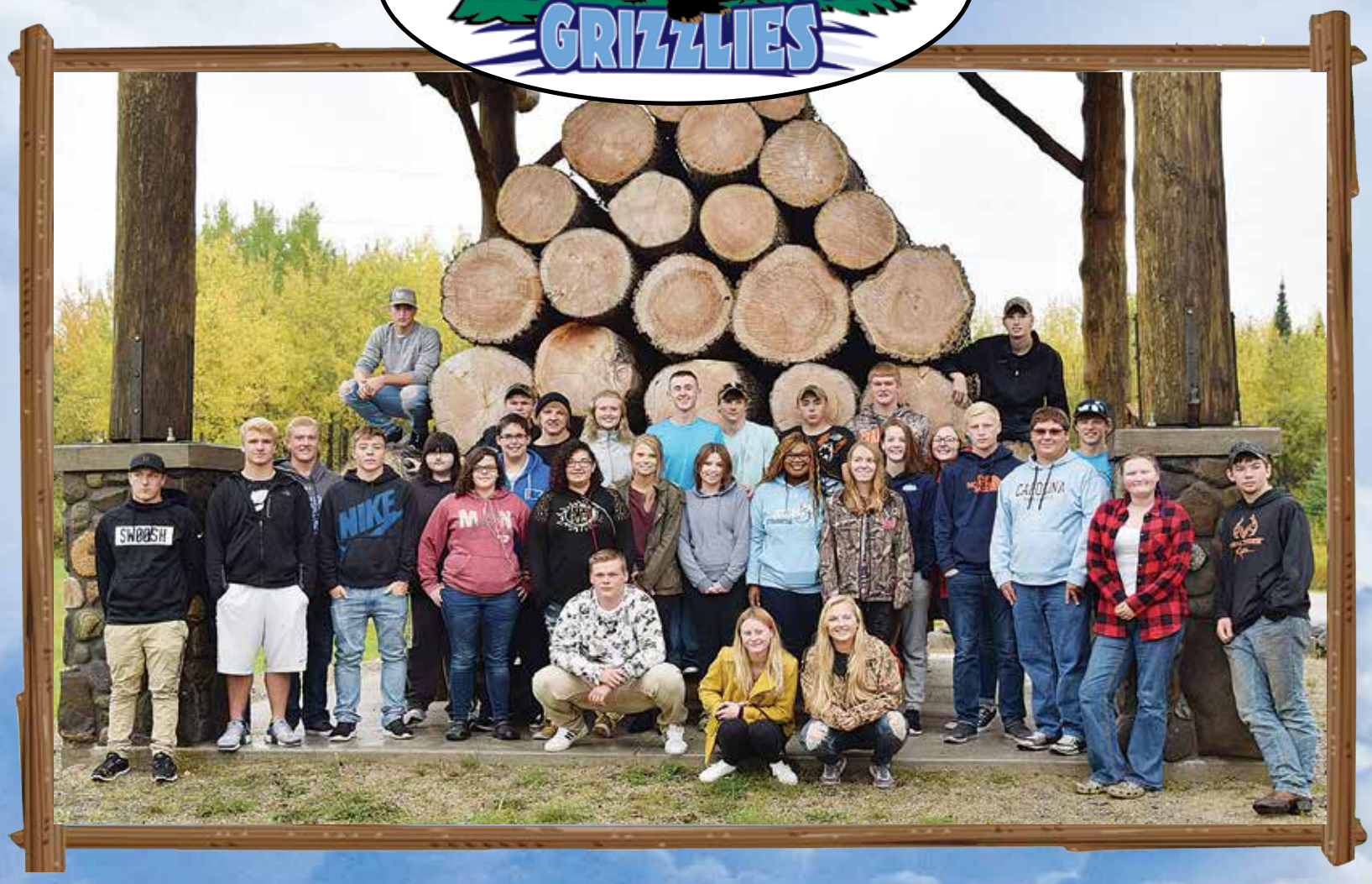

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the Mount Polley Mine in British Columbia in 2014.

McFarlin notes that approximately half of the tailings generated by the mine operations would be cemented as backfill in the underground mine, which is consistent with the 2014 proposal.

One other change from the company's previous proposal is the suggestion that the company would build a second northeastern Minnesota office, located in Babbitt, close to the time when construction on the project was set to begin.

Lower initial cost

The latest proposal would substantially reduce the need for up-front investment capital, from the company's initial proposal of approximately $2.8 billion to about $1.2 billion according to McFarlin. The source of the savings compared to the 2014 plan isn't entirely clear. "The two projects are significantly different in size and scope, operational efficiencies, facility locations, engineering, various internal financial assumptions, project ownership, etc.," stated McFarlin. "It is these significant issues that account for a variety of differences, including estimated pre-operational capital costs."

The proposal remains highly preliminary and it did not come with any financial projections or updated employment numbers. McFarlin cited previous figures of 650 direct jobs and 1,300 spin-off jobs as a result of the project, even though the new plan would reduce its rate of ore production by 60 percent. Under the original mine plan released by Twin Metals in 2014, labor costs were projected at about 9-10 percent of gross revenues. Maintaining the same level of employment with only 40 percent of originally-projected ore production would push labor costs to approximately 22 percent of gross revenues. McFarlin noted, however, that the company had indicated last year that it planned to reduce its production rate to 20,000 tons per day in an updated project proposal, and that included the estimated 650 jobs. "I would caution against trying to make detailed comparisons between the 2014 PFS Technical Report and the current project information – such comparisons would not be valid," said McFarlin.

But the company's job numbers are coming under question. Spencer Phillips, an economist with KeyLog Economics who is analyzing Twin Metals' proposals for the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters, said he believes the jobs estimates originally put out by Twin Metals are no longer credible given the substantial drop in planned production. Assuming the same level of worker productivity, Phillips argues that the number of workers employed in the mining operation would fall proportionately to the decline in production.

Phillips noted that any decline in direct employment would also impact the number of indirect spin-off jobs, with about two spin-off jobs lost for every mining job that doesn't materialize.

Phillips said he's been skeptical of Twin Metals' job claims for some time and notes that the rapid shift to robots in the mining industry put all mining jobs increasingly at risk. "The 650 jobs estimate is roughly twice the number one would expect, based on worker productivity across Minnesota's mining industries," Phillips said. "It isn't at all clear how even at 50,000 tons per day of production, Twin Metals can realistically claim that its operations would support 650 mining jobs. At 20,000 tons per day, 650 jobs are about five times what one would expect."

Company officials say they remain optimistic about the economics of their proposal. "Twin Metals is confident in the financial viability of the project," said McFarlin, even as he appeared to acknowledge that the project hinges on higher metal prices than at present. "Future viability is not measured on short-term current copper, nickel and other metal prices" said McFarlin, "but rather the long-term outlook for domestic and worldwide demand to supply the green economy." Promoters of new copper production, in particular, cite the anticipated greater use of electric vehicles, solar power, and wind generation, as factors that are expected to boost demand for the metal in future years. "The green economy doesn't exist without these metals," said McFarlin.

It's unclear how the company's latest proposal will affect the project's financial outlook, although financial projections would be included in the company's definitive mining plan, expected in about 18 months. The definitive plan would form the basis for any environmental review of the project, a process that would likely take years to complete.

Lawsuit pending

Twin Metals released its preliminary plan against a backdrop of pending litigation by environmental groups over the company's right to mine in the area. The Trump administration recently announced that it was renewing two mineral leases that date back to 1966, without conducting any environmental review. The decision to renew the leases came after Interior Department legal counsel Daniel Jorjani determined that Twin Metals had an absolute right to renew the leases. Jorjani, who spent years working for organizations financed by Charles and David Koch, has been under fire by environmentalists for a number of his recent legal determinations at the Interior Department that have favored oil and gas or mining interests. Previous legal counsel for the Obama and Reagan administrations had determined that the holder of the mineral leases in questions did not have a right to renewal because the original holder of the leases, the International Nickel Company, or INCO, had failed to begin mineral production within the agreed-upon time period.

Environmental groups have vowed to challenge Jorjani's legal opinions and the resulting renewal of the mineral leases in federal court. Filings in that case are expected later this summer.

The Interior Department decision to renew the leases also runs counter to the expressed view of the U.S. Forest Service, which declined to renew the leases in 2016. The Forest Service, which is part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, is continuing a review of a proposed withdrawal of 234,000 acres of the Superior National Forest located within the watershed of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from the federal mineral leasing program. The Interior Department's renewal of the leases would exempt the lands controlled by Twin Metals from the potential withdrawal.

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of the damage. According to Justin Schultz, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Duluth, temperatures in the mid-80s and lots of moisture in the atmosphere provided plenty of fuel to spark the strong storms. Schultz said central and northern St. Louis and Lake counties appeared to be the hardest hit, based on damage reports, and he said the extent of the damage suggested wind gusts likely in excess of 50 miles per hour.

Power outages were widespread across the region, even in town. Tower, Soudan, and Ely all reported outages of an hour or more. In rural areas, about 1,700 Lake Country Power residents remained without service as of Wednesday afternoon. Most of the outages were centered around Embarrass, Lake Vermilion, Ely, Babbitt, and Elbow Lake. At one point on Tuesday evening, at least 7,000 Lake Country Power customers were without power due to the storm.

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COOK'S ANNUAL TIMBER DAYS
June 8-10, 2018

Friday, June 8		
NWFA Art Fair	NWFA Gallery	10 am – 4 pm
NW Elem. Girls Bsktball Booster Club	Downtown Cook	noon - 4 pm
Arts and Crafts Booths	Downtown Cook	noon - 6 pm
Food and Beverage Booths	Downtown Cook	noon – 6 pm
Bounce House	Downtown Cook	noon – 8 pm
Music in the Park	Gazebo Area	4 pm – 7 pm
Chainsaw Carving	Downtown Cook	5 pm – 7 pm
Beer Garden	Downtown Cook	4 pm – 8 pm
Bean Bag Tournament	Downtown Cook	6 pm
Karaoke	VFW Post 1757	8 pm – 12 am
Street Dance with "Payback"	Old Muni	8 pm – 12 am
Saturday, June 9		
Shake-a-Leg 5K registration	Doug Johnson Park	8 am
Shake-a-Leg 5K begins	Doug Johnson Park	9 am
Softball Tournament/Beer Garden	Dan Swanson Mem. Field	9 am – 6 pm
NW Elem. Girls Bsktball Booster Club	Downtown Cook	9 am - 6 pm
Mini carnival kids' games	Downtown Cook	10 am – 6 pm
Bounce House	Downtown Cook	11 am – 7 pm
Car Show registration	Downtown Cook	11 am
NW Riders Bike Show registration	Downtown Cook	11 am
Pet Show registration	Gazebo Area	11 am
Pet Show begins	Gazebo	11:30 am
Competition Races	Post Office Area	After Pet Show
Lock/Stock Food Shelf	Gazebo Area	noon – 3 pm
Car Show Voting	Downtown Cook	noon – 3 pm
Northwoods Riders MC Bike Show	Downtown Cook	noon – 3 pm
BINGO	VFW Post 1757	noon – 3 pm
Arts and Crafts Booths	Downtown Cook	10 am – 6 pm
Food and Beverage Booths	Downtown Cook	10 am – 6 pm
Chainsaw Carving	Downtown Cook	2 pm – 6 pm
Elvis	VFW Post 1757	4 pm – 6 pm
Music in the Park	Gazebo	4 pm – 7 pm
Timber Days Raffle Drawing	Gazebo	7 pm
Timber Days King/Queen Coronation	Gazebo	After Drawing
Live Music "Forty Below"	VFW 1757	8 pm – 12 pm
Fireworks Display	Doug Johnson Park	dusk
Sunday, June 10		
Ecumenical Church by local clergy	Gazebo	10 am
Softball Tournament	Dan Swanson Mem. Field	10 am – 1 pm
Arts and Crafts Booths	Downtown Cook	10 am – 4 pm
Food and Beverage Booths	Downtown Cook	10 am – 4 pm
Lawn Mower Races registration	Downtown Cook	10:30 am
Bounce House	Downtown Cook	11 am – 3 pm
Lawn Mower Races begin	Downtown Cook	noon
NW Elem. Girls Bsktball Booster Club	Downtown Cook	noon - 4 pm
Mini carnival kids' games	Downtown Cook	1 pm – 4 pm
Kiddie Parade, Local Parade	Downtown Cook	2 pm
Flag Retirement Ceremony	VFW Post 1757	After Parade
Music in the Park	Gazebo Area	After Parade
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MEMORIAL DAY 2018

Bruce Wheelwright, of Ely, above, inspects a veteran's grave marker in the Ely Cemetery prior to the city's Memorial Day service. He served in the U.S. Navy on the minesweeper U.S.S. Enhance during the Vietnam War. The Ely Memorial High School band, right, performed during the service. photos by K. Vandervort

Cathy Wright distributes poppies during the Tower Memorial Day service Monday at the Tower Civic Center. Donation proceeds this year benefit Veterans on the Lake Resort in Ely. photo by S. Ukkola

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sional-grade signboard with assistance from artist apprentice Emma Kari, a senior at Ely Memorial High School. "We used Heidi Favet's workshop because the project was so big," Scheibe said.

The mural, painted in a sepia-tone that looks like an old photograph, is installed on the east wall of her Sheridan Street art gallery, and measures 12x20 feet. "We had to work in sections and we'll have to do some matching of the panels when it is hanging," she said. "Then it has to cure for a couple of weeks before I weather-proof it."

Scheibe's son, Wade Pharr, of Superior Property Care, helped hang the panels on Tuesday.

No one really knows whatever happened to the moose team.

According to an article in the *Ely Miner,* from August 1905:

"Mr. Ed Crossman is mourning the loss of one of his moose, the same having been missing for several weeks. A careful search has failed to discover the animal and it is feared that someone has maliciously killed the same. The animal is very valuable as well as a pet. Many pictures were taken of the moose team being driven on the Ely streets during the past winter by either Mr. or Mrs. Crossman. The team had been confined in an enclosure just south of the city and it may be that one jumped the fence and escaped into the woods. Mr. Crossman has offered a reward for any word of the animal."

Scheibe noted, "As a matter of interest, Mr. Crossman lost the sight of one eye by being butted while training the moose team."

She said she has put in as many as 60 hours so far on the project, with several more to go.

Partial funding for the mural was provided by the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust.

Nancy Scheibe and her son, Wade Pharr, install eight panels of a mural on the east side of Scheibe's Art & Soul Gallery on Sheridan Street Tuesday afternoon. The complete mural of the Crossman moose team measures 12x20 feet. photo by K. Vandervort

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Ely school committee dives into facility upgrades

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – The facilities committee for the Ely School District is seriously considering plans and options to connect all three campus buildings, expand gymnasium space, and redesign the students-drop-off and ADA parking accessibility.

Katie Hildenbrand, of Architectural Resources Inc. discussed many options, scenarios and cost estimates with the committee Tuesday night and members walked away with a lot to think about this summer as they weigh the pros and cons of modernizing the ISD 696 campus.

Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson provided Hildenbrand with a list of talking points to consider in preparing her presentation, including connecting the buildings both above ground and below ground, remodeling and adding on to the small gymnasium with a repurposing of the swimming pool space as opposed to building a whole new gymnasium, renovating the cafeteria and kitchen area, and providing more school safety features like having one secure entrance and improving the access for safer student drop-offs and ADA (American with Disabilities Act) parking.

Abrahamson said he is familiar with Hildebrand's work as an architect and designer. He worked with her for the past 10 years or so at other schools. She is also helping design the Washington Elementary window replacement project.

"I am hear to listen today, to see where you are at and what you think your future is," Hildenbrand said.

She explained that today's schools try to adhere to a formula that takes into account the educational industry standard of square feet of learning space per student. "In the elementary school, your square footage/student is pretty close to where it should be and the high school is a little bit high, that means you have more square footage than you need for the number of high school students. Those numbers should be considered as we go forward and could play into whether you add on or reuse existing space."

As far back as a year ago, and especially after the Regional Community Center project was withdrawn from the school campus location, a plan was brought forth to consider connecting the three buildings with new construction located at the former heating plant building site.

That plan includes creating centralized administration and secure school access points and school offices, a common space with cafeteria and new kitchen, additional gymnasium space and corridors connecting all buildings. The cost of that project was estimated at $6 million to $7 million.

"This was not a plan, but just a place to start a discussion," Abrahamson asserted. "We wanted to consider what we liked and didn't like on the campus and expand and change on that starting point."

A new concept, presented Tuesday night, includes the removal of the former heating plant and creating a new courtyard or plaza between the buildings with a centralized entrance, above-ground, enclosed, heated walkways between the buildings. Improved parking areas in front of the school and on the west side of campus would provide for safer drop-off access and ADA parking. The existing small gym and former swimming pool area below that would be expanded to provide a full gymnasium with bleachers.

"This is a concept we could look at long term and expand and add on in the future if a new enclosed entrance and central office space was wanted," she said. "We could consider a heated surface tunnel system to connect the buildings that would include natural lighting and be 10- to 12-feet wide for safe traffic space for the students."

Teacher Rob Simonich said he has envisioned a passage way to connect the industrial arts building at the south corners of the two other buildings and have a wide open courtyard or green space with the heating plant demolished. "To me that seems a simple and affordable way to connect the buildings," he said. "I've always been an opponent of walking outside. I don't think there is any other school in the state that does that anymore." He also noted that he is in favor of expanded gymnasium space.

"ADA access challenges would need to be addressed in the surface tunnel system," Hildenbrand said. "We could ramp part of the walkways and have lifts at the stairs in the buildings. You have the elevators in the front of the buildings and we need to decide if we maintain those along with simpler lift systems where needed. Those are all options we need to consider."

Abrahamson said that the parking lot renovations could be accomplished in the short-term through the use of board-approved abatement bonds. "The time period we are talking about is three or four months, he said. "They are not voter-approved but a series of (public) hearings is required." He said the property tax impact would be minimal.

Funds could be available through the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board to help with the demolition of the former heating plant building, according to Abrahamson.

Elementary School Principal Anne Oelke stressed that having improved ADA access to the buildings is her main priority and concern. "That is one of the problems we have right now for our kids," she said.

Hildenbrand said that Washington School currently has about 153 square feet per student. "That is right at the standard," she said. The Memorial High School has about 539 square feet of space per student. "That is grossly oversized from the standard of 323 square feet per high school student. That takes into account the unused swimming pool area and a media center that is pretty big for the number of students here."

Abrahamson stressed that the discussion and drawings presented "are not plans, but only ideas." He reiterated that there are many options for moving forward on the renovation of the campus buildings.

"The earliest we could go with a bonding referendum would be in 2020," he said.

Previously, local media reports quoted him as saying that he wouldn't want to have a bonding referendum until 2026. "All I said was that in 2026 the current bonding would be satisfied in order to have no existing costs to pay off before adding more bonding," he noted.

"We can't consider any bonding until we have a plan, a specific plan," he said. "You can't have hearings without a plan. The Department of Education needs a plan to consider in approving any bonding referendum. We are a long way away from having any kind of plan."

PUBLIC SAFETY

Fuel leaks from gas station into Ely storm sewer

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – A gasoline leak, originating from a broken underground feed line at the Holiday Station on Sheridan Street, led to at least a hundred gallons of fuel leaking into the city of Ely storm sewer early Monday morning.

"It appears that the leak was discovered right away when the station opened Monday morning," said Ely City Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski. "The Fire Department got on it right away and recovered as much as 100 gallons of fuel at the scene. Some fuel did enter the storm sewer system and made its way down to Miner's Lake."

Langowski said the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency was notified and a crew from OSI Environmental Inc., of Eveleth, was dispatched to Ely early Monday to assist in the recovery and clean-up efforts.

The OSI crew was at the intersection of Camp Street and 17th Avenue on Tuesday afternoon conducting clean-up procedures. Fuel-soaking materials were seen at the storm-sewer culvert on 17th Avenue and Camp Street Tuesday afternoon. Similar clean-up efforts were underway at the mouth of the drainage ditch that emptied into Miner's Lake.

"It appears that what entered the storm sewer was either recovered or later evaporated," Langowski said. "It will probably take a couple more days to finish the cleanup."

A clean-up crew monitors the storm sewer on 17th Avenue Tuesday afternoon. photo by K. Vandervort

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options in the area, for when the campground at the new park is full.

Tomsich said it is also important for park visitors to realize that paved bike trails connect the park to both Soudan and Tower, which means that a grocery store, convenience stores, fishing and sporting good supplies, restaurants, hardware, and gift shops are an easy bike ride away.

This one-day kick-off to the summer season will include fair food booths on Main Street, and there will be informational booths from groups such as the Vermilion Lake Association, Mesabi Trail (buy your trail pass), Hoodoo Point Campground, and McKinley Park Campground. Zup's Grocery will be offering free pizza and pop. The Fourth of July Committee (part of the events board) will be selling raffle tickets and flags. The Lake Vermilion Guides League, Lake Vermilion Cultural Center, Tower Vision Harbor Development, and Conservationists with Common Sense will also have displays set up.

RadioUSA will be doing a live broadcast from 10 a.m. – 12 noon featuring interviews with local businesses and organizations, and local community leaders.

Breitung's fireboat will be docked at the new harbor, and other boats are expected to be on display. Crafters and farmers market vendors have also been invited to participate.

The Events Board, thanks to a grant from the IRRRB, has a season-long campaign to help make sure that the increased number of visitors to the new state park decide to spend some time in Tower-Soudan. They will be offering special $5 gift certificates to campers and other state park visitors that are good for any participating Tower-Soudan business. The businesses can then redeem the coupons from the Events Board.

The ribbon-cutting ceremony is set for 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. at the Ojiig Group Camp site. Guests will include DNR Parks and Trails Director Erika Rivers, State Senator Tom Bakk, and Bois Forte Spiritual Advisor Vern Adams.

Special weekend activities at the Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park's Ojiig Group Camp site include a nature cart on Thursday from 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. and an evening campfire program from 8:30 – 10:30 p.m. On Friday, there is a night sky program from 8:30 – 10:30 p.m., and on Saturday there is a geology walking tour from 9:30 – 11 a.m. and canoeing 101 from 1 – 3 p.m. (registration required for canoeing; call 218-300-7005. Underground Mine Tours have begun for the season, and are offered from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. daily. For more information, visit mndnr.gov/vermilionsoudan.

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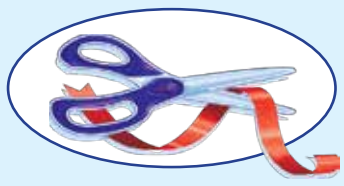

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SECTION 7A GOLF TOURNAMENT

Grizzlies headed to state

Tate Olson crushes the field in sections, while his sister Nicole ties for first

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

A brother and sister from the North Woods School dominated the Section 7A golf finals late last week and are both headed to state along with the entire North Woods boys team.

Senior Tate Olson and his sister, sophomore Nicole Olson, each took first in the section finals held in Virginia. Tate thoroughly dominated the field, scoring a combined 139 in the two days of play, besting the second-place finisher by an astonishing 17 strokes, and putting Olson in contention for the state golf title. Last year's top score at state in boys golf was 139, shot by Cecil Belisle, of Red Wing.

Tate's performance, combined with exceptionally strong outings by teammates Sam Frazee (160), Ian Olson (166), Chase Kleppe (173), Davis Kleppe (175), and Blake Scofield (177), left the Grizzlies boys golf team at the top of the field and headed for state. The Grizzlies' team score of 638 topped the second-place team by 108 strokes. North Woods dominated the top spots in the competition, posting six of the top ten scores in the event.

"Tate had an outstanding section tournament," said

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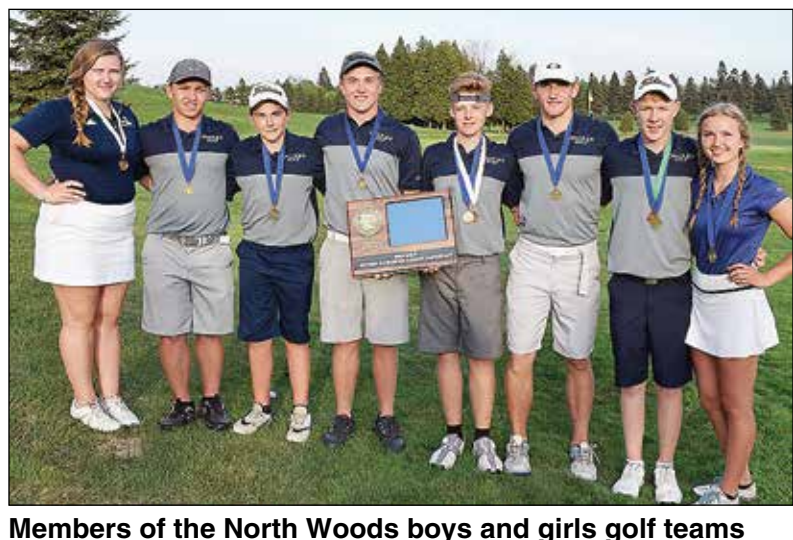


Members of the North Woods boys and girls golf teams headed to the state tournament. Pictured are (l-r) Kylie Parson, Blake Scofield, Davis Kleppe, Tate Olson, Sam Frazee, Chase Kleppe, Ian Olson, and Nicole Olson submitted

SECTION 7A BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Ely pitching rules again

Trevor Mattson tosses one-hitter as Wolves advance in Section 7A playoffs

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

ELY – Pitching again ruled for Ely as they blanked Littlefork-Big Falls 9-0 on Tuesday to advance in the Section 7A baseball tournament.

Trevor Mattson cruised to his sixth victory of the season and flirted with a perfect game into the sixth inning, when he allowed the only Vikings hit and baserunner of the game.

"It was a dominant performance on the mound for Ely," said Head Coach Frank Ivancich.

Ely jumped ahead in the opening inning when Gage Merhar hit a towering two-run homer. The Wolves added runs throughout the game but missed many opportunities.

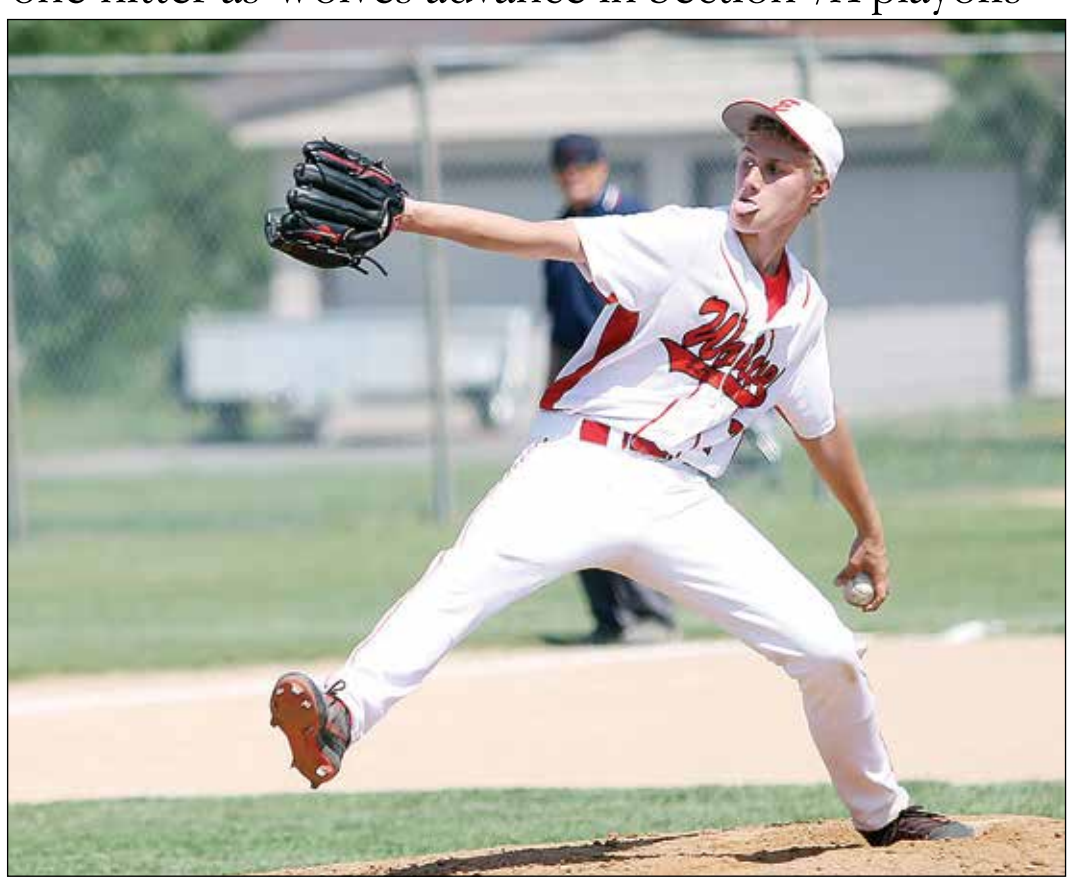
"We struggled to get a 10-run rule," said Ivancich. We left the bases loaded in the third, fourth, and fifth innings, failing to get a clutch hit."

Ely will need those big hits and solid pitching to continue in the playoffs as the competition gets tougher.

Mattson not only performed on the mound but also at the plate, knocking in two runs on two hits. Gage Merhar with the help of his home run led the team with three RBIs.

Ely and Chisholm were set to face off in the next round of the playoffs on Tuesday, but a strong thunderstorm forced the postponement of the game. It was scheduled to be played late Wednesday as the *Timberjay* went to press.

In their regular season finale last Friday, the Wolves dominated Nashwauk-Keewatin in the second game of a double feature, winning



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Starting pitcher Dylan Kienitz allowed just one earned run as he struck out six and gave up three hits.

Ely scored early and often as they controlled the game pretty much from start to finish.

Jeremiah Kari, Gage Merhar, and Dalton Schreffler each had two hits while Schreffler also led the team with three RBIs. Will Davies, Lane Anderson, and Kienitz had two RBIs

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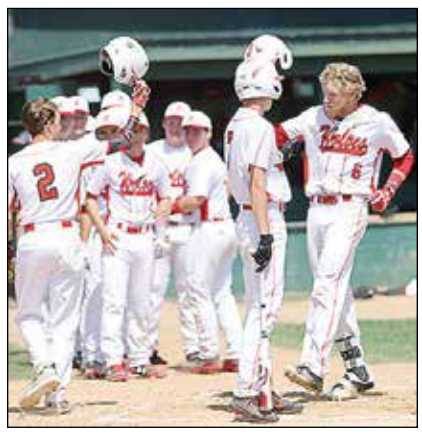


Above: Trevor Mattson winds during Tuesday's contest with Littlefork-Big Falls.

Teammates welcome Gage Merhar as he steps on the plate after a two-run homer.

photos by J. Greeney

Upset! NE Range dumps second-seed N-K to advance to next round

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

MARBLE – Northeast Range pulled an upset on Tuesday, knocking off second-seed Nashwauk-Keewatin in the opening round of the Section 7A baseball playoffs here. Timely hits and strong pitching by the Nighthawks gave them the 6-2 win.

> "My back end of the order came up big. We got the hits when we needed them.
>
> **Head Coach Joe Scherer**

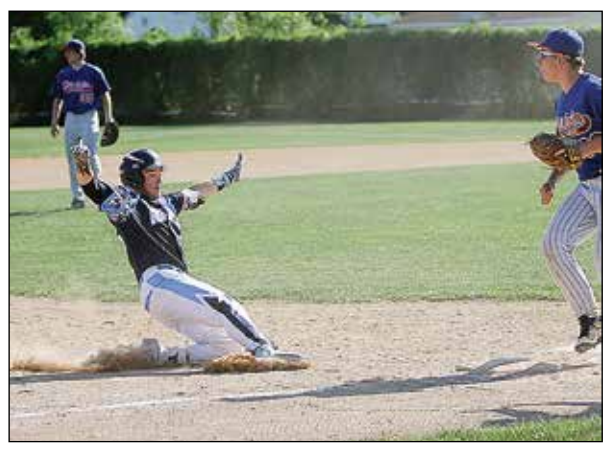
Northeast Range broke open a close game in the fourth inning, putting four runs on the board. Marshall Backe singled to score two runs. Carl Sunblad then ripped a double to score another run and the Nighthawks went on to add one more before the Spartans could shut them down.

"My back end of the order came up big," said Northeast Range Head Coach Joe Scherer. "We got the hits when we needed them."

Add in a strong performance on the mound by senior Zach Anderson who struck out eight, allowed six hits and just one earned run. He came out in the bottom of the seventh due to pitch count, leaving sophomore Brody Anderson to face the bases loaded with two outs. Anderson pitched a strike, then forced a pop-up that gave the Nighthawks the upset victory.

For the game Zach Anderson had three hits while Marshall Backe had two RBIs.

Northeast Range was set to play the winner of a rain-delayed game between Deer River and Mt. Iron-Buhl as the *Timberjay* went to press.



Chisholm rally ends Grizzlies' playoff hopes

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ELY — For a time on Tuesday, it looked like North Woods was poised to advance in the Section 7A baseball tournament. Then the wheels fell off, ending the Grizzlies' up-and-down season with an 8-5 loss to Chisholm.

"We had jumped out to a 4-1 lead in the third," said Grizzlies Head Coach Jeff Smerud, after the Bluestreaks opened the game with a single run in the first. "They made some mistakes and we took

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TRACK

Ely boys dominate in sub-section competition

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

HIBBING – The Ely boys track team continued to show their dominance in competition, easily taking the top spot in the North SubSection 7A track and field championships on Wednesday.

The boys took first in the 13-team event with 112 points while the girls finished sixth, scoring 67 points in a 12-team field.

The boys won by nine points over second-place finisher Greenway/Nashwauk/Keewatin. Third-place finisher Deer River/Northland was a distant 30-plus points from the Wolves.

The girls found the subsection meet more of a challenge, finishing in the middle of the pack as International Falls and Mesabi East took the top two spots, finishing just five points apart.

The 100-meter dash proved a strong event for both teams as Isaac Gawboy finished fifth in the preliminaries, and followed that up with third place in the finals while running the same time of 12 seconds flat. Brielle Kallberg took fourth in the preliminary race and improved her time in the finals, while still finishing in fifth.

Nate Nettifee participated in the 200-meter dash, finishing sixth as spots five through ten were decided by fractions of a second.

Eighth-grader Annika Mattson finished an impressive seventh in the 400-meter dash. The 800-meter run had Emmett Faltesek and Dylan Fenske take sixth and eighth respectively. Evelyn Bercher ran a solid race, good in the girls competition for a sixth-place finish.

Seventh-grader Zoe Devine took second in the 1,600, finishing just five seconds off the winning time. Emmett Faltesek, Gabriel Pointer, Ethan Hasz finished in order taking the sixth, seventh, and eighth spots for the boys.

The 3,200 has been a strong event all season for both teams and the subsections didn't disappoint. Ryne Prigge took first place as she won by over 40 seconds. James Schwinghamer finished second, less than three seconds off the lead spot.

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ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Detour in place as County Road 88 bridge is closed for finishing work

ELY—The final phase of the project to replace the bridge on County Road 88 (Grant McMahan Boulevard) west of Ely began Wednesday, and that means the road will be closed and a detour in place for the next three weeks.

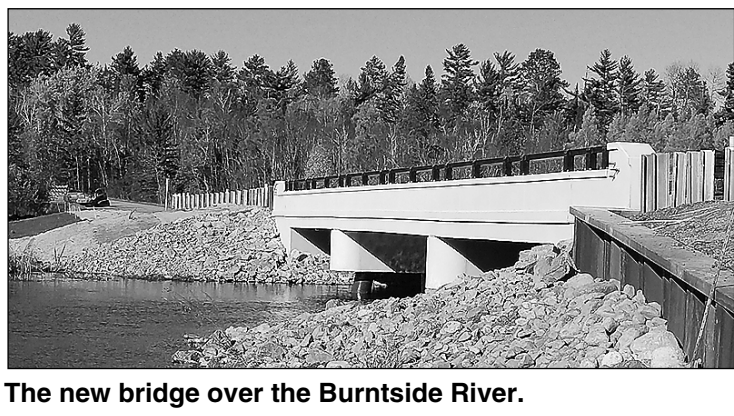
Detour signage will be placed on both CSAH 88 and Hwy. 169.

Crews will be completing final road paving, bridge painting, installation of the bridge concrete wearing course, pavement markings and road shouldering. Work is expected to be complete and the road reopened by June 18.

Most of the work was completed last fall to install the new 105-foot concrete slab span bridge that crosses the Burntside River. It replaces a nearly 80-year-old bridge that had been subject to weight limitations, and had reached the end of its serviceable life.

The total project cost is $1.26 million, with funding coming from State Aid dollars. Redstone Construction, LLC, is the project contractor.

To learn more about this or any other St. Louis County road construction project, or to sign up for email updates, visit stlouiscountymn.gov/construction.



The new bridge over the Burntside River.

STATE BONDING

Dayton reluctantly signs bonding bill, funding some area projects

ST. PAUL– Despite serious reservations, Gov. Mark Dayton agreed to sign the state's bonding bill, and that means several projects in northeastern Minnesota will receive funding this year.

"I am signing this bill, despite my objections, because areas throughout Minnesota need the projects and the jobs, which it will provide," said Dayton. "However, the GOP majorities set an arbitrary, ill-founded, and woefully inadequate limit to the total size of the bill."

Funding for projects in northeastern Minnesota include:

➤ $4 million for the Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park for further park development.

➤ $1.3 million to assist with development costs of the Babbitt Recreation Area.

➤ $1.36 million for a trailhead development project in Ely.

➤ $1.138 million for further construction on the Mesabi Trail.

Overall, the $1.459 billion dollar bill dedicates $180 million to higher education, $145 million to preserving state buildings and infrastructure, $133 million to water quality, $90 million to housing, $311 million to local projects, and $544 million to transportation.

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The hurdles have been good to the Wolves this season, especially for the boys. In the 110-meter race Henry Dirks finished first while Eli Conaway and Raif Olson took fifth and eighth. Dirks and Gawboy took second and third in the 300 hurdles. Lauren Olson finished eighth in 100-meter race and followed that up with a third-place finish in the 300-meters.

In the 4 x 100-meter relay the boys took first while the girls finished eighth. The 4 x 200 had the girls team take fifth place. The boys took third while the girls finished sixth in the 4 x 400. The 4 x 800 saw both teams finish in fourth place.

Brielle Kallberg had a good day in both the long and triple jump, finishing second in both. Eric Omerza took third in the triple and seventh in the long jump.

The discus throw had Jasiah Wigdahl and Nate Nettifee finishing first and second for the boys while Ande Visser took fifth for the girls. Conaway and Wigdahl finished fourth and fifth in the shot put.

Ely will send 25 athletes to participate in the section meet Thursday at UMD.

ELY BOY TOP EIGHT FINISHERS

100 Meter Dash
5. Isaac Gawboy 12.00
200 Meter Dash
6. Nate Nettifee 24.74
800 Meter Dash
6. Emmett Faltesek 2:13.35
8. Dylan Fenske 2:16.20
1600 Meter Run
6. Emmett Faltesek 4:53.07
7. Gabriel Pointer 5:04.14
8. Ethan Hasz 5:08.51
3200 Meter Run
2. James Schwinghamer 10:09.19
110 Meter Hurdles
1. Henry Dirks 16.49
5. Eli Conaway 17.26
8. Raif Olson 18.24
300 Meter Hurdles
2. Henry Dirks 43.02
3. Isaac Gawboy 44.46
4 x 100 Meter Relay
1. 46.61
Gawboy, Conaway, Omerza, Nettifee
4 x 400 Meter Relay
3. 3:50.00
Faltesek, Fenske, Olson, Dirks
4 x 800 Meter Relay
4. 9:10.04
Leo Georges, Ethan Bremner, Pointer, Hasz
Long Jump
7. Eric Omerza 18-02.00
Triple Jump
3. Eric Omerza 38-04.00
Discus Throw
1. Jasiah Wigdahl 129-09
2. Nate Nettifee 127-00
Shot Put
4. Eli Conaway 40-00.50
5. Jasiah Wigdahl 39-10.50

ELY GIRL TOP EIGHT FINISHERS

100 Meter Dash
5. Brielle Kallberg 13.94
400 Meter Dash
7. Annika Mattson 1:05.63
800 Meter Run
6. Evelyn Bercher 2:46.54
1600 Meter Run
2. Zoe Devine 5:42.88
3200 Meter Run
1. Ryne Prigge 12:09.15
100 Meter Hurdles
8. Lauren Olson 18.89
300 Meter Hurdles
3. Lauren Olson 51.55
4 x 100 Meter Relay
8. 56.74
Ana Bercher, Evelyn Bercher, Brooke Pasmick, Sarah Isbell
4 x 200 Meter Relay
5. 1:57.27
Mattson, Emma Terwilliger, McKenna Coughlin, Isbell
4 x 400 Meter Relay
6. 4:40.21
Bercher, Coughlin, Isbell, Mattson
4 x 800 Meter Relay
4. 10:58.89
Terwilliger, Bercher, Phoebe Helms, Devine
Long Jump
2. Brielle Kallberg 15-03.75
Triple Jump
2. Brielle Kallberg 32-10.00
Discus Throw
5. Ande Visser 92-04.50

BOYS TEAMS

1. Ely 112
2. Greenway/Nashwauk/Keewatin 103
3. Deer River/Northland 80
4. International Falls 59
5. Eveleth-Gilbert 53
6. Bigfork 45
7. Virginia 40.5
8. Chisholm 39
9. Mesabi East 37
10. McGregor 36
11. South Ridge/Cherry/North Woods 35.5
12. Floodwood 28
13. Mountain Iron-Buhl 23

GIRLS TEAMS

1. International Falls 117
2. Mesabi East 112
3. Eveleth-Gilbert 93.5
4. Greenway/Nashwauk/Keewatin 75.5
5. Virginia 72
6. Ely 67
7. South Ridge/Cherry/North Woods 58.5
8. Bigfork 44
9. Deer River/Northland 26.5
10. Floodwood 20
11. Mountain Iron-Buhl 5
12. Chisholm 4

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advantage." North Woods went on to add a fifth run in the fifth inning, while Chisholm sent two runners home in the fifth inning to close the gap to 5-3.

It could have been worse, as the North Woods pitching staff struggled at times, issuing a total of ten walks in the game. But they had held off Chisholm's hitters, allowing just two hits through the first five innings, helping them work their way out of a couple bases-loaded jams.

Their luck ran out in the bottom of the sixth inning, however, as North Woods issued five walks and gave up a double to right, allowing Chisholm five runs in the frame. It turned a 5-3 North Woods lead into an 8-5 deficit. North Woods couldn't turn the tide in the top of the seventh, putting an end to their season.

Tate Olson, who came on in relief in the fourth inning took the loss for the Grizzlies. As he has all season, North Woods senior third baseman Matt Schultz proved the evening's slugger, with two RBIs on two hits, including a double. Cole Thiel added two RBIs on three hits.

Despite the loss, Smerud said he was proud of how his team performed this year. "We won some good games, and lost some we probably shouldn't have," he said.

Looking ahead to next year, Smerud said he expects to have a solid core of sophomores and juniors next year who gained a lot of experience and confidence this year. "There's definitely room to improve, but I think we'll have the kids to do it," he said.

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Head Coach Will Kleppe. "He dominated from wire to wire and he had some great support from his team who all shot below their averages to guarantee we advanced to state."

Meanwhile, Nicole Olson tied for first in the event, with a combined two-day score of 169. Her teammate, sophomore Kylie Parson tied for third with a score of 183 and will join Olson in state competition to be held June 12-13, at Pebble Creek Golf Course in Becker. The North Woods girls did not have enough members to qualify as a team for state play. The team's only other player, Haley Bogdan, is still an eighth-grader.

Head Coach and mom Kandi Olson said Nicole, who goes by Coley, was excited headed into sections. "She played both rounds with one of her all-time rivals, Heidi Schultz. Coley led after day one and ended up tied with Heidi for first at the end of the tournament."

While Coley's performance has been steady all season, it's been something of a breakout season for her teammate and fellow sophomore Kylie Parson. "Kylie has been on a steady path of improvement all season," said Olson. "Every week we would watch her scores drop and I knew that she might have an exciting finish in the section tournament. During the tournament she shot one of her personal best scores to help her qualify for state."

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apiece.

In the opener against Hibbing, the Wolves needed a late rally to outpace the Bluejackets, 9-8.

Ely trailed 8-5 to start the top of the seventh. Trevor Mattson led off the inning with his third hit of the game and was driven in on a Thomas Montana single, also his third hit of the game. Cody Davis ripped a double that scored two runs to tie the score. Tyler Housey then connected for a single to score Davis and give the Wolves the lead.

Starting pitcher Carter Gaulke struggled a bit as he pitched the first three-and-a-third innings, giving up all eight runs along with four hits. Merhar got the win in relief going three-and-two-thirds innings and giving up just two hits while striking out three.

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BABBITT

NE Range hosting two musical theater camps; open for all area students in grades 4 and up

BABBITT- Northeast Range School in Babbitt will be hosting TWO Musical Theater Summer camps for the first time ever. These camps will be held in the auditorium at Northeast Range and will run from 8 a.m.-12 p.m. Monday-Friday. The cost for the camps is $40 ($20 for those who qualify for free or reduced lunch). Camps will be directed by Crystal Poppler and Michael Rouse. Though these camps are hosted by Northeast Range School they are open to any interested student in the area and not only students of NER.

The first camp will be June 5-19 and will be for students who have just completed grades 3-6. This camp will be working on the musical "Press Start". "Press Start" takes us inside the life of video games with some of the most iconic characters we know and love. The camp will culminate with a public performance on June 19.

The second Camp will be July 5-27 and will be for students just completing Grades 7-12. This camp will be working on the musical "The Wizard of Oz". "The Wizard of Oz" is the classic story of Dorothy and her dog Toto in the wonderful land of Oz. The camp will culminate in a public performance on July 27.

Register online at https://goo.gl/forms/cBHdgcP9zQug6nuG2

Embarrass celebrates all things sauna on Saturday

EMBARRASS- A celebration of sauna is set for Saturday, June 2 at the Nelimark Homestead in Embarrass. To celebrate Sauna Day there is a full schedule of recreational activities and a number of guest exhibitors planned. It was five years ago that Sisu Heritage of Embarrass highlighted the beginning of summer by declaring the first Saturday of June as National Sauna Day. The Nelimark will be open on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Nelimark Museum is across from Timber Hall and next door to the Embarrass Fire Hall on Highway 21.

Finnish music will be featured, along with food and crafts.

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.

Sauna Day will include history tours. Embarrass has seven sites registered on the National Register of Historic Places. Guided tours of the Embarrass community sites and homesteads will be available by appointment on Friday and Saturday, June 1 and 2 at 1 p.m. Please make reservations at 218-984-2084. You can enjoy a leisurely and educational three-hour tour of a number of community points of interest.

Stay and camp out. RV and tent camping sites will be available for rental at the neighboring Heritage Park and Campground. Call ahead for reservation of campsites, 218-984-2084.

Families are invited to bring their picnic baskets and chairs to Saturday's event. Hot dogs, chips and brats and all the fixings will be available for sale at the Sisu Heritage tent. Sit in the shade and enjoy the music and conversation. And, if you want to watch, there is a full day of youth baseball slated next door at the Embarrass ball field.

National Sauna Day is generously sponsored by these local businesses: Lamppa Mgf., Wintergreen Northern Wear, Benville Service, Fortune Bay Resort, C&C Winger, Garson Tile & Stone, Embarrass-Vermillion Credit Union, and Mealey's Sauna Shop.

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Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union breaks ground on new building

AURORA- The Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union (EVFCU) recently broke ground on a new 4,400-square-foot building. The new building will be located at 600 West 3rd Ave. N in Aurora, next to their current location. The investment into the northeast Iron Range will be a full service financial institution.

The EVFCU was established in 1942 and opened its first branch in Embarrass. As the credit union grew, a branch was established in Tower. The demand for services in the Aurora area prompted Dean Miller and Roxi Jensen to apply for a field of membership expansion. NCUA granted the expansion and the Aurora office opened in the MN Power building in April of 2005. The recent sale of the MN Power building helped the EVFCU make the decision to invest in this new site, along with the help of the City of Aurora, East Range Joint Powers, HRA, and IRRRB.

Tower Farmers Market to open on Friday, June 15; new vendors welcome

TOWER- The Tower Farmers Market will open for the 2018 season on Friday, June 15 at the usual time and place, 4 to 6 p.m. at the train depot. Interested vendors, old and new, should register by contacting Janna at 218-749-2186 or Mickey at 218-984-3951.

Obituaries and Death Notices

Corrina Day-Earley

Corrina "Bobo" Day-Earley, 26, began her Journey to the Spirit World on May 22, 2018. "Waabishke Banaishe Ikwe". The Traditional Wake began at the Bois Forte Tribal Government Center in Nett Lake on Friday, May 25. Corrina's Funeral Service was held on Saturday, May 26 at the same location. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

Corrina was born on Dec. 31, 1991, in Everett, Wash. Her passion was cooking, just like her beloved Grandma Charlotte Day. Family and friends enjoyed many of her home-cooked meals, yeast breads and pies. Many of her patrons at Good Ol' Days Bar and Grill in Tower stopped by on Fridays for her Beer-Battered Fish.

Corrina enjoyed shopping at the Mall of America (MOA) and was an avid Star Wars fan. Corrina would purchase any Stars Wars memorabilia. Corrina adored her nieces and nephews. She cared for all of her numerous aunts, uncles and cousins and loved each of them dearly and treated each as her own. If Corrina was your friend, she was with you 1,000 percent and she always had your back. She would do anything for you. She enjoyed going to the casinos and gambling or playing the slot machines.

Corrina was fondly called "my best son" by her father. She enjoyed spending time with her father, fixing vehicles, doing household repairs, and soaking up any opportunity to learn new things. Corrina could do anything that she set her mind to – if she didn't know how to do something, you could bet that she would figure it out. Corrina greeted everyone with a smile and a huge hug and you could never get away without a hug goodbye.

Corrina is survived by her parents, father Raymond Earley and mother Cheryl Day-Earley; brothers, Christopher Earley, Zac Earley, Joe (Cindy) Earley, John Earley and Tom Earley; bio-mom, Jeanne Rose; bio-sisters, Laura Diaz and Rose Coonts; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Corrina was preceded in death by her grandmother, Charlotte Day; grandfather, Clyde Day Sr.; and uncle, Charles Day.

Patricia S. Karich

Patricia Sue "Patty" Karich, 73, passed away on May 7, 2018, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth. A Memorial Service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 9 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower. Pastor Liz Cheney will officiate and MaryBeth Reller will be the musician. A gathering of family and friends will begin at 10 a.m. There will be a luncheon, and family burial at Lakeview Cemetery following the luncheon. Family services are provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower.

Patty was born at the Soudan Hospital on June 14, 1944, to Roy and Cerie Peterson of Lake Vermilion-Tower. She grew up at Pike Bay Resort on Lake Vermilion with her younger sister Cathy, and graduated from Tower-Soudan High School in 1962. She attended Virginia Junior College and was an accounting manager and client services manager with Northwestern Bell Telephone Company/US West in the Twin Cities until her retirement in 1987.

Patty married Gary M. Karich from Aurora, the love of her life, in August 1969 and they spent most of their life together in Minnetonka and at their cabin on the Pike Bay Resort homestead. In 1999, she returned to Lake Vermilion and built a home on the resort property. She loved all the wildlife that she greeted from her lake home every day where eagles, loons, ravens, ducks, seagulls, deer, fox and critters found solace in the woods and lakeshore around her. Cats became her lifelong companions and children through her lifetime. She was never without a kitty in her home. She also enjoyed bridge, Las Vegas, the theatre, concerts, Red Hats, Women's Club of Tower, Vermilion Lake Association, cousins' birthday lunches, class reunions, and being active in Immanuel Lutheran Church of Tower.

Patty had an infectious smile that lit up a room. She loved her family, her Finnish heritage, and was admired for her sisu, independence, graciousness and compassion for nature. She loved to go fishing, boating and snowmobiling on Vermilion, watch the Vikings, and shop with family. Patty touched many lives and her family knew they were loved for who they were. She will be missed, and whenever the waters of Vermilion are heard or seen she will be remembered.

Surviving are her only sister, Cathy Carlson, and Cathy's husband Jim of Lake Vermilion-Tower; four nephews, David Carlson of Maplewood, his wife Julie and their sons, Joshua and Andrew; Daniel Carlson, his wife Maureen and their son Jack and daughter Megan; Bradley Carlson of Gilbert and Brian Carlson of St. Paul; four cousins, Bonnie Harma of Tower, Connie Childs of Lake Vermilion-Tower, Marcie Moe of Lake Vermilion-Tower and Lloyd Ollila of Victoria, B.C., Canada; close friends, Don and Shawna Kishel of Lake Vermilion-Tower and their daughters; and extended family and friends.

Preceding her in death were her parents, Roy and Cerie Peterson; her beloved husband, Gary M. Karich, who passed away in 1994; and her close friend, Al Golden, who passed away in 2017.

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TOWER

City acts on two blight complaints; June 22 deadline given

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER — A flurry of blight complaints about two residences in the city, both owned by Dave Durrant, prompted city council action on Tuesday. The council, minus Brooke Anderson, agreed to give Durrant until June 22 to clean up his properties after Durrant asked for a time extension due to health reasons.

Durrant will be expected to provide the city with a clean-up plan by Friday, June 1, with three weeks to execute the plan.

Durrant owns houses on both North and South Second and councilors recited a litany of blight concerns with both of them. "There's solid waste everywhere, unlicensed vehicles, and unmowed grass," said Mayor Josh Carlson. On the South Second property, Durrant had deposited garbage bags full of plastic bottles, which eventually deteriorated as animals and birds got into them, spreading the bottles around the neighborhood.

"The neighbors are all amped up," said Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith, who has fielded most of the complaints. Keith said she initially gave Durrant notice of the blighted condition on April 20, which should have left him with enough time to address the problems.

In a May 24 email to the city, Durrant said he has made "substantial progress" in cleaning up the properties and needed more time to complete the work. He cited his recent cancer surgery and ongoing health concerns for his 98-year-old mother, along with his partner's rheumatoid arthritis, as reasons for the delay in completing the clean-up.

Keith pushed back on Durrant's claim, suggesting that only minimal progress had been made in the 40 days since she provided him with the most recent blight notice.

Councilors agreed that the city would need to take more aggressive action to address the situation, and indicated they intend to cite Durrant daily if the blighted conditions aren't cleaned up by June 22. The citation would come with a daily fine of $95.

The council also heard a brief presentation by recently-retired sheriff's deputy Bernie Mettler, who is running for St. Louis County Commissioner. While Mettler said he's too old for the rigors of law enforcement, he's still interested in public service. "I don't feel like I'm a politician," he said. "I'm a public servant and I feel I still have something to give." Mettler said he's been a township supervisor for ten years and is currently chair of the Embarrass Town Board. "I'm pro-union and have been a union member 90 percent of my working career," he added.

Mettler said he is also in favor of copper-nickel mining projects, like PolyMet, although he acknowledged that his position as a commissioner would have little bearing on the future of the project. "I do wish the emotion could be extracted from the process," he said.

In other action, the council:

➤ Authorized the publication of the EAW on the RV park proposed by Dave Rose. The document must be published by June 4, although Rose has yet to submit a few minor changes requested by the city. If the changes are not submitted on time, the EAW will be published with the comment that it remains incomplete.

➤ Authorized SEH and Keith to select a new electrical contractor to finish work on the Hoodoo Point project. Some additional electrical work remains incomplete according to city engineer Jason Chopp and the city has been unable to reach an agreement on the cost of completing the job. "You're looking at probably two days of work once somebody gets on site," Chopp predicted.

➤ Approved the closure of a portion of Spruce Street between Main and South Second on June 7 for activities associated with the grand opening of the new campground at the Lake Vermilion Soudan Underground Mine State Park.

➤ Approved the sale of the Golden Horizons assisted living facility to Vermilion Senior Living, LLC. The facility is party to a tax increment financing agreement with the city, which is why the city's approval was required.

➤ Approved a resolution allowing the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center to apply for funding under the IRRRB's commercial demolition program.

COUNTY SCHOOLS

Kristi Berlin named ISD 2142 Director of Teaching and Learning

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- A decision by the St. Louis County School Board, Tuesday, to change Director of Curriculum and Technology Kristi Berlin's position to Director of Teaching and Learning will help the district move more quickly to the Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) model.

Superintendent Reggie Engebritson told the board, at the meeting at Tower-Soudan Elementary, that all building principals will be completing an online course to help them envision what this MTSS model looks like in a K-12 school. In addition, she noted, at least 90 district teachers have also signed up to take the online course, which will be offered in June. Engebritson was impressed with the level of interest by the teachers and said "this will help us set the framework to ensuring that all students learn."

The new position will focus on instruction, curriculum, programming, technology and assessment. The move to a MTSS system has been encouraged by the state department of education, Engibritson said. At the school board's study session earlier in May, they were told that implementing the model will take a few years, and that the model will change the lens of instruction and make sure that all students have core instruction from their general education teacher.

The board was also told that this new position will help teachers made better use of testing data they are collecting, and guide them on making data-based decisions. The new position will also include the duties of the district assessment coordinator and will oversee all state and district testing.

The new position is year-round and has its own contract. The former position was under a principal's contract. The board approved a salary of $113,032.

The board also heard the annual Q-Comp report from Kim Jirik. She gave the board an overview of the program and how it is being implemented in the district. The program includes mentorship for all teachers who are new to a building. Seventeen teachers were mentored this school year. The program also includes ongoing teacher training, peer coaching, and peer observations. Jirik reported that almost every single participating teacher qualified for performance pay this year for meeting program standards.

Jirik said the program will continue next year, with a renewed focus on the Charlotte Danielson Framework, which the district has been using for several years. Teachers are continuing to work towards establishing student-centered classrooms and learning targets, which have been shown to increase student engagement and learning.

Tower-Soudan Principal Kelly Engman, in her written report, noted that the recent Pride Night with Zoomobile visit attracted at least 100 people. The elementary "marathon" runners have started training. These students will complete 25 one-mile runs between now and the fall marathon in Ely. On marathon day, they will run the final 1.2 miles, and celebrate the completion of their own 26.2 mile marathon. This will be the third year that TS Elementary students have participated. Last year the group won an award for their high level of participation.

Engman said the school saw great growth and overall excellent achievement in this spring's MCA testing. She also noted that Targeted Services will be provided over the summer to boost students' skills and to avoid the "summer slide." Engman was not able to attend the meeting because she was at the Northeast Range sixth-grade graduation ceremony.

Tower-Soudan Elementary students raced during this year's "Healthy Kids Day." Students are practicing their running, one mile at a time, accumulating 25 miles before participating in the kids' portion of the Ely Marathon. photo by S. Ukkola

Other business

In other business the board:

➤ Approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the teacher's union regarding school dean's contract period (number of work days) and compensation for time spent outside of the normal work day.

➤ Noted the revised schedule for upcoming meeting dates and times. There will be a school board working session on June 11 at 10 a.m. And the June 25 and July 24 regular board meetings will be at 5 p.m., instead of 6 p.m. These meeting will all be held at the district office.

➤ Approved purchase of transportation planning software at a cost of $12,000 for the first year and then $5,000 for year two and three. The district had previously been looking at software that cost $36,000 for a single year.

➤ Board member Chris Koivisto thanked all the volunteers and businesses who helped plan and fund the all night graduation parties at district schools.

➤ Board member Christine Taylor noted that the board needs to look at extra-curricular programming for students who are not interested in participating in team sports. This input came after an Indian Education meeting.

➤ Hired teaching staff Angel Dahl (Cherry), Katie Dye (Cherry), Jessica Hanegmon (Cherry), Chelsea Wilson (Cherry), and Dana Hilde (Cherry).

➤ Accepted the resignation of long-time paraprofessional at Tower-Soudan, Bergetta Indihar.

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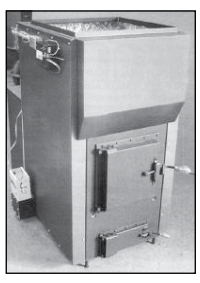
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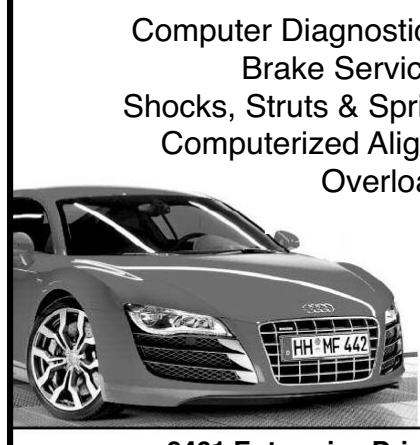
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CHARTER SCHOOL

VCS Expo Day showcased environmental learning and academic growth

by Stephanie Ukkola
Staff Writer

TOWER- Students at Vermilion Country School had a chance to show off what they've learned over the school year, as well as all the interesting projects they have been working on. The school's curriculum has a focus on environmental topics (each year has a school-wide focus on one topic), along with the basics of language arts and math, along with a commitment to project-based learning.

It was clear, through both test scores and awards, a majority of students have made significant improvements, and had fun doing it too.

In the morning, students displayed samples of their work including science experiments such as crystal trees, glowing oil, and fizzing pop bottles; savvy and useful crafts like bee-keeping, hydroponic gardening, soap-making, raising baby chicks, and an upcoming trip into the Boundary Waters; traditional student activities like the yearbook, school newspaper, and literature-related projects; and more tech-related topics such as computer programming to create an eight-bit video game.

Displays also highlight student volunteer projects including Senior Bingo, unloading the truck for the Tower Food Shelf, Highway 169 roadside clean-up, Tower's Potter's Field maintenance, and caring for animals at the Mesabi Humane Society.

But the highlight of expo day this year was the afternoon presentations on the year-long environmental learning that focused on recycling and waste-related issues.

Above: Doug Workman hears about the wastewater projects. photo by S. Ukkola
Right: Jules Schmidt explains her hydroponic gardening experiments.
photo by J. Summit

Students broke into teams to showcase the projects they had been working on: water purity and conservation, wastewater, energy conservation, landfills, and nuclear energy. Community member volunteered as judges, and listened to the students talk about their projects, asked them questions, and scored them on their presentations.

Each group clearly described the broad subject they were focusing on, as well as problems, causes, solutions, and local and world-wide impacts. They also provided learning materials such as handouts, posters, and included demonstrations of key topics.

The energy efficiency group showed how a potato could power a light bulb. The wastewater group had mapped Tower's wastewater lines and flowage, as well as displaying pond water in a fish tank, and explaining how the Tower-Breitung wastewater ponds work. The nuclear power group showed how the splitting of an atom to create nuclear energy created a chain reaction by dropping a ping pong ball into a fish tank filled with mousetraps, filled with other ping pong balls – creating quite an impression.

Expo Day showcased the in-depth learning students at VCS have completed this year, as well as the school's focus on the basics, especially in math where the school shows significant improvement in test scores. It also highlighted the personal growth of many individuals, the willingness of the teachers and staff to go above and beyond in both educating students and being flexible to meet each student's personal needs, and the school's willingness to foster a safe learning environment for everyone.

Buoys to be out on Burntside this weekend

by Marshall Helmberger
Managing Editor

BURNTSIDE LAKE— Navigational buoys should be deployed here by this weekend, and that's good news for users of the popular lake. Residents have reported a number of instances of damage to boats and props due to reefs and other lake structure that is typically marked by this point in the season.

According to St. Louis County Undersheriff Dave Phillips, the sheriff's office had planned to have new buoys delivered and in place shortly after ice-out. The sheriff's office typically relies on federal boating equipment grants to finance the purchase of buoys, which must be replaced periodically as they become damaged. But Phillips said grants from a number of federal agencies have recently been running well behind schedule, and the delay hampered their ability to order new buoys in time for the start of the boating season.

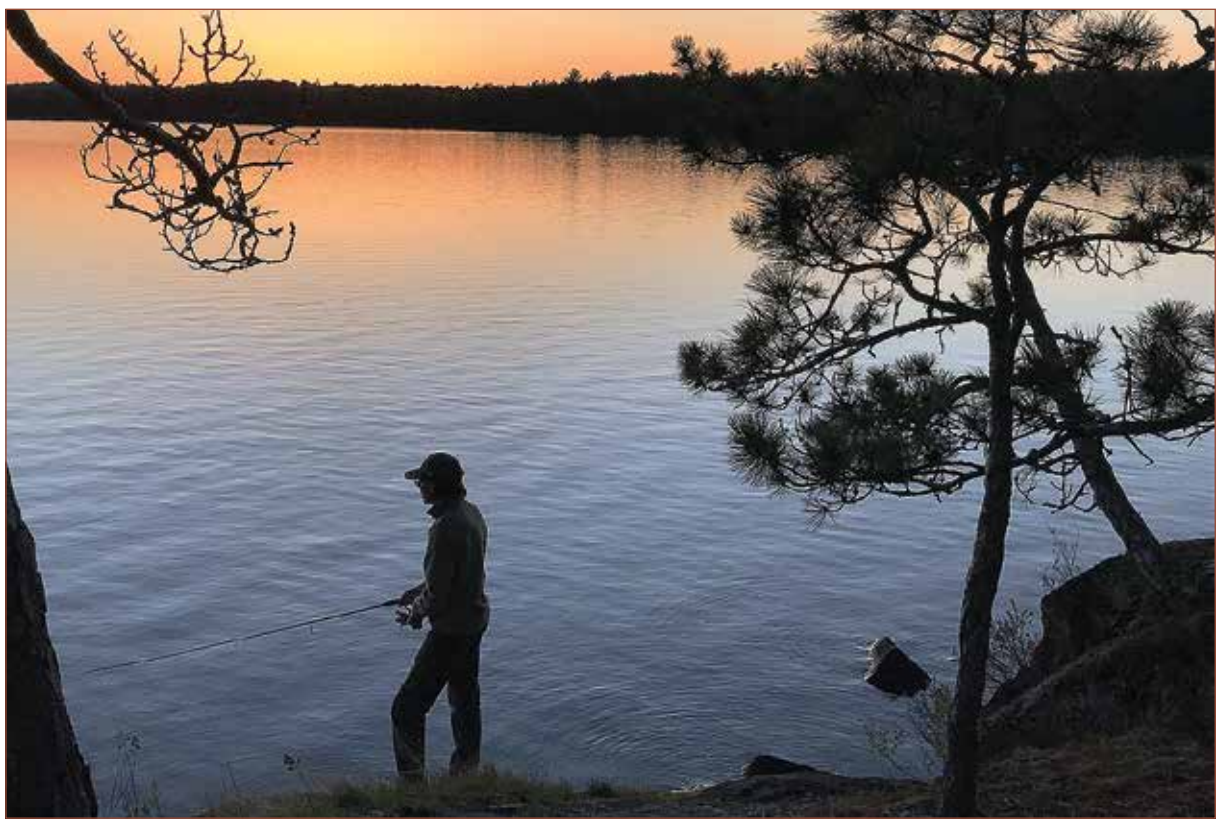
Given the delays, Phillips said he's asked Timbuktu Marina, the contractor who deploys the buoys, to use the old markers for now. "We'll have to find some money in our budget to pay them to swap out the new ones once they arrive," said Phillips.

While the navigational markers that the sheriff's office deploys on Burntside and Lake Vermilion do improve public safety, he said boaters should not rely on them entirely. "I can't stress enough the need to maintain vigilance no matter what lake you're on," he said. "We cannot physically mark every stone or rock pile," he said.

With new buoys soon to be in place on Burntside, Phillips said he anticipates there won't be any delay in deploying the markers next year.

Outdoors

Our lives in the Northwoods



Left: Fishing from the campsite on Cummings Lake as the sunset fades to twilight.

Below: Max hanging out in camp on the first day of the trip.

photos by M. Helmberger

THE BOUNDARY WATERS

Little things make the trip

Birds, fishing, and the song of the whip-poor-will highlights of weekend journey

MARSHALL HELMBERGER

CUMMINGS LAKE— Sometimes it's the little things that stand out on a trip into the Boundary Waters. That was the case this past weekend when my son Max and I ventured into the heart of the Trout Lake section of the wilderness for three days of camping and fishing for northern pike. Roller-coaster weather, incredible bird-watching, good fishing, total solitude, and the song of a whip-poor-will were just some of the little things that proved highlights of the trip.

For us, it was a last opportunity to spend a little father-son bonding time before Max heads back to grad school, this time to pursue a PhD in entomology (studying bugs in case you forgot) at Michigan State. We won't see much of him over the next five years and a few days in the wilderness was a way to reconnect with his North Country birthright before he re-enters that oh-so-populated outside world.

We chose the Trout Lake section of the Boundary Waters because Max is a lot like his old man— he'd rather not have a lot of company on a trip in the woods. And this roughly 100,000-acre chunk of wilderness is rarely visited. Its portages are long, it's disconnected from the rest of the Boundary Waters, and access isn't that easy.

We took the Crab Portage from Burntside, which I knew had been reconstructed a few years ago after an access dispute with a landowner. What I had forgotten was that the location marked on my 1992 vintage map wasn't going to reflect the change.

We found the remains of the old portage, walked 20 feet down the trail and realized it was impassable. Fortunately, we had both brought iPhones (I brought mine to take photos, Max brought his because they're inseparable), so we called the Forest Service office in Ely. Becca Manlove answered cheerily and quickly snapped a photo of a map showing the new portage location and texted it to us and we were instantly back on track. So even I, a natural Luddite, am starting to warm to the notion of this new-fangled technology— at least when it works. The new portage is 420 rods, by the way, a fair bit longer than the original trail.

It's long enough for the sounds of civilization to fade away.

By the time we hit the north half of Crab Lake, we had left the only other canoeists on the lake behind. From there, through Little Crab and on up the Korb River into Cummings Lake, we had the whole place to ourselves. In three days on sprawling Cummings Lake, we never saw another soul.

We had our pick of campsites and selected a beautiful one on the tip of a long, narrow

See **TRIP...***pg. 9B*

Below: Morning mist rises from the water on Cummings Lake on May 20.

Left: Moose scat was abundant at the Otter Lake burn.

Below: An injured bald eagle.

Far left: The Otter Lake burn.

Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower

CANADA MAYFLOWER

This diminuitive flower is a common one in our area, but can be easy to overlook amidst the abundance of larger spring wildflowers. It's known officially as **Canada Mayflower,** *Maianthemum canadense* but is often called Wild Lily of the Valley, a name that accurately identifies this flower as a member of the Lily family. The tiny white flowers look like miniature star bursts and grow in a loose cluster. Look for them in almost any forested area in the North Country.

Fishing reports

Kab-Nam area

With temperatures consistently in the mid 80s, lots of sun and no wind, you couldn't ask for a better stretch of weather. While most years we are putting layers of clothing on to stay warm, this year it was shorts and t-shirts and lots of sunscreen. There were even tubers and water skiers on the lake enjoying the cool water. Along with unseasonably warm weather, fishing has been good, but most are having to work a little harder to find fish as they are scattered at all depths. The transition to summer happened fast so jigs as well as lindys are producing right now. Minnows are still the preferred bait but as water temps have risen into the 60s, leeches and crawlers are also a good bet. See what works and go with it.

Here's the latest from some area guides, followed by Crabby Phil's take on things.

Tim Watson

With the hot weather and no wind, fishing has been mainly in deeper water. 22-28 feet and still on sandy bottoms has been the best. Surface temps are mid-to-upper 60s, so don't forget leeches and crawlers as well as minnows. Working shorelines with jerk baits has been good for bass and northern pike.

Trent Snyder

This week the walleye bite started off slow as the weather was hot sunny and no wind. We were still catching fish in the 32 to 40-ft. range, however as of the last few days the bite seems to have picked up. The range has been all over the board from 6 to 10 ft. in the late evening to 22 to 30 ft. during morning and afternoon. I'm using bright color jigs, white, pink, yellow, etc. Remember to fish the wind and a slow presentation is a good way to fish them.

Crabby Phil's tip of the week

While we are amidst a transition period, meaning fish, all species are scattered at various depths. I suggest you be prepared to start thinking slip sinker rigs using leeches and or crawlers. Surface water temps nearing 70. Traverse depths ranging from 12 to 25 ft. until you find their hangout. Jig and minnow still a good choice but may not be the best offering. Very productive fishing at shallow to mid-depths on the west end.

Courtesy Gateway General Store, Lake Kabetogama

Fishing reports

Early season trout action

TROUT LAKE— Shane Johnson and his father Pete, both from Cook, had a huge day on Trout Lake this past week, landing these three beautiful 8-10-pound lakers in addition to a mess of walleye.

In addition to the fishing, their guide Rob Bryers cooked up a big shore lunch, making it just another outstanding trip in the North Country.

Ely area

The fishing in the Ely area has definitely taken a turn for the better recently. Many anglers have had good success in their pusuit of walleyes, especially those who ventured into the Boundary Waters. The action on Basswood Lake was exceptional with folks fishing there releasing large walleyes over twenty inches in favor of keeping the delectable eaters in the fourteen to eighteen-inch range. Local lakes closer to town were giving up some decent catches, with just the opposite scenario of Basswood as anglers had to wade through and release many undersize walleyes to eventually fill their stringers.

Big northern pike have been the target for many, and folks were tossing suckers out to catch a good number of pike in the forty-inch range. Other anglers were pitching spinner baits and spoons to hook up with these toothy critters and had a ball just catching and releasing these clear water monsters.

The crappies and smallmouth bass are in the throes of the spawn currently, and people have turned their attention to really shallow water in search of them. The crappies are readily taking small minnows or tiny jigs and soft baits, while the smallmouth want bulkier offerings such as 3-4-inch tube baits and crawfish imitations. In many lakes, you can sight cast for the smallmouth if you check the telltale signs of them fanning out beds near shore. Polarized sunglasses are a big help in spotting the beds.

A few nice lake trout up to ten pounds have been taken from Burntside Lake as trolled spoons and larger profile crank baits are worked in water from 20-30 ft. in depth.

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

Lake Vermilion

The easy walleye fishing we experienced for the first few weeks of the year has come to a grinding halt. For what is typically walleye prime time, the fish are not biting in their typical late spring, early summer locations. The walleyes that are biting are on the smaller side and are only biting during random bite windows throughout the day. Continue to work the 20-ft. shoreline breaks outside shallow bays with minnows or leeches for your best action. As these extreme temperatures decrease and mayfly larvae activity increases, I expect fishing to turn around.

The bass are moving up shallow and are starting to make beds as the water temperatures are reaching the 70s in the afternoons.

The muskie spawn is in full swing as evident by the scars visible while they swim along the shallows. These fish are amazing to watch during this time of year and provide great anticipation for muskie opener this weekend.

Courtesy Steve Krasaway, Lake Vermilion Guides League

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST from NOAA weather

Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
65 45	64 47	72 48	68 48	68 47

Ely	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.
05/21	73	34	0.00	
05/22	77	39	0.00	
05/23	81	45	0.00	
05/24	83	50	0.00	
05/25	81	63	0.20	
05/26	86	56	0.08	
05/27	83	50	0.00	
Totals			3.84	

Emb.	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.
05/21	71	35	0.00	
05/22	75	34	0.00	
05/23	78	45	0.00	
05/24	80	45	0.00	
05/25	80	52	0.23	
05/26	83	54	0.05	
05/27	82	54	0.00	
Totals			4.30	

Cook	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.
05/21	72	38	0.00	
05/22	78	43	0.00	
05/23	78	49	0.00	
05/24	85	57	0.00	
05/25	77	61	0.70	
05/26	85	57	0.03	
05/27	81	57	0.00	
Totals			4.71	

Orr	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.
05/21	75	39	0.00	
05/22	79	43	0.00	
05/23	84	50	0.00	
05/24	75	61	0.00	
05/25	84	63	0.00	
05/26	81	55	0.00	
05/27	82	54	0.00	
Totals			NA	NA

Tower	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.
05/21	72	36	0.00	
05/22	75	42	0.00	
05/23	78	43	0.00	
05/24	82	44	0.00	
05/25	83	63	0.37	
05/26	84	52	0.06	
05/27	80	49	0.00	
Totals			4.51	

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peninsula that juts to the west about two-thirds of the way up the lake. It's an ideal location to keep the bugs at bay, but we had timed our trip perfectly, and didn't need the breeze. We never saw a mosquito.

We did, however, see some unpleasant weather. It was an odd three days, bookended by perfect conditions punctuated with rain, high winds and chilly temperatures our second morning that had us reaching for every stitch of warm clothing we had brought.

While the chilly wind kept us hunkered down for the morning, it did much the same for an amazing assortment of birds that hung out on the leeward side of our little peninsula, searching through the stunted red pines for their breakfast. By far the most fascinating was a male red crossbill who was actively feeding at least three recently-fledged young. Sitting on a little bedrock rise with my binoculars, I was able to watch the crossbill at eye level as it used its unusual beak to work the nuts out of red pine cones in order to placate its pestering children. It stayed right in camp for at least half an hour, providing a chance to observe crossbills unlike any I'd experienced before. I even watched the young ones as they tried working pine nuts out of the cone for themselves. It looked like they'd be dependent on the parents for a while yet. It's a strange beak and it no doubt takes some practice.

Later in the morning, as the sky lifted and the wind died down, we headed west to the outlet into Otter Lake, where we'd heard the fishing could be good at times. As we neared the spot, we saw four bald eagles, including two that were obviously fighting. The eagles were clustered around the rapids at the outlet, where the suckers were running and the living was easy.

We later found the two fighting eagles on the ground near the rapids. We paddled over while I tried to snap a few photos, which prompted one of the birds to fly off. The other stayed behind and it was only as we got closer that it became apparent that the bird may have been injured in the brawl. Rather than fly, it crawled off into the woods and we quickly headed the other way to avoid further stressing the bird. One thing's for sure, in the wild, everything is for keeps. We could only hope for its recovery.

The Cummings outflow into Otter did provide us some fishing action, including our nicest northern of the trip and a couple big bass, which we tossed back. I'm more than happy to portage northern fillets, but I draw the line at bass.

But soon our attention was drawn to the recent burn on the north shore of Otter, which had started a few years ago from an unextinguished campfire. We decided to explore the site for moose sign and found plenty. The moose had clearly been working the site over heavily. Piles of moose scat were everywhere and virtually every bit of recovering vegetation had been heavily browsed. It just confirmed what has become increasingly clear— moose primarily need quality habitat to thrive in the North Country.

We slowly paddled our way back to our campsite, working shorelines with spoons, exploring the nooks and crannies of Cummings Lake along the way. By the time we arrived back at camp, the sky had cleared and the high winds had lessened to a fresh breeze and temperatures had climbed at least into the 50s. After supper, we casted from shore as the sun slowly settled in the west.

Later, when we had retired to our sleeping bags, the wind calmed and we listened to the sounds of the night— a nearby loon with a call that was slightly off-key, and a barred owl asking "who-cooks-for-you?" Then the whip-poor-wills started in. These nocturnal birds feed on night-flying insects and are more often heard than seen. But in my experience, even hearing a whip-poor-will is a pretty uncommon event. I tried to soak it in.

We made our way out of the wilderness the following day. Against a backdrop of intense blue, we marveled at the huge red and white pine that towered over the shores of Korb Lake, and the lime green of new aspen leaves that were then just appearing.

These are little things, perhaps, but they can make a trip when we make the time to take notice. And they are fine memories to sustain a young man as he heads off to life's big adventure.

It's been quite a growing up for him in our little log cabin in the deep woods, and I know he's come to appreciate how unique his childhood was here in the North Country. Another visit to the Boundary Waters was just to accentuate the point. As I told him the other day, "Kid, remember your roots."

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The contractor must provide a certificate of insurance as to general liability insurance coverage. Successful quotes must carry equipment and general liability insurance for no less that $1,000,000.00 for personal injury and property damage. Sealed quotes will be accepted until 1:00 p.m., June 8, 2018.

Sealed quotes are to be sent or delivered by June 8, 2018, to Sue Drobac, Greenwood Township Clerk, 3000 Hwy. 77, Tower, MN 55790.

The township reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, to waive any irregularities, and to accept any quote deemed most advantageous to the Township.

Sue Drobac, Town Clerk

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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 hereinafter 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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MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 707 Nett Lake, Minnesota 55772-8122

REGULAR MEETING
April 9, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Brandon Benner - Chairman
Marilyn Geshick, Vice-Chairman
Karlene Chosa, Clerk
Jane Villebrun, Treasurer
Beverly Steel, Director
Tara Geshick, Director

ALSO PRESENT:
Jim Varichak, Supt./Prin.
Christine Hampson, Business Mngr.
Corinne Whiteman, Secretary

Chairman Benner called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 707 to order at 8:12 a.m.

18-107 Motion was made by M. Geshick and seconded by Villebrun to approve the agenda, and adding kitchen staff to a discussion item. Also adding a Residency Question to the to Report section for Board Members. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

Julie Whiteman Indian Home School Liaison presented the Board with Non-Certified Staff negotiations.

18-108 Motion was made by M. Geshick and seconded by Steel to approve the March 12, 2018 regular meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

18-109 Motion was made by T. Geshick and seconded by Villebrun to approve the bills in the amount of $90,356.77 (list attached). MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

18-110 Motion was made by Steel and seconded by T. Geshick to approve the March 31, 2018 Financial Report. MOTION CARRIED 6-0-0

Superintendent report was given:Conferences are being held today, Monday and Tuesday of this week; students are being released at 12:00 p.m. Each day. There was a PBIS Celebration last Friday, which went well. It will be a busy week this week. Wednesday is Hat Day, Thursday is Dress Crazy Day, and Friday School Spirit Day. Students are trying to raise money for the Playground. MCA testing will begin at the end of the month. The testing will be for 3rd through 6th grade. 3rd-5th grade will be testing in Math and Reading, and 6th grade will be testing in Math, Reading, and Science. We will be having an Audit this year on testing. On the 23rd of this month the Zoo Mobile will be here. Kindergarten State Preview (Round up) will be in May. Christine Lundemo is already advertising for this day. The School is thinking of have a Spring Concert, something small. Discussion on Cultural Events.

There was no Technology Report.

Karlene Chosa had a question on Board Chairman Brandon Benner's Residency. The question was later moved to an Action Item.

Corinne Whiteman addressed the board on salary negotiation letter.

Tara Geshick left the meeting at 9:06 a.m.

18-111 Motion was made by M. Geshick and seconded by Chosa to approve the Consent Agenda. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

18-112 Motion was made by M. Geshick and seconded by Villebrun to accept the Resignation form Cindy Szweduik, Internal Coach position for the Reading Corps program, effective today, April 4, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

18-113 Motion was made by M. Geshick and seconded by Villebrun to approve a District Credit Card. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

18-114 Motion was made by Chosa and seconded by Villebrun to hire Daniel Lambert as Custodian at $11.24 an hour, contingent on completing all necessary paperwork. MOTION CARRIED 5-01

Roll Coll Vote
Brandon Benner Yes
Beverly Steel Yes
Karlene Chosa Yes
Jane Villebrun Yes
Marilyn Geshick No
Tara Geshick Absent

18-115 Motion was made by Chosa and seconded by Villebrun to hire Gordon Adams, III as Part – Time Custodian at $11.24 an hour, contingent on completing all necessary paperwork. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

18-116 Motion was by Villebrun and seconded by Chosa to approve the modification of the Tech Coordinator Contract. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

18-117 Motion was made by Chosa and died for a lack of seconded, for an outside agency to do a Residency investigation on Board Chairman, Brandon Benner.

Discussion on the Head Cook, and the Cook Kitchen Aide.

Please Review Drug/Alcohol Policy. At the next board meeting Superintendent/ Principal Varichak will bring back for approval.

Received update on G5 Emergency Construction Grant Update, we did not receive it. The Air Vac's were not consistent.

Negotiation Committee will meet Thursday Morning at 8:00 a.m. (April 12, 2018) regarding Non-Certified Staff Negotiations.

18-118 Motion was made by M. Geshick to adjourn the meeting at 9:39 a.m.

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CITY OF ORR PUBLIC NOTICE VARIANCE HEARING REGARDING RESIDENTIAL SETBACK REQUEST

The Orr City Council will conduct a Variance Hearing on June 11, 2018, at 6:45 p.m., at Orr City Hall, 4429 Highway 53, Orr MN 55771 to consider a request presented by Fred and Dana Erkkila for a variance side yardage setback to the City of Orr Zoning Ordinance-Residential, Article VII, Section 7.40(f) for an existing accessory garage located on the proposed property.

The variance hearing is authorized by the Orr Zoning Ordinance, Article XVIII, Section 18.50(c).

The public notice process and hearing will be conducted in accordance with Article XX, Section 20.40 of the Orr Zoning Ordinance.

Questions regarding the public notice process or hearing should be directed to Cheri Carter, City Clerk of Orr, at (218) 757-3288, City of Orr, 4429 Highway 53, PO Box 237, Orr, MN 55771.

This notice was published in accordance with Article XX, Section 20.40 in the "Timberjay" June 1, 2018, and posted at the U.S. Post Office, Orr Municipal Liquor Store, Norman's One Stop and City Hall on 5/29/2018. This notice was mailed to the affected property owners as described in Article XX, Section 20.40.

Cheri Carter, Clerk/Treasurer

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Nett Lake School
Indian Home-School Liaison/Director

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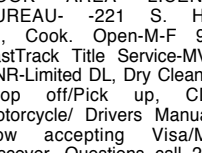
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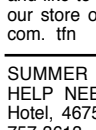
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OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS- Meetings every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia.

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AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP- Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon Family Group is a community-based mutual support program for the friends and families of alcoholics. It is confidential and open to anyone affected by someone else's drinking. Hope Lutheran Church in Embarrass hosts an Al-Anon group on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. 218-984-2037.

AA OPEN MEETING- Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Woodland Presbyterian Church, Acacia Blvd. and Central Drive in Babbitt.

BABBITT AL-ANON- meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Babbitt Assembly of God Church.

VIRGINIA AA WOMEN'S MEETING- Ladies by the Lake. Tuesdays at 12 noon. Peace United Methodist Church, 303 S 9th Ave, please use side door and parking.

Weekly SUDOKU

Answer

7	8	9	3	6	1	2	5	4
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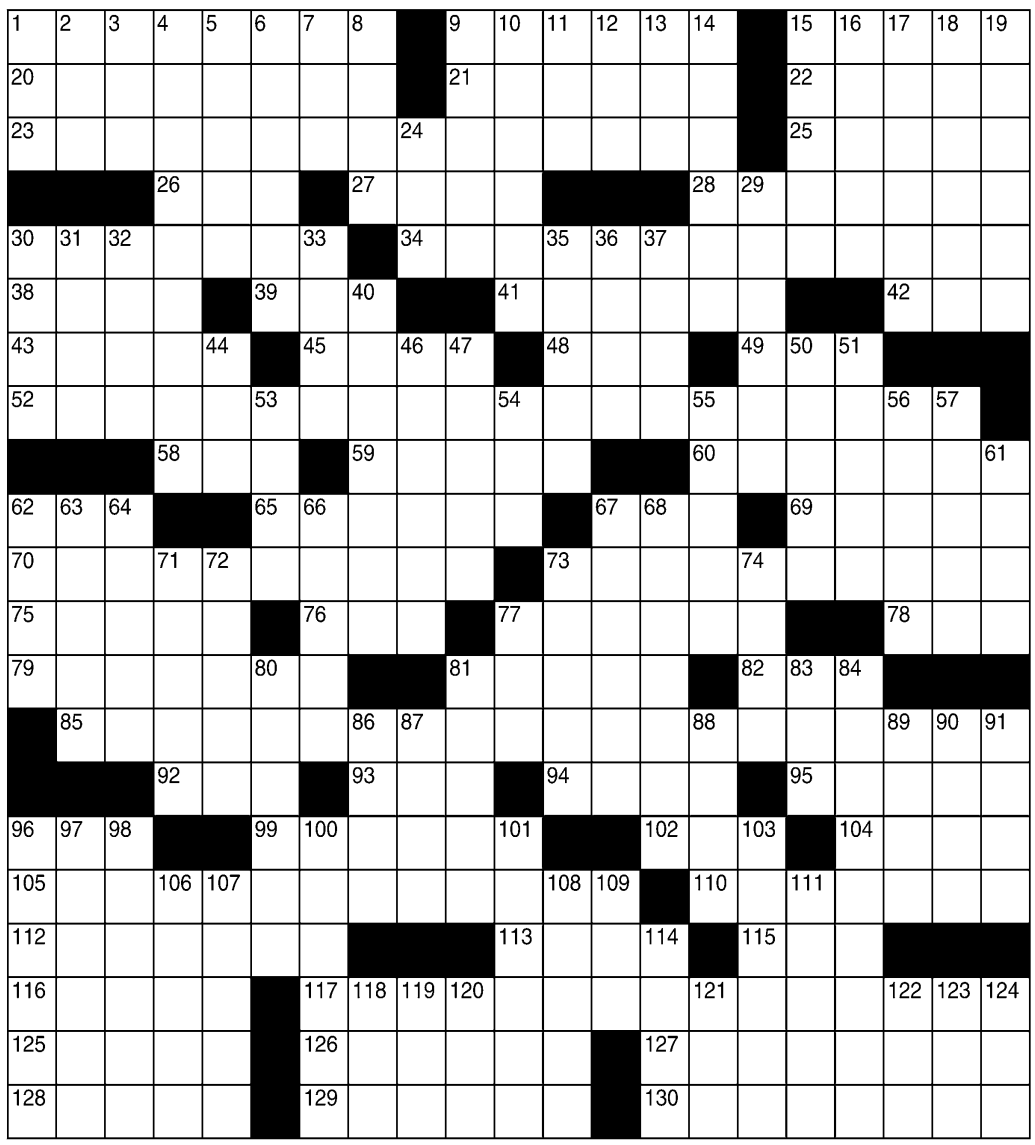
Super Crossword

RECREATIONAL MATHEMATICS

ACROSS
1 Sovereign
9 "And on and on and on": Abbr.
15 Like saltines
20 Fit to send via the postal service
21 Old-time comedian Russell
22 Designer Oscar de la —
23 Olive Oyl's guy, to a math lover?
25 Hall's partner in music
26 Chicken —
27 "Have — a deal for you!"
28 Increases, as debt
30 2011-15 speaker of the House
34 Huge grin, to a math lover?
38 Meditative discipline
39 "Oh really? — who?!"
41 Old Carl Sagan series
42 Guitarist Nugent
43 Layer with a "hole" in it
45 Hand lender
48 Narrow coastal inlet
49 R.E. Lee's org.
52 Male Oscar category, to a math lover?
58 Cry audibly
59 Sir — Newton
60 One like the previous one
62 Suffix with leopard
65 Will subject
67 Lump of mayo, e.g.
69 Harsh in tone
70 "Les Misérables" author, to a math lover?
73 More done than "bloody," to a math lover?
75 Pretty up
76 Mimic
77 Ballpark bite
78 Casual greetings
79 Cry upon arriving
81 Air, as an oldie
82 Wallach of "The Misfits"
85 Spinning measure, to a math lover?
92 — while
93 Extra NBA periods
94 Petrol station name
95 "— Marner"
96 Stick on
99 Reporter, informally
102 South, south of the border
104 Tetra- + five
105 Protective spirit, to a math lover?
110 Motoring TV series
112 No fewer than
113 Burglarizes
115 Jerry's uncle on "Seinfeld"
116 Certain floor specialist
117 1950 black-comedy film noir, to a math lover?
125 Lift with effort
126 Motionless
127 Talked nonsense
128 Pack-toting animals
129 Carmelite nun
130 Vampire novelist

DOWN
1 Mini-demon
2 — Zedong
3 Domino spot
4 Pachyderms
5 Silky fabric
6 Alpine goats
7 Height stat
8 Utah City near Provo
9 Belgian artist James
10 Big name in breath mints
11 Tax doc. pro
12 U.S. aliens' subj.
13 Hot brew
14 Storied duelist with a big nose
15 Gators' kin
16 Supply with a new weapon
17 Have a hunch
18 Remington of 1980s TV
19 Went by
24 Yolk's place
29 Med. x-ray
30 Party abbr. about drinks
31 Seep
32 Huge heads
33 Get as profit
35 Classical column style
36 "The ball — your court"
37 Hi-tech 'zine
40 "Hush!"
44 Tijuana "that"
46 Prescription measure
47 Lyric Muse
50 Derision
51 Floral oil
53 Rival of Lyft
54 — kwon do
55 One-named Italian model
56 "Hey, I was thinking ..."
57 Glossy proof
61 Deli breads
62 "Well, Did You —?" (Cole Porter tune)
63 Nisan feast
64 Win points
66 SeaWorld killer whale
67 Outfits
68 Peculiarity
71 Roman fountain
72 Shallot's kin
73 — code
74 Many moons
77 Mother bird
80 Singer Morissette
81 Bow rub-on
83 Guitarist Paul
84 Freezing up
86 City
87 "— trap!"
88 Beat big-time
89 Balm plant
90 Mama's ma
91 Old overlord
96 Christie of mystery
97 Import taxes
98 City in Texas
100 Annoys a lot
101 Way to leave
103 Arrive, as fog
106 Christopher of "Superman"
107 Ventures
108 Bunch of, informally
109 Diminish
111 Annoy
114 Mixer choice
118 Aztec cousin
119 "I'm cold!"
120 View
121 It may dispense 13-Down
122 Old ring king
123 Abbr. on a camcorder
124 HST follower



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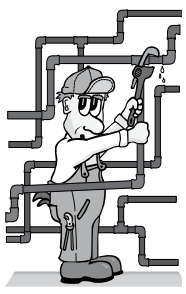

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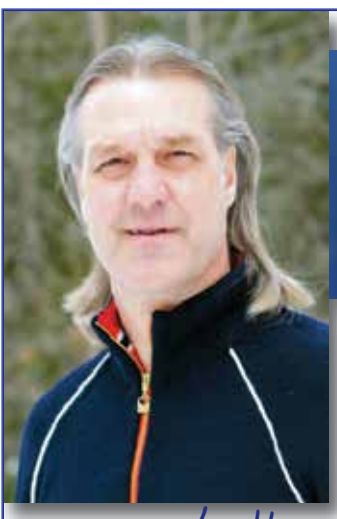

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