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CITY OF COOK

## Montana Cafe reopens

Cook native and recent college grad jumped at opportunity

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA Staff Writer

COOK-Just seven months after closing its doors "permanently," the Montana Café is welcoming guests once again.

Megan Brodeen, after hearing that the Montana was closing,

Megan Brodeen recently reopened the Montana Cafe in downtown Cook. photo by S. Ukkola

quickly jumped on the opportunity. Brodeen, who grew up in Cook, recently received a Bachelors of Business Administration from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. "It was perfect timing and I've wanted

to have my own restaurant since I was little," she said.

Brodeen said she will be keeping a lot of things the same, like the traditional American theme. Some

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#### LAKE VERMILION SOUDAN UNDERGROUND MINE STATE PARK



## Director: Vermilion Ridge Campground can link generations

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

LAKE VERMILION—The sound of a native drum punctuated the celebration of the opening of the Vermilion Ridge campground at the new Lake Vermilion Soudan Underground Mine State Park here on Thursday, harkening back to the centuries of connection that the Bois Forte people have had with the big lake and its surrounding forests.

It's a link that Minnesota State Parks Director Erika Rivers said the DNR hopes to instill in future generations of Minnesotans. "That's what this is really all about - it's about connections. And we saw that with the Bois Forte band



this morning, you could almost feel that drumbeat under your feet, being that connection to generations past and generations that will enjoy this park into the future."

For those who have supported the park, the ribbon-cutting for the new

Vermilion Ridge campers enjoy a meal last week at the newlydedicated facility.

Left:

State Sen. Tom Bakk helped dedicate the new campground. photos by M. Helmberger

campground was a chance to celebrate the progress toward that goal, and to outline the plans for the future as the park continues to develop into Minnesota's newest and most modern state park. As many as 150 people turned out for

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#### **MINING**

## Bill would clear way for PolyMet land swap

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Federal lawsuits that could block completion of a land exchange between the U.S. Forest Service and PolyMet Mining would be wiped away by Congress

should a provision introduced Thursday by Sen. Tina Smith be enacted into law.

Smith is proposing her measure as an unrelated rider to a major defense policy bill that's expected to come before



Sen. Tina Smith

the Senate soon. It's similar to a standalone bill introduced late last year by Rep. Rick Nolan. That measure passed the House by a wide margin late last year, so once reconciled by a House-Senate conference committee, the measure could well be sent to President Trump for his signature.

PolyMet officials lauded Smith's action. "We're supportive of the amendment," said company spokesperson Bruce Richardson. "The Forest Service, one of the co-lead agencies in the

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#### CITY OF ELY

## Elyite.com website touts life at the end of the road

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY - Elyite/ee-lee-ite/ noun – A person whose passion  $for Ely, \dot{Minn.}, and the surround-\\$ ing community compels that individual to call it home.

The city of Ely, through a Blandin Foundation grant and the work of a group of dedicated volunteers, launched a new website last week for Ely, called



elyite.com. A roll-out party was held

last Thursday at Amici's Event Center.

In a ribbon-cutting ceremony, one of the founders of the effort, Joe Tome, said the purpose of elyite.com is to showcase the 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

#### **More online**

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firmly believe Ely has so much to offer and we want to show it off," he said.

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

website. "This is one of several

initiatives, including the growth of broadband and high-speed internet here, that are taking place now," he said. "This area is setting an example of how to reach communities through working together and collaborating to get something done."

Tome said the effort began last April. "We wanted a way to promote our town in a positive

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## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTI

#### **Invitation and call for artists for** Pop Up art show, July 26-29

TOWER- A Pop Up art show in July will showcase original art and artists and proceeds will benefit the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center in Tower. The art will be framed oil, watercolor, and pottery. All items will be available for purchase with the artist setting the price. The location of the show will be 6412 Hwy. 169 in Tower, two blocks south of

The Preview Gala is on Thursday, July 26 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. on the grass and under a tent. The Gala will include Chef Rozy, from Kunnari's, crafting unique appetizers to go with beer and wine. Preview tickets will be \$25 per person or \$35 at the door. Tickets will be sold on Eventbrite start-

On July 27-29 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., art will be available to view and purchase for the general public free of charge. A Plein Air Demo (artist painting in the open air) will be conducted by artist Marie Miller on both Friday and Saturday afternoons at 2 p.m. For questions, contact Julie Baxley at JMbaxley12@gmail.com or call 706-581-3584.

#### **Tuesday Nite Live starts June 19**

ELY-Looking for fun, shopping, art and music? Look no further. The Ely Chamber of Commerce Merchant Committee is sponsoring Tuesday Nite Live starting June 19 and running through August 21. You will find live music, art demonstrations, book signings, museum tours, and all kinds of specials at downtown businesses and restaurants. Each week the events will be advertised in local newspapers and on WELY. You can also find a listing online at ely.org or stop in at the Ely Chamber of Commerce and pick up the weekly "Do the Walk" map. The map is a guide to all the evening events and on the back is a list of all the specials at local businesses and restaurants. The chamber also has a new Facebook page, check it out and like it at facebook.com/Ely-Tuesday-Nite-Live. Don't miss all the fun, come to Ely on Tuesdays and "Do the Walk."

#### Bear River Fair on Aug. 18 and 19

BEAR RIVER- It's coming soon, mark your calendars now for the Bear River Fair on Aug. 18 and 19. There are many wonderful things to enjoy throughout the weekend. Exhibits will be entered on Saturday morning, and we ask YOU to take part by entering something. Exhibits, after all, are the reason for the fair in the first place. There will be a pig roast on Saturday night including live music from 4-8 p.m. by the Lake Street Gang.

On Sunday there will be a worship service at 10:30 a.m. followed by a dinner of Swedish meatballs and mashed potatoes. Dessert will follow with coffee and pie served by the folks from Bear River Church. Casey Aro will be sharing his music and humor on Sunday afternoon. There will be a scavenger hunt for ages 12 and over – with cash prizes at the end. Throughout the two-day event you can enjoy the ball tournament (contact Tony at the Viking, 218-376-4622, for more information), bazaar (contact Hazel at 218-969-3755) and shopping at the Fair Market (contact Bruce at 480-213-0767). Bingo is back this year, too.

Are you able to help out with the fair in any way? Let us know. We would love to have you join our crew. Keep your ears open for more information on this wonderful annual tradition. If you have questions or are willing to help, contact Bruce at 480-213-0767 or Jane at 218-376-4556.

The Bear River Community Center/Old Bear River School is located at the intersection of Hwy. 22 and Hwy. 5. The building is handicapped accessible. Visit BearRiverMN.com for more informa-

## **Camp Broadway play set for June 19**

High school camp set to begin in July; registrations now open

BABBITT- The first-ever Northeast Range Camp Broadway with students from grades three to six will present "A Little Bit of Magic" by Grant Golden. Hardworking kids from Babbitt, Ely, and Tower started on their musical production on Tuesday, June 5 and will perform on Tuesday, June 19 at 6 p.m. in the George Moe Auditorium in Babbitt.

You read that right, only two weeks from start to finish, singing, dancing and acting, with all the parts performed by the students.

"A Little Bit of Magic" is a charming musical that touches upon how special we are.

Performers include Alison Poppler, Evelie Cooley-Cramer, Maizy Sundblad, Danica Sundblad, Else Bee, Ashton Mattison, Coral Mattison, Carl Merhar, Neva Levens, and Tuuli Koivisto.

The second session of Camp Broadway is now accepting registrations from area students in grades



six to twelve for a three-week camp starting on Thursday, July 5 with a final performance on Friday, July 27. The high school edition of 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. Online registration can be found at https://goo.gl/forms/ 2jqGw6VxNW7bLSCL2.

LAKE VERMILION CULTURAL CENTER

## Tickets now available for Midsummer **Gala on Saturday, June 23**

TOWER- The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center (LVCC) Midsummer Gala will be held at the Tower Civic Center on Saturday,

The event begins with social time and opportunities to bid for items in the silent auction from 5 -6:30 p.m. and dinner, live auction, and program will begin at 6:30 p.m.

Guests will be treated to a delicious dinner, featuring favorites from "Mom's Minnesota Kitchen," and an entertaining musical program will follow the dinner. "LIVE! From Lake Vermilion!", directed by Janice Kimes. The Midsummer Singers and soloists will entertain diners with a nostalgic selection of music from the heart and soul of Minnesota and humorous skits showcasing performers and characters from our own North Woods.

If you would like to receive an invitation, contact vermilionculturalcenter@gmail.com or register online at lakevermilionculturalcenter. org. The RSVP deadline is Monday, June 18. This



There will be many great raffles available during the silent and live auction, including vacation trips. file photo

event often is sold out, so make your reservations

As in past Midsummer celebrations, the silent and live auctions will offer a unique and imaginative selection of gift baskets and local services, Lake Vermilion adventures, and fun vacation getaways near and far. Examples of items offered include a Twin Cities weekend with excellent tickets to a Minnesota Wild hockey game, a trip on a Lake Vermilion houseboat, a craft beer basket, a handmade quilt, summer pies, pontoon parties, Fourth of July baskets, an antique German clock, baskets

for kids and grandkids, baskets with novel cabin décor, a single malt Scotch basket, a golf package at The Wilderness, and many, many more.

You will also get a chance to sign up for two exciting trips with LVCC Adventure Travel. Join a fun travel group this summer or in January 2020. The LVCC will offer a new adventure that will take place in January 2020-a tour planned to Kenya, Africa.

There are a few openings also for the trip later this summer to Edinburgh, Scotland, Northern England including Beatrix Potter's

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Lake District—Wales, and Northern Ireland. Take advantage of the chance to be a part of this excellent tour of Celtic and Roman Britain planned for August/September 2018. Details for both of these trips will be provided at the Midsummer event.

The LVCC is restoring the former St. Mary's Episcopal Church, located at the western gateway to Tower. When finished, the historic structure will become a cultural and community center and performing arts auditorium for Tower, Soudan, and the Lake Vermilion area.



Northeast Range School is hosting it's first-ever Musical Theater Camp this summer ... and you can be part of it!

Camp Directors: Crystal Poppler & Michael Rouse

Thursday, July 5 to Friday, July 27, 2018 Auditorium at Northeast Range School 8 a.m. to Noon daily (weekdays)

Open to all surrounding area students as well as summer residents and home-schooled students (need not be a NER student) who just completed 6th-12th grade (will be in grades 7-12 next year)

Participants will learn about multiple aspects of theater from acting, singing, and dancing to costumes and set design

The camp will culminate with a public performance of

"Wizard of Oz" on Friday July 27th at 7 p.m.

"Wizard of Oz" is a story and musical that has endured as a family favorite and is still shown on TV every year ... but as a live musical, it is so much better! Full of great characters and beautiful music, this is an oportunity to be a part of truly exciting experience while at the same time, refining your acting, singing, and dancing skills!

Camp cost is \$40 (\$20 for students on reduced/free lunch at school)

After June 1st only ONLINE registration will be available (or register the 1st morning of camp in the auditoriium)

Register by returning the attached form (to the NER office) or online at: https://goo.gl/forms/2jqGw6VxNW7bLSCL2

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## **Auditor cites growing deficits**

TOWER— The city's auditor offered a mixed report on the city of Tower's 2017 finances on Monday. While noting that the financial information was complete enough to allow for an unmodified opinion, Greg Knutson of Walker, Giroux, and Hahne, cited growing deficits in several city accounts and flagged investments in the Gunderson Trust that are not authorized by

The city also lost nearly \$50,000 in its water and sewer fund, as revenues failed to keep pace with expenditures.

At the same time, the city's general fund balance dipped by \$81,000, to \$805,004. Virtually all of that fund balance was the result of the accumulated \$810,000 in the city's ambulance account. "The ambulance is basically carrying the general fund," said Knutson.

The city's main general fund

Other issues raised in annual financial report

account had a fund balance of just \$1,063, according to Knutson.

The forestry fund had a positive balance of \$148,000 as of year-end, while the Hoodoo Point Campground account was nearly \$200,000 in deficit, added

Across all governmental funds, the city's financial position declined by \$197,000, including growing deficits in the city's capital projects and the historic harbor account. Nearly \$50,000 of that decline, however, is due to an increased number of loans from the city's commercial rehabilitation account, which ebbs and flows depending on requests. Knutson repeated his push

for the city to take steps to eliminate deficits in capital project accounts, which is a pitch he's made in other recent years, with only minimal effect.

In his management letter, Knutson addressed issues like inadequate segregation of financial duties, a common problem with small governmental bodies, and one that requires additional oversight by the city council.

Knutson also cited a number of other issues that the audit had revealed, including untimely expenditures on an airport grant, inadequate documentation of receipts from area townships for the ambulance fund and changes in an IRRRB grant. Knutson also noted that the Gunderson Trust had two investments in annuities, which he said are not authorized by state law. "And one of these annuities still had the previous secretary listed as the annuitant," said Knutson. "We recommend the city invest funds from the annuities in investments authorized by state statutes."

The city council had no questions for Knutson on the audit.

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#### COUNTY SCHOOLS

## New schools experiencing major structural problems

by MELISSA ROACH

REGIONAL - Several of the St. Louis County School District's new schools are experiencing significant deterioration and structural problems barely seven years after completion of construction on the \$80 million school district restructuring.

Building and grounds supervisor Tony Buccanero revealed a laundry list of major concerns during a board study session held Monday. Both the South Ridge and North Woods schools have problems with sinking floors, which are distorting interior walls and doorways, while Cherry has its own set of problems.

"We've got issues at South Ridge with some sinking floors that stemmed back from the original construction," said Buccanero. "I need to get ICS involved because I think we are going to need some professional help to see if we can go back and review the ten-year construction clause to see if some of this stuff can be remedied by the previous contractor, Kraus Anderson." ICS is a consulting firm based in Blaine.

"Long story short," said Buccanero, "we've got sinking floors in the music room and elementary bathroom." He also described doorways that are sinking away and pulling away from the exterior walls. "We have one in the choir room that is resting up against a roof truss...boiler loop pipes that are resting against the pipe chase, so basically if that

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#### **POLITICS**

## Poll: Radinovich, Lee hold early lead for DFL nod in Eighth

by Marshall Helmberger

Managing Editor

REGIONAL - Former state Rep. Joe Radinovich and former KBJR news anchor Michelle Lee are the early leaders in the race for the DFL nomination for Congress in the Eighth District. That's according to recent polling conducted by Victoria Research and Consulting for the Radinovich campaign.

The firm, based in Maryland, has worked in Minnesota's Eighth District since first hired by the late Jim Oberstar in 1992. This year, the company





30 percent. Fewer than one-in-

four likely primary voters had

heard of state Rep. Jason Metsa or North Branch Mayor Kirsten Hagen Kennedy. The poll did not include DFL activist Soren Sorenson, of Bemidji, who was a late entrant to the race.

According to the poll, Radinovich and Lee had nearly identical support, at 17 percent for Radinovich and 16 percent for Lee, a difference well within the poll's 4.9-percent margin of error. Metsa had nine percent support while Kennedy was at six percent.

The survey considered the candidates' support within the district's two major media

markets, Duluth and the Twin Cities. Lee had a clear lead in the Duluth market, with 24 percent support, while Radinovich was second at 18 percent. Metsa finished third with 15 percent support while Kennedy had the backing of just four percent of those polled.

Radinovich holds a clear lead, however, in the southern part of the district, with 17 percent support. Kennedy was in second place at nine percent, while Lee finished third at seven percent. Metsa came in at just two percent support.

The survey found that See POLL...pg. 5

remains popular among DFLers across the district, with 72 percent offering a favorable view, and only 13 percent expressing an unfavorable view.

Nolan announced earlier this year that he would not seek re-election to Congress. He announced last week that he has joined Attorney General Lori Swanson as her running mate in her bid for the DFL gubernatorial

The poll of likely primary voters suggests that Radinovich,



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## Editorial

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## **Eroding the rule of law**

Allowing only one side access to the courts undermines the federal process

America's federal courts are supposed to be the great equalizer. While the costs of litigation can certainly limit the ability of some to have their day in court, the federal judiciary is, for many, the one guarantor of equal protection under the law— the one place where average Americans can stand equal with powerful corporations or an arbitrary or abusive government agency.

But what if only one side of a dispute had access to the courts? It's not an academic question. It's a reality that is playing out right now in the U.S. Senate, where Sen. Tina Smith has introduced a rider to an unrelated, must-pass defense bill that is intended to deny environmental groups the right to challenge the proposed PolyMet land exchange in federal court.

Whether you support the land exchange or not, it's hard to argue that short-circuiting a long-established decision-making process is reasonable or wise. It's even more astonishing that Sen. Smith, who has the backing of Sen. Amy Klobuchar, and Rep. Rick Nolan in the House, would deny only one side their rights under the law.

PolyMet has always had the right to use the courts to defend their position, just as Twin Metals had the right to sue over the Obama administration's decision to cancel its mineral leases near Ely.

Indeed, Forest Service officials, in approving the land exchange, acknowledged it was the threat of litigation by PolyMet that prompted them to give the go-ahead for the exchange. The Forest Service is well aware of the risks of a sulfide mine in the heart of the Superior National Forest. But officials argued at the time that they were reluctant to test the provisions of the century-old Weeks Act in court. The federal land that the Forest Service would hand over to PolyMet was obtained under this law, passed in 1911. Among other things, the law prohibited strip mining on any lands acquired under the act, so this federal law would, in theory, have prevented PolyMet from pursuing the open pit mine they have proposed.

PolyMet officials had indicated to the Forest Service that they would likely challenge that law in federal court. While the law may seem clear, Forest Service officials well understood that federal disputes are often more complex than they may appear at first glance. Rather than risk the courts dismantling the Weeks Act's protection against strip mining, the

Forest Service pursued a land exchange. It was a calculated decision designed to minimize the risk of even greater harm.

In this instance, the mere threat of litigation provided PolyMet effective leverage in its efforts to influence the decision-making of a federal agency that otherwise might well have resisted a sulfide mine, given its risks.

But now that environmental groups want their day in court, to examine whether the exchange meets the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA), members of Congress are trying to deny them access to the same legal process that PolyMet used, in effect, to get its way.

Will Sen. Smith and her allies in Congress now try to prevent environmentalists from challenging the Trump administration's decision to reinstate mineral leases for Twin Metals? That lawsuit was filed Tuesday, so time will tell.

Sen. Smith argues that her measure won't impact the environmental review or permitting process. That's true, and also entirely irrelevant. The lawsuit filed by environmentalists focuses solely on whether Americans are getting equal value for the federal lands they propose to hand over to PolyMet. It's a complex question, one that neither Sen. Smith nor the rest of the state's congressional delegation knows the answer to. It's the kind of question routinely answered through the in-depth fact-finding undertaken by federal district courts.

By attempting to deny such an investigation, Minnesota's junior senator is undermining a federal system that was designed with checks and balances for a reason. America has been known around the world as a place that governs through a process guided by the rule of law, in this case, by the provisions of the FLPMA. And access to the courts is part of that process. If Sen. Smith believes the FLPMA should be revised to remove access to the courts for those who object to a government decision, she should propose it and let the political process decide. But to leave a law in place, and to arbitrarily set aside its provisions on a case-by-case basis based solely on political considerations, is to turn the rule of law into the law of the jungle. Sen. Smith may see a short-term political benefit to her actions (votes on the Iron Range) but by eroding public confidence in the fairness of the federal process, she risks doing much harm in the longer run.



### Letters from Readers

#### Smith shows why we need a change in Washington

Senator Tina Smith's backroom deal to undermine Northern Minnesota's environmental protections by inserting toxic sulfide mining riders on the Defense Authorization Bill highlights everything that is wrong with politics. At the last minute, and without a hearing, Smith tacked unrelated legislation to our defense budget. She did so behind the scenes, hoping to deceive her constituents and please special interests, as she raises PAC money and industry

People are sick and tired of politicians on the take who sacrifice the average person for the powerful, and who say one thing and do another. Tina could care less about our little farm surrounded by toxic mineral exploration. The foreign mining interests are far more important to her. That is why we are supporting her DFL opponent in the Aug. 14 Senate primary, Richard Painter. He's the guy on TV who has railed against government corruption for years. He takes no PAC money and no special interest money. As an expert on ethics, he walks the walk. While every issue in Washington is in the hands of politicians answering

to lobbyists, Painter answers to the people. Dirty politics as usual and deceptive politicians for sale is no longer tolerable. It is time to clean up dirty politics with a fresh coat of Paint. That is why we support Richard Painter for U.S. Senate.

**Kelly Dahl** Linden Grove Twp.

#### We are like moths to Trump's gaslighting flame

"Gaslighting," a 1938 stage play, portrayed a man who persuades his wife she only imagined the house lights dimmed as he used gas lights to search for jewelry in an upstairs apartment of a woman he murdered. A 1944 movie, Gaslight was a story of a man who manipulated his wife into thinking she's crazy. Currently, it refers to anyone (politicians included) who messes with your mind to make you doubt your grasp of factual reality.

The "Gaslighter-in-Chief," Donald J. Trump, continues to twist and distort reality by pathological lying and contradiction, reframing and distraction, advancing false charges while denying them, witch-hunt accusations and baseless claims. His shifting blame, boasting, bragging and bullying is a mere facade of

confidence and strength.

Gaslighters never admit to wrongdoing. Their exaggerations and lies are repeated and escalated when questioned. They create chaos and confusion to cause doubt and uncertainty. Projecting their own shortcomings on their targets and false charges weaken people for domination and control. Excessive praise of loyalists and vicious degradation of opponents is a standard ploy.

Trump gaslighted Republican voters and opponents throughout the primaries, then Hillary Clinton fell prey to the same tactics and was brought down by the "wisdom" of the electoral college. The irony is that the Founders intended electors would reject a demagogue, but instead they chose one, contrary to the winner of the popular vote.

Bullies, abusers, dictators, cult leaders and sociopaths are highly-skilled gaslighters. President Trump's attacks on the press, DOJ, and FBI in attempt to "set fire" to our government agencies, erodes the rule of law. Amanda Carpenter, a Republican and author of "Gaslighting America: Why We Love It When Trump Lies To Us," concluded that in our desire to believe "we are moths drawn to the gaslighting flame."

Harold Honkola

COMMENTARY

## Journalists have a critical job to do

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get the solid,

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politicians and

policy decisions.

Our system cannot

work if journalists

I was chatting with a group of students the other day when one of them looked me in the eye and commented, "You're very tough on journalists." I had to plead guilty.

Of course I'm tough on journalists. Maybe even as tough on them as they are on pol-

Our representative democ-



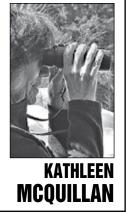
and the institutions they work for don't shoulder the burden of serving as watchdogs, holding government accountable, shining a light on overlooked challenges, and exploring complicated issues in as clear-eyed a manner as

Which is why, if you value representative democracy, you have to be deeply concerned about the once-over-lightly journalism that fills our media. Too often, reporters, commentators and online contributors focus on trivia, partisan posturing, and political games-

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## A trip to the VA shows why current system deserves support

**Every November** I'm invited to share in the family hunting ritual of pulling the deer in from the woods. Amidst the huffing and puffing, one of us manages to exclaim, "Well, we just passed our cardiac stress test for another year!" But this year, at his annual check-up with the local veterans out-patient clinic, my husband John's



cardiology workup. I agreed to accompany him to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Minneapolis.

Because we live 250 miles away, John was offered free lodging in what appeared to be refurbished barracks at the old Ft. Snelling. We

complex. practitioner recommended a arrived on Monday, checked

in at the VA Travel Office and received our key to dorm-style accommodations - a simply-furnished sleeping room with a lavatory/shower room conveniently located just down the hall. No, it wasn't the Ritz but after our five-hour drive, we welcomed this generous "perk". We kicked off our shoes and settled in for the night. The alarm rang early and without ado, we headed across the street to the Minneapolis VA Medical Center's impressive hospital

The main lobby was teeming

with men and women of all ages, many of whom were wearing interesting T-shirts identifying their branch of service, theater of operation, or maybe a catchy military slogan. As I waited for John to complete his initial intake, I watched a richly diverse mix of practitioners and patients boarding elevators destined to floors devoted to specific medical specialties. I reflected upon the impact of America's wars on every generation. When John returned, paperwork in hand, we scanned a large wall map, got our bearings and began

searching for our first stop on this day of diagnostic testing.

The VA hospital is a maze of long, windowless hallways. It would be easy to feel overwhelmed by the institutional quality of its layout and protocol were it not for the staff who work there. Unlike receptionists at many hospitals, often seated behind thick glass barriers and computer monitors, who with minimal eye contact instruct you to "find a seat and wait for someone to call," here

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we encountered friendly, down-to-earth people who didn't hesitate to look at John and interject a genuine "thank-you" for his service. Another source of hospitality were folks wearing bright red vests with "VOLUNTEER" boldly imprinted on the back. Many, veterans themselves, were stationed throughout the hospital, reaching out with an offer to assist at even the slightest sign of confusion or uncertainty. With their help, we found our way to Nuclear Medicine in time for our by 8 a.m. appointment. The receptionist in

"Nuclear" was ready for us, shared info on what to expect, and pointed to the area where I should wait as he escorted John down the hall. I took a seat next to a man who looked up and nodded as he uttered light-heartedly, "Kinda like the Army, hurry up and wait." For the next 45 minutes, in this room surrounded by so many vets, I had to wonder about their individual stories — each, still soldiering, but now through different kinds of battles. As my thoughts

returned to my own vet, I pictured John humping through his cardiac stress test. A flush of worry passed through me. Just then, a red-vested volunteer strolled by with a

coffee cart and stopped to offer me a cup. "Cream or sugar?"he asked."Please!" I answered, sharing a look of gratitude for this unexpected comfort care.

John's tests went

smoothly. No unexpected crises. It was, however, a long day. As we drove from the parking lot, looking for our way back to northbound I-35 and home, I thought about how fortunate we were. My husband had received comprehensive care with competency, respect and kindness every step of the way. And, we were leaving with not a shred of worry about how much it would cost or if we would be able to pay for it. It was medical care expertly designed to address the unique and complex needs of veterans of military service. From this experience, I now understood why the VA Medical System is a vitally important institution that must be continually monitored, defended, and fully funded. Approximately nine

million veterans are enrolled with the Veterans Health Administration, our nation's largest health care system. Its services are provided in 170 medical centers, 1,231 community based out-patient clinics, and 300 Vet Centers. In recent years, the VA medical system has been criticized for a number of inefficiencies. Significant investments to improve care have been made. Numerous changes in staffing and leadership have led to reduced waiting times and higher quality

Former VA Secretary David Shulkin was recently interviewed by National Public Radio. He explained why he opposes efforts to privatize the VA medical system. After having experienced the quality of care delivered by the Minneapolis VAMC, I agreed with him that the current system deserves our continued support. He emphasized that we owe our veterans as comprehensive and trouble-free a system as possible, in a setting that is well-prepared to meet their complex medical needs.

After having my eyes opened to what the Minneapolis VAMC looks and feels like, I'm convinced that they are doing health care right. Perhaps we should look at its service delivery system more closely, asking if and how it might be replicated. It serves as a valuable model of a single-payer system that is working well for our nation's veterans. Perhaps it could work for the rest of us, too. Without question, our veterans deserve the best. I would add, "So do we."

#### **POLL**...Continued from page 3 -

who served as Nolan's campaign manager in 2016, has benefitted from his close ties to the congressman as well as his stint as a state representative. Radinovich also demonstrated broad support among party activists, finishing a close second to Leah Phifer in the endorsement battle at the DFL Eighth District convention in April. Phifer

subsequently dropped out of the race after Radinovich was successful in blocking her endorsement.

In a statement, Radinovich called the poll results a promising start and said his support across the district suggests that voters are identifying with his "unifying message." "But we know the

work has just begun. We're going to continue to work hard to earn the support of Eighth District voters by wearing out the soles of our shoes, meeting with folks to hear about the issues most important to them, and sharing our vision for a better future.' Lee, who is new to

political campaigning, has struggled at times to attract the support of party activists, but her years of exposure as a news anchor has clearly given her strength within the much broader primary electorate. Lee's campaign issued a press statement touting the poll results.

"Our campaign has been a clear leader in advocating for families throughout the district," said Lee. "People understand that I'll not waiver in my support for universal healthcare as a right for all, a clean, safe environment, access to free higher education, support for family farms in the face of devastating tariffs, and funding for rural infrastructure and development."

All of the candidates are vying for support ahead of the Aug. 14 primary, which will decide the party's nominee for the November general election. The winner of

the DFL primary will take on the winner of the Republican primary between St. Louis County Commissioner Peter Stauber and community activist and former Duluth School Board member Harry Welty.

#### **JOURNALISM...**Continued from page 4

manship, and not on the substance of issues.

The disruptive forces that have laid waste to traditional journalistic organizations have pared down the newsrooms that can carry out in-depth journalism and investigative reporting. Yet the world we live in is so complicated and so difficult to understand that the need is greater than ever for journalists to pick out what really matters in their communities or in the nation and convey solid information to the citizen.

I have no illusions about how difficult this is. Nailing down good information requires a lot of effort, persistence, and time. A single story can

take months to follow carefully. Making sense of the issues that affect us - in politics, the legal system, medicine, war and peace, the economy — requires patience, expertise, analytical skill, and the ability to convey complexity in a simple fashion.

The prevalence of fake news and misinformation makes this search for objective truth ever more difficult and challenging. If we don't have the right information as citizens, then we don't have the facts to shape our opinions — and we're going to be in trouble as a nation.

Disentangling truth and untruth from the citizens' standpoint is really hard. So I applaud and admire journalists who are dedicated to truth. And there are enough of them that there is still plenty of good, solid reporting.

It's not always easy to find, though, amidst all the less-than-solid noise that fills our media landscape. This places a particular burden on us, as citizens, to work hard to find it and understand it. Especially because some of the institutions we once relied upon for independent, objective information — I'm thinking specifically of Congress here — have increasingly stopped serving as models for the search for truth.

The plain truth is, there's much to distract both journalists and citizens from what's really necessary to cover and to understand. Sorting through all the information at our fingertips, distilling meaning from it, zeroing in on what's really important: that's work that both journalists and ordinary citizens have to undertake.

If you're a local journalist, that means looking into every nook and cranny of government and chasing down what's important and what doesn't add up. For more broad-based journalists, the responsibility is to look at events, analyze them, and convey what needs to be conveyed to the public to make sound decisions about good gov-

And for citizens, it

means conscientiously following reliable, fact-oriented media - and not just a single source, either, because none has a monopoly on the truth — and using their reporting to make discriminating judgments about public affairs.

Getting all of this right is essential to making our government work. Journalists have to ask themselves whether they are getting to the bottom of stories and giving enough information to citizens so they can make good judgments - or are they too focused on trivia and entertainment and posturing? And citizens — whose media tastes drive so much of what the to be focused on what

matters. It's a complicated dance, but in the end, it comes down to one thing: journalists need to provide, and citizens need to ask for, the reporting that's necessary to make the country work.

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#### **SCHOOLS...**Continued from page 3

failure, which would have shut that school down for some time. It's a brand new school and we shouldn't have this happening."

Board members wanted answers on warranty. "There's not really a warranty for this type of stuff...There are clauses," said Buccanero. "I need another professional to work with on this." He added, "It's unfortunate, we spent a lot of money on this school, and just wait until we get to North

Buccanero described similar issues at North Woods, some of which have been discussed before. Buccanero said the floors in the North Woods field house are "sinking away from the

we would have had major on the plumbing." He said he is looking into options to fix the problem. "I don't know what is under the floor. We have to cut it open. This is another Kraus Anderson project and we will need to look at those clauses." Buccanero continued, "We already paid 70-some million dollars, and we shouldn't be having this happening." Board member Dan Manick agreed. "It looks like sloppy work," he said. "It is sloppy work," said Buccanero. "I've never seen anything like it."

Other issues at North Woods include the storm water drain in the parking lot, where one of the drain pipes appears to be cracked. "We patched it last year, but it came back. We have a crack in the line and we have to dig it up and

to the Cherry School, Buccanero said the parking lot needs repair work, much like North Woods.

"Cherry has the biggest work coming up, the drainage, baseball field, possible expansion; they are all tied together, and in my opinion, this is the number one priority for our district," he said. Longtime board member Chet Larson exclaimed, "Does everyone here realize the classrooms at Cherry on the east side have been removed and replaced three times... Every single bond issue, that water problem at Cherry was going to be corrected, including the last one and we keep paying for it and nothing baseball field, the parking lot, any building expansion. We need to make a move on it for getting the work done next year. Safety is the number one

priority." **Switchingto Northeast** Range, Buccanero said they need to remove an oil bunker, make field house repairs, add fire door functions and re-key doors. He said he is also looking at upgrades to the STEM room, and fixing lights on the scoreboard.

At Tower-Soudan, he said he is looking to have exterior doors re-keyed, add handicap entrances and extend sidewalks. North Woods is looking for a school billboard for Hwy. 53 and building up the shoulder on the entrance road. Buccanero said he is also moving ahead with

roof truss wasn't there, building, possibly resting repair. It's a safety issue." replied, "All these prob-emergency striping at the districts, with as much as Directing attention lems are intertwined; the South Ridge and North \$500,000 available per Woods school parking lots to avoid parking in front of the schools.

media provide — need

Many of the capital projects and wish list items may be able to be paid for by the recent legislative allocation of \$25 million for school

building. Superintendent Engebritson said that grant monies will be given on a first come-first served basis, and she would be ready to submit each of the district's schools for the funds.

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#### **COUNCIL**...Continued from page 3 In other action, the city council:

➤ Received a drinking water quality report from the Department of Health, which shows the trihalomethane and haloacetic acid levels continuing to improve. The levels are now well within safe limits, according to the

- ➤ Approved a change order for Low Impact Excavating totaling \$6,361 for additional work on the
- marina dock demolition. ➤ Approved a pay
- estimate for Low Impact for \$76,305 for the marina

➤ Approved a change order adding \$2,594 to the cost of the Hoodoo Point sewer project. The additional cost was incurred to purchase electrical wire and eight electrical pedestals for campsites. The city will need to hire an electrician to do the installation. Part of the expense is being deducted from the original contract with Utility Systems of America. City engineer Jason Chopp said

the project will still likely come in below estimate because the contractor did not encounter any ledge rock in the construction. The contract had included \$17,500 in allowances for the removal of ledge rock, which was incorporated into a second change order approved by the council.

happens. Cherry is built

on a swamp." Buccanaro

➤ Approved pay estimate #4 for Utility Systems of America, totaling \$79,489.

➤ Approved a final pay estimate totaling

\$8,708 for hangar apron

by KGM. The project dates back to September 2016. ➤ Approved an airport

work at the Tower Airport

engineering agreement with SEH totaling \$15,000 for construction administration associated with the installation of a sign and a 50-foot segment of an airport fence, along with relocation of the airport's wind sock. The city had previously approved \$15,000 for design work on the project.

#### STATE PARK CELEBRATION

## Fun on Main Street as towns celebrate campground opening

TOWER- Tower's Main Street was buzzing all day on June 7, as the town celebrated the formal opening of the new campground at the Lake Vermilion Soudan Underground Mine State Park.

And while the park hosted the ribbon cutting ceremony along with special nature activities, Tower's Main Street was turned into a mini-festival, organized by the Events Board.

A live radio feed by RadioUSA featured short interviews with local organizations, churches, and schools.

"We really got people thinking about summer," said Events Board member Tim Tomsich.

The event also served as the start of a summer-long effort to bring campers and park visitors into Tower and Soudan, and to help publicize all that the two towns have to offer.

The Fourth of July fundraising efforts got a big boost with raffle ticket sales in front of Zup's, which was offering free pizza and pop to visitors. Good Ol' Days had live music on the sidewalk.





Above: Zaija stopped off for pizza and pop in the Zup's parking lot, where Chimpy Tuominen and Beth Zupancich were serving free food. Below left: Lori Tomsich sold raffle tickets and flags for the Fourth of July fundraising effort. Below: Sophie Stokes-Cerkvenik (left) and Ardi Nurmi-Wilberg gave out information on the Mesabi Trail, which connects Tower and Soudan to the new park. photos by J. Summit





#### **COMMUNITY NOTICES**

#### St. James hosting **Hymn Sing with Larry Reynolds**

TOWER- St. James Presbyterian Church, in Tower, is hosting a Hymn Sing on Sunday, June 17 at 3 p.m. with Larry Reynolds on the organ. Join us for a special time with a Choir and Song Leader Don Dick as we sing, hear readings and are entertained. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### St. James hosting **Movie Night on** Sunday, June 23

TOWER- St. James Presbyterian Church in-Tower is hosting a free Movie Night on Sunday, June 24 at 6 p.m. This month's movie is "Summer's Shadow." All it took was a sweet, stray dog to change the life of 12-year-old Summer Larson and those around her. Summer has a big heart and maturity beyond

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her years. And Shadow, named for always following her around, was destined to be her dog. But for how long? And at what price? With controversy building in the neighborhood, Summer is determined to do what's right and care for Shadow. With the help of a reclusive neighbor and a nerdy boy picked on by the popular kids, she learns a worthy lesson that following your conscience is not always easy...but the reward can be invaluable. "Summer's Shadow" is inspired by true events and is an endearing story for family members of all

#### Rebecca Nelmark named to MSU **Moorhead Dean's List**

MOORHEAD- Rebecca Nelmark, of Embarrass, has been named to the Minnesota State

University Moorhead dean's list in recognition of academic achievement spring semester 2018. Nelmark is majoring in Social Studies. Students must be in degree-seeking status and maintain a 3.25 or higher grade point average while completing a minimum of 12 graded credits to qualify for the honor.

#### **Vacation Bible School at Soudan Baptist June 25-29**

SOUDAN- Camp Moose on the Loose, discovering God's forever forgiveness, is this year's theme for Vacation Bible School. Go camping this summer at the Soudan Baptist Church, June 25-29. Registration will be at 8:45 a.m. and the program will be from 9 a.m. to noon. Children ages three through those who were in sixth grade this past school year are welcome. On Friday,

June 29, we will have a campfire and picnic with Casey Aro. For more information or to preregister call 218-753-3902 or 218-753-4305. This program is brought to you by a ministry of Soudan Baptist Church and area missionaries Bob and Gale Romig serving with Infaith.org.

#### **Vacation Bible** School set for **July 9 - 13 in Tower**

TOWER- A summer kids' event, Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School, will be hosted at Immanuel Lutheran and St. James Presbyterian churches from Monday, July 9 to Friday, July 13. At Shipwrecked, kids discover that Jesus rescues them. Kids participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Sail Away Sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they've learned.

Shipwrecked is for kids from pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day. Summer will be here before we know it, so save the dates and get ready for a fun week.

#### **Fourth of July** donations starting to come in; many more needed! TOWER- The Tow-

er-Soudan-Lake Vermil-

ion 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

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#### **Parade entries**

Eric & Carol Norberg

Gary & Louise Gately

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.

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## **Tower Farmers Market now open Fridays from 4 - 6 p.m.**



#### **New vendors** welcome, for the week, or for the season

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, can register at the market or by contacting Janna at 218-749-2186 or Mickey at 218-984-3951.

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

#### Wednesday

month at 7 p.m.

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

#### Thursday

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

Vermilion Country School Board- Next meeting is Thursday, June 28 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings posted online at vermilioncountry.org.



## Jason Sanderson now working as new full-time officer for Breitung PD

TOWER-SOUDAN- Jason Sanderson is happy to be up north. He started his new job as a full-time police officer for the Breitung Police Department on June 4.

Sanderson grew up in the Twin Cities area, but has spent his adulthood moving steadily northwards to the wilder part of the state.

He and his wife have most recently been living in Aitkin, but now are house-hunting in Tower-Soudan. The couple has two Siberian huskies. His wife works for the DNR in Aitkin, but is hoping to get transferred to a post closer to Tower, Sanderson said.

"It's nice to be working in such a beautiful area," he

Sanderson has been busy introducing himself to local residents and business owners, and is looking forward to getting involved in his new community.

#### THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



I desperately NEED your help!

Hilda, as you probably know is a VIOLENT LIBERAL and with the prospect of the upcoming appearance of "...you know who" in Duluth later this month I must find

from the news." I did 'fix' the TV last night with a baseball bat!

some way to divert her

However, I just can't figure out how to maroon her on a small island in the middle of Lake Vermilion for a week or two!

Is there ANYONE out there that, for the good of our nation, can induce a coma?

Hilda is preparing a side garden for some new guests,' so she is present-

ly distracted. Thanks, Marge, for your help in my moment

of need.

My personal mantra, over the years has become, "Never turn down free plants or free cham-

pagne." As you can tell by the size and the number of my gardens, I am way behind on the free cham-

pagne! Marge offered us blue iris...BLUE IRIS! When she arrived, her car was filled with bags and bags

of BLUE IRIS. As she

unloaded her treasure, I ran into the kitchen, pushed the Boone's Farm to the back, got out the good champagne we have been saving since the election, and let it pop!

After a small glass, Hilda leapt up and started the 'NEW' iris garden.

So for my sanity and your safety, keep dropping off those perennials so we can keep our lake community peaceful and

The new garden will keep her busy for maybe three days. After that... any suggestions?

**FAVORITE** My catalog (well, what can top the Neiman-Marcus Christmas edition), has arrived, The 'Van Engelen Inc., Fall 2018 Wholesale Price List.

I am not quite sure how I convinced them that I am a garden company, but I am NOT going to make the correction!

I know that K-Mart Walmart or any local MART cannot offer 100 'Manly Double Narcissi,' for the low, low price of

As I was typing this caught my eye, '...White Medal, (...has an ethereal, creamy glow and a perfect sculpted form) 100 bulbs for \$42!

Even Moose and this company can do

And the winner in 'Vera's Lake Vermil-

ion Daffodil Derby,' is WHITE MEDAL. My gardening motto is and always will be,

"MORE BANG FOR

#### THE BUCK!"

Ah June, the month when people graduate or get married and realize by July both institutions have their flaws.

However, you can control your garden... get outside, get on your knees and get dirty.

Ta, ta, to all my dirtykneed friends.

Oh, a postscript to the constabulary, when Hilda and I motor around at night we are JUST relaxing and enjoying the evening air. There is NO NEED for you to pull us over and search the car. Someone ELSE is rustling the hosta- we have learned our lesson!.

We are getting ready for a glorious Fourth. Here are a couple of recipes that might come in handy to celebrate our

#### Champagne Cocktail

1 sugar cube Angostura bitters Champagne

Lemon or orange twist, for garnish

Soak the sugar cube Angostura bitters (might need a little safari for bitters) and drop into a champagne flute. Top with champagne or a sparkling wine. Garnish with a lemon or orange twist.

**Peach Bellini** 

Invented at the famous Harry's Bar in Venice, the Bellini is the ultimate summer aperitif. Don't be afraid to mix the fruits up. The recipe calls for a 'COLLINS GLASS'-AS says, "If it holds water...

> 4 white peaches\* Sugar syrup

Martini Rossi Prosecco (or other sparkling

Peel and blend the peaches to make a puree, strain and refrigerate until

Mix 2 parts of peach puree (cups, pints—you CHOOSE) with one part sugar syrup

Chill and when the time comes half fill a champagne flute with peach mixture then gently pour on the Prosecco.

Fill your champagne flute halfway with the peach puree/syrup mixture, and then gently pour Prosecco into the glass. You want to leave the peach puree undisturbed at the bottom of the glass at this stage. Let the folks ooh and

aah then stir to mix and away we go!

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Ms. Vera Milion

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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.

Tuesdays, Woodland

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June 19 - Anne Jones and Dana Koletar - Health care costs in the U.S.

**June 26** – To be announced

July 3 - Debbie Hultman - Planning, Prepping For and Completing a Trek on the Camino de Santiago

#### **Ely Free Clinic** open Mondays

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

For more information, call 218-365-5678, or visit their website, www.elycommunityhealth.org, or Facebook

A grand-opening celebration and ribbon-cutting ceremony were held Saturday. He said his new store is the culmination of many years of planning and dreaming of establishing a place where both modern kitchen equipment and Grandma's antiques

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## 'Potluck' store opens in Ely

by KEITH VANDERVORT Elv Editor

ELY - A newkitchen retail store called "Potluck," opened Saturday in downtown

Proprieter David Wigdahl has helped to build three businesses in this city in the last 20 years, Potluck, in the former James Drug Store on Chapman Street, along with the Old-Fashioned Candy Store and Insula Restaurant, both on Sheridan Street.



A kitchen retail store recently opened in the former James Drug Store building at the corner of First Ave. E and Chapman Street. photo by K. Vandervort

are available.

Having officially retired earlier this year, Wigdahl took advantage of occupying one of the recently updated properties owned by John and Tanner Ott. The space resembles an old-time

general store located in the heart of Ely's revitalized downtown area.

He said he will carry contemporary cutlery, kitchen utensils and pottery intermingled with collectible kitchen-related antiques. He plans to have

ongoing events including product demonstrations and local artisans working in the store, plus monthly materials available, like local recipes. Need a new Minnesota hot dish pan? Head to Potluck.

#### **Breathing Out**

by Cecilia Rolando © 2018



raindrops paint the lake

awaiting a big catch

#### Ely bait shop under new ownership

Dave Sebesta, of the Ely Chamber of Commerce, greets new Ely business owners, Steve Renneberg and Kris Winkelman, of Arrowhead Outfitters, formerly Skube's Bait and Tackle, during a recent ribbon-cutting ceremony. photo by K. Vandervort



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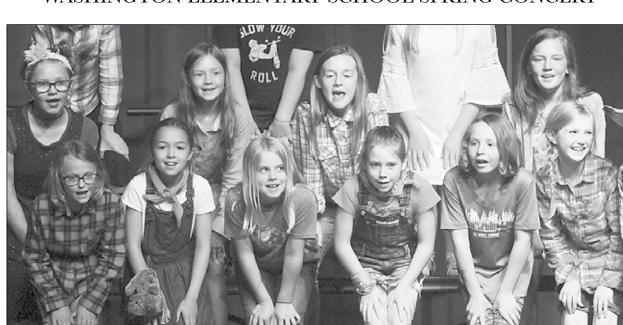
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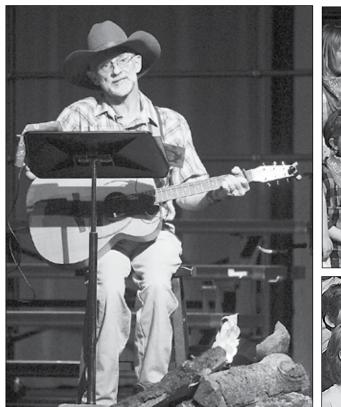
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#### WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SPRING CONCERT



"Cowboys & Cowgirls and a Little Bit of Country" was the theme of the Washington Elementary School end-of-year concert. Fourth-grade students, above, performed two Teresa Jennings songs, "Well It's Been Fun," and "Down to the Bone." Kindergarten students, below right, were all decked out in their red bandanas to sing "My Heart is in Montana" and "Buffalo Gals." Fifthgraders, bottom right, sang "A Cowboy's Last Refrain" and "Ghost Riders in the Sky." The "Limping Cowboy," John Coppess, below left, also provided entertainment. photo by K. Vandervort







Ham radio club

hosts Field Day

Radio Club will be participating in the national Amateur

Radio Field Day exercise, June 23 – 24, outside of

the Michael D. Forsman Public Works Facility, 2210

America have established temporary ham radio stations

in public locations during Field Day to showcase the

science and skill of Amateur Radio. This event is open

For more than 100 years, Amateur Radio

sometimes called ham radio — has allowed people

from all walks of life to experiment with electronics

to the public and all are encouraged to attend.

ELY - Members of the Vermilion Range Amateur

Since 1933, ham radio operators across North

#### ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

## **New leader named at Listening Point**

ELY - The Listening Point Foundation will soon have a new executive director. Steffi O'Brien will assume her new duties on July 1, replacing Alanna Dore who is retiring after

"Alanna has served LPF for the last twelve years and has seen our organization grow and prosper as it fulfills its mission to further Sig's legacy of wilderness education," said Foundation Board President Douglas Wood. "Under Alanna's able management, we have seen the Listening Point Foundation develop its programs, increase its membership, and acquire the Sig and Elizabeth Olson home in Ely for our permanent headquarters."

O'Brien began work in January with Dore to learn the many roles of the executive director, and she will assume the full responsibility of the job next month. She is a graduate of Colgate University with a B.A. in Geography and

Sig Olson, Living Wilderness, Spring 1968



Steffi O'Brien

At Minnesota State University at Mankato, O'Brien received her M.S. in Experiential Education, as well as her Graduate Certificate in Geographic Information Science (GISc). She completed work for her Professional Science Master in GISc in May

O'Brien brings myriad skills to her new position, not the least of which is her love of the North Country and the works of Sigurd Olson, Wood said. In 2015, she took an important step to help advance Sig's wilderness legacy. At the LP headquarters in Ely, she worked with Sig's extensive map collection as part of a capstone project for her Master's degrees. "Through this work, she has been able to tell an important part of the story of Sig's influence on the preservation of important natural and wilderness areas across North America and Canada. Sig's philosophy has significantly contributed to her views of how humans connect and relate to the natural world, and the important role that wilderness plays throughout our lives," he said.

"Steffi brings intelligence, energy, organizational skills, and strong leadership ability to any task she undertakes. In addition to her skills integrating geospatial technologies and experiential learning, Steffi can pull together research and active learning experiences to design plans and programs that will help the Listening Point Foundation develop its own technologies to best implement its goals for

a vibrant future. She has strong analytical skills and excellent people skills, having worked as a wilderness guide at YMCA Camp Warren, where, in addition to introducing young people to the wilderness world, she directed the Counselor-in-Training program and worked in other leadership roles," Wood said.

The Listening Point Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit educational organization, was established in 1998 and is dedicated to preserving Listening Point and furthering Sigurd Olson's legacy of wilderness education.

Foundation owns and cares for Listening Point, the rugged northern Minnesota lake shore property and cabin, along with Sig's home and "writing shack" in Ely. They conduct tours for the interested public. They also publish wilderness education materials, and sponsor wilderness educational programs.

#### and communications techniques, as well as provide a free public service to their communities during a disaster or emergency, all without needing a cell phone or the Internet. Field Day demonstrates ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications The Listening Point network. More than 35,000 people from thousands of locations participated in Field Day in 2017.

a communications outage."

East Sheridan Street.

"It's easy for anyone to pick up a computer or smartphone, connect to the Internet and communicate, with no knowledge of how the devices function or connect to each other," said David Isgur, communications manager for the American Radio Relay League, the national association for Amateur Radio. "But if there's an interruption of service or you're out of range of a cell tower, you have no way to communicate. Ham radio functions completely independent of the Internet or cell phone infrastructure, can interface with tablets or smartphones, and can be set up almost anywhere in minutes. That's the beauty of Amateur Radio during

"Hams can literally throw a wire in a tree for an antenna, connect it to a battery-powered transmitter and communicate halfway around the world," Isgur added. "Hams do this by using a layer of Earth's atmosphere as a sort of mirror for radio waves. In today's electronic do-it-yourself (DIY) environment, ham radio remains one of the best ways for people to learn about electronics, physics, meteorology, and numerous other scientific disciplines, and is a huge asset to any community during disasters or emergencies if the standard communication infrastructure goes down."

Anyone may become a licensed Amateur Radio operator. There are more than 725,000 licensed hams in the United States, as young as nine and as old as 100. And with clubs such as the Vermilion Range Amateur Radio Club, it's easy for anybody to get involved right here in Ely.

For more information about Field Day or Amateur Radio, contact the Vermilion Range Amateur Radio Club at 218-235-0059 or visit www.arrl.org/what-isham-radio.

## ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

wildness we are waging a battle for man's spirit."

"In the saving of places of natural beauty and

## What do you know about water?

### Third-graders visit VCC for Water Day

ELY - Washington Elementary third-grade students from Ms. Jarecki's, Ms. Weisel's, and Mr. Lassi's classes visited the Vermilion Community College campus to meet with VCC Water Resources students to learn about water.

Similar to last year, the wet weather caused the annual event to be held inside at the college.

The VCC students created ten different stations, each teaching a different lesson about the characteristics and importance of water.

The stations included pH, aquatic macro-invertebrates, turbidity, thermal stratification, salinity and conductivity, surface tension, filtration, erosion, dissolved oxygen, and



Washington Elementary School third graders took a field trip to Vermilion Community College for Water Day. submitted photo

groundwater.

"The third graders were engaged with the hands-on learning experiences at each station," said VCC Water Resources Instructor Wade Kingsporn. They guessed and tested the pH of several of their favorite beverages using pH meters, identified bugs relating to the health of a water resource, used a secchi tube to deter-

mine clarity of the water, guessed if an egg would float or sink or if warm water would stay on the top or sink to the bottom, among other activities.

"The youngsters arrived with very inquisitive minds and asked many great questions. It was a lot of fun to watch their eyes light up when they saw something they did not expect to happen," he

said. "The VCC students really enjoyed sharing their knowledge with such an energetic group. While we did not get to spend the day down at the beach under warm sunny skies, the event was still a huge success. It was another great experience for all involved and we are looking forward to doing it again next year."

#### CLASS OF 2018



Members of the Ely Memorial High School Class of 2018 gathered after graduation ceremonies

## for their annual All Nite Grad Party. submitted photo

#### **News in Brief**

#### **New location for library book sale**

ELY - The Friends of the Ely Public Library Book Sale will be held Thursday to Saturday, June 21-23, at Semer's Park Pavilion.

Used book donations will be accepted at the pavilion from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Friday, June 15, Monday, June 18 and Tuesday, June 19.

There must be a Friends of the Library representative on hand to receive the books. No magazines, periodicals or encyclopedias.

Shopping times include: Members Only, noon - 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 21 (renew or buy new memberships at the door); General Public, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Friday, June 22; and Bag of Books Day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, June 23. Bring your own bag.

#### Ely History Nights continue June 27

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

July 11: Tim Cochran talks about the Basswood 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

Aug. 8: Kathleen Cargill, St. Louis County Historical Society.

## Higher Education

#### **Ely student honored at MSU-Mankato**

MOORHEAD - Logan Mann, of Ely, was named to the Minnesota State University Moorhead Dean's List in recognition of academic achievement spring semester 2018. Mann is studying for a degree in Theatre Arts,

Film Studies, Film Production.

#### **Buckmaster honored at UW-Eau Claire**

EAU CLAIRE, WIS. - Richard Buckmaster, of Ely, a student at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, was named to the spring 2018 Dean's List. Buckmaster is studying for a degree in business.

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## Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



Summer vacation is officially here- most schools, even colleges, have finished their academic year. College students have come back home to stay with parents for the summer break and to have some "free" boarding, while they work at summer jobs or look for their first "real" job. The job market looks to be pretty good, according to the reports, so good luck to all who are on the job search. Have you ever wondered which state has the largest percentage of adults still living with their parents? The answer is New Jersey according to census data that indicates that nearly 47 percent of New Jersey's 18-34 year-olds are living with their parents More than 40 percent of Connecticut and New York millennials are living with their parents as

There were many memories shared at the Crane Lake Bar and Grill on Sunday evening. Jim and Jane Mohr presented a showing of old movies which were taken by Jim's dad, Bob Mohr. Many of the old timers were recognized as there were great segments of the Snow Shoe Baseball game between the Crane Lake Guys and the Myrtle Lake Guys. Scenes of the old Voyageur Days on Mukooda Lake, scenes of Rob Mohr and Russ Daniels flying their planes, the first snowmobile on Crane Lake built by Lew Wheeler, the old Voyageur canoe and many more segments thrilled the appreciative group of Crane Lakers. Some of the guests appeared in Voyageur caps and sashes to capture the days of old. Ruth

Carlson provided the

well, with North Dakota

having the lowest num-

first original Voyageur cap from 1958. Made by women of the Crane Lake Commercial Club it was a fundraiser for the club. Thanks to Jim and Jane for the entertaining, nostalgic evening and to Carole and Darrel Scott for providing the accommodations.

Did you watch Justify win the Triple Crown? The Triple Crown consists of the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness, and the Belmont Stakes. The last horse to win was Secretariat in 1973, during which he won the Belmont Stakes by 31 lengths, which was widely regarded as one of the greatest races of all times. Secretariat was the first horse to win since Citation won in 1948, and earned him the honor of being one of only three non-humans to be ranked on ESPN's "100 Greatest Athletes of the Twentieth Century".

With the cooler weather at night, sleeping has been pretty good. It takes the average person about seven minutes to drift off into sleep, although the time it takes can vary greatly. Some people who have no problem falling asleep find themselves waking after a few hours, with sleep not returning quite as easily. A turkey sandwich and a glass of milk may enhance the ability to sleep, but who wants to get up in the middle of the night to make a snack?

It seems as though summer has just begun and already there is talk of plans for the Fourth of July. Where has the time gone? It is estimated that Americans will spend more than \$800 million for fireworks. Donations could help with the Crane Lake fireworks, which are always much anticipated and well attended. Donations can be sent to the Town Clerk, JoAnn Pohlman.

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

Until next week the Dames are singing off.

HEALTHCARE

## **Voice your opinions about health care**

Cook-Orr Healthcare District conducting random survey in area

District REGIONALmembers in the Cook-Orr Healthcare District may soon be receiving a survey form in their mailbox. This survey, sent to a random sample of homes, will help the Cook Hospital and Care Center identify the health services needed in the community. The purpose of the survey is to obtain information from a wide range of participants to assist in planning programs, services, and identifying community health and wellness needs. If you receive this survey in your mailbox, your response will represent others in the community, so it is very important that you complete and return the survey by Monday, July 23.

The National Rural Health Resource Center of Duluth is assisting the Cook Hospital and Care Center in the analysis of local community needs, use of local health care services, and overall community health. This process was developed to maintain quality health care to serve the continuing and future needs of the dis-

## HOSPITAL

### **Impact of Cook Hospital & Care Center**

- ➤ There are approximately 135 actual jobs at Cook Hospital and Care Center in St. Louis County.
- ➤ The total income impact of Cook Hospital in St. Louis County is
- ➤ Cook Hospital provides approximately \$6.6 million in income annually in St. Louis County.
- ➤ Approximately \$2.7 million in additional income is supported by the multiplier effect.
- ➤ The overall impact due to Cook Hospital and Care Center is \$18.5

Cook Hospital and Care Center is a stroke and trauma certified facility. Some of the services provided include Emergency Room, Inpatient, Swing Beds, Outpatient (colonoscopy & EGD procedures), Laboratory, Imaging (X-ray, CT, MRI, Ultrasound, Mammography, Bone Density, EKG), Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Speech Therapy, Adult Day Services and Long Term Care (nursing home). Cook Hospital partners with a variety of other health care facilities. A few of those partnerships include Community Memorial Hospital to offer a range of orthopedic services and diabetes education, Twin Ports Dermatology to offer dermatology services, and St. Luke's Cardiology Associates to offer cardiology services.

We are pleased to be able to bring some of the best community health resources to the Cook Hospital and Care Center. The goal of this survey is to assist the Cook-Orr Healthcare District Board to address their present and future needs in the best way possible.

#### TIMBER DAYS FUN



A rainy Saturday morning didn't deter the many runners participating in the Shake a Leg 5K hosted by the Cook Hospital.

photos by B. Smith







Above: Just a few of the volunteers that make Timber Days happen; lots of hard work and time goes into the planning every year.

Above left: The Old Muni of Cook put together a 60s-style Peace float that was a big hit with the parade-watchers.

Left: The snow cone vendor was popular with the kids!

## Join Us!

## Free Estate Planning Seminar

Tuesday, June 19th – 6:30 PM MLAKER FUNERAL HOME

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  - · Wills & Probate
- · Healthcare Directives
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- Powers of Attorney

Callyn is a leading authority on Elder Law subjects. She is a dynamic speaker who presents extensively throughout Minnesota. Her explanation of these topics is easy to understand. Handouts will be made available and Refreshments will be served.

Plan NOW to attend and bring your questions! A Community Event You Don't Want To Miss!



Timber Days King and Queen candidates sold over 9,000 tickets. Each candidate donated their winnings to local organizations of their choice. King Ryan Manick and Queen Kaylee Westin are pictured above.

ORR THIRD OF JULY

## **Orr Third of July royalty candidates**



Helen Koch

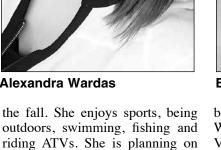
ORR- There are three people running for Orr Third of July Royalty this year, competing to be Queen (for ages 11 and up) and Princess (for ages 10 and under.) The competition is also open to boys but none are participating this year. Please help these candidates out by purchasing raffle tickets, which help fund the celebrations.

Helen Koch, of Orr, will be a seventh-grader at North Woods in



**Alexandra Wardas** 

swimming and fishing.



be in first grade this fall at North Woods School. She lives on Lake Vermilion, near Tower. She enjoys playing outside and swimming. She is on a T-ball team this summer. She also loves playing with her brother and cousins.



**Ellie Sherman** 

### **North Woods High School 4th Quarter Honor Roll**

spending a lot of time this summer

likes hunting, fishing, boating and

four-wheeling. She is planning to

spend a lot of time outdoors this

for the title of Princess. She will

Alexandra Wardas, of Orr,

Ellie Sherman is competing

#### A Honor Roll

#### Seniors

Kayla Bodri Austin Chaulklin Sabrina Francke Grace Johnson Tanner Lokken Xari Mankowski Tate Olson Stacy Palmer Isaiah Squires

#### Juniors

Madison Antikainen Claire Beaudry Bria Chiabotti Kristen Cook Jakob Hyppa Stefen Johansen Chase Kleppe Regan Ratai Ian Sherman Anna Trip Rebecca Triska

#### Sophomores

Bethany Cotten Kenzie Fox Hailey Hakkila Clayton Janssen Trevor Morrison Olivia Niska Nicole Olson Karlyn Pierce Nicole Roy Neiva Smith Sasha Strong

Nadine Todtenhausen Kavla Towner Michaela Tschida

#### Freshmen

Jocelynn Carver **Emily Fosso** Olivia Fultz Aubrey Koskovich Brynn Simpson Zoe Trip

#### Eighth Grade

Morgan Burnett Tyler Chiabotti Trey Gibson Michelle Hagen Alex Hartway Elsie Hyppa **Taylor Jones** Michaela Luecken Sean Morrison Jacob Panichi Olivia Udovich Brandie Walker

#### Seventh Grade

Cooper Antikainen Kohen Briggs Mason Clines Grace Koch Kaden Ratai Karah Scofield Elias Smith Steven Sopoci **Emily Trip** Skyler Yernatich

#### **B Honor Roll**

#### Seniors

Garrett Abramson Karina Bristol Korynn Fisher Grace Kisch Kaya-Victoria Membreno Brendan Parson Timothy Pierce Madison Rautiola

#### Juniors

**Emily Benoit** Alexander Byram Samantha Fultz Katlyn Hartwig Parker Jones Tyler Kiehm Alanna Rutchasky Kate Stone

#### Sophomores

Trevor Adelmann Brielle Anderson Lauren Arvila Zander Carr Katrina Chapman LaVonne Drift Stacie Howe Tyler Kehoe CeCilia Martinez David Moes Sara Szweduik Taylor Vagle Macy Viita Kennedy Wardas Courtney Woods

#### Freshmen

Zachary Cheney Jack Cook Samuel Frazee Joey Lakoskey Elijah Squires Cole Thiel

#### **Eighth Grade**

Haley Bogdan Ethan Byram Ivy Chaulklin Joshua Copeland Aayanna

Goodsky-Spears Erik Hagen Joseph Hoagland Kadence Holland Katrina Jackson Abby Koch Owen Land Leona Lindgren Francis Littlewolf Shea Oveson Cole Snidarich Kaya Tschida Jaden Whiteman

#### Seventh Grade

Thomas Debeltz Brielle Hujanen Anya Pearson Avery Thiel Alexandria Whiteman

## **NWFA** fundraiser concerts feature 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 218-750-1989 for tickets.

The "Church 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.



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#### **Notan staff to hold 'Congress Comes to** You' meetings in Cook on June 20

REGIONAL- U.S. Congressman Rick Nolan (MN-08) today announced the locations of several Congress Comes to You meetings his staff will hold in June. "Hearing directly from residents makes me a better advocate in Washington for the great people of Minnesota's 8th District," said Nolan. "Congress Comes to You meetings are an opportunity to meet with members of my staff and discuss matters of interest and importance to you."

Nolan's staff will be at the Cook VFW, 206 1st St. SW, on Wednesday, June 20 from 12 - 1 p.m.

#### **Brodini Comedy Magic Show, June 27 at Cook Library**

COOK - Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present the Brodini Magic Comedy Show. This program is free and for all ages. Join us at the Cook Public Library on Wednesday, June 27 at 10:30 a.m.

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

#### **Farmers Market begins Saturday, June 16 at the Cook City Park**

COOK- The Cook Area Farmers Market will open Saturday, June 16 from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Cook City Park and is pleased to announce that this season participating vendors will be accepting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and participating in the Power of Produce (PoP) program. The market's ability to offer these programs was made possible by the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency and the Minnesota Extension Service. There will a booth operated by the AEOA at the market each week. SNAP recipients will be able to use EBT cards to obtain "tokens" that can be used to purchase eligible products. The tokens will be in one-dollar denominations. No change will be given.

The PoP Club is an incentive program for children offered at farmers markets throughout the nation. Each week, children ages 4 to 12 receive a \$2 token to spend on fresh fruits and vegetables. The tokens are good for a market season only, and can be saved up during the season, but for no longer than the end of season. Like SNAP, no change is

given for token purchases.

In addition to fresh produce, the market always has a wide variety of vendors offering fresh baked bread, honey, home-roasted coffee, home canned goods, jewelry, handsewn items, and unique locally-produced arts and crafts of all kinds. Come and visit the market each Saturday from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Cook City Park from June 16 through September, the lake country's fun summer gathering place.

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**GREENWOOD** 

## Firefighter files grievance against township in pay dispute

GREENWOOD TWP- The GreenwoodTownBoardwillhold a special meeting on Tuesday, June 19 at 4 p.m. to discuss a grievance filed by fire department member Jeff Maus over a pay claim for time spent on his recently-completed fire department officers training course. Maus sent a letter to the board, dated May 23, and the township has 45 days to respond to his

The issue, which was briefly discussed at the May meeting, regarded the claim of payment for time spent on reading/study materials for the course outside of the regular classroom time that was required for completion of the class. Maus noted that Fire Chief Dave Fazio had changed his time forms before submitting them for payment to the clerk. He also wrote that Fazio had failed to reply to two emails he had sent on the issue.

"I do expect to be compensated per current personnel policy," Maus wrote. "I feel it is unacceptable that the emails I sent to Fazio with questions on this were never answered."

Greenwood Chair Mike Ralston said he had spoken with the township attorney on the issue, but still had some questions that needed to be answered. He was also waiting for some information from the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry. Ralston said he is not sure if the claim meets the requirements of the township policy to allow payment.

In the meantime, Ralston asked the board to pass a motion that no optional trainings be



permitted until a new policy is put in place. The only fire department trainings permitted will be those done in-house, as well as the Firefighter I and II classes that new members have been approved to take.

"We need to get a handle on the travel and time spent on training that we may never benefit from," Ralston said.

Treasurer Pam Rodgers noted that the department was already close to hitting their budgeted amount for training expenses for the year.

The board had approved allowing four department members to take the officers leadership training course offered at Fort Snelling. Members Dave Fazio, Mike Indihar, and Jeff Maus have completed the course, while Donovan Strong is close to completing the course.

Once again, the township discussed issues with garbage and recycling at the town hall site. Supervisor Byron Beihoffer reported that someone had placed a large bag of garbage in the satellite toilet tank, and that someone had dumped several non-recylable items by the canisters, including a large metal sign that was so heavy that a front end loader was needed to load it up to bring it to the county canister site.

"It's a shame that people abuse it," he said.

Supervisor Carmen DeLuca discussed getting a security camera system to monitor the area. The board decided to contact Perpich TV to get some options, as well as investigate the system that was installed at the Ely Recycling Site.

The board heard an update on the Recreation Committee projects. The playground is almost completed, just waiting for the final landscaping. The bocce court project is also almost finished.

The board had a question from the audience about why wood chips were being used as a ground cover under the playground. Beihoffer noted that these were specially-milled chips that were suggested by the playground manufacturer, and that once they are packed down, create a handicap-accessible surface. The play structure itself is handicap-accessible.

Once the final landscaping is complete, the four swings will be installed (two regular swings, one baby swing, and one handicap-accessible swing).

The issue of water at the pavilion area was discussed. The board will get some quotes on options for non-potable and potable well systems.

"Let's get information so we can make a decision," said Ralston.

DeLuca said there are still issues with township property being taken from the town hall grounds. He said that two large metal dustbins have already been taken from the recycling canister area (they are used to clean up broken glass), and noted they are well marked as belonging to the township. This winter the township had several snow shovels disappear from the skating rink.

#### Other business

In other business the town board:

➤ Approved payment of the payroll claims contingent on review of the checks by the treasurer, who had been out of town due to a death in the family. Treasurer Pam Rodgers noted that there had been some minor issues with payroll reporting (reflected in some adjustments noted in the May treasurer's report), and while the clerk does prepare the payroll, the treasurer in the past had been helping with the task to reconcile the amounts to make sure the tax filings were correct. "Nine times out of ten they are fine," said Rodgers, who noted she had sometimes seen issues when new employees were added. Ralston said the board would convene a special meeting to approve the payroll claims if any changes were needed after her review.

- ➤ Heard the report from the state demographer which stated the township has 900 residents and 416 households.
- ➤ Approved a donation of \$100 for the Tower-Soudan
- ➤ Heard an update on planning for the Fourth of July parade



Supervisor Carmen DeLuca held up a township dustpan, and noted that two similar dustpans have been taken from the township recycling site. The dustpans are kept by the recycling canisters to clean up any broken glass. photo by J. Summit

float and the 40th Anniversary celebration.

➤ Accepted a quote from Paul Richards, from An Extra Set of Hands, for lawnmowing services at the town hall for \$125 per time. Richards had submitted his quote along with the required proof of insurance.

➤ Approved the fire department purchase of a new enclosed snowmobile sled for winter rescue work at a cost estimated to be \$7,000. Over half of the purchase will be funded with \$3,885 in donations made in memory of a summer resident, Darryl Horsmann.

➤ Heard that the new township emails are all in place. The email addresses can be found on the township website.

➤ Approved hiring Reichel Electric to replace the old emergency exit lights with a LED light system for \$2,336; Approved a quote from Arrow Auto to replace the automatic door opening/closing system for \$3,321 so the door is handicap-accessible. The existing electric door opener stopped working and is not repairable; Approved a quote of \$2,200 from

United Landscaping to replace a broken culvert on the paved bike trail.

➤ Will have the fire department remove the two Smokey Bear signs. The signs are in poor repair and the DNR does not offer repairs or replacements.

➤ Approved the purchase of two Greenwood Township signs to be installed by St. Louis County at a total cost of \$800.

➤ Township supervisors were reminded that the summer training classes were coming up later in June and included the training needed for the Local Board of Review. At this time only one supervisor is qualified, and if that supervisor is unable to attend the LBAE, then the township would lose the right to have a local LBAE for the following two years. The county asks that at least two board members have completed the training, which can be done online or at a class.

Several people thanked Supervisor Paul Skubic for volunteering to mow the lawn at the town hall until the township was able to hire a contractor.

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## Ely ponders website to promote economic development

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY – On the heels of the launching of a new website that describes what life is like in Ely, called Elyite.com, the Economic Development Authority here is seriously considering developing their own website to tout the opportunities available to start and grow a business.

The EEDA met Tuesday night to discuss a website design and maintenance proposal offered by local entrepreneur Richard Stuart who wants to help the city showcase and market the programs and resources available. Stuart most recently opened Ely's Ten Below Co-Working space for remote business office accessibility.

Clerk-Treasurer

Harold Langowski said that the efforts of the EEDA often get intertwined and equated with another, private non-profit entity in town called the Ely Area Development Association (EADA). "One of the reasons for that is that we don't have real branding of our economic development authority,"

In the website design proposal, Stuart said he has more than 20 years of business experience. "I understand what it takes to be successful, both online and off. The marriage of theory and practice is critical to my approach."

He offered the initial website design and development for a one-time cost of \$3,800. As much as \$119 per month would be required for maintenance and management of the website. He also offered an additional social media consulting and marketing option for an additional \$208 per month.

EEDA member Paul Kess said he was concerned that a new website for Ely might overlap with the brand new Elyite.com effort that was developed by local volunteers through Blandin Foundation grant funding. "Perhaps we could have a smaller site that links to (Elyite.com) as well as other sites. That might be a better approach than developing what seems to me a fairly complicated website," he said.

Mayor Chuck Novak said the Elyite.com website has a different purpose. "We need to advertise what we do as the economic development authority, and to compete with the other (EADA) website that says we are not doing anything and the town is going to close up in two months."

Novak stressed the importance of touting the efforts of the city's economic advisor, John Fedo, in promoting economic growth. "As the economic development authority, we are the only ones who have those tools to do it," he said. "I think this is very reasonably priced."

EEDA member Albert Forsman agreed that the city's EEDA needs its own website, rather than piggy-backing on the new Ely lifestyle site. "My concern is where the information is coming fromfor the two-hours of monthly webmaster maintenance on the website," he said.

Langowski described the time that the deputy city clerk spends to keep the city's website up to date. "It is cumbersome, but in today's age that is

where everybody is going for their information,' he said. "If you provide an adequate website for people to get the information they need, it alleviates them from having to make multiple phone calls and getting frustrated." He also stressed the need to not duplicate information available on various

Forsman noted that "people want information available 24 hours a day and not just 8 to 4 during the day.'

Kess suggested that Ely's economic advisor might be best suited to maintain the website. "This could be John's (Fedo) website," he said, "and he might be the best to maintain and update the site." Fedo is paid \$3,500 per month by Ely taxpayers for his economic development advising

EEDA president Heidi Omerza noted the importance of ease of use for the website, both for the user and for the maintenance. She said the deputy city clerk "would essentially be responsible for that, but it could be John (Fedo) as well. The information we put out is very important."

She also pushed for an update to the city's website. "If we are going to do one, we might as well do both, because it is really awkward (to use)," she said. "If we want to be the hip place to go and we're moving with the times, we need to look like it with our online presence."

Langowski was directed to meet with Stuart and discuss contract negotiations.

#### **ELY** ... Continued from page 1 -

light and also to plant that seed that people can do their jobs here, and live here, like we all do."

The website is still a work in progress and he encouraged folks to 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," he said. Tome called Elyite.

com a reference website. "It is not a catch-all, but instead, it is a quick reference to all things Ely. We hope to point people in the right direction for all things Ely."

Elyite.com is a showcase for the "persona" of Ely. "Lots of videos of people talking about the area brings out their passion for the area,":-Tome said. "People find a way to be here.'

Some examples of content on Elyite.com:

#### Tourism

While people may think that the tourism industry "boom" in Ely started in 1964 when the Boundary Waters Canoe Area became a federally protected area, many fishing and hunting camps actually provided wilderness experiences for outdoors men and women dating back to the early 1900s.

Ely has enjoyed success as the "gateway to the Boundary Waters" and continues to provide outdoor enthusiasts with a variety of activities such as fishing, hunting, wild ricing, canoeing, kayaking, boating, ATV riding and snowmobiling, camping, hiking and cross country skiing.

In addition to natural attractions, Elyalso offers world-class attractions dedicated to research and public education of local species, including the International Wolf Center and the North American Bear Center. If you are interested in more of the local history and folk lore, Ely offers the Dorothy Molter Museum, the Ely Art and Heritage Center and the Ely-Winton Historical Society Museum. The diverse experiences inspire visitors to return year after year and make Ely an amazing community to live, work, vaca-

tion and play.

#### Health

Health care is a major factor when people are deciding whether to arelocate to a community. Ely is fortunate to have quality healthcare right here in Ely. Our healthcare campus includes a clinic owned and operated by Essentia Health, Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital, a Level 4 Trauma Center with a 24/7 staffed Emergency Department, **Boundary Waters Care** Center, and Northwoods Partners, offering an array of senior services. Ely and the surrounding service area are also fortunate to have a fulltime ambulance service, access to a Life Link helicopter for emergency transport, and some of the best Wilderness First Responders in the area. There are also several housing options available throughout the community for seniors who need all levels of care. Ely also offers a VA Community Based Outpatient Clinic, open three days a week to meet the medical needs of local veterans. In addition to our main healthcare campus, Ely also offers a full-service vision center and three

local dental offices. If you are looking for more than traditional healthcare opportunities, Ely offers a wide variety of options for mind, body and soul health including yoga, meditation, massage and

much more. Ely also understands the importance of healthcare for you and your family, your entire family. Some of the best care available for our four-legged friends is found at the Ely Vet

#### Why work remotely?

The greatest benefit of working remotely from Ely can be summed up in one word: Access. It is difficult to put a price on the benefits of working in and being surrounded by such a beautiful and accessible landscape. Think of these benefits that include: livable neighborhoods, local culture, beautiful scenery, clean air, starry skies, clean water, and recreational opportunities as a 'second paycheck'.

Youmayalsotakefull advantage of Ely's new Workspace, "Ten Below Coworking", which offers broadband speeds! "Ten Below Coworking" is an Incredible Ely project, with start-up funds from the Blandin Foundation, and is part of the city's Broadband Initiative. There is so much up here to experience it would take a lifetime to explore,

so why wait? "We tried to paint an everyday picture of life in Ely and the surrounding

area," Tome added. The home page

- introduces Ely as: ➤ A small town at the end of the road in northeastern Minnesota.
- ➤ A town shaped around family values, rich culture, and every-
- day adventure. ➤ A place unaffected by the hyper pace of
- urban America. ➤ A place where your family, friends, and neighbors feel safe

every day.

- ➤ A town with a community that selflessly works together to make life better for all.
- ➤ A place where the citizens can still steer the development of the city to fit their ideals and dreams.
- ➤ A place where Elyites gather and connect to develop a better and simpler way

Elyites enjoy breathtaking sunrises to begin their days and stunning sunsets to bring them to a close. They enjoy the calm, quiet environment around them. The wildlife that traverses their yards is akin to house pets. They especially enjoy how easy it is to get away from the stresses of everyday life.

Elyites end their workday and within minutes can be on the water looking to catch

the next lunker or a fresh dinner. Within minutes they are out on a relaxing walk through the woods or a rigorous hike or they have embarked on their next big adventure into the vast Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. They have gathered their family and are hanging out at a beach or playground and they have already begun harvesting berries, wild mushrooms, or wild

Elyites have been

living this way for generations. They understand that every day is a vacation when you live in this wonderful area. Many Elyites were just on their way through when they fell in love with this way of life. There is something magical when you discover that Ely is the place you want to call home.

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## Ely schools looking at enrollment decline for 2018-2019

ELY - ISD 696 enrollment numbers for the upcoming school year are projected to take a modest decline, as reported by K-5 Principal Anne Oelke and 6-12 Principal Megan Anderson at the regular meeting of the Ely School Board.

Washington Elementary School enrollment on the last day of the 2017-2018 school year was 287 students. "For next year, we are looking at about 263 students to start the year," Oelke said. "That's with our fifth grade moving out and our Kindergarten moving in. We only have about 26 Kindergarteners coming in." The last day of the 2017-2018 school year listed 46 Kindergarten

Oelke did not provide projections for each class for the upcoming school year. Last year enrollLarge class graduated, small class of Kindergarteners projected Inc. (ARI) met with the

ment was: first grade, 57 students; second grade, 41 students; third grade 49 students; fourth grade, 43 students; and fifth grade, 51 students.

Anderson projected 295 students in grades 6-12 for the 2018-2019 school year at Memorial School. That is an increase of five students from last year. The senior class of 2019 is projected to have just 33 students, down from 43 in the class of 2018.

Three foreign exchange students will be attending Memorial school next year, according to Anderson, including a girl from China and boys from Germany and Ukraine.

Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson updated the board on the facilities projects under discussion this spring. He noted that a representative from Architectural Resources, committee last month to provide options and new ideas for connecting the three school campus buildings.

"We received some

clarity on items that were mentioned at our facilities planning committee meeting," he said. "The task for the group is to submit a ranking or order of their priorities of specific projects. Those lists are due by the end of the week and we will probably have another meeting to discuss the rankings."

Abrahamson said the need for monthly meetings of the facilities planning committee will likely be diminished in the future. As part of the new strategic planning initiatives, implemented earlier this year, the goal of that committee was to gather stakeholder input and to establish priorities.

"The ball will be in the School Board's court to take those recommendations and to decide if you want to go forward, how long, how much, and at what point," he said. Abrahamson said he would also recommend what steps the board might want to consider for any facilities projects.

Board member James Pointer noted his disappointment with not having more detailed information on accessibility issues for the three buildings if and when they are connected.

Abrahamson defended the information provided by ARI. "You would be talking about (having) architectural drawings. What you received cost \$1,500. It would cost considerably more if you really want to get down to nuts and bolts and see

what the (American with Disabilities Act) looks like. Once we get to the point where we want to connect the buildings, we then enter into a contract with an architect for that information," he said. "The more we ask for, the more it is going to cost." Pointer responded,

"To me, it seemed incomplete.' Board member Heidi

Mann said she was pleased to have the information about the feasibility of connecting the buildings using the existing tunnel system on campus. "The tunnels are not feasible to use and it was good to hear her say that and to explain what it would take," Mann said. "(Using the tunnels) is not going to happen. There are people in the community who want that and now we can say that is not going to happen."

Mann also welcomed the other options ARI presented for connecting the buildings. "I found the presentation very exciting. It helped me think in different directions," she said. "She also had some new ideas about using our media space for open learning and things like that."

Abrahamson provided an updated school budget. Fiscal year 2019 shows total revenue of \$8,320,289, an increase of about 2.9 percent from the revised fiscal year 2018 budget of \$8,085,447.

Expenditures for fiscal year 2019 are at \$8,246,428, a 1.5-percent decrease from the revised fiscal year 2018 budget of \$8,368,921. The unassigned fund balance of \$1,945,096 is 26.7 percent of the total operating expense for fiscal year

#### CITY OF ELY

#### Ely's Holiday station reopens after major gasoline leak public information officer Control Agency recerticontinues. "I don't know into the ground around the

by KEITH VANDERVORT

ELY - The Holiday gas station here is completely open for business again as fuel spill cleanup procedures continued this

"We are pumping both unleaded and diesel fuels again," said Ely Holiday store manager Delby Seliga last Thursday. The Minnesota Pollution fied the fuel pumps last Wednesday. Fuel sales were suspended for about 10 days, while the store itself remained open. The MPCA deter-

mined that approximately 4,844 gallons of fuel leaked from a tank and pipe system at the Holiday Station, beginning in the early hours of May 28. Ely Mayor Chuck Novak, continues as the

Supporters of the exchange

argue it's a good deal for

taxpayers because the

land being acquired is

more accessible and has

more lakeshore. But envi-

ronmentalists say it's "a

sweetheart deal" because

the Forest Service valued

the land it was trading to

PolyMet as timberland,

rather than mining land,

which is typically valued

Land Policy Management

Act, federal land exchang-

es must be of equal value,

and that's the issue that

attorney Paula Maccabee,

of Water Legacy, had

hoped to examine in her

lawsuit challenging the

exchange. Maccabee's

lawsuit would not have

prevented the land swap,

but it might have required

PolyMet to put up sig-

Under the Federal

more highly.

for the incident. "After the close of business on Sunday (May 27), something failed where a pump turned on and nobody was pumping gas," he said.

What was first thought to be a minor spill resulted in fuel leaking into the city's storm and sanitary sewers. Some fuel made its way to Miner's Lake The gas that was leaking was being pumped directly tanks, Novak explained, and when the area was saturated, some flowed into the city's storm sewer system.

"All in all, we came out much better than we anticipated at first," Novak said last Thursday. "There were never any explosion dangers to the public. It never got that volatile."

Ely Clerk-Treasurer said this week that the venting of fuel vapors how long that will remain," he said. "I should have cost figures ready to present to the City Council later this month. The big costs will be for the Fire Departments' time and equipment."

Cleanup crews and construction workers drilled holes into the ground at the leak site and extracted about 1,000 gallons of a mixture of water and gas.

Late last week, cleanup procedures continued at the Holiday station. Contaminated ground around the tank was removed and hauled away and clean gravel was put in place to replace it.

Holiday Manager Seliga said that the store's pumps were slated for replacement before the incident. "We will be putting in new pumps sooner than planned," she said.

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extensive environmental review of the project and land exchange, approved the land exchange in its Record of Decision, determining that the exchange was in the best public interest.'

But Smith's action drew stark criticism from environmentalists as well as Smith's DFL primary challenger Richard Painter, a government ethics lawyer who has made transparency and accountability major issues in his campaign.

"Regardless of how you feel on the merits of sulfide mining near waterways, the land swap's only purpose is to avoid federal regulations," said Painter.

The land exchange was, in fact, engineered to get around the provisions of the Weeks Act, a 1911 law that authorized federal acquisition of certain property. Large portions of what is now the Superior National Forest were acquired under the act, including the land that PolyMet wants to mine. A provision in the Weeks Act prohibits strip mining on lands acquired under that law, so the U.S. Forest Service and PolyMet agreed to conduct the land exchange to accommodate PolyMet's desire for an open pit mine.

"Congress passed a law, but PolyMet didn't want to comply with the law," said Painter. "This is simply an attempt to get around the law and that's extremely offensive."

The land exchange would swap about 6,650 acres of federal land at the site of the proposed open pit mine for about 6,690 acres of other lands scattered throughout the Superior National Forest.

nificantly more land in exchange. Maccabee said she

sees Smith's measure as representative of the almost overwhelming power of big money in Washington today. "I just see Citizens United behind a lot of this," said Maccabee, referring to the 2010 Supreme Court decision that cleared the way to unlimited political spending by corporations and the wealthy. "There seems to have been a change in our politics in favor of people with very large amounts of money. Apparently, she got advice from somebody that this is what she needed to do."

According Maccabee, the courts are often the only part of government where an average person, or small organization, can be heard on a more or less equal footing with the politically powerful. "The judicial branch is there to protect those who are politically weak," said Maccabee. "Otherwise, the powerful can prevent the average person from ever being heard."

While members of Congress typically tout their legislative proposals, Smith has been quiet about her latest move. Her office provided no press announcement of her amendment and her Senate website has no information about the measure.

When asked for comment, Sen. Smith suggested that it's time to set aside concerns about the project. "After seven years of thorough evaluation and 17 years after PolyMet purchased the mineral

rights, the Obama administration approved the land exchange in January 2017," said Smith in a statement to the Timberjay. "The amendment legislatively codifies the Obama administration's decision but does not in any way interfere with the environmental permitting process for the mine itself."

Maccabee said sees it differently. "The Obama administration never really supported this. They knuckled under to PolyMet's threats, but they never opposed our case when it was filed. They never made a motion to dismiss."

Painter said the measure ultimately limits the rights of Minnesotans. "The court system is often the only place average Minnesotans can have

their voices heard over the din of corporate greed,' he said. "It's appalling that Sen. Smith would use her legislative power to silence those voices."

Smith's amendment did appear to please investors, however, who pushed PolyMet's stock price as high as \$1.14 per share in early trading on Tuesday. The stock had been trading in the mid-70¢ range just ahead of last week's announcement. The stock price had dipped to 91¢ by the end of the day on Tuesday.

Poly Met's Richardson was hopeful, noting that the House had already approved the measure last December. "Congressional action would bring closure to the land exchange process."

#### **Janet Gensler Memorial** ELY4 on the 4TH

Wednesday, July 4, 2018 Miner's Lake 4 Mile Run & Walk 8 AM Run / 8:05 AM Walk

Parking and registration will occur in the parking lot at the corner of Central Avenue and Miners Drive in Ely. **REGISTRATION:** Online registration is available at: active.com, mail-in race fliers, OR day of race. Payment via cash or check only. \$20 thru June 12, \$25 after June 12 or \$30 day of race.

#### RACE INFORMATION

Age group awards for female and male runners in the following categories: (12 and under, 13-15, 16-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60 and over)

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the event, held under blue skies and mild tempera-

Sen. Tom Bakk, who spoke at the event, said it's been a bigger commitment than he had imagined more than a decade ago, when former DNR Commissioner Mark Holstein first broached the idea of the park to him. "We're north of \$50 million already and we're not even close to done," he said. "We'll need at least another \$50 million to finish the job."

But Bakk said he doesn't regret his support or the investment in the park, which the DNR is billing as "a place at the lake" for all Minnesotans. Bakk spoke personally about what growing up on the lake meant to him and how he wanted to be sure that it wasn't just a playground for the wealthy in the future. And he committed to seeing the park's development through to the end. "For all my Republican friends, if someone wants to pass this along: Tom Bakk is not leaving the Senate until this park is built."

DNR Commissioner Tom Landwehr said the new campground is highlighting a number of firsts, including being the first state park campground with full wi-fi as well as the first to operate a graywater recycling system. "We're trying to make this as energy efficient as possible," Landwehr added. Even so, Landwehr noted that a state park is a lot

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menuitems, including the Montana double grilled cheese will return with the same recipe, and the café will offer many similar items like the patty melt, burgers, turkey melt, and Reuben. A new addition to the menu will be wraps. Jude Carlson, the popular breakfast cook, will be returning as well.

The café was brightened a bit with some new paint and will soon have historical photos of Cook displayed.

The Montana had a soft opening during Cook Timber Days and fully opened the following Monday. Their new hours are Monday - Saturday 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Sunday 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Stop in for a coffee, order your favorite or try something new. "We hope customers are just as excited as we are," said Brodeen.

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detail last week during the dedication ceremony. photo by M. Helmberger

more than the technology and the plumbing. "It is this," he said, motioning to the surrounding forest as ovenbirds and chestnut-sided warblers sang nearby. "This phenomenal nature... the beautiful forest, the outstanding rock outcrops, and the lake, one of the premier lakes in Minnesota. It's an amazing place to spend time and create memories for your family."

Minnesotans apparently agree, as park officials have noted that the

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campground is nearly full all summer. "This is going to be one of those places where you have to get on a wait list to get in, but many of you who have spent time here know it is worth the wait.'

The new campground provides 33 individual campsites, most all of which can host either RV or tent campers. The DNR held the ribbon-cutting at the Ojiig Group Camp, one of two large group camps at Vermilion Ridge, each of which can

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accommodate up to 60 people. Each group camp has its own bathroom and shower facilities and a large screened-in picnic shelter.

The completion of the

new campground was a milestone, but just one of many in store at the park. "This is a great start, but there's more coming," said Rivers. Work will get underway later this summer on eight camper cabins, located not far from Vermilion Ridge. The cabins will be open year-round and each one will accommodate up to six people.

Other projects currently underway or starting this year at the park include:

➤ A hiking trail from the campground to Onumuni Overlook on Cable Bay. ➤ A picnic shelter

designed for large groups near the historic mine. ➤ Accessibility

updates to a boat-in cabin

on Blue Heron Island in

Mattson Bay. Future construction at the park will include a planned lake lodge which will serve as a visitors center, along with a trail-oriented campground south of Hwy. 169 that will connect to the Mesab Trail, the Prospector's Loop ATV Trail and the

Taconite Trail. Other recently-completed amenities at the park include hiking trails a public water access in Cable Bay, and a new segment of the paved Mesabi Trail that connects the park to Tower. Another highlight of the park is the Armstrong Bay Day Use Area, completed in 2013, which includes boat dockage, a fishing pier and a picnic area.

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## Mining supporters updated on state, federal actions

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY – Ely native Michael Cole spoke on current state and federal mining issues last Thursday night as part of the mining series sponsored by Up North Jobs, Inc.

Cole is a 1979 graduate of Ely High School and worked as a security director for northeast Minnesota mining companies for the last 20-plus years. That experience followed a stint in the Minnesota National Guard, earning a degree at Vermilion Community College, and 15 years as an emergency medical technician in Ely and other locations.

He started his presentation with comments on the recent wild rice sulfate rule veto by Gov. Mark Dayton. "The governor vetoed the rule to repeal the long-standing rule and also the bill to suspend the rule allowing a work group to establish a solution," Cole said.

"He (Dayton) wants to put the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in charge of deciding who can afford to implement a new rule," he said. "Why put a governmental agency in charge of deciding who can afford to do it when they couldn't even come out with a new one?" he asked. "It's just not going to work. From an affordable (sic) standpoint. No one can afford to implement this."

He said mining companies as well as communities would not be able to afford to implement a new sulfide standard. "The best solution was to suspend enforcement of the rule until a work group could come up with a reasonable solution."

He derided the governor for appointing his own taskforce. "We've been down this road before where Dayton loves to appoint his own personal task force for stuff, and the only good thing in this whole situation is, come November, everything is going to change."

Dayton is not running for re-election. "We'll finally get someone who can actually do something about this," Cole said, "and get this thing straightened out once and for all."

He asked why the sulfate rule should be held to a higher standard drinking water. "You're telling me that mining companies and the water that they discharge, has to be better than people drink. What sense does that make?" He asserted that the original rule was never enforced because no one could comply with it.

Cole voiced his frustration with the lack of movement on the current and planned copper-nickel mining projects. "We can't move on this. Either the government won't let us or outside groups won't let us," he said.

The PolyMet Land Exchange Bill, H.R.3115, proposed by Rep. Rick Nolan, was introduced to avoid litigation, according to Cole. "We wanted to

work around environmen-

tal lawsuits trying to stop the land exchange. I don't understand why environmentalists are fighting this so hard, because the land exchange is a win for everybody. It is a win for PolyMet. It is a win for the U.S. Forest Service. It is a win for all the people in northeast Minnesota," he said.

He noted the land exchange results in a net gain of 40 acres, and improves the management of the land. "As it stands right now, the land in question is surrounded by mining property," Cole said. "It is an island onto itself and isn't of any use to anybody."

He also contended that the land exchange deal provides 307 acres of natural research area. "The environmentalists can go and do their research on that land once the exchange takes place," he said.

takes place," he said.

"I don't know why
the environmentalists are
against this, other than
they just don't want a
copper-nickel mine of any
kind. This is a plus. This
is a win for everybody,"
he said.

He admitted that the land exchange legislation is unlikely to pass in the current U.S. Senate session.

Minnesota Sen. Tina Smith has proposed an amendment to force completion of the land swap needed for the proposed PolyMet copper-nickel mine project. The Minnesota Democrat plans to offer the amendment to a defense policy bill. The text was published last Thursday in the Congressional Record. Sen. Amy Klobuchar of Minnesota is listed as a co-sponsor. The U.S. Forest Service approved the land exchange in January 2017.

Inapublished response Smith's office said: "Sen. Smith is working to help get the land exchange done — which was approved and advocated for by the Obama Administration — and it would in no way undermine the environmental review process for the proposed mine itself. When it comes to PolyMet, the most important issue is that the project meets strict environmental requirements."

Cole also answered the charge that the land in question was improperly appraised. "There was nothing improper about the appraisal of the land," he said. "PolyMet owns the mineral rights underground, so the only thing that could be appraised was above ground. The only thing worth anything above ground was the stumpage that was left there. They actually appraised the land higher than it was worth. So, where is the argument? It was just another attempt to stop PolyMet."

He also noted that the argument that the land exchange violates of the Endangered Species Act was a non-issue. "The Canadian Lynx was been de-listed," he said. "It is no longer endangered. They always throw the wolves in there. They evidently

never spent any time on active mining property (that would be considered trespassing). There are actually more wolves on active mining property than probably anywhere else."

Cole compared mines

to game preserves. "There is no hunting on active mine property," he said. "So, you have large populations of deer, moose and wolves. They gravitate to that land because they know there is no threat. The mining companies are basically fulfilling a niche here by providing protected areas for these species."

He also covered the

Miner's Act, H.R.3905, introduced by Rep. Tom Emmer, designed to protect mineral leases on national forest lands in Minnesota. "Twin Metals has met all the conditions for their leases and still, they were denied," he said, "not because of any facts or science, but because somebody didn't want (renewal)."

He said that a year ago, environmental advocates attempted to designate the Superior National Forest and Chippewa National Forest as national monuments. "Do you have any idea what that would have done to the economy here?" he asked the 20-plus people in attendance. "There would be no logging and no mining. It would be straight-up tourism. Period. The national forest would be a buffer zone for the Boundary Waters. That was their intent. That

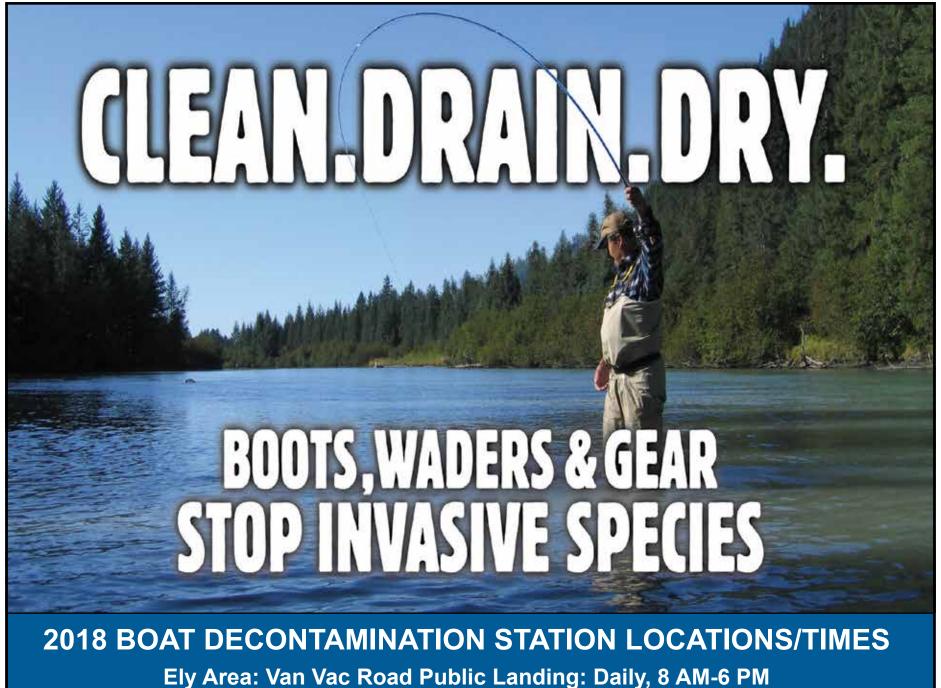
is why this act is just as important than the land exchange."

Cole also noted that the Miner's Act excludes all mining in the Boundary Waters and guarantees that all environmental policies must be followed. "Evidently, the environmentalists are reading a different Miner's Act than I'm reading," he said.

"I guess that's never really stopped them. Environmentalists never want to follow policy or procedure," Cole added. "They will try to circumvent things at the drop of the hat, and they get away with it because some companies can't afford to fight because the cost benefit isn't there. That's the reason why you see all these delay tactics. They drag the companies into court even though they followed all the rules and did everything right, but the outcome wasn't what they wanted."

Cole said the foreign owners of PolyMet and Twin Metals "have the money to stay the course."

The National Defense Authorization Act of 2019 is crucial, according to Cole, because minerals are required for defense. "The House of Representatives was able to get a rider on this (legislation) that would set time limits on permitting. They are talking about a two-year time limit on Environmental Impact Statements instead of the six-plus years for Twin Metals."









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STATE GOLF MEET

## North Woods boys in the running at state meet

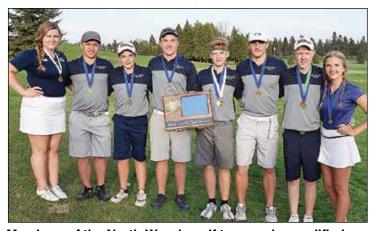
Final boys results not available at press time; girls make top half

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER

Managing Editor

BECKER— The North Woods boys golf team was just three strokes from the lead heading into the second day of state Class A competition here, although final results were not available as of the *Timberjay's* Wednesday press time. Senior Tate Olson was leading his team and was among the top ten golfers overall after the first nine holes on Wednesday.

Olson carded a 77 on the first day of the meet and a 38 on the front nine on Wednesday, and was trailing the individual leader by 11 strokes. Right behind was freshman Sam Frazee, who shot a phenomenal



Members of the North Woods golf teams who qualified for the state meet held Tuesday and Wednesday.

79 on Tuesday and was in the top 20 golfers halfway through the competition on Wednesday.

"We're pleased with the first day results," said Boys Golf Head Coach Will Kleppe.

"Our first-time participants did very well considering the pressure. Sam Frazee's even par back nine for a 79 total was key."

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Ely's James Schwinghamer competes in the 3,200-meter run during the state track meet held last week in St. Paul.

STATE TRACK AND FIELD

## Schwinghamer places seventh in 3,200-meter Other Ely athletes perform well

by JAY GREENEY

Sports writer

ST.PAUL-Ely's two long distance runners had strong performances at the state track meet held last Friday and Saturday in St. Paul—including a seventh-place finish by sophomore

James Schwinghamer in the 3,200-meter run.

"James Schwinghamer had two goals going into the 3,200-meter race at the state meet— set a personal record in the low 9:50s and come

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#### TIMBER DAYS

# Cook's best days of **SUMMER**

No shortage of fun at 2018 Timber Days



Above: Entries in the annual classic car show.

Below: Parade Grand Marshal Valerie Annen is driven in a horse-drawn carriage during Sunday's parade.

Below left: Jade with her pet chicken "Brach Lobster" won for most unique best friend in the pet show.

all photos by B. Smith









Left: Kids games, like this sack hop, are always a big hit. The competition got hot and heavy in this race.

Above: Dorothy, the Cowardly Lion, the Scarecrow, and the Tin Man were on hand for the Timber Days parade.

#### NEW BUSINESS

## Antiques for a rainy day

New shop on Hwy. 53 bursting with antiques and collectibles



Lora Schwickerath inside her new antique store located on Hwy. 53, about four miles north of Ash Lake.

photo by M. Helmberger

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ASH LAKE— Imagine a former farmhouse, packed to the ceiling with an astonishing array of antiques and collectibles gathered from around the Upper Midwest. That's what you'll find at Rainy Day Antiques, a new shop located on Hwy. 53, about four miles north of Ash Lake, at the longtime residence of Julian Brzoznowski.

Brzoznowski sold his former farmstead last fall to Larry and Lora Schwickerath, and they have converted one of the farmhouses into their new business. It's really Lora's business, says Larry, although he's happy to help out when needed.

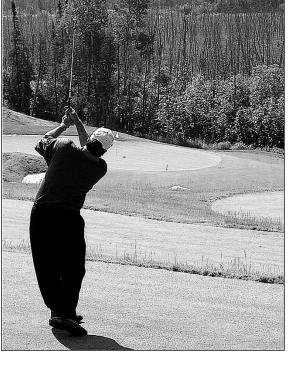
For Lora, antiques have long been a passion. She ran her own antique shop near New Hampton, in northeast Iowa, for 14 years, before she and Larry made the decision to relocate to the North Country. "We had finally built our dream home in New Hampton," said Lora, "then a huge hog farm moved in right next door and they stunk us out."

The couple had enjoyed fishing trips for years on Lake Kabetogama, so when they made the decision to move, they started looking at options up north. "I decided I wanted to be in my happy place,"

Since then, it's been a lot of work relocating their residence as well as the contents of her old shop in Iowa. They gutted the old single-story farmhouse to convert it to their new store, and it's filled with her treasures, scoured mostly from auctions and estate sales in northeast Iowa. She has plenty of additional inventory in storage that she expects will keep her

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LEARN TO GOLF

## The Wilderness to offer complimentary lessons

### Call now to reserve a lesson June 18-28

LAKE VERMILION — Are you interested in learning to golf, but don't know where to begin?

How about a free lesson or golf clinic at one of Minnesota's most highly-rated golf courses? The Wilderness at Fortune Bay

announced this week that they will

celebrate Player Development Week

this month from June 18-28. To mark the two-week-long celebration, The Wilderness will be offering free clinics and lessons from staff instructors to new golfers.

Player Development Week is the cornerstone and celebration of KemperSports' Player Development Program – a proprietary initiative built to provide tools and best practices for properties to think creatively and put in programs that will introduce new golfers to the game. The program is geared to deliver innovative ways to reach an entire demographic of non-golfers.Last year, KemperSports properties logged 700,000 player interactions across the country including lessons, rounds, videos, clinics, posts and demonstrations. "Golf can be played over a life-

time," said Ryan Peterson, General Manager at The Wilderness. "Taking advantage of these player development events gives us a chance to help those new to the game."

To sign up for clinics and lessons. please call The Wilderness at 218-

The Wilderness at Fortune Bay is owned by the Bois Forte Band and is operated by KemperSports Management. This highly acclaimed Northwoods golf getaway is renowned for its wild beauty and exceptional amenities. It is consistently ranked as one of public courses in Minnesota.

#### PUBLIC SAFETY

## Coon Rapids man drowns on Perent Lake in BWCAW

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

PERENT LAKE- A 31-year-old Coon Rapids man died of apparent drowning here on Saturday, June 9, while on a canoe trip in the Boundary

Joseph Bennett Fedick died while out searching for firewood with another individual in his party. The two were in a canoe at the time, when it capsized about 11 p.m., according to the Lake County Sheriff's Office. The other individual swam to a rock, where he was able to cry for help. Fedick, who was not wearing a life vest, never made Was not wearing life vest when canoe capsized

it to shore.

It's unclear whether members of Fedick's party made an effort to report the incident to law enforcement. A father and son who had been camping nearby and who assisted in the initial search for Fedick provided the first official report of the incident around 4 p.m. of the following day, according to Tofte District Ranger Ellen Bogardus-Szymanyak. The father and son had run into a Forest Service crew at the time and reported the possible drowning, which started the rescue and recovery effort.

Lake County Sheriff Carey

were a bit unusual. "We thought it was odd," he said, but noted that delays in reporting incidents are not that unusual when they take place in the wilderness, particularly in areas where there is no cell phone coverage. He said members of Fedick's party told law enforcement officials

Johnson said the circumstances

that they had spent the day after the incident searching for him or his body, rather than making an effort to report the situation. Johnson said an autopsy will be performed as part of the inves-

Using sonar and an under-

water robot, a recovery team led by the St. Louis County Rescue Squad located Fedick's body on Monday within a couple hundred yards of his party's campsite. Responders from the St. Louis and Lake county rescue squads used motorboats and a Forest Service floatplane to access the scene and to remove Fedick's body from the wilderness.

"We had wonderful cooperation from the U.S. Forest Service," said Kurt Erickson, with the St. Louis County Rescue Squad. "I'm always amazed at the teams we are able to bring together on an impromptu basis to respond to these kinds of incidents," he added. BogardusSzymanyak said she authorized the use of motorized transport given the circumstances of the incident. "There were a lot of people and equipment that need to be transported," she said.

Sources tell the *Timberjay* that Fedick was unfamiliar with others in his party. He had originally planned to go with a friend who knew some members of the party, but his friend had backed out at the last minute and Fedick opted to go anyway.

Forest Service law enforcement and the U.S. Border Patrol also responded to the incident.

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away with a medal," said Ely Boys Head Track Coach Will Helms. "He accomplished both goals in running 9:54.6, a 10-second improvement on his personal best," added Helms.

Schwinghamer's time will place him second alltime in the Ely High School record books, behind 1988 grad Tim Hogan. He'll have two years to try to best Hogan's record of 9:45.3, a difference of about ten

senior Ryne Prigge ran the 3,200-meter in 11:52.82, good for 14th place in the competition. It was Prigge's final race of her high school career and it was her personal best at the 3,200 meters.

"Ryne had a great track season with no injuries and running good times in everything she ran," said Ely Girls Head Coach Jayne Dusich. "Ryne will be going to Bemidji to run cross-country and track." Meanwhile, two other

On the girls side, Ely athletes had strong

outings as well. Senior Henry Dirks participated in the 300-meter hurdles in his first state meet. He reached the second-best time of his career at the meet, of 42.6 seconds, but it wasn't enough to make it to finals.

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"Henry was very close to his personal best he set a week earlier at the section meet," said Helms. "He was happy with his race and enjoyed competing in front of the big crowd in

Sophomore Brielle

Kallberg had qualified for the state meet in the Long Jump. After a personal best at the sections this year she wasn't able to duplicate that distance at state, but still took 19th place with a jump of 15'-4.75".

"Brielle had her best jump at sections (16'-9"). Unfortunately, she couldn't get a jump in that far at state," said Dusich. "Hopefully next year she will be jumping more in the 16-17 foot range."

### NE Range, North Woods runners compete at state

REGIONAL — Athletes from Northeast Range, North Woods, and the South Ridge schools took 13th place in the Class A girls 4x100 relay event last Friday, June 8, at Hamline University in St. Paul, with a time of 51.69 seconds. The runners, including Mikayla Mellesmoen, Sophie Lenz, both of Northeast Range, Taylor Mejdrich, of North Woods, and Lily Hall of South Ridge, had qualified for state competition earlier this month during the Section 7A finals in Duluth, with a best-ever time of 51.96 seconds. They beat that mark in state competition by nearly a third of a second.

A girls team from Rockford took the top spot in the 4x100 relay this year with a time of 50.01

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Also posting strong first day performances were Ian Olson, with an 85, Davis Kleppe, with an 87, and Chase Kleppe, who posted an 88.

Sleepy Eye and Mounds View Academy entering the second day of the meet, with a combined score of 328. The leaders

325 in the first day of competition.

Meanwhile, Nicole Olson and Kylie Parson, the two North Woods for state both finished in the top half among the 85-golfer field. Olson, a sophomore, finished the two days of play with a

North Woods trailed had carded a combined girls golfers who qualified 192, putting her in 31st year to qualify for team place. Fellow sophomore Parson was just six strokes behind, finishing in 40th place. North Woods did not field enough girls this

competition.

#### **ANTIQUES...**Continued from page 1B



going for quite some time, but she'll eventually start searching out more local sources for future antiques and collectibles.

While Ash Lake may be a bit out of the way, Lora said she expects the constant traffic along Hwy.53 will bring a steady stream of visitors to the shop. "I couldn't believe the amount of traffic, even in winter, with deer hunters, ice fishermen, and

snowmobilers," she said.

So next time you're headed up this way, stop in and say hi. And take a look around... you might be surprised at what you could find.

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## Artist Jeanne O'Melia to speak at NWFA annual meeting

COOK- Bring a dish to pass and your curiosity. Hear world traveler, artist, and educator, Jeanne O'Melia, the featured speaker at Northwoods Friends of the Arts annual meeting in Cook. The meeting, set for Tuesday, June 19, at the NWFA Gallery, 210 S. River St., runs from 5 to 8 p.m.

At 5 p.m. there will be a potluck meal and a short meeting. At 6 p.m. O'Melia will begin a slide show presentation of her recent trip to Uganda to visit a school founded in 2009 by her niece, Robin Dusek. Her group delivered clothing, school supplies, and laptops while attending the celebration of the first group of children to graduate from the seventh grade at Dusek School.

Maybe you know her. Jeanne is actively contributing to NWFA

each spring, summer and fall as a summer arts teacher and a creator of parade floats. While composing and constructing her parade floats, she snares volunteers of all ages and life skills to help with projects.

Jeanne is known here in Cook for her "found art sculptures" created from objects collected on her various canoe trips...or litter on the street.

- O'Melia has had many adventures volunteering:
- ➤ Working with children creating art from found objects, mostly litter, in Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica and San Cristobal de las Casas, Mexico.
- ➤ Habitat For Humanity construction in Mexico, Nicaragua, Peru, Guatemala, Bolivia, Decatur, Ill., and Cathedral City, Calif.

- ➤ Election monitor in El Salvador in 1994 after the Civil Wor
- Accompaniment in Chiapas, with Borderlinks, in Slovakia, Jamaica, Pine Ridge Indian Reservation, SD and Rocky Boy Indian Reservation, MT and Uganda.

In winter, she hails from Illinois where she spent a lively childhood on a farm near Princeton. After teaching at Glenview Jr. High in East Moline, she founded Villa Montessori School. Later she taught Spanish in the PATS program in Moline and art as part of the Illinois Arts in Education Artist Roster program.



## Spiritwood Foundation launches another grant



Pictured is Jodi Martin, of EBCH, accepting a check from Alison Arver, Spiritwood Foundation's Financial Officer. submitted photo

REGIONAL- At their regular meeting, the board of directors of The Spiritwood 'Forget Me Not' Foundation decided to award another \$500 grant to an eligible non-profit organization in a 50-mile radius for a program or a need centered around the mission of the Foundation. This is the third 'Rocco Michael Passaretti Grant' offered by the Foundation.

The last grant was awarded in February to Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital. It will be used for their new audio-visual library to purchase DVDs, CDs, ear phones, music players, etc for their dementia patients.

The new grant cycle will open on Monday, June 18 and close on Wednesday, July 18. The winner will be announced at the Blueberry/Art Festival at the Spiritwood Foundation Booth, and contacted directly.

Application packets can be picked up beginning June 18 (not before) and dropped off at the Ely Shopper, 243 E Chapman St.

The Spiritwood Foundation was created in 2004 by Pat and Donna Surface when Donna, the Foundation's director, lost her dad, Rocco Michael Passaretti, to Alzheimer's disease. The Spiritwood Foundation's mission is to raise not only awareness regarding Alzheimer's disease, but also critical funds

that support community organizations, programs, and facilities working with victims and families dealing with dementia. The Spiritwood Foundation is an on-going supporter of Northwoods Partners of Ely for their Memory Care and Caregiver Support Programs. The Spiritwood Foundation also supports the Minnesota Veterans Home in Silver Bay, and their programs. The Foundation sponsors benefit concerts, silent auctions, memory walks, or any other fundraising event that helps individuals needing caregiver respite, and organizations needing to build assisted-living facility additions and add programs for residents. The Foundation also sponsors Minnesota Memory Care Tours that provide uplifting concerts for residents, their families and friends, and the staff in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and senior residences.

The Spiritwood Foundation is a 501(c) (3) non-profit. Board members are Donna Surface (Director), Sheri Dochat, Alison Arver, Curt Van Deen, Lori Boes, Katie Moyer, Barb Lyke and David Wiley - aided by a long list of 'angel' volunteers.

For more information on the Spiritwood Foundation, go to www. SpiritwoodFoundation. com.

## Midsummer Festival at Mesaba Park, June 22-24



HIBBING- Mesaba Co-op Park's 89th annual Midsummer Festival will be held June 22-24. Friday evening events begin at 5 p.m. with chili and cornbread, and a sing-along, followed by an Open Stage with music, spoken word, humor, and dance.

Saturday features breakfast and at 10 a.m. the Mesaba Café, two hours of storytelling and music. Following lunch, family games and activities for children will be offered throughout the afternoon.

At 1:30 p.m. in the pavilion dance hall, a panel presentation and

dialogue begins. "Socialism and the Common Good" includes speakers Debra Topping, from Honor the Earth, Joel Sipress from Democratic Socialists of America, and Rich Updegrove from Our Revolution.

Terrence Smith's Maypole Dance for all ages takes place at 4:15 p.m., prior to the social hour on the pavilion breezeway. Dinner offers a mouth-watering menu with fare for vegetarians and omnivores alike. After dinner, Oscar Forsman and Terrence Smith invite you to a traditional dance experience in the pavilion dance hall.

At 8:30 p.m. the evening continues with the Tobin Dack Band and at 9:45 p.m. the Confused Brothers take the stage, enticing dancers of all ages. The traditional Midsummer Bonfire will be lit at 11 p.m.

Adult admission for the weekend is \$30. Children under 12 are free. Meals are available at additional cost.

Mesaba Park is located seven miles east of Hibbing at the intersection of Hwy. 37 and Co. Rd. 5, near the Thirsty Moose, at 3827 Mesaba Park Rd.

#### "North of Broadway" concerts this weekend in Ely and Virginia

REGIONAL-Mesabi Symphony Orchestrapresents North of Broadway on Friday, June 15 at Mesabi Range College and on Saturday, June 16 at Vermilion Community College; both nights the show will begin at 7 p.m.

We are so lucky up here. All this talent, all this musicality, and we don't even have to clear airport security or endure a New York taxi ride to experience it. You won't need a second mortgage for the tickets, either. Ours are only \$25. Considering this is a fundraiser for the orchestra, that's - dare I say it? - cheap! You have your choice of two performances of some of Broadway's best songs, performed by the MSO accompanying nine of the

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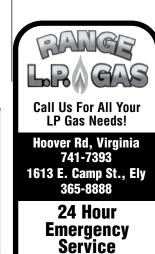
Saturday night, June 16, it'll be in Ely, at Vermilion Community College's Fine Arts Theatre. Our conductor, Ben Nilles, will wave his magic wand promptly at 7 p.m. both nights.

Throughout the evening, you'll have chances to bid on a wide selection of gift baskets (everything from a ukulele to haircare, plant supplies to food, and lots more), and that cash raffle. The baskets will be awarded after each concert; the cash raffle after the second concert, to give it more

time to grow.

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**FAMILY TRADITIONS** 

## Four generations of caring for Lake Vermilion

by PENNY JACKSON

LAKE VERMILION - If you live on or near any lake, you are there for one specific reason. It's because you love the lake and want to share that

Harold and Shirley Korpela knew the first time they laid eyes on Lake Vermilion that this place is so special they wanted to live there forever. The two of them built a family cabin

love with everyone around you.

enjoy, respect and preserve the lake they loved.

In 1978, Harold contacted the lake association and decided to sign himself and Shirley up to volunteer. For many years he found himself heading up the spring sucker sale at the Pike River Hatchery and he even volunteered to be on the lake association's board of directors.

Shirley had a love for the many common loons that

and set off on an adventure to call Lake Vermilion their home and soon decided to take part in the annual loon count. She was assigned to a five-mile territory on the lake and, like all designated loon counters on the lake, she counted loons every year on the designated date and the same time of day. She did this for over 26 years with Harold steering the boat while Shirley

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Four generations of the Korpela family, including (I-r), Harold, Shirley, their daughter Jill, grandson Ryan, and great-grandsons Drake and Evan, posed for a photo during the 2010 loon count on Lake Vermilion. submitted



**A Wisconsin** couple and their dog explore the park on one of the new hiking trails.

Left:

Below: A photographer takes advantage of the spectacular view from the Leander-Mattson overlook.

photos by M. Helmberger

LAKE VERMILION SOUDAN UNDERGROUND MINE STATE PARK

## Lots to do, lots more to come

With the opening of the park's first campground, the focus shifts to activities

by Marshall Helmberger

Managing Editor

BREITUNG TWP Since the creation of the Lake Vermilion portion of the new state park here back in 2010, it's often been seen as a park under development. That's true enough. The park remains years away from fully meeting the vision set by the community and the Department of Natural Resources.

When all this gets built out, it's really going to be something," said state Sen. Tom Bakk, DFL-Cook, during the recent groundbreaking for the new Vermilion Ridge Campground.

Plenty of improvements remain in the works, including additional hiking trails, new camper cabins, a lake lodge visitor center, expansion of the new campground, as well as construction of a new camping area, south of Hwy. 169, that's geared towards cyclists and ATVers.

But the focus on the future shouldn't obscure the fact that there is already a lot to do at the park, and that portions are currently under-utilized. Whether you're interested in hiking, biking, fishing, camping, wildlife-watching, or exploring the history of the Soudan Mine, there's no shortage of reasons to take advantage of the park

Here are just some of the things to do currently available at the park:

➤ Hiking— There are enough miles of hiking trail in the park right now to put



Above: One of several hike-in campsites now available in the park. They come with a picnic table, bear locker, fire grate, and an elevated gravel tent pad.

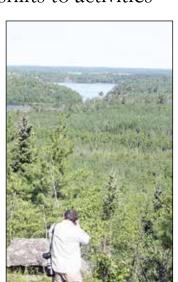
Lower right: Bunchberry are blooming in the park right

Below: The traditional mine tours are always a hit.



blisters on the feet of almost anyone. Longstanding trails in the Soudan Mine portion of the park are among the nicest, with many passing through extensive areas of old-growth red and white pine. These trails have been mostly overlooked by park users for

years. But the new portion of the park also offers miles of hiking opportunities. The two main trails, the Crescent Trail and the Wawa Way, begin along the south edge of the park and head north generally toward the new campground. These trails are pretty long





and a number of loops are in development right now that will give hikers a wider range of options, but these existing trails can easily be hiked out and back. The Crescent Trail has some nice offerings along the way, including a picnic table site on Lily Lake, which is a nice spot to sit and makes a good turnaround point. A bit further to the north, the trail is currently underwater due to beaver activity. You can

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## Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower **BANEBERRY** 



There are two species of **Baneberry**, Actaea sp., found in our area and they are virtually indistinguishable until their berries ripen later in the summer. The White Baneberry has white berries while the Red Baneberry's berries are, you guessed it — red.

While not rare in our region, these are not common wildflowers, like the somewhat similar Wild Sarsaparilla featured here last week. The leaves of the baneberries are compound and finely cut and its single round flower cluster typically grows above the leaves, rather than underneath as is typical of the Wild Sarsaparilla.

They're members of the Buttercup family.

#### Fishina renorts

#### Ely area

Fishing action remains steady throughout the area. While few are reporting full limits, many are at least getting enough for a good fish fry. Walleyes have begun to scatter as water temps begin to creep up, but many still are roaming the shallows in search of a meal. Try working the near shore waters from six to fifteen feet. Bait choice is anyone's guess as anglers are scoring on minnows, leeches, and crawlers. Location seems to be more of a concern then bait offerings. It seems best at times to just troll along until you locate the fish. then work that area over. Some are finding that slow trolled crank baits are the ticket to success, and the larger size cranks are scoring the most fish. Apparently these fish are hungry after the rigors of the spawn. Pike anglers are being

rewarded as well, with fish up to eighteen pounds coming into the boats. Many folks are still using large sucker minnows under a bobber to score, but many others are using a more pro-active method of throwing large spoons, spinner baits, and cranks. Most pike are coming from relatively shallow water, so one needs only to work along the shorelines and weed edges to connect.

Courtesy Babe's Bait, located at Ely's west entrance. Fishing reports

from NOAA weather





John Wester, of Hastings, caught this beautiful 25-inch walleye on Lake Kabetogama. submitted

#### Kab-Nam area

Fishing continues to be good as water levels rise and temps remain consistent

Normally this time of year most anglers are putting away their jigs and replacing them with lindys using mostly leeches and not too far behind, crawlers. This year is different. A jig and minnow combination is still a deadly combination in traditional

spring areas. When the wind blows, walleye anglers are finding success along shallow windward shorelines and weed lines especially entrances to bays. Nebraska Bay in particular has been hot as of late. On calm, sunny days your best bet is to move deeper (20'-35') off shoreline and island points and reefs. The Martins, Cuculus and Nashata are good places to start. If we get 2 or 3 days of consistent sun and calm water, focus early and late in the day right up until dark. Sand or clay bottoms are producing best. Try to find that transition where sand/clay and rock/gravel bottom meet and you will

have not been consistently producing yet but that will change as we get further into June. If you can find shiners, that seems to be the go-to bait. Some have reported success with leeches, but minnows are still putting more fish in the live well.

#### **Lake Vermilion**

The warming water and more stable weather has really turned the bite. The best walleye fishing has been in 18-24 feet of water in the sand adjacent to mud bottom areas. One day they want leeches, the next worms, and the next minnows, so continue to bring an assortment of bait with you.

Muskie fishing has been best in the shallow weeds with some really nice fish being caught. Try using black and orange bucktails worked fast over the top of the weeds. .

The smallmouth and largemouth bass fishing couldn't get much better and they are biting on pretty much anything you throw

The main mayfly hatch should still be about a week or two away.

## **Friday**

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access the trail north of the beaver flooding by a connecting trail from the Soudan portion of the park. From there, you can access the Mattson Bay overlook, which gives you a stunning view of Lake Vermilion and much of the park.

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> The best trails are actually coming soon. Later this year, watch for the opening of the Lakeside Trail, the Vermilion Ridge Trail, and the Onumuni Overlook trail, which will access the spectacular rock outcrop on Cable Bay, an iconic portion of the park. This trail will include about 180 feet of boardwalk through a marsh bordered by cedar. These will be major additions to the hiking options in the new portion of the park.

> ➤ Remote camping— For anyone looking to get away from it all, remote, hike-in campsites are now available. You won't find them on the park reservation system just yet, but they're open on a first-come,

first-served basis and most have yet to see a single visitor so far— so you could be the first! The sites are located about a half-mile north of the park entrance road and are accessed by Wawa Way, which begins just across from the park's electronic pay station and information kiosk. These sites come with a picnic table, fire ring and grate, a bear locker and an elevated gravel tent pad, and each one is tucked well away into

The park also offers at least one boat-in campsite, located on the west end of Stuntz Bay and more are in the development phase.

➤ The underground mine tour - As the DNR's State Parks and Trails director Erika Rivers noted, the Soudan Mine tour is "probably one of the four or five drop drop-toyour-knees incredible experiences you could have in a state park and you really owe it to yourself and your children to go there and educate yourself about the history of this

The mine tours, which take you a half-mile underground, are offered daily from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. through September and on weekends in October. A tour is a great thing to do during rainy weather or on a really hot day. Just remember that with a constant temperature in the low 50s, you might want to have a light jacket or sweatshirt with you for the underground tour.

If you have kids, you won't want to miss this tour, which includes a train ride underground.

And when you're done with the underground tour, don't forget to poke your head inside the Engine House and watch the huge hoist

There's no doubt that there is going to be much more in the future at this incredible park. But there's already more than enough to do to justify a visit soon.

#### **CARING...**Continued from page 4B

counted.

As time breezed by like ripples on the water, Shirley decided she needed a little help counting the loons, so she asked her daughter Jill Korpela Bontems and Jill's husband Jerry Bontems to assist them. Jill was always more than willing to help her mom and dad. During the 2010 count, Jill brought along her son Ryan and his boys, Evan and Drake. A family tradition of volunteering had been passed down to the next generations.

Harold passed on about five years ago and Shirley now resides in senior housing in Virginia. The love they felt for Lake Vermilion lives on in the hearts and hands of those who continue to volunteer on the lake.

Today, Jill and Jerry are still counting loons as her mother and father did for 30 years. Jerry spends most of his volunteer time helping the Vermilion Lake Association maintain the night navigation aid program.

This program is a series of flashing night navigation lights located along the major travel routes on the lake. Inconspicuous by day, the lights assist boaters and snowmobilers traveling the lake at night by helping them visually locate the main routes of travel. The

solar powered lights are placed at shoreline spots and are not intended to indicate navigational hazards.

Anyone traveling Lake Vermilion at night should refer to a boater's map of the lake which will indicate exactly where the lights are located.

The Korpela-Bontems families along with many others "give back to the lake by giving of their time and ability, their hearts and their hands." Would you like to help? Many other opportunities are available to you. You can check them out at www.VermilionLakeAssociation. org or contact Pat Michaelson at plmichaelson@gmail.com.







#### **Obituaries and Death Notices**

#### Darcie J. Molitor

Darcie Jo Fadden Molitor,RN,61,of the Ash River Trail, passed away in Duluth on Thursday, June 7,2018, after battling cancer for many months. Celebrations of Life will be held at later dates at Ash Trail Lodge on the Ash River Trail and in Wayzata, hosted by Dick and Sandra Brown.

Darcie was born on Feb. 5, 1957, in Minneapolis. She graduated from Wayzata High School. Darcie lived in the Wayzata and Plymouth area for many years prior to moving to The Bear Den on the Ash River.

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Kurt Grotenhuis, for the sum of Three Hundred Fifty

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Dollars (\$350,060.48), as

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She attended Excelsior College and Hennepin County Technical College for her Nursing Degrees and Rasmussen College for Accounting.

Darcie loved to fish in Voyageurs National Park and was able to navigate that large body of water without a map or GPS. She also loved to hunt and garden and did well at both. She loved working

at Park Nicollet Clinic in the Plymouth area and the Good Samaritan Society in International Falls. Darcie would often talk about all the great friends she made at both. She was a kind and gentle person and leaves behind many dear friends from her high school days and her time spent on the Ash River. She will be truly missed. She is survived by her

daughter, Amy Schmitz  $and \, husband \, Chad \, Schmitz$ and children Evelyn and Ethan Schmitz of St. Michael; parents, Joan and Larrie Fadden of the Ash River Trail; brother, Paul Fadden and wife Gennifer Fadden and their daughter (beloved niece) Gabrielle of St. Louis Park; aunt, Sandra Brown and husband Richard Brown of Wayzata; uncle, Wayne Fadden and wife Elizabeth Fadden of Plymouth; uncle,

Jack Fadden and wife Sandra Fadden of Buffalo; aunt, Twyla Weiland of Plymouth; many cousins, numerous friends and caring co-workers.

Darcie was preceded in death by her grandparents, Cliff and Eleanor Fadden, Al and Olene Weiland Japs, and Edward Weiland; and uncle, Dean Edward Weiland.

#### Karen J. Conlee

Karen Jean White Conlee, 63, of Virginia, went to be with her beloved Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, after a courageous battle with cancer, on

Friday, June 1, 2018, at St. Michael's in Virginia. The family would like to thank Essentia St. Mary's Hospice Team and the staff at St. Michael's for their exceptional care and compassion. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 16 at Grace and Truth Bible Church in Aurora with Pastor Dan Miller officiating. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service. Landmark Funeral Home of Virginia is in charge of arrangements.

Survivors include her sons, Matthew (Mindy) Tuchel of Soudan, Joshua (Tanya Miller) Tuchel of Virginia and Cody Conlee of Eveleth; grandchildren, Miigwen, Morgan, Tiquin, Julia, Evelynn, Isaac and Jackson; sister, Kathryn Noland of Toluca, Ill.; very special niece, Amy (Clarence) and their children Finn and Hannah of Virginia; very special nephews, David (Lindsay) and their children Kennedy and Kaitlyn of Normal, Ill., and Rob of Bloomington, Ill.; and many friends.

#### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

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

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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 17th 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

Defendant/Judgment Debtor Kurt Grotenhuis has since that day acquired the legal description of the real property being as follows, to wit:

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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, hus-

band 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: June 6th, 2018 By: /s/ Dave Rolland Deputy Sheriff (Signature) Lieutenant Dave Rolland Deputy Sheriff (Printed)

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#### KUGLER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

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Julie Suihkonen, Town Clerk

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e is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by St. Louis and Lake Coun

Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Rail Authority until 11:00 a.m., Monday, July 9, 2018, at the Mesabi Trail Office located at: 111 Station 44 Road, Eveleth, MN 55734, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of Highway 135 to Embarrass Phase 1 Major quantities for the Work include:

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Bob Manzoline, St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Rail Authority, Eveleth, MN Published in the Timberjay, June 8, 15 & 22, 2018.

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#### by Linda Thistle

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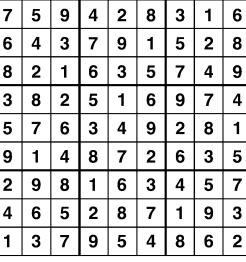
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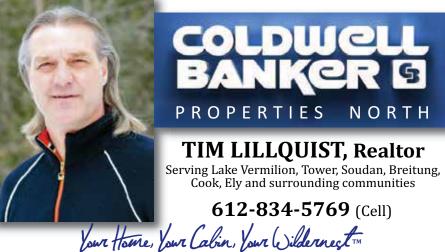


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