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SULFIDE MINING

Trump sued over Twin Metals leases

Claim proposed mine is grave threat to BWCAW

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

Plaintiffs argue that the proposed Twin Metals mine threatens the water quality and wilderness character of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, seen here. photo by M. Helmberger

ELY — For over half a century, the Voyageur Outward Bound School has introduced thousands of people each year to the Boundary Waters while instilling greater confidence in their own potential and abilities. It’s also provided a good job to hundreds of instructors, many of whom have made

the Ely area their home. On Thursday, the school, known by the acronym “VOBS” to its vast alumni, was expected to join Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness and eight other Minnesota businesses that

rely on the integrity of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in filing suit against the Trump Interior Department and Bureau of Land

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FREAK WEATHER



DELUGE IN COOK

Flash flooding caused by five-plus inches of rain

by MELISSA ROACH
Staff Writer

COOK — A narrow band of intense rainfall and damaging winds took aim at Cook on Saturday, causing flash flooding throughout parts of the city. Reports indicated as much as four inches of rain within a half hour, with some Cook residents reporting storm totals between five and seven inches. Some residents temporarily lost power as trees fell on powerlines. The deluge of rain left River Street inundated with almost a foot of water. As the downpour continued,

Streets in the city of Cook were flooded on Saturday following an intense rain storm that dumped as much as a half-foot of rain in less than an hour. Photos by M. Roach and B. Smith

the wind picked up creating white caps on the flood waters in the street, washing up to the buildings like waves to the shore. Carol Carlson, owner of the Comet Theater, was glad for the quick help of customers who were shopping in the combined theater/variety store at the time. While she arranged items in front of the building,



customers hurried to move items up from the low part of the theater as water started coming in along the wall in the back. “It was a shock to all of us,” she said.

The heavy rains also flooded the Northwoods True Value Hardware parking lot, causing plastic culverts and

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GREENWOOD

Township denies grievance request

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- The Greenwood Town Board refused a grievance request from fire department member Jeff Maus to be reimbursed for 80 hours of time spent while taking a Fire Fighter Officer I training class that was offered through Central Lakes College. While the township was not contesting paying for the time actually spent in the classroom (24.75 hours spent at a weekend class in Camp Ripley plus 18 hours of online interactive classes done from home), Maus had also submitted time sheets for time spent doing required homework assignments and studying for the required tests, adding in emails from the instructor detailing the assignments outside of class time. He also had requested reimbursement for time spent driving to and from Camp Ripley. The township pays fire department members \$10 per hour for time spent on required training, meetings, and emergency calls. Maus had asked permission to take the class, which Fire Chief Dave Fazio then forwarded to the

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ELY’S SCHOOL OF TRADITION

Folk School continues to grow

Annual meeting features pie, optimistic future

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY — Mary Louise Icenhour is a second-generation Slovenian, born and raised in Ely, and was raised on ethnic foods like walnut potica and apple strudel. Her mother taught



potica-making classes back in the 1970s at the local junior college. She has taken that

family tradition and offered her to teach her skills at the fledgling Ely Folk School. “When I heard back in 2014 that we were going to have a folk school here, I jumped on it because I felt I had something to contribute,” Icenhour said last weekend

during the EFS’s annual meeting get-together. The cooking classes at the Ely Folk School usually fill up fast and they are the most popular of the variety of classes available. “I am having a blast, and I must admit that I’m so grateful for



Ely Folk School instructor Mary Louise Icenhour measures out a portion of her honey for a batch of walnut poticas. photo by K. Vandervort

the opportunity to have a platform to tell my little stories about growing up in Ely. It is a very mean-

ingful experience for me and I get a sense of total

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Acting and music workshops, audition at the Lyric Center, June 27

VIRGINIA- Sod House Theater of Minneapolis will offer free music and acting workshops led by professional theater artist Luverne Seifert and professional musicians Brian Laidlaw and Ashley Hanson on Wednesday, June 27.

Starting at 6 to 7:15 p.m., we will introduce stage techniques of physical comedy; slaps, kicks, trips, falls, fixed points and awkward timing decisions. Participants will create a 1-2 minute comedy routine that they will develop and perform. No preparation is necessary. Dress to move comfortably.

From 7:30 to 8:45 p.m. there will be a Hometown Ballad Songwriting Workshop. In this workshop, you will share stories about your community, discuss the craft of songwriting, and start to turn stories shared into original songs. This is open to all ages and levels of experience; singers, musicians, and writers are encouraged to attend. Instruments are invited, but not required.

During the workshops they will also hold an information session and call for actors, musicians and volunteers to participate in their performance of "An Enemy of the People," a site-specific performance that will take place Aug. 20 through Aug. 26 in Virginia and Ely. No experience is necessary. We provide a playful and safe environment to learn skills for performance.

A cappella group to sing at B'nai Abraham Museum on Saturday

VIRGINIA- Bruce Stasch and his group, "St. Anthony Main," A cappella contemporary, jazz, rock and roll, blues, will perform at B'nai Abraham Museum and Cultural Center, located at 328 5th St. S, Virginia on Saturday, June 23 at 3 p.m.

With more than 40 years of collective experience in a variety of a cappella musical styles, this family-friendly group's varied vocal treatments ranges from doo-wop and 50s to contemporary, jazz, rock and roll and blues. Named after the city that was founded before Minneapolis, its urban influence creates a unique a cappella sound. Included in some of their repertoire are, "It's Alright," "Sixteen Tons," "Lion Sleeps Tonight," "Hallelujah," "Down on the Corner," and many other popular pieces. Admission is by a free will offering.

The Experiences of Croatians, Serbians and Slovenians in St. Louis County on display at B'nai Abraham

VIRGINIA- This year the B'nai Abraham Cultural Center's exhibit will focus on the Croatians, Serbians and Slovenians who united to form the new kingdom of Yugoslavia after WWI. Many immigrants moved to the United States and found new homes in Minnesota's St. Louis County where they and their descendants took advantage of America's excellent school systems, adapted well to industrial work and exhibited a political talent that carried them from local offices to the U.S. Congress.

The exhibit is a professional and colorful undertaking with advice and assistance from Tom Sersha, Iron World's former exhibit designer. The lower level's stark white interior is enhanced with six large panels that relate the Old Country story and American assimilation. Brilliant Slovenian, Croatian, Serbian, Montenegrin and Bosnian-Herzegovina flags contrast with the towering panels and move the visitor's attention to real artifacts. Occupying the center of the room is a large covered wooden barrel resting atop a time-worn wagon used in 1916 by Slovenian immigrants to haul water from a community well to the home. Nearby stands a large, sturdy crate used by 1949 Slovenian refugees to move their most precious possessions from war-torn Yugoslavia to the peaceful town of Gilbert where familiar customs and language welcomed them. Locked display cases hold valued artifacts loaned for the exhibit and dolls dressed in ethnic attire by researcher Carolyn Harrington.

BOIS FORTE

Lake Vermilion Pow Wow this weekend



VERMILION RES.- The Lake Vermilion Traditional Pow Wow runs from Friday, June 22 through Sunday, June 24 at the Lake Vermilion Pow Wow grounds, located behind the Vermilion Social Center on Farm Rd. S., on the Vermilion Reservation near Tower.

The Pow Wow is free and open to the public. Warm-ups are Friday at

5 p.m. Grand Entry is on Saturday at 1 p.m. and 7 p.m. and on Sunday at 1 p.m. In case of inclement weather, the pow wow will move indoors to the gym at the Bois Forte Wellness Center.

There will be food and craft booths, and activities for children.

Co-host drums are the Lake Vermilion Singers and Burntside

Lake Singers. MC is Terry Goodsky, and spiritual advisor is Darrell Kingbird.

KBFT Radio is sponsoring live music with War Bonnet, Davidica, Tracy Bone and Keith Secola, and "RezReporter" Rob Fairbanks inside the gym on Saturday, weather-permitting.

NORTHERN LIGHTS MUSIC FESTIVAL

Barber of Seville featured opera this summer

REGIONAL- "Figaro, Figaro, Figaro!" will reverberate throughout the Iron Range in July, when the Northern Lights Music Festival brings Rossini's comic opera, The Barber of Seville, to Aurora, Chisholm and Ely. The Barber of Seville will be the centerpiece of the 15th Anniversary Season of the Northern Lights Music Festival, featuring a brilliant cast, new sets and costumes, and a full orchestra in the pit. The NLMF will present classical music and opera throughout the month of July in six range cities, including Aurora, Chisholm, Virginia, Ely, Gilbert, Hibbing, plus, for the first time, at the Buhl Library. The festival opens its season in Aurora on the 4th of July, with a Festive Fourth Concert, underwritten by the Zuponic Family as a gift to the community. Pianist Veda Zuponic will perform Rachmaninoff's romantic Piano Concerto No. 2 and will also feature performances by the NLMF artists and members of the Barber of Seville cast, who will be accompanied by the NLMF Orchestra, conducted by Gavriel Heine, in a selection of opera hits, including arias from Carmen. Alan Hodnik, CEO of Allete, and the



Chrystal Williams and Norman Shankle are featured in this year's opera.



Hodnik Family will be honored for their significant and long-standing support of the NLMF.

NLMF Opera will present three performances of The Barber of Seville, starring the brilliant Chrystal E. Williams as Rosina; and Norman Shankle, renowned for his performances of Mozart and Rossini, as Almaviva. The opera will be performed in Aurora on Friday, July 13, Chisholm on Sunday, July 15, and Ely on Monday, July 16. This opera is sung in Italian, with subtitles in English.

Returning this year is a series of pre-concert lectures before select

events, including The Barber of Seville. Popular singer and raconteur, Bill Bastian, will share his insights about the opera with the public. For more information, go to the NLMF website, www.northernlightsmusic.org and click on "schedule." This event is sponsored by the Hilligoss Family Foundation.

Local libraries, including Aurora, Gilbert, Chisholm, Virginia, Ely and Hibbing will host "Kids for Kids" concerts, featuring performances by high school participants from across the United States.

Northern Lights Music Festival has received support from Explore MN Tourism, Iron Range Resource and Rehabilitation Board, the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, the Jenio Paulucci Foundation, the Chisholm Foundation, The Donald Gardner Trust for the Humanities, Minnesota Power Foundation, Minnesota Energy, Lake Country Power, Gilbert Bank, Polymet, Wells Fargo, and The Friends of the Festival. For more information, call 218-780-2292 or check the website at www.northernlightsmusic.org. Tickets are also available at the door.



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CITY OF ELY

Ely businesses petition for change in marathon route

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – As plans are being finalized for the fourth annual Ely Marathon, more than 40 Ely businesses have petitioned the city to change the race’s route through town. The businesses want the race relocated to Camp Street, as opposed to Sheridan, to allow local access to the business district during the running of the 26.2-mile Boston Marathon qualifier at the end of September.

Marolyn Mathys, owner of Log Cabin Coffee, presented the petition to the Ely City Council Tuesday night. It states, “We believe the current route of the Ely Marathon adversely affects our business sales due to lack of access. This consequence is unnecessary and could easily be remedied by changing the route to Camp Street. We formally request the change of routing.”

“I don’t know what’s happening on the other end of town during the marathon, but on my end (1340 E. Sheridan St.), there are no marathon fans, no customers, and I sit out there by myself,” Mathys said. Normally, my Saturday morning sales are pretty good. As I sat there last year, feeling pretty angry and stewing about it, I decided to see if something could be done.”

The Ely Marathon has been held for the last three years at the end of September. By June, according to Stone Soup Events Coordinator Wendy Lindsay, the route for the 2018 Ely Marathon is already set with local, county and state traffic permits are in place.

“This is not fair,” Mathys said. “I went around town last week to see if anybody else felt the way I did and if their businesses are



The Ely Marathon brings lots of visitors to town, but Sheridan Street business owners are seeking changes in the through-town route to reduce impacts to store traffic due to the street closure. file photo

“I was really surprised at the number of businesses that were affected like me.

Marolyn Mathys

affected when the road is closed on that Saturday morning.”

Along with Log Cabin Coffee, the other businesses that signed the petition include: Family Dollar, Lakeland Motel, North Ridge Community Credit Union, P.J.’s Hair Co., D&D Accounting, Ely Auction Service, American Family Insurance, Paddle Inn, Hearth Side Corner, Adventure Inn, Red Cabin Custard, Motel Ely, Bear Island Co., Gator’s, Mike Motors, Canoe Country Outfitters, Boundary Waters

Bank, Lucky Seven, Edwards Oil, Country Financial, Ely Outdoors Company, Sir G’s, Oriental Orchid, Zaverl’s Bar, Front Porch Coffee and Tea Co., Mike’s Liquors, Salon No. 10, Plum Bun Bakery, Up North Realty, Northeast Title Co., Bloomers, Lakeshore Liquor, A Laundry Room, Voltz Technologies, Great Outdoors, Wolfand Computers, Ely Old-Fashioned Candy, Ely Steakhouse, Kerntz TV and Appliance.

“I was really surprised at the number of businesses that are affected like me. I thought I was the only one sitting by myself that Saturday morning,” Mathys said. “Several motels expressed concern that their only entry for their customers is on Sheridan Street and they could not get access to their rooms. “And two of the businesses on this list actually run the marathon, but said they fully support the businesses in town.”

Mathys maintained that the

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MINING

PolyMet land exchange passed by U.S. Senate

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— It now appears almost certain that PolyMet Mining will secure the land it needs for its planned copper-nickel mine by the end of the month, now that legal avenues to challenge the state’s largest federal land exchange to date have been blocked by Congress.



Sen. Tina Smith

The U.S. Senate, on Monday, passed a major defense spending bill that included an amendment offered by Sen. Tina Smith, and backed by Sen. Amy Klobuchar, that enacted the land swap into law. The measure is expected to be forwarded to President Trump in the coming days for signature.

Meanwhile, PolyMet and the U.S. Forest Service

are set to close on the land exchange on June 28, which will make the deal official.

“This administrative exchange gives us exclusive control of the land over our ore body and provides a secure foundation on which we can complete project financing and permitting, build the project, create hundreds of sustainable jobs, and bring these essential metals to market,” said Jon Cherry, president and CEO of PolyMet in a statement issued late last week.

The transfer of approximately 6,650 acres of federal lands to PolyMet consolidates surface land and mineral ownership in and around the NorthMet ore body. Upon title transfer, PolyMet’s total surface ownership rights will be approximately 19,000 contiguous acres (30 square miles) of land including the land at the mine and processing sites, the transportation corridor connecting those sites, and surrounding buffer lands.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

Ely tapped for first hearing in PUC’s Frontier investigation

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Ely will play host to the first of five public hearings ordered recently by the state’s Public Utilities Commission to take input on customer concerns about Frontier Communications. The Ely

hearing will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 4, at Vermilion Community College. Anyone may attend the hearing to provide public comment regarding the services and billing practices of Frontier Communications, which is the primary tele-

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FUN DAY at ORR BAY

Tuesday, July 3

7-10 am • Pancake Breakfast-Orr American Legion

9 am • 5K Walk/Run-Registration 8-8:45 Tennis Courts
10 am • Kids Free Fun Run

9 am-5 pm • Calvary Lutheran Church Basement Sale- Lunch, Bake Sale, Coffee An’s

11 am-4 pm • Craft Fair-American Legion

11-5 pm • Luke’s 3rd Annual Antique Tractor & Joker Show

12 pm • Children’s Parade Ages 0-12 years

12-4 pm • LIVE MUSIC featuring the Beefeater Brothers
1 pm • Parade Winners Announced

3 pm • Royalty Crowning & ticket drawing-American Legion

4 pm • Dress Your Teddy Bear Contest-American Legion
4:30 pm • Sawdust Dig (\$300 in silver dollars)

5 pm • People’s Choice Awards for the Tractor & Joker Show

5:30 pm • Bean Bag Tournament-Orr Muni
Registration 4:45-5:15 • \$20/team CASH prizes.

8 pm-Midnight • Street Dance
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OPINION

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Editorial

Tilting towards tyranny?

Trump’s actions and his infatuation with dictators should be a wake-up call to America

The stunning pace at which the norms and ideals that have guided the American experiment for the past 240 years are being upended in Washington, D.C., is both disorienting and disturbing. A country that was founded on the principles of enlightened and democratic governance is now being asked by its leader to embrace the most ruthless of totalitarian dictators.

We have reached an inflection point in American history, which will determine whether we find our way back to the country we once knew or go the way of Russia, China, or even North Korea.

This past week was the point in the Donald Trump presidency when he left us no doubt of who he is and what his intentions are for this country — and that should frighten every thinking American.

You need only listen to his language to understand who Donald Trump holds in esteem. When he describes the leaders of our traditional allied countries as “weak” and “ineffective,” Trump is signaling to his base that we should ignore the democratically-elected leaders we once viewed as our partners in building western-style democracy. The recent photo from the G-7 talks in Canada, showing major western leaders gathered in frustration around Trump, who sat, arms folded with his impetuous smirk, says all we need to know about how Trump views the world’s democracies. They are now our “back-stabbing” enemies.

Meanwhile, Trump no longer hides his infatuation with North Korea’s Kim Jong Un, Russian President Vladimir Putin, and China’s president-for-life Xi Jinping, leaders he describes as “strong,” “talented,” and “respected.” These are leaders of the world’s most authoritarian and totalitarian dictatorships and they are the role models for the current President of the United States. It’s positively Orwellian.

We’ve long believed that it couldn’t happen here. That Americans could never fall under the thrall of a would-be dictator. But it is happening, and this is the moment that we can no longer deny the threat that Trump poses.

America wouldn’t be the first democratic country to fall into dictatorship. Indeed, many nations have followed that path, and they’ve left behind a well-trod road map of how a country descends into the abyss.

First, you demonize the media and elevate organs of propaganda. When Trump calls the media “the biggest enemy of the people,” which he did again this past week, it’s part of his strategy to discredit independent sources of information. He tells his followers to tune out legitimate news organizations in favor of politically-motivated entities like Fox News, Breitbart, and Alex Jones’

Infowars. Trump used these news sources last week to gush over his new best friend, Kim Jong-un.

Second, insist you’re above the law. In repeatedly claiming that he can pardon himself, Trump is signaling to his supporters that the law does not apply to him and that efforts to investigate or rein in his abuses are illegitimate.

Third, discredit due process, and establish decision-making mechanisms that leave power solely in the hands of the leader. One of the little-reported aspects of Trump’s imposition of tariffs is that U.S. businesses can apply for exemptions on a case-by-case basis. But these exemptions don’t go before Congress or an independent court. They are decided solely by the White House, which gives Trump incredible power to reward business friends and punish those who resist him. It’s particularly troubling given Trump’s recent, shocking demand that the U.S. Department of Commerce come to the aid of the outlaw Chinese company ZTE, which came just days after his daughter Ivanka was granted initial approval for several Chinese trademark applications. That decision has raised legitimate concerns that Trump may be making secret deals with foreign governments to enrich himself and his family. The ability to grant tariff exemptions raises the prospect of similar deals with American companies.

Fourth, undermine the independence of the federal justice system. Trump has made no secret of his desire to rid the FBI and the rest of the Department of Justice of independently-minded investigators and prosecutors in favor of those who pledge loyalty to him — and he’s willing to destroy the FBI and the department in his efforts to achieve his goal.

Finally, dehumanize a vulnerable minority, casting them as an enemy and an existential threat to the country. Every dictator throughout history has used this tactic to gain power through fear. Trump is simply the latest. When we see Mexican or Central American refugees and asylum seekers arrested and separated from their children at the border, it’s part of the dehumanization process. It’s Trump signaling to his followers that we don’t need to treat refugees or undocumented immigrants with dignity and compassion.

After 240 years, America’s traditions and institutions have survived plenty of tumult, but they are being tested like never before by a man who clearly lusts for absolute power and by a sizable and almost cult-like following that seems blind to his abuses. As we head into another election season, we all must recognize what is truly at stake. America is in trouble, and our future is on the line.



Letters from Readers

Minnesotans can’t forget what Tim Pawlenty left us

The DFL should hope that Tim Pawlenty wins the Republican primary, because his record as governor is indefensible. Through a blend of supply-side economics and accounting gimmicks, Pawlenty created and maintained a welfare program for the rich that dragged Minnesota to the brink of bankruptcy with multi-billion dollar deficits. The discredited, magical thinking of supply side theory was best described by George H. W. Bush when he termed it “voodoo economics” as far back as 1980. The accounting gimmicks were pathetic attempts to mask the truth. It required Mark Dayton and DFL legislators — taking on the role of adults at the Capitol -- to raise taxes and balance the state budget. Even states as conservative as Kansas and Virginia have learned that lesson, and let’s hope that Minnesota hasn’t forgotten it.

Peter M. Leschak
Side Lake

I encourage your support for Paul McDonald

I am honored to support Paul McDonald for St. Louis County Commissioner in the Fourth District.

I have had the opportunity to work alongside Paul as a fellow faculty member as well as faculty leader on the Governmental Relations committee in the Minnesota State College Faculty organization. I have also worked with Paul through the Athletic Director’s Association within the Minnesota Collegiate Athletic Conference.

Paul has always been proud of his roots and to stand up with integrity and support for students, faculty, other Union leaders, and those who work and play on the Iron Range. He is someone that you can count on and trust. He is willing to use his contacts to

help the people with whom he works and represents. He does his homework, research, and represents his constituents extremely well and is proud to call himself a Union Member.

I encourage you to vote in the Aug. 14 primary for Paul McDonald to be your next County Commissioner

Rick Nelson
Past Governmental
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Current President
Century College Faculty

An option for local food production?

Can recent innovations in container farming generate a profitable business in Ely? Container farming has been around a long time. Over the years, however, the “farms” have improved in technology, production and economics. A current article in Businessweek magazine highlighted features of a retrofitted forty-by-eight-foot shipping container for agricultural production:

➤ A container-controlled environment can grow a food yield equivalent to five acres of cropland.

➤ Risk of crop damage or failure due to weather is reduced.

➤ No need or the expense of farm equipment to cultivate, sow or harvest crops.

➤ Uses 98-percent less water than established farming methods.

➤ Continuous twenty-four hour growing cycle, permits repeated harvests during the year.

➤ Containers can be located near markets, reducing transportation costs.

➤ Food retains more nutrients and reduced spoilage with less travel time.

➤ Containers can be located on marginal, less costly land and placed under any outside climate conditions.

➤ A variety of shallow root crops can be raised “out of season” such as lettuce, herbs, strawberries, cucumbers, tomatoes and mushrooms, and

even flowers.

Such a growing system has many sensors that control such features as temperature, airflow, water flow, lights, and nutrients. LED grow-lights are efficient with low operating costs. The climate control system can be remotely controlled and viewed in real time.

Consistent quality and clean, continuous production help ensure uninterrupted, reliable scheduled marketing of fresh food products throughout the year. The steel heavily insulated container provides immunity from severe storms, weather changes, animal (and human) intrusions. The costs of herbicides and pesticides are eliminated, and their absence helps provide healthier food.

Shorter transportation distances to market retain higher nutrient value of the produce between harvest and consumption, especially when compared to much of our produce coming from California or Mexico.

Transportation cost savings plus premium sale prices generates competitive pricing for container farming. Ely is in a distant location compared to most other towns that are closer to major food supply chain distribution centers. Local container food products, therefore, can minimize delivery transportation costs. Additionally, there is a premium sale price for pesticide-free food products and for product availability out of season produce.

The container produce would represent a very small portion of Ely’s food consumption and should not impinge on local markets overall profitability but enable them to maintain their profit margin on local produce.

An entrepreneurial person or a community group might consider all-weather container farming. An analysis of the financing, production and marketing relative to the Ely area could indicate the potential profitability of such an investment.

Gerry Snyder
Ely

Sugar... how sweet it isn’t (part two)

In 1924, Seale Harris, MD, discovered hypoglycemia, which was also called hyperthyroidism. He explained the roller coaster of energy and mood swings caused by ingesting sugar and other carbs that turn into sugar instantly in the blood stream. The cycle works



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like this: an infusion of sugar triggers the alarm that the blood sugar is too high, and the pancreas responds with insulin; that causes the blood sugar to drop, making you feel hungry, tired, and out of sorts, so you reach for something to pick you up. Other stimulants such as coffee,

alcohol, nicotine and stress also trigger a fight or flight reaction, triggering insulin, mimicking what sugar does.

Picture the typical scenario in many homes and workplaces: Rushing to get ready for work, we grab what’s easy — a cup of coffee and some toast or cereal. That doesn’t keep us going for long, so when we’re at work, we have more coffee, along with a donut or a candy bar, and maybe a cigarette. That pumps up our blood sugar for a bit, but then it

plummets even lower, and we eat more high carb food, perhaps a white bread sandwich or pasta salad, some chips, and a banana. If we have been on a blood sugar roller coaster all morning, it may be hard get back to a steady blood sugar level, even with a balanced lunch of protein, healthy fats and complex carbohydrates.

I have done contract work for some large companies at times, and I learned pretty quickly that if I needed information or wanted to have a serious discussion with

other employees, it was best to do that in the morning while their brains were still functioning well. Having one or two drinks at lunch with a high-carb meal like fried foods or a burger and fries was not unusual for some, which meant they were only good for a nap in the afternoon. The cycle of coffee or pop, sugary, starchy snacks, smoking and workday stress continued through the afternoon.

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Dr. Harris presented his discovery 94 years ago, and in 1949, was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for his research. So you'd think the medical establishment would welcome the new information that would enable them to help patients, right? But quite the opposite happened. Dr. Harris had said, "Hyperthyroidism or low blood glucose therapy is a do-it-yourself proposition. A doctor can merely teach them what to do." In his book, *Sugar Blues*, William Dufy said that the medical profession "landed on Dr. Harris like a ton of bricks... because his discoveries, if allowed to leak out, might make trouble for surgeons, psychoanalysts, and other medical specialists." In 1973, the A.M.A. did an about-face and labeled hypoglycemia a non-disease.

Some argue it's a condition, not a disease, but the point is, it is a real condition with symptoms such as dizziness, headache, confusion, inability to concentrate, sweating,

shaking, blurred vision, personality changes and feelings of extreme hunger. Everyone experiences low blood sugar when they haven't eaten for a while, but those with hypoglycemia have more severe, often sudden reactions, without even being aware they are hungry and need to eat. While the danger of driving under the influence of alcohol is widely recognized, little attention has been paid to people driving with low blood sugar levels and/or hypoglycemic reactions, and I would surmise that many accidents and near-accidents involve driving under the influence of junk food.

During the 1980s, more than 8,000 inmates in 14 U.S. juvenile penal facilities were involved in studies on the relationship between crime, sugar, and delinquent behavior, according to Certified Holistic Health Counselor Connie Bennett in her book, *Sugar Shock*. Results showed that reducing consumption of refined sugars led to a 50-percent reduction in antisocial behavior. Former Ohio

probation officer Barbara Reed Stitt, PhD put prisoners on a diet that stressed fresh vegetables, fruits, water, healthy fats, lean meat and fish and banned sugar, white flour products, chemical additives, caffeine, and alcohol. She said, "The results were astounding with completely changed behavior. Eighty percent of probationers went on to become productive members of society, compared to the typical 70 to 80-percent recidivism rate."

Research in the American Journal of Psychiatry showed that malnourished children become more aggressive as they grow older. "They are not getting crucial minerals like zinc, iron, B vitamins, and protein, all needed to develop a healthy nervous system required for mental and emotional health and stability."

The plot thickens and definitely gets stickier when other effects of sugar are examined. Dr. Nicholas Perricone, is a dermatologist known for his work on skin care and anti-aging

through nutrition rather than botox and surgery. His dramatic statement in the forward to *Sugar Shock* states, "Sugar and foods that convert rapidly to sugar in the bloodstream are toxic" because they create an inflammatory response in the body. How does that happen? It's due to glycation of protein in our tissues, a process known to discolor and toughen food in storage. Sugar molecules permanently attach to collagen present in the skin and elsewhere, causing inflammation and cross-linking in the collagen, that in turn causes wrinkles and makes our skin inflexible and leathery.

The sugar-collagen bond generates free radicals, leading to more inflammation. Advanced glycation end products (AGEs) occur when insulin levels are consistently high due to overconsumption of sugar. That fatigues the mitochondria, your cells' source of energy.

He states that his research has shown that "chronic subclinical inflammation is the single

greatest precipitator of aging and age-related diseases, which includes heart disease, diabetes, Alzheimer's disease, arthritis, some forms of cancer, obesity, loss of muscle mass, and wrinkled, sagging skin." He contends that while many other factors can trigger inflammation, such as stress, a weakened immune system, excess ultraviolet light, hormonal changes, and environmental stressors such as air pollution, herbicides, and pesticides, diet is the primary cause with stress a close second. Diabetics with constant high sugar levels fall victim to kidney failure, blindness, heart attacks and strokes, but if sugar levels are kept within the normal range, health problems can decrease by 70 percent.

Cardiologist Stephen Sinatra concurs, saying that he realized in the 1970s while treating his mother and other elderly diabetics for heart disease and seeing their premature aging, that it was sugar, not cholesterol, primarily responsible for their condi-

tion. Dr. Steve Park, practicing in the Ely Essential clinic, has warned about the sugar peril for years. He advises eating a high protein, low carb diet with plenty of fresh produce, saying, "Go ahead and have eggs and bacon for breakfast. It's the toast that will kill you."

There is no one solution that works for everyone, but being proactive about your health, cutting way back on sugar, feeding your body whole foods, and getting out for a walk are the steps you can take immediately to start improving your well-being.

Correction

Last week's editorial incorrectly stated the date of filing of a lawsuit against the Trump administration regarding the Twin Metals leases. The lawsuit was filed on Thursday, June 21. The *Timberjay* regrets the error.

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route of the marathon on Sheridan Street is unnecessary. "Even if the route is set, there is plenty of time to change it in four and a half months." The 2018 Ely Marathon will be held on Sept. 22.

Mayor Chuck Novak said there is not enough time to change the route for this year. "The certification is a lengthy process. It has to be exact. It has to be verified by the marathon folks because this is a qualifier for the Boston Marathon," he said. "Your concerns are well noted by the Events Bureau, this council, the townships and the county, and we will consider a possible change for next year."

He went on to explain that many permits from many governmental bodies are needed to conduct the marathon. "All that work

is done already, and to try and do that right now is a tough call," he said.

He invited Mathys to attempt to change the route on her own.

She asked if there was any way the businesses could share in the proceeds of the marathon for compensation for their lost business on that Saturday morning.

"Sure, if you want to share in the loss, too," Novak replied.

"We are trying to get people into town," the mayor continued. "It is just one weekend. The alternative is to stop it and shut the whole thing down."

Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski said public hearings were held in City Hall that addressed the route of the

marathon for each year. "The Planning and Zoning Committee wanted me to keep a log of the complaints (on the route). I have had zero complaints," he said. "If the route is going to change, we are required to have a public hearing."

Mathys continued, "I also talked to many customers in these businesses who wanted to sign. I refused to let them. They said Saturday morning is their day to run errands. They can't get to the bank. They can't get to the grocery store. We're shutting down the whole town for a hundred people that could easily run down a different street."

Mathys said she will not open her business this year on the day of the Ely Marathon.

Council member Paul Kess suggested a compromise. "I'm not a runner, obviously. To qualify for the Boston Marathon, you have to be a good runner. Maybe after the first runners are through, because the other ones are not going to Boston anyway, we could open the route."

Council member Albert Forsman said there are ramifications for every change. "I'm certain that any attempt to quickly make a change (to the route) is not going to be feasible," he said. "We can look at making changes for next year."

He acknowledged the seriousness of the issue. "These issues were not brought to us until right now. I did not know that there were this many

people that were upset with what we have. We will look at this for next year," he said.

Other business

In other business, the council:

- Authorized the Projects Committee to solicit funds to complete the Hidden Valley Mountain Bike Trails, and allowed the payment of \$9,762 to Dirt Candy Designs for the trail design work;
- Allowed the soliciting of bids to remove the fuel tank from the Community Center;
- Passed a resolution

authorizing the Dig Once provision for utility and infrastructure projects;

➤ Authorized a temporary deputy clerk for election purposes for the Aug. 14 primary and Nov. 6 general election;

➤ Approved a pool hall license for Catz Billiards and Blues pending receiving the proper paperwork;

➤ Passed a resolution affirming membership in the Northeastern Minnesota Municipal Agency;

➤ Agreed to move forward with the construction of a pavilion at Semer's Park for \$123,500.

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communications service provider across a large swath of northeastern Minnesota.

The company has been under fire for years from customers in the region for poor quality service, particularly Internet connectivity, as well as mis-

leading sales methods and billing practices. The PUC ordered a preliminary investigation of the company in the wake of reporting by the *Timberjay*, which exposed widespread dissatisfaction with the company in northern St. Louis and Lake counties.

Watch for public notices on the Ely hearing in area newspapers later this summer.

Anyone interested in submitting written comments regarding Frontier's service can do so online at www.mn.gov/puc. Select Speak Up! and look for

the Frontier docket (18-122) and your comments to the discussion. You can also send comments to: consumer.puc@state.mn.us or send a letter by mail to: Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, 121 7th Place East, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55101.

TUESDAY NITE LIVE

JUNE 26

2-3:30pm.....Dorothy Molter Museum: Camp KWITCHURBELIAKIN Outdoors Activities & Crafts for kids age 4-12 Theme is "Root Beer"

2-4pm.....Pioneer Mine/Ely Arts & Heritage: Historic Ely Pioneer Mine Museum Open

5-7pm.....Whiteside Park: Ely Farmers & Art Market

6-7pm.....Whiteside Park Pavilion: City Band Concert

5-6pm.....Ely Folk School: Canoe Museum Tour

6-9pm.....Ely Folk School: Birch Bark Canoe Building (Come watch)

6-9pm.....Rockwood: Music-Washboard Road

5:30-6pm.....Mealey's Tiki Deck: Music-Heidi of the "Candies"

7-9pm.....Mealey's Tiki Deck: Music-Gene LaFond & Amy Grillo

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Ely-Winton Historical Society

Summer History Nights Programs

History Nights are held in Vermilion Community College Classroom 104. All programs are on Wednesdays and begin at 7 p.m. While FREE of charge, donations are always gratefully accepted.

June 27: Pam Brunfelt, local historian and instructor at VCC speaks on "Cooperatives and the Common Good."

July 11: Tim Cochran talks about the history of Basswood Lake and the Native Americans who lived there.

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

August 8: Kathleen Cargill from the St. Louis County Historical Society will speak on researching our family trees.

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SUMMER BASEBALL



Golden Eagles Coach Pitch Team

These young ball players played Mt. Iron at the Soudan Field on June 11.

Front (from left) Kooper, Kaleb, Kasen, Bentley N., Carter, Colten. Middle row: Kayla, Ayden, Jayden, Jason, Isaac, Bentley C. Back: Coaches Josh Nevala, Nate Dostert, Annie Nevala. photos by J. Summit



Above: Kasen

Right: Isaac



Above: Bentley C.

Right: Kayla



I can hit that ball!

St. Paul's and Soudan Baptist hosting "Camp Moose on the Loose" this coming week

SOUDAN- St. Paul's Lutheran and Soudan Baptist churches will be presenting "Camp Moose on the Loose," discovering God's forever forgiveness, at Soudan Baptist Church from Monday, June 25 through Friday, June 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 musician Casey Aro.

For more information or to preregister, call Soudan Baptist at 218-753-3902 or Adrienne at 218-753-8922. Area missionaries Bob and Gale Romig, who have conducted VBS at Soudan Baptist in previous years, will be running the camp. Pastor Gary Watts promised an inspirational and rewarding fun time to all children who attend. This program is brought to you by a ministry of Soudan Baptist Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, and area missionaries Bob and Gale Romig serving with Infaith.org.

Jared Poderzay named to St. Cloud State Dean's List

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

ond-largest university, with more than 15,000 students from 90 different nations. Students choose from more than 60 graduate study programs and more than 200 majors, minors and pre-professional programs that hold nearly every available national accreditation. The 100-acre campus is located about an hour northwest of Minneapolis along the banks of the Mississippi River.

Herbicide applications to help reforestation efforts in the Tower area

TOWER- The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources will begin herbicide applications on select state lands to improve reforestation efforts. Applications will begin around June 15 and continue through approximately Sept. 15.

Signs will be posted on all herbicide treatment sites. Adjacent landowners within a quarter mile of the treatment sites have already been notified. Herbicides will not be applied within 100 feet of any water body, following DNR herbicide

application guidelines.

"Herbicides will be sprayed on the ground to reduce competing woody vegetation," said Dave Sopoci, Tower Area Forester. "This gives the tree seedlings a better chance to grow and survive." The DNR plants trees on state lands to reforest harvested areas, provide wildlife habitat, protect watersheds and maintain healthy state forests. Part of the reforestation process involves applying herbicides to the harvested areas prior to or following tree planting. DNR foresters determine the right tree species for the site and private contractors do the actual planting.

This past spring in the Tower area, the Division of Forestry planted more than 120,000 seedlings on more than 165 acres, and 460 acres were seeded. Statewide, more than 1.9 million seedlings were planted on state forest lands and more than 5,300 acres were seeded this year.

For additional information on sites treated with herbicide in the

Tower area, contact Dave Sopoci at 218-757-3274, ext. 223. More information about the DNR's Forestry Division can be found on the DNR website at www.mndnr.gov/forestry.

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 her years. And Shadow, named for always following her around, was destined to be her dog. But for how long? And at what price? "Summer's Shadow" is inspired by true events and is an endearing story for family members of all ages.

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

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion Events Board is currently seeking donations for this year's event. Funds raised pay for Fourth of July expenses including parade prizes, parade bands, children's races, and other Fourth of July event costs. Checks can be made out to and mailed to: T-S Fourth of July, P.O. Box 461, Tower, MN 55790. Donation cans are also set out at area businesses in Tower and Soudan.

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A Celebration of Life

Lewis "Bud" Everett Bystrom

passed away on
Monday, February 12, 2018
in Duluth

A Celebration of Life followed by lunch will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 30 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Shriners Hospital-Twin Cities or a charity of your choice. His full obituary was published in the Timberjay on February 23, 2018.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATION

T-S Fourth of July promises fun for all ages



Don't miss out on all the Fourth of July fun in Tower and Soudan starting on Sunday, July 1!

TOWER- The hours and hours and hours of planning that go into the best little hometown Fourth of July celebration in the state are adding up, as the Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board gets ready for another celebration of our nation's birthday.

This year's celebration will feature all of the regular favorites, with a few new twists.

The week of fun begins on Sunday, July 1 with the free community picnic at the Breitung Recreation Area (by the skating rink) from 1 – 4 p.m. There will be free hot dogs, pop, popcorn, and root beer floats. The Breitung Police will be selling \$1 raffle tickets for the chance to win an old Cadillac or unclaimed bicycles with all proceeds benefiting the D.A.R.E. program.

Vermilion Run

Fourth of July starts early with registration for the Vermilion 10K and 5K run opening at 7 a.m., with race start at 8 a.m. The race starts in front of the Tower Fire Department, with the 10K winding on the bike trail to McKinley Park then Hoodoo Point and back into Tower. The 5K route runs around the Tow-

er Elementary School field then out to Hoodoo Point and back. Cost is \$10 to enter either race. This year's race shirts feature a sporty new athletic fabric in both men's and women's styles, and will be for sale before the race. There is also a free one-mile kids' fun run that starts at 8:15 a.m. The race is a fundraiser for the Vermilion Country School. Questions, contact Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950 or vcs.charter@gmail.com.

Pancake breakfast

The pancake breakfast runs from 8 – 10:30 a.m. at the Tower Civic Center. Cost is \$7. This event is sponsored by the Tower Soudan Civic Club and Lake Vermilion Cultural Center. The two groups also host coffee and cake at the Tower Civic Center after the parade to honor the Parade Marshals Randy and Margie Johnson and Honored Citizens Lynn and Muriel Scott.

Parade and more

Kids are welcome to join in the parade fun with the Kiddie Parade, lining up across the street from the Tower Civic Center, starting at 10 a.m. All participants earn a cash prize and additional prizes are award-

ed for Boys Bikes, Girls Bikes, Under 5's, Motorized, Most Patriotic, Floats, and Most Comical. The Kiddie Parade takes off at 11 a.m., right before the regular parade. The kiddie parade is organized by Pam and Rod Lundsstrom.

More parade entries are needed, according to event organizer Julie Johnson. While there are plenty of politicians planning on marching, Johnson is hoping for many more individuals, families, and businesses to get their creative juices flowing and design a float. Please call Johnson at 218-750-7242 to register your float. Best of Show award is \$450 this year!

Judging for the parade begins at 10 a.m. in front of the Tower Civic Center.

After the parade there will be the sawdust scramble in front of the Tower Elementary School at 1 p.m., with children's and adult's races at the school field following. These races are once again being hosted by the Dostert family.

There will be live music at Good Ol' Days and D'Erick's Tower Liquors. The Tower Fire Department Beer Garden will be set up on Main Street (by the Timberjay) with profits going towards next year's fireworks. There will be plenty of food and

fun available on Main Street all day long.

Good Ol' Days will have free hot dogs for children after the parade. They will also be hosting a karaoke contest from 12 – 3 p.m. Elvis (back by popular demand after his performance last summer) will be playing from 3 – 5 p.m., and the Inspyre Fire Dancers will perform at dusk, before the fireworks.

Fireworks will be shot off the hill north of Tower at dusk.

New flotilla event

The big change this year is a new flotilla. With the closing of BayView Lodge, the tiki bar deck and D.J. are gone. But local planners are setting up a new Tower Flotilla, for Saturday, July 7, which will include live music and food at the Tower Harbor from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Boats will begin at the Your Boat Club marina (the old Tower Marina), where there will be free boat access for flotilla participants. Boats will make their way up the river to the Tower Harbor, where they will parade in front of the judges, and then return back up the river to the lake. Registration starts at 11 a.m. and judging begins at 12 noon.

Week of June 25

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

Tower AA- Open Basics- 7 p.m. at St. James Presbyterian Church. Questions, call 753-2332. Breitung Town Board- 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.

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.

Live music will include "Everybody's Uncle" from 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., and then last year's Good Ol' Days favorite Elvis will be playing from 3 – 5 p.m. Good Ol's Days will have food and drinks for sale at the harbor.



It was another successful Baby Shower for Life at St. Martin's. Thank you to all for your generosity in helping the Women's Care Center in Duluth. Donations will be delivered in the next week. submitted photo

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Tower Civic Center	3:15-4:15 p.m.
Embarrass, Four Corners	5:15-6:00 p.m.

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Tuesday Group
schedule

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schedule (subject to
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June 26 - Joseph
Goldstein - Kids for the
Boundary Waters

July 3 - Savannah
Schulze - Anthropology
of African Forest
Gorillas and Eco
Tourism

July 10 - Richard
Painter - U.S. Senate
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big rain fills rivers
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SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Auditions set for Prairie Fire
Children's Theatre in Ely

ELY - Auditions for Prairie
Fire Children's Theatre's original
musical production of "Pinocchio"
will be held on Monday, July 2.
Registration begins at 10 a.m. and
auditions will be held from 10:30
a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Vermilion
Community College.

Participation fees include: one
child \$50, two children \$80 and
three or more children \$100.

Up to 75 children (and adults
if applicable) are needed to play
the roles of Pinocchio, Blue Fairy,
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to be in attendance for its entirety.
The cast will be announced at the
end of the two-hour audition. Each
cast member will receive a rehearsal
schedule for the remainder of the
week. A portion of the cast will be
required to stay following auditions
for a short rehearsal.

Rehearsals will be held from
9 a.m. to 1:15 p.m. throughout the
remainder of the week, with perfor-



mances scheduled for Saturday, July
7 at 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. in the theater
at Vermilion Community College.

Tickets will be available at the
door, prior to the performances.
Ticket prices: \$10 for adults, \$5 for
students and children 5 and under
are free.

Two professional actor/directors
from the staff of Prairie Fire
Children's Theatre will direct the

production and play the roles of
Gepetto/Tempesto, the Puppet
Master and the Fox.

This week-long Prairie Fire
Children's Theatre residency is
being sponsored by Northern Lakes
Arts Association (NLAA). For more
information, contact NLAA at 218-
365-5070 or contact@northernlake-
sarts.org.

ELY/WINTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Brunfelt featured at June 27 History Night

ELY - The Ely-
Winton Historical Society
will present Pam Brunfelt,
historian and teacher, at
Vermilion Community
College, on Wednesday,
June 27 at 7 p.m.

This second session
of the EWSH summer
series focuses on the
cooperative movement in
Minnesota. All programs
are held in CL 104 at VCC
and are free and open to
the public.

Finns on the Iron
Range started cooperative
stores, funeral homes,
boarding houses, restaurants,
workers' halls, insurance
companies, parks, and
credit unions. Cooperative
economic efforts helped
immigrants survive the
hard times and promoted
the common good.

Together Finns built
a commonwealth and
shared the financial risks
and rewards. Today many
of those cooperatives are

Remaining History Nights schedule

July 11: Tim Cochran talks about the Basswood
Indians.

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

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

and Rehabilitation Board
on their website under the
title "A Walk Through
Our History." She has
written book reviews
for Minnesota History
magazine and the Finnish
American Reporter.

She was also the
co-lead humanities scholar
for "Building America:
Minnesota's Iron Range,
U.S. Industrialization, and
the Creation of a World
Power." The seminar was
a National Endowment
for the Humanities
Landmarks of American
History project for K-12
teachers from throughout
the United States. The
program was held on the
Iron Range in 2008 and
in 2010. The result of
the Landmarks seminar
was a documentary,
"Iron Range: Minnesota
Building America,"
which won 2009 regional
Emmy for "Best Cultural
Documentary."

AROUND TOWN

Tuesday Nite Live under way

ELY - The Ely Chamber of Commerce
Merchant Committee is sponsoring
Tuesday Nite Live running through
Aug. 21.

Participants will find live music, art
demonstrations, book signings, museum
tours and all kinds of specials at downtown

businesses and restaurants.

For more information or to find a
listing of events, go to www.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's
events and on the back is a list of
all the specials at local businesses and
restaurants.

Ely Chamber hosts
scavenger hunt

ELY - Join Ely
Merchants in a fun, Ely-
style scavenger hunt this
summer for a chance to win
\$20 in Chamber Bucks

Visit at least 10 participating
merchants, look for the
answer to their clues and
write the answer on the
Ely Clue Hunt form. When
10 or more completed
answers are ready, drop the
form at the Ely Chamber
of Commerce/Visitor
Center at 1600 E Sheridan
Street to be entered into
weekly drawings for \$20
in Chamber Bucks.

Ely Clue Hunt forms
are available at the Ely
Chamber of Commerce
Visitor Center, at participating
merchants, or by downloading
the form at www.ely.org/events/ely_clue_hunt.

One entry per person,
however, all entries will
remain valid for the duration
of the promotion. No
purchase necessary. Weekly
drawings will be done on
Fridays at 4 p.m.
Event ends on Sept. 4.

Washington Elementary School fourth graders look at a model scale
of the Pioneer Mine site on display at the Ely/Winton Historical Society
Museum located in Vermilion Community College. photo by K. Vandervort

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ELY COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINIC



About 30 Ely-area runners participated the Ely Community Health Center Fun Run Saturday morning around the four-mile loop at Trezona Trail. All proceeds from the fund-raising event went to the Health Center that provides health care services for those with no health insurance or who may be under-covered. The clinic is located in the Fransden Bank Building and is open on Monday evenings. For more information, contact Sara Jue at director@communityhealth.org, or call 218-235-9562. photo by K. Vandervort

KIDS ART CAMP



Ely-area artist Cindy Otto, above, works with kids painting silk scarves last week at the annual Kids Art Camp held at Miners Dry. The annual event is sponsored by Ely Greenstone Public Art. Starla Forsman, below left, loves art camp. James O'Kane, below right, added details to his rainbow trout painting. submitted photos



OUR COMMUNITY



Suellen Sack, left, Voyageur Outward Bound Director of Open Enrollment and Safety and Rachael Hedlund, right, Voyageur Outward Bound Course Director and Instructor, at Voyageur Outward Bound School's Wilderness Base in Ely, celebrate the many contributions of Jean Replinger, recipient of the Women Who Dared Gratitude Award. VOBS honored Replinger last Friday by dedicating a plaque in her name at Homeplace, Voyageur Outward Bound's base camp near Ely, which is where Jean ran the inaugural first Outward Bound courses of their kind. submitted photo

Reservations available for Nordic Team peach sale

ELY - Peaches are ripening on the trees in Palisade, Colo., and will soon be shipped and delivered here as part of the Ely Nordic Ski Club's annual peach sale fundraiser.

Reservations for peaches will be taken until Saturday, July 7. The cost is \$36 per box. No second sale will be held this year. Estimated delivery date is in the last week of July, at the Ely Ice Arena, 600 E Harvey St. (at the corner of S 4th Ave. E and E White Street).

Email updates will be posted as the delivery date gets closer. For more information and to place an order, email at elynordicpeaches@gmail.com or call/text at 218-208-4572.

Yesterday's news, this week

from the archives of

THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

June 21, 1918

A big Home Guard review

It was estimated that at least 20,000 people were in Virginia Sunday to take part in the loyalty showing and witness the review of the Fourth and Eighth battalions of Minnesota Home Guards by Gov. Burnquist and high military officers of the state.

A special train left Ely at 9 o'clock for Virginia having on board Company D of this city and many others who took advantage of the Sunday train to visit the Mesaba range.

The number on board was increased at every stop until Virginia was reached, the Aurora and Biwabik companies joining the Ely contingent at their respective stations. In addition to this going by train, 35 cars left this city early in the morning for range points.

The two battalions, numbering nearly a thousand men, were guests of the Virginia guards at a dinner served in the curling rink where 950 uniformed men ate in army style to the accompaniment of the Fourth Battalion Band.

Shortly after dinner the guards formed the lines for the parade about the city, passing the reviewing stand. On the reviewing stand near the county building in addition to Gov. Burnquist, were Major JD. Yost, Major W.A. Curtiss, Major H.L. Brady, Major R.M. Weaver, Lieutenants J.H. Bayes, W.J. Telford, Geo. C. Stone, R.M. Funk, and the mayors of the several towns represented by companies.

The guards marched to the ball grounds where both battalions frilled and were inspected by the governor and staff officers. The drills were necessarily curtailed on account of the lack of room, the spectators taking up every foot of available space both on the grandstand and the bleachers.

The military spectacle presented at Virginia on Sunday was one long to be remembered. Motion picture men were on the ground and our people will soon be enabled to see the films. The Ely company was among the best on the grounds. The Ely train returned at 9 o'clock.

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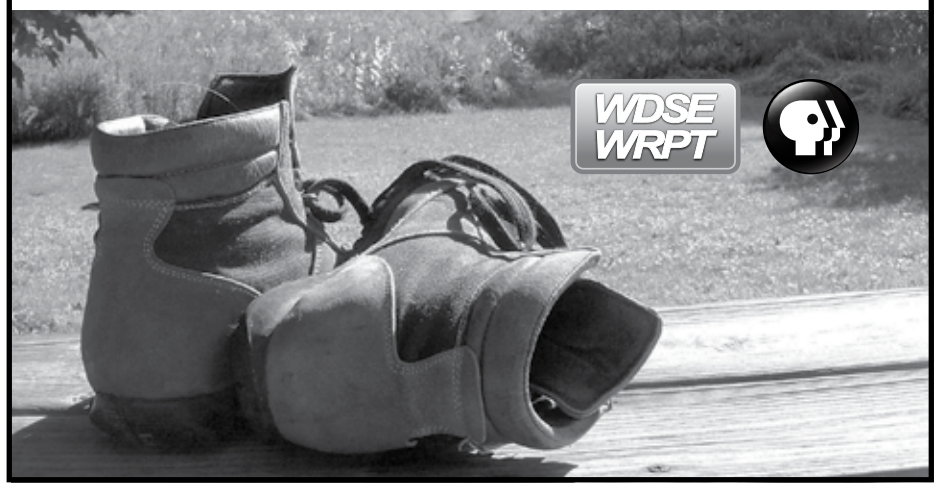
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Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



It has been a rainy weekend. Warm, but some days with great winds and thunderstorms. The power was off in a few areas for a few hours which always make us realize how much we depend on electricity and Lake Country Power. The trees and bushes are at full growth with flowers blooming along the roadsides. Summer is here.

June 21 is officially the first day of summer. The 113th annual playing of the Midnight Sun Baseball Game will take place in Fairbanks, Ala. Each year, on the summer solstice, the longest day of the year, sunlight illuminates Fairbanks throughout the evening, Fairbanks being 150 miles south of the Arctic Circle. The sunlight fades a bit during the middle of the game. Artificial lights are never used during the game, attended by 4,000 to 5,000 fans.

Speaking of Alaska, did you know that the town of Talkeetna, Ala., for the last 15 years has been run by a cat named Mayor Stubbs? Before you shake your head, were you aware that cats can communicate over 100 sounds, while dogs can only communicate 10? They have been trained by the CIA and have ruling powers that date all the way back to ancient Egypt. Doesn't a cat sound like a purr-fect leader for a town?

Last weekend was the running of the popular Grandma's Marathon in Duluth and the Land of the Loon Festival in Virginia. Hard to believe we are getting so close to the July 4th celebrations, which are celebrated in all communities, large and small. Where is summer going?

There are special events being held this summer which make for busy, fun times at the lake. The Fourth of July is always a bang-up time at the lake followed by Crane Lake Voyageur Days, beginning July 12 with the art show at Nelson's Resort. Artists featured this year are Terry Palm, Chris Lange, Bob Kaiser, Lois Larson, Mille Nelson Prints, Debbie Nuernberg, Bonnie Du Fresne, and Rosalee Niemi.

The entire weekend is filled with activities for all ages and interests.

The "Fry for All" on July 14 is a great fish fry like the old voyageurs used to celebrate. The day begins with kids activities and canoe rides in the big Voyageur canoe. With something happening every day, be sure to mark July 12 to July 15 on your calendar.

The Crane Lake Chapel Bazaar is July 18. You are sure to find some treasure you really need at the bazaar, have a delicious lunch and take home some home baked goods.

The Ladies of the Lake held a committee meeting this week and it appears all of the preparations for the Ladies Luncheon are in order. The luncheon, to be held Aug. 11 at Nelson's Resort, has the theme of "A Crane Lake Garden Party." The ladies will be entertained by Jim Reiling and Rob Wheeler. There will be raffles, door prizes and a surprise special table favor. Make sure to purchase your tickets in advance which are available at Nelsons, Andersons, Handberg's, Voyageaire and Scotts. Social time begins at 11 a.m. with lunch at 12:30 p.m. Ladies are encouraged to dress in garden party attire. All proceeds benefit the Crane Lake Chapel, which is non-denominational.

Have you ever experienced the fun and job of acquiring a puppy? Sue Hanker drove to Iowa to pick up the latest member of her family, an eight-week-old, lab/poodle mix named Max. He seems to be fitting into life in Buyck and it is predicted he will soon be the ruler of Sue's household as well as her heart. Puppies are charmers.

If you like pasties, the Crane Lake Chapel crew is making their delicious treats on June 26. Contact Tom or Nancy Hazlett, 218-993-2468, if you want to put in an order for pasties or help out with the project.

Let us hear from you. Send news by e-mail to info@thelakecountry.com, or by fax to 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.

ORR

New dock for fire/rescue boat approved

by MELISSA ROACH
Staff Writer

Orr hires new deputy clerk, Laura Manai



Laura Manai is the new deputy clerk at Orr City Hall. photo by M. Roach

ORR-The city council here ticked through the short June agenda, lending their approval to a list of items requested by the fire department. The items include a roll-in 32' Floe dock to be put in at Lumber Orr Hardware for the fire rescue boat at an estimated cost of \$4,500. Boat access has been a safety concern, and the department has been looking at a new dock location. The council also approved request for purchase of new nozzles for one of the fire trucks, as well as a Genesis 41" Push-Pull Ram for \$885. In addition, they approved 2019 fire protection rates for St. Louis County unorganized townships of 66-20 Ash Lake at \$6,853, and \$2,836 for 63-19 south of Willow Valley, showing no change from 2018.

Ambulance service medical director Dr. Josie Lopez submitted her resignation of the director post, citing her family's upcoming move to Texas. In accepting the res-

ignation, the council also accepted Dr. Jay Knaak as the new medical director. He will receive \$300 per month compensation. Knaak is practicing at the Rainy Lake Clinic in International Falls. Relatedly, the council approved emergency repairs to an ambulance overhead door for the Leiding garage at a cost of \$1,750. They also

approved the purchase of new high visibility t-shirts for the ambulance department and approved a resolution for the ambulance department to apply to Blandin Foundation for reimbursement of training costs.

Other Business

In other business the council:

➤ Approved hiring Laura Manai for the dep-

uty clerk position.

➤ Approved a variance request from Fred and Dana Erkkila.

➤ Heard the airport hangar door six is in need of repair.

➤ Heard the library has now moved to the ORR Center.

➤ Heard of activities at the upcoming July 3rd events.

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.



Pollinator garden planted in Orr

ORR- A pollinator garden has been started at the Orr Bluegill sign on Hwy 53. This effort was result of a brainstorm of St. Louis County Master Gardener, Beth Wiemken. The initial phase was completed just in time for National Pollinator Week, June 18-24. The pollinator plants consist of perennials and annuals, they are Echinacea purpurea (purple coneflower), Rudbeckia goldsturm, Rudbeckia "Indian Summer," Liatris, Helium (Sneezeweed), and Helianthus annuus (Hella drawf sunflower). It will take three years to fill in the space as the third year the perennials "leap."

This was a joint effort between the Lion's Club, who provided funding and volunteers, and the St. Louis County Master Gardener Program. Neonicotinoid-free plants were used. Several pollinator friendly plants were donated by



local Orr resident Carol G Woehre.

The site will serve as an educational component, bringing attention to the importance of pollinators and the critical role they play pollinating our food. It indirectly draws attention to the

decline in pollinators due to insecticide usage and neonicotinoid treated seeds and plants. The Orr Lion's Club volunteers will be sponsoring the site with volunteer assistance. Visit www.pollinator.org.

Noah Squires earns Deans List honors at Michigan Technological University

HOUGHTON, MICH- Noah Squires, of Gheen, a graduate of North Woods High School, majoring in Mechanical Engineering has been named to the Dean's List at Michigan Technological University, for the 2018 spring semester. Nearly 1,600 students were named to the Dean's List this spring. To be included, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

Michigan Technological University is a public research university, home to more than 7,000 students from 60 countries. Founded in 1885, the University offers more than 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science and technology, engineering, forestry, business and economics, health professions, humanities, mathematics, and social sciences.

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A Celebration of Life

**Lewis "Bud"
Everett Bystrom**

passed away on
Monday, February 12, 2018
in Duluth



A Celebration of Life followed by lunch will be held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 30 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the Shriners Hospital-Twin Cities or a charity of your choice. His full obituary was published in the Timberjay on February 23, 2018.

NORTHWOODS FRIENDS OF THE ARTS

Photo Contest and Spring Art Expo finale on June 29

COOK- The 8th Annual Spring Art Expo will come to a close on Friday, June 29 when Northwoods Friends of the Arts hosts the finale reception at NWFA Gallery in Cook from 5 to 7 p.m., 210 S River St., next to Dream Weaver Salon and Day Spa. The reception features refreshments, voting for favorite photos for the “People’s Choice Award,” the Photo Contest Awards and the long-awaited drawing for the 50/50 Raffle.

The Spring Art Expo 50/50 Raffle

The first name drawn has the choice of receiving 50-percent of the ticket sale proceeds or the large framed eagle photo by Carol Bowman. The regal eagle poses on a mailbox in a filtering snowstorm. Tickets are on sale until the raffle drawing time, Friday, June 29 starting at 5 p.m.

The \$5 tickets are for sale by NWFA members and during gallery hours Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday morning until 1 p.m.

Spring Art Expo began exhibiting the work of forty-six local artists, and North Woods School Students, on June 8 at NWFA Gallery and thirty-seven local businesses in Cook, Tower, Orr, Hwy. 24 and Hwy 53. Brochures include a list and a map at NWFA Gallery and participating businesses with the Spring Art Expo sign in the win-



Jody Feist’s painting, “The Dashboard of 1948 Ford,” was on display at Gustafson Motors in Cook. Lloyd Gustafson said, “We have the original purchase order for a car like that... The turn signal blinker was an ‘add on’ and my father said, ‘No one will ever bother using those when arm signals work.” submitted photo

dow. See the NWFA website at nwfamn.org.

Participating Spring Art Expo 2018 businesses are: Watering Can, Homestead Mills, The Tire Shop, Scenic Rivers Health and Dental Services, Cook Building Center, Marty’s Heating and Air Conditioning, North Star Credit Union, First Nation Bank, Cook Public Library, Cook City Hall, Find Your Past Antiques, Dream-Weaver Salon and Day Spa, Gustafson Motors, BIC Realty, USDA Forest Service, Northwoods True Value Hardware, State Farm Insurance, Cabin Quilting, Zups Foods, Vermilion Cottage Antiques, Country Store/Vermilion Hotel, Vermilion Land Office, American Bank, Trinity Lutheran Church, Bois Forte Heritage Center, Sulu’s Cafe,

Ryan’s Rustic Railings, Orr Community Center, Myrtle Lake Resort, Voyageaire Lodge and Houseboats, The Landing, Moose Birds, The Crescent Bar and Grill and Cook’s Country Connection.

Special thanks go to those businesses who also provided donations for the fundraiser: The Comet, Spring Bay Resort, Jake’s Fishing Guide Service, The Crescent Bar and Grill, The Landing and many others. Thank you to The *Cook News Herald* for donated advertising.

Regular summer gallery hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 210 S River St. next to Dream Weaver Salon and Day Spa.

Vote for the “Peoples Choice” photo at NWFA Gallery this week

COOK- The public is invited to participate in the Photo Contest Exhibition. Vote for your favorite photo during regular gallery hours, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., until the evening of Friday, June 29. “Your Best Shot” is the 8th annual contest sponsored by NWFA.

A panel of judges have selected two winning photographs, considering originality, technical merit and artistic value. The winning photographers and the “People’s Choice” photographer will each receive an NWFA family membership and a cash award on Friday, June 29 at 6:30 p.m. at the Spring Art Expo Finale Reception.

Membership in Northwoods Friends of the Arts provides you with opportunities to teach or sell your art, social gathering and art shows, discounts on some classes and activities, make art visible in the community and the membership is tax deductible.



This framed eagle photograph, donated by Carol Bowman, is the top prize in the NWFA raffle drawing set for June 29.

Church of Cash concert at Cook Community Center

Jay “Jayder” Kalk and his band performed songs by Johnny Cash at the Church of Cash concert in Cook last Friday. The concert was a fundrasier for Northwoods Friends of the Arts, which also had a silent auction during the event. photo by B. Smith



Andrea Udovich named to Itasca Community College Dean’s List

GRAND RAPIDS- Andrea Udovich, of Orr, has been named to the Spring Semester Dean’s List at Itasca Community College in Grand Rapids. Students qualified for the honor by competing a minimum of 12 credits and attaining a grade point average between 3.25-4.0.

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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.

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 now through September.

Grateful Lions for the Burger Fundraiser

Grilling burgers for Timber Days was a success! The Cook Lion’s Club would like to say “thank you” to Matt Zup and his crew, Dave Stanton, Niki and the VFW, Bea Amundson, McDonalds, all the businesses that ordered burgers to be delivered for lunch, and everyone who continues to support the Cook Lions. We couldn’t do it without you and the awesome Timber Days Committee.

Library Summer Book Sale a success

COOK- The Friends of the Cook Public Library raised over \$1,200 during Timber Days weekend. They sold \$939 in books, and collected \$295 in membership dues. This was the second year the sale was offered over Timber Days, and it was the first year the sale was held in the “Book Barn” on 1st St. SE. This bright, dry space was especially valued by shoppers and volunteers Saturday morning during the rain.

This building belongs to the city of Cook and has generously been shared with the library to store, sort, and display books for the book sale. Volunteers and staff have loved working in this clean, dry space, and they are especially grateful for the city crews who have been hauling books to the new space.

The library also thanks everyone who donated books for both the library’s collection and book sale. This annual event is a vital component of the Friends’ budget and enables the library to offer fun and engaging programs for all ages throughout the year.

Many Friends of the Library renewed their membership, and 18 new friends became members. To make a donation or to become a Friend of the Cook Public Library, simply visit the library desk or mail your donation to the Cook Public Library, P.O. Box 126, Cook, MN 55723.

The library thanks all who have visited the library last year, and they especially thank the volunteers and donors who help support and strengthen the Cook Public Library.

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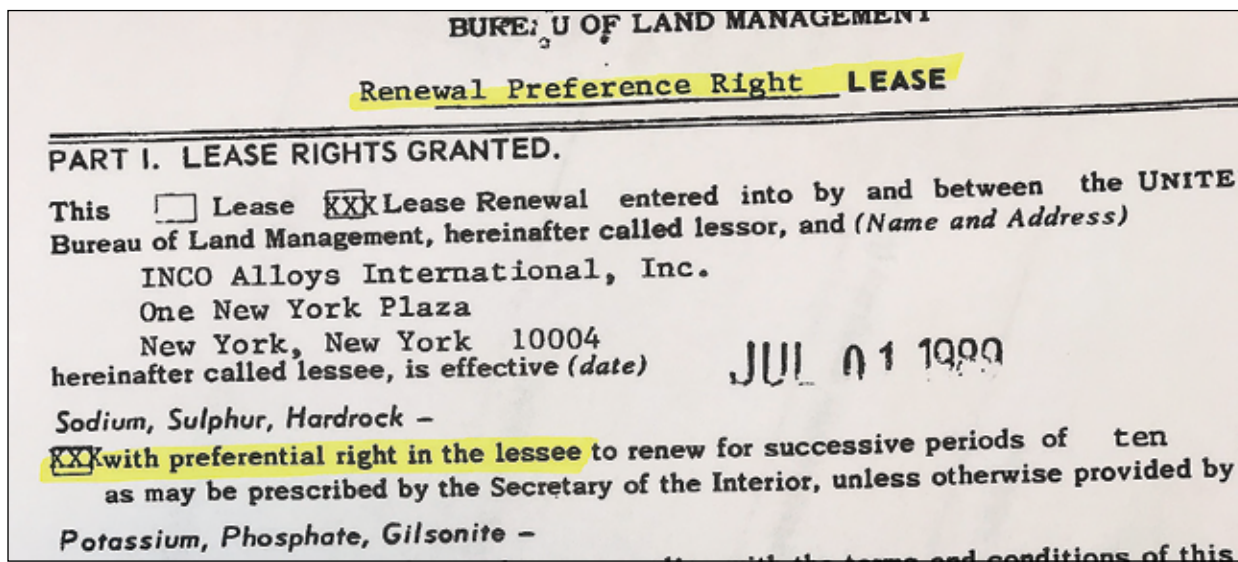
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Management for restoring mineral leases for a proposed copper-nickel mine that they believe could devastate their school, located on the Kawishiwi River, south of Ely. "Our interests as an organization are inextricably tied to the health and preservation of the Boundary Waters and maintaining its wilderness character," said VOBS executive director Jack Lee. "The potential pollution and destruction to the Boundary Waters by adjacent mining operations present what we have concluded is a lethal and unacceptable risk to our business and mission of changing lives through challenge and discovery."

Joining VOBS as co-plaintiffs are Piragis Northwoods Company, Ely Outfitting Company, Hungry Jack Outfitters, Sawbill Outfitters, River Point Resort and Outfitting Company, Northstar Canoe, Wenonah Canoe, and Women's Wilderness Discovery. All of the plaintiffs contend that the proposed mine is a grave and direct threat to the BWCAW and their businesses, which depend on wilderness visitors. Those businesses, collectively, employ several hundred workers in Minnesota.

At issue is the May 2 decision by Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to renew two federal mineral leases located along the South Kawishiwi River. Both the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management under President Obama had denied renewal of the leases in December 2016, a decision that had all but



This actual image of the 1989 lease renewal indicates that INCO was provided preferential rights only. Such rights provide the leaseholder a preference over other parties for future renewal but they do not obligate the government to renew. This and similar documents are likely to pose a challenge to the Trump administration as it tries to defend the legality of its recent decision to reinstate mineral leases for Twin Metals.

halted work on the Twin Metals mine proposal being advanced by Chilean mining giant Antofagasta.

But the Interior Department's new legal counsel, Daniel Jorjani, a former counsel to the Charles Koch Foundation, issued an opinion late last year that argued that the Obama Interior Department had committed "legal error" in determining that the department had the authority to deny renewal of the leases. Jorjani argued that the federal government had no choice but to renew the claims given the language in the original leases, first issued to the International Nickel Company in 1966. Those leases allowed for three ten-year renewals, but add: "unless at the end of the primary term of this lease, the Lessee shall not have begun production."

Because INCO never began production, legal counsel for both the

Reagan and Obama administrations had determined that renewal was discretionary and those opinions, along with concerns about environmental impacts, formed the legal basis for the 2016 decision to deny a third renewal. Mine opponents say that denial is a final decision, and that the Interior Department has no authority to simply reinstate cancelled mineral leases nearly a year and a half later.

Legal claims

In a 37-page complaint that was scheduled to be filed Thursday in federal district court in Washington, D.C., the plaintiffs against the Trump administration call the Interior Department's renewal decision "unlawful" and "arbitrary and capricious," and ask the court to enjoin the Interior Department from taking further action that threatens

the wilderness and the businesses that depend on it.

The legal arguments turn on the question of whether Franconia Minerals and Beaver Bay Inc., the parties seeking renewal of the leases in cooperation with Twin Metals, had an absolute right or merely a preferential right to renewal. While the 1966 lease granted INCO and its successors a right to an initial 20-year term and three subsequent ten-year renewals, previous Interior Department lawyers concluded that such a right was contingent on the start of production during the initial period or during an initial time extension. The BLM and the U.S. Forest Service granted lease renewals in 1989 and 2004, but those leases specifically indicate they provide preferential rights only. Such rights mean that the applicant has the right to be preferred over other applicants, but they don't require federal government renewal.

Jorjani argued that the production requirement in the 1966 lease only affected the federal government's right to adjust the terms and conditions of royalties and other payments to the government, but left the overall renewal terms intact. But Jorjani's claim is tenuous, considering the language in the original 1966 lease, which stated: "the Lessee shall be entitled to renewal as herein provided without readjustment except of royalties payable hereunder if at the end of the primary or renewal period such an extension shall be in effect, (but the Lessee shall not be entitled to subsequent such renewals unless it shall have begun production within the extended time.)"

The NMW lawsuit notes that more than 52 years after the first lease

was approved, no company has undertaken mineral production on the lands included in the leases.

While courts are normally restricted to consider only the terms of such a contract, when a contract is deemed ambiguous, the court can consider other information to help it determine the intent of the parties. Jorjani, in his opinion, declares the lease agreement "ambiguous," and points to the brief 1989 transmittal letter from the BLM to INCO, indicating that the lease was being renewed "under the existing terms and conditions of the original lease."

The NMW lawsuit, however, argues that the terms referenced in the transmittal letter refer specifically to the terms and conditions of royalties and production requirements, which had been the subject of intense negotiation between the federal government and INCO as part of the drafting of the original lease. In fact, both the 1989 and 2004 lease renewals include two "Special Stipulations" citing the exact provisions in the original lease that were to continue in effect, and both pertain solely to royalty amounts and production requirements. The lawsuit notes that neither of the lease renewals contained any language that appeared to nullify or reverse the preferential rights clearly indicated in the documents.

While Twin Metals' legal counsel have argued in court and to the government that they have an absolute right to one more lease renewal, the company has portrayed its two federal leases as "preferential" in its own securities filings, including in its 43-101 pre-feasibility report, released in 2014. That document goes on to

state: "Subject to applicable laws and regulations, BLM has discretion as to whether to issue or renew any prospecting permit and any preference right lease, as well as discretion with respect to the terms and conditions to be included in any such prospecting permits and preference right leases. Issuance and renewal of prospecting permits and preference right leases also are subject to review by the United States Forest Service (USFS) under applicable federal law."

Federal law does, in fact, provide the Forest Service with the right to deny a mineral lease application on the Superior National Forest when the agency holds the affected surface rights, but the Trump Interior Department got around that law by reinstating the 1966 lease terms, rather than renewing the 2004 leases, and concluding that the renewal was mandatory. That allowed the BLM to reinstate the mineral leases over the objections of the Forest Service

Potential impact

If successful, the NMW lawsuit could be a major blow to Twin Metals' mine proposal, but it would not necessarily be a final one. The company would have the opportunity to apply for new mineral leases, but that process would now require an environmental review and public comment, as well as approval from the U.S. Forest Service, which would be in doubt.

Former Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell, in December 2016, issued detailed findings of fact concluding it was likely that acid mine drainage from the Twin Metals mine would contaminate the BWCAW and cause adverse effects on the water quality, fish populations, aquatic ecosystems, and animal species. Tidwell further considered the possibility of containment, mitigation and remediation efforts and found that very few would be compatible with maintaining the BWCAW's wilderness character.

NMW and its co-plaintiffs have reached similar conclusions. "My business and my quality of life depend on the protection of the water, the fish and wildlife, healthy forests, clean air, dark night skies and the natural soundtrack of the BWCAW and of the areas people travel on the Superior National Forest to get into and out of the BWCAW," said Peta Barrett, owner of Women's Wilderness Discovery.

The Forest Service is currently studying the impact of a proposed 20-year mineral withdrawal affecting 234,000 acres, including the lands that Twin Metals hopes to mine. If Twin Metals' mineral leases are eventually upheld by the courts, those lands would presumably be exempt from a withdrawal.

Twin Metals officials argue that the company has spent as much as \$400 million to advance its project and that it should be allowed to begin environmental review of an actual mine plan before any steps are taken to halt the project. The company recently announced that it expects to have a detailed mine plan available for review within about 18 months.

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ELECTION 2018

U.S. Supreme Court says no dress code needed to vote

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

WASHINGTON, D.C.— When you go to the polls later this year, you can wear what you want—even if it’s a t-shirt with a political message. That’s according to the U.S. Supreme Court, which ruled this past week that Minnesota’s law restricting what people can wear to voting places is so overly-broad that it violates the First Amendment.

“It’s a big win for ordinary people who go to vote in ordinary clothes,” said Minneapolis attorney Erick Kaardal, who represented Andrew Cilek and the Minnesota Voters Alliance in the case. “Election judges will not be stopping people from voting anymore based on the idea that their clothes suggest political positions,” added Kaardal.

The case originated way back in 2010, when an election worker at Cilek’s

precinct told him he would have to remove or cover up his t-shirt, which read “Don’t Tread on Me,” and his button that read “Please I.D. Me.” Both political messages were associated with the then-burgeoning Tea Party, and the poll worker cited the state’s law against expressing political views at the polling place. Cilek refused to cover up his messages and he was eventually allowed to vote, although the poll worker took his name and

address.

Cilek and the Minnesota Voters Alliance later sued, arguing that Minnesota’s law is unconstitutional. Lower courts rejected their arguments, but the Supreme Court, last Thursday, sided with the complainants. The court didn’t rule that all such laws violate the First Amendment. Indeed, about a dozen states have laws designed to limit campaigning at polling places. But the court found

the Minnesota law to be so lacking in guidance as to what would constitute electioneering that it was inherently unreasonable.

Attorney Kaardal said the decision does not overturn prohibitions about actual campaigning at polling places. “Of course, electioneering isn’t allowed,” he said. “But, if you want to wear a pro-mining or anti-mining shirt when you go to vote, after today’s U.S. Supreme Court decision, you can

still vote.”

Kaardal, of the firm Mohrman & Kaardal, is the lawyer who handled the longstanding case against the St. Louis County School District for improperly promoting the 2009 school bond referendum and failing to properly report those expenditures in campaign finance reports.

CITY OF ELY

Public television strategic planning session to be held in Ely

ELY-WDSE/WRPT, northern Minnesota’s Public Television affiliate will host a strategic planning visioning session next week in Ely.

The event is open to the public and will be held at the Grand Ely Lodge on Tuesday, June 26 from 8-10 a.m.

As part of their strategic plan, WDSE/WRPT is conducting seven meetings in seven communities in Northeastern Minnesota and northwestern Wisconsin. The goal for this visioning session is for stakeholders to listen to thoughts and ideas on how WDSE/WRPT currently supports the community and what residents would like to see in the coming years.

WDSE/WRPT plays an important role by concentrating on and involving people of the

region while meeting their needs for community connectivity through local programming, such as Almanac North and Legislative Report, where important topics of the day are discussed by leaders and policy makers who convene for a conversation, allowing for respectful news coverage for exploring and debating the region’s most important issues, according to President and General Manager Patty Mester.

“We also broadcast programs attending to the physical and emotional health of the community with Doctors on Call and Speak Your Mind,” she said. “In addition, Great Gardening provides practical information and exciting ideas for the seasoned and new gardener. We celebrate heritage and creativity through

annual live broadcasts of the DSSO, providing viewers an exciting cultural experience. Furthermore, we showcase the work of artists, independent filmmakers, actors, playwrights, musicians, novelists, poets, dancers, composers and craftspeople, capturing the rich diversity of creative expression through our locally-produced programs, The PlayList and Making It Up North.”

Meester also noted the Our Native Report series is led by a team of Ojibwe and Oneida producers, ensuring stories from Indian Country are told via a strong indigenous voice. “The Native Report intern program encourages and trains a new generation of Native Americans to tell stories of their own communities, and the Native Artist lesson guides are

prepared by an enrolled member of the Bois Forte Band of Ojibwe.

“We want to continue that vital role and enhance the contributions in a respectful way that evolves with the needs

of our community. Your input into this important process would be most appreciated.”

At the Ely session, a continental breakfast will be followed by a visioning session led by Ann Glumac

from Glumac Executive Enterprise.

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BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

Puncher Point resident concerned with road right-of-way hazard

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA
Staff Writer

BREITUNG TWP- A Puncher Point resident raised concern about a RV camper that he believes is in the road right-of-way and is blocking views, and creating a safety hazard. He said it is especially concerning because kids are playing in that area and the camper could also interfere with the townships plowing and grading. “You can’t see over or around,” he said. He also added that the res-

ident installed a deck, suggesting the issue may be permanant. The township will contact county planning and zoning, which oversees zoning in the township. A resident spoke to the board about a water main that was destroyed when his neighbor used an arc welder improperly to thaw frozen pipes. The resident had to pay \$900 to get the pipe replaced. The board responded that they will check their obligations and with their insurance agent and get back to him

at the next meeting on what can be done. The board may enact an ordinance to prevent similar situations in the future. The town board decided to refuse a fee charged by Como Oil for tank pick-up, citing that it is not in the contract, and that the township bring through lengths to the tank to the curb, making it easy for the company to retrieve. The township will fill out an application for inspection and reconnection of power to the

old police building, now storage shed. The cost will be \$370 to reconnect. The township signed a contact with ISG Design Services for the ball field/ gazebo project. Board member Chuck Tekautz brought up his concern that Breitung is responsible for all area children’s recreation and should not be. Chairman Tim Tomsich recommended asking Tower for financial assistance since many Tower kids play at the Soudan field. John Jamnick of

JPJ Engineering said the portion of Mesabi Trail from Old Hwy. 169 near Eagles Nest Twp. to Trygg Rd. should be complete by the end of summer. Chief Nylund is waiting to hear back on a formal agreement with Bois Forte. If Bois Forte chooses to accept this agreement, this would allow Breitung Police to act and assist on Bois Forte lands. The township will increase their donation to the Lakeview Cemetery in Tower from \$1,500

to \$2,250, citing that the cemetery is in need at this time. The board plans to also give \$2,250 next year and increase the levy to \$3,000 in 2020. The township board will be assessing properties for blight and will complete the assessment before the next township board meeting, Wednesday, June 27 at 6 p.m.

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boards to float onto Hwy. 53. Volunteers assisted to get the items off the road. Next door at Waschke’s Auto, a few cars succumbed to the fast rising water with hoods that were underwater. Additionally, some residents were also dealing with a city sewer back-up. Cook resident Theresa Drift watched as her basement drain and toilet back-flowed, filling her

basement with several inches of contaminated water. Drift was relieved she was able to secure professional cleaners the next morning, noting that the cleaning service had received many emergency calls in the area after the storm. City maintenance supervisor Don Flack said the city’s infrastructure drainage system handled the rain well under the

circumstances, calling the event “out-of-the-ordinary.” “This was by no means a normal rainfall. Had we not done the work on the storm drain a few years ago, this would have been worse.” Much of the flood water had receded from the streets and Hwy. 53 by Saturday afternoon. Flack also said it was good that the Little Fork River was low at the time.



Many streets in the city of Cook were flooded Saturday after a deluge of rain fell in a short amount of time. photo by B. Smith

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town board for approval. The town board approved having up to five department members take part in the class. Four department members signed up for the class. Four completed the online training and three completed the Camp Ripley weekend and passed the tests required for certification. All have been paid for the classroom and online class time. None of the other members filed time sheets requesting reimbursement for study time. Township attorney Mike Couri, in a memo emailed to the town board on June 11 (prior to the regular meeting), noted that this issue is regulated by federal law under the Fair Labor Standards Act (FLSA). He said there are four tests that must be met in order to avoid paying an

employee for training. Greenwood Fire Department members are considered township employees. “While it does not seem right that a person who volunteers for additional training would have to be paid for it,” Couri wrote, “if it fails any one of the tests above, the law requires that the employee be paid.” The tests include if the training is outside regular work hours, if it is truly volunteer, if the class is not directly related to the employee’s job, and if the employee does not perform any productive work during attendance at the class. Couri noted that it might be determined that not all these tests were met, specifically that the class could be seen as related to the employee’s job, and noted that the Department

of Labor have generally given the benefit of the doubt to the employee in these cases. Couri said that the township needed to set a policy that specifically designated which firefighter positions are eligible for which training. The town board did pass a motion at the regular June meeting regulating that only in-house training, along with mandatory Firefighter I and II classes, could take place until a new township policy is put in place. Couri added the second part of Maus’ complaint had to do with not being paid for homework done before or after class hours. “The general answer to that question is yes,” Couri wrote, “provided that the employee must be paid for the training after considering the four tests above.”

“In our case, it appears likely that Mr. Maus’ training requires compensation by the township under the four-part test above,” Couri wrote. “Even if Mr. Maus’ training did not fail the four-part test above, township policy to pay for such training puts this into the category of a compensable training, which would again trigger payment of time spent completing the homework.” But the issue is complicated by the fact of determining if the homework is required. Couri notes that

the course instructor does make reference to homework assignments which consist of reviewing videos and reading chapters. “Because these are labeled ‘homework assignments’ by the course instructor, it is difficult to conclude that this homework is not required as part of the course. If it is required, the employee must be compensated for the time spent doing this homework.” While Maus had submitted a time sheet to the township for 80 hours of training, Chief Fazio had rewritten the time sheet, without notifying Maus, to claim only 42.75 hours. Maus only realized he was not being paid what he felt was the full amount when he received his check. He said it was difficult to determine exactly what he had been paid for, since the check also included payment for his time at regular department meetings, drills, and calls that month. Township Treasurer Pam Rodgers noted that mandatory training is 100-percent reimbursable. “How is our policy written as to mandatory versus non-mandatory training,” she asked. Maus noted that the town board had approved taking the class. “I would expect the board expects that I pass the test and honor the fact they are spending township funds for me to do so,” he said. “I am attending the class on behalf of the township. I took the class. I passed the test.” Maus noted that there was a substantial amount of reading outside of the regular class time, as well as online videos to watch. He noted that this work was required to gain the knowledge needed to pass the final tests.

Greenwood Chair Mike Ralston noted the township had never paid for similar study time before, but said there could be exceptions to every rule. It was noted that fire department members were permitted to log training time at home doing independent work that they logged, to meet training time requirements. Supervisor Carmen DeLuca did not agree with Maus’ assertions that the study time was required. Supervisor Paul Skubic worried about the fairness of paying Maus for more hours than the other members who took the same class. Skubic wanted more detailed documentation from Maus. Maus had recorded the dates and hours spent, which were attached to his time sheet. At the meeting, he offered several pages of handwritten notes, taken while he was studying for one of the unit tests. Ralston said there was a lot of “gray space” in Maus’ claim. “Some are justified,” he said. “Some are not.” “I don’t know if it’s worth litigating against or not,” Ralston said. Ralston seemed in favor of allowing time spent doing work that was assigned by the instructor, but not for time spent studying material for the tests. “You are taking advantage of a loophole,” he told Maus. “You’ve chosen to get as much compensation out of this township that no other members have asked for. You are making a choice. We will deal with it in the best way we can.” Maus asked Ralston if he thought he was claiming this time out of greed. Ralston answered yes. Maus told the board that his claim was not out of greed.

“I am following the policies this board has set up to compensate folks,” he said, “and to be in compliance with federal labor laws.” Fazio said he wasn’t sure if the township’s personnel policy allowed for reimbursement for time spent studying. “The rest of us didn’t consider that,” he said. “Day one, it would open up a can of worms.” Fazio wondered if this would apply to time spent studying for the mandatory Firefighter I and II classes. Fazio did back up Maus’ assertion that substantial out-of-class study time was required. The board then set to reviewing Maus’ claim, date by date, to determine what was paid time. A motion by Ralston to pay the first claim involving class plus study time failed on a 2-3 vote with DeLuca, Skubic, and Byron Beihoffer voting against, and Ralston and Larry Tahija voting in favor. DeLuca said he wanted to see what the township attorney had to say on the issue. Ralston noted the supervisors had all received the memo, prior to the last meeting, which outlined the opinion. “He gave us an opinion,” Ralston said. “And it’s gray.” The board then voted not to approve any of the study time requests, on a 4-1 vote, with Ralston voting against. The board also voted 5-0 against approving pay for time spent traveling to and from Camp Ripley. The township has paid mileage for that trip. After the meeting, Maus said he was not sure what, if any, steps he would take to resolve the issue. He would have the option of filing a complaint with the Department of Labor and Industry. He noted the township does have the responsibility of paying him for the time spent preparing the grievance and attending the meeting, according to state law.

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gratification when I see the look of accomplishment on students' faces," she said. Icenhour also teaches a pastie-making class. "People tell me they can never roll out pie dough. Thanks to the Methodist Church recipe, it rolls out just like a dream, and the look of satisfaction is all I really need," she said.

"The key thing we do is to provide learning and the important key to that is the instructors," Icenhour said. "We really rely on a variety of expertise. It takes a lot of us to fulfill."

EFS Board of Directors Vice President and Marketing Director Molly Olson moderated the annual report gathering last Saturday afternoon for EFS members and volunteers that ended on a sweet note with a pie and ice cream social.

She reminded attendees the reason why the Ely Folk School exists. "Our mission is to build community by providing learning experiences that celebrate the wilderness, art, history, culture and craft of the people of northern Minnesota," she said.

EFS Board President Paul Schurke, the only remaining original board member, reflected on where the organization started and where it is going. "Just a few springs ago we had just a general idea of what we wanted to do," he said. "We have taken root and grown little by little at a manageable pace."

In the beginning the goal of the EFS was to teach learn and create, he said, "but mostly we wanted and to be a connecting point for the community and we seem to be filling that role rather nicely."

Class programming at the EFS is coordinated by Betty Firth. She listed several highlights:

► Over 220 classes this year;

► Ely Winter Festival offered 24 classes;

► March Bee Weekend included 13 classes and demonstrations;

► New offerings include traditional beading; ink drawing, egg painting, soil clinic, cheese-making, and recreational hammocking;

► Birch Bark Canoe Project is in its second year;

► Themed Weekends included Fabulous Fiber Arts in November;

► Community dances included dance instruction;

► Raising a traditional timber frame structure (see sidebar)

Firth highlighted the pavilion-building project. "This is an opportunity to join with others and to enjoy learning something and then making something," she said. It is like all the classes we have here. I see when people get together, some are very adept at doing what they come to learn, and others are purely beginners, but everyone enjoys learning that next step and doing things together."

Firth noted the enjoyment she witnessed from the recent pastie class where all the students got to wear aprons. "They were just having the best time. How often do we have the opportunity to cook together or to make things together. In our culture, we don't do that a whole lot. That is one of the rich opportunities that we at the Folk School

offer," she said.

Volunteers keep the doors open at the non-profit Ely Folk School. "Volunteers are essential to helping the EFS succeed," said volunteer coordinator Diane Thomson. The EFS website lists dozens of opportunities for a variety of volunteer activities. "We never turn anyone away," she said. As many as 50 individual people contributed time to the organization in the last year.

The EFS board continues the challenge of balancing their budget and staying afloat as they grow and expand. Olson presented their projected revenue for 2018:

► Membership/Individual/Business Donations, \$30,000;

► Fundraising Campaigns (Raffle, Silent Auction), \$1,250;

► Foundation/Corporate Grants, \$34,162;

► Program Revenues (courses, events, store), \$31,332;

► Total Revenues, \$96,744.

"This is pretty optimistic," Olson said, "but we are firm in believing that we need to pursue revenue and look to increase that. Our initial goal was that our program revenue would be at 40 percent. We are not quite there but continue to work toward that." She noted that many folk schools around the country have that financial model.

Projected expenses for 2018 include:

► General Expenses (payroll, rent, utilities, etc.), \$60,644

► Marketing Expenses (advertising, printing, etc.), \$7,960

► Course and Event Expenses, \$13,140

► Project Expenses (Dances, Forge, BBCP), \$13,000

► Total Expenses, \$94,744

► Projected Revenue over Expenses: \$2,000

Looking forward, the EFS Board of Directors listed three areas of focus for the next year, fundraising and membership, marketing and board development.

Icenhour described a unique fundraising event in the works: "Mary Louise's Walnut Potica Sale."

She is donating the cost and materials to make 50 poticas and to sell them for \$40 each with all proceeds going to the Folk School. They will be available for purchase on Tuesday, July 3. To reserve a traditional Slovenian-made walnut potica, call her at 218-365-6662. Look for upcoming advertisements for more information.

Icenhour plans to make five batches over the course of 10 days. "If this goes well, we'll look at doing this again at Christmas and Easter," she said.

Grants are also playing an important role in the financial success of the Folk School. Recently-awarded grants include:

► Marketing, IRRRB (2017), \$4,500;

► Birch Bark Canoe Project, Northland Foundation (2018), \$10,000;

► Dances, Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust (2018-19), \$2,932.

Olson said the board is also working on an application for an operating expenses grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council. "This is the first of several operating grants we hope to pursue," she said.

The Folk School facilities on Sheridan Street continue to grow. The teaching kitchen was installed last year. An addition on the north end of the building will add more classroom space and the red garage next door to the building will soon house a blacksmithing forge. "We are looking at a kiln donation and looking at adding a ceramics space," Olson said.

Icenhour related a story about a couple from Side Lake who recently participated in her walnut potica class. "He was Slovenian and his mother and grandmother made potica for their traditional celebrations at Christmas, Easter, baptisms and weddings," she said. "At the

Help raise a traditional timber structure on June 30

ELY - The Ely Folk School is hosting an opportunity to learn about raising a traditional timber structure for the Trezona Trail memorial pavilion project.

The all-day class will be held on Saturday, June 30 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuition for the class is \$80 and materials cost \$2.

Participants will be involved in the entire process, from assembling, to lifting and pegging together the traditional timber frame structure under the watchful eye of instructor Mark Olson.

Traditional timber framing is the ancient technique of joining wood together using a basic joint called a mortise and tenon. "We will get to experience the

power of cooperation when a group of people labor together toward a common goal," Olson said. "No experience is necessary. All you need is an able body, (able to lift 30 pounds,) and be willing to labor together and have fun. You will leave this class with new skills as well as the satisfaction of working with others to build a community shelter for the residents and visitors to Ely.

Students need to wear work clothes, work gloves, sturdy shoes or boots and bring a rain jacket and bag lunch.

To sign up for the class and for more information, call 218-235-0138, or go to www.elyfolkschool.org.

end of the class, they each had their rolls of potica to take home, and he came

up to me and insisted on giving me a hug. He then told me, 'I know my

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July 4

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from the North Hill in Tower

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Monday, July 9

11:45 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center.

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STATE GOLF MEET

North Woods boys take third at state

Senior Tate Olson finishes fourth in individual competition

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

BECKER — The North Woods boys golf team finished third in Class A competition and senior Tate Olson finished fourth overall in individual competition at the state golf meet held Tuesday and Wednesday at the Pebble Creek Golf Course in Becker.

“That was a great team finish for us,” said North Woods Head Coach Will Kleppe. “Considering the competition, we were very

pleased to finish in third place.”

For Olson, who shot a nine-under-par 150 for the two days of state tournament competition, it was the perfect ending to an exceptional high school golf career. During the Section 7A finals, Olson had dominated play, claiming first place by 17 strokes. At the state tournament, Olson finished the first day of play in tenth after carding a 77, but he advanced in day two of the meet, carding an impressive 73, to finish in fourth, just six strokes back of

the individual Class A winner, Ben Laffen of Sleepy Eye.

“The goal when we get down there is always to get a top-ten finish,” said Kleppe. “We certainly achieved that, and he finished his career with a birdie on the final hole.”

But just as Olson was wrapping up his high school golf career near the top, North Woods freshman Sam Frazee was showing signs he could be the next top

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Coach Will Kleppe (far left) and members of the North Woods golf team with their third place trophy and medals. submitted



RETROSPECTIVE

Little Alfie: 20 years later

When a modest timber sale became big news across Minnesota

by RAY HIGGINS
Minnesota Timber Producers

It’s a tale of politics and the rule of law. About stewardship and proper forest management. And it’s also about espionage, a guy in a bear suit, and a dog with a colorful name stealing someone’s meal.

Even the name of the controversy had a folksy charm to it: Little Alfie. So called because the tract of timber at the center of the issue was near Lake Alf, and a forester at the Superior National Forest advertised the sale as “Little Alfie.”

In the end, there was nothing little about it. For one thing, the pine was nice and long and straight, perfect for the log homes for which sawmiller Tony Vukelich purchased the stumpage. And the controversy was big too, resulting in a logger truck rally in Orr, a sit-in protest by anti-logging activists that lasted for weeks, and a court case against cutting the trees, all of which attracted news media from all over the state waiting to see how it would all play out.

Twenty years later, the tale of the controversy lives on throughout the logging community, particularly in the town of Orr, where Vukelich still lives and where lessons learned haven’t been forgotten over the past twenty years.

On a recent afternoon, Vukelich got together for lunch at the T Patten Café in Orr with Tim Olson, who along with his brother Gregg, owned the logging company that harvested the Little Alfie site, off the Echo Trail, south of Buyck. Also at lunch was retired Boise forester Dick Olson (no relation to Tim), who also had a front row view of the battle from twenty years before. The trio reminisced about their years in the north woods, but particularly about the controversy that came to a head twenty years ago.

“It’s a legacy,” Tim Olson says. “Everybody came together and rallied and fought it. And Tony did some great things with it.”

Vukelich’s business was actually four miles north of Orr at Cusson, which a century ago was the site of the main logging camp of the Virginia Rainy Lake Lumber Company, started by the famed Weyerhaeuser family, which of

Above: Logging trucks stretched as far as the eye could see during a loggers’ rally in Orr in support of Tony Vukelich. Timberjay file photo

Below: Tim Olson, Dick Olson and Tony Vukelich reminisced about the Little Alfie saga recently at the T. Patten Cafe in Orr. photo by R. Higgins



Left: The Little Alfie site 20 years later is home to a regenerating forest of pine.

Below: Tony Vukelich (far left) and his crew made the case for timber jobs. submitted photos



course remains an icon in the timber industry. VRL’s sawmill, 45 miles to the south in the city of Virginia, was the largest sawmill in the world at that time.

Ultimately the VRL sawmill closed, and so did the logging camp in Cusson. Years later, Vukelich purchased the Cusson site, and in 1984 started his own sawmill, naming it Cusson Camp as a nod to the location’s rich history.

Originally, Cusson Camp was a wholesale sawmill, sawing timbers for treatment. But soon the nearby

Voyageur Log Homes began purchasing long pine timbers, and Vukelich started to specialize in long pine timbers, both for the exterior of log homes, and for the interiors, too. Voyageur was an excellent customer, but builders and homeowners working to finish the log homes came to Cusson Camp looking for pine paneling and flooring as well.

To manufacture his products, Vukelich most often purchased red

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HELPING HANDS

Ely group heads to Puerto Rico

Will help with hurricane relief



The Ely Young Life group gathered at Ledgerrock Church Friday afternoon for a send-off party before heading to Puerto Rico to participate in hurricane relief projects. photo by K. Vandervort

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Two dozen Ely-area teens, all members of the local Young Life affiliate, are in Puerto Rico this week helping the residents of that U.S. territory recover from last year’s hurricane.

The group gathered at Ledgerrock Church Friday afternoon, all sporting “Pelican Praying Missions” t-shirts, for a send-off party with family and supporters. After long hugs and well-wishes from those staying behind, the group boarded vans for Minneapolis where they caught an early-morning flight to Chicago and then a non-stop flight to San Juan.

Local director, Mike Keller, along with several other adults, are traveling with the teens, including Bobbi Jo Hasz, Tyler Walter, Dylan Kienitz, Jasiah Wigdahl, Mike Keller, Cameron Kienitz, Elijah Olson, Austin Kallberg, Caleb Janeksela, Emmett Faltesek, Evelyn Bercher, Lauren Porthan, Holly Dirks, Ethan Hasz, Isabelle Kelley, Adrianna Bishop, Brianna Alverson, Lily Sauls, Grace Tweit, Ana Bercher, Sarah Isbell, Kris Bercher, Laura Pasmick, Meghan Lord, and Gretchen Lord.

The Ely group met up with other Young Life groups from around the United States to help the local residents rebuild their communities after the hurricane, hand out food and water, and lead a week of Vacation Bible School for the local children. “We will also be rebuilding a church roof and other neighborhood structures,” Keller said.

A Facebook post from Keller on Monday said,

“Today we visited the church that we will be serving at, Iglesia Metodista de Puerto Rico Carlos Wesley. It was a neat experience to say the least. Two of our students shared their stories and we as a group sang “Father I Adore You” in Spanish in front of the church.

“We were all struck as we learned of the effects that the hurricane had and is having on people here in PR (Puerto Rico).”

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and white pine bolts from area loggers, but when Superior National Forest offered the Little Alfie tract for sale in 1995, Vukelich decided to bid.

The Forest Service had good reason to offer the tract for sale, planning to thin the red pine, allowing the sun to shine on the smaller white pine so it would flourish.

“I spent a lot of time in there looking at the wood and everything,” Vukelich remembers. “I sawed a lot of long timbers, up to thirty feet. That’s why I wanted it. I usually didn’t bid on timber sales, and I’d never bid on a federal one, because I let the loggers do that, and then I’d buy their timber. But this happened to be a strict pine sale and a lot of loggers wouldn’t want to bid on it because it was a lot of money just for the pine, and there was nothing else in there for them. There wasn’t any aspen or jack pine or anything.”

Vukelich wound up with the winning bid, and planned to start harvesting the following winter of 1996-97. Little did he know, there was a problem—a technicality—with the sale as constructed by the Forest Service: Little Alfie was actually outside the boundaries of the management plan for that area. “The pine that was in the plan,” Vukelich says, “they mixed that plot for wildlife reasons. So they had this pine just down the road from that sale area that needed to be thinned, and it had already been cut. So they said, let’s just substitute this pine for it. And that’s what they did.”

Eventually, anti-logging forces found out about the snafu and got involved. They wanted to save the white pine there, and also claimed the trees in question were “old-growth,” which didn’t turn out to be true. A fire had ravaged the area in 1888, so the pines were around 110 years old, and besides, the site had been thinned in 1985, meaning Little Alfie didn’t meet the definition of “old growth.”

Vukelich had hired Gheen logger Cliff Shermer to harvest the site. When Shermer headed down Forest Highway 200 to Little Alfie with his feller buncher on the back of a low-boy, he was met by a bunch of protestors from a group called Earth First, a camp fire—and a bear.

“When we got to Dano Creek,” Shermer recalls, “they were set up and had a bonfire in the road so we couldn’t proceed on to the sale. So we had to stop. That hill down to Dano Creek is super steep, so that wasn’t easy. I wasn’t happy. So while we’re



waiting for somebody to come—the feds or whatever—a guy in a bear suit came and chained himself to the front of our truck.

“I don’t know if he was supposed to be Smoky the Bear, or who the hell he was,” Shermer chuckled.

He can laugh now, but twenty years ago, it wasn’t at all funny.

“I was irate,” Shermer says. “Once he unchained himself, I had to back that low-boy and buncher right back up that hill.

Still, Vukelich was—and is—a reasonable man. One day after work at the mill, he and his dog Pink jumped into Tony’s pickup and drove to the sale to see what was on the protesters’ minds. When they arrived, Pink got himself into a bit of trouble.

“I probably didn’t get up there until around 6 o’clock,” Vukelich says. “Pink and I walked down the hill, and so I sat down with them around the fire, and we were talking. I just tried to explain to them what’s going on up here. They were very nice, they offered me coffee. I wasn’t paying any attention to where Pink was and out of the corner of my eye, there’s pink chewing away at this cake pan. They had grilled some vegetables, and they were letting it cool, and he ate it up. I felt terrible. So the next day, I was in the café having breakfast, and Joe Shermer, Clifford’s brother, and bunch of other guys from Cook were going to go up there and see what’s going on, so I bought a bunch of bags of donuts and Bismarcks and stuff and asked Joe to bring them to those kids because the dog ate their meal last night.”

In fact, for all of the wrangling and disagreement, the fight remained mostly cordial and non-confrontational—notwithstanding the guy in the bear suit.

Left: The Little Alfie saga played out on the front pages of newspapers around the state.
submitted

But it was serious business for Vukelich, who needed that Little Alfie timber, not the headache that came with the controversy. He had a mill to run.

“It was a little bit of an ordeal,” he says. “That was going to be my wood for the year. I bought open market wood too, but there wasn’t a lot of wood available that year. That was another reason I wanted to get that one.”

Without wood, Vukelich once estimated he was losing \$6,000 in sales each day. Fortunately for Vukelich, the state’s loggers and forest products community rallied around him, and the cause he’d stumbled into.

“A lot of people came and helped during it,” he says. “I was without timber for a year, and Boise opened up some wood for me that they wouldn’t have cut otherwise.”

Vukelich also had assistance from an unlikely and unexpected source, a spy of sorts, who was able to infiltrate the enviros and conduct a little espionage.

“There was a guy who had a cabin near here,” Vukelich recalls. “He was a chiropractor in the Twin Cities at that time. I met him by selling him lumber, and we became friends. So he calls me and he tells me he just had a customer, he adjusted her back, and she said she was going up to northern Minnesota on the Echo Trail to protest a timber sale. He said they hadn’t started cutting, but they’re going to start Monday. I said, that’s not the Alfie sale, and he said yeah it was! So I got a hold of the Forest Service, and they had some people up there.

“But then how this thing developed,” Vukelich continued. “the chiropractor, he infiltrated—he just loved this—Earth First. He went to their meetings, and he filled me in through the whole process. He got in costume, too. He let his beard grow, and when he’d go to their meetings, he’d wear plaid flannel shirts, the whole deal.”

Still, the controversy dragged on. The Forest Service was in a pickle because Little Alfie wasn’t technically in their plan. Mainstream environmental groups like the Sierra Club and Audubon Society wanted

to save the white pine, which entailed just fourteen percent of the volume on the sale. The sides negotiated and Vukelich agreed not to harvest the white pine as well as some of the red pine. But that still left plenty of long, straight red pine, perfect for kind of timbers he loved to saw. Everybody was happy.

Well, almost. Earth First wouldn’t join the agreement and continued the blockade. Another fringe environmental group called Earth Protector went to court and sued to stop the harvest completely, claiming old growth timber shouldn’t be cut and that the Forest Service should conduct an environmental impact study of the sale.

With the lawsuit pending, the timber harvest was on hold through all of 1997. Environmentalists kept protesting, but loggers rallied, too. Cars all over the north woods had pink ribbons as a show of support for Vukelich—pink was the chosen color in honor of Vukelich’s dinner-stealing constant companion. There were more formal events as well, including a memorable meeting between Vukelich and Congressman Jim Oberstar in Virginia.

“I got a call to go down to Carpenters Hall down in Virginia,” Vukelich says. “So I go down there, and all the local politicians are there because Oberstar’s going to be there. So the Congressman comes in, and I’d never met him before. He comes up and shakes my hand, and he genuflects with this big smile on his face. And he says, ‘you’re the bugger that’s getting more press than I am!’”

At other times during the controversy, Vukelich was offered other, more confrontational, means of support, but those were politely declined.

“I asked folks not to do some stuff,” Vukelich says.

Eventually, he had his day in court. In January of 1998 in a St. Paul courtroom, Federal Judge John Tunheim heard arguments from both sides, including David Oberstar, representing the Timber Producers.

Two weeks later, Judge Tunheim ruled in Vukelich’s and the Forest Service’s favor, granting a motion for summary judgment. Earth Protector quickly appealed, but an administrative panel of the Eighth District Court of Appeals denied that last-ditch effort. Vukelich would finally be able to re-focus on Cusson Camp, but not before one last round of media coverage.

“When the court decided we could go ahead and log,” he says, “up at the mill there were

five of these satellite trucks from the different TV stations from all over the state.”

Finally, on the morning of Feb. 13, 1998, harvesting operations began. This time, Shermer’s crew was busy elsewhere, so Gregg and Tim Olson were called on to do the work. After more than two years of controversy and legal wrangling, the thinning took about a week.

“Good sale to cut because it had been thinned once,” Tim Olson says. “We worked hard to protect the young white pine growing up.”

“Greg (Olson) ran the buncher,” Vukelich adds. “He’d pick up the trees and actually walk them and drop them down so he wouldn’t hurt the white pine.”

Twenty years later, Vukelich and the Olsons share lunch, coffee, and more than a few laughs over the battle fought and won two decades before. They pored over Vukelich’s scrapbook, filled with newspaper clippings and photos from the Little Alfie controversy.

Twenty years after the harvest, there are lessons learned, including this one from Vukelich, who had never bid on a federal sale before Little Alfie:

“I never bid on another one.”

he says. At the same time, court challenges to timber sales in Minnesota have mostly stopped, and many say that’s thanks to the victory at Little Alfie.

Most importantly, there’s the forest, thick with regenerating white pine.

“These are beautiful trees,” Vukelich said during a recent visit to the site with Dick Olson.

“Their goal was to release the white pine,” Olson says. “It worked.”

That’s Vukelich’s legacy. He didn’t ask for this fight—Little Alfie came to him. And what folks who were close to the battle remember, is not only the cause, the wood, and the forest, but also the dignified manner with which Vukelich navigated the entire situation.

“I think when you look back at it,” Tim Olson says, “there were a lot of us that were really young and rebels and we really wanted to fight it. But Tony’s level-headed, and he’s very calm, and we was very patient with it, and it turned out really well.”

Ray Higgins is Director of Operations for the Minnesota Timber Producers.

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golfer to emerge from the team, after finishing 18th with a two-day score of 160. Frazee shot an impressive 79 on the first day and finished up with an 81 on day two. With three more years to hone his skills, Frazee will certainly be a golfer to watch.

“Sam definitely has

the potential to be quite a player,” said Kleppe. “For his first state tournament, he did outstanding. He hit some incredible shots. On hole ten on the second day, he hit an unbelievable shot from the bunker that I thought was the shot of the tournament.”

Freshman Ian Olson

also performed well, carding a 172 for the two days, while eighth-grader Davis Kleppe carded a 176 to finish in 48th place. Junior Chase Kleppe scored a 183, to finish in the 59th spot, while Blake Scofield scored a 199.

North Woods trailed Sleepy Eye and Mounds

View Academy entering the second day of the meet, with a combined score of 328. The leaders had carded a combined 325 in the first day of competition and were locked in a tie for first. Those two teams maintained their tie following the final day of competition, with

a combined score of 641, and both went home with first-place honors in Class A. Because of the tie, there was no second-place finisher, leaving North Woods next in line, in third place, with a score of 658.

Academic all-stars

In addition to their skills on the course, the

North Woods boys golf team notched another achievement, being named the Section 7A Academic Champions, for maintaining the highest GPA of any team in the section.

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One gentleman mentioned to me that over 65,000 people have left the island and that he had to spend his entire life savings to recover his home.

Amidst the pain left from the hurricane, we have already experienced so much joy from the people here. We are

looking forward to serving tomorrow at the church and at homes an hour away that were damaged from the storm. Thanks to everyone back home for your continued prayers for this group. It is HOT here, so please pray for safety in the heat and also that our group will continue to build a bond.”

Young Life is celebrating its 20th anniversary in Ely this year. “Today, more than ever, young adults need a safe place to figure out who they are and what life is all about. Young Life invites kids to experience God, but regardless of their response, Young

Life accepts them as they are and helps them find meaning in a world that can feel harsh and unaccepting at times. Young Life is inclusive. Everyone is welcome at all times,” Keller said.

Many adult community members act as mentors and work with

middle school (Wyldlife) and high school (Young Life) kids, providing them with weekly clubs, small groups, camping, and the opportunity to serve on mission trips at home and abroad. “Over half of the kids in our school district have participated in one way or another in Young

Life,” he said.

For more information on Ely Young life, go to www.elyyounglife.org or call Keller at 218-235-7190.

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Young adult customers at Frandsen Bank & Trust help benefit United Heroes League

REGIONAL- Frandsen Bank & Trust (FB&T) is pleased to announce a limited-time initiative that allows young adult customers to benefit United Heroes League this summer. “This is a win-win partnership,” said Karen Brekke, chairman of the board of FB&T. “We want to benefit the young adults in our communities and at the same time support a great cause.”

Brekke explained, “FB&T understands the financial challenges that young adults face once they start earning a paycheck, plan for post-high school education, or move out on their own. We want them to be ready to face these challenges and have a high personal finance IQ. In short, we want to guide them down a successful financial path as early as possible.”

Every year, from May through July, FB&T features an initiative to help teens and young adults get started on the road to financial independence. This year the theme is “Be a Hero.” For each new FB&T My Checking account opened by a young adult age 15–23, the bank is donating \$10 to the United Heroes League. The donation will help the child of a deployed military family stay active in a sport he or she likes, and the new account will help a young adult become financially responsible and increase their personal finance IQ. The initiative ends on Tuesday, July 31.

Frandsen’s partner in this initiative, United Heroes League, is a non-profit organization based in Hastings. They keep military kids active and healthy by providing sports equipment, sports camps, and other grants. So far they have helped over 40,000 military families keep or start their kids in sports.

The mission of United Heroes League is to ensure that all 5 million military kids are able to develop critical life skills through sports. This intense focus on youth development and serving the families of our military service members has inspired over 90 professional athletes and over 30 sports franchises to lend their name and support to United Heroes League.

Visitors from near and far take time to stop in Embarrass

EMBARRASS- It is amazing how many people, as they travel, stop in and check out the interesting spots in the Embarrass area during the summer, said volunteer host Ron Sutton. As volunteer hosts at the museum, the couple would like to share some of the experiences and friends we have made as we spend time welcoming folks at the Nelimark Homestead. They are amazed at the variety and background of visitors who stop in as they travel around the USA in the summer. It seems they enjoy visiting new areas and exploring out-of-the-ordinary places. And Embarrass has become the local hot spot to do so.

Last weekend a family from Utah took the time to enjoy a relaxing outdoor picnic stop at the Nelimark and then to take the three-hour tour of historic Embarrass farm sites with tour guide Mike Salo. They gathered in the shade at the blue-checked picnic table provided for folks to use on the south lawn of the museum. They enjoyed a leisurely mosquito-free lunch before they set off for the 1 p.m. tour from the Four Corners wayside. Later, they arrived back at the Nelimark to look around, have coffee and visit with us again. This was just one of the several groups that visited us during the Rhubarb Daze weekend. Recently, on another spring day, we met an interesting couple, who spoke limited English, visiting our country from Finland. They were intrigued about the Embarrass community because of its Finnish heritage and background. They made a great effort at communicating details about how their country and the sites and sounds they discovered here in Northern Minnesota were very much alike. It was a valuable time of international sharing.

Stop in and meet the folks who come by. The Nelimark Homestead is open to visitors from everywhere Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 10 to 4 p.m. On Thursdays there is Finn Talk hour, when people who are interested in learning or improving their Finnish meet together over coffee. Friday is bread day and Saturday sets the tone for the weekend. On Friday morning Edgar stopped by for his daily cup of coffee and said, “those people from Finland who stopped by here sure spoke Finnish in a different way. I could hardly understand them. They don’t speak Finnish at all like we do!” Thanks for meeting our visitors, Edgar. See you on Thursday.



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ORR Celebrate July 3rd Fun Day in Orr



by **MELISSA ROACH**
Staff Writer

ORR-Summer is in full swing and Orr is getting ready for the city’s annual July 3rd Fun Day celebration. Early risers can get a pancake breakfast at the American Legion beginning at 7 a.m. and available until 10 a.m. After breakfast from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., the American Legion will also host the craft fair and the Dress Your Teddy Bear Contest at 4 p.m.

If you want to start out with

an activity to get your day going, sign up for the 5K Walk/Run. Registration is from 8 to 8:45 a.m. at the tennis courts, race begins at 9 a.m. The Calvary Lutheran Church will have a basement sale starting at 9 a.m. and going all day until 5 p.m. Baked goods and lunch will also be available.

Don’t miss the Children’s Parade, beginning at 12 noon. Children can dig for \$300 dollars in silver dollars at 4:30 p.m., a bean bag tournament at 5:30 p.m. located at the Orr Muni. All afternoon there

will be food vendors and live music performed by Beefeater Brothers. Make sure to vote on for your favorite tractor for Luke’s Annual Tractor & Joker Show. Other activities include pony rides, petting zoo, bouncy house, free blood pressure check-ups and EKGs. Stop by the Orr Center for the art show and for the grand opening of the library. The thrift shop will be open as well.

Dance the evening away at the Orr Muni street dance with Kutdown and end with the fireworks display over Orr Bay beginning at dusk.

New ownership at assisted living in Tower

TOWER- Vermillion Senior Living, formerly Golden Horizons, is happy to announce the change of ownership and management at their facility in Tower. Vermillion Senior Living is currently owned by Kevin Thoreson, Pete Corniea, Matt Ward and is managed by Partner’s Senior Living Options, based in Royalton, Minn.

Partner’s Senior Living Options (PSLO) is a company that proudly provides support and services for elderly, as well as other adults who need services in home settings throughout rural Minnesota. PSLO has a rich service history with a leadership team that is very active and present throughout their facilities.

Jason Mekalson, Regional Manager for Partner’s Senior Living Options is happy to build on the home atmosphere of the current facility, while bringing Partner’s core



values of “Dignity, Professionalism, Passion, Integrity and Humor” to Vermillion Senior Living’s residents, their families and the facilities team members. Mekalson states “Many times a mission or value statement are simply words that are placed on paper or put into policy documents and that is not the case with our team. I am extremely proud that our core values are experienced daily by our team members and residents in each of our facilities. In fact, if you look at our website you’ll note that ‘we provide all necessary resources and support so that exceptional health care is received by seniors in an environment where

dignity, privacy and quality of care are second to none....cookie cutter is not our style’.” All people and circumstances are truly different. Mekalson adds “...we believe and know that each person’s social history is unique and it’s a passion of mine, as well as our agency, to capture these histories and provide the best individualized care possible. I enjoy the stories and have so much to learn every day and I know that our team members at Vermillion Senior Living embrace this philosophy as well. I’m looking forward to getting to know the people and community of Tower and the Lake Vermillion area and look forward to working with the current staff, residents, and families at Vermillion Senior Living.”

More information is available at www.pslomn.com or stop in to Vermillion Senior Living for a tour.

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.

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.

Saturday features two hours of storytelling and music in the morning. 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 Updegrave from Our Revolution.

Terrence Smith’s Maypole Dance for all

ages takes place at 4:15 p.m. 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.



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Obituaries and Death Notices



William J. "Bill" Evans

William J. "Bill" Evans went to be with his Lord on Friday, June 15, 2018. He passed away peacefully surrounded by his family at home in Blue Grass, Iowa. He was born on February 26, 1945 in Davenport, Iowa, the son of William "Bill" and Doris (Hart) Evans.

Visitation will be at McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home in Bettendorf on Friday, July 6 from 4 to 7 p.m. The Celebration of Life Service will be held on Saturday, July 7 at 11 a.m. at Blue Grass Presbyterian Church with visitation at 10 a.m. prior to the service.

Bill graduated from Davenport High School in 1963 and from St. Ambrose University in 1967. He married Sherry Blair on November 26, 1965. Bill started his career with International Harvester and then worked for 29 years at John Deere plants including The Foundry, Harvester (East Moline) Works, and lastly at John Deere Davenport Works.

Through the years Bill enjoyed many trips to the Boundary Waters. He enjoyed the time with friends and took 26 trips to the Boundary Waters in total. He also enjoyed running 5Ks, a marathon, and a half triathlon. Biking was also a passion of Bill's for many years, including his three-wheeled bike which he acquired most recently.

Following his retirement from John Deere in 1996 he founded New Horizons Consulting. Bill and Sherry moved to Minnesota in 1999 and became co-owners in Blair's Point in Ely. In 2005 Bill became a commissioned lay pastor with the Presbyterian Church.

For seven years Bill was the full time pastor at St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower. He later served for five years as the Chaplain at The Fountains Senior Living Facility in Bettendorf, Iowa. Within his pastoral duties, Bill was honored to officiate many weddings, baptisms and funerals. By founding

the non-profit 2nd Chance Crosses, Bill was able to share the love of Christ around the world through the 170,000 small wooden crosses that were the foundation of the ministry. He lived his love of the Lord!

Bill enjoyed serving others and especially enjoyed community leadership opportunities. He served on the board for Skip Along Day Care Center, The International Bear Center, Ely Bloomenson Nursing Home and Clear Water Forest Camp. He was president of the Rotary Club in Ely and served as Vice Moderator of the Presbytery of Northern Waters. Camp Abe Lincoln named Bill the volunteer of the year.

Those left to honor his memory include his wife of fifty-two years, Sherry; his children, Jenny (Anthony) Stohl of Blue Grass, Iowa, Sarah (Jeff) Lewis of Olathe, Kan., Ann (Mike) McCotter of Green Bay, Wis., and Blair (Courtney) Evans of Blue Grass, Iowa; his grandchildren (those who called him "Papa") Gage McCotter, Erin McCotter, Hannah Lewis, Will Evans and Ben Evans; his siblings Donna (Eugene) Rome of Bettendorf, Iowa, Jack (Sandy) Evans of Donahue, Iowa, Linda (Ed) Held of Waterloo, Iowa, Sara Isaccson of Rogue River, Ore. and Joe Evans of Davenport, Iowa; his brothers-in-law, David Smith of Overland Park, Kan and Chuck (Naomi Behne) Blair of West Des Moines, Iowa; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, great-nieces and nephews and many special friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his uncle John Evans, and his sister-in-law Kathy Blair Smith.

Bill especially enjoyed holding church services in natural settings on the beautiful Minnesota Iron Range. In lieu of flowers, the family is honoring his memory with memorial donations to the Blue Grass Presbyterian Church for the Memorial Outdoor Pavilion. Memorials may be sent to Blue Grass Presbyterian Church 337 W. Lotte St, Blue Grass, IA 52726.

Christie (Lempia) Neale

Christie (Lempia) Neale passed away June 17, 2018 at her home in Gilbert. A private family memorial will be held. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in

Virginia.

Christie was born August 12, 1961 in Winton to Duane and Dolly (Dargontina) Lempia. She graduated from Tower-Soudan High School and lived in Arkansas for a number of years before returning home to Minnesota. Christie was very kind and considerate. She enjoyed crafts and was always looking for a new craft to try out, she also loved shopping, eating out and playing games on her iPad. She had a love of animals and often volunteered at the Humane Society. She especially loved cats. Sincere thank you to NHS-Northstar Specialized Services for her care.

She is survived by her sisters, Jill (Jim) Berg of Vermilion Lake Township and Debbie Hendricks of Tower; brother, Craig (Shelia) Lempia of Pike Township; and her beloved cat, Sasha. She was preceded in death by her parents, Duane and Dolly Lempia, and her brother-in-law, Ron Hendricks.



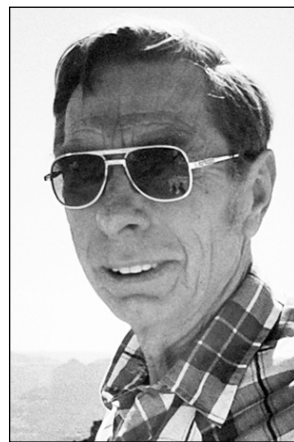
John K. Arbogast

John K. Arbogast, 71, of Lake Vermilion and Mesa, Ariz., passed away on May 25, 2018. A memorial service will be held in John's honor on Friday, June 22 at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Community Presbyterian Church in Virginia, followed by a celebration of life at the Elks Lodge in Virginia.

Born Jan. 25, 1947 in Bloomington, Ill. He was married to Joan C. Rowbottom of Virginia for 52 years. He was a proud member of Local 589. Later, he was honored to serve on the Apprentice Committee of his Local. One of John's greatest joys was coaching Little League and American Legion Baseball. When John retired, he and Joan split their time between Lake Vermilion and Mesa. In Mesa John became a member of the Elks Lodge and organized the Monday Golf League at The Resort Retirement Community.

John is preceded in death by his parents, Paul and Nina Arbogast and his brother Roger Arbogast of Grand Junction,

Colo. He is survived by his wife, Joan; two sons, John W. Arbogast (Mary) of Virginia; Todd M. Arbogast (Christel) of Mesa, Ariz.; four grandchildren, Cory and Amanda Arbogast (Minn.) and Brianna and Emma Arbogast (Ariz.); his brother, Kevin Arbogast and sister Kathi McVern (Rick), both of Grand Junction, Colo. and several nieces and nephews.



George John Luecken

George J. Luecken, 78, of Gheen passed away on Friday, June 15, 2018, at the Cook Hospital.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, June 19 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cook. Visitation will be held on Monday, June 18 from 6-8 p.m. with the prayer vigil at 7:30 p.m. at Mlaker Funeral Home and one hour prior to the service at the church. A luncheon in George's honor will be at St. Mary's social hall, immediately following the service. He will then be interred in St. Bridget's Cemetery in Greaney.

George was born in Beaulieu Twp. in Mahanomen County on July 11, 1939, the son of John and Caroline (Brickzin) Luecken. He moved with his family to Linden Grove Twp. in 1950 and has mostly lived in the area since. He married Mary Ann Hoover on May 6, 1961 in St. Paul.

George was a long-time, well known and well liked self-employed logger. He was also dedicated to his farming. George was an avid outdoorsman; enjoying all types of hunting, fishing, 4-wheeling, and anything in the great outdoors.

He had many good times piloting his own plane from the airstrip on his property. He cherished time spent with his grandchildren.

He is survived by his children: Donny (Becky) Luecken and Carol (David) Udovich; five brothers: Robert (Gloria) Luecken, Clarence (Virginia) Luecken, Ronald (Gloria)

Luecken, Richard (Jody) Luecken, and Jack (Donna) Luecken; four sisters: Florence Wefel, Mildred (William) Anderson, Janice (Rusty) Wagner and Joann (Ron Plante) Lindholm; four grandchildren: Steven and Derek Udovich, Cassandra Luecken and Michaela Luecken; three great-grandchildren, Danika, Elizabeth, and Jack Udovich; along with numerous nieces, nephews and many friends.

George is preceded in death by his parents; wife Mary Ann in 2008; a son, Christopher in 2006; and a grandson, Jeremy in 2016.

Terrence P. Horrigan M.D.

Terrence P. Horrigan M.D., age 77, passed away June 8, 2018 at his home in Stacy, Minnesota.

As per his wishes, no services will be held. A private burial will take place in Virginia. Cremation Society of Minnesota 612-825-2435

He is survived by his wife of nearly 53 years, Diana, and their three children, Jessica Bittance (J.C.), Brian (Gretchen) and Patrick (Sarah); grandchildren Ethan, Hannah, Levi, Madeline, Noah, Sarah, and Zelodine; and a brother John (Marilyn).



Edward "Eddy" Anthony Tezak Jr.

Edward "Eddy" Anthony Tezak, Jr., 71, of Duluth passed away suddenly in his home on Tuesday, June 5, 2018. A visitation was held on June 13 and 14 in Dougherty Funeral Home Chapel and the Memorial Mass was held on Thursday, June 14 at the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary Church, 2801 E 4th St., Duluth. Military honors were accorded by the Duluth Combined Honor Guard. Inurnment will be in Park Hill Cemetery. Arrangements by Dougherty Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 25, 1947 in Duluth to Edward and Christine (Koprivnik) Tezak and was raised in Ely. He was drafted into the US Army and served in the Vietnam Era. He married Linda Johnson July 26, 1967 in Tower. Eddy was employed as an electronic technician with MN Power for 38 years,

retiring in 2012.

Eddy was a member of the Cathedral of Our Lady of the Rosary, American Legion Post #71, IBEW Union and served as the union steward previously. His passion was his family. In his free time he enjoyed fishing and spending time at the cabin on Lake Vermillion with his family and friends.

Eddy was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Patrick and his daughter, Sheila Tezak. Survivors include his wife, Linda; son, James (Tracy) of Duluth; grandchildren, Easton, Breanna and Sydney; great grandchildren, Aidan and Silas; siblings, Kathleen Tezak of Ely; Mary Lou (Charles) Lina of Hibbing; Patricia (Gary) Doyle of Santa Rosa, Calif; Michael (Marla) Tezak of Ely and Monica (Mike) Bonderson of Nashwauk; sisters-in-law, Cecelia (Peter) Prijatel and Jeri (Skip) Dickinson; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Dale C. Hegfors

Dale C. Hegfors, 70, of Ely, lost a courageous four-year battle with melanoma. Memorial services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, June 23 at First Presbyterian Church in Ely, with fellowship at 12:30 p.m. and following the service. In lieu of flowers, please support Jeremy Hegfors as he rides to support Minnesota cancer research in Dale's honor. Go to <https://chainbreakerride.org/ride/1144>.

He is survived by his siblings, Claire (Chester) Dryke, Lee (Barb) Hegfors and Carrie (Al) Knuutt; nieces, Danielle Dryke and Kim (Ty) Lerum; nephew, Jeremy Hegfors; several cousins; and his really wonderful friends.

Gordon C. Johnson

Gordon Charles Johnson, 82, of Lake Worth, Fla., formerly of Embarrass, passed away on Friday, Dec. 15, 2017, at the Finnish-American Village. Gordon got home for Christmas and received his 2017 Christmas present early...eternal life in Heaven with God and his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. A memorial service will be held at the Embarrass Apostolic Lutheran Church, 5103 Hwy. 21, on Saturday, June 23 at noon with a lunch to follow at the Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Rd.

He is survived by two sisters-in-law; many nieces and nephews; friends of the hiking world; and numerous brothers and sisters in faith.



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Ely will celebrate canoes – past and present

ELY – The 6th Annual Upper Great Lakes Regional Assembly of the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association will gather in the Ely area this summer. The event, sponsored by the Minnesota Canoe Museum, will be held Aug. 24-26.

A weekend of activities celebrating canoes and canoeing will be held at YMCA Camp Widjiwagan on Burntside Lake in special honor of canoes built by and the legacy of Joe Seliga.

- Activities will include:
- Canoeing film festival;
 - Classic canoe and boat show;
 - Paddling demonstrations;
 - Paddle-making and canoe building workshops;
 - Excursions to the neighboring Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness;
 - Canoe races;
 - On-the-water activities for young and old;
 - Gathering around the campfire and swapping stories;
 - Live canoeing-inspired music;
 - Canoe related vendors.

On Friday Aug. 24, events will be held at Semer’s Beach in Ely. This is a city park with facilities and a grassy area with sand beach. There is a dock and a swimming area as well as ample shore for launching canoes. This will be a relaxed venue with on-water activities and on-shore displays. Lodging and meals will be available at YMCA Camp Widjiwagan (to register visit ymcamn.org/camps/camp_widjiwagan).

Further information on the event can be found at the Minnesota Canoe Museum site (minnesotacanoemuseum.org).

For vendor space or questions call Alex Comb, Stewart River Boatworks (stewartriver.com or 218-834-2506).

Tower-Soudan drinking water meets standards

TOWER-SOUDAN- The 2017 Drinking Water Reports for Tower and Soudan are now available. The drinking water in Tower-Soudan is tested for more than 100 contaminants. This year’s report showed no violations, said Wastewater Manager Matt Tuchel.

Latest testing also showed that levels of Trihalomethanes, which had tested above the EPA limit previously, are now back below action levels. Though some of the range of test results were close to EPA limits, the trend has been downward, Tuchel said. These chemicals are a byproduct of the disinfectant process such as the addition of chlorine to the water supply.

The report did note that during the year, the wastewater board had failed to provide lead and copper testing results to the people served by the specific sites tested in Soudan. Test results were provided late. The testing showed no homes with high levels of either of these contaminants, which are found in the water supply as a result of corrosion of household plumbing.

TOWER Construction to begin on Lamppa building

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- The city of Tower is set to begin construction on the new building for Lamppa Manufacturing’s expansion. The TEDA Board heard an update from Tower City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith at their meeting on June 14. Lenci Construction was the apparent low bidder, Keith said, and Hoover Construction was expected to begin the site preparation work as soon as the notice to proceed is received, which was expected on June 22.

TEDA again wrestled with the issue of funding for the vapor study needed on the old Classy Cars building owned by Ron Abrahamson Sr. While the property never opened as a gas station, the interior of the building was historically used for car repair work, and there are concerns there could have been leakage of oils or hydraulic fluids.

“The buyer needs to have a better understanding of what would need

to be done if there is an issue,” said TEDA President Steve Peterson Sr. “The buyer knows the value of the property but doesn’t know the cost of any cleanup.”

TEDA member Joan Broten said the owner of the building, her father, is reluctant to take out a loan to fund a study, prior to a sale. The estimated cost for the study is \$2,200, she said.

“The building has been vacant for 26 years,” Broten said. “I can’t believe there would be any vapors left!”

The potential buyer for the building was planning on constructing apartments on the second floor, which is why the monitoring would be required.

The TEDA board discussed some options for funding the study, including a loan to the owner which would be repaid at the time the building is sold. They will also look into any possible grant funding. Broten said she had a second meeting with the company that could perform the testing and the cost estimate for the

project, if removal of concrete was required, would be around \$10,000, which was much lower than initial projections.

TEDA passed a resolution to act as the fiscal agent for the upcoming roof project at the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center. The LVCC received an IRRRB grant to help fund the construction of a new roof over the historic building. While the LVCC had written the grant, the IRRRB was requiring TEDA to act as fiscal agent for the grant.

Keith said the city is working on getting the new welcome sign installed. The Main Street Committee is working on ideas for new planters on the triangle across the street from the Civic Center, as well as landscaping options for the sidewalk trees on Main Street. They are hoping to remove the wooden bases around the trees and bring the soil level with the sidewalk.

The board accepted a resignation, with regret, from member Victoria Meloche.

NORTHEAST RANGE



Back (from left): Coach Todd Aho, Brett Rosendahl, Austin Erickson, Zach Anderson, Christian Cersine, Marshall Backe, Quintin Pecha, Brody Anderson, Coach Joe Scherer. Front: Managers Melissa Nelmark, Sadie Theel, Carl Sunblad, Jackson Levens, Isaac Hendrickson, Hunter Shenett, Caleb Berry, RJ Bielejeski, TJ Vogh. submitted photo

2018 Nighthawks Baseball Team finishes up season

BABBITT- Despite the weather challenges this season, the team had plenty of successes. The team advanced to the second round in the playoffs for the second year in a row.

Senior Zach Anderson was voted All Conference and named to the Section 7A All North Team. Senior Brett Rosendahl was also named to the Section 7A All North Team.

The team would like to thank the families and businesses that support our program: Zups-Tower and Babbitt; Embarrass Vermilion Credit Union; Kell’s Kitchen; Viking-

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RACE INFORMATION
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OUTDOOR READING

Book explores life and history in the Northland

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— What is it that makes the Northland special? That’s one of the questions that writer and author Porter Fox explores in his new book, *Northland, a 4,000-Mile Journey Along America’s Forgotten Border*, published by Norton. It’s an in-depth exploration of the history, the culture, and traditions of those hardy

Americans who populate the border country that runs along the longest international boundary on the planet, at over 5,500 miles. With just 69 miles of the border considered “controlled” by law enforcement, it is also the longest undefended border on Earth. Few places are harder to defend, of course, than the nearly 200-miles of roadless borderland stretching from Grand Portage to International Falls, and a trip to

the Boundary Waters was part of Fox’s three-year odyssey exploring the border from Maine to Washington. In fact, Fox found plenty to write about during his time in northern Minnesota, devoting 32 pages to the region, including his visit to Crane Lake and his canoe trip with Paul and Sue Schurke, of Ely. He also visited the Northwest Angle, on Lake of the Woods, that accident of history, which Fox explains in

some detail. Fortwohundred years, notes Fox, “the northern border was America’s principle boundary,” even though for much of that time, it’s actual location was never quite certain. America’s history and relations with Great Britain and Canada were once central to U.S. foreign affairs, which kept the region central to America’s economy. See **BOOKS...**pg. 7B

Wildflower Watch

This week’s featured flower
BLUE FLAG IRIS



This is a common wildflower that most people in our area probably know, but it’s still one of our most spectacular. The **Blue Flag Iris**, *Iris versicolor*, likes wet feet and can be found anywhere from roadside ditches to lakeshore, to swamps and marshes. The plants are familiar to anyone who grows the slightly-domesticated varieties of this species in their gardens. Their stiff, blade-like leaves stand 1-3 feet high and the showy blue flower can spread four inches across. Watch for them now through the end of the month.

Fishing reports

Kab-Nam area

Walleye fishing continues to be good, but we are seeing some changes as we have moved into a more summer-like pattern with fish more frequently being found on reefs. That being said, jigs and minnows are still turning fish, but split shot rigs tipped with a leech or half crawler are starting to be more productive off the edges of the mid-lake reefs. Soft bottom areas are still your go to when looking for active fish as the first mayfly hatch of the season seems to be upon us. It isn’t your sweep the steps off kind of hatch, but many fish are coming in with mayfly larvae in their bellies. If you can find these areas that are windblown, you are almost certain to find actively feeding fish. As water temps start to creep up into the 70s, the reefs should continue to improve. As usual, northern pike are being caught with regularity casting shorelines with just about anything. Smallmouth bass are extremely active right now. Casting shorelines with Mepps spinners or using a split shot rig tipped with a leech or shiner along weed lines has been very productive. Finally, the bonus jumbo perch are beginning to show up while fishing for walleyes. It had been slow, but they have been more active recently, possibly due to the recent bug hatch. Courtesy Gateway General Store, Lake Kabetogama



SPECIES PROFILE

Kings of the North Country

The eastern kingbird used to reign over every beaver pond. Now they’re hard to find

It used to be that every beaver pond in the North Country had its petty dictator— and it wasn’t a beaver. These days, eastern kingbirds are a lot tougher to find, but their will to dominate remains unchanged and it’s summed up well in their scientific name, *Tyrannus tyrannus*. Despite being exceedingly bossy, I can’t help but like these noisy, nearly robin-sized flycatchers, which are members of a group of similar species known collectively as the tyrant flycatchers. A number of members of this group of flycatchers appear to be experiencing population declines, and that’s certainly been the case with the eastern kingbird. Sighting one of these used to be a regular occurrence in our area a quarter century ago, when it seemed virtually every beaver pond was ruled by one of them. These days, they’re few and far between, so I was surprised to see that one had recently taken up residence at our nearby beaver pond. I had walked over the other day to see what was happening, and there he was, ruling the roost. Kingbirds certainly earn their reputations. They seem to have no fear when it comes to telling other birds who’s in charge. They routinely chase off much larger birds, even hawks, that happen to fly over their territory and they’ve been known to knock other birds off their perches at times. Like most kings, kingbirds actually

Above: An eastern kingbird sounds off from his perch at the beaver pond.
Right: The dramatic black and white plumage of the eastern kingbird makes this bird easy to identify.
photos by M. Helmberger

do have a crown, though it’s rarely seen, except when they’re attacking one of their “subjects.” The crown consists of a patch of colorful feathers on the top of their heads, which can range from yellow to red. The insides of their beaks are reddish as well, and they often gape open their mouths and extend their crown when attacking another bird, no doubt presenting a somewhat fearsome visage. While it’s not universal, in my experience, kingbirds in our region are tied very closely to water, which is undoubtedly beneficial for a bird that relies on flying insects for sustenance in the summer. While they seem to strongly prefer beaver ponds in the North Country, they have an immense summer range and undoubtedly use a wide variety of habitats for nesting elsewhere. Despite its name, the eastern kingbird is not confined to the eastern portions of the U.S. In fact, it can be found in all but the desert southwest and Pacific Coast in the U.S. and ranges as far to the northwest as Great Slave Lake in northern Canada. Despite its fearsome reputation on its



summer territory, the eastern kingbird is a mild-mannered fruit eater on its wintering range in the Amazon. While aggressively territorial on their nesting grounds, they’re gregarious in winter, spending most of their time in loose flocks moving through the rain forest. As I mentioned, this is a species that is declining in population, although it’s not clear why. It certainly isn’t from a shortage of beaver ponds in our region. Beaver have proliferated as demand for fur is at an all-time low and the evidence of their activity is everywhere in the North

See **KINGBIRDS...**pg. 7B



MARSHALL HELMBERGER



Reader Steve Wilson, of Tower, sent out a valuable warning this week.

“We’ve all heard of cell phone use causing distracted driving accidents. Less known is the danger posed by obsessive cell phone use in other situations. Here is a good recent example: Distracted Sitting, causing the woman (my wife) in our front yard to experience a profound lack of situational awareness.”

Steve Wilson

Fishing reports

Ely area

Anglers in the area are still managing some impressive catches these days. Many of the walleyes being caught are still coming from relatively shallow water and this trend may continue for some time. Minnows have taken a back seat to leeches and crawlers, in the realm of live bait preferences, but some anglers are doing well with plastic offerings too. Whether it be crank baits slow trolled, or soft plastics jigged down a rocky point, the results remain the same. There still are a few fish out there willing to be caught.

Crappie fishermen are having some success right now, but the action seems to be just building. As weed cover becomes more. Some

anglers are trolling safety pin type spinners with a jig and soft plastic tail or small crank baits to locate the pods of crappies. You can then work them over until the school moves on.

Lake trout trollers have been scoring as well on Burntside Lake. Lakers up to ten pounds or better are nailing spoons and crank baits. The lake hasn’t heated up yet, so many of the fish are patrolling water in the thirty foot range. Downriggers are nice, but you really aren’t out of the game without one. There are many rigging techniques to get you down “in the zone” such as in-line weights, or Dipsy and Jet divers.

Courtesy of Babe’s Bait at Ely’s west entrance.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST from NOAA weather

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Country.

Most likely, the kingbird is suffering from habitat loss in the Amazon as well as the effects of the proliferating number of human-erected hazards along their traditional flyway through Central America. Every window, cell tower, or any kind of structure that

humans erect becomes a potential hazard to wild birds. Add to that the millions of cats that humans keep as pets but allow to roam free as bird killing machines, and it’s remarkable that every bird species isn’t in serious decline. But even as some manage to negotiate our increasingly human-impact world,

others haven’t been so successful. Kingbirds aren’t threatened with extinction, at least not yet. But their decline has been documented and if it continues, the sight of these feisty little autocrats riding herd over a North Country beaver pond could someday be a distant memory. And that would be a shame.

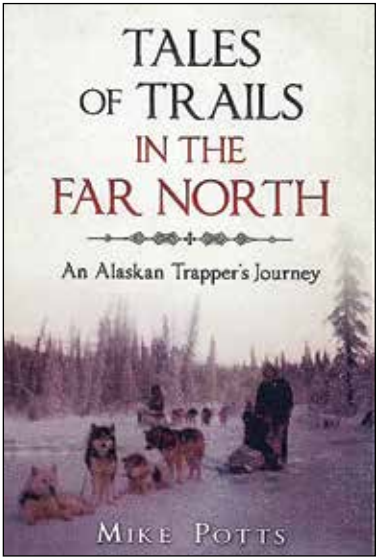
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But in recent years, Fox contends, America has largely forgotten its northern border country, as the southern border has grown in importance. “Northlanders have little interest in the rest of the Union, and the rest of the Union has little interest in its northern fringe,” he writes.

One thing that much of the Northland shares as well is a general hollowing-out of the population, as the nation’s population has shifted to the Sun Belt. From northern Maine to the Upper Peninsula, to the Iron Range or the disappearing main streets on the northern Great Plains, communities in the border country have increasingly struggled to find relevance in a country that is rapidly changing both culturally and economically. It’s mostly ethnic enclaves, of Scandinavians, Finns, and northern Europeans, mixed with large numbers of Native Americans who still hold fast to the Northland.

Fox, who grew up the son of a boat-builder in Maine’s northland, packs his narrative with colorful characters and extraordinary landscapes, weaving in his encounters with residents, border guards, Indian activists, and militia leaders to give

a dynamic portrait of the northland today. It’s an interesting story, full of many details likely to intrigue the history buffs among us. The hardcover version is available from Amazon for \$26.95.



Tales of Trails in the Far North

This is the first book by self-published author and Lake Vermilion seasonal resident Mike Potts, who spent nearly two decades

in and around Eagle, Alaska, where he ran a trapline during most of those years. It was a true type of freedom, writes Potts, and a way of life that no longer exists.

Subtitled “An Alaskan Trapper’s Journey,” Potts devotes most of his writing to life on the trapline. It’s a collection of short stories, really, written over the course of twenty years, and assembled into book form. It’s a straightforward telling that provides insights into the set-up and operation of a trapline and glimpses into the life of those rugged individuals who once chose this occupation.

While he eventually left Alaska, Potts never fully made it back to civilization, living in other remote places, like Mongolia and Wyoming. He now spends summers on an island in Lake Vermilion and winters in Arizona, apparently having experienced his fill of 40-below zero during his time in the far north.

It’s not fine literature, but it’s real and it is sure to interest those who long to know more about life on the trail in the Alaskan bush.

It’s available on Amazon for \$12.95 and is available locally at Jeanne’s Card and Gifts in Tower.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

ORR CITY COUNCIL
MINUTES OF
REGULAR MEETING
MAY 14, 2018

Mayor Joel Astleford called the Regular Meeting of the Orr City Council to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Mayor
Joel Astleford
Councilor Lloyd Scott
Councilor Tom Kennebeck
Councilor Bruce Black
Councilor Ericka Cote

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Cheri Carter; Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch; Assistant Maintenance Rocky Hoffman; Liquor Store Manager Charles Nieman; Shawn Franklin, Orr Carefree Living; and Melissa Roach, Timberjay.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Public Hearing and Regular Meeting of April 9, 2018; and expenditures in the amount of \$92,059.48. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Shawn Franklin with Orr Carefree Living was present to get ideas and input from the council on how they can better support the community. They are also open to suggestions for other ways in which the Orr Carefree Living could bet-

NOTICE OF
POSTPONEMENT OF
SHERIFF'S EXECUTION
SALE OF REAL
PROPERTY

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

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

ter utilize the entire building. Many of their facilities in the region are filled at half of their capacity.

Sandy Wardas, on behalf of the Orr Chamber of Commerce, has requested use of the hockey shack for the July 3rd 5K Run. She also asked if the Community Center (former Legion Building) would be open during the July 3rd Fun Day for the public. Motion by Bruce Black, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve the Orr Chamber's request to use the hockey shack. A determination will be made closer to July 3rd on whether to open the Community Center building. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve the 2017 Leiding Cemetery Report and payment of 2018 dues in the amount of \$1,000. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Tom Kennebeck, to appoint Joel Astleford and Ericka Cote to the Community Center Committee; and Joel Astleford, Bruce Black and Cheri Carter to the Hiring Committee for the Deputy Clerk position. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve 2018 FAA entitlement fund transfer to Mahnomon County Airport in the amount of \$100,000 with repayment in 2021. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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

Which said Execution has to the Sheriff of St. Louis County been duly directed and delivered, said Sheriff has levied upon and will set

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Ericka Cote, to approve payment to Nardini Fire Equipment in the amount of \$1,427.30 for hydrostatic testing of the fire suppression system in order bring it up to code; and invoice from Biss Lock to change locks and make six uncopyable keys. These are unbudgeted expenses but are necessary in order to bring the system up to state code to be able to rent and operate the building as a community center. The City will realize savings in payroll expenses in 2018 to cover these costs. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote, to approve request from Fire Chief Dallas Johnson to apply for an AFG grant for a new tender truck. Approximate cost to Fire Department would be \$15,000 to \$18,000, and would be included in the 2019 budget. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Bruce Black, to approve building permit for Jeremy Wright for an addition of a deck to the back of his house. The proposed deck is in compliance with City of Orr Zoning Ordinances. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

An application for a building permit and variance request was received from Fred and Dana Erkilla to build a garage on their property. Tabled until June meeting to allow for notice requirements to conduct a Public Hearing and notifica-

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 herein-after legally described on the 19th day of January, 2016, that being the date of rendition of said judgment or any interest therein which said Defendant/Judgment Debtor Kurt Grotenhuis has since that day acquired the legal description of the real property being as follows, to wit:

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

tion of surrounding property owners.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote, to approve Resolution 2018-04 Government Sponsorship of the Voyageur Snowmobiling Trail Maintained by the Voyageur Trail Society, Inc., in Accordance with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Grant-In-Aid Grooming Snowmobile Trail Program. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The Floyd Saatela family is interested in selling their vacant lots on Lake Street. They have contacted the City to see if it is interested in purchasing for a possible site for a city emergency services center. Tabled to allow fire and ambulance departments to discuss their needs, and meet with the Saatela family.

The Ambulance Service met on April 19, 2018, and recommended minor changes to the guidelines adopted on March 20, 2018. Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve proposed changes. Any ambulance personnel not agreeing to abide by the adopted policies by May 17, 2018, will be removed from active employment with the ambulance on that date. All future changes will be made by amendment and presented to the council for approval. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve Resolution No. 2018-03 Authorizing the City of Orr

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

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

Ross Litman
Sheriff, St. Louis County
Dated: June 6th, 2018
By: /s/ Dave Rolland
Deputy Sheriff (Signature)
Lieutenant Dave Rolland
Deputy Sheriff (Printed)

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June 8, 15, 22, 29,
July 6 & 13, 2018

to Make Application to and Accept Funds from IRRRB Community Infrastructure Grant Program for King Road and Pine Drive. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM
DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Liquor Store: Liquor Store Manager Chet Nieman reported sales are comparable to this time last year. The smoking deck and front of the building will be in need of pressure washing and new stain.

Water and Sewer: Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch reported they are working on winter clean up and getting ready for spring and summer projects. The city docks at the boat landing and park are in poor condition and will need repair and maintenance. Mayor Astleford congratulated Paul on receiving the Operator's Water Award Recipient from the MPCA.

Airport: Airport Manager

Rocky Hoffman reported a fuel inventory of 1,397 gallons of 100LL and 840 gallons of Jet A. Business has been picking up. Jeff Purdy has fixed the hose rewind on the 100LL pump.

Ambulance: The Ambulance Service is sponsoring a First Responder class starting May 14, 2018. There are 13 people signed up. The Cook Hospital will reimburse the ambulance service for a portion of the instructor cost. The next ambulance meeting is May 17, 2018.

Fire Department: No report.

Library: Tom Kennebeck reported the library is in the process of being moved to the ORR Center. The lap top computer will be returned to City Hall. The ORR Center will take responsibility for moving the library banner from Old City Hall to their building.

Tourist Information Center: It is starting to get busy with tourists stopping for informa-

tion.

Comments from Visitors: None.

Comments from Mayor/Council: The city's auditors will be on site to conduct the annual audit the week of May 29th. The council was encouraged to stop by and discuss any concerns or questions they have with the auditors.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote, to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Joel Astleford, Mayor
Cheri J. Carter, Clerk/
Treasurer

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June 22, 2018

Advertisement for Bids
Mesabi Trail – Highway 135 to Embarrass Phase 1
St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Rail Authority
SEH No. REGRA 133733

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:

Item	Unit	Quantity
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Aggregate Base (CV) Class 5	CU YD	1,934
Type SP 12.5 Wearing Course Mixture	TON	1,433
Bridge Rehabilitation	LUMP SUM	1
Floating Bridge	LIN FT	4,760
Wire Fence Design 48-9322	LIN FT	1,925

Bids shall be on the form provided for that purpose and according to the Bidding Requirements prepared by Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®) dated June 8, 2018.

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"IF THE SHOE FITS ..."

ACROSS

- 1 Gillette razor brand
- 5 Sled in the Olympics
- 9 "Hey, you over there"
- 13 Sermon deliverer
- 19 Debuted
- 21 Choral voice
- 22 Like a lie
- 23 Car riders' jolters, to a shoe collector?
- 25 Buccaneer
- 26 Kingly name of Norway
- 27 IRS money
- 28 Highly eager
- 30 Paradigm
- 31 Rakish sort
- 33 Treasure hunters, to a shoe collector?
- 36 Everybody
- 37 Part of ENT
- 39 Direct (to)
- 40 Hot-rod rods
- 41 "I'm Walkin" singer, to a shoe collector?
- 44 Week- — glance
- 45 Tree with samaras
- 48 More neat
- 49 Suffix with lyric

- 50 Covertly add to an email
- 52 One of the Brady girls
- 55 Not veiled
- 56 Nametags, e.g.
- 58 Blend on high, maybe
- 60 They may be irregular
- 61 What Romeo and Juliet were, to a shoe collector?
- 66 Not cooked
- 69 Itty-bitty
- 70 Put on — (fake it)
- 71 506, in old Rome
- 72 "Kwon do" or "Bo" lead-in
- 73 Fleeting, to a shoe collector?
- 78 Quarterback Kyle
- 79 Pivots on an axis
- 80 The "A" of ETA: Abbr.
- 81 Title girl in a J.D. Salinger story
- 85 Jenny Craig patron
- 87 Antiquated
- 88 Midpoint: Abbr.
- 90 Slacks off

- 92 Ending for mountain
- 93 Amazed feeling
- 95 Snoring, to a shoe collector?
- 97 LaBelle or LuPone
- 100 "— the Champions"
- 102 Big U.K. lexicon
- 103 Comic Charlotte
- 104 Emerson's metaphor for art, to a shoe collector?
- 108 "... that try — souls"
- 109 Chef Ducasse
- 110 Brooches
- 111 Plains native
- 112 Slant
- 114 Ad-lib
- 116 Some cooked taters and peppers, to a shoe collector?
- 121 Book after Nehemiah
- 122 One-named New Ager
- 123 Threatening like a lion
- 124 "— Rides Again" (1939 film)

- 125 Lip off to
- 126 Be in a choir
- 127 Picnic intruders
- DOWN**
- 1 iPad buy
- 2 —TV ("Fake Off" channel)
- 3 Mayonnaise-based sauce
- 4 Enough
- 5 1970s teen idol Garrett
- 6 Vase type
- 7 Bother
- 8 "The Rock" actor
- 9 Just average
- 10 Everett of Hollywood
- 11 Old veteran
- 12 Hubbubs
- 13 Baby
- 77-Down
- 14 Brutish sort
- 15 Golfer's hit
- 16 Business' hush-hush technique
- 17 Peripheral
- 18 Film vault items
- 20 "Life — bowl of cherries"
- 24 Scope
- 29 Biting insect
- 31 Pool inflatables
- 32 Col. North, familiarly

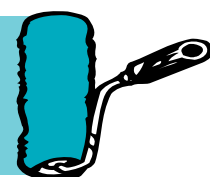
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- 44 Got 100% on
- 46 Zodiac sign
- 47 Billiards shot
- 50 Anheuser- —
- 51 Minos' island
- 53 Benefit
- 54 Court arbiter
- 57 Bottom-of-barrel stuff
- 58 H.S. junior's hurdle
- 59 Village VIP
- 62 Bakery string
- 63 French painter Dufy
- 64 One way to turn right
- 65 Too old to qualify
- 66 — Island (U.S. state)
- 67 Condor nest
- 68 Aquatic flora
- 74 Colon half
- 75 Big ice mass
- 76 Mata —

- 77 Barking sea creature
- 82 "Yes, we're open," e.g.
- 83 Actress Mullally
- 84 Dangerous curves
- 86 Fixed charge
- 88 Dangling enticement
- 89 Noisy birds
- 91 Three past A
- 94 Bit of hair
- 95 Used a chair
- 96 Anti votes
- 98 Deplane, e.g.
- 99 More eensy
- 100 Ryder of "Mermaids"
- 101 Pieces from pundits
- 104 Was gabby
- 105 Beethoven title name
- 106 Gets stuck in the mud
- 107 "Likewise"
- 108 — Carta
- 112 Big ice mass
- 113 Despot Amin
- 115 Hear legally
- 117 Swedish carrier
- 118 Pasty-looking
- 119 Dine
- 120 Relatives of aves.

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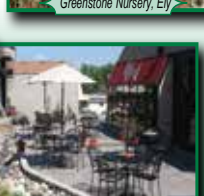


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