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## TRANSPORTATION

# A new road with a view

## Highway 169 project nears the finish line

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

EAGLES NEST TWP – A parade of cars was escorted on the newly constructed six-mile portion of Highway 169 last week. The sneak preview was the much-anticipated conclusion to a ribbon-cutting event ceremoniously held to signify the completion of the 21-year battle to improve the highway between Ely and Tower.

The new section was

opened to traffic earlier this week as final paving and striping are completed over the next couple of weeks.

As stakeholders and local residents gathered at Eagles Nest Town Hall for the last update meeting conducted by Minnesota Department of Transportation officials, one reaction seemed to be repeated over and over, “Wow, what a view.”

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Vehicles were escorted on the new section of Highway 169 between Six Mile Road and Eagles Nest last Thursday following a ribbon-cutting ceremony dedicating the road improvement project that took more than two decades to complete. photo by K. Vandervort

# Celebrate the 4<sup>th</sup>



## ELY

ELY – The Ely Patriotic Choir kicks off the Fourth of July celebration here on Sunday, July 1 with a concert in the Washington School Auditorium, beginning at 2 p.m. The choir and orchestra are under the direction of school band director Sarah Mason. The event is free and open to the public.

The party continues on Wednesday with many activities centered around the traditional parade, which begins at 1 p.m.

A fun run, pancake breakfast, family picnic with games, a concert, and other activities will fill Whiteside

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## ORR

ORR-Summer is in full swing and Orr is getting ready for the city’s annual July 3rd Fun Day celebration. Earlier 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

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## TOWER

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

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## SULFIDE MINING

# More lawsuits filed against Twin Metals mineral leases

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

WASHINGTON—The lawsuits against the Trump administration’s restoration of mineral leases for the Twin Metals project piled up this week as four more organizations filed two separate lawsuits challenging the legitimacy of the decision.

Friends of the Boundary Waters, a long-standing environmental advocacy group in Minnesota, filed its lawsuit in federal district court in Washington, D.C. on Monday. Also on Monday, the Wilderness Society, Izaak Walton League, and the Center for Biological Diversity filed a similar lawsuit in the same federal court.

The latest lawsuits come on the heels of a legal challenge filed late last week by Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness and nine Minnesota businesses. The lawsuits make similar arguments and are likely to be consolidated by the court in the weeks to come.

Twin Metals spokesperson Bob McFarlin said the company is currently reviewing the latest legal filings. “Twin Metals firmly believes there is no basis for a court to disturb the reinstatement of the leases, and will take appropriate steps to defend the government’s actions,” McFarlin stated.

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 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, issued an

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## Ely Patriotic Choir concert July 1

ELY- On Sunday, July 1 at 2 p.m. in the Ely Washington School Auditorium the choir and orchestra, under the direction of Sarah Mason, will perform their seventh annual Pre-Fourth of July concert. This concert is free to the public.

## Vermilion Dream Quilters annual potluck July 12

TOWER- Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet on Thursday, July 12 at Linda B's for our annual potluck. Arrive any time after 3 p.m. for a very nice, relaxed gathering. Show and tell is encouraged. If you missed the sign-up at the last meeting, bring whatever you'd like and feel free to join us. Since parking is somewhat limited, please plan to carpool if possible.

The Vermilion Dream Quilters is a guild with members from throughout the Iron Range and Arrowhead Region and is open to anyone interested in quilting and creative sewing. Members encourage and instruct each other and share tips. Guests and visitors are welcome. For more information, please contact Corrine Hill at 218-753-4600.

## Call for artists for annual juried art show at the Lyric Center for the Arts

VIRGINIA- The annual juried Iron Range Exhibit at the First Stage Gallery will begin soon; the deadline to enter this exhibit is July 7.

Join us as we celebrate through art, what the Lyric Center values most about the Iron Range, during the month of August. Work, play, everyday - this is a chance for the Lyric Center to show what we've got to offer. Work can be 2D or 3D.

To enter, please submit a written narrative about your artwork, please include whether the work has been exhibited at another venue (where and when) and whether the work will be for sale with approximate price points. Please include artist statements, artist biography, and digital images of the piece of artwork. If it's a work in progress, send 6-8 images that are representative of the exhibition proposal. Please label images in this format: ArtistName-Title-Size-YearCompleted.jpg.

There is an entry fee of \$5 for each proposed image, paid at <https://squareup.com/store/the-first-stage-gallery>.

Proposals submitted electronically are preferred and can be sent to [firststagegallery@gmail.com](mailto:firststagegallery@gmail.com). Deadline is July 7.

## Summer six-week grief support group

ELY- Experiencing the death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. Learning about the grieving process and having support from others can help a great deal. Please consider reserving your spot to participate in this six-week grief support group. It is open to anyone in our area who has experienced the death of a loved one.

The group will meet Wednesdays from 2 - 4 p.m., July 11, 18; Aug. 1, 8, 15, 22 at the Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital, Conference Room B, 328 W Conan St., Ely.

There is no cost for these groups. The group will be facilitated by Catherine Burt, LSW, East Range Hospice Family Grief Support Services and Linda O'Neill DeRemee, LGSW.

Please register by Friday, July 6 by calling 1-877-851-2213 or 218-749-7975. This group is sponsored by Essentia Health St. Mary's East Range Hospice.

## Eagles Nest Annual Picnic and Barbeque on June 30

EAGLES NEST TWP- Eagles Nest Township Lakes Association invites all to the annual picnic and barbeque on Saturday, June 30 at noon at the Eagles Nest Town Hall. Please bring your own tableware and a dish to pass. Barbeque chicken, lemonade, and coffee will be provided. Please call Bud at 218-365-2331 with any questions.

## DULUTH

## Niiyo-wiij-Anishinaabeg (Four Friends) show opening at Duluth Art Institute on June 29



Joe Geshick (1943-2009), sketch for *The Feeding of the Spirit*, ink and graphite on paper, 9" x 14", ca. 2000, Geshick Family Collection.

DULUTH- The Duluth Art Institute, St. Louis County Historical Society, and Historic Union Depot Corporation are privileged to showcase over fifty pivotal works by three prolific artists, Carl Gawboy, George Morrison and Joe Geshick. Each has had a profound impact on contemporary art and how each reflects and celebrates Anishinaabe life. Niiyo-wiij-Anishinaabeg (Four Friends) celebrates the individual's journey, including the viewer, the fourth friend. As you explore each unique piece, you are invited to reflect on your path as you experience wijiwaagan (traveling with friends together).

You are invited to attend an opening reception on Friday, June 29 from 5 - 9 p.m. A closing reception will take place on Tuesday, July 24

from 6 - 8 p.m. to include a larger program with a pipe ceremony, feast, speakers, and presentation of gifts, in the Great Hall in the Depot at 506 W Michigan St. in Duluth.

Niiyo-wiij-anishinaabeg is from Anishinaabemowin and is closely translated into "Four Friends." The four friends include the three artists and a space holder for you, the viewer to become a part of the relationship the artists all have in common, creating art to build community and relationships among humanity.

Niiyo-wiij-anishinaabeg will include sketches by Joe Geshick and George Morrison as the blueprints for what would become their master works and signature styles. Carl Gawboy will include eight new works on paper that storyboard the artist's first major book project

which will be released this fall. These three prolific Anishinaabe artists have never been shown together before.

The three men have a long history together as artists and friends. Their work represents a true shift in contemporary art that forged the pathway for today's Anishinaabe artists.

The small opening reception on June 29 will include a ceremony to welcome the art, recognize the land and thank the artists and their families for bringing together the Anishinaabe community. The opening reception begins at 5 p.m. in conjunction with the Downtown Duluth Art Walk.

The exhibition was curated by Jason Pearson, Curator at The Duluth Art Institute.

## INTERNATIONAL FALLS

## U.S. to face off against Canada in Int'l Tug of War during the Dragon Boat Festival on June 30

INT'L FALLS- Backus Community Center is pleased to announce the return of a tug of war against Canada on Saturday, June 30 beginning at 8 a.m. The event, which was started by the mayors of International Falls and Fort Frances years ago, hasn't been successfully held since 2013. The most recent attempt in 2014 was stymied by flooding on Rainy River where the event is held. International Falls currently possesses the Tug of War trophy, which lists each country's wins.

The tug of war will be held in conjunction with the seventh annual International Boundary Waters Dragon Boat

Festival hosted by the International Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Club (IBWDBC).

The day begins at 8 a.m. with team tent set up and decoration. Teams are encouraged to decorate their tents for a chance to win "Best Team Camp." Opening ceremonies are at 10 a.m. and racing will start at 10:30 a.m. The Cancer Survivor Tribute Flower Ceremony will happen at 12:45 p.m. The tug of war will happen immediately following the Flower Ceremony. When tugging has finished, the championship race rounds will begin. Medals and trophies will be awarded at the end of the day with Dueling Dragons Tug of



War taking place in the water on the Fort Frances side.

Food vendors will be on-site as well as massage therapy, flower cart, an Escape Room, and live music. The entire festival is a fundraising event

for Backus Community Center. For more information, please contact Backus Community Center, 900 5th St., International Falls, 218-285-7225 or go online at [www.backusab.org](http://www.backusab.org).

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LVCC PROJECT UPDATE

# Cultural Center organizers predict progress this year

IRRRB grant and Midsummer fundraiser to fund next steps in restoration of former church for new center

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- This is the year that significant progress on the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center will begin. That was the message at this year’s Midsummer Gala, the annual fundraiser for the project to restore the historic St. Mary’s Episcopal Church and create a cultural center in downtown Tower.

The 125-plus year-old church was moved from its location on North Second Street to Main Street in 2015. It was placed onto a new foundation with a full basement. Since then, a storage garage has been constructed on the site, and a lobby addition that wraps around the old church was added to create more interior space.

But for the past several years, the building has sat, and to the outside eye, no progress was being made.

But as Nancy Larson,



who has been leading the development effort for LVCC noted, the past two years have been spent working with architects with experience in historical preservation and working up plans to bring the structure up to code.

“People don’t think that a lot has been happening,” she said. “But it has...We realized that the building was over 100 years old, and

not up to current standards.”

The work will begin this summer, thanks to a \$268,000 grant from the IRRRB.

The city of Tower is also submitting a new grant to help fund some of the demolition costs that are part of the project. The project qualified for those funds this past year, but the funding

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**Top left: Lake Vermilion Cultural Center founder Mary Batanich strums the banjo during the musical portion of the Midsummer event.**

**Above right: Jan Kimes directs the choir as it sang songs with a Minnesota theme.**



**Right: Scarlet Stone drew plenty of laughs with her rendition of the song “Lime Jello, Marshmallow, Cottage Cheese Surprise.”**

photos by J. Summit

CITY OF TOWER

# RV park developer surprises planning and zoning board

Confirms that he plans to sell, rather than lease, the RV sites he’s proposed, sparking debate about ordinance

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER— The proposed developer of an RV park along the East Two River caught city planning and zoning officials by surprise on Tuesday evening, as he confirmed a rumor that he intended to sell the individual RV sites he hopes to build, rather than rent them.

Developer Dave Rose

revealed his plan in response to a question from planning and zoning commission member Kevin Fitton, saying that it had been his plan from the start to sell the sites. Planning and zoning officials, who have been overseeing the environmental review of the project for almost two years, said it’s the first they had heard of Rose’s concept.

“That changes everything,”

responded Planning and Zoning Chair Steve Altenburg, “because the whole process was built on a conditional use permit for an RV campground.” Altenburg added that Rose’s plan would essentially be a subdivision, that would require legal descriptions for each of the sites as well as separate electrical and sewer services. “And every single lot would have to conform to the

standards,” Altenburg added.

“We shouldn’t even be talking about this because none of us really know what the standards are until we review what he suggests he wants to do,” said commission member Steve Abrahamson.

But commission members continued to try to make sense of how Rose’s revelation would conform with the city’s ordi-

nance. Rose maintained that his project has been treated as a planned unit development, which has different rules than a subdivision. “If you read your rules for a planned unit development, you can sell in a planned unit development,” he said. “That’s what I applied for, for two years I’ve planned a planned

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# OPINION

“CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW...  
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The First Amendment of the United States Constitution

## Editorial

### When tariffs cost jobs

Trump’s exorbitant newsprint tariffs will kill thousands of jobs to save 400

Want a case study in the downside of tariffs? Look no further than the newspaper industry, where virtually every newspaper in the country is being forced to reduce their page counts and their newsroom workforce as a result of misguided tariffs by the Trump administration.

As readers know, we’ve never been afraid of tariffs as an adjustment for unfair trade that hurts the economy. But this appears to be a case of a politically-connected private equity firm that viewed a newsprint tariff as a means of padding their profits at a paper-making plant in Washington state, while causing significant job loss throughout an industry that is already struggling with the changing media habitats of Americans.

The New York-based One Rock Capital Partners bought the small paper mill, that employs about 400 people, and immediately petitioned the Trump White House for tariff protection. Trump responded by slapping a nearly 30-percent tariff on newsprint from Canada, which is where the vast majority of the newsprint in North America comes from these days.

As a result, newsprint prices have jumped sharply in a matter of months, which is collectively costing the nation’s newspapers billions of extra dollars the industry can’t simply absorb. For weeklies like the *Timberjay*, the impact amounts to several thousand dollars a year, which we are adjusting to by dropping our page count.

But for many dailies around the country, the cost increase is well into the millions of dollars, and they are responding not only by cutting pages but with staff cuts as well. Industry analysts expect thousands of reporters, editors, and page designers to lose their jobs if the tariffs are made permanent, a decision that is expected to be made in August.

It’s all to pad the profits of a single, tiny paper mill in Washington that’s owned by a bunch of millionaires in New York City. It’s not even clear that any jobs at the plant were actually at risk, but even if they all were threatened, the tariffs are clearly a net loser. The newspaper industry employs 600,000 people across the country, so even a three-percent drop in employment in the sector would cost 18,000 jobs nationwide. To protect 250 jobs? That’s

hardly a win for the economy. And the job losses could well be much greater than just three percent.

It’s worth noting that no other paper mill in the U.S. has joined the call for tariffs, nor has the American Forest and Paper Association, the largest trade group for the paper sector. This really is a small group of New York millionaires with an apparent connection to the Trump administration who are significantly harming a major and constitutionally-protected industry and thousands of workers around the country simply to put more money in their pockets.

This is one of the problems with highly-selective tariffs, which the administration is currently enacting in droves. It’s not clear at all whether the tariffs are designed to address actual trade imbalances or if they simply reflect a Trump White House doing favors for friends or political allies, or punishing perceived enemies, such as the newspapers that the president continuously rails against. Giving the president the authority to arbitrarily pick winners and losers in the economy is typical of Third World governance, not America’s.

And make no mistake, there will a lot of losers in order to fill the pockets of this handful of venture capitalists behind these tariffs, and some of them will be in small towns all across Minnesota. More than half of the newspapers in the state of Minnesota are very small, with circulations under 2,500, and many of them are already struggling with the loss of advertising revenue and circulation. According to Lisa Hills, the executive director of the Minnesota Newspaper Association, some of these papers will “have to fight on with little hope of remaining financially viable, or simply cease to exist like so many other small businesses in rural Minnesota.”

One thing is certain about the global free trade regime that the U.S. has been instrumental in building over the past quarter century — the benefits have not been equitably shared. That’s fueled the justifiable, anti-establishment pushback that we’ve seen across the western world, and certainly here in the U.S. There are ways to fix that — but a nonsensical trade war isn’t the among the solutions. It’s only going to make things worse.



## Letters from Readers

### Editorial gives pause to think about where the U.S. is headed

Nineteenth century novelist, poet, essayist and philosopher George Santayana once said, “Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it.” Given that, I’d have to say that the *Timberjay’s* June 22 editorial gives one reason to pause and should make us think about America and where we seem to be headed.

**Rick Stoehr  
Lake Vermilion**

### We all should back sensible gun control

Schools have dismissed their students for the summer. Thankfully, we finally have a breather from the tragedy of school shootings.

Contrary to many politicians, I do not believe that any serious discussion of school safety can be restricted to school bullying, arming teachers, or limiting the numbers of doors providing entrance to a school campus. Any approach that avoids a discussion of gun access will not work.

I was the Head of School at an independent prep school in New York (Pre-K through Grade 12) when Sandy Hook happened. During that time, I hosted mini “town halls” at the school on the Second Amendment and on school safety. Our parents understandably were in a state of frenzy and wondered how I could keep their children safe.

From those discussions and many since, I believe the actions proposed below would go a long way to create safe schools:

1. A school should be a setting where mutual respect underlies the interactions between every constituent group (administrators, faculty, staff, students and parents). Schools must consider the teaching of crucial social-emotional skills as important as the academic curriculum. How to cooperate in a group. How to disagree respectfully, and how to build tolerance for those for whom we do not feel a natural

affinity. How to make a place at the table for our charming ‘misfits’ should be taught from early childhood through grade 12. Social skills-building and empathy training combat bullying and would help to eliminate it from a school’s culture. Sure kids forget, sure kids make mistakes — but bullying will get addressed quickly and thoughtfully rather than ignored.

2. Teachers need to know, and develop trusting relationships with their students. Students need teachers to intervene with help when needed. Students need to be able to voice their worries about their own lives, and about their classmates.

Large schools don’t work well. We need to re-think schools for the 21st century. It is impossible for teachers to know their students in schools where every grade level has hundreds of students. We must vote for local politicians who believe in, and will fund, real family values — like making schools smaller and safer. As citizens, we need to be willing to accept higher taxes to pay for it.

3. Schools need to have counselors, psychologists and/or social workers who are actively involved in the lives of their students and who, along with classroom teachers, help build social/emotional skills through grade 12 and who can intervene in helpful ways at the first sign of mental illness. Vote for politicians who are willing to fund it.

4. We need common sense gun control. All the anti-bullying programs, anger management classes, and empathy training will mean nothing if kids have easy access to guns. The adolescent brain has challenges with impulse control. Teens are emotional. They are reactive. They get dumped by girlfriends, boyfriends, and best friends. Even in the kindest schools, kids get rejected and get their feelings hurt. Even nice kids can have momentary revenge fantasies. Easy access to guns for adolescents is irresponsible and a recipe for disaster. Make it hard for teens to get their hands on a gun. It will save lives.

Among others, common sense gun control legislation might include the fol-

lowing provisions:  
A. Teens should not own guns or have access to their parents’ weapons.  
B. Adults’ legally-owned guns must be locked up when not in use

C. Stringent gun safety classes must be required of anyone buying a gun.

D. Comprehensive background checks, through a database fed by all appropriate federal, state, city, and county agencies, must be developed.

E. Military-style assault weapons should be outlawed for civilian use.

Research shows that states and countries with lax gun laws have more gun violence and mass shootings. Let’s study the gun laws in countries that have few incidents of gun violence. Let’s borrow the best ideas.

5. We need politicians who are independent of gun lobbyists, and who fight for public health and school safety. Vote out politicians who refuse to consider a multi-pronged approach to school safety, or refuse to discuss common sense gun control.

The Second Amendment does not confer an unfettered right of gun ownership on American citizens. Just as there are limitations on other constitutional rights, limitations on the right to bear arms in the form of reasonable firearms regulations have been approved by the Supreme Court. Public safety is a priority and the right of gun ownership can be rationally balanced with the rights of citizens who demand safe schools.

I refuse to believe that people of good will cannot come together to work to reduce gun violence — a national public health crisis, not to mention a disgrace. I believe that we, as Americans, have much more in common than what divides us, despite what some politicians or news outlets would have us believe. Yes, we can find reasonable compromises, and together we can create safe schools and safe communities. We should not accept the status quo when it comes to keeping our kids safe at school.

**Valerie Myntti  
4th Generation Iron Ranger  
Ely**

# Minnesota as Trump Country? Don’t bet on it

Plenty of national media thought they saw something surprising in President Donald Trump’s recent visit to Duluth — a signal that Trump and his campaign team believe Minnesota and its ten electoral votes could be in play in 2020.

“Trump takes aim at Minnesota’s



**MARSHALL  
HELMSEBERGER**

uber-liberals,” read the headline in D.C.-based *Politico*.

*Rolling Stone* suggested that even the decidedly liberal city of Duluth was “potential Trump Country,” painting Minnesota’s port city as a kind of post-industrial

hellscape wracked by drug addiction, poverty, and persistent grime. Yes, not crime. The writer said every surface in Duluth was “covered in a thin layer of grime.” Duluthians, not surprisingly, took offense at the somewhat ridiculous portrayal of their fair city. Trump Country? How dare you?

Yet Trump is a master divider and his people have picked up on the growing rural-urban divide in the state.

*Politico* says it’s that divide that has put Minnesota on Trump’s radar.

Trump did make inroads in a large swath of Minnesota in 2016, including on the Iron Range, where he won the Sixth Senate District, which represents the heart of the Range, by just over a thousand votes.

But there are three reasons why I don’t think Trump will win Minnesota in 2020. First, Hillary Clinton won’t be on the

ballot for the Democrats. I’ve written before of Clinton’s weaknesses as a candidate and won’t repeat them here. But Trump’s near-miss in Minnesota last time was as much a reflection of Clinton’s unpopularity as it was of Trump’s ability to connect with Minnesotans.

But there’s a bigger reason why Trump faces an uphill push in 2020 in the North Star state:



# Letters from Readers

## America is better than this

At this moment in time, this nation is engaged in outrageous atrocities on our fellow human beings. It is the process of dehumanization, a process where one no longer recognizes the humanness in the other. Those who think that separating a child from its parent is an acceptable practice are demonstrating this process. They are demonizing and dehumanizing others. They are viewing others as “less than.”

In their zealous need to “make a statement,” they fail to see that those mothers and fathers who are fleeing from horrendous conditions are human beings who love their children as deeply as anyone else. They fail to recognize that each frightened child needs the comfort and reassurance of their mothers and fathers and families.

Those who support this practice are no different from the Nazis in Germany when Jews were viewed as less than human. Those who are indifferent to the plight of those seeking asylum are not that different from those who pulled Indian children away from their families, placing them in boarding schools where many children were abused, sexually and physically. Those who minimize the impact of what is happening to these families are not that different from those who panicked at the sight of a Japanese-American and mandated that these people be sent to Internment camps. They are not that different from the slave-master who yanked the baby out of the mother’s arms and put the child up for sale or those who so

easily lynched black persons, just because. The process is the same. Dehumanizing and demonizing other human beings. Seeing others as less than human.

We watch this process in action as children are pulled from the security and love of their parents and sent to unknown places with no plan in place for reunification. We watch this process in action as Trump purposely vilifies and demonizes immigrants by presenting those few who lost family members due to violence by an immigrant as reasons to punish those who now seek asylum and safety. Sadly, the data he used was grossly inaccurate. Yet, this is how one spins propaganda to support inhumane practices and the dehumanization of others.

It is outrageous that so many now fail to understand that the person seeking asylum loves his/her child as deeply as those who are more fortunate. These children are carelessly pulled from the security of their families and sent to unknown locations with no system in place to track them or to reunite them with their families. The fact that seeking asylum is not a crime is ignored. The fact that this is a human rights violation is ignored. The fact that these are fellow human beings is ignored.

Lessons in the history of this nation and of the world where a group of people are dehumanized and viewed as “less than” is of paramount importance as we watch this national horror show. As a former child therapist and educator, I recognize the psychological damage and trauma that will be inflicted on all those affected by this inhumane practice.

“Love one another, and do

no harm.”

We, as a nation, are much better than this.

**Ellie Larmouth  
Tower**

## Confusion on the Greenwood board

At last week’s grievance hearing between Greenwood Township and employee Jeff Maus, what should have taken at most half an hour took nearly two hours. The board came unprepared. They had problems understanding what the employee was asking for, how much was being asked for or why he might have the right to compensation. For the most part this was a claim by Maus to receive compensation (\$380) for assigned homework involved with training. The grievance was sent to Township Attorney Mike Couri seeking his opinion. Couri sent his opinion, a week before the grievance hearing, and made it abundantly clear that Maus must be paid.

Except for the chairman, it seemed as though the board members had not taken the time to read the attorney’s opinion. The board also took a giant step backward by referring to Maus as greedy and motivated by “saltiness.” This name calling is just a form of intimidation and has no place or purpose in trying to address a grievance. The Town Board should have read their attorney’s memo and acted on it, but instead they took a course that will cost us much more in time and money. The irony is we have an employee who did his homework and expected to get paid, but we have the board who got paid but

did no homework.

**JoAnn Bassing  
Greenwood Township**

## Impressions from a troubling township meeting

There is nothing like being there in person to get the whole story, so I went to the two-hour grievance meeting last week in our township. After reading the *Timberjay* article about the meeting, a few things stood out to me.

Jeff Maus, a Township employee, took Fire Officer 1 and Fire Instructor 1 classes which were approved by the Greenwood Township Board in a 5-0 vote. The classes were a first for the township with online video conference and self-study with hand-outs at the end. After the classes, the board refused to pay Jeff Maus for the self-study/reading time and travel.

When Jeff Maus filed a grievance, the board contacted the township attorney, Mike Couri, and was advised to pay Maus. This was after an opinion was requested and received by Couri from the federal Department of Labor. Their opinion, along with Couri’s, was in the hands of the board at the June 12 board meeting. At the following hearing, we found out that only a few of the chapters in the two books for the class were discussed in the five video conferences. How was Maus to learn the stuff in the books if he did not read them?

As reported in the *Timberjay*, Mike Ralston noted, “The township had never paid for similar study time before, but said there

could be exceptions to every rule.” Was Mike not listening? It was explained to him in the meeting that this was a new type of class and the first time it was tried.

Later in the article, “Supervisor Carmen Deluca did not agree with Maus’s assertions that the study time was required.” He then said that a person going to college for a degree would not get paid, and that nobody would pay them to study. What is he talking about? Maus is an employee, not a college student.

The *Timberjay* writes, “Supervisor Paul Skubic worried about the fairness of paying Maus for more hours than the other members who took the same class.”

Why did the others not write down their hours? Why did the board not understand their own rules? The rules they approved say employees are to be paid for training. Why were the employees not told to write down their time by the board or Chief Fazio, because the policy says they are to be paid. The article says Fazio said he wasn’t sure if the township’s personnel policy allowed for reimbursement for time spent studying. Did Fazio not read the personnel policy as the chief? Who is in charge there? Is he not the one who changed the hours reported to payroll by Maus without telling him? He is also the one who did not respond to two emails from an employee who wanted to talk about the payroll change. Could it have been fixed there?

I would think so.

**Mary Richard  
Greenwood Township**

## TRUMP...Continued from page 4

Demographics. There may be a growing urban-rural divide in Minnesota, but it’s a divide that the Twin Cities metro is fated to win.

In the past eight years in Minnesota, just over half of the state’s 87 counties have lost population even as the state’s population as a whole continues to grow modestly. Since 2010, the Twin Cities metro region has added nearly 300,000 new residents, nearly half of them in Hennepin and Ramsey counties alone.

During that same period, St. Louis County lost about 500 residents.

My guess is Trump won’t improve his margin on the Iron Range that much in 2020. But even if he won every vote on the Range, it wouldn’t

be enough to overcome the growing number of anti-Trump voters in the metro region, and it’s that demographic reality that is likely to keep Minnesota a blue state for years to come.

Much of rural Illinois voted heavily for Trump in 2016, but no one thinks for a moment that the Land of Lincoln is going to vote Republican in 2020, because Chicago is the only place that matters in the state, at least at election time. Its numbers so dominate the electoral map in Illinois that the rest of the state may as well not exist. Minnesota is increasingly moving in that direction. That has repercussions for rural Minnesota, but that’s the subject for another

column.

Meanwhile, Trump may be an uber-ef-fete, make-up wearing, Manhattan metrosexual, but he’s about as popular in major cities in the U.S. as Ebola.

In 2016, Trump received 28 percent of the vote in Hennepin County, and just 26 percent in nearby Ramsey County. He got just 30 percent of the vote in Duluth, which kept St. Louis County as a whole blue by about 11 percentage points. Despite what *Rolling Stone* wrote, Duluth isn’t a pit of despair, or a case study in the “American carnage” that Trump touted at his inaugural. It’s attracting young people and has shown real entrepreneurial

energy in recent years. Those aren’t Trump supporters, no matter how many times he stops off at the Amsoil Arena.

Just five metro-area counties, including Hennepin, Ramsey, Dakota, Washington, and Anoka, are home to 52 percent of the state’s population and they gave Clinton a roughly 340,000-vote margin in 2016, and that margin will likely be larger in 2020 simply because there will be more voters in those counties than before. Most rural Minnesota counties, meanwhile, will have fewer voters at the polls than in 2016.

For Trump, throwing fuel on the urban-rural divide might help GOP

candidates in non-metro Minnesota (which is probably his real objective), but it’s not at all clear that it helps the party in statewide contests, and it certainly won’t help put Minnesota in his column two and a half years from now. He’s just as likely to motivate urban voters, many of them people of color with real cause to fear someone like Trump, to turn out against his retrograde policies as he’s likely to find rural ones to support them.

More exposure is unlikely to help the president here. Polling at the time of Trump’s inaugural showed him at a plus-three favorability rating in the state, as Minnesotans showed a willingness to give Trump a chance

to prove himself. At that time, 46 percent of Minnesotans rated him favorably, with 43 percent saying they disapproved. That same poll, retaken last month, showed Trump 15 points underwater, with 56 percent of Minnesotans expressing disapproval. And wait until Trump’s tariffs hit the farming communities in southern and western Minnesota. Combined with higher interest rates, it could get ugly in a hurry in the farm sector. That won’t help Trump’s numbers, either.

Minnesota as Trump Country? It might make an eye-catching headline. But as political forecast, it’s mostly just spin.

## ZONING...Continued from page 3

unit development.”

Altenburg agreed that the plan was “technically a planned unit development,” but added: “It’s not a traditional one in which everyone owns a house on it, or a condo.” Yet the city’s ordinance does appear to contemplate that RV sites could be sold. The city’s ordinance defines PUDs as being comprised of “dwelling units or sites,”

and said the units “may be organized and operated as condominiums, cooperatives, time share units, full fee ownership, commercial enterprises.” The definition specifically includes “recreational vehicle parks.”

But city officials weren’t convinced by Rose’s contention. City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith said Rose’s plan

would likely require a new environmental assessment worksheet, just as Rose and the city had spent months trying to finalize an EAW for the project.

“I think we’ve got a lawyer issue there,” said Rose. “If your lawyer says ‘No’ then it’s no.”

“But if your lawyer says that I legally can do it?” Rose asked later.

Altenburg predicted

it wouldn’t make any difference.

“We’d have to then discuss that but I don’t think anyone’s going to agree to that,” said Altenburg.

Altenburg also suggested that Rose might not get as many RV sites as he had hoped. The city had previously determined that the site would allow for no more than 20 sites,

but Altenburg hinted that it might be less than that. “I’ve gotten the feeling that, for sure, that I don’t think that ultimately 20 sites is going to go through. That you’re going to be asked to make the sites bigger to reduce the way it’s crowded.”

Altenburg continued: “I’m guessing, and it’s not just me, but I’m just going to tell you right now that

I keep hearing the number 15, and I think ultimately that’s more in the range of what might get approved. I can’t say that 100 percent, but I’m warning you right now that I’ve got a pretty strong feeling. I don’t want you to spend money on plans and having to go back and have them redone.”

## CENTER...Continued from page 3

ran out, so they had to wait for the next funding cycle, which starts in July.

Larson said the public bidding process, being overseen by the city of Tower, is now underway. They are hoping that actual construction will begin in August, and that by the end of this fall the building will have electrical, plumbing, and rough mechanical work completed in the basement, exterior framing completed, the new roof installed, and work to be done on the new handicap-accessible entrances. The initial scope of work

is also focused on insuring the structure is brought up to present day building and safety codes and making sure the structure is safe from the elements so that the interior renovations can begin.

Larson said the big question right now is how the bids will come in, and how much of the needed work will be covered by the grant. Initial estimates were hopeful that all the required work could be completed with the grant funding.

The next major push, Larson said, was a new

capital campaign to raise \$200,000 to get the interior of the building, specifically the auditorium area, completed so that programs can start being held in the building next year. Once the building is in use, they will be eligible for additional grants that will help cover the costs of seating and the elevator.

“LVCC received an anonymous pledge of \$25,000,” Larson said. “An additional \$5,000 was pledged by another family at the Midsummer gala.”

The Midsummer fundraiser went very well,

though final totals were not yet available. The live auction alone raised over \$5,000.

Larson said the board is planning on conducting “hard hat” tours of the building this fall, to show people the progress that has been made.

The final exterior work on the building, including installation of new exterior siding and the re-installation of the restored stained glass windows, needs to wait until most of the major renovations are completed.

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SUMMER BASEBALL



Front (from left) Carter Winger, Matthew Alaspa. Back: Cole McCarter, Jimmy McCarter, Lorenzo Stella, Nixon Levens. Coaches Chris Alaspa, Nick Levens. Not pictured: Dillon Crego, Epiphany Marks, Brendin Villebrun, and Ethan Olson. photo by J. Summit



Above: Lorenzo Stella is about to connect.

Right: Matthew Alaspa takes a swing.

Below: Players scramble to pick up an infield hit.



To a “T”

The area’s youngest ball players learn to swing, run bases, and throw some balls during t-ball games. These games, ounce for ounce, are some of the best summer entertainment around, plus hot dogs and popcorn are for sale in the concession stand! T-Ball and Coach pitch both play at home on July 9, starting at 5 p.m.



Vermilion Country School Honor Roll

TOWER- The Vermilion Country School in Tower is pleased to announce the following students have been named to the fourth quarter honor roll.

A Honor Roll

Leah Anderson  
Alex Dorman  
Alyssa Pratt  
Andrew Sauls  
Julianna Schmidt

B Honor Roll

Kelsie Walker  
Eli Anderson  
Mariah Mitchell  
Todd Zibrowski  
Presley Johnson  
Jacob Karasti



Northeast Range High School Honor Roll

A Honor Roll

Grade 12

Tasha Bissonette  
ShaRee

Kachmarzinski  
Courtney Kilmister  
Melissa Nelmark

Grade 11

Jacob Bjork  
Sophie Lenz  
Mikayla Mellesmoen

Grade 10

Carolyn Desilets  
Maude Lenz  
Shelby Nelson  
Kaliyah Reinhardt

Grade 9

Kaleb Kappes-Bliss

Oskar Koivisto  
Phoebe Morgan  
James Zupancich

Grade 8

Audrey Anderson  
Erin Backe  
Ty Fabish  
Markus Maki  
Natalie Nelmark  
Hannah Reichensperger

B Honor Roll

Grade 12

Marshall Backe  
Emma Barret  
Mylea Laulunen  
Madisyn Littler  
Hannah Peitso  
Bethany Runquist

Wynn Tripp  
Jonathan Weston

Grade 11

Taina Koivisto  
Shayler Lislegard  
Maija Maki  
Justice Porisch  
Mersadies Stordahl

Grade 10

Charles Fritz  
Lara Poderzay

Grade 9

Anna Barich  
Christopher Ferguson  
Dillon Gorsma  
Willia Koivisto  
Alexia Lightfeather  
Ethan Zaitz

Grade 8

Aili Bee  
Wyatt Gorsma  
Joscelyn LaSart  
Rylan Poppenhagen  
Hunter Shenett  
Jenna Smith

Grade 7

Morgan Bush  
Rachel Kratz  
Inga Lakey  
Logan Meskill  
Jennie Nelson  
Alice Wolter  
Jonathan Zaitz

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Maxwell Helmberger receives Masters Degree in Entomology

TOWER- Maxwell Helmberger, of Tower, has received his Masters of Science in Entomology from Cornell University in Ithaca, N.Y. Helmberger, a graduate of Tower-Soudan High School, received his Bachelor of Science from University of Minnesota, Duluth. He is now a Distinguished Fellow at Michigan State University in East Lansing, Mich., working on

his PhD in Entomology.

Helmberger has published several articles in peer-reviewed journals, and has won several awards for his educational claymation videos (can be viewed on YouTube, search for Maxwell Helmberger). He will be doing research on integrated pest management while at Michigan State.

St. Martin’s Summer Salad Luncheon & Silent Auction on July 11

TOWER- St. Martin’s Catholic Church is hosting a Summer Salad Luncheon and Silent Auction on Wednesday, July 11. Lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The cost for the lunch is \$8. Bidding on the auction baskets will start at 10:45 a.m.; winners will be announced at 12:30 p.m. In addition to the luncheon and auction, there

will also be hand-crafted items available for purchase (sponsored by the Quilt Ministry).

Proceeds from this activity will go towards new cabinets in the social hall kitchen. This is a great opportunity to sit back and let someone else do the cooking, and a chance to visit with neighbors and summer visitors.

Grief education and support group meets Thursday, July 5

TOWER- A grief education and support group meets the first Thursday of each month from 2 – 4 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 304 Spruce St. in Tower. The next session will be July 5. There is no cost for this group. Registration is not required, however it is recommended. Please call East Range Hospice at 218-749-7975

or 1-877-851-2213 to register.

The topic for the July 5 group will be “What does life look like for you now.” The death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. Learning about the grief process and having support from others can help a great deal. This Grief Support Group is sponsored and facilitated by Essentia Health St. Mary’s East Range Hospice, Patient and Family Grief Support Services.

Vacation Bible School in Tower week of July 9

TOWER- A summer kids’ event, Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School, will be hosted at Immanuel Lutheran and St. James Presbyterian churches from Monday, July 9 to Friday, July 13. At Shipwrecked, kids discover that Jesus rescues them. Kids par-

ticipate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God’s love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they’ll take home and play with all summer long. Plus, kids will learn to look for evidence of God all around them through something called God Sightings. Each day concludes with the Sail Away Sendoff that gets everyone involved in living what they’ve learned.

Shipwrecked is for kids from pre-Kindergarten through sixth grade and will run from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. each day, with a 9 a.m. registration on Monday. Pre-registration is helpful but not required. Registration forms are available from St. James or Immanuel churches in

Tower. You can also call 218-753-2378 to have one mailed to you.

Fourth of July donations

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan-Lake Vermilion Events Board is currently seeking donations. Checks can be made out to and mailed to: T-S Fourth of July, P.O. Box 461, Tower, MN 55790.

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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

Model train show in Tower June 30 - July 1



Held at the Tower Civic Center

As part of the 4th of July events, the Laurentian Northern Model Railroad Club will be displaying their huge HO Train Layout at the Tower Civic Center on Saturday, June 30 and Sunday, July 1, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. Please stop in and enjoy this amazing model train layout with working trains, intricate displays that highlight our area’s history, and model railroad enthusiasts to answer all of your questions. file photo

Help needed on July 3 with Greenwood float decorating

TOWER- The Greenwood 40th Anniversary Committee will be moving their float to Tower on Tuesday, July 3. The float will be stored in the Your Boat Club (Old Tower Marina) building, in case of rain. They are graciously allowing the group to finish decorating the float in their building. A group of talented and creative women have been busy working on the float, but we need more workers to help finish it. Please come and make this float the very best in the Tower Parade. See you at 10 a.m. on July 3 at the Your Boat Club marina in Tower. Any questions, call Pam at 218-753-3006.

On Wednesday, July 11 at 1 p.m., the anniversary planning group will meet at the Greenwood Town Hall to make final arrangements for the anniversary picnic in August. We need more input and ideas. Committee head Pam Lundstrom says the small planning group needs more help to



make sure the celebration is a success.

Lundstrom said the group has received five letters about different roads and how they were named, along with some family histories and old photos. The group is planning on making a booklet and slide show

for the celebration, so if you have older pictures you would like to share, please call Rod Lundstrom at 218-753-3704.

The 40th Anniversary Celebration will be held on Saturday, Aug. 25 from 12 – 5 p.m. at the Greenwood Town Hall. There will be free food, along with a program at 2:30 p.m.

The planning committee is hoping some more residents will call the town board chair and tell him it would look very nice if he and his wife would ride on the Greenwood float during the Tower Fourth of July parade.

BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

April 2018

Calls- 104  
Assists- 10  
Traffic Stops- 15  
Arrests- 1  
Citations/Formal Charges- 4  
Warnings- 14  
Monthly Mileage- 1,895 (Tahoe 907, Explorer 988).

Training

During April, Chief Nylund attended a meeting at Fortune Bay concerning the fire, and also the Minnesota Police Chiefs Conference in Duluth.

Squads

Current end-of-month mileage for the 2012 Tahoe (Tower’s) is



April Police Report

Breitung Police Chief Dan Nylund

65,887. Current end-of-month mileage for the 2017 Explorer is 10,098.

Miscellaneous

Chief Nylund took the fifth- and sixth-grade D.A.R.E graduates from Tower-Soudan Elementary to a Minnesota Twins game.

The department sold the Dodge Charger to the Virginia Police Department.

Distracted driving

Texting and driving is one of the most dangerous forms of distracted driving. At any given moment across America, approximately 660,000 drivers are using or manipulating electronic devices while driving, a number that has held steady since 2010. Distracted driving has become a deadly epidemic on America’s roadways. Over 3,150 people

were killed in 2013, and an estimated 424,000 injured, in motor vehicle crashes that involved distracted drivers. Our youngest and most inexperienced drivers are most at risk, with 10-percent of all distracted driving crashes involving drivers under the age of 20.

Call summary

**Citations/formal chargers, arrests:** Cancel IPS, failure to have ignition lock installed, 5th-degree possession, test refusal (jailed).

**Call categories:** 10 agency assists; 15 traffic stops; 3 medical; 21 check business; 13 community engagement; 3

theft; 3 check residence; 1 property damage; 2 parking complaints; 1 personal injury; 1 burglary; 5 check welfare; 2 drunk; 1 permit to purchase issued; 1 vehicle information; 2 fraud; 2 animal complaints; 5 public assists; 4 disturbance; 1 alarm; 5 suspicious person; 2 suicide call; 1 child.

Week of July 2

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.

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, July 26 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings posted online at [vermilioncountry.org](http://vermilioncountry.org).

**Fridays: 4-6 PM**  
**at the train depot**

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION

Dear Hearts,

We have had to lock Hilda in the basement!

It took Moose and a couple of his stronger friends to accomplish the task.

Hilda is a dyed-in-the-wool Democrat.

With the recent political events she has become a danger to herself and others! And personally, being on a very fixed income, I do not have the money to replace the TVs she has kicked in during the national news.

In an attempt to keep abreast with the world, I bought a teeny, tiny TV.

Just like the one Dick Tracy wore in the comic strip.

She heard Lester Holt, spotted the wrist band TV and nearly ripped off my arm.

Her attitude has prevented all our preparations for the mother of all holidays here on Lake Vermilion— America’s Birthday...the FOURTH OF JULY.

So, she is confined to the basement until we get her meds adjusted.

I have always loved the Fourth of July— and have fond, fond memories of the Vera Milion marching unit several years ago.

It’s the GETTING to the Fourth with this crowd that drives me to drink, especially Moose who does not learn from experience. Take the year of the papier-mâché reproduction of the Statue of Liberty! We had to rip off a garage door and the head of Miss Liberty to get her to the parade.

The masking tape DID NOT HOLD! She was good for about a block before her head toppled into Main Street. The adults were not bothered that much but some of the kids still have bad dreams.

Then there is “the Incident of the Fringe,” and the incarceration of Moose which is a memory of another Fourth and a faulty float. The boys felt their creation needed red, white and blue fringe to complete the patriotic effect. They ran out! One of the clan remembered a nearby Amoco that had

all sorts of fringe fluttering about the gas pumps and station.

Even a fool does not, in broad daylight, get a ladder and start stripping fringe.

Moose spent the Fourth in jail! He also missed Bastille Day, National Hot Dog Day, International Beer Day, and International Left-Handers Day!

I’m not kiddin’— National Hot Dog Day. How does one celebrate THAT day, a frankfurter sale at Zup’s?

He is still reporting to his parole officer.

**Hilda’s Hurray for the Fourth Fruit Salad**

1 pint strawberries, hulled and quartered

1 pint blueberries

1/2 cup white sugar

2 tablespoons lemon juice

juice

4 bananas

Mix the strawberries and blueberries together in a bowl, sprinkle with sugar and lemon juice, and toss lightly. Refrigerate until cold, at least 30 minutes. About 30 minutes before serving, cut the bananas into 3/4-inch thick slices, and toss with the berries—otherwise they look funny after a while!

Hilda and I hope you have a wonderful holiday. And we wish and hope for no ptomaine from the salads, no second- or third-degree burns from sparklers, that your burgers aren’t raw in the center, and no political fights with the relatives over the holiday.

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Libraries

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Hours: Monday — Friday,  
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Saturdays — 8 a.m. to noon  
Closed on Sundays  
Phone: 365-5140

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

Support groups

**AA - Alcoholics Anonymous**  
AA - 7 p.m. Mondays,  
First Lutheran Church,  
915 E. Camp St.  
**WOMEN'S AA** - Noon  
Mondays, Ledgerock  
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use 15th Street entrance.  
**BABBITT AA** - 7 p.m.  
Tuesdays, Woodland  
Presbyterian Church.  
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8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's  
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ter alcoholism in a  
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noon Fridays, St.  
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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# EADA offers job placement services

ELY - Job placement services are offered by the Ely Area Development Association (EADA). These services are much needed given the under-employment and unemployment in Northeastern Minnesota. Such services are offered to job seekers and area employers free of charge.

The EADA is a non-profit organization, established in 1959 and

re-chartered in 1995, to promote economic development and job growth in Northeastern Minnesota. Its office is located in the Frandsen Bank Building at 40 N. 1st Ave. E in Ely.

Since 2014, EADA has partnered with the State of Minnesota's Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) and the Northeast Minnesota

Office of Job Training (NEMOJT) to hold mini-fairs and offer job placement services to local area residents. "Since the nearest NEMOJT office is located about 50 miles away in Virginia. EADA has committed to provide such services in Ely," said chairman Gerald Tyler.

EADA's staff volunteers assist job seekers in:

- Preparing resumes

- Accessing Minnesotaworks.net
- Completing online job applications
- Connecting with employers regarding job openings
- Perfecting their phone and interviewing skills
- Conducting training sessions with NEMOJT

Jobs seekers residing in Ely, Babbitt, Winton, Embarrass and

Tower who are in need of job placement services may call 218-365-3324 Monday through Friday to schedule an appointment.

Job seekers can visit Up North Job's website at [upnorthjobs.org](http://upnorthjobs.org) to review current job postings; and businesses are encouraged to call our office at 218-365-3324 to post their current job openings.

## Ely Free Clinic open Mondays

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

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

## Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2018



the end of the month  
june ends, the fourth approaches  
fireworks and gardens

## AROUND TOWN



### Ely 'Ham Radio' club hosts Field Day

Members of the Vermilion Range Amateur Radio Club participated in the national Amateur Radio Field Day exercise last weekend outside of the Michael D. Forsman Public Works Facility. George Burger, W0PHX, worked CW (Morse code) bands Sunday morning. Since 1933, ham radio operators across North America have established temporary ham radio stations in public locations during Field Day to showcase the science and skill of Amateur Radio. Field Day activities demonstrate ham radio's ability to work reliably under any conditions from almost any location and create an independent communications network. For more information about Field Day or Amateur Radio, contact the Vermilion Range Amateur Radio Club at 218-235-0059 or visit [www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio](http://www.arrl.org/what-is-ham-radio). photo by K. Vandervort



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## Ely 4-H students win grand champion honors



The Ely Junior Dog Bowl Grand Champion team includes Esther Anderson, Maggie Dammann, Kelly Thompson, Chance Warvin, and coaches Seija Packila Wavrin and Jeff Eibler. submitted photo

ELY— This spring, more than 20 youth in four teams from north St. Louis County, including Ely, participated in the 4-H State Project Bowl.

The 4-H State Project Bowl challenges teams of three to six youth to test their knowledge of dairy, dog, general livestock, horse, poultry, rabbit and wildlife project areas.

The Ely Junior Dog Bowl team was named Grand Champion at the event. Team members include Esther Anderson, Maggie Dammann, Kelly Thompson and Chance Warvin. They were coached by Seija Packila Wavrin and Jeff Eibler.

Nearly 500 youth competed in

four regional 4-H Project Bowls held throughout the state this spring. The top teams qualified to move on to compete in the state bowl. Each competition includes junior divisions for grades 3-8, and senior divisions for grades 4 through one year past high school.

The teams are quizzed in one-on-one and open rounds with the first participant with the correct answer getting the points. 4-H State Project Bowl winners in dairy, general livestock, horse and poultry go on to national project bowl competitions.

"Through 4-H State Project Bowl, youth build communications

skills, and gain deeper learning and interest in agriculture-related areas," said Amber Greeley, Extension 4-H program specialist. "These experiences contribute to their success in school, future areas of study in college, and potential careers."

4-H is a youth development program of the University of Minnesota Extension. Available for youth grades K-1 year after high school, 4-H'ers participate in hands-on learning experiences in STEM, citizenship and leadership, animal science, creative arts and much more.



**Dale Bates, of Ely, was beaming with pride last week over this 29-1/4" walleye that he pulled from Burntside Lake.**  
submitted photo



# Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



If it's raining, it must be a weekend! Do we get a nice, sunny weekend to enjoy? Apparently not, as the last several have only brought rain.

Next week brings us the Fourth of July and all its celebrations already. Where, oh where, is the time going? Seems as though the kids just started summer vacation, and soon we will be seeing them doing pre-school

shopping. Right now, however, we are in the midst of summer with picnics, fishing, berry-picking, and gardening being the activities that consume us. Are you aware that July 1 marks the beginning of Blueberry Month in the U.S.? Thanks to the efforts of Elizabeth White and Frederick Colville in the early 1900s, we have the tasty product of today versus the wild berries common before that. Wild blueberries were considered to be too small and their flavor too unpredictable to be in demand at the market places. Every bite of blueberry pie, blueberry buckle, or blueberry muffins attests to the fact that they got it right!

Speaking of picnics, bet you weren't aware that good old American ketchup (which some consider a staple) is really not American at all. The popular condiment had its beginnings in Vietnam and was probably brought to China by traders, then encountered by the British in Southeast Asia. After being brought to Great Britain, ketchup conquered the world. A hot dog or hamburger would not be the same without it.

The fishing report has not been too encouraging. Lots of fish observed by those who have devices to spot the slippery denizens of the deep; just not too many observed on the catching side of things. Keep trying, as they're bound to get hungry sometime.

Lots of July 4th celebrations are being planned—each community seems to have its activities to bring people home to celebrate our nation's founding. The world-famous parade will take place in Crane Lake on July 4th, with line-up at 6:30 p.m. and the parade following at 7 p.m. The world-famous fireworks display will occur after dark; it is always fun to see all the boats out on the lake positioned to have a great view. The fireworks are always worth the trip, no matter where you came from!

July 3rd is THE day for celebrating in Orr, beginning with the 5K Walk/Run at 9 a.m. The Craft Show begins at 11 a.m. and goes until 4 p.m., with the Antique Tractor & Joker Show running from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Kids Parade is at 12 noon. There will be live music throughout the day, with food vendors also available all day, so you can feed your soul and your body, maybe even at the same time. If you have any energy left after all that, attend the street dance from 8 p.m. until midnight.

If you are planning on being in Gilbert on the 3rd of July at 7:30 p.m., you can catch all the local bands, floats and marching units like the Fort Frances Highlanders or the Rainy Lake Highlanders, queens, horses, dogs, and more at the Gilbert Parade. A pre-parade show at 7 p.m. will feature the North Star Cycle Patrol and Shrine Mustangs, and you can hang around and catch the fireworks at 10 p.m. The kids might like to check out the Bounce House located near the ballfield all day on July 3. There will be a street dance on Saturday, June 30 (music by Loose Change), Little Miss Gilbert coronation on July 2, and the Kiddie Parade on July 4th. Sounds like a fun time.

Eveleth is not going to be outdone, either, and has a full slate of activities. The party starts with the Firecracker 5K on July 3 at 8 a.m. and the Beach to Beach Swim at 10 a.m. If you have the energy left, attend a Street Dance on July 3 from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. (music by Bottomline), finishing up with the fireworks display after dark. The Eveleth Parade begins on July 4th at 9:30 a.m.

It certainly sounds, to this Dame at least, that our local communities are not to be outdone in celebrating or providing citizens and visitors a great time! It may take us until Labor Day to recover!

Let us hear from you. Send news by e-mail to [info@thelakecountry.com](mailto:info@thelakecountry.com), by fax 218-757-3533 or by phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be added. Until next week, the Dames are singing off.

## COOK

# New Cook VFW-sponsored team formed



COOK- Thanks to a generous donation by the Cook VFW, along with leadership from a local student, the Cook area is once again fielding its own VFW-level baseball team.

Back in March, Zach Cheney submitted a letter to the Cook VFW expressing his and his teammates' interest in playing baseball in their hometown and representing the Cook VFW Post 1757. Cook has a wonderful youth baseball program, but it only goes up to Little League, which ends at eighth grade. There are some surrounding towns that have the next level of baseball teams, but Cook has not had one for many years. During the past few years, some Cook ball-players have been traveling to Soudan to play on the BEST team.

That changed this summer. The Cook VFW agreed to sponsor and help fund the program. Since most of the other area teams are now playing in the Junior Legion league, the Cook team will be playing as an official Junior Legion team starting next season, but still will be sponsored by the VFW.

The team has been scheduling their own games and playing as many VFW and Junior Legion teams as possible, but next summer will play an official Junior Legion schedule. The team was able to purchase new uniforms with the Cook VFW's sponsorship and first sported the new attire at their game in Ely on June 26.



**Top: The team stands at attention as the VFW brings the colors (above) out onto the field.**  
photos by B. Smith

## TRINITY LUTHERAN



**Twelve youth and three adults from Trinity Lutheran Church of Cook are heading to Houston Texas for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of America's National Youth Gathering. They will join 30,000 other youth from around the country for five days of service, learning and worship.**  
photo by B. Smith

# Juggler at the Cook Library on Friday, July 6

COOK- Arrowhead Library System is pleased to host professional juggler Sean Emery. This program is free and for all ages. Join us on Friday, July 6 at Ely Public Library at 9 a.m. or Babbitt Public Library at 1 p.m.

With his talent and an uncanny ability to read people, Sean Emery will scoop up the audi-

ence and embrace them with his circus-y skills, comedy and showmanship. Sean is an eccentric and talented entertainer, wowing the crowd with jaw-dropping juggling stunts that will have you asking yourself, "how does he do that?"

Professionally trained with Ringling Bros. and Barnum &



Bailey, Sean is one of the most in-demand entertainers for fairs, festivals, and corporate events around the country. When he's not performing, Sean teaches circus arts at the University of Minnesota and also offers a workshop — Introduction to

Antic Arts — to schools, libraries, and community events. No one works a crowd like Sean Emery. Simply put, Sean has a lot of fun, and you will too.

## Celebrating a Life In loving memory of Joyce "Kay" Davis

5/13/1936 -12/31/2017

Please join us for a luncheon to share stories and remember a life lived to its fullest.

**Sunday, July 8, 2018 • 10 AM**

*Hosted by all four of Kay's daughters-  
Kathy, Kristi, Karen and Cheryl*

Nett Lake Government Building, Nett Lake  
Questions: Kathy Paugh 801- 691-2488  
[kpau71@gmail.com](mailto:kpau71@gmail.com)

## 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

Jeanne O’Melia, world-traveler and artist, speaks to NWFA annual meeting

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA  
Staff Writer

COOK- Jeanne O’Melia had a very special opportunity and she shared her experience with members of Northwoods Friends of the Arts in Cook. O’Melia was the featured speaker at this year’s annual meeting and potluck where she spoke about her recent 10-day trip to Uganda.

O’Melia is a familiar name in the local arts community. Her papier-mâché oversized puppet is a favorite in the Timber Days Parade. Recently she attended the graduation of a seventh-grade class in Uganda.

O’Melia’s niece, Robin Dusek, went on a safari in 2009 and learned that her tour guide wanted to start a school, but the startup cost of \$10,000 was more than he could raise in Uganda. Dusek, a lawyer in

Chicago, thought she could – and she did. Dusek started a 501(c)3 called Educating Africa’s Children. The school graduated its first seventh-grade class, of 20 children, this year.

O’Melia and Dusek brought clothes, books and laptops for the school. “The elementary doesn’t have an Internet connection, but the high school does. This will give them a head start on their basic computer skills,” O’Melia said.

O’Melia is a summer resident of Cook/Lake Vermilion and spends her winters in Illinois. Educating Africa’s Children is a non-profit organization and 100 percent of donations received go to schools supported by the organization. If you would like to make a donation, go to [educatingafricaschildren.org/donate](http://educatingafricaschildren.org/donate).



Jeanne O’Melia spoke about her travels to Uganda during the NWFA annual meeting. photos by C. Stone



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 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, on Friday, June 29 starting at 5 p.m.

The \$5 tickets are for sale by NWFA members and during gal-

lery hours.

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.

Nett Lake School offers summer breakfast/lunch program

NETT LAKE- Nett Lake School is participating in the Summer Food Service Program (SFSP). Meals will be provided to all enrolled children without charge and are the same for all children regardless of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided, on a first come, first serve basis, at the following sites, times, and dates during the summer as follows:

Nett Lake School, 13090 Westley Dr., Nett Lake: June 18 – Aug.

17. Closed June 29, July 2-6, and Aug. 8, breakfast from 8 – 9 a.m. and lunch from 11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Nett Lake School, 218-757-3102, [jvarichak@isd707.org](mailto:jvarichak@isd707.org).

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requested in the form. To request a copy of the complaint form, call 866-632-9992.

Submit your completed complaint form or letter to USDA by mail to US Department of Agriculture, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights, 1400 Independence Ave. SW, Washington, D.C. 20250-9410, by fax to 202-690-7442, or email to [program.intake@usda.gov](mailto:program.intake@usda.gov). This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

Music in the Park Wednesdays in Cook

COOK- Popular concert series, Music in the Park, is returning to downtown Cook. The free family-friendly concerts are held from 6-8:30 p.m. at the gazebo in downtown Cook every Wednesday from June 13 through Aug. 29. This activity is made possible by the Northwoods Friends of the Arts, Cook VFW Post 1157, the Cook Lions Club, the Timberwolves Snowmobile Club, and community donations. The music line up will be posted on flyers around the area and published each week in the paper. St. Paul’s Church is providing food and refreshments again this year. Bring your lawn chairs, the whole family, and enjoy an evening of live music.

July 4- No show- Happy Birthday America!

July 11- Everybody’s Uncle- classic oldies featuring “Southside” Willy Larson on saxophone

July 18- R&B- eclectic folksy bluesy classics

July 25- Wendy Ernstinen- music variety throughout the years on piano

Aug. 1- The Hutter Bunch- a collection of classic country and Americana

Aug. 8- Everybody’s Uncle- classic oldies and everyone’s favorites

Aug. 15- Wendy Ernstinen- music variety throughout the years on piano

Aug. 22- Robert Walker’s Outlaw Country- a collection of originals and country classics

Aug. 29- Beefeater Brothers with Patrick Villala and Anna Marie – The Beefeaters welcome country singer Patrick Villala and local favorite Anna Marie Pederson.

Bear River Fair on Aug. 18 and 19

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

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

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

The Bear River Community Center/Old Bear River School is located at the intersection of Hwy. 22 and Hwy. 5. The building is handicapped accessible. Visit [BearRiverMN.com](http://BearRiverMN.com) for more information.



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**Thursday, July 5, 26; Aug. 16; Sept. 6, 27**

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

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

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

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

*For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, write or call the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768 218-741-3840, or check our website at [www.alslib.info](http://www.alslib.info).*



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Park throughout the day. Fireworks over Miner's Lake will close the celebration.

Lineup for the parade begins at 10:30 a.m. for the dozens of floats and entries. The parade is typically two hours in length. This year, participants will gather on 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue from Harvey to James streets, including the Ely Ice Arena parking lot.

There will be ribbons and prizes awarded for kids entering decorated bikes, trikes, wagons and costumes. Judging will be held at noon.

The parade starts at 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Harvey Street, and follows Harvey Street to 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue East, down Sheridan Street and ends at Whiteside Park.

Many traditional favorites will entertain the thousands of parade watchers who temporarily double the city's population. Look for the high school band, Ely Klown Band, Studio North and other dance groups, Lawn

Chair Precision Team, antique cars, area fire departments, numerous floats from area organizations and many surprises. Many parade participants distribute pounds of candy and treats. Be ready for the Zup's Market staff.

The day of patriotic celebration kicks off with the Janet Gensler Ely 4 on the 4th Run. The recreational walk/run event starts at 8 a.m. on the Trezona Trail and winds around Miner's Lake. Online registration is available at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com), or on the day of the race, beginning at 6:45 a.m., at the trailhead on Miner's Drive. Cost is \$30 on race day. The event benefits the Ely Track Club. Check their Facebook page for more information.

A pancake breakfast, hosted by the St. Anthony's Catholic Church youth group, runs from 7:30 a.m. to noon in the church hall, 231 E. Camp St., with a suggested donation of \$5. Kids age five and under

eat free.

Ely Younglife will again host a picnic in Whiteside Park.

Food booths will open in the park prior to the parade at 11 a.m. Food will be available until 4 p.m. Children's games, hosted by the Christian Youth Organization, will also start at noon. The traditional Needle in the Haystack, where kids ages 3-10 dive for quarters in a pile of sawdust, starts at 11:30 a.m.

Mattress Races, a family favorite, begin at noon at the south end of the park. First-place winners receive \$25. Bring your own mattress. Some mattresses will be available.

Games and a family picnic resume in Whiteside Park after the parade. Family Fun Races start at 2:30 p.m. The City Band performs at 3 p.m. in the bandshell.

Fireworks begin at around 10 p.m. Donations for the display are accepted at City Hall.

The schedule for the Fourth in Ely

➤ 8 a.m. – Janet Gensler Ely 4 on the Fourth Fun Run on the Trezona Trail

➤ 7:30 a.m.- noon. – Pancake Breakfast at St. Anthony Church Hall

➤ 11 a.m. – Activities and food sales begin in Whiteside Park

➤ 11:30 a.m. - Needle in the Haystack for kids

➤ Noon – Mattress Races, hosted by YoungLife, begin in the park

➤ 1 p.m. - Fourth of July Parade begins

➤ Noon to 4 p.m. – Activities and Games for Kids in the Park

➤ 2:30 p.m. - Family Picnic and Fun Races begin in the park

➤ 3 p.m. - City Bands performs at bandshell in Whiteside

➤ 10 p.m. – Fireworks over Miner's Lake.



Nick Artisensi enjoys an ice cream treat at the 2017 Ely Fourth of July parade. Timberjay file photo

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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 for your

favorite tractor in 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.

## Crane Lake 4th

The ever-popular Crane Lake Parade will take place on July 4th, with line-up at 6:30 p.m. and the parade following at 7 p.m. The world-famous fireworks display will occur

after dark; it is always fun to see all the boats out on the lake positioned to have a great view. The fireworks are always worth the trip, no matter where you came from!

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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 Tower 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](mailto: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 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 awarded 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 Lundstrom.

The 148th FW out of Duluth will be coming with two F-16s for a flyover to mark the start of the parade this year.

More parade entries are needed, according to event organizer Julie Johnson. While there are plenty of politicians plan-



Madeline Lackner rides her bike in the 2017 Tower Fourth of July parade. Timberjay file photo

ning 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 childrens and adults 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.

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' Days will have food and drinks for sale at the harbor.

# 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**

Orr Muni featuring "Kutdown"

**Food Booths starting at 11am**

**Pony Rides, Petting Zoo, Bouncy House, Outside Vendors**

**Orr Ambulance will be providing FREE blood pressure checks, EKG's, and selling frozen goodies**

**Stop by the Orr Center**

**Thrift Store, Art Show**

**Grand Opening of the Library**

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**Wed.,  
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# Spend 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Tower-Soudan

## Wednesday, July 4

**37th Vermilion Walk & Run**  
Starts on Main Street • 8 a.m.  
(by the Civic Center/Fire Hall)

*10K Run- 8:00 a.m. • 5K Run/Walk 8:00 a.m.  
1-Mile Kids Fun Run- 8:15 a.m.*

To register or for more info, contact  
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Register on race day starting at 7 a.m.

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## Parade – July 4

Judging begins at 10 a.m.

**Parade Marshals:**

*Randy & Margie Johnson*

**Honored Citizens:**

*Lynn & Muriel Scott*

## Parade starts at 11 a.m.

**Kiddie Parade lines up on Pine St.**

(across from Tower Civic Center)

Pam Lundstrom & Rod Lundstrom, Co-Chairs

*Register at 10 a.m. on July 4 for Kiddie Parade*

Kiddie Parade Judging in 7 categories

Boys Bikes, Girls Bikes, Under 5's, Motorized, Floats, Most Patriotic,  
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*Best Family Float \$100 • Most Patriotic Float \$100 • Most Creative Float \$100*

## July 4 Children's Races & Sawdust Scramble

**12:30 p.m. – Sawdust Scramble**

at the Tower-Soudan School

followed by

*Children's Races at the school field –*

*Greg Dostert Family and Helpers • exact races are subject to change*

- 6-yard dash ages 2-3 (boys & girls races)
- 10-yard dash ages 4-5 (boys & girls races)
- 20-yard dash ages 6-7 (boys & girls races)
- 50-yard dash ages 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (boys & girls races)
- Backwards Race (boys & girls races) ages 2-3, 4-5, 6
- Wheelbarrow Race (boys & girls races) ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14
- Sack Race (boys & girls races) ages 7-8, 9-10, 11-12, 13-14
- **Adult Races:** Prizes for 1st, 2nd, 3rd, ages 15-25 and 26 & up
- He/She Race, Water Balloon Toss

## July 4 Fireworks at Dusk from the North Hill in Tower

## Bingo Monday, July 9

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

*\$10/includes lunch. All ages  
welcome. Bingo sponsored by Friends of  
Vermilion Country Charter School*

## Sunday, July 1 from 1 - 4 p.m.

## Community Picnic Breitung Recreation Area in Soudan

*Sponsored by Breitung Township  
Free community picnic, hot dogs, popcorn,  
root beer floats, games and fun for all ages.*

*D.A.R.E. Raffle Tickets \$1  
Win a real Cadillac (an abandoned vehicle)  
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## Wednesday, July 4

## Pancake Breakfast

**Tower Civic Center**

**8 - 10:30 a.m. \$7**

*Sponsored by the Tower-Soudan Civic Club  
& Lake Vermilion Cultural Center*

## AFTER THE PARADE

Coffee & Cake served at the Tower Civic Center in honor of Parade Marshals

Randy & Margie Johnson and

Honored Citizens Lynn & Muriel Scott

## July 4th

## FOOD, FOOD, FOOD...and more!

### Benchwarmer Grille

*Riblet Sandwiches, Green Machines,  
Beer Specials, Drink Specials*

### D'Erick's Beer Garden

*Pulled Pork and Buffalo Chicken Sandwiches,  
Hot Dogs, Green Machines. Can Beer,  
Pop & Water. Bloody Mary Garden. Beanbags  
all week. Christopher David Hanson Band,  
after the parade until 4 p.m.*

### Good Ol' Days Live Music, Food & Beer Garden

*Free Hot Dogs & Pop for children after the parade!  
Burgers, Pickle-on-a-Stick. Free Giant Slide Bouncer  
for the Kids. Beer Tent. Bloody Mary Window.  
"Ely Ed" playing 10-11 a.m. Karaoke contest  
from 12 - 3 p.m. Insphyre Fire Dancers at dusk!  
"Elvis" playing on July 4 from 3 - 5 p.m.  
"Elvis" on Saturday, July 7, 3-5 p.m. at the Harbor!*

### Tower Fire Department Beer Garden

*on Main Street by Timberjay building.  
Sales help support the fireworks!*

### Sulu's Espresso Cafe

*9 a.m. - 2 p.m. Smoothies, Coffee Drinks & More.  
Pulled Barbecue Sandwiches, Fresh Lemonade*

### Jeanne's Cards & Gifts

*Selling Fourth of July Novelties on the sidewalk.*

### Tower Cafe

*Walking Tacos during the parade*

## Tower Flotilla

## Saturday, July 7 • 12 p.m.

*All new event (since BayView is now closed)  
Registration at 11 a.m. at the Tower Harbor.  
Judging at 12 noon. Call Rod at 218-410-9308.*

*Food, drinks, and prizes! Live music with  
"Everybody's Uncle" from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m., and  
"Elvis" from 3 - 5 p.m. at the Harbor!*

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Frandsen Bank- Tower  
Glenmore Resort  
Good Ol' Days  
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Rising above the tree-tops of the surrounding landscape, travelers are able to see several miles in all directions. "Wait until the fall color season," said Highway 169 Task Force member Bill Erzar. "The view will be spectacular."

As many as 40 people attended the ribbon-cutting ceremony Thursday on the west end of the new roadway that rises above and through ledge rock on the south side of the existing portion of highway.

"We are finally able to breathe." That's how Ely City Council member Paul Kess described the decades-long process to improve the road that connects Ely with Tower.

The six-mile stretch of highway between Six Mile Lake Road and Eagles Nest is the last portion of the \$17 million realignment project. MnDOT District 1 Project Manager Michael Kalnbach said the entire project should be completed by mid-July.



**Task Force member Pete Davis, center, was joined by Paul Kess, Tommy Rukavina, Mike Kalnbach, Dusty Dostert, Bill Erzar and Duane Hill to cut a ribbon officially dedicating the new section of Highway 169 between Ely and Tower last week.** photo by K. Vandervort

At a brief ceremony preceding the roadway tour and update meeting, Kess and other speakers hailed the work of the Highway 169 Task Force,

founded by Rudy Semeja, Bill Erzar, Pete Davis and others who persistently worked to advance the project. "We held our breath and the whole time

the task force just kept working," Kess said.

MnDOT Regional Engineer Duane Hill conceded that it took citizen persistence for the state to go through with long-sought improvements to the highway. "They pressured MnDOT and they pressured MnDOT," said Hill said. "This wouldn't have happened without all of their efforts."

For more than two decades, the project was delayed, first because of funding and later because of sulfide rock environmental and pollution concerns, as well as disagreement over route selection.

Kalnbach has presided over several resident update meetings at Eagles Nest as construction work progressed. "I had not been on the new route until today. It is simply beautiful coming through there," he said. "Once the construction is done and

the machines are out of the way, we will be able to see a long way."

He reported that the project was near 90-percent completed. "All the rock has been blasted and the excavation is complete. Final paving is under way. We have some cleanup to do in the ditches, striping and some signage to complete," he said.

Final paving on the east end of the project is also being done and is scheduled to be completed by the end of June, according to Kalnbach. Traffic switched onto the new section earlier this week. Work will continue under traffic during the final work. The contract completion date is July 20.

The existing roadway from the cell tower to the east end will be abandoned by MnDOT. "Over the winter, we talked with the Mesabi Bike Trail folks and St. Louis County on what is going to happen,"

Kalnbach said. "That segment will be turned over to the county. As part of our construction plan, on that portion we will remove half of the pavement and mill and leave the other half, and then that will be paved for a bike trail at some point."

According to MnDOT District 1 Construction Supervisor Dan Squires, the bike path could be paved by mid-August. "The trail will cross Highway 169 at the east end of the woods (new construction) section and go through DNR property up to Trygg Road and eventually all the way to Ely," Squires said.

A gravel road will allow access to the cell tower on the west end of the new section, Squires said. "It will not be open to the public."

Erzar noted that the new road will reduce many of the safety hazards, like S-curves that led to numerous crashes, and shaded areas that contributed to black ice conditions in the winter. There are more passing lanes for those drivers who prefer to drive faster than others.

He also solemnly paid tribute to those who lost their lives or suffered serious injuries on the highway. "To me, this is more about those people than anyone else," he said.

County Commissioner Tom Rukavina was also a proponent of the Highway 169 improvement project during his tenure in the state legislature. "I am heartened that common sense finally prevailed," he said. "There was a time the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency) actually suggested using heating coils to thaw the black ice."



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**JULY 8, 4:00 PM** · Mesabi East, Aurora  
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**Young Artists!** **JULY 10, 11:00 AM**  
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**JULY 14, 7:00 PM**  
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**JULY 18, 7:00 PM**  
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## REGIONAL NEWS

# Ely City Council member to lead League of Minnesota Cities

ELY – City Council member Heidi Omerza was recently elected as the president of the League of Minnesota Cities for 2018-2019.

The election was held

today at the League's Annual Conference in St. Cloud.

Omerza was elected to the Ely City Council in 2009. She also serves as president of the Ely

Economic Development Authority and as chair of the Incredible Ely organization. Beyond Ely, Omerza has held positions on the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities Board of

Directors and the League Board of Directors for the past seven years.

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# Lake Vermilion Soudan Underground Mine State Park activities

**Friday, June 29 ,  
Thursday, July 5**

Mammals of Minnesota from 5 – 7 p.m. Meet at Armstrong Bay Day use area. Do you

hear animals in the woods but never get a chance to see them up-close? Learn about the mammals of northern Minnesota through pelts and skulls. Visitors will have the

opportunity to touch and observe various artifacts of mammals that call this campground their home. This free program is open to all ages and skill levels. This is a come and go as

you please program.

**Thursday, July 5**

Fishing 101 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m., meet at Armstrong Bay Fishing

Pier

Learn the basics of fishing and try firsthand how to cast, reel and possibly catch a fish. Stop by anytime during the program. This free

program is open to all ages and skill levels. A limited number of supplies are available for use or you are welcome to bring your own. Make sure you dress for the weather.

## LAWSUIT...Continued from page 1

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 in what's known as an M-Opinion, 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."

Secretary Zinke cited Jorjani's opinion in reinstating the two mineral leases.

Yet the groups now challenging Zinke's decision say it was Jorjani who committed legal error. "The Jorjani M-Opinion incorrectly considers extrinsic evidence in violation of fundamental tenets of contract interpretation," argues the Friends' in their federal complaint. "Further, the Jorjani M-Opinion relies on a tortured reading of the 1966 Leases that is inconsistent with the contractual language of those Leases. Even if the 1966 Leases are to be considered, Twin Metals would not have a right to a third successive

renewal unless it started production during the initial 20-year term, from 1966-1986, which did not occur."

The lawsuits also contend that the Interior Department lacks authorization to reinstate expired mineral leases that were rejected for renewal nearly a year and a half earlier. The plaintiffs contend that the decision to deny renewal of the leases was a final one and that old leases cannot simply be resurrected after previous administrations have cancelled them.

"The federal government is flip-flopping in a way that it does not have power to do," said Chris Knopf, Executive Director of the Friends. "It was an arbitrary and unlawful decision made in favor of a Chilean mining company that wants to conduct a type of mining that has a history of causing environmental damage. We

will not let them come to Minnesota and destroy the Boundary Waters and harm the economy that has developed around this national treasure."

The Interior Department could have requested that Chilean mining giant Antofagasta, which owns the Twin Metals project, re-apply for new mineral leases, but such an application would be subject to environmental review, public comment, and could be opposed by the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service issued detailed findings in late 2016, citing potential risks the proposed mine poses to the nearby Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, which accompanied its decision to reject renewal of the mineral leases. Based on the Forest Service's decision, the federal Bureau of Land Management, which oversees the federal minerals program, terminated

the Twin Metals leases in January 2017.

By reinstating the original 1966 leases, Jorjani, who had worked for the Charles Koch Foundation prior to joining the Trump Interior Department, avoided the need for environmental review or Forest Service concurrence.

The plaintiffs in the latest cases joined NMW and area businesses in asking the court to declare the Twin Metals' leases as null and void and to prohibit Antofagasta from conducting further exploratory drilling on the lands in question.

The lawsuits come on the heels of comments made by President Donald Trump last week during a visit to Duluth. Speaking at a rally for supporters, Trump vowed to reopen about 234,000 acres of the Superior National Forest for mining. Those lands

were part of a proposed mineral withdrawal that the Forest Service is purportedly in the process of studying, although the results of the study of the proposed impacts of the withdrawal aren't expected until the end of the year. But Trump indicated he'd already made the decision

to deny the withdrawal, accusing his predecessor of putting Minnesota's natural resources under "lock and key." As for lifting the withdrawal proposal, Trump stated: "It is going to happen, I will tell you."

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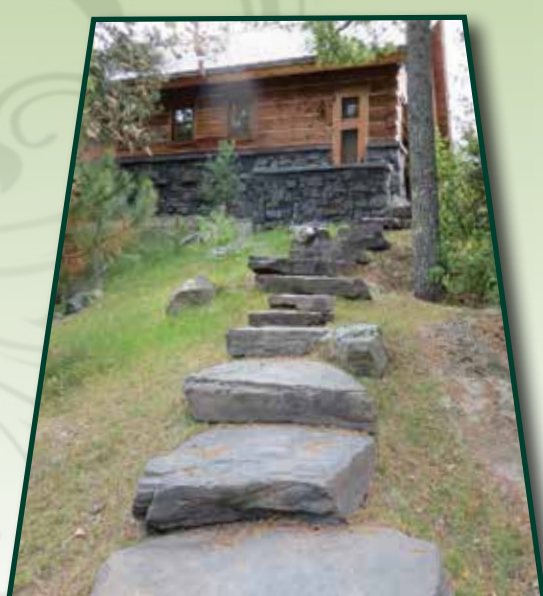
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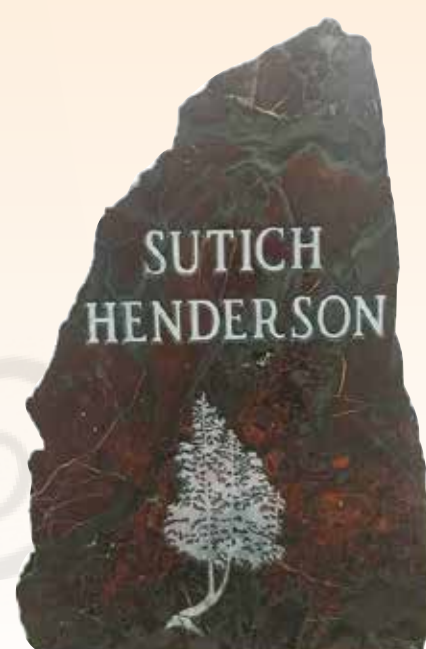
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# Don't miss out on Take a Kid Fishing

Mark your calendars for free day of fishing and fun for kids ages 10-15

LAKE VERMILION — Don't let your kid tell you there's nothing to do this summer as the 9th Annual Let's Take A Kid Fishing event is less than a month away.

This year's event will take place Wednesday, July 18 from noon until 5 p.m. at Fortune Bay Resort Casino's marina. Parents or guardians are encouraged to drop their kid(s) off at 11 a.m. to sign in with the volunteers.

Kids ages 10-15 are eligible to participate in this free event,

which is generously sponsored by both local and statewide companies. In addition to an afternoon of fishing, each kid gets several free gifts including a hat, t-shirt and a rod/reel combo. The day culminates with Fortune Bay providing a complimentary fish fry for the kids, parents/guardians and volunteers at its lakeside tent.

"We really enjoy being part of this event," said Fortune Bay Resort Casino's Director of Public Relations Brian K.

Anderson. "There is a lot of local support, as well as regional and statewide support, too. The Take A Kid Fishing Committee does an excellent job promoting the event and gives freely of their time to ensure everyone has a great time."

Anderson added that Lake Vermilion guides, and other guides, give up a day of their time to teach kids how to fish on one of the best lakes in Minnesota.

"They are very passionate

about this," said Anderson. "I think that speaks volumes on how important this event is to introduce the great sport of fishing to the next generation of anglers."

The event is limited to the first 100 kids signing up. The deadline to sign up is July 5 or when 100 kids are signed up, whichever comes first.

Parents or guardians can sign up their kids at [www.lakevermilion.com/kids](http://www.lakevermilion.com/kids).



Young people ages 10-15 can sign up now for a fun afternoon of fishing on Lake Vermilion. file photo



Left: Mary Louise Icenhour begins the arduous task of rolling out the dough for her potica.

Below: Icenhour begins the initial rolling of the potica once the dough is rolled out and the filling is evenly spread. photos by K. Vandervort

FUNDRAISING

# Slovenian Sweetness

Ely woman turns her kitchen into a potica factory for Folk School fundraiser

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

WHITE IRON LAKE — A faded and tattered recipe, produced on a manual typewriter, complete with stains and a few handwritten notes, has a simple heading "Walnut Potica." That recipe is the basis of Mary Louise Icenhour's heritage.

Like all recipes, this one is the guideline or first step in mastering a baking tradition handed down through many generations in Ely.

Icenhour's mother, Rose Mavetz, used her original recipe to teach Community Education classes in the 1970s and 1980s at Vermilion Community College. Mary has decades of experience in making this Slovenian sweet bread and she passes on that knowledge to Ely Folk School students willing to keep the tradition intact.

These days, Icenhour is a one-person potica factory. She's churning out dozens of loaves of walnut potica at her White Iron Lake cabin this week as she gets enough stock to conduct a fundraiser for EFS.

She is donating the cost of materials and the time it takes to make as many as 50 poticas and will sell them for \$40 each at a special bake sale event on Tuesday, July 3. All proceeds go to the Folk School. To reserve a traditional Slovenian-made walnut potica, call her at 218-365-6662.

Icenhour is making five batches or loaves each day over the course of about 10 days. "If this goes well, we'll look at doing this again at Christmas and Easter," she said.

"I like to start as early as I can in the morning. That's when I'm well rested," said the retired Duke University nursing instructor.

Icenhour spends her summers at



Right: A Slovenian postage stamp celebrates the country's heritage of potica.

submitted

the same cabin her father built back in 1954. She recently bought a house in Ely and comes to town for the winter. "I guess you could call me a snow bird," she joked.

While she waited for the dough to rise, she showed a visitor a Slovenian stamp that featured potica, walnuts and honey. "I get a Christmas card from my father's cousin every year," she said. "Potica is so significant to the Slovenian culture that they feature the baked good on their stamps. Our first lady is from the old country and Melania told the Pope last year during a visit that she feeds her husband potica. Slovenians have a real cultural connection to this sweet bread."

Each batch of Icenhour's potica contains two pounds of walnuts, one and a half cups of honey, a cup of sugar, lots of heavy whipping cream and three eggs. "The filling is very rich," she said. "I always use Minnesota honey. And



I use at least a pound of butter. I don't skimp. And get the good high-protein flour."

The combination of these is really an art. As she described the process, Icenhour added her own tried and true tips which ultimately prove invaluable for the potica novice. "Use a heavy pan, like an old pressure cooker," and "just bring it to a slight boil. Stir in the honey and butter mixture carefully to get a nice consistency in the filling. This filling is what makes potica, potica," Mary said.

She noted the golden color of the filling. "If you had cheaper walnuts, it

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BREWING UP

# Brewing up HISTORY

Castle Danger's stout has roots in Tower's earliest days



A north woods connection: A can of George Hunter Stout with the remains of the former Iron Range Brewing Co. in the background. The beer, produced by the Castle Danger Brewing Company, is named after Tower's original brewmaster.

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA  
Timberjay staff writer

TWO HARBORS — The historic Tower brewery closed during Prohibition and never reopened its doors but the spirit lives on today. A delicious stout is now on the market that has roots tracing back to Tower's Iron Range Brewing Company. George Hunter Stout, made by Castle Danger Brewery in Two Harbors, was named after the Tower resident who opened the Iron Range Brewing Company in the late 1800s.

Clinton MacFarlane, Hunter's great-great-grandson, followed in Hunter's footsteps and opened his own commercial brewery, Castle Danger, in 2011 and began selling the George Hunter Stout, named after the brewing pioneer. "I wanted to brew a stout, which is a well-known Irish beer. The stout we make is more of an Americanized version. George Hunter was an Irish immigrant and was a stout man, so the name just seemed to fit. Also, George Hunter sounds like a good, strong name so I wanted a strong, bold beer to match," said MacFarlane.

MacFarlane said that he has always been interested in beer, but didn't know "great beer" until a family trip to Belgium in 2001. In 2006 he saw a beer kit for sale in a Cabela's catalogue, "I thought it was crazy that you could make beer at home and I loved the idea," he said.

The former Iron Range Brewing Company was the first brewery north of Duluth and it operated from the late 1800s to 1920, when the enactment of Prohibition shut down many such businesses. The brewery was located near the Tower harbor and consisted of a wooden building where

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CITY OF TOWER

# Council gives initial green light for ambulance upgrade

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER— In a short second meeting of the month, the city council here, minus Brad Match, authorized Ambulance Director Steve Altenburg to seek possible sources of funding to help the city pay for the upgrade of a third ambulance.

The city currently operates two ambulances, but Altenburg said a third vehicle is needed to respond to an increasing number of calls and transfers as well as backup when other ambulances are out of commission.

The city has had a third ambulance for some time, but the cost of equipping the vehicle

would be significant. Altenburg showed the council four pieces of equipment that he recommended purchasing for the ambulance, including two heart devices, a specialized gurney, and a power “stair-chair” to assist responders when they have to move patients down stairs. Total price tag for the equipment is about \$72,500. “Call it \$75,000,” said Altenburg.

Given the high cost, Altenburg said he would check to see if there might be funding sources that could help pay for some of it. “We’ll know in short order if we’ll get any funding,”

he said.

In other business, the council:

- Approved loan documents for the Lamppa building project. The IRRRB is providing a \$1.85 million non-recourse loan to the city to pay for construction of a 9,000-square foot industrial building to house Lamppa Manufacturing and possibly a second business. The city council is expected to approve the construction bid from Lenci at their July 9 meeting, with construction set to begin sometime after that.
- Approved a motion accepting an IRRRB grant for \$268,000 for ongoing work on the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center. The center’s board had applied for the funding, which is designated for foundational and roof work. In related action, the council approved a \$2,800 professional services contract with Architectural Resources to handle the bidding process for the cultural center.
- Approved a request from Connie Opdycke of the Doghouse Grill in Babbitt to operate a food truck at the Hoodoo Point Campground.
- Approved a request from Randy Semo, of Good Ol’ Days, to close a portion of Poplar Street beginning July 3 through 2 p.m. on July 5 to allow for 4th of July-related music and celebration.
- The closure would also limit access on South Second Street, east of Spruce Street, to local traffic only.
- Approved a temporary liquor license to the Tower Firemen’s Relief Association for the 4th of July beer tent.
- Approved a cabin lease transfer at 5757 Hoodoo Point Road to new owners Larry Krogstad and Susie Peterson.

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would be darker,” she said. “Drop in the eggs one at a time and stir in each one. Don’t have it too hot or the else the eggs will start to cook too fast. Add a generous cup of whipping cream. Potica can’t be too rich.”

Icenhour has a half-dozen aluminum loaf pans, nearly impossible to obtain anymore, that she uses solely for her potica.

“Back in the 1970s, there was a hardware store next to Kerntz’s (appliance store) run by a family of Slovenes, the Banovetzes and they got a bunch of the pans in,” she said. “This news went through the Slovenian ladies in town like lightning, and my mother got six. I still use her original pans. They never see a dishwasher. I treat them with care. Martha Banovetz, Frank’s wife, never got any of those pans. I heard that from her daughter, Marcia, who was in my high school class here in Ely.”

Icenhour said that she scours e-bay and buys them whenever they are available. “They are an odd size, but just perfect for a loaf of potica,” she said.

“Most Slovenian women use a type of double-woven tablecloth that is hard to come by,” she said. “I have a 100-percent cotton sheet that is only used for my walnut potica. I wash it separately and line dry it. This



Icenhour begins to roll her potica by lifting the underlying cotton sheet.

is important for cleanliness.”

One of the mysteries of potica: “We were fussy about how much flour we added to the dough, but now you want to liberally put flour on the cloth and you want the flour to sink into the cloth,” she said.

Mary uses her grandmother’s square table, resurrected out of the bunkhouse at the cabin. “I like it because it is sturdy and

flat and has no leaves and is 60 inches long which is perfect for five loaves of potica,” she said.

This week Icenhour is getting quite a workout with her rolling pin. “You just have to keep rolling. Lean into it. Hear that air come out? It’s the carbon dioxide from the yeast. My mother’s recipe calls for a rolling pin but there is a point where I give it a little help with

### What’s in a name?

Potica (poh-TEET-sah), also known as povitica (poh-vee-TEET-sah), is a yeast-raised dough rolled around a variety of fillings - sweet or savory. Its name derives from the Slovenian word poviti, which means, “to wrap in.” Every family has its favorite recipe and a walnut potica, the most popular kind, can vary from one household to the next. This traditional nut bread or nut roll is served at Easter and Christmas, even weddings, in Slovenia where it has both a cultural and religious significance and is still very popular in some parts of the United States.

Nut rolls are known also by many specific regional names, including: gubana, guban’ca, or potica in Slovene; orechovník in Slovak; makowiec in Polish; povitica, gibanica, orahnjača/orehnjača in Croatian and Serbian (walnut variant), makovnjača for variant with poppy seed, in Croatia can also be made with carob; kalács and bejgli in Hungarian; and pastič (pastiche) or nokul in Turkish.

my hands,” she said.

She prodded the dough to the edges of the table, pulling it, lifting it, and adding flour to keep it from sticking. “Don’t worry about the holes in the dough,” she said. “One thing about ethnic food is there is a lot of range for error. Just make sure it doesn’t stick to the cloth.”

The paste-like walnut filling was added and spread from edge to edge. “It is surprising how resilient the dough is to the scraping and spreading of the filling,” she said.

Icenhour started on one edge and began to roll the dough. “Now this is were the potica cloth

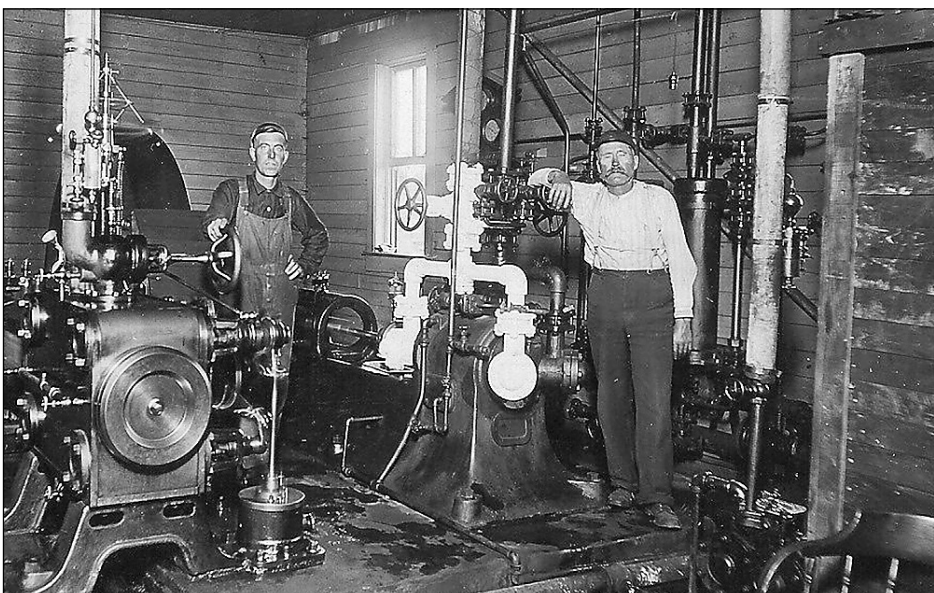
really she shines,” she said as she picked up the side of the cloth and allowed gravity to roll the dough onto itself in quick fashion. And just like that, the potica was rolled and ready to rest for 15 minutes before going into the well-buttered baking pans and into the oven for an hour.

A handwritten hint at the bottom of the recipe says, “Before freezing, when potica is well wrapped, let it stand at room temperature for two days to allow flavor to go through.”

## GEORGE HUNTER...Continued from page 1B

the beer was brewed and an immense concrete building where it was stored. The concrete building, which still stands and is now for sale, was made with two outer concrete walls with space in between. During the winter workers would cut ice off the lake and use horses to transfer and hoist it up the three-story building, allowing the beer to stay cool throughout the summer, said Hanson.

Fast forward nearly a century, and George Hunter Stout has proven a very popular brew throughout Castle Danger’s distribution area in Minnesota. The stout was previously only available during the winter months but has been upgraded to a year-round beer just this year. The beer is also available as a

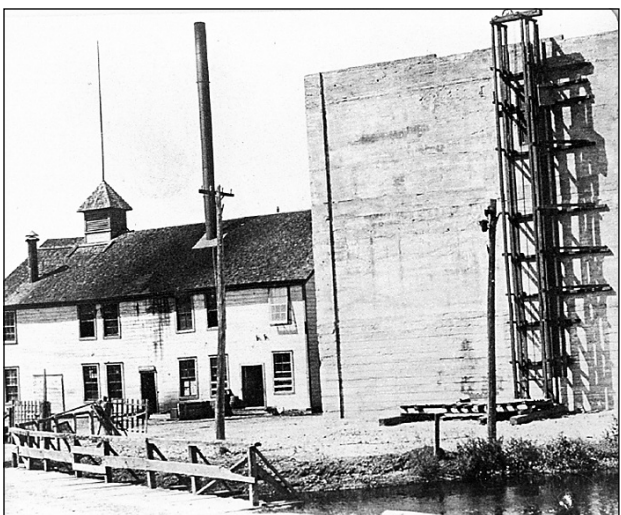


foamy nitro beer. George Hunter Stout is described as “An American Stout with flavors and aromas of molasses, licorice, maple, coffee, chocolate, and cream. It is a big, roasty,

full-bodied brew that will stand up to Minnesota winters.”

George Hunter Stout can be found locally in Tower at Fortune Bay, and the Ledge Liquor Store; in

Ely at Insula, Rockwood Bar and Grill, Mike’s Liquor, and Lakeshore Liquor; and in Babbitt at Junction Bar and Grill, according to the Castle Danger website.



Left: George Hunter (on right) and a fellow worker at the former Iron Range Brewing Company in Tower.

Above: The former brewery seen from the outside. The wooden structure is gone, but the heavy concrete cooling house remains today and was the home of the Iron Ore Bar for many years.

photos courtesy Tower-Soudan Historical Society



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Left: The grand entry at the Vermilion Traditional Pow Wow last Saturday.

Right: Aniyah Two Crow gets help with her hair from her mother Meredith. photos by J. Summit



## CULTURE & TRADITION

# VERMILION POW WOW



Above: Ozaawaa Morris, from Red Cliff, has a big smile for his uncle Terry Goodsky, who was the MC for the event. The Vermilion Traditional Pow Wow always brings together family from across the region.



Above: Don Chosa dances to the drummers as part of the grand entry.

Left: Arlene King gets help with her regalia.



Above: A dancer strikes a proud pose.

Below: Hazel Morrison and Elius Strong get ready for the grand entry.



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WORDS TO LIVE BY

# Council seeks to put city’s mission into words

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – City Council members her, on Tuesday, began to study the process of developing mission, values and vision statements for the city of Ely. Two council members were absent from the meeting, and three council members were not fully prepared to offer their own versions.

“My understanding on how we proceed is first we have a vision, then create a mission on how we are going to accomplish that vision, and then apply some value to it,” said Mayor Chuck Novak.

Ely resident John Esse, who prompted city leaders to develop the words to live by, said he believes a city’s vision statement should be brief enough to fit on a coffee cup. He suggested, “Let’s Make Ely Great Again.”

Council member Al Forsman said a mission statement should be easy to recite and to keep in the forefront as the council conducts business for the city: “The city of Ely provides the municipal infrastructure, services and pro-

grams essential to the desirable community in which we live, work and play.”

He said he strived to keep the statement simple. “This describes what we are actually here for,” Forsman said.

“The mission of the city of Ely is to provide a safe, clean and strong community to enhance our schools, businesses and our neighborhoods,” was the mission statement offered by council member Jerome Debeltz.

Heidi Omerza said she wanted to “take a pass” and add input to what other council members offer.

Ryan Callen suggested a mission statement should talk about prosperity and economic development. “We have a job as council members to provide services at the lowest cost to taxpayers and spend their (tax) money wisely,” he said.

Paul Kess and Dan Forsman did not attend the study session.

Novak offered this mission statement, “Govern and manage the city to ensure that all necessary services are provided in a timely and proper fashion.

Control expenditures to keep local property taxes as low as possible. Provide sources of information to the citizens and businesses of Ely in a manner that lets them know what is going on in their city. It is important to also develop a plan for a strong economic development initiative to implement the vision.”

Two written vision statements were offered by Novak and Forsman for consideration.

Novaks’s vision statement: “The city of Ely will grow to a population slightly above 5,000 by the year 2033. Additional industrial, service and high-tech businesses will provide employment with good-paying, family-sustaining wages that will support a family of four and provide a level of disposable income that will permit the purchase of snowmobiles, all-terrain vehicles and bicycles for recreation and allow the family to enjoy an internet-ready home theater system while sitting on the couch and enjoying a cocktail of their choice. These jobs and residents will help keep our restaurants open

year round, increase student population in our school and college, increase patronage to our local hospital and clinic while providing the goods and services others throughout the country may desire.”

Forsman used the vision statement from the city’s Comprehensive Plan that was adopted three years ago: “The city of Ely provides unique opportunities for recreation, culture and work not often seen in a city of its size. Ely continues to offer an excellent quality of life to residents of the region. We strive to maintain our outstanding educational opportunities, a full range of medical services, exceptional outdoor experiences, and an unequaled sense of community spirit. Ely provides a safe and friendly atmosphere, in affordable neighborhoods that complement their natural surroundings. Ely supports businesses, industry institutions and entrepreneurship - providing long-term, quality employment and economic viability.”

As for values statements, Novak offered a list of things to

do and don’t do:

➤Debate the issue;

➤Offer solutions, just don’t offer reasons why we can’t;

➤Do it right the first time because doing something just good enough isn’t good enough anymore;

➤Don’t do something just because that’s the way it has always been;

➤Do not restart city business after an election and lose the momentum that is positively advancing the city in a better overall condition.

Forsman’s value statement: “The city of Ely is committed to be a community that welcomes and values diversity. We will work to be a place where all people, citizens and visitors alike, will feel safe and confident that the city of Ely respects the rights and dignity of all people.”

Other council members will be asked to offer suggestions for the mission, vision and values statements for the city and the discussion will continue, according to Novak.

ELY SCHOOLS

# Connecting Ely school buildings at top of the priority list

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – The planning and prioritizing process for long-range facilities improvements continues for the Ely School District. A project ranking by the facilities committee was studied by School Board members Monday night. Connecting the three buildings on the ISD 696 campus appears to be rising to the top of the list.

The facilities committee, made up of about 20 community members,

school staff, administration and School Board members met Monday. “There were lots of comments prior to the ranking of priorities about what was wanted or not wanted, and to assume that the group came to a complete consensus on one or two things or three would not have been a realistic expectation,” said Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson.

A spreadsheet of facility needs indicated high rankings by a majority of committee members

to connect the buildings somehow (above or below ground), and add additional gymnasium space, either with an addition to the existing small gymnasium over the former swimming pool, or with new construction.

Some of the anonymous rankings seemed to indicate that remodeling or building a new cafeteria is also an important factor to consider for long-range facilities planning.

“Everybody brings a different perspective to ranking,” Abrahamson said, “and everyone filled it out differently. Either I didn’t tighten up the directions enough to get more uniformity or it was not specific enough for them to all follow through the same way.”

The ranking spreadsheet, along with discussions held over the past several months, and consultations with an architectural firm fulfill the need for guidelines for the School Board to help aid their discussions in the coming months on how to move forward with a long-range facilities plan.

Several facilities projects will be moving forward regardless of what the board decides on connecting the build-

ings and/or adding more gymnasium space. For instance, demolition of the former heating plant and improving the courtyard can be partially funded through the IRRRB, according to Abrahamson. Replacing windows on the Washington building and putting a new roof on the Memorial building are also in the works.

Non-referendum abatement bonds are available to repave the parking lots and improve the parent-drop-off access. Electrical and mechanical upgrades and school safety upgrades can also be completed sooner rather than later, he said. “The parking lot work could be done as early as next spring.”

School Board member Heidi Mann said she would like to see the board move forward “to get off the fence, not faster than is prudent, but not just hold up because we don’t want to make a decision.” She added, “We have lots of indications from the community and the (facilities) committee of their over-arching desires.”

Board Chair Ray Marsnik noted the impor-

ance of doing it right, and not quickly. “There is a lot of homework yet to be done before we can make any decisions,” he said. “Any decisions will come from this board.”

Board member Scott Kellerman said he would like to see the board come up with a couple of facilities plan configurations and price them out. “I don’t want to say no until I see what the cost is for the different plans,” he said.

Abrahamson said an important step yet to make is to determine how much the public will bear in terms of paying for the facility improvements. “An accounting firm can tell you the costs for bonding and for how long you would have to bond. We can talk about that next month or in the next several months,” he said. He said one consideration is to transition from the existing bond payoff to another bond with no effect on the levy.

“To me the key is the money and what the community is going to buy,” Marsnik said. “We will probably have to go with some kind of referendum. I

don’t see how we’re going to do it with our current (budget).”

School Board members will have a more comprehensive discussion on the issue at their July 23 study session.

In the study session business, board members discussed the results of their Minnesota School Board Association self-evaluation, prepared for the superintendent’s evaluation next month, and reviewed the new elementary language arts curriculum.

### Other business

In a brief special meeting, the board:

➤Approved the elementary language arts purchase for \$77,710 for phase I;

➤Accepted the resignation of Daniel A. Bettis as a paraprofessional;

➤Hired Paul Peterson for the full-time physical education teacher and for the assistant varsity football coach position for the 2018-2019 school year;

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The Internet has much more information on the awards and achievements of these performers. Everyone is invited to what will be an amazing collaboration of beautiful music. The event is sponsored by the Finnish Americans and Friends of Hibbing. There is no admission charge, but a free will donation of \$10 will go toward expenses. A coffee and ice cream social will follow the performance.

## Star Spangled Art Show/Sale in Ely begins with preview event on July 7

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## Old Settlers Reunion and Picnic set for Saturday, July 21

BREITUNG TWP- The Annual Old Settlers Reunion and Picnic will be held on Saturday, July 21 starting at 12 noon at McKinley Park Campground. Old Settlers is open to anyone born or living on the Vermilion Iron Range (Tower and Ely). Dues are \$6 if paid prior to June 30, and then \$8 otherwise. The Old Settlers Picnic features a booyah dinner, entertainment, and door prizes.

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## VERMILION RESERVATION

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## Program at Vermilion Wellness Center on Saturday, July 7

TOWER- The public is invited to join the St. Louis County Historical Society for an evening of discussion on the Vietnam War. There will be a short clip of the PBS documentary "The Vietnam War" by Ken Burns and Lynn Novick, and a meal and conversation. This event is Saturday, July 7 from 1 - 3 p.m. at the Bois Forte Vermilion Wellness Center, 1615 Farm Rd. S in Tower.

## Twin Metals contributes to UWNEMN's building renovation

REGIONAL- United Way of Northeastern Minnesota (UWNEMN) is \$15,000 closer to their Building Renovation Campaign goal thanks to a generous donation from Twin Metals Minnesota. The gift was presented by Twin Metals CEO, Robert Mayne Nichols and Director of Operations and Safety, Dean DeBeltz. The donation will go toward the necessary renovations in UWNEMN's new office and program space. "We are so grateful to Twin Metals for this gift. When Dean and Robert came to visit our building prior to our official move, I just knew they saw the future vision for the building," said Shelley Valentini, UWNEMN Executive Director. "The building will serve as the cornerstone of our work and will dramatically improve our effectiveness and efficiency."

Twin Metals' donation, along with all others at the \$1,000 or more level, will be permanently recognized on a wall in the entrance of the building. "We are thrilled to be a part of creating a lasting legacy on the Iron Range by supporting UWNEMN's new building. Twin Metals Minnesota sees UWNEMN as an important partner to ensure Twin Metals Minnesota's current and future contributions benefit the entire region. As a member of the Board of Directors, I see firsthand



Shelley Valentini accepting the Twin Metals contribution from Dean DeBeltz. submitted photo

the important work that this organization does in our communities," said Dean DeBeltz. "Our company has sent many volunteers to help pack Buddy Backpacks. We are all excited to pack the meal kits in the new building this fall."

UWNEMN moved into the building on June 19. However, the renovation campaign is still continu-

ing. The organization needs to raise an additional \$180,000. If you are interested in making a contribution to support UWNEMN's renovation campaign, please contact Shelley Valentini at 218-254-3329 or visit [www.unitedwaynemn.org](http://www.unitedwaynemn.org).

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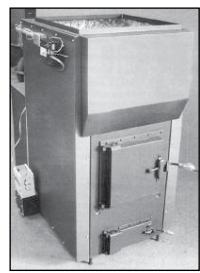
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## Obituaries and Death Notices

### Mary A. Mitchell

Mary Alice Kurtz Mitchell, 93, a member of the Greatest Generation, lived a full and rich life which began in Des Moines, Iowa, on May 21, 1925, and ended on June 23, 2018, the 69th anniversary of her marriage to James E. Mitchell Jr. Completing her life's circle, Mary Alice will return to Des Moines. The Rosary will be shared at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 31 in The Chapel at St. Augustin. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 1 in St. Augustin Church.

As the first granddaughter born, Mary Alice was named after both her grandmothers, Mary Ellen Flynn Miley and Alice McDonnell Kurtz. Growing up in Des Moines, she attended St. Augustin School and St. Joseph Academy, where she was President of her Senior Class of 1943. She

received a BA in English from St. Mary's of Notre Dame in Indiana. Mary Alice married Jim "Mitch" Mitchell, her friend since second grade, on June 23, 1949. They had five children, Miley Fleming Mayne (Mark), Kathleen Hunt Meucci (Jim), Julie Mitchell Baxley (Rusty), James E. Mitchell III (Elizabeth) and John Kurtz Mitchell Sr. (Stephanie).

In addition to Des Moines, Mary Alice and Mitch called many places home: Iowa City, Iowa; Lake Vermilion, Minn.; Birmingham, Mich.; Atlanta, Ga.; Memphis, Tenn.; Marco Island, Fla.; Lake Okoboji, Iowa; Denver, Colo.; and Lookout Mountain, Ga. Community involvement was important to Mary Alice. She served as President of the Des Moines Junior League, was elected to the National Board, and was an active League member as she moved around the country. The Catholic Church was always dear to Mary Alice;

she served on various active guilds and committees in the many parishes in which she lived.

Mary Alice is survived by her five children and their families of 14 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

She was predeceased by her parents, L. Clarence Kurtz and Helen Miley Kurtz; five siblings, Louis Kurtz, Robert Kurtz, Helen Clare Sillstrop, Nancy Arkwright and John Kurtz; and her husband, James E. Mitchell Jr. in 2009.

### Nancy Kelley

Nancy "Sue" Wiler Kelley, 77, of Babbitt, passed away at her residence on Thursday, June 21, 2018. Graveside services will be held at 1 p.m. on Thursday, June 28 at Argo Cemetery in Babbitt with Rev. Donald Schmiede officiating. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home of Virginia.

She is survived by her daughter, Jackie Kelley of Hastings; grandchildren,

Anna and Sam Kelley of Duluth; sister, Cindy (Bill) Holm of Grand Rapids; brothers, Earl Lamke of Buhl and Dennis Wiler of Forest Lake; numerous nieces and nephews; neighbors and family friends, Rachel and Ben Thomatz.

### Mary M. Mavetz

Mary Margaret Junker Mavetz, 92, of Ely, passed away on Tuesday, March 6, 2018, at Carefree Assisted Living in Ely. A Memorial Mass will be held at 2 p.m. on Thursday, July 5 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely with visitation being held one hour prior to the service at the church. Family arrangements are entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her sister, Jean (Gary) Johnson; her beloved children, Beckie (Whitney Meddaugh) Lobe, Mary Jo (Ric) Toman, Darlene (Brian) LaFrenier and Al Mavetz; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

### Jerry D. Thoren

Jerry Dean Thoren, 73, of Ely, passed away at home on Saturday, June 23, 2018. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, June 30 at First Lutheran Church in Ely with visitation being held one hour prior to the service at the church. Family arrangements are entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

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Discussions underway on possibility of new mental health facility for youth

by MELISSA ROACH  
Staff Writer

REGIONAL — St. Louis County Schools Superintendent Reggie Engebritson told board members Monday that she has been meeting with mental health task force officials from St. Louis County Social Services and Range Mental Health, as well as County Commissioner Mike Jugovich, to explore a potential mental health facility at the old Buhl Academy in Mt. Iron.

“The county’s concern,” she said, “is dollars and the ability to get the program up and running.” Engebritson said she felt frustrated, given the great need and the available space at the former school. Troy Swanson expressed his support saying the state should make money available for the facility. Engebritson listed a number of reasons beyond just the need for a regional mental health facility, including the money already invested in the building through the IRRRB, as well as job creation.

Engebritson also reported meeting with Tony Buccanero and said he has been talking with

Kraus Anderson and ARI and they are forming a committee to look at the building construction concerns at South Ridge and North Woods. Earlier this month, Buccanero revealed a laundry list of major concerns during a board study session. Both the South Ridge and North Woods schools have problems with sinking floors, which are distorting interior walls and doorways.

In other reports, district business manager Kim Johnson walked the school board through the 2017-18 budget and the itemized the 2018-19 budget for the board to approve. She said enrollment has stabilized and as “enrollment drives the budget,” Johnson said last year the district realized an increase of \$449,690 in general education aid because of better-than-projected student enrollment.

Johnson now projects the district will end the 2017-18 school year with an unreserved fund balance essentially unchanged, at \$4.26 million. Her proposed 2018-19 budget projects those reserves to dip to \$3.4 million one year from now. But Johnson typically uses conservative enrollment projections, so

the final deficit is usually less than projected.

Johnson projects overall expenditures of \$38.5 million for the coming year, a \$2.11 million decrease over last year. Last year’s higher spending was driven by the cost of the steam-to-hot water conversion project at Northeast Range. The bulk of the projected expenditures for next year’s budget lie in salary and benefits amounting to \$24.52 million, reflecting a \$531,357 increase over last year. The number is also reflective of an expected five-percent increase in the district’s health care costs.

Johnson’s report also shows the district received a belated \$2 million from the IRRRB for 2017 and another \$2 million for 2018, and will receive another \$2 million for fiscal year 2019. Those revenues are supposed to be earmarked for buying down a portion of the district’s bonded debt stemming from the 2009 bond referendum.

In other business, the

board:

- Approved opening school board candidate filings from July 31 to Aug. 14.
- Hired the following support staff: Megan Bird; Hire/rehire coaching staff: Jason Marsh, Jordan Christianson, Gerald Barry, Chris Carpenter, LeAnn Adkisson, Angel Dahl, Tracy Sauter, John Jirik, Jeff Chaulklin, Joel Anderson, Dave Shuster, Jeffrey Chaulklin, Will Kleppe, Gabby Sundquist, Dee Ann Sandberg, Julie Holien, Dan Squires, Jodi Reichensperger, Misti Roseth, Julianna Gerlovich, Ellen Pierce, Nissa Koivisto, Jason Limp, Cara Jean Baker, Brent Johnson, Adam Janke, Dan Nelson, Brad Olesiak, Mikayla Olesiak, Bridget Paulson, Jeremy Polson, Alissa Boytari, David Hardy, Trevor Bernsdorf, Michael Summers.
- Accepted the resignations of Twyla Race, Jay Parenteau, Dina Kochevar, and Abby Ferrazzi.

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# Outdoors

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## COMPETITION

### Young anglers make their mark in musky competition

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

VERMILION DAM LODGE— The splash of musky lures on the water could be heard all across the west end of Lake Vermilion last Friday as 40 young people from around the state of Minnesota took part in the annual state high school musky tournament.

I know... you're probably wondering why musky fishing wasn't a spring sport when you were in school. It's a question Mike Riha gets all the time. For the past four years he's been the organizer of this annual event, which just wrapped up its ninth year.

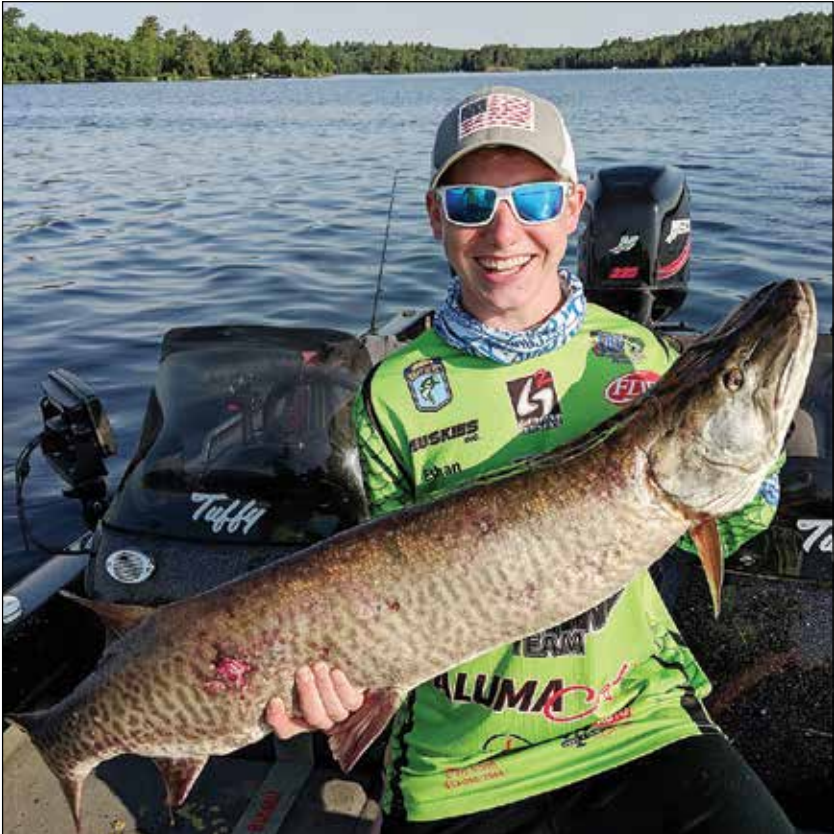
The event is organized

by Muskies, Inc., an non-profit dedicated, in part, to educating young people about musky fishing and maintaining the resource. The Twin Cities-based Hugh C. Becker Foundation provides most of the funding for the event, which has been held at Vermilion Dam Lodge for the past four years. Becker was an avid musky fisherman and a founding member of the Twin Cities Muskies, Inc. chapter, one of 11 chapters in the state.

Each of those chapters can send up to two teams of local students to take part in the state tournament.

For the students taking

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Ethan Pudil, of Lakeville, smiles big as he hoists a battle-scarred Lake Vermilion musky for a quick photo before releasing it. It was the largest of two musky that Pudil caught on Saturday to clinch first place in the state tournament. submitted photo

## Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower  
**PURPLE CINQUEFOIL**



This is a wildflower that likes to keep its feet wet. **Purple Cinquefoil**, *Potentilla palustris*, is best seen in open bogs and fens, or along road ditches through boggy country. It has a palmate leaf, with five leaflets, and a distinctive deep purple flower. The sharply pointed "petals" are actually the flower's sepals. The petals are much smaller and can be found in the center.

They're just starting their period of bloom, so they should be in flower for the next few weeks. They are members of the Rose family.

## Fishing reports

### Kab-Nam area

Last week we saw hot, humid and windless days affecting the bite. You needed to be on the water as the sun came up and the last hour before dark. This made fishing tough as you also needed to know where to be during those key hours or you would miss out on the bite. Soft bottom shallow areas produced well as the first significant mayfly hatch was in the making.

As the weekend approached we had significant rain and then much cooler temps and now an east wind turning the bite back on again during the day. Stick to soft bottom areas and wind-swept shorelines using live bait rigs and you should find fish. Leeches and crawlers seem to be producing best but there is still a jig and minnow bite. A good map is your best friend. Chase the wind to areas that are pushing baitfish in to feast on the current mayfly hatch and you will find fish.

Larger northern pike have started to move to cooler waters as the hot weather brought water temps up quite a bit. You will still find smaller pike mixed in with small mouth bass along most shorelines casting just about anything.

### Crabby Phil's tip of the week

Well, it's mayfly time of year as one of the first hatches is taking place. A mayfly hatch doesn't have to spoil your fishing. Mayflies hatch as the soft lake bottom warms up, and walleyes love the larvae. You know where the walleyes are, wherever there is soft bottom structure. Put various baits in front of them, with and without spinners. If your presentation impresses them you'll catch those 'eyes.

### Guide Trent Snyder

It was a good week of fishing. This week the bite was strong evening and early morning. Most of the fish I caught were in that 16 to 21-foot range, it was a sunny calm week which made the bite challenging during the hot afternoons. Bright colored jigs on bright colored days work the best. Just make sure you fish the wind. Make your afternoons pay off by casting cranks along the shoreline for some small mouth bass.

Good luck.



Left: June is the season for Minnesota's state flower, the Showy Ladyslipper, seen here in bloom right now in a location in Tower. It appears to be an excellent year for Showy Ladyslippers, with many reported along Hwy. 53 and side roads from Ash Lake north to the border. photo by M. Helmberger

Below: Dramatic reddish sepals provide a spectacular backdrop for this Small Yellow Ladyslipper photographed in Embarrass. photo by D. Smith

## ORCHID SEASON

# Look out for Ladyslippers



The Pink Ladyslipper, one of the area's most common ladyslippers, is mostly done blooming for the season. photo by M. Helmberger





## VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

### New dock provides safer launch for canoes and kayaks



**Park supporters during the dock christening held Saturday. Pictured are (l-r) park superintendent Bob DeGross, Eric Johnson, Christina Hausman, Megan Bond, Allison O'Hara and Rep. Rob Ecklund.** submitted

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**  
Managing Editor

**RAINY LAKE**—Canoeists and kayakers interested in exploring Voyageurs National Park will now have a quieter and safer place to launch their craft in the park. A new dock designed specifically for canoes and kayaks was officially opened for use this past Saturday, June 22, near the Rainy Lake Visitor's Center.

Christina Hausman, executive director of the nonprofit Voyageur National Park Association, said the new dock was needed to reduce crowding and safety concerns at the visitors center main launch point, which caters to a large volume of larger motorized boats in addition to the paddle craft.

"This was a safer alternative," said Hausman.

The new launch site was designed to accommodate canoers along with the growing interest in sea kayaking in the park. "We see sea kayakers as our fastest-growing user group," said Hausman. "With big lakes, very few portages, and lots of islands, it's the perfect place to practice big water kayaking," she said. The ability of park users to reserve campsites has helped kayakers, said Hausman, because they can better plan their routes with the confidence that they'll have access to campsites they can comfortably reach.

VNPA members and the outdoors equipment retailer REI provided the funding for the \$7,000 project.

## LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST from NOAA weather

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part, the road to state tournament competition varies. Some chapters have just enough interest to send their allotted two teams, while other chapters attract lots of students. In those cases, local tournaments are typically held to determine who gets to compete at state. This year, a total of 104 students competed to go to state, with 40 qualifying for the event.

At the competition, the young anglers head out at the crack of dawn for eight hours of fishing. The young anglers are typically accompanied by a parent or an adult, who serves as a boat driver, not a guide. Generally, the team with the most inches of musky (over 30 inches) is the winner, and if not enough muskies are caught, northern pike can also put you on the scoreboard.

Many of the kids know their stuff when it comes to landing one of the state's most challenging game fish. First place in this year's tournament went to a two-student team from Lakeville, who landed a 46-1/2-inch and a 42-inch musky to win the trophy plaque and a new muskie rod.

For Riha, organizing the tournament is a labor of love. He's an avid musky angler himself and as a retired high school math teacher from Coon Rapids, he's long been



**Ethan Pudil and his teammate Hayden Jensen, from Lakeville High School won the first place trophy and other prizes in the competition this past weekend.** submitted photo

focused on helping kids learn. He's an active member of his local Muskies, Inc. chapter, but the time he devotes to the tournament is a purely volunteer gig. "One of our guiding principles is to help kids get into musky fishing," said Riha. "Many of the kids over the years have been novices. They come to the competition and get all pumped up over musky fishing."

As a former teacher, Riha also recognizes that the competition

provides a wholesome activity for students who may not otherwise participate in extracurriculars. It fills a niche for some kids who are not athletes or in the fine arts, and have never participated in extracurriculars.

And thanks to such efforts, the splash of musky lures will likely continue to ripple across Minnesota lakes for generations to come.

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On the 5th day of October, 2015, upon a judgment rendered and docketed in said Court and said County in an action therein, between e5 Solutions Group LLC; Peter Wolf; George James Ryan; Joseph Lincoln; Troy Baak, Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor; and Kurt Grotenhuis, Defendant/Judgment Debtor, in favor of said Plaintiff/Judgment Creditor and against said Defendant/Judgment Debtor, Kurt Grotenhuis, for the sum of Three Hundred Fifty Thousand Sixty and 48/100 Dollars (\$350,060.48), as

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

Which said Execution has to the Sheriff of St. Louis County been duly directed and delivered, said Sheriff has levied upon and will set at public auction to the highest cash bidder, in the lobby of said Sheriff's main office,

100 North Fifth Avenue West, Room 103, in the City of Duluth, Minnesota 55802, in St. Louis County on the 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:

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Ross Litman  
Sheriff, St. Louis County  
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Lieutenant Dave Rolland  
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Kathy Cressy, Bearville Township Clerk

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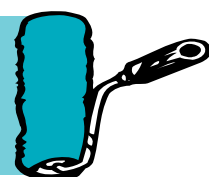
## LESSON IN TOLERANCE

<b>ACROSS</b>	<b>49</b> Up vote	<b>93</b> Tiny nation in Europe	<b>3</b> "A Prairie Home Companion" town	<b>37</b> Tennis' Fraser	<b>80</b> LaBeouf of "I, Robot"
<b>1</b> Putting game	<b>50</b> Digit with a relatively large nail	<b>96</b> Be a sentinel for	<b>4</b> Rival one is amicable with	<b>38</b> Glassy looks	<b>85</b> Botch it up
<b>5</b> Graham of football	<b>52</b> Fourth scale steps	<b>99</b> Oppressive	<b>5</b> Night hooters	<b>39</b> Camry, e.g.	<b>88</b> Straight whiskey type
<b>9</b> Train lines, e.g.: Abbr.	<b>53</b> Bubbling, as hot water	<b>101</b> Like pre-1991 Russia	<b>6</b> 4:00 socials	<b>40</b> Special FX graphics	<b>89</b> Island that's Prince's partner
<b>13</b> Minnesota's capital	<b>55</b> "I read you"	<b>102</b> Funny Philips	<b>7</b> Tic-toe linkup	<b>41</b> Boars, say	<b>90</b> Poison
<b>19</b> Hollywood's Sharif	<b>57</b> Not reveal one's pain	<b>103</b> Code name	<b>8</b> Refinery rock	<b>42</b> FBI worker	<b>92</b> By one means or another
<b>20</b> Apparel	<b>61</b> Athletic shoe brand	<b>105</b> Ring count	<b>9</b> Paco of fashion	<b>47</b> Davis of "Get on the Bus"	<b>94</b> Knights' suits
<b>21</b> "Got it," facetiously	<b>63</b> Outward flow	<b>106</b> Current flow measures	<b>10</b> Regarding that matter	<b>50</b> Composer Benjamin	<b>95</b> Oreos, e.g.
<b>22</b> — del Fuego (island group)	<b>64</b> Swenson of the screen	<b>110</b> "It's Just a Matter of Time" singer of 1959	<b>11</b> That, to José	<b>51</b> Devitalized	<b>97</b> Loud noise
<b>23</b> Occur	<b>65</b> Sacred sites	<b>114</b> What the first words of 23-, 25-, 38-, 57-, 76-, 96- and 110-Across can all mean	<b>12</b> Collate, e.g.	<b>53</b> Casbah city	<b>98</b> "Chocolat" actor Johnny
<b>25</b> Grizzly catcher's activity	<b>67</b> Adam's mate	<b>116</b> Bodega site	<b>13</b> Tough one	<b>54</b> Small hound	<b>100</b> Compass pt.
<b>27</b> Solidarity	<b>68</b> Minor deities	<b>117</b> Major- (steward)	<b>14</b> Metal cake container	<b>56</b> Cipher	<b>104</b> Within: Prefix
<b>28</b> Stock value	<b>72</b> Other, to José	<b>118</b> Author Oz	<b>15</b> Besieger's bomb	<b>58</b> Young moray, say	<b>106</b> Molecule unit
<b>29</b> Florida resort	<b>73</b> Tennis' Graf	<b>119</b> "Boy!" or "girl!" lead-in	<b>16</b> Jackie's "O"	<b>59</b> Lamentable	<b>107</b> Tousele
<b>30</b> Moist	<b>75</b> Fed head Janet	<b>120</b> Selected	<b>17</b> Sizable vase	<b>60</b> Part of IMO	<b>108</b> Blues singer — James
<b>31</b> First part of an act	<b>76</b> Play fair	<b>121</b> Utah city	<b>18</b> Not keep up	<b>62</b> Rein in	<b>109</b> Pahlavi, e.g.
<b>34</b> Lacking any amenities	<b>81</b> Towel off again	<b>122</b> Thanksgiving side dish	<b>24</b> Gp. against bullfighting	<b>66</b> Perhaps	<b>110</b> Telly channel
<b>38</b> Repulsive	<b>82</b> Sophia of the silver screen	<b>123</b> "Sure thing"	<b>26</b> Includes	<b>68</b> Becomes extinct	<b>111</b> Cheer word
<b>43</b> Product's ultimate application	<b>83</b> Heckler's cry	<b>DOWN</b>	<b>28</b> Diem lead-in	<b>69</b> Long-loved item	<b>112</b> Gold, to José
<b>44</b> Pub mug	<b>84</b> Facial hair	<b>1</b> Set out for	<b>31</b> Many busts	<b>70</b> Lower the value of	<b>113</b> Blue Jays, on scoreboards
<b>45</b> Nanny, e.g.	<b>86</b> In thing, temporarily	<b>2</b> Arab land	<b>32</b> Sever	<b>71</b> Gary of beat poetry	<b>114</b> Cough up
<b>46</b> Captivate	<b>87</b> "Is" pluralized		<b>33</b> Stymied	<b>73</b> Yells	<b>115</b> Actress Thurman
<b>48</b> Scholastic stat	<b>88</b> Bewilder		<b>35</b> Yank at	<b>74</b> Projecting flat collar	
	<b>91</b> Movie genre		<b>36</b> Savory jelly	<b>76</b> Thrifty rival	
	<b>92</b> Totally fulfill			<b>77</b> Element #5	
				<b>78</b> Actress Jacob	
				<b>79</b> Male turkeys	





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