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STORMY WEATHER

North Country ripped by derecho

Fierce winds hit Ely and Lake Vermilion areas Friday

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — A powerful storm early Friday, June 29, caused extensive tree damage and left thousands across the North Country without power, in some cases for days.

The National Weather Service has declared the storm a "derecho," a term for a type of extremely strong storm capable of causing severe damage. "It was the same kind of storm system that came

A city of Ely worker clears an uprooted maple tree Friday morning near James Street and Central Avenue.
photo by K. Vandervort

through on July 4, 1999," said Carol Christenson, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service in Duluth.

Derechos can generate "downbursts of tremendous wind speeds," said Christenson, which
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Lineman dies while working on repairs

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ORR — Lake Country Power is mourning one of its own. A 33-year-old line worker, Drew Schwarz, of Cook, died on Friday, June 29, while working to restore power to customers near Orr. Schwarz collapsed around 6 p.m. and despite extensive efforts of the Lake Country Power employees on scene, local first responders, and ambu-

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TRUMP VISIT

Steel boom?

Trump's claim about U.S. Steel rates "Four Pinochios"

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — America's steel industry is booming! At least that was the story presented by President Trump during his visit to Duluth last month.

But now some of the claims made by the president to support his rosy assessment are coming under question, most notably in the *Washington Post*, whose fact checkers gave Trump their "Four Pinocchios" rating for his claim that U.S. Steel is opening several new plants as a result of his tariffs on foreign imports of basic steel.

Here's how Trump made the claim during a roundtable of steel and taconite industry representatives just ahead of his evening rally at the Amsoil Arena on June 20.

"I will tell you, I've had — the head of U.S. Steel called me the other day, and he said, 'we're opening up six major facilities and expanding facilities that have never been expanded. They haven't been opened in many, many years,'" Trump said.

Trump made a similar claim a week later. On June 26, he said U.S. Steel had announced they are

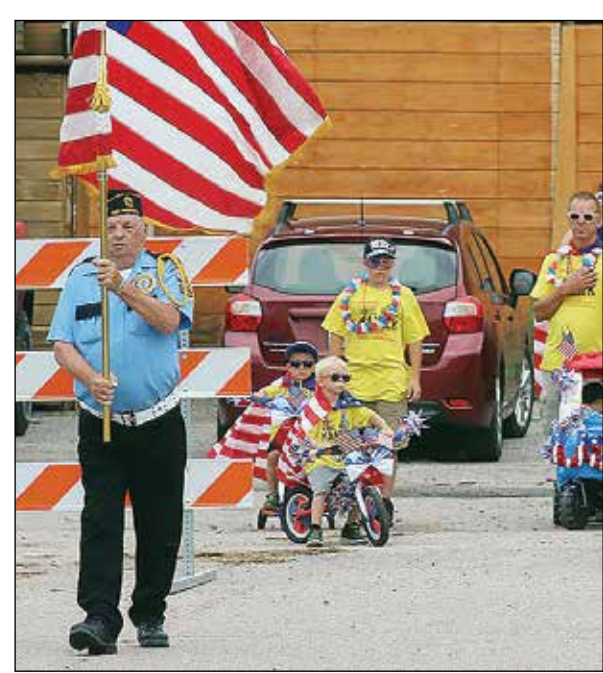
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INDEPENDENCE DAY



Happy Birthday America!

Region celebrates the Fourth of July



Top: The Ely Memorial High School band marched in the Ely Parade on July 4. photo by K. Vandervort

Above: Amelie Zak appears impressed with her fancy sunglasses as her mother Amber looks on with a smile. The family was waiting to march in the Tower Kiddie Parade. photo by J. Summit

Left: Legion member Mel Johnson led off the Kiddie Parade during Orr's Fun Day on July 3. photo by M. Roach



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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

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.

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.

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.

The Old Settlers Committee appreciates receiving dues in advance to help with planning. Checks should be made out to Old Settlers and mailed to Old Settlers, PO Box 724, Tower, MN 55790.

NWFA Gallery hosts Open Art Thursdays in July and August

COOK- Open Art is a place to do art, experiment with new media, finish a project, or begin a new experience with other artists of all ages. Open Art is every Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. in July and August at Northwoods Friends of the Arts in downtown Cook, 210 S River St. Just follow the sidewalk art beside Dreamweaver Spa and Day Salon. Everyone is welcome.

Find more information online at www.nwfamn.org, or find us on Instagram and Facebook.



Voyageur Days runs July 12-15

Take a ride in the 22-foot long Voyageur canoe on Saturday, July 14 at the Voyageur Lodge beach area. There will also be lots of fun activities for children. The Portage, Paddle, and Swim race is on Friday. file photo

Fish Fry at Vermilion Falls Picnic Area on July 14 from 4 - 6 p.m.

CRANE LAKE- Celebrate the rich history of Crane Lake with Pierre the Voyageur and the rest of the fun-loving Crane Lake community during Voyageur Days, July 12 - 15.

Individuals and businesses are teaming together to bring guests an unforgettable experience as a true Crane Lake Voyageur. A highlight this year is fresh fish cooked over an open flame, a tradition brought back to life with the Voyageur Fish Fry on Saturday afternoon, July 14, reflecting Crane Lake traditions of old. The community welcomes everyone to come and visit this special weekend.

Thursday, July 12

Thursday, July 12 kicks off Voyageur Days Weekend with the start of the Trading Post Poker Run. Register and shop at area business, pick up a card at each place, and the best five-card hand will earn the Crane Lake Winners Card with

awesome prizes. Stop at the businesses and get the details.

From 1 - 5 p.m., there is a brilliant Art Show at Nelson's Resort featuring the work of local artists Terry Palm, Debbie Neurenberg, Rosalee Nieme, Lois Larson, Bob Kaiser, Chris Lang, Millie Nelson, Bonnie DuFresne, and others. Browse beautiful art and enjoy complimentary refreshments.

Play bingo on Thursday evening at Voyageur Lodge, which is featuring a Voyageur Days dinner special. Bingo games begin at 7 p.m. and proceeds benefit our local snowmobile/ATV trails.

After the bingo games, head over to "Bling" at the Crane Lake Bar and Grill.

Friday, July 13

Friday, July 13 features the Portage, Paddle, Swim Race. This event is growing in popularity, so advance registration is requested. In pairs, this race is a 4.6-mile loop beginning with the Vermilion Gorge Hike and ending in a paddle around Bayliss Island. Carry one 20-lb Voyageur Pack you provide, and begin at Voyageur's beach. Race against the clock (the fastest time to beat is one hour and 16 minutes).

After you arrive at the gorge, we will take your pack while you swim to Pine Point Lodge and pick up a canoe or tandem kayak. There, we will give you back your pack and you can complete the race. Call 218-993-2266 to request a registration form. Start times for this event will range from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. T-shirts for anyone who completes the loop!

Friday evening from 6 - 9 p.m., there will be a Crane Lake Painting Class at Voyageur Lodge. Join local artist Cherie Serrano as she walks you through the steps to get the results you want. In this three-hour class you will walk away with your very own painting of Voyageurs National Park. Registration required and class is limited to the first 15 participants, with a minimum class size of six. \$50 fee. Call 218-993-2266 to register.

Saturday, July 14

The 22-foot long Voyageur Canoe (along with staff from Voyageurs National Park) will be available for paddling from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at the Voyageur Lodge beach. VNP staff will be dressed in traditional Voyageur garb. Enjoy some fantastic Kids Activities (including

Minnow Races, Lawn Twister, Face Painting, Great Prizes, Arts and Crafts) from 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the Voyageur Lodge beach.

Saturday afternoon is the "Fry For All" event formerly called "Ride to the Fry", 4 - 6 p.m. at the Vermilion Falls Picnic Site. Enjoy the day on our beautiful area trails and end up at this delicious meal of fried fish, bread/butter, beans, German potato salad and pickles cooked over an open flame by our Crane Lake Voyageur Days hosts. Come by vehicle, bicycle, or ATV. VoyageurCountry ATV is helping support this event and will be drawing the winner of their fundraising raffle at 6 p.m. Call Jerry with questions at 218-993-2295.

Saturday evening there is live music at Voyageur Lodge and at Nelson's Resort.

Sunday, July 15

Crane Lake Chapel service at 11:30 a.m. Come as you are! Then complete the Trading Post Poker Run by noon. The popular Ice Cream Social concludes the weekend activities from 1 - 3 p.m. at Handbergs Marina.

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CRAPOLA CELEBRATION

Eleven years of keeping Ely (ir)regular

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – You know those hippies... always looking for a reason to celebrate. And this past Saturday was just such an occasion, as Crapola, Ely's iconic granola manufacturer, celebrated their second annual "Tenth Anniversary" outside their world headquarters in downtown Ely. We think that means it's been 11 years since Brian and Andrea Strom went into the business on a lark and struck a kind of organic gold.

"We had to bring it back by popular demand," Brian said. He was the one in the cheesy hippie costume with the big hair and dark glasses. Andrea did her best "flower child" impersonation, complete with peace sign. The get-ups are depicted on the second variety of Crapola, a "groovy" cranberry-orange mixture of granola.

Two other varieties are called "Colon-ial Times," and "Kisspoo."

Kids games, food trucks, adult beverages and several bands entertained the crowd on a rainy Saturday afternoon.

Crapola indeed started as a joke. Brian and Andrea made their own mixture of cranberry-apple granola and sold it at the Ely Farmers Market. They used some of the letters from the ingredients and called it "Crapola." The rest is history. They have four different flavors of granola that can be found in more than 200 stores around the Midwest, and even in Alaska.

Brian and Andrea began the street party last year as a way to celebrate the support from the Ely community in a \$40,000 Kickstarter campaign to expand their production facility, which also features a retail outlet and coffee shop. Fans can watch the Crapola-making process through large windows akin to watching animals in a zoo.

Brian said he anticipates holding future "tenth" anniversary parties. It may seem odd, but it's probably best to just groove to it. Peace.



Totally groovy, man! Crapola owners Brian and Andrea Strom with the clothes and pose made famous on the bags of their Ely-made granola for the past 11 years.

photo by K. Vandervort

MINING

Justice Dept. launches investigation into Glencore

Seeking records in probe of alleged money laundering and corrupt practices by PolyMet's primary financial backer

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL—The biggest shareholder in the planned PolyMet mining venture near Hoyt Lakes has taken a hit in international stock trading after revealing it was under investigation by the U.S. Justice Department for money laundering and corrupt practices.

Swiss-based Glencore made the revelation early Tuesday after U.S. investigators subpoenaed records related to its African and South American

mine holdings. The records requested date from 2007 to the present. Glencore's stock price dropped as much as 13 percent in the immediate aftermath of the announcement, although it recovered some ground later in the day.

The company is reportedly being investigated for violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and U.S. laws prohibiting money laundering stemming from its acquisitions of mining properties in Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and Venezuela.

Glencore is the primary backer of PolyMet's proposed NorthMet project, having loaned over \$225 million to the project. Glencore also owns about one-third of PolyMet's stock, has representation on the board of directors and has an off-take agreement giving the company rights to 100 percent of the production of the mine.

While Glencore has yet to be charged with any crime in the case, Tuesday's announcement certainly raises the possibility. Glencore was founded by fugitive financier and hedge fund

magnate Marc Rich, whose controversial pardon by former President Bill Clinton raised widespread protest in the United States. U.S. prosecutors had indicted Rich in the 1980s on 65 criminal counts, including tax evasion, wire fraud, racketeering, and trading with Iran. According to the *New York Times*, one of the hallmarks of Glencore's business approach is a "higher tolerance for politically murky situations, which translates into a willingness to venture into countries where rivals will not. That has enabled it to set up

shop in Congo and Venezuela, securing valuable footholds in mineral-rich countries."

More recently, the company has taken criticism for its relationship with Dan Gertler, an Israeli businessman who runs mining businesses in the Congo and is suspected of defrauding the Congolese government of hundreds of millions of dollars with the apparent involvement of DRC president Joseph Kabila. The Trump Treasury Department, in December,

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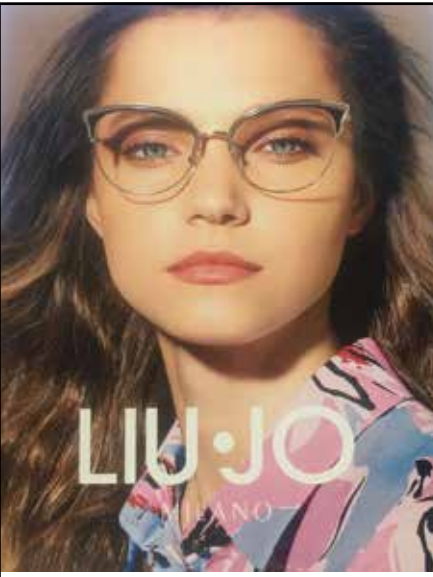
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Editorial

Why due process matters

Those who support limited government should be upset over the erosion of this basic check

Readers may have noticed that we've written much recently about the breakdown of due process in the U.S.

What is perhaps most surprising about this fundamental change in America is the degree to which conservatives have been silent on the issue. Due process, after all, should be a bedrock conservative principle.

We all know that governments have immense power. Governments can strip you of your freedom, your property, and even your life. They can impose unpopular, unjustified, or unconstitutional laws.

Government decision-makers can be arbitrary at times, or motivated by poor judgment or improper inducements. Legislative bodies can be swept up in the heat of the political moment and make rash decisions. The president or federal agencies can abuse their executive powers.

Due process is one of the only remedies for such abuses. By giving the courts authority to scrutinize the actions of the other branches and determine whether they are consistent with the laws and the Constitution, our founders sought to protect the people against a government that wielded its authority with too heavy a hand.

For those who value limited government, due process should be sacred, since it is, ultimately, the only thing that can guarantee government for the people.

Yet due process is undermined when we have a president who calls for denying access to the courts for asylum seekers in the U.S.

"When somebody comes in, we must immediately, with no Judges or Court Cases, bring them back from where they came," President Trump tweeted recently.

It sounds simple, but the questions are many. Since most of those currently entering the U.S. at our southern border are coming from violent countries in Central America, simply tossing them back into Mexico is not a legal option.

Further, America has made commitments, along with the rest of the civilized world, to provide asylum to refugees who legitimately fear violence in their homelands. There is little doubt but that many of the asylum seekers at our southern border legitimately face such fears.

You're more likely to experience violent death today in El Salvador or Guatemala than in war-torn Syria. Due process is the means through which we determine whether asylum seekers have legitimate claims and that process requires investigation, presentation of evidence, and the protection of legal rights. And yes, even those here without legal status have rights. Due process is how America lives up to its commitments to the world and to the ideals upon which our country was founded.

Immigration isn't the only issue. Back in March, President Trump said the government should be able to take a person's guns away if someone (it's not clear

who) decides that the person poses a risk. Such a seizure would normally require due process, but Trump complained that getting a court order takes too long. "Just take the guns first and then go to court," Trump said.

Clearly, the president has little understanding of how due process actually works, nor respect for its underlying principle of limiting the power of government.

Due process is not just confined to the courts. Since 1946, with the enactment of the Administrative Procedures Act, the executive branch of government has established procedures to ensure a quasi-judicial approach to decision-making. That process includes transparency, public involvement, fact-finding, and rights to appeal.

We see due process undermined when Congress and the President pass legislation that eliminates the rights of some members of the public to appeal government decisions. Legal challenges to government decisions, such as the PolyMet land exchange, should be decided in court, not Congress, a body that's hardly known for thoughtful examination of the facts.

We see due process undermined when partisans replace professionals in our federal agencies and use their sudden power to arbitrarily reverse decisions previously enacted through an established process. The May 2 decision by the Trump Interior Department to reinstate cancelled federal mineral leases on the dubious claim by a longtime functionary of the Koch brothers that the leases were cancelled based on "legal error," reeks of abuse of power. Whether the courts will correct that abuse remains to be seen.

This shouldn't be a partisan issue. Indeed, Minnesota's two DFL U.S. senators were complicit in eliminating the appeals of the PolyMet land exchange, so the problem isn't entirely limited to Trump.

And due process has faced threats before. Civil forfeiture has been widely abused in the U.S. for decades, a practice that effectively grants law enforcement agencies a license to steal from citizens, whether or not those citizens have been convicted of a crime or have done anything wrong at all.

Opposition to civil forfeiture across the political spectrum had prompted the Obama administration to take steps to sharply limit the practice. Unfortunately, Trump Attorney General Jeff Sessions has sought to reinstate this flagrant abuse.

Unfortunately, we have too many people in government today who view due process as an inconvenience or burden that should be short-changed if not eliminated. And those who claim to champion limited government can't sit idly by. Those who would take away due process are not just undermining the rights of Americans. They are undermining the very idea of America.

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Letters from Readers

Great job by county road repair crew

Dear St. Louis County Commissioners:

My wife and two of our grandchildren had been at our family's cabin near the Timbuktu Marina for several days. Our belongings, especially including our seven-year-old grandson's blankie, were at the cabin on Oak Narrows. We went into Cook to visit the Superior National Forest Visitor Center and have lunch at the newly restored Montana Café. The storm hit while we were there.

Water up to the running boards of any stray Model A's might not have been a problem, but our Pacifica minivan was at its limit heading east on Beatty Road toward Oak Narrows. And then we hit the first of several washouts and had to turn back.

We made it, and found the last available room at the Vermilion Hotel in Cook. Getting ready to settle in for a very long afternoon and night with two barely-still-calm grandchildren, I called Timbuktu to find out whether we could expect to get back out to the cabin by Monday.

"The road's open! People are coming and going again. They did a great job!" she told me. Talk about wonderful news. Sanity and gratitude abounded, just in time.

Your road crew fixed two major washouts and at least five other areas of significant damage on that road, all on a single Saturday afternoon. Wow. Congratulations and thank you.

David K. Porter
Lake Vermilion

Thank you to the Tower Ambulance

We would like to send a huge thank you to the Tower ambulance EMTs for transporting several of our patients in the middle of the night from the Ely

hospital to Duluth. We truly appreciate their willingness to pull an all-nighter to help our patients to continue to receive the medical care they need. Thank you for your service. We are grateful for your hard work and dedication to the Iron Range!

Jillian Manning and the
EBCH midnight shift

Climate change fueling refugees

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees reported that since 2008, 22 million people have been displaced by climate related or extreme weather events. In another words, it is not just local violence that is pressuring people to migrate and emigrate. Immigration also is caused by crop failures as a result of drought, flooding and crop diseases, much of which can be attributed to global climate change. These disruptive weather patterns are causing century-old farming land to be made inhospitable for agriculture today.

The consequence of climate change is a salient contributing factor forcing people to migrate, seeking food and refuge in a world with finite space and resources. Yet this Administration is unable to correlate climate changing patterns to the worldwide shifting geographical population adjustments. They refuse to recognize and participate in any effort to address the impact of altered climate.

Fencing along the Mexican border is not going to stop immigration pressures from the multitude of displaced persons. Coupled with the growth of total world population, their numbers will significantly escalate in coming years. By some estimates, as many as one billion people during the period of our next generation will be forced to migrate due to changes in weather conditions. Our xenophobic administration may have to consider constructing a bar-

ricade along our Canadian border and even erecting giant sea walls at the edge of our coastline to thwart immigrants.

Alternatively, they could reduce immigration pressures by confronting the human components affecting our climate.

Gerry Snyder
Ely

I'll be proud to vote McDonald

Of all the candidates running to represent the citizens of St. Louis County District 4 on the county board, I believe Paul McDonald is the best candidate for the position. He is a man of integrity who will never forget who he serves. He will be a compassionate, informed, and rational voice for the people.

I have known Paul McDonald for 20 years. He and I both teach at Vermilion Community College, and I have watched him work with young male athletes at the college for a long time. He is both empathetic and tough. He tells them what they need to hear, but he is always an advocate for them. Whenever I have trouble with a student who is either disruptive or disengaged in class, I know Paul will talk to him and he will be more respectful and study harder.

His family and his community are the center of his world. He is a highly respected member of the Ely community and of the athletics community in the state and region. He is also committed to public service and has served as a leader of the Minnesota State College Faculty union for many years. As an Iron Ranger, he knows how important unions are to the people of District 4 and will continue to fight for workers' rights.

I will be proud to cast my vote for Paul McDonald in the primary. I encourage residents of District 4 to do the same.

Pamela A. Brunfelt
Ely

On two-wheel travels and tariffs

Aaah! The garden is finally planted. It's July already and some folks say that the 4th marks the end of the first half of summer! So now, if we get a little more sunshine, a big priority on our "To-Do" list is to put some miles on the motorcycle.



KATHLEEN
MCQUILLAN

I grew up in the Midwest in the 1960s. My single mom ran a pretty tight ship. By the time I left home, I was ready to "kick out the jams." I won't go into a lot of detail about what that looked like, but let me just say, it included discovering the Arizona desert and its wide open

spaces, along with a cast of characters quite unlike the ones I grew up with in the Rust Belt city of Detroit, Mich. It was in Arizona that I was introduced to motorcycling by some friendly bikers who let me ride around on the back of their Harley-Davidsons.

Feeling fearless and independent, I soon acquired my own two-wheeler, a 1957 BMW R69. Riding made me feel free. All the hype about "wind in your hair"

isn't just stereotypical hyperbole. It really does feel good! But what I loved most of all was actually experiencing the "lay of the land," smelling sage and Ponderosa Pine, that special way you can when you're right out in it, and thermals, those subtle temperature changes that make you want to peel off another layer or pull that zipper up closer to your chin.

As life would have it, I grew up. The desire to settle down

and make a family of my own began to emerge. I made my way to Minnesota where those wants took root on a forty-acre homestead in northern St. Louis County. My '57 Beamer got traded for a tractor.

Decades have passed. The kids are grown. The garden's a little smaller. Funny how the desire for freedom circles back around. As responsibilities

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Letters from Readers

For safe schools, we must deal with mental health

Unfortunately we live in an era of an increasing frequency of school shootings around the country and it's simply terrifying. The thought of somebody entering the school of our kids, grandkids, and teachers can definitely keep parents and grandparents up at night. I doubt there is any greater nightmare.

As a School Board member for the last three years, I and my fellow board members often discuss how to best keep everyone safe in our schools. We focus on physical barriers like doors, windows, locks, school officers, and procedures.

These are all extremely important and worth spending time and money on to get it right. In my opinion, we do understand and agree that we have a mental health crisis in our country today and it seems to not get addressed at the same priority levels. There's always money for barriers but little for mental health. We deal with the symptoms of this issue and not the core of the problem.

Currently, when we have issues with students, there are limited options available to help. Our options are limited to expulsions, suspensions, or other punishment type actions for activities that are in many cases obviously related to mental illness.

Our school districts need better options that include early professional intervention to diagnose mental illness in our students as early as possible and head off potential problems in the future. Let's help these kids become productive members of society by identifying these illnesses and treating them with all of the tools available in St. Louis County.

I believe that by addressing the true core of the problem and not just the physical barriers and procedures we can make strides to making our schools and communities much safer, stronger, and more productive.

Daniel Manick
Candidate-St. Louis County
Commissioner District 4
Cook

What has happened to respect?

As a resident of Greenwood Township, I am extremely disappointed with how people treat each other and how they treat

property that is not theirs. We have a beautiful property with many uses and people abuse it.

The county provides dump sites and recycling canister sites for residents and visitors. Greenwood Township has graciously allowed a recycling canister site on the township property. Unfortunately, the residents and visitors of the area abuse it and use it for other purposes. We have had old carpeting dumped, tires left, garbage put into the containers and laid around the site, garbage stuffed into the portable toilet, brooms and dustpans stolen. When the containers are full, rather than come back, people leave bags of recycling on the ground near the canisters. They also don't want to pay the garbage fees, so they just leave their garbage. Just this past week, someone unlatched the door of one of the containers. If the driver hadn't noticed, the whole load would have been all over the parking lot. I don't understand why someone would find this amusing.

It saddens me that the township will probably have no choice but to remove the canisters. The county will move them to the dump site on 77. This means that we will all be limited to the hours that the dump is open. Of course, there are other sites in the county that are open more than the Highway 77 site, but people will have to drive further. People will probably be angry and continue to leave their trash on the township property. Then, the township will be forced to install cameras and prosecute people for littering.

The township is very fortunate that one of our supervisors, Carmen Deluca, walks the property every day. He sweeps up broken glass (when the broom and dustpan are there). If not, he has to go to town to get another set. He takes trash to the dump every week. Since we no longer have a maintenance person, Carmen has volunteered his time to oversee the maintenance of the township property. He puts in a lot of hours to keep it looking as beautiful as it does.

I am asking that everyone monitor the site. If you see anyone using it for something other than what it is intended for, call them on it. If you know someone abusing it, report it to the board. If you see something on the ground, pick it up.

We need to hold people accountable for the abuse or we will all lose.

Pam Rodgers
Greenwood Township

To those still supporting Trump

Bravo to Marshall Helmsberger for hitting the nail square on the head in his June 22 editorial, "Tilting Toward Tyranny?" I, too, thought that this country, which I fought for and still love, warts and all, could never come to this.

But it can no longer be denied—this man, this shameless fraud, this ultimate chickenhawk, is the most dangerous man this country has seen since Joe McCarthy (and I lived through the age of Nixon!). With his fawning naïve admiration for dictators and his obvious disdain for democratic processes, he's shown his true colors and has managed to alienate most of our allies and make us an international laughing stock (but no one's laughing except maybe Putin). With his daily dose of insults and outright lies, most of them easily verified, he's brought out the worst in almost everyone, myself included. For the first time in my 71 years, I actually feel ashamed for my country, and not just because of the latest obscenity concerning children at the border. No, I feel ashamed for the whole 1½ years of this tainted, dysfunctional, probably illegitimate presidency. To my dying day I'll never understand the absolute blindness of those still in his corner.

To minorities who still support him (and apparently there are some, judging by the scenes from some of his rallies): have you forgotten his blatantly racist policies as a landlord, or his shameless pandering to white supremacists in Virginia and elsewhere?

To veterans who still support him: have you forgotten how he mocked John McCain's service, or how, because he attended a preppy military school as a kid, he had the outrageous audacity to claim 'veteran' status, despite avoiding the draft during Vietnam because of 'bone spurs'?

To evangelicals who still support him: do ANY of this man's all-too-obvious character traits appear Christian to you, or do you give him a pass because of the abortion issue (despite the fact that he was pro-abortion until he decided to run for office as a Republican)?

To women who still support him (and this is the hardest one to figure): have you forgotten his rampant sexism, the multiple accusations/charges of

sexual harassment or assault, his support for the pedophile Roy Moore, or the infamous, beyond-disgusting 'Access Hollywood' tape (to say nothing of his connections to porn stars and such)? That anyone from any of these demographics could still support this man just blows my mind.

Trump stooges such as Sean Hannity and Rudy Giuliani would have you believe that anyone who dares to criticize Trump must be from the far left, or at least a raging liberal. They would have you believe that all the other news outlets—the networks, public radio, MSNBC, CNN, even the BBC—are all wrong, 'fake news', and only Fox News is right? Give me a break! Then how do they explain the many ultra-conservative Republican voices raised in condemnation of Trump, men such as Steve Schmidt, David Brooks, George Will, or the late Charles Krauthammer, just to name a few, whose conservative credentials are at least as impressive as Hannity's or Giuliani's?

My wife keeps reminding me that this too shall pass, that better days are coming, and I hope she's right—this probably will pass, but at what cost? How many years will it take to undo the damage done by this ignorant, incompetent, unfit, clueless, vile demagogue, and his nest of thieves?

Lynn Scott
Soudan

The march toward despotism continues

"Many of us ask 'what can I as one person do?' But history shows us that everything good and bad starts because somebody does something or does not do something," oceanographer Sylvia Earle wisely reminds us. Where does the Republican "leadership" stand on law and order, law enforcement and the integrity of the FBI?

What happened to the principles of rule of law, no man is above the law and a government of laws, not men? Fiscal conservatives now favor deficit spending and a deepening national debt. Checks and balances have diminished, separation of power has been rendered meaningless and representative government refers not to people, but to money.

Didn't absolute power go out with George III? Constitutional limits on Presidential power, the emoluments clauses and the duties of Congress have

been conveniently forgotten. Exercising the pardon power to an extreme is not exactly executive leadership, but more like obsessive self-serving behavior. An amoral autocrat cannot be called The President of the United States, unless Americans have lost their soul.

Trump "drained the swamp," then refilled it with toxic sludge that has Congress mired in muck while emitting contaminated air to corrupt cabinet members while the family Trump uses public position for personal financial gain. Family values apparently refer to Trump's deal-making with the mob to separating children from their asylum-seeking parents. This takes the Trump party into a moral abyss.

Democracy is under siege. Elections have been compromised by a foreign power. Eighty-seven percent of the Republicans drink the Trump Kool-Aid.

They pledge allegiance to the person, Trump, not the flag. The march toward despotism is in full stride. If you do not stand up for something, you will fall for anything. To the Republican leadership, "Have you no sense of decency?"

Harold Honkola
Tower

Trump will turn Minnesota red

Of course your liberal letter titled, "Minnesota as Trump Country? Don't bet on it," is all wet and simply liberals' wishful thinking. I did bet on Trump winning the Presidency and won a couple thousand dollars, nice! And he WILL win again in 2020 and after that, I predict Pence will win for eight more years. Country has had enough of liberals and their lies. And you blast Hillary but I know you, like most up here, thought Hillary Clinton was a shoe-in. Not hardly, she just lied too much, got caught in many, and was very incompetent. Besides her illegal activities. And yet you likely voted for her. Sorry Marshall, the liberals' agendas just don't fly with Americans any longer. We want and did take our country back. As you maybe know, Trump beat Hillary here in liberal Eighth Congressional district approximately 52 percent to her 38 percent. Even here tides have changed. I believe Minnesota will be going red. Anyway, have a very nice 4th of July and God bless America!

Dave Akerson
Lake Vermilion

TWO WHEELS...Continued from page 4

with work and family downshifted, the urge to get a bike returned. John and I bought a Harley-Davidson. We don't want to take long rides to distant destinations with just our sleeping gear tied on the back and a change of clothes in the saddlebags. Instead, we love two-lane backroads where we can putt along at 50 mph and be back home before dark.

In a recent news report, Harley-Davidson made an announcement that it will move much of its manufacturing operations overseas. Some are shocked that new trade policies could trigger this iconic American manufacturer, with its long history of success, to relocate. Founded in Milwaukee, Wis., in

1903, William Harley and Arthur Davidson teamed up to develop the first motorized bicycle. Over the next 10 years, they refined their design, increasing both speed and comfort. Eventually Harley-Davidson became the most popular motorcycle in America and a major supplier of two-wheeled military transport in both World Wars.

In the postwar years, thousands of GI's returned from overseas with a lingering spirit of "brotherhood" and a stronger appreciation for "freedom". They bought Harley-Davidsons and hit the open road. The Jack Pine Gypsies, an early motorcycle club, convened the first rally at Sturgis, South Dakota, in 1938

and the infamous Hell's Angels formed in 1948. These market developments sent sales soaring. With its only real competitor, Indian, leaving the industry in 1953, Harley-Davidson became the only "American-Made" motorcycle and remained so for the next 46 years. 2018 marks its 115th anniversary!

In haste to "keep campaign promises," America's latest fiscal policy-makers have set in motion global economic ripples with no shore upon which to land in sight. H-D may be one of many American manufacturing success stories to hit the skids due to extreme economic instability. And, to add insult to injury, much

of the rhetoric surrounding this sad chain of events blames those who are being sacrificed for the sake of "politics"—the struggling companies and their workers.

H-D has weathered numerous economic ups and downs over its long history. They're a true example of American entrepreneurial success, continually innovating and adapting to a changing economy. But today's news is a different story. With the announcement of steep tariffs on steel and aluminum that appear to be triggering a potential worldwide trade war, H-D and hundreds of other American companies are worried that this will seriously erode profit

margins and threaten their balance sheets. Relocation and downsizing become necessary strategies to reduce costs and, hopefully, survive.

Sometimes, when John and I need a break from the news and house projects, we'll hop on the Harley and head for Crane Lake. Before turning around for home, we like to pull into a local resort, relax over a Coke, and absorb the beauty of all that water!

But lately, thoughts of the news have followed us. On one of our recent trips, for the first time, we wondered if our arriving on the Harley might stir up some unexpected tension due to the endless spin and opinionating by hot-but-

ton political commentators. With the country so divided, communicating with strangers, and now even friends, has become a little less predictable and secure. This is a change, and not a very good one.

We're working hard to maintain the pure enjoyment of taking to the road and having those friendly chats with folks we meet along the way. When media messaging might heighten judgments or fears, I try to remember those soldiers, coming home with their strong need for freedom and a sense of "brotherhood". There's a lot to that!

GLENCORE...Continued from page 3

imposed sanctions on Mr. Gertler, who the department describes as having amassed his fortune "through hundreds of millions of dollars' worth of opaque and corrupt mining and oil deals in the DRC."

In one example cited by the Treasury Department, Gertler sold

the DRC government rights to an oil block in 2013 for \$150 million, having just purchased the block from the government for \$500,000, a loss of \$149.5 million in potential revenue to the cash-poor government.

That, along with similar arrangements, led

to a reported \$1.36 billion loss in revenues to the Congolese government, according to the Treasury Department.

Gertler denies the allegations and Glencore cut its ties to the businessman in the wake of the sanctions.

In addition to corrupt

practices, a number of non-profit human rights groups have accused Glencore of human rights abuses and of allowing widespread toxic pollution at its mining operation in the Congo.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, SOUDAN STYLE



Soudan Baptist and St. Paul's Lutheran held their joint Vacation Bible School last week.

Above: Karen Marleau helps Eddie with a project.

Left: Casey Aro provided the entertainment during the final day picnic (which got moved indoors due to rain).

Below: Fran Larson helps students with a project.

photos by S. Ukkola



Top: VBS week included lots of exploration-of nature and of faith. Middle: Jenny Anderson helps Ethan with an art project. Bottom: Bob Romig once again led a week's worth of fun for the VBS children.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 handcrafted items

available for purchase (sponsored by the Quilt Ministry).

Proceeds from this activity will go toward 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.

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 participate in memorable Bible-learning activities, sing catchy songs, play teamwork-building games, make and devour yummy treats, experience one-of-a-kind Bible adventures, collect Bible Memory Buddies to remind them of God's love, and test out Sciency-Fun Gizmos they'll take home and play with all sum-

mer 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.

dates for July yoga: July 10, 12, 17, 24, 26 and 31.

Prepaid cost for the month of July is \$35. Classes run for 75 minutes. Class starts at 8:30 and ends at 9:45 a.m. The drop-in cost is \$12. Drop-in includes a mat, blocks, blanket and strap. Please arrive at least five minutes before class starts as we do start right at 8:30 in order to honor the time commitments of our participants.

Yoga class will be offered every month on Tuesdays and Thursdays through mid-October. Call or text Nancy Larson at 218-750-7514 with questions.

The cost is \$10 per class. Mats and all props are available. The class is great for beginners or if you enjoy a gentler class. Please contact Nancy Larson at 218-750-7514 if you have questions.

The yoga class will be held on Wednesdays through Aug. 29. Please note there is no class on July 18.

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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Morning Yoga Class in Tower

TOWER- Good Morning Yoga classes will start up again on Tuesday, July 10. There will be no class on July 19. Please mark these

Greenwood Township Yoga on Wednesdays

GREENWOOD TWP- This gentle yoga class will be held on Wednesdays beginning on July 11. The hour class starts at 11 a.m.

St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower invites you to a
Summer Salad Luncheon & Silent Auction

Wednesday, July 11 • Cost \$8
Lunch served from 11 AM to 12:30 PM

Bidding on auction items begins at 10:45

All winners will be announced at 12:30

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TRACK AND FIELD

High jumpers run in the family

REGIONAL - Madison Schmidt, of Blaine, just won the state high jump at the Class AA Track and Field Tournament held at Hamline University in St. Paul. But for long-time residents of Tower-Soudan, this might not seem that much of a surprise. Madison's mother, Linda Micklich Schmidt, won the same title while a junior at Tower-Soudan High School, back in 1984.



Having a mother who was an expert certainly helped Madison. Linda started coaching her daughter's elementary team when Madison was in fourth grade.

"When I first started," Madison said, "the high jump came really naturally."

Besides the high jump, Madison, a sophomore at Blaine High School, qualified for the state meet as part of a 4x400 relay team. She is also very strong in the 800 meters, but tripped during sectionals and only came in third. A year-round athlete, she also plays volleyball and basketball.

"This 5'8" jump was her personal best," said Linda.

The winning jump was really clean.

"She cleared the bar by at least a few inches," said Linda, who said her daughter now has her eye on the state record which

is 5'10". Madison's previous personal best in competition was 5'7", though she had been clearing 5'8" in practices.

Madison is 5'10" tall, so hopefully by next year's state tournament she will be "jumping over herself," said Linda.

Linda was coached by Carol Alstrom while at Tower-Soudan, and qualified for the state tournament three years in a row. Her senior year she was coached by Chip Kinnunen. Her personal best was 5'6", so her daughter is already soaring higher than she ever did.

"It's really fun," said Madison, "I like to push myself and see results."

Madison is hoping to continue her running career in college. A top-of-the-class student, she is looking to major in chemistry or biology, but also really likes Spanish and writing. Over the summer she will participate



From left: Linda, Madison, John, and Makayla Schmidt. Brother Connor is not pictured. Left: Madison makes her jump at the state meet. submitted photos

in several sports camps, for volleyball, basketball, and track. Madison's twin sister Makayla plays volleyball and is part of a rock climbing club.

Linda said her daughter is a much better athlete than she ever was.

She said, "They are such good kids inside and out," she

said. "The competition is much stronger now."

She noted it is now highly unusually in the Twin Cities area to have a student athlete play more than one sport at the varsity level.

Week of July 9

Monday

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

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

Tower City Council- 5:30 p.m. on July 9

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.

Greenwood Town Board- 6:30 p.m. on July 10

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.

Soudan Community Picnic

Rain didn't dampen the spirits of the many area residents who started out their Fourth of July week celebration on Sunday.

Right: Police Chief Dan Nylund (left) got some help from his daughter Sophia, along with Office Jason Sanderson and Pastor Doug Workman, who sold raffle tickets to raise money for the D.A.R.E. program. The department raffled off an unclaimed vehicle (an old Cadillac!) along with an assortment of unclaimed bicycles.



Left: Root beer floats, the local favorite, were enjoyed under the protection of the picnic shelter.

Bottom left: Isaac Tuchel and James Yernatich enjoyed fresh-popped popcorn thanks to the new popcorn machine purchased by the Breitung Fire Department (and manned by Fire Chief Steve Burgess, pictured below). photos by S. Ukkola





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Soudan Fire Hall	1:45-3:00 p.m.
Tower Civic Center	3:15-4:15 p.m.
Embarrass, Four Corners	5:15-6:00 p.m.

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Support groups

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous
AA - 7 p.m. Mondays,
First Lutheran Church,
915 E. Camp St.

WOMEN'S AA - Noon Mondays, Ledgerrock Community Church, Ely - use 15th Street entrance.

BABBITT AA - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church.

AL-ANON - Sundays 8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. For persons who encounter alcoholism in a relative or friend.

BABBITT AL-ANON - Thursdays, 7 p.m., at Woodland Presbyterian Church.

CO-DEPENDENTS' 12-step support group, noon Fridays, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Ely.

ELY FOOD SHELF - Third Wednesday each month, 15 W. Conan St..

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

GED - Study materials and pre-test available. Ely Community Center Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tower by appointment.

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

July 10 - Richard Painter - U.S. Senate Candidate

July 17 - Roger Thompson/Author - No Word For Wilderness: Italy's Grizzlies and The Race To Save the Rarest Bears On Earth

July 24 - Lane Johnson/Forestry Researcher - People, Fire and Red Pine in the Border Lakes Region

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, or Facebook page.

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Local artist Nancy Scheibe, along with intern Emma Kari, dedicated the Crossman Moose mural they recently completed and displayed at Art and Soul Gallery on Sheridan Street. They spent several months this past winter putting together the eight-piece depiction of one of the most iconic photographs from Ely's history. Partial funding for the mural was provided by the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust. photo by K. Vandervort

AROUND TOWN

Ely team supports Hoops for Hope

ELY - The Ely Timberwolves Girl's Basketball Team again donated the proceeds from their Annual Hoops For Hope Tournament, held last Christmas, to the Spiritwood 'Forget Me Not' Foundation.

At this fourth annual event, they raised \$2,018. Each year, dating back to 2014, they have donated all the money they raised at the tourney to the Spiritwood Foundation, which in turn gifts those funds to other non-profit organizations dealing with Alzheimer's and Dementia, to support their programs. These organizations include Northwoods Partners of Ely, and the Minnesota Veterans Home at Silver Bay.

The 2017-2018 team included: Shayla Zaverl, Kalley Fischer, Gabi Omerza, Lida Dodge, Erika Mattson, Brielle Kallberg, Winter Sainio, Raven Sainio, Holly Dirks,

McKenna Coughlin, Brynn Vollom, Ande Visser, Katrina Seliskar, Kellen Thomas, Charlie Flom, Sidney Marshall, Sarah Visser, and Coach Visser.

The Spiritwood Foundation was created in 2004 by Pat and Donna Surface when Donna, the Foundation's director, lost her dad, Rocco Michael Passaretti, to Alzheimer's Disease. Their mission is to raise not only awareness regarding Alzheimer's Disease, but also critical funds that support community organizations, programs, and facilities working with victims and families dealing with dementia.

"We want to express our gratitude to each and every one of you for your commitment to join those of us in the trenches fighting Alzheimer's Disease," said Donna Surface. "Your generosity and

community focus is truly making a difference. With your wonderful support, we will continue to spark positive change in the lives of so many in our community. God Bless you - and Go Timberwolves!"

The Foundation sponsors benefit concerts, silent auctions, memory walks, or any other fundraising event that helps individuals needing caregiver respite, and organizations needing to build assisted-living facility additions and add programs for residents.

The Foundation also sponsors 'Minnesota Memory Care Tours', that provides uplifting concerts for residents, their families and friends, and the staff in assisted living facilities, nursing homes, and senior residences.

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Letter to the Editor

Help Plum Bun Bakery stay open
Medical bills, building repairs threaten Ely business

Hello! My name is Elizabeth Serson, but most people around Ely know me as "Liz from the bakery." With my husband by my side, we own and run Plum Bun Bakery, a business that was on its last legs when we bought it. We brought it back to life almost 14 years ago, and nine summers after we moved into our outlet location, and we're still open.

This, however, might not be the case for long.

The road to owning the bakery today was a long and incredibly tumultuous one. Despite popular belief, owning a business doesn't make you rich, even if your products are great quality. In our little town of 3,500, we see businesses come and go all the time, and we've done our best to be a staple of the town so we can stick around. It hasn't been easy, but we do our best. Things, however, have

recently gotten harder than we can handle.

In April of 2017, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. Luckily, the doctors working with me caught it in a very early stage. In May, less than a month later, I had a bilateral mastectomy. The recovery time for this surgery was about six months, and yet over a year later, I'm still dealing with issues surrounding the procedure.

Against medical recommendations, I reopened the business after only a few weeks of recovery time. For two whole months after that, we were unable to take orders for one of our major sources of income due to my physical limitations. This was a major setback as far as finances go, and unfortunately, it won't be the last one.

In the coming winter of 2018, I will be going in to have shoulder

repair surgery, which will render my dominant arm virtually useless for approximately four months. The coming surgery is going to be another major setback for our little mom-and-pop bakery, and honestly, it seems pretty bleak.

This last year, we barely scraped by. We're still feeling the effects of the lost income now.

On top of everything that's happened so far, the city of Ely building inspector has served us with papers that call for our permanent shutdown in 180 days unless we start getting our building up to their standards. We hardly have money for our bills, much less hiring contractors to fix our building. Granted, this has been a long time coming, but now we're on a time limit.

That's where you come in.

If you enjoy our product, our family, our

name, or just feel like throwing a few dollars our way, we would be incredibly grateful. Typically, I would be proud to set up a fundraiser like this, but we're quite literally on our last legs.

If we can't get the building up to standard without depriving ourselves of basic needs, we'll have to shut our doors. If you can't donate anything, please spread the word, or come in and get a pastry. Any amount of money in any form will help.

Thank you so much for reading this and thank you to all of our loyal customers, who have helped us stay afloat this long.

A Go Fund Me page was set up on June 28 for the Plum Bun Bakery. As of July 2, \$4,525 was raised toward their goal of \$20,000. To donate, go to www.gofundme.com/savethepbb.

WILDERNESS ADVENTURE

Teen who won trip to BWCA encounters bugs, a thunderstorm, perfect serenity

by GAIL ROSENBLUM
Star Tribune staff writer

ELY - Four teenage girls. Two tents. One hundred and thirty hours of nonstop togetherness. No cellphones. Lots of bugs. And one relentless thunderstorm. No reality show here. Just the formula for a sensational week.

"It was really perfect," said Julia Ruelle of her recent weeklong adventure to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW) with three childhood friends.

"By disconnecting and unplugging, we kind of lost the drama," said Julia, 16, of Minnetonka. "It was amazing having them all with me. I had to be responsible for so many things, but it was really cool."

Earlier this year, Julia won an essay contest sponsored by the Ely Outfitting Co. Its founder, Jason Zabokrtsky, created the contest to get kids away from technology by awarding a five-day, fully outfitted canoe and camping adventure with up to three friends.

No parents or guides allowed.

Julia, who in April completed treatment for a rare but highly curable brain tumor, wrote that she longed to be back in her cherished BWCA with its "hypnotic serenity." While she'd been to the area many times with her family, sharing the experience with friends would be icing on the cake.

She struggled to narrow down "quite a big list" to the final three. "A lot of it was just parents," she said. "Getting their approval was kind of a tall order."

Having a satellite phone and promising to check in twice during the week sealed the deal for the parental units of Anna Wander, 16, Madeline Wilson, 16, and Julianna Torelli, 15. Julia's mom, Linda, stayed in Ely throughout the week.

"The first thing that hit me when I saw Julia and her friends were the big smiles," Linda said, recalling their return. "They had such a good time."

The four Minnetonka High School juniors arrived in Ely on June 10 for orientation. Zabokrtsky guided them to an out-and-back route "with flexibility," Julia said, "and



Julia Ruelle, third from left, and her three friends, Madeline Wilson, Julianna Torelli and Anna Wander recently spent a week together in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area with no parents and no guide. Julia was the winner of an essay contest sponsored by Ely Outfitting Co. photo courtesy of Ely Outfitting Co.

he pointed out a lot of good campsites along the way."

They set out the next day at 7 a.m., quickly developing a routine. "We would wake up early ... oh, man ... and, every day, we were done paddling by noon," Julia said. "We ate lunch at the campsites — we were pretty hungry by that time — then it was hammocks, read, write, make friendship bracelets, talk, nap.

"I have known them most of my life," Julia said of her three friends, "but I did definitely learn a lot. We always were talking before bed, about specific things and thoughts in general. There are intricacies in my friends' lives that I hadn't quite realized."

She even produced a delightful three-minute video that she posted to YouTube: <https://youtu.be/svdZHBoAnyo>.

Like Julia, the three

friends all had some experience in the great outdoors.

Anna had been to the Boundary Waters with her family and backpacked on the Superior Hiking Trail. "I love how you are kind of separated from everything in your life, especially technology," Anna said. Without her phone, she said, "I'm a lot less worried about things. When I have it, I feel like I need to be constantly checking it to make sure things are OK."

Anna's favorite aspect was nestling into a hammock after their campsite was set up "and looking at the lake." She did the math to realize they'd be together for 130 hours, "without a break. We got along pretty well," she said.

"... But we joked that any longer," Madeline added, "and we might have had a couple squabbles."

Madeline joined Anna

for most of the dish cleanup — without complaining, Julia noted. Madeline, too, had been to the Boundary Waters a few years back, "but I remember just going along for the ride the first time," she said. "This time, I had to paddle right, set up camp."

Not a fan of bugs, Madeline wore a mesh suit, which had the girls laughing quite a bit. "I knew I'd adapt, but it was not fun."

Julianna, who spent time in the Boundary Waters with YMCA Camp Menogyn, was the essential designated cook. Breakfast was blueberry pancakes, granola, oatmeal; lunches were sandwiches with pita bread. They had a propane stove but usually built a campfire for evening meals.

"A lot of the meals required boiling water, so Julia made the fire and I made the dinner," Julianna said.

"My steak Stroganoff was pretty good."

No one was ever hungry, or homesick, Julia said. But they were admittedly on edge the final night as they waited out a sensational thunderstorm. They left soaking sleeping bags in one tent, and squeezed into the other for the night.

"Every thunderstorm in the Boundary Waters feels huge," Julia said. "It's really humbling."

On the car ride home, they were all on their phones catching up with friends, which was somewhat bittersweet.

"It was a little overwhelming turning my phone on," said Anna, who works as a summer camp counselor at her church. Her parents "were very happy to have me home, but also very impressed at how we were able to make everything work in the Boundary Waters," she said. "You just have to be prepared to rough it a little bit, carry things and figure out things for yourself."

Madeline, who returns to nanny and mentor kids, is relieved to know "there's an escape from society and, still, those untouched places in nature."

Julianna was back to competitive swimming three hours daily for her club team. She returns to the Boundary Waters with Menogyn in a few weeks, but noted with some relief that they'll have a guide.

As for supreme host Julia? The day after her return home, she headed to Washington, D.C., to join other representatives of Kids for the Boundary Waters, an offshoot of the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters, which has long been her passion. The teens met with lawmakers to urge them to protect the pristine area for future generations.

"For me, growing up and going to the Boundary Waters has been pivotal to the person I've become," said Julia, who will continue to get MRIs every three months to make sure the tumor is gone.

"Mental health can be improved so much in the Boundary Waters. It really helps to get away and reconnect with yourself."

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News in Brief

Artists, organizations receive grants

ELY - Area artists and organizations were awarded grants from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council earlier this month.

►Boundary Waters Choral Festival of Babbitt was awarded a \$5,000 Rural and Community Art Project grant to support the tenth Boundary Waters Choral Festival (BWCF), a two-day collaboration of choral students and educators and a special guest artist culminating in a public Mass Choir performance.

►Ely Winter Festival of Ely was awarded a \$5,000 Rural and Community Art Project grant to support the 2019 Ely Winter Festival's Snow Sculpture Symposium in Whiteside Park.

►Rachel Colber of Ely was awarded a \$2,990 Career Development grant to participate in the five-day "Figure in the Landscape" class offered by Tara Sweeney on movement in watercolor and lessons in composition at the Grand Marais Art Colony.

The Arrowhead Regional Arts Council is a regional nonprofit that has been encouraging local arts development in northeastern Minnesota through arts funding and services for over 35 years.

For the complete list of those awarded in the Arrowhead Region, visit their website at www.aracouncil.org.

Reserve peaches from Nordic Team

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

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

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

The Nordic Ski Team ski team is partially funded by this peach sale, and the proceeds help the team pay for equipment, travel expenses, and fees.

In 2017, the girls team won the state title led by first-place finisher Erin Bianco, and in 2018 the girls team placed sixth, and the boys team placed seventh. The success of this team is in part due to the financial support of the community.

Co-dependents meets Friday

ELY - The Ely co-dependents support group meets Fridays at noon at St. Anthony's Church in Classroom 3. Use west side entrance.

For more information, go to www.coda.org.

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<p>Embarrass Canister Site 7530 Koski Rd. Hours Thu: 10am-5pm Sat: 12:30-4:30pm</p>	<p>Soudan Canister Site 5160 Hwy 169 Hours Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun: 8am-5pm</p>
<p>Household Hazardous Waste Facility 5341 Regional Landfill Rd Hours Tues and Sat: 8am-1pm</p>	<p>Regional Landfill 5341 Regional Landfill Rd (east of Virginia) Hours Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm Sat: 8am-3:30pm</p>

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Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



Don't miss Voyageur Days fun July 12-15

The town is roaring with fun and fellowship. It is great to enjoy the activities of the holiday. There have been a lot of rain and storms, and many folks have been without electricity. However, it did not dampen the spirits of all who gathered for the big Fourth of July celebrations. Some of the storms were earth-shaking, with lightning and thunder. Most people were awakened by the storm on Friday night, everyone admitting it was the loudest thunder ever heard. Shirley Sanborn registered 3-1/4 inches of rain in the short, but serious, storm. Some hail was even reported.

A special service was held to honor the life of Bud Bystrom, who passed away on Feb. 12, 2018. There was a wonderful group of family and friends to honor Bud and share many of their favorite stories of Bud and Char. One favorite is that when Bud was in the first grade, he wrote a note to Char telling her that he was going to marry her. And he did, right out of high school, resulting in a happy marriage for over 50 years. Pastor Roger conducted the service. Pastor Roger did service for the Crane Lake Chapel for three years and is now a pastor in Sandstone. A memorial was also included for Cindy Lou Bystrom, the firstborn of Bud and Char. Cindy Lou passed away on Jan. 31, 2014. Everyone sends sympathy and heartfelt wishes to the entire Bystrom family.

Have you noticed there are many brown, dying pine trees this spring? That is due to the severe cold winter we had, with a very dry April. Frozen ground and lack of moisture were the double-whammy for evergreens. It seems to be especially hard on cedar trees. Experts suggest trimming any dead limbs of still-living trees and getting rid of any conifer that has more than 50-percent canopy of branches killed, to avoid attracting bark beetles. Let's hope many of the pines survive.

A special lady from Buyck, Bonnie Beitz, celebrated her "BIG" birthday with family and friends at Hutter with Bonnie's son from Hawaii in attendance. "Duke Skorich Bar-B-Q" served a tasty dinner to all the guests.

Gini Stahnke hosted a graduation party for her granddaughter, Lily Wheeler. If you know Gini, you know there was an abundance of food and fellowship. Best wishes to Lily for her future plans, which include further schooling in Salt Lake City, Utah.

The deer this year seem to be very numerous and especially hungry, having gotten into and consumed several area gardens. Can you say "deer sausage"?

The summer edition of Voyageur Days begins with the Trading Post Poker Run. Get your bingo cards and make the run! Then catch the Art Show at Nelson's Resort on Thursday, July 12. Local artists featured will be Terry Palm, Debbie Neurenberg, Rosalee Nieme, Lois Larson, Bob Kaiser, Chris Lange, Millie Nelson, Bonnie DuFresne, and others. There will be bingo at Voyagaire following a dinner special. Then catch some "bling" at Crane Lake Bar and Grill.

Friday features the Portage, Paddle, Swim Race. The event is growing in popularity, so advance registration is requested. From 6-9 p.m., there will be a Crane Lake Painting Class at Voyagaire Lodge, with local artist Cherie Serrano helping you achieve your own painting of Voyageurs National Park. (Can you say "happy trees"?) On Saturday, July 13, the Voyageur Canoe with VNP staff will be available for rides from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., there will be all sorts of fun activities for the kids. All this is found at the Voyagaire Lodge beach. Finish up with the "Fry for All" from 4 - 6 p.m. at the Vermilion Falls Picnic Site. Voyageur Country ATV is helping with the event. Then mosey over to Voyagaire Lodge for Cowboy Angel Blue or see what's happening at Nelson's Resort.

Sunday, begin with services at 11:30 a.m. at the Crane Lake Chapel, complete the Trading Post Poker Run at noon, and cap the week end off with the Ice Cream Social from 1-3 p.m. at Handberg's Marina. Sounds like there is something for everyone, from the young in age to the young at heart! Hope to see you there!

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

First Baptist Annual Outdoor Worship on Sunday, July 8

COOK- Join us for the 2nd Annual Outdoor Worship Service on Sunday, July 8. First Baptist Church of Cook is hosting another outdoor worship service at the gazebo in Cook's City Park, followed by a meal for all at 10 a.m. Anyone and everyone is invited to join us for hymns, special music, an encouraging message, and the meal. Friends, neighbors, and vacationers are all welcome. Can't wait to see you there.

CRANE LAKE

Crane Lake EMS trains for air ambulance

CRANE LAKE- Thanks to the hard work of many volunteers and especially Kara Knudsen, EMS officer for the Crane Lake Volunteer Fire Dept., Crane Lake now has an official helipad to use with air ambulance services.

Volunteer fire department members did a training with North Memorial Air Care last week, which included classroom training then a hands-on session with a helicopter and crew.

"If residents were wondering about all the noise on Wednesday," said Steve Bergerson, a Crane Lake Emergency Medical Responder said, "the crew from North Air Care flew all the members of Crane Lake Fire and Rescue who attended the training on a series of demonstration flights around the community."

Training covers the safety and logistical issues that emergency responders need to know to insure a safe landing and loading area for the air ambulance. Local responders are tasked with making sure the landing zone is safe and clear of hazards. They also help load patients onto the helicopter, which is staffed with trained medical providers. Bergerson said the use of an air ambulance gives those with serious, life-threatening medical or trauma emergencies a better chance of recovery. Normally, the Orr Ambulance would respond, bring the patient to the Orr Airport, then transfer to a helicopter that would then transport the patient to the appropriate medical facility. "With many of our calls on water-access-only locations, transport to the closest medical facility could take up to two hours," Bergerson said. "With a helipad at Crane Lake, we can potentially cut that transport time in half. This transport time is extremely important for stroke victims, heart attacks, and difficult traumas."



Above: Training on proper patient loading by the North crew. Crane Lake Fire members get a close look at the helicopter.



Left: Dan Johnson, Director of Operations for North Memorial Air Care and Kara Knudson, Crane Lake Emergency Medical Responder responsible for making the landing zone project happen.

submitted photos



A Pint with Painter on July 11

COOK- There will be a "Pint with Painter" meet and greet with U.S. Senate candidate Richard Painter on Wednesday, July 11 at 4:30 p.m. at the Crescent Bar and Grill, 9257 E Olson Rd. in Cook. Mr. Painter is running in the DFL primary against DFL-endorsed candidate Tina Smith who was appointed to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of former Senator Al Franken. Richard Painter is a former White House Ethics Counsel and a University of Minnesota Law Professor. He is a frequent contributor to and guest on CNN, MSNBC and other networks and a vocal opponent of the Trump Administration. He is widely known for his long-standing crusade to fight corruption and special interest influence over government.

After the event, Northern Progressives will be hosting Mr. Painter for a "Why I'm Running" question and answer session at 6 p.m. If you can't come to the earlier event, feel free to join Northern Progressives for an informal but informative meeting. It is a great opportunity to see one of the candidates who will be on the ballot in the DFL Primary on Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Annual Meeting of the Elbow Lake Assn. on July 14

ELBOW LAKE- The Annual Meeting of the Elbow Lake Association will be Saturday, July 14 at 10 a.m. at Elbow Lake Lodge. This meeting is open to all property owners on Elbow Lake and Susan Lake. There will be a cookout lunch provided by the lodge after the meeting. For more information, contact Mary Ann Knox, ELA Secretary, maryannknox21@gmail.com.

Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution July 12

COOK- The next Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution will be Thursday, July 12 from 4:30-6 p.m. at the old Cook School. Registration begins at 3 p.m. at the old school with a \$20 cash donation at the door. Volunteers are asked to please arrive at 3 p.m. Please bring your own containers. Ruby's Pantry is now offering online registration at rubyspantry.com starting Friday, July 13 for the August distribution with a \$21 donation at sign-up. Sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Alango. For more information, contact Amy Viita at 218-666-2220.



Art on the Edge, July 5-28, opening reception July 6

BIGFORK- Cathryn Peters, antler basket-maker from Angora, is one of 20 artists selected by Juror Peter Spooner for this year's 14th annual juried exhibition, Art on the Edge, held July 5 - 28 at the Edge Center Gallery in Bigfork.

An opening reception where you can meet the artists will be on Friday, July 6 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Juror Spooner selected Peters' "#1 in the Sentinel Antler Basket Series," a contemporary fallow deer antler basket sculpture, to be in the show. Her piece incorporates rattan reed, sea-grass, coconut coir and two wooden disks, with the fallow deer antler as the focal point.

Peters has been creating antler baskets and antler basket sculptures since 1990 when she wove the first basket for her husband John. This series of antler basket sculptures is a departure from Peters' previous baskets, reflecting an emotional and spiritual change in the direction of her life since the passing of her husband five years ago.

For more information visit edgcenterarts.org.

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COOK SUMMER BASEBALL



Cook T-Ball Blue Team
Coached by Travis Leinonen and Tony Pascuzzi. Back (from left) Zoey Burckhardt, Vinny Pascuzzi, Jacob Tschida, Elias Sheffer, Zander Turnbull. Front: Ile Leinonen, Keenan Peak, Brylee Turnbull, Josey Pascuzzi, Tikka Debeltz, Luke Pretti. photo by B. Smith



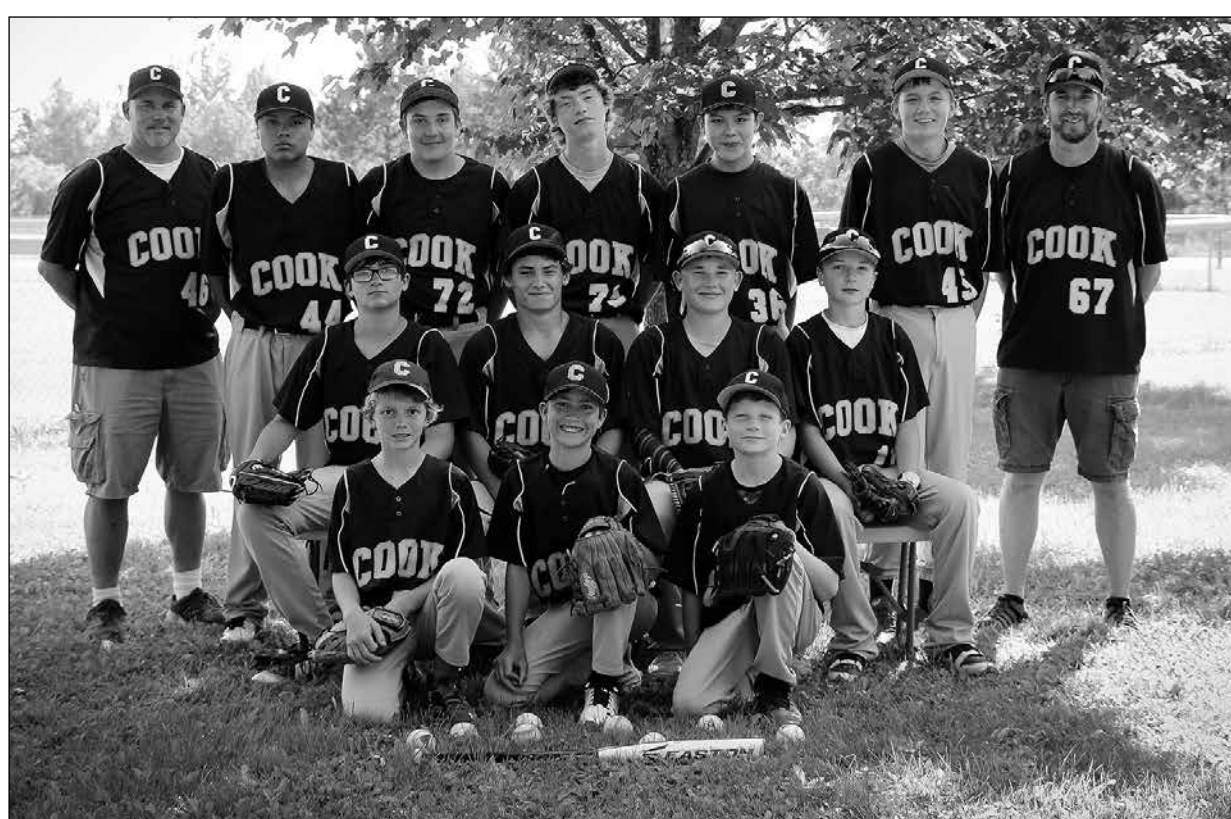
Cook T-Ball Green Team
Coached by Steven Amundson and Dave Hampson. Back (from left) Daniel Zupancich, Gage Aune, Jack Hampson, Jordon Herdman, Xena Hannine. Middle: Brayden Amundson, Brian Hannine, Caitlyn Goodbird, Lauren Hampson, Gunnar Fultz. Front: Reece Whitney, Cora Goodbird, Silas Nurmi. photo by B. Smith



Cook T-Ball Gray Team
Coached by Sheldon Bergman and Jared Bangs. Back (from left) Max Lehti, Michaela Brunner, Sophia Bangs, Olivia Baumgartner, Tysen Lenzen. Front: Hudson Bangs, Brady Bergman, Jayden Lenzen, Liam Porter, Ellie Sherman, Tanner Lehti. photo by B. Smith



Cook PeeWee Team
Coached by John Barto and Jason Panichi. Back (from left) Peyton Scofield, Louis Panichi, Orion Erickson, Micaden Clines, Charlie Wipf, Ariana Vines. Middle: John Warren, Alex Burckhardt, Tradjen Barto, Levi Chaulklin, Ethan Ploof. Front: Eli Lindgren, Sasha Hanson, Aidan Hartway. photo by B. Smith



Cook Little League Team
Back (from left): Coach RJ Kruse, Tate Cly, Caleb Uchal, Jake Panichi, Bryce Chosa, Tyrus Leinonen, Coach Mike Smith. Middle: Ajay Zakrajahek, Carter Holman, Ben Kruse, Elias Smith. Front: Dylan Leinonen, Atreyu Marcelo, Keenan Whitney. photo by B. Smith

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The Art of Community seeks concepts

REGIONAL- A new public art project, The Art of Community, is seeking concepts from local artists for pieces that will be reproduced to cover building windows in nine Mesabi Iron Range downtowns. Concepts should celebrate the heart and soul of our communities and express our collective hope for the future. Artists whose concepts are chosen will receive \$750 when the work is complete. For more information, please contact beth@ironrange.org or 218-749-8161 by July 10. The Art of Community is funded in part by an Iron Range Resources grant to the Iron Range Tourism Bureau, a destination marketing organization serving the Mesabi Iron Range.

Minnesota Veterans Home hosts Pat Surface and the Boundary Water Boys on July 17

SILVER BAY- Pat Surface and the Boundary Water Boys with Donna Surface, performance artist in sign language, and Marina Whight will perform on Tuesday, July 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Silver Bay, 56 Outer Drive. This event is open to the public. Please bring your lawn chairs. For more information, call Joyce Scott at 218-353-8704.

"This event is very special to me," said Donna Surface, the director of the Spiritwood Foundation. "My dad was a WWII hero. He died of Alzheimer's disease. As darkness surrounded him and his memories faded, one endured to the end - his profound pride in his military service. We are really looking forward to entertaining our veterans and their families, and all who come out to support them. It's an honor. We will put on a fun show with unforgettable classic tunes from the 50s, 60s and 70s."

The Spiritwood Foundation was created in 2004 by Pat and Donna Surface when Donna lost her dad, Rocco Michael Passaretti, to Alzheimer's disease. Their mission is to raise not only awareness regarding Alzheimer's disease, but also critical funds that support community organizations, programs, and facilities working with the afflicted and their families.

For more information, go to SpiritwoodFoundation.com.

8th Annual Iron Man Car Show on July 14 at MDC

CHISHOLM- Join us for our 8th Annual Iron Man Car Show on Saturday, July 14 from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. We welcome all car enthusiasts to enter their antique or classic car or truck in the show or come as a visitor and appreciate these beauties. Want to enter your car into the show? There is a \$5 registration fee. Car Show participants can park their cars on the grass, then wander our park to check out the other cars. Regular admission prices apply to all guests coming for the show. Please, no pets. There will be 50s and 60s style music and concessions. Along with the Iron Man Car Show, visit the museum, Heritage Park, Glen Location, ride the trolley, and play mini-golf at Minnesota Discovery Center while you're here.

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

Town Board denies request for reimbursement of repair costs

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA
Staff Writer

BREITUNG TWP- At their June 28 meeting, the Breitung Township Board denied a resident's request for reimbursement of \$900, the cost to replace a broken water line at his home on Superior St. The board made the decision after consulting with the Minnesota Association of Townships, the Breitung Water Commission, and their insurance company, League of Minnesota Cities in Trust.

Todd Ranua, who paid for the repair at his home, suspects that a neighbor who used an arc welder to thaw his frozen pipes caused the water line break in April.

When the township's maintenance department found the leak on the house side of the curb stop, Ranua was told it was his responsibility to fix the leak. Ranua asked the township for compensation along with a

new ordinance that would prevent non-licensed, bonded, and insured individuals from working on the water system. The township denied the reimbursement request but is in the process of creating an ordinance.

Breitung police received two thank you letters, first from Randy Semo at Good Ol' Days for responding to "an unfortunate incident with compassion, care, and professionalism" and another for a cabin check.

Fire Department Chief Steve Burgess led a discussion on the possibility of switching from automatic mutual aid calls to mutual aid box alarms. Instead of all local departments responding to all local calls, each department would be called to specific incidents. (For example, Breitung Fire would respond to extrications and Eagles Nest Fire Department would respond to structure fires.) Burgess said this is a newer system and he would speak to other area departments to gather

their thoughts.

In other business, the township board:

► Approved the addition of a Fire Department Lieutenant position with a salary of \$200 per month.

► Accepted a quote from BZak Construction to install a new washer and dryer and plumbing for the Fire Department's use.

► Will have McKinley Park, Soudan Recreation Area and baseball field sprayed for mosquitoes.

► Sent blight letters to eight residents, mostly for unmowed lawns.

► Will start to look for a new vehicle to drag sand at the baseball field and skating rink. The three-wheeler that was being used for this purpose is no longer in working condition.

► Next meeting will be Tuesday, July 24 at 1 p.m.

LIVE MUSIC

Aby Wolf and Palace Ensemble to perform "Champagne Confetti" on July 14 at Tofte Lake Center

ELY- Twin Cities-based composer and performer Aby Wolf will present Champagne Confetti, an evening of new electro-acoustic works featuring the Palace Ensemble, a cast of renowned musicians as comfortable in experimentation as virtuosity, at Tofte Lake Center in Ely at 7 p.m. on Saturday, July 14. Blurring the lines between ambient neo-minimalism, chamber music and electro-R&B, Palace Ensemble delivers a gateway from near-silent meditation to full harmonic abundance, experienced as a union of sonic dreamstates and coursing, rhythmic waves of unbounded sound.

Inspired by the imminent universal need to find footing in an unstable world, these new compositions explore uncertainty, on both a personal and

global scale. Through a creative process based in improvisation, and the resulting atypical song structures, Champagne Confetti is a practice in embracing uncertainty. Palace Ensemble's performance realizes the heart of the new work: choosing community to find belonging in the unknown. Banding together as artists and musicians, we prioritize solidarity and communion to generate positive change, uniting through artistic growth.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage foundation.

Aby Wolf is a vocalist and composer. She frequently collaborates with professional artists across



Aby Wolf and Grant Cutler.

the genres of hip hop, R&B, electronic, rock, folk, jazz, and experimental music. She has worked and collaborated with artists such as Dessa, The New Standards, Mos Def, Ani DiFranco, Macklemore, and the MN Orchestra, and released four stylisti-

cally diverse solo albums to critical acclaim. She was named "Best Female Vocalist" and "Artist of the Year" by City Pages.

A \$10 admission fee is suggested. The Tofte Lake Center is located at 2209 Fernberg Road in Ely.

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

5-6pm..... Whiteside Park Band Shell: Abby Wolf Concert, strings, voice, percussion & electronics

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

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

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

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

5:30-6:30pm. Mealey's Tiki Deck: Polka Time with Bernie Palcher

7-9pm..... Mealey's Tiki: Music-Blues w/Cerniak, Bulinski & Oikari

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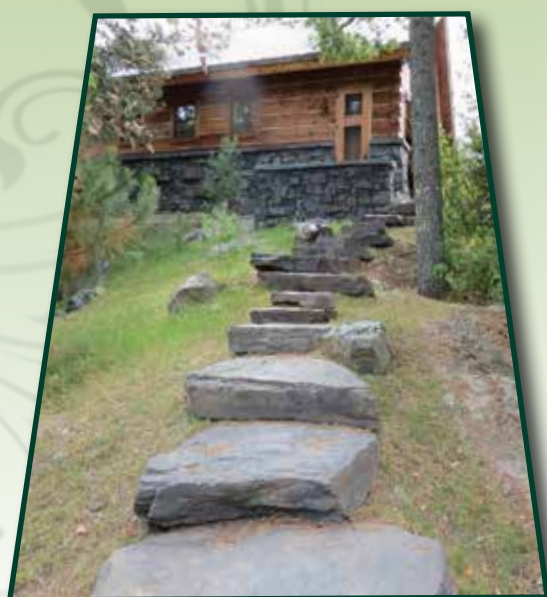
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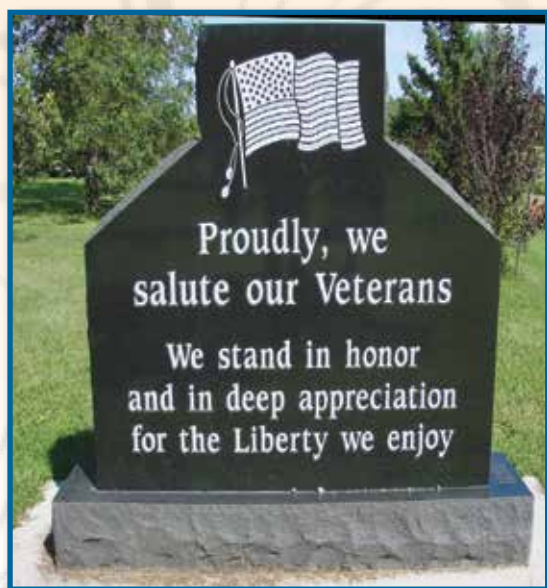


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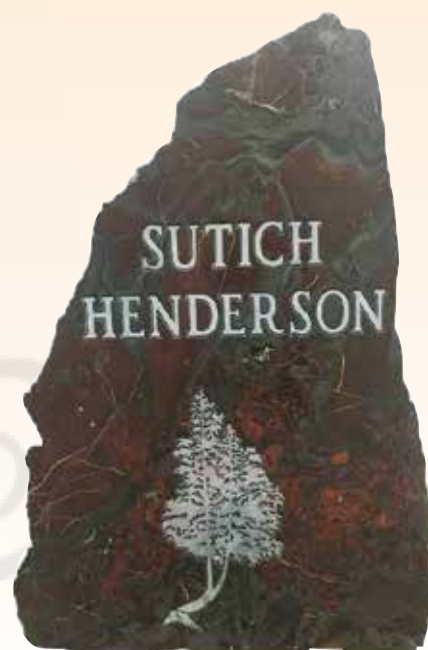
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SULFIDE MINING

Judge allows Twin Metals to intervene in lease cases

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL—A federal district court judge in Washington, D.C., has granted Twin Metals' request to intervene in a case filed by several Minnesota businesses and environmental organizations against the Department of the Interior.

The three separate cases, all filed in late June, seek to overturn a May 2 decision by the Bureau of Land Management to reinstate two previously-cancelled mineral leases that are critical to Twin Metals' proposed copper-nickel mine south of Ely.

The intervention by Twin Metals was expected and was not opposed by the plaintiffs in the

case. As a party with substantial interest in the outcome of the case, Twin Metals had a legal right to intervene.

The cases have all been assigned to Judge Trevor McFadden, who President Trump appointed to the D.C. Circuit Court last October. In his short tenure, McFadden has already attracted controversy for his refusal earlier this year to recuse himself in a case involving publication of the so-called Steele dossier on Donald Trump's ties to Russia by the online magazine BuzzFeed.

According to D.C.-based Politico, the private investigation firm Fusion GPS, which produced the dossier, argued in

January that McFadden had so many conflicts of interest that he couldn't fairly hear a motion by Fusion to quash a subpoena issued for the company's testimony.

According to Politico, attorneys for Fusion GPS contended McFadden had represented a firm owned by a Russian businessman who claims he was libeled by the publication of the dossier. McFadden, who made campaign contributions to Trump's campaign, also worked on Trump's transition team and attorneys for Fusion GPS argued that he was likely influenced by Trump's frequent comments challenging the accuracy of the dossier and attacking Fusion GPS.

But McFadden called his connections to President Trump "simply too tenuous to cause a reasonable observer to question my impartiality." McFadden said his work for the Trump White House was purely voluntary and limited.

"As a volunteer, I reviewed public-source information about potential cabinet appointees for approximately four hours every few weeks for two to three months," McFadden wrote. "I did not come into contact with Mr. Trump or any of the senior members of his campaign team. In fact, I do not know the president and have never met him in any capacity."

The judge said any sugges-

tion that he should recuse merely because he is a Trump appointee was meritless.

While McFadden's appointment could be problematic for plaintiffs in the case, any ruling by McFadden is likely to be appealed to the D.C. appellate court, where the makeup of judges could be friendlier. Four of the 11 judges on the court were appointed by President Obama while three, including the chief judge Merrick Garland, were appointed by President Clinton. George W. Bush appointed two of the judges, while his father appointed one other. President Trump has made a single appointment to the court, tapping Gregory Katsas for the job.

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"expanding or building six new facilities."

Sohas U.S. Steel made such an announcement? U.S. Steel officials won't confirm the president's claim and their website's news section includes no such announcements of new facilities or expansions.

According to the *Washington Post*, "[U.S. Steel CEO Dave] Burritt did take part in a roundtable in March at the White House, and in May the president appeared to reference that meeting. But then, on June 20, the conversation became a phone call. On June 26, Trump suggested the news was disclosed in a public announcement."

When the *Post* tried to get a clarification, the White House did not respond.

"Burritt also did not

respond to an email from The Fact Checker asking him to confirm the conversation," notes the *Post*.

U.S. Steel officials did announce on June 5 that they were restarting the second of two blast furnaces in Granite City, Ill., which had been idled since the steel industry downturn in 2015. The company had reopened the first of the blast furnaces back in March. Altogether, the reopening of the two furnaces put 800 laid-off workers back on the job. A company press statement indicated that anticipated growth in domestic steel demand stemming from the imposition of additional steel tariffs by the Trump administration, had been a factor in the decision.

Ethical concerns

U.S. Steel spokesperson Meghan Cox did not

respond to questions posed by the *Timberjay* regarding any conversations between the company's CEO David Burritt and President Trump regarding the company's future plans.

While such a conversation isn't illegal, it could be if Trump or any other members of his administration traded stock based on the inside information. That's according to University of Minnesota law professor and former government ethics lawyer Richard Painter. Painter is also a candidate for the U.S. Senate, who is currently seeking the DFL nomination over Sen. Tina Smith.

Inside information would be any kind of information about a publicly-traded company to which a regular member of the public would not be privy. Insider trading,

which is generally considered a securities violation, could be charged if a person with inside information trades public stock based on the information.

Painter said the Trump White House is unusual because it routinely involves itself with specific companies, both positively and negatively, and that raises greater ethical concerns than with most White Houses. "Generally, the White House tries to remain out of the affairs of specific companies," he said, since presidential actions can significantly influence stock prices of companies. Trump has publicly praised some companies for taking steps he supports, and has threatened firms that have reacted to his policies by eliminating jobs in the U.S.

Just this past week, Harley-Davidson stock

dropped significantly after Trump threatened the company with high taxes if they moved jobs overseas to avoid retaliatory tariffs being threatened by the European Union in response to Trump's tariffs on European steel and aluminum.

"This is an administration that is very much picking winners and losers," said Painter.

While government officials receive non-public information on companies all the time, and typically know of policy changes that can affect companies ahead of time, Painter said most government officials are bound by strict conflict of interest rules that would prevent them from holding stock in companies they regulate.

Those rules don't apply to the president or vice-president, although

insider trading rules likely would still apply. "They certainly shouldn't be trading on this kind of information," said Painter.

At this point, there is no evidence of that, yet the Trump White House has been repeatedly faulted by government ethicists for a lack of transparency, particularly regarding the finances of President Trump. Painter said it would be difficult to know if members of the administration were trading stock in companies that they are benefiting through tariffs or bad-mouthing through presidential tweets. "We would have no way of knowing what's going on," he said.

Financial disclosure forms can provide some information regarding the holdings of top government officials, but those forms often contain gaps or

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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVOCACY

Kids are new resource in fight to save the BWCA

Teen advocate launches a new initiative to motivate youth to protect wild places

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - Joseph Goldstein from Kids For the Boundary Waters introduced himself and his cause last week to the Ely Tuesday Group.

Kids for the Boundary Waters (Kids4BW) is a project of the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters founded just last month by Goldstein, a 16-year-old from Springfield, Ill., to advocate for the protection of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

According to Goldstein, "Kids4BW is an essential component in efforts to protect the Quetico Superior ecosystem from harm that would be caused by nearby sulfide-ore copper mining." Leadership is being provided by Joseph and six additional youth members of an advisory board.

The objectives of Kids for the Boundary Waters are fourfold:

- ▶ Educating youth about the BWCAW and the risks of sulfide-ore copper mining in the headwaters of the BWCAW;

- ▶ Teaching youth to advocate for conservation and protection of the BWCAW;

- ▶ Influencing public policy that would be protective of the BWCAW; and

- ▶ Encouraging youth to experience and appreciate the natural world, especially wild places.

Goldstein said he intends to develop a national membership from all fifty states. Kids4BW will reach youth primarily through social media, he said. The Kids4BW website is www.kidsfortheboundarywaters.org, and Kids4BW is developing Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram accounts.

"Kids4BW will provide education and training materials for education and advocacy, and will host at least one trip each year to Washington, D.C. for meetings with policy makers," he said. "Kids4BW will also facilitate trips into the BWCAW, first for youth advisory board members, and then more broadly to youth supporters."

A "Get Out" program is in development and will be added to the website. "Get Out" will encourage youth to Get Out (get your feet dirty in the woods) every calendar quarter and share photos of their "Get Out" day or week on Instagram. "Get Out" will begin with getting



Joseph Goldstein (upper left) and the other members of the Kids For The Boundary Waters board at the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C. photo courtesy of Joseph Goldstein

out wherever youth live, advance to planning trips to the BWCAW, and then connect to citizen advocacy to protect America's wild places, especially the BWCAW," he said.

In his own words

"I'm a high school senior living in Springfield, Ill., and more than four years ago, at age 13, I was diagnosed with high-risk acute lymphoblastic leukemia. My particular cancer required a very long and aggressive course of treatment. In fact, I just recently finished my last dose of three and a half years of daily chemotherapy.

"Throughout my treatments, I've been working very hard with a singular vision: to permanently protect and preserve the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. As I complete my fight with leukemia, I'm launching a national Kids For The Boundary Waters campaign.

"Not long after my diagnosis, the Make-A-Wish Foundation came to visit and offered me a wish. They talked to me about all the wishes they had granted: trips, swimming pools, visits with famous people, even a horse and a muscle car. Although I had some immediate ideas — a trip to the North Pole sounded like a great plan — I knew that my favorite place in

the world was under direct and dire threat, and it occurred to me that I could use my wish to try and protect the most important place I'd ever visited: the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

"This wilderness area in northern Minnesota near Voyageurs National Park is 1.1 million acres of pristine water and unspoiled woods. It has a long history of environmental protection, dating back to 1909 when President Theodore Roosevelt, who loved it and understood its importance to America, established the Superior National Forest.

"I made my first trip into the Boundary Waters with my family more than a decade ago when I was barely six years old, and it remains among the most vivid of my memories: Paddling into the wilderness truly felt like coming home. That trip put a hunger in me for wild places, and my love for the Boundary Waters has grown with every trip, every year, in all seasons.

"My three little brothers love it (almost) as much as I do, and we have made friends in the area who are like family, many of whom have spent their lives protecting this wilderness.

"It's for all of these reasons that on June 18, I stood in front of the Washington Monument in Washington, D.C., with

the other members of the Kids For The Boundary Waters board who are as fiercely dedicated to defending this wilderness as I am, and we announced our mission to carry on the fight to save the Boundary Waters.

"The immediate danger to the Boundary Waters, as well as Voyageurs, comes in the form of sulfide-ore copper mines that developers have proposed immediately on its border, upstream and within the watershed of these treasured places. Sulfide-ore copper mining is much more toxic than Minnesota's traditional taconite mining. It produces giant waste piles that, when exposed to air and water, leach sulfuric acid, heavy metals and sulfates.

"Sulfide-ore copper mines systemically pollute groundwater, rivers and lakes, and hard rock mining, most of which is sulfide-ore mining, contributes to more superfund sites than any other activity. It has, in fact, been deemed "America's most polluting industry" by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In this proposed mine, the acidic pollution would flow directly into the Boundary Waters.

"When I completed

chemotherapy I started thinking, "What's next?" and it occurred to me that this fight is most especially about us kids who will be inheriting whatever mess gets left behind. This is our future — our water, our public lands, our resources, our health, our country — that is at stake.

"Kids For The Boundary Waters will focus on honing a message of conservation and protection of the Boundary Waters and teaching kids how to advocate — how to write letters, make phone calls, follow up and make personal appeals during visits to Washington, D.C.

"I was lucky when I started working on this issue at age 13 to have grown-ups around me who already knew how to do these things, arranged introductions and walked me through the process. Now, I want to do the same for every kid in America. We all have a huge stake in protecting this wilderness, and beyond that, in learning to effectively navigate the political system. The more engaged we become as teenagers, the more we understand our power and our ability to effect change, the more likely we are to stay engaged.

"Though my campaign will focus on protecting the Boundary Waters, I believe that teaching kids about the process of

advocacy will undoubtedly spill over into defending — and visiting — other wild places as well. The Boundary Waters was a "gateway drug" for me, getting me hooked on camping, dog-sledding, backpacking and adventuring to remote, wild places such as Svalbard and western Greenland. Wilderness adventures instill a hunger for more.

"Living with cancer is no joke — it's hard in ways that are difficult to articulate, and it takes things from you that you have to fight very, very hard to reclaim. But cancer is also a surprisingly good teacher. It trains you to fight like hell for the things that matter.

"One thing I have learned for sure is that sometimes life only gives you one chance to get it done. I think this is ours. This is our one chance to defend our beautiful national parks and wilderness areas that give so much to so many of us.

"We are called to be guardians of sacred places, and now more than ever, we have to plant our feet, stand our ground and defend them."

Learn more about the Kids for the Boundary Waters at www.kidsfortheboundarywaters.org.

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can cause the kind of tree damage experienced from Lake Vermilion to the Ely area on Friday. Christenson said a private weather station on Moose Lake, east of Ely, recorded an 80-mile-per-hour wind gust when the storm struck about 8 a.m. on Friday. Other reports around the area ranged from a 58-mph gust at Cook to 63 mph recorded by a ship just off Beaver Bay on Lake Superior. "Winds like that are going to take trees down, and might do some damage to outbuildings," said Christenson.

Indeed, downed trees were common in the wake of the storm, although the worst damage was clustered in certain areas. Parts of Lake Vermilion, such as Birch Point and Isle of Pines, were hard hit, as was the Eagles Nest area and areas in and around Ely, Orr, and Babbitt.

In the immediate aftermath of the storm, more than 7,500 Lake Country Power customers reported

they were without power. About 4,800 of those were restored by the following day, but customers remained without power over much of the weekend in some areas. According to Lake Country Power spokesperson Tami Zaun, the last of customers had their power restored by Monday evening.

Another major outage hit portions of Lake Vermilion and the Ely area on Monday, but it does not appear to have been storm-related and power was restored relatively quickly, said Zaun.

Within the city of Ely, city repair crews were kept busy on Saturday and Sunday as they worked to repair the damage. Power went out on Chapman Street and the western portion of the downtown district Friday about 7:30 a.m. and didn't return until after 12:30 p.m. Trees were reported down on James Street and the southwest side of town and downed power lines affected the

area near Amici's Events Center on Central Avenue.

Residents along the Van Vac Road area on Burntside Lake, which had experienced severe damage last year and in 2016, were hit hard once again. Reports came in of trees down on a house on Moroni Point Road and another building sliced in half by a fallen tree. Some area resorts reported damage to facilities as well.

The severe weather was sparked by the influx of warm and humid air from the south, which often creates instability in the atmosphere, according to Christenson. She said such storms are unusual in June, since the upper air flow over the North Country tends to remain cooler until July. "Everything comes together when we finally get these strong south winds, bringing moisture and warm air up into the area," she said.

The recent weather marks a noticeable departure from weather earlier in

A power pole was snapped off near its base during last Friday's storm.
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the month, which featured much more sunshine, lower humidity, and limited rainfall.

The change in weather has been caused by a shift in the jet stream just to the north of the region, which is allowing the warm and humid air mass over the central U.S. to finally make its way into the North Country.

The good news, said Christenson, is that the conditions are expected to change with the passage of a strong cold front later in the week. That is expected to drop high temperatures into the mid-70s, and substantially lower humidity levels.

"The weekend looks very, very nice," she said.



DEATH...Continued from page 1

lance personnel, Schwarz was pronounced dead at the scene.

The cause of death is still not clear. An initial report from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office suggested that Schwarz had suffered electrocution, but that was later walked back by officials. An autopsy will be performed to help determine the cause.

"We're piecing

together the information to determine what happened," said Greg Randa, LCP general manager. "Our entire co-op family mourns. Our hearts, our thoughts, and our prayers are with the family of a fallen friend, co-op family member and colleague."

Schwarz graduated from Sandstone High School in 2003 and had been living in Cook most recently. A funeral service

was set to be held on Thursday, July 5 at First Presbyterian Church in Pine City, with Rob Spahr officiating.

The severe storm that raced through the area last Friday morning broke at least 25 power poles, and toppled hundreds of trees onto power lines, snapping miles of power lines that needed repair and replacement.

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Left: A participant in the Orr Fun Day parade is decked out in everything red, white & blue. M. Roach

Right: Members of the Shriners performed their precision moves during the parades in Ely and Tower. J. Summit

Center: Rod Politano carries the Stars and Stripes in the Tower color guard. M. Helmberger



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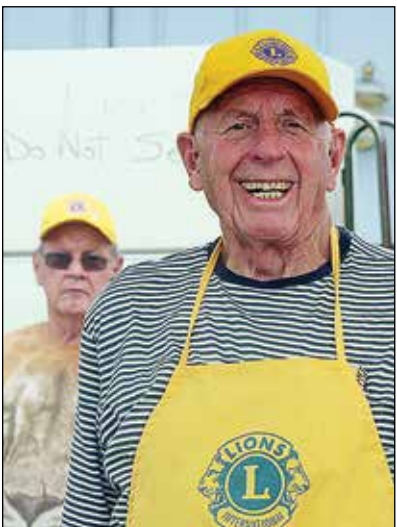


Left: Members of the Unicyclowns, led by Chimp Tuominen, along with the Kvistad clan, performed in the Tower parade. S. Ukkola



Above: Claire and Owen Eidelbes won Best of Show in the Tower kiddie parade. J. Summit

Below: Members of the Orr Lions served up burgers during the July 3rd Fun Day. M. Roach



Above: Becky Zupanchich and Ashley Millet dressed as mermaids for the Studio North Dance parade float. K. Vandervort

Below: Drummers in the Ely Klown Band performed in Ely and Tower. K. Vandervort



Right: Rachel Maki was a first place winner in the Tower kiddie parade. M. Helmberger

Left: Muriel Scott and her husband Lynn (behind the wheel) were the honored citizens in the Tower parade. M. Helmberger



Above: A Freedom Rider at the Orr July 3rd Fun Day parade. M. Roach



Left: Trumpet player Len Klun was part of the orchestra at the Patriotic Choir concert in Ely. K. Vandervort

Right: Rebecca, Sarah, and Isabelle were riding into Freedom during the Orr parade. M. Roach



REMEMBERING HISTORY

Molter Museum marks 25 years

New exhibit features 25 items marking Dorothy's life

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY—It was a big day at the Dorothy Molter Museum on June 24. That Sunday was a celebration of both the museum's 25th anniversary and the opening of a new exhibit titled "Creating the Boundary Waters: 25 Objects, 25 Stories."

The new exhibit is an informational exhibit that highlights the long and often controversial process of how the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness was established as a federal wilderness. From the exhibit, visitors will learn how the process affected Dorothy, residents and visitors through a visual timeline featuring 25 collection items—and their stories—representing difference eras.

The Dorothy Molter

Museum isn't just about the last resident of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, or about the homemade root beer she bottled and sold out of her Isle of Pines cabin. The Dorothy Molter Museum tells the story of simple living, self-sufficiency, nature and the wilderness, and one thing Ely has in abundance - controversy.

The tiny museum on the east edge of town tells the lessons of Dorothy. "Perhaps the most important lesson Dorothy's story teaches us is to never yield to adversity. Although Dorothy faced a diverse array of challenges throughout her life in the wilderness, she always stood her ground and stayed true to herself."

A ribbon-cutting ceremony was held on June 24 to dedicate a new exhibit in the Cady Cabin.

The museum features several buildings, including the interpretive center and gift shop, Dorothy's Winter Cabin, the Point Cabin, an outhouse, the Cady Cabin, formerly displaying the life and times of Dorothy's friend Bob "Jackpine" Cary and now home to the Boundary Waters 25 for 25 exhibit, Birds' Landing at Dorothy's, and Dorothy's Discovery Trail.

Dorothy used broken canoe paddles left behind by visitors as fencing around her Knife Lake resort. There are many paddles, most with names added and all with stories, at the museum.

The Winter Cabin was Dorothy's home during the winter months at the Isle of Pines. During the summer, she lived in a tent. The Point Cabin, formerly a guest cabin, houses the "Dorothy Molter: Living in



Museum supporters gather for a ribbon-cutting for the new Dorothy Molter exhibit on BWCAW history.

photo by K. Vandervort

the Boundary Waters" exhibit.

New members of the museum are always welcomed. There are a variety of membership levels, starting at \$10 for students, \$30 for individuals, and \$50 for a family. Business, patron and lifetime memberships are additional options.

To learn about upcoming programs and other special events at the Dorothy Molter Museum, visit [www.rootbeer-](http://www.rootbeerlady.com)

www.rootbeerlady.com, call the museum at 218-365-4451, or email info@rootbeerlady.com.

During the summer, the museum is open daily from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. There are optional guided tours on the hour starting at noon. Fall hours begin after Sept. 9.

GOLF

The Wilderness named Best Golf Course in the state

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER—The best golf courses in Minnesota are right here in the North Country.

The Wilderness at Fortune Bay has won numerous awards over the years, and announced this past week that they have added another accolade, this time as Best Golf Course in Minnesota. Readers of *Golftime* Magazine made the selection as part of the publication's annual Best of the Midwest Award competition.

Golftime raved, "It's wild. It's wooly. It's the quintessential

North Country golf experience."

Described as "carved from the pines near Tower," the magazine's readers placed The Wilderness just ahead of "the terrific twins of the Quarry and Legends courses at Giants Ridge," according to *Golftime*.

"We are beyond honored to receive this award," said General Manager, Ryan Peterson. "It is great to see our staff's hard work over the years continues to show to our guests."

Right: A plaque displaying the latest honor for The Wilderness Golf Course at Fortune Bay.
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Compassionate Friends meet July 10

MT. IRON- The Iron Range Chapter of The Compassionate Friends will be holding a summer meeting on Tuesday, July 10, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at Sue's house, 8573 Spring Park Road in Parkville (Mt. Iron). Come and enjoy the campfire in Sue's backyard. Speaker is AnMarie McLaughlin. TCF is a mutual assistance, self-help organization offering friendship, understanding and hope to bereaved families. Anyone who has experienced the death of a child, grandchild or a sibling from any cause is welcome. For more information on TCF, please call Sue Tuomela at 218-749-2089.

Northland Volunteer Center accepting award nominations

REGIONAL- AEOA's Northland Volunteer Center is accepting nominations through July 21 for three volunteer awards, with winners to be announced at a special recognition event in early August.

Hall of Fame Award: Individual/Adult - An individual from northern St. Louis County (age 26 or older) will be honored based on his or her commitment to volunteer service.

Hall of Fame Award: Youth/Young Adult - An individual from northern St. Louis County (through age 25) will be honored based on his or her commitment to volunteer service.

Hall of Fame Award: Group, Organization or Business - An award to honor an area business or nonprofit group that makes serving the community a priority.

2017 honorees include Wally Heubner of Hibbing, Kitana Honkala of Eveleth, and Miner's National Bank of Eveleth.

The nomination process is simple. Forms are available by contacting Arrowhead RSVP/Northland Volunteer Center-AEOA at 218-735-6832 or 1-800-662-5711 ext. 6832 or by e-mail to denise.ram-fjord@aeoa.org.

Area students named to spring Dean's List at Bemidji State

BEMIDJI- Area students earning Dean's List honors from Bemidji State University during the Spring 2018 semester included Emily Fultz of Cook, Abbie Edman of Ely, Nikki Shaw of Embarrass, and Austin Hujanen and Gabriella Suihkonen of Tower.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, BSU students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 GPA during the semester. A total of 703 students earned Dean's List honors from the university this spring, and an additional 329 students earned President's List honors for earning perfect 4.0 GPAs.

Mesabi Range Community and Technical College Dean's List Spring Semester 2018 High Honors 3.75-4.0 GPA

- Loralie Arvola, Virginia
 - Viola Connor, Tower
 - Troy Davidson, Babbitt
 - Patrick Halbakken, Ely
 - Samuel Lakey, Babbitt
 - Sophie Lenz, Embarrass
 - Mikayla Mellesmoen, Embarrass
 - Alli Sandberg, Cook
 - David Shoher, Ely
- Spring Semester 2018 Honors 3.5-3.74 GPA**
- Anthony Cunnien, Tower
 - Thomas Deyak, Ely
 - Melissa Haburn, Ely
 - Trista Miller, Babbitt

Maija Sipola receives University of Iowa degree

IOWA CITY, IA- Maija Sipola, a native of Babbitt, received a PhD-Geoscience degree from the University of Iowa at the close of the spring 2018 semester.

The University of Iowa is one of the nation's premier public research universities, dedicated to academic excellence, groundbreaking discoveries and creations, commitment to Iowa and the world, and a culture that prizes community, diversity, and opportunity.

TOWER BINGO Monday, July 9

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, July 9 at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m. Senior Bingo is organized by the Friends of the Vermilion Country Charter School. Questions, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

Upcoming dates for 2018:

- Monday, August 6
- Monday, Sept. 10 (second Monday)
- Monday, October 1
- Monday, November 5
- Monday, December 3

Obituaries and Death Notices



Roman John Reichensperger Jr.

Roman John Reichensperger Jr., 82, of Ely, and San Antonio, Texas, passed away peacefully in the arms of his wife on Saturday, June 30, 2018, at the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth. John had battled Hodgkins Lymphoma for 20 years. His family wishes to extend sincere thanks to the Solvay Hospice House in Duluth and the Ely Area Hospice Program for providing exceptional care as well as providing comfort and support to the family during this time.

There will be a gathering to celebrate John's life at their lake home on Eagles Nest Lake 3 at 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, July 8. Formal funeral services will be held later in July in San Antonio. Burial will follow in late July at the Reichensperger family plot in St. Joseph, Minn.

John was born to Roman and Theresa Reichensperger on Jan. 20, 1936, in Waite Park. He graduated from St. Cloud Technical High School and furthered his studies at IBM, Honeywell, U.S. Federal Emergency Management Institute and was a veteran of the United States Army Reserve.

He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus until his passing and was a member of St. Mark the Evangelist Catholic Church in San Antonio. He owned and operated a business in Ely for many years. In Ely, John was the director of Emergency Management,

and a member of the Eagles Nest Township fire department. He was a past president of the Rotary Club in Ely. After a move to Superior, Wis., in 1992, he was the Director of Emergency Management for the City of Superior as well as Douglas County. He was also a Deputy Sheriff for Douglas County.

Retirement just wasn't for him, so he continued on with Emergency Management, working for FEMA on deployment for federal emergencies. He also became a reservist for the Department of Homeland Security. He truly enjoyed his time with his grandchildren, fishing, traveling, woodworking and motorcycling.

John is survived by his loving wife, Karen; sons, Robert (Jodi) and Thomas (Theresa); daughter, Anne (Greg) Flaim; stepdaughter, Andrea Mokros (Brian Dare); stepson, Peter (Melissa) Mokros; brothers, Charles (Connie) and Eugenio (Cathy); beloved grandchildren, Duane (Jenny), Chad (Mallory), Elizabeth (Jason) Curtis, Robert Jr., Samantha, Hannah, Greyson, Nathan, Chester Mokros, Tigue and Shane Dare; and great-grandchildren, Tatum, Pejah, Kyla, Brayden, Emerson, Gabriel and Conor Dare.

John was preceded in death by his mother and father; brother, Frederick; sister, Julienne Schreifels; and first wife, Mary Erchul Reichensperger.

Drew W. Schwarz

Drew William Schwarz, 33, of Cook, formerly of Sandstone, passed away on Friday, June 29, 2018. A funeral service was held on Thursday, July 5 at First Presbyterian Church in Pine City with Rob Spahr officiating. After lunch, burial took place at Spring Park Cemetery in Sandstone.

Drew was born on March 22, 1985, and graduated from Sandstone

High School in 2003. He had been living in Cook and was employed by Lake Country Power as a lineman.

Allen Kosir

Allen Kosir passed away on Thursday, June 28, 2018, at Bethany Skilled Care in Fargo, N.D. Funeral services were held on Monday, July 2 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by Mary Cazin; son, Michael (Kristen); grandson, Colin; siblings, Susan (Jerel) Lamoureux, Martin (Marilyn) Kosir, Vance Kosir and Lorene (Scott) Johnson; many good friends; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Leslie L. Patrow

Leslie L. "Buck" Patrow, 70, of Cook, passed away on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, surrounded by family and friends at the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis. A celebration of life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 7 at the Cook VFW. Burial will be at Lake View Cemetery in Buhl at a later date.

He is survived by Mary Jane Erchul Patrow of Gilbert; his children, Kim (Fred) Hendrickson of Blaine, Josh (Michelle) Patrow of Gilbert and Danielle (Matt) Brunner of Virginia; grandchildren, Dalton (Bridget) and Annika Hendrickson, Destiny (Matt) and Sydney Patrow, Heather Hill, Kristen (James) Best, Thomas, Nick, Nathan and Jesse Brunner; six great-grandchildren; brother, LaVerne Patrow; sister, Edith (Alan) Paine; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Renee Radford and Charlene Hanson.

Cisa Amitrano

Narcisa "Cisa" Bandoni Amitrano, 95, of Babbitt, passed away on Wednesday, June 27, 2018, at the Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely. A Funeral Mass was held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Babbitt on Tuesday, July 3. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her son, George (Patty); Patty's children, Jenny, Jessie, Jack, Ben, Courtney and Autumn, and their children, Tom, Michael, Jacob, Camilo, Vanessa, Henry, Luke, Paul, Claire, Philip, Nicholas and Kate; grandson, Michael Sjoquist of Babbitt; six great-grandchildren, Danielle, Kristen, Jonathan, Beverly, Thomas and Brandon; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Lois G. Stainbrook

Lois G. McNeilly Peterson Stainbrook, 82, of Babbitt, passed away at St. Michael's Health and Rehab Center in Virginia on Monday, June 25, 2018. There will be a celebration of life service at Kerntz Funeral Home in Ely at 2 p.m. on Saturday, July 14. Interment will be Grandin, N.D., at a later date. Family arrangements are entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by four children, Kerry (Steven) LaFavor, Carl (Leann) Peterson, Brian Peterson and Jerry D. (Teresa) Stainbrook; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and many extended family members.

Richard W. Olson

Richard W. Olson, 74, of Ely, passed away on Monday, July 2, 2018. A Funeral Mass was held on Thursday, July 5 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.



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GAME SPECIES

Ruffed grouse drum counts dip, but remain fairly robust



by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Grouse hunters who were hoping for a recovery in the population of the state's most popular game bird after last year's disappointing season, may be in for more disappointment.

The latest spring drumming count results are out, and they suggest ruffed grouse numbers are down 29 percent statewide. The count averaged 1.5 drums per stop, which indicate that grouse numbers remain fairly robust even though the count

is down over last year. But last year's drumming survey suggested one of the highest populations in years.

That didn't translate into a successful season for grouse hunters, however, which raised concerns that reproduction last year may have been poor. The spring drumming count is closely watched by hunters as an indication of the ruffed grouse population and its cyclical changes.

"Surveys indicate the peak occurred last year," said Charlotte Roy, DNR grouse project leader. "Grouse popu-

lations tend to rise and fall on a decade-long cycle and counts this year are pointing to the peak lasting only one year this cycle. This has occurred before, but it's always nice when the cycle stays high a little longer."

Ruffed grouse populations are surveyed by counting the number of male ruffed grouse heard drumming on established routes throughout the state's forested regions.

Drumming counts are an indicator of the ruffed grouse breeding population. The number of birds present during the fall hunting season

also depends upon nesting success and chick survival during the spring and summer.

As usual, the drumming count was somewhat higher in the northeast region than elsewhere in the state, with an average of 1.7 drums per stop. Statewide, the counts vary from about 0.6 drums per stop during years of low grouse abundance to about 2.0 during years of high abundance.

The DNR's 2018 grouse survey report and grouse hunting information can be found at mndnr.gov/hunting/grouse.



CONTROVERSIAL SPECIES

Muskies: bane or boon?

Some don't like the big fish, but on Vermilion they draw plenty of anglers

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Are muskies getting a bad rap in Minnesota?

To hear critics of the species, these potentially large and aggressive predators pose a danger to wildlife, walleye, and even people on rare occasions. In recent years, public pressure has been building in the state Legislature to prevent the Department of Natural Resources from stocking new lakes with musky, and possibly ending stocking on lakes with existing musky populations.

So far, such legislation hasn't been enacted into law, but the pushback against the species is worrying resort owners and guides who cater to musky anglers as well as DNR officials who are working to encourage the next generation of fishermen and women.

Ed Tausk, who owns and operates Vermilion Dam Lodge on Lake Vermilion, is among those who believe musky and their economic and ecological impacts aren't well known to critics of the fish.

"There are a lot of misconceptions about musky and their impact on fisheries," said Tausk, who has been a musky angler himself for decades. "If

If we didn't have musky, we'd probably have to close two months earlier.

Joe Amundson

you look at all the top musky lakes, like Leech or Winnie or Vermilion, they all have healthy walleye populations."

While musky, like most predatory fish, will eat just about anything they can swallow, they tend to feed most heavily on whitefish and ciscoes, which have a high oil content that allows the muskies to put on weight quickly. Lakes like Vermilion, with high populations of these popular forage fish, can grow record-setting muskies, and that potential is what's attracted musky anglers to the area in recent years.

Not long ago, fishing on Vermilion more or less died down after Labor Day and most resorts shut their doors for the season by mid-September.

Not anymore. With the growth of a world class musky fishery on Vermilion, resorts like Vermilion Dam are open and

busy all the way to freeze-up. "I had more musky fishermen in November than deer hunters," said Tausk.

He's not alone. "If we didn't have musky, we'd probably have to close two months earlier," said Joe Amundson at Spring Bay Lodge on Vermilion's west end.

While the musky season begins June 1, the late fall is traditionally one of the best times of the year to catch big musky. Just as black bears spend the late summer gorging to put on pounds for hibernation, musky spend October and early November targeting whitefish and ciscoes to put on weight for the winter. If you're looking for a monster musky, that's the time of year to be out on the water — and those who have a passion for the sport don't care what the weather is like.

A few years ago, when Vermilion was getting plenty of publicity over its newfound status as one of the state's top musky lakes, musky anglers were keeping resort cabins full all fall at those resorts that catered to this somewhat specialized clientele. To promote the sport, Tausk established a regular musky outing on a weekend in October when he brought together anglers, guides, and fisheries experts

as an opportunity for musky anglers to informally compete and learn more about their sport from some of those who know it best.

While the musky outing remains popular, Tausk said those who take part aren't seeing the numbers of musky they had seen several years ago. While musky fishing is almost exclusively catch-and-release, Tausk said mortality within the population is probably higher than people realize. "I think that the density of muskies has dropped recently," he said. "We're not putting the kind of numbers on the board at our musky outing as we used to."

Nor is Tausk filling as many rooms with musky anglers as he did a few years ago. "We're not getting the guys up here in the fall like we used to. Our fall business has definitely declined," he said.

DNR Tower Area Fisheries Manager Edie Evarts said there's little evidence that the musky population is declining, although she acknowledged that assessing musky populations can be difficult on a lake like Vermilion, where the DNR specifically manages the lake for a low density musky population, with the potential to grow

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Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower
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They're a member of the Honeysuckle family.

Fishing reports

Ely area

Walleyes are still at the head of the list for folks fishing in the Ely area. Most anglers are using either crawlers or leeches to fill their stringers with these tasty delights. The fish have begun to stage around deeper structure such as island points and deep water reefs, but some surprising catches are coming from shallower haunts either early or late in the day. The best way to narrow down where the fish are holding seems to be dragging a bottom bouncer and spinner combo to find the fish, or using larger profile crank baits trolled along at 1.7 to 2.3 mph along the structure adjacent to deeper water.

The smallmouth bass frenzy continues as the season progresses, with fishermen using either crank baits or soft plastics to ply the waters from three feet down to fifteen feet. The top water bite can be very productive as well. Try using lures such as Tiny Torpedos, Jitterbugs, buzz baits. Spinner baits will work whether fished right at the surface or allowed to sink a bit deeper.

Some dandy rainbow trout are showing up on stringers from Miners Lake and Tofto Lake. Most folks there are using small spoons or tiny Rapalas trolled along at ten to fifteen feet. Bank fishermen haven't been disappointed either as they fish a crawler of crawler salmon/egg combo under a slip bobber at these same depths. Casting spinners like a Mepps or Rooster Tails can be productive, too.

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

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exceptionally large fish.

Evarts said the DNR's recent creel survey shows that interest in musky fishing on the lake remains about the same, with a bit less than one-in-five anglers on the lake targeting musky. While some might be reporting less success, Evarts said a heavily-fished musky population tends to get warier with time. "We stocked a lot of musky in Vermilion in the 1980s," she said. "There were a lot of naïve fish originally, which made them easier to catch."

Unlike walleye, which may only get caught once before ending up in a frying pan, the catch-and-release nature of musky fishing gives individual fish the opportunity to learn from their mistakes.

Building for the future

While musky anglers are still a distinct minority within the overall population of fishermen and women, there's reason to believe they are a growing segment at a time when the DNR is struggling to maintain sales of fishing licenses generally. While license sales have remained fairly steady in recent years, that's partly because baby boomers still regularly purchase fishing licenses.

Attracting younger people to the sport, however, has proven to be a bigger challenge and DNR officials believe that promoting musky fishing could attract more young people to the sport. "The younger portion of the demographic wants more adventure," said Jenifer Wical, who handles fishing outreach for the DNR. "We think musky fishing plays into that."

Wical said that younger people tend to be pretty choosy when it comes to spending money these days, and state tourism officials believe that highlighting the adventure of musky fishing could be attractive to some. Indeed, the DNR had been working in cooperation with Explore Minnesota on a musky promotion designed to bring residents of neighboring states to Minnesota. But that promotion is currently on hold, in part due to the controversial nature of the species and the pushback coming from some in the Legislature. "That's partly why we haven't done it," said Wical. "We want to see how that plays out before pursuing it further," she said. "The environment needs to be right."

Yet, as resort owners know, promotion is the key to filling cabins. "From a resort's window, you're out there trying to gather new business, and musky fishing is one way to do that," said Tausk. "I think we're missing out by not continuing to try to promote musky fishing and stocking our lakes to keep that interest high."

Commitment to musky on Vermilion

Resort owners aren't the only ones who'd like to see more musky in Lake Vermilion. Evarts said she received about 100 comments during the recent management plan update for Lake Vermilion, most of them from musky anglers who favor more stocking.

"There's certainly a pretty wide range of opinions about musky, but we're very committed to the musky fishery on Vermilion," she

said. According to Evarts, most opposition she hears over musky comes from walleye anglers who believe the big predator fish take too much of a toll on young walleye.

"There's absolutely no evidence that it has any impact on the walleye population," said Evarts, who notes that the catch rate for walleye on Vermilion has increased since the 1980s, when the DNR began its musky stocking effort. She said the same thing is true on other large lakes in the state where musky and walleye

both maintain healthy populations.

For musky anglers, Evarts offered some good news in that the DNR has designated Vermilion as one among a handful of lakes in the state that are high priorities for musky stocking. While the DNR has set a stocking quota of 8,000 musky fingerlings every other year in Vermilion, Evarts said shortages of musky fingerlings some years has meant the DNR has fallen short of that goal.

Musky are tougher to raise than walleye, said

Evarts, and some years survival is poor, which limits the number of fish available for stocking.

The DNR is also taking steps that should help them better assess the musky population and the role that natural reproduction plays in maintaining musky numbers in the lake. Each of the fingerlings will now have a tiny chip, about the size of a grain of rice, implanted under their skin before release, which will allow DNR fisheries staff to accurately age fish and determine the percentage

of stocked fish in the overall population. The DNR's trap netting, to date, hasn't provided as much information as officials had hoped, but that should change due to the new technology.

The trap netting, however, has revealed one trend. "We can see that the size has gotten a lot bigger," said Evarts. "We have quite a few fish over 50 inches out there."

Any state records in the mix?

"Potentially," said Evarts.

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by ROBERT MATSON
Columnist

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

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

On the 5th day of October, 2015, upon a judgment rendered and docketed in said Court and said County in an action therein, between e5 Solutions Group LLC; Peter Wolf; George James Ryan; Joseph Lincoln; Troy Baak, Plaintiff/Judgment Debtor, in favor of said Plaintiff/Judgment Debtor 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 hereinafter legally described on the 19th day of January, 2016, that being the date of rendition of said judgment or any interest therein which said Defendant/Judgment Debtor Kurt Grotenhuis has since that day acquired the legal description of the real property being as follows, to wit:

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

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

The real property is encumbered by a mortgage executed by Kurt Grotenhuis

and Mary Grotenhuis, husband and wife, as mortgagors, to Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., dated October 31, 2011, filed November 8, 2011, as Document No. 906873.

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

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Dated: 6/27/2018 Bob Manzoline, Executive Director, St. Louis & Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority

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NOTICE OF FILING DATES FOR ELECTION TO THE SCHOOL BOARD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 707 NETT LAKE, STATE OF MINNESOTA

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the period for filing affidavits of candidacy for the office of school board member of Independent School District No. 707 shall begin on July 31, 2018, and shall close at 5:00 o'clock p.m. on August 14, 2018.

The general election shall be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. At that election, three members will be elected to the School Board for terms of four (4) years each.

Affidavits of Candidacy are available from the school district clerk, Nett Lake School, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, MN 55772. The filing fee for this office is \$2. A candidate for this office must be an eligible voter, must be 21 years of age or more on assuming office, must have been a resident of the school district from which the candidate seeks election for thirty (30) days before the general election, and must have no other affidavit on file for any other office at the same primary or next ensuing general election.

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Dated: June 11, 2018 BY ORDER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD Karlene Chosa, School District Clerk

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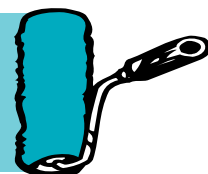
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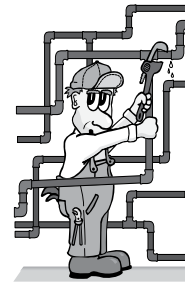
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