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GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

## Garbage tops agenda

Greenwood residents displeased with trash problems

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- Piles and piles of bagged recyclables, household garbage, and scrap metal were left at the recycling canisters at the Greenwood Town Hall grounds over the Fourth of July holiday.

The garbage issue was front and center during the half hour or so of public input at the beginning of the meeting on Tuesday. This is not the first time the issue has been discussed. Earlier this year, the township had to deal with a large amount of scrap metal, including a very heavy piece, left at the site.

While many thanked the volunteers who worked to clean up the canister sites on multiple occasions, others asked the board to get the canisters moved off town hall grounds. They also questioned the idea of placing security cameras at the site to monitor usage, noting the cost and

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**Piles of garbage were left at the Greenwood Town Hall grounds over the Fourth of July holiday and residents are demanding action from township officials.**  
submitted photo

UP NORTH

## VACATION FOR RENT

Officials contend with rising number of private home rentals



by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— When Quent Lauer built his dream home on Everett Lake well up the Echo Trail north of Ely, he imagined his small out-of-the-way residence would be a sanctuary of peace and quiet. With barely a dozen other property owners on the 140-acre lake tucked up next to the Boundary Waters, it seemed idyllic. But that was before two of the other homeowners on the lake listed their properties online as vacation home rentals. With companies like VRBO and Airbnb, short-term rentals can



be a lucrative way for home and cabin owners in popular tourist destinations to generate extra income. For property owners who

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The above map was developed for the St. Louis County Board in 2015. The red dots reflect the location of known vacation home rentals advertised on private rental listing sites as of three years ago. The number has almost certainly grown significantly in the three years since and others are not advertised publicly.

ELECTION 2018

## U.S. Senate candidate stumps for votes in Ely

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - Richard Painter may be one of the most misunderstood Senate candidates of 2018. He served as an ethics lawyer in President George W. Bush's administration, became an outspoken critic of President Trump on cable news channels, and is now running for Senate here in Minnesota as a Democrat.



Richard Painter

Painter made a stump speech before a crowd of more than 100 area residents at Tuesday Group in Ely this week as part of a tour of the northern tier of the state as he looks to knock off interim senator Tina Smith (D-Minn.), who was appointed to the seat in January after Al Franken resigned amid sexual harassment allegations.

Painter must first win an Aug. 14 primary against the sitting U.S. senator. Smith was visible in Minnesota before Franken's resignation. She had been the state's lieutenant governor since 2015 before going to Washington and was widely speculated to run

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HOMICIDE

## St. Louis County Sheriff looking for murder suspect

Body of victim found in shallow grave in Beatty Township

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

BEATTY TWP— The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is attempting to locate a suspect in a homicide after the remains of the victim were discovered in a shallow

grave here on July 2. St. Louis County law enforcement issued an arrest warrant for Daniel Gregory Lynn, 40, of South Bend, Indiana, in connection with the apparent murder of Christina Marie Woods, 28, also of South Bend. Woods' remains were discovered by investigators on

property owned by one of Lynn's family members. According to the Midwest Medical Examiner's Office, Woods was the victim of "homicidal violence." Lynn is described as five-foot, ten inches high, weighing about 210 pounds. He is bald with a mustache and goatee, and tattoos on both sides

of his neck. Lynn was seen in the Duluth and Virginia areas in the days after the homicide, which the sheriff's officials believe took place sometime during the week of June 11. Law enforcement officials state that

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Gregory Lynn



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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## COMMUNITY TRADITIONS

# You can be an “Old Settler” too!

Picnic on Saturday, July 21; membership open to everyone who was born or is living on the Vermilion Iron Range

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

**BREITUNG TWP-** Is this the year to start a new tradition in your family? Come by McKinley Park Campground on Saturday, July 21 and see. Old Settlers is open to anyone born or living on the Vermilion Iron Range (Tower and Ely). Booyah serving begins promptly at 12 noon, and you will want to be in line with your pot (to hold the booyah for your family) by then.

This now 104-year-old tradition includes a booyah dinner cooked up in huge iron kettles over a wood fire. About 200 gallons of the tasty meat stew is cooked overnight. No one is quite sure why this booyah is better than any other, but thoughts are that the ancient patina on the cast iron kettles lends a unique flavor when blended with the aroma from the wood smoke below.

The Old Settlers Committee and other volunteers meet the evening before the picnic to cut and chop the hundreds of pounds of potatoes, carrots, onions, celery, and cabbage that is added to the stew. The secret recipe,

guarded by long-time chef Nicky Tekautz, is written out by hand on a rather crumpled piece of paper, which was given to him over 30 years ago, when he became the master booyah chef.

The booyah is dished out promptly at 12 noon, and while the line seems long, within ten minutes the hundreds of guests have been served. If you haven't come before, you need to bring a pot, to hold your servings of the booyah, along with plates, bowls and utensils, and whatever else you want to have as part of your picnic. There is plenty of picnic table seating available, though many bring their own portable tables to set up in the grassy areas. The booyah, bread and butter, and coffee are provided. Pop and other drinks are for sale at the McKinley Park Campground Store.

There is swimming at the campground beach, along with a playground and basketball court.

There is a brief program, and then many door prizes are awarded. Live entertainment follows the meal.

Dues are \$8 and can be paid the day of the picnic.



## AGING WITH HUMOR

# White Chair Day celebrates those “senior moments”

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

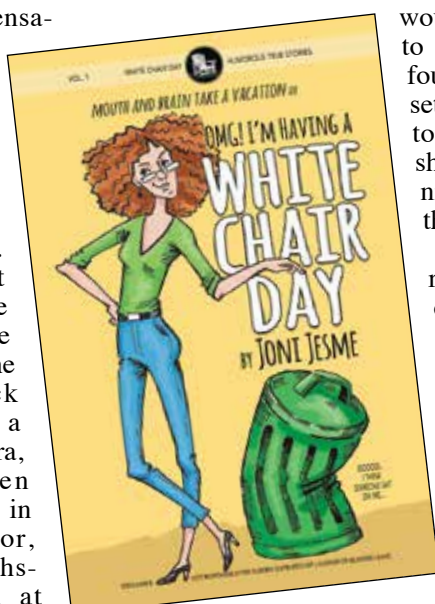
**REGIONAL-** Joni Jesme is a mom, writer, and creative soul with wet feet and dirty hands, working on her fourth cup of coffee. She is employed in the creative world of marketing, but now has taken her first step as a writer. A 1979 graduate of the Tower-Soudan High School, she still has family in the area, including her sister, Donna Mosher, who runs the Tower-Soudan Agency. Jesme has just published her first book, a humorous look at growing older called “OMG, I’m Having a White Chair Day.” The book, which was just published on June 30, hit the top ten list for new releases in mid-life management on Amazon last week. Jesme hopes this book will be the first in a series.

Have you hit your White Chair Days? A funny thing happened on our way to growing older. We come into our White Chair Days.

Jesme woke up one morning with a Deja Vu feeling that some sort of weird puberty had hit her, once again. “What is this? What is going on?” She had this very

strong sensation that she had experienced this very awkward feeling before. Except this time around she wished she was back down to a size AA bra, and when she looks in the mirror, she laughs-out-loud at the thought of her Hershey candy bar diet of her youth to put on weight.

While puberty has a period of stumbling over your feet and through life, this time around, her brain, body and mouth seem to be completely out of synch. They seem to have a mind each of their own. Not only that, but she was doing crazy things. Like not remembering what she walked into the room to get..., “Oh yes, that’s right, KEYS!” She had heard the stories of keys in the fridge, etc., but didn’t think it



would ever happen to her... until she found a very cold set of car keys next to the skim milk she picked up the night before from the store. “UGH!”

She could retain water with ease, but retaining her thoughts and words? About a month before a big milestone birthday, words would fly out of her mouth opposite of what she wanted to say. Up was down,

right was left, green was blue, and when she wanted to use the correct word to express what she was stumbling to say, the word was gone. VANISHED! “You know, that thing-a-ma-jig, that whatcha-ma-call-it, that thingy...” Her thoughts felt like a screen saver had just turned on in her brain – a blank screen came up and someone had pressed ‘delete’ on those thought pop-ups!

She did silly things that made no sense, leaving those

to witness them laughing at her expense. She felt embarrassed, and although she nervously laughed and joked about it, at the time, felt like this was only happening to her.

Until the day that Joni defined what a White Chair Day is.

About a week before a milestone birthday, Joni drove co-workers out for lunch to a local restaurant. On the way back to the office, she approached a right-hand turning lane that she needed to merge into. In the middle of the turning lane there was a very large, green, plastic, garbage can lid that must have blown off a nearby trash can.

Startled by the object, Joni blurted, out loud, “Oh no! There’s a white chair in the road!!”

Yes..., she said White Chair... her co-workers burst into laughter. “Joni, WHERE did you get White Chair from?” They continued to laugh not only all the way back to the office, but for days to come.

For the life of her, and to this day, Joni has absolutely no idea where the words White Chair came from. She knew she saw a green garbage can lid on the road, but why did she say,

“White Chair?”

From then on, whenever Joni said or did anything worth head scratching, she would just say to those around her, “I’m just having a White Chair Day”!

As Joni shared her “White Chair Day” stories with others, they started to share their White Chair Day stories with her.

Joni enjoyed getting a call from someone who would say, “Joni, I just had a White Chair Day!” and then proceed to share their story. There was comfort in hearing these stories. Not only would they help her understand that she was not alone experiencing these White Chair Days, but in some very good company.

A funny thing happens on our way to growing older. You come into your White Chair Days after an amusing voyage through life’s milestones.

The biggest milestone of all? Finding the humor in all of it.

The book is available from <https://FirstStepPublishing.com/> as well as Amazon, Barnes & Noble and other booksellers. The Ebook, currently, is sold exclusively from Amazon.com.

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EARLY CHILDHOOD CHALLENGES

# Flanagan tours Bois Forte Head Start

Says affordability, staffing challenges creating childcare access problems across the state

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

VERMILION RESERVATION— State Rep. Peggy Flanagan toured the Bois Forte Head Start facility here on Monday as part of a statewide education tour. Flanagan is seeking the DFL nomination for Minnesota Lt. Governor with current First District Congressman and gubernatorial candidate Tim Walz.

Flanagan had spoken earlier in the day with educators at the Hibbing High School, but early childhood learning and affordable childcare in rural Minnesota was the focus of her visit to the Lake Vermilion area.

Flanagan, a mother of a five-year-old, said she knows very well the challenges of paying for quality childcare. “For me, the biggest raise I’m likely to get is when he starts kindergarten this fall,” she said.

Flanagan said it’s one of the top issues she hears as she’s been traveling the state during the campaign. “The lack of access to affordable childcare is a real issue,” she said. “We hear it in the urban core, in the suburbs, and in Greater Minnesota,” she said.

At issue is maintaining affordability for parents while guaranteeing sufficient reimbursement for centers so they can afford to hire quality staff.

As the former director of the Children’s Defense Fund in Minnesota and a current DFL legislator, Flanagan said addressing the childcare need was one of her top priorities and she acknowledged that state funding is woefully inadequate. “There were some pretty severe cuts under then-Gov. Pawlenty that we still haven’t dealt with,” she said.

Flanagan, who lives in St. Louis Park, said the cuts have significantly limited funding for



**Left: State Representative and DFL Lt. Governor candidate Peggy Flanagan talks with Bois Forte Head Start site manager Amber Wilke during a visit to the facility on Monday.** M. Helmberger

the Childcare Assistance Program, or CCAP, leading to long waiting lists for parents to receive funding assistance even when they qualify. “It can be up to two years long,” she said, which sharply limits the program’s effectiveness. She said the program is currently funded at the 25th percentile in Minnesota, and that funding should be increased to at least the 75th percentile to make it accessible to more parents. Flanagan said the current reimbursement level means most centers have to take children enrolled in the program at a loss, which can be difficult given that centers often operate with slim margins.

Flanagan said daycare co-ops may be one way to address the childcare need and she’d like to see more support for such arrangements. Under a daycare co-op, a group of potential in-home care providers could join forces, limiting each one’s financial liability and providing back-up and scheduling flexibility.

Flanagan also noted the challenges of establishing childcare centers, as the licensing and approval process has become

more complex, although she said she doesn’t agree with those who want to use that as “an excuse” not to provide more funding. She said technological improvement in state government is needed so that providers can get information and answers more quickly as they move through the licensing process.

The fate of Tower’s Little Eagles Childcare Center, which was forced to close due to lack of available staff, came up in the discussion. Flanagan said that staffing has become a huge issue, particularly in rural areas, where the workforce is often limited. In many cases, that gets back to funding, she said, since centers often have difficulty paying the wages and benefits needed to attract quality staff.

Despite the challenges, Flanagan said the situation must be addressed, or it provides too much stress for families as they try to juggle care options with friends and family. She said an overall solution is necessary. “We have been trying to handle this issue in bits and pieces, but we need to look at it holistically,” she said.

TECHNOLOGY

# Welcome to the 21st century City of Ely to enter the world of social media

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – The city of Ely will soon have a presence on social media.

Council members discussed the initiative at their July 3 regular meeting and authorized city staff to set up a Facebook account and a Twitter account.

Mayor Chuck Novak said city officials had discussed the idea in the past but apparently did not take any action.

Council member Heidi Omerza cited recent major events in the city, including the gas station fuel leak and storm-related power outages, along with misleading information on minor things like the Fourth of July fly-over and parade route, as reasons to renew efforts to have a single reliable venue for official information.

Concerned residents looking for up-to-the-minute information now must rely on often opinionated and seldom accurate sources of information and conjecture from a variety of local sources. “It seems there must be a better way for us to get information out accurately and to give the residents of Ely a place to go for accurate information,” she said.

Omerza called for the Deputy City Clerk to “activate” a city Facebook page. She also noted that safety and privacy issues must be addressed for any

official social media presence authorized by the city of Ely. She said she does not want users to be able to make comments or to interject their own opinions on any posts.

Mayor Novak said he did not object to the idea of the city having a social media presence but called for a review or authorization stage before anything is posted. “When it comes down to a power outage or a fire or a fuel leak, that’s when a public information officer needs to be part of that communication to make sure that the story is consistent for everybody,” he said.

Novak also said it is difficult to avoid injecting emotion in social media. “The review stage is important,” he said. “I think we should go for it. It would eliminate a lot of phone calls from people. We have to avoid putting opinion out there.”

Council members agreed to direct city staff to develop a Facebook page. Authorization and posting protocols will be established in the future.

## More revenue jobs in Ely?

Mayor Novak continues his efforts to relocate more state Department of Revenue jobs to Ely. He told council members last week that he wrote a letter to the Revenue Department’s administra-

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# OPINION

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The First Amendment of the United States Constitution

## Editorial Minority rule

Supreme Court pick is a capstone  
for GOP establishment’s strategic plan

Give the Republican establishment credit for strategic vision. While President Trump may use populist rhetoric on the campaign trail, when it comes to his actual decision-making, it’s still the long-time GOP poohbahs running the show in Washington.

The tax bill signed by the president last year was Republican tax policy 101, loaded up with gifts to big corporations and the wealthy, while average Americans had to settle for scraps. But the big win for the GOP establishment comes with Trump’s selection this week of Brett Kavanaugh to replace the retiring Anthony Kennedy as an associate justice on the U.S. Supreme Court.

The Republicans have faced a growing and existential problem in recent years as their party, comprised almost exclusively of white people who hold views that large majorities of Americans say they don’t support, seeks to retain power.

The GOP plan to rule as a minority has many facets, including gerrymandering House seats, greater voting restrictions, and voter list purges. But perhaps the most strategic has been a relatively little-known effort by the Washington D.C.-based Federalist Society to reshape the federal judiciary, particularly at the very top.

The Federalist Society has worked for decades to identify promising individuals who share their increasingly unpopular beliefs, which include a rejection of Americans’ right to privacy, while advancing the power and influence of corporations in both the economy and in our electoral process. Their legal landscape includes opposition to unions, opposition to environmental and health and safety regulations, and opposition to the Affordable Care Act, the minimum wage, immigrant rights, same-sex marriage, and a woman’s right to choose.

While President Trump claimed this week that his selection of Kavanaugh was the result of an exhaustive search of only the most qualified candidates, the truth is that Kavanaugh was part of a short list first developed during the 2016 campaign by White House legal counsel Don McGahn, a longtime Republican operative, and Leo Leonard, who leads the ultra-conservative Federalist Society. President Donald Trump had almost nothing to do with it.

It mattered little who on the list Trump picked, since all of the individuals were hand-selected by the

Federalist Society for their ideological purity and their willingness to serve as judicial activists in defense of GOP priorities.

If Kavanaugh is confirmed, as seems likely, it will cement those priorities into American jurisprudence for at least a generation. Republicans recognize that they represent a political minority, and one that is fated to shrink with each succeeding election cycle for the foreseeable future. President Trump’s race-baiting and false populism may have allowed the GOP to retake the White House for four years, but the president’s policies remain deeply unpopular with all but the GOP base, and they are alienating virtually every minority constituency in the country — constituencies that will soon represent a majority of Americans. And Trump, already, is a minority president, who lost the popular vote by almost three million votes.

But when it comes to actual power under the American system, that ultimately doesn’t matter. While America has always maintained some of the trappings of democratic rule, the system was wisely designed to place checks on the power of the majority. What is unusual today is that the GOP has engineered the means to effectively dominate the federal government as a *minority* — and with the selection of Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court, they can extend that dominance regardless of the outcome of elections for decades to come.

Senate Democrats, under intense pressure from their own constituents, are promising to fight to oppose such an outcome, but there’s little reason to believe that their efforts will be effective. They represent a largely impotent political majority in the U.S., led by politicians who have been outplayed at every turn by a Republican establishment that has been systematic and strategic, as well as far more aggressive in advancing their interests, including taking no action on President Obama’s nomination of the well-qualified and eminently moderate Merrick Garland.

The GOP establishment has been laying the foundation for minority rule for decades. With the lifetime appointment of Brett Kavanaugh, President Trump is laying the capstone on that effort. And the majority of Americans, who do not agree with the policies Kavanaugh and his conservative brethren on the high court will likely advance, will be forced to live with the consequences for years to come.



## Letters from Readers

### Is this the world my union brothers want?

The current, proposed Twin Metals sulfide strip mining near the Minnesota Boundary Waters - and its attendant controversy - should not be framed as a “union vs. non-union” issue.

No one can argue that we all enjoy the benefits of union organizing and contract negotiations. As unions go, so does the American standard of living. I was a union miner in an open pit uranium mine for eight years in Wyoming. In order to gain approval to start digging, both Lucky Mac and Union Carbide made environmental concessions to the EPA in the late seventies. They promised to fill in, recontour and seed the huge pits as they progressed. And they promised to maintain their tailing ponds. And they promised to insure that groundwater contaminants would never exceed agreed-upon “maximum contaminant levels.”

At first, they truly did abide by these agreements. Excavated soil from new pits was deposited into used pits that had been depleted of ore; this was termed “reclamation.” Tailing ponds and catch basins were duly constructed and maintained. I was on the survey crew that helped design these environmental safeguards. I was proud to be a union miner.

But then, both the ore and the price of U238 dwindled. One day we learned that our mine had been sold to a company we’d never heard of. Shortly after that, all reclamation stopped. Soon after that, we were sent home.

The old Lucky Mac and Union Carbide mines are now giant, dead, abandoned scars on the earth. Without maintenance, the holding ponds eventually breached, (the EPA called it an “emergency release”). The water for miles around is now contaminated with radioactivity and metals, at levels hundreds of times greater than the MCLs that were originally agreed upon.

If you Google Earth “Gas Hills, Wyoming,” you’ll see that someone has even managed to obscure the images of these abandoned mines with opaque, white rectangles.

In short, we were betrayed. Horribly betrayed. And now it’s coming here.

I, for one, refuse to believe that this is the world my union brethren wish for.

Please share, with my thanks for your compassion and kindness.

**Duane Behrens  
Ely**

### Naysayers fuel the fight in Greenwood

Once again, the Greenwood Township naysayers are participating in their favorite pastime, namely criticizing and condemning the actions of the Town Board of Supervisors. The recent letters to the editor from Joanne Bassing and Mary Richard are again loaded with misinformation and half-truths regarding the recent board decision regarding the grievance filed by Jeff Maus. The board agreed to support the Fire Chief in denying payment to Jeff Maus for time spent studying for an optional online-training class and for driving time to attend the hands-on class at Camp Ripley. In fact, Mr. Maus was paid exactly as all others attending the class were paid. If you would like the facts, feel free to contact any supervisor. I also find it amusing that Mrs. Bassing did not attend the meeting and Mrs. Richards left well before the meeting was adjourned.

**Mike Ralston  
Greenwood Township**

### County board needs a new direction

Ten years ago, St. Louis County residents were economically in a better position than we are today. We are on an unsustainable path of increasing taxes instead of developing better procedures and policies.

► Local populations are decreasing, while in other areas of the state the population is greatly increasing. The decrease in population and increase in county spending only puts a higher tax burden on the remaining taxpayers.

► In our communities, buildings, roads and bridges are deteriorating, driving down the property values in some areas, creating financial loss for home

and business owners.

► A shortage of reliable and qualified workers has forced out and will prevent future diversified industries to become established in our area leaving few options for our youth.

► The public assistance program’s inefficiencies and loopholes allow non-working, out-of-county people to take residency and become financially supported by the hardworking SLC taxpayers. These loopholes reduce the funds available to support the St. Louis County elderly, disabled and other residents who need it.

► Increased drug abuse and other related issues are having a snowball effect in our communities. St. Louis County has become one of the highest overdose-deaths-per-capita counties in the state. Even if you don’t experience the impact of drug abuse, you are paying for them.

► Public and industry safety is compromised with the direct relationship to increased public assistance.

► According to reports, Virginia is now the second-most dangerous city in Minnesota.

All these issues need an approach that is socially and financially responsible to bring corrective action.

Meanwhile, our taxes have been driven up too much already.

If you think of government as a service industry business, we pay taxes to the county so they can supply services to the area. The county commissioners are the chief executives, deciding how to develop and implement the policies to serve the public.

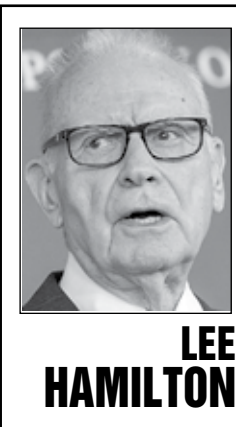
A normal company’s success is based on revenues that are higher than expenses. A county’s success is based on taxes paid compared to the environment produced by the by county board’s policies. Our neighboring counties have less people, pay lower property taxes, have better roads and lower crime and drug rates.

Our county board needs change in a new direction for a better future. We need to start planting the seeds of change now; they take time to grow.

**Christine Schlotec  
County Commissioner  
Candidate, Fourth District  
Britt**

## America has problems. That means it’s time to get to work

Every so often, I jot down a list of the things that discourage me about our country. There’s the widespread disregard for our core values of tolerance and mutual respect, for instance. Our declining national optimism. Our relaxed attitude



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toward fixing our election machinery, overseeing financial institutions, and making sure that our key democratic institutions and processes are working effectively. There’s wage stagnation, income inequality, a high poverty rate, failing infrastructure, inad-

equated health-care coverage, a dysfunctional Congress.... You get the idea.

This is not really a list of failings. It’s a to-do list. And it pretty much begs the question, if we’re not to throw up our hands and give in, how do we make progress on it? Well, I’ll tell you: politics.

I suppose most Americans will disagree. How can we depend on people — politicians — whom many hold in utter

disregard? And what can we expect from political institutions like legislatures, Congress, the bureaucracy, the political parties, and a rickety electoral system that are widely viewed with suspicion?

The answer, I think, has to be that we should do all we can to encourage and support them to fix these problems, because they’re all we’ve got.

American politics can be an inefficient, noisy, messy

ride. But be careful before you condemn it and its practitioners, because alternatives like a chaotic anarchy or the brutal efficiency of a dictatorship are far worse.

In other words, if we’re going to attack the problems that concern us, we need politics: otherwise, our government would grind to a halt. We would

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# Letters from Readers

## Recent Greenwood board actions show troubling pattern

I see a pattern developing at township meetings that I find quite concerning, particularly requesting opinions from the township attorney and then ignoring that opinion. The most recent example of the practice occurred during the Grievance Hearing for Jeff Maus over his time spent in study during an Instructor/Officer Training Course.

I'll spare everyone the details of that grievance but the fact is, with the information provided the board (also included in the public information packet) by the township attorney on June 11, 2018, and substantiated by documentation provided by the U.S. Department of Labor, Mr. Couri clearly states in his opinion that Maus should be paid for study time but not travel time or time spent during a recent certification test. The final decision by the board was to deny the entire grievance despite the recommendation to pay study time. The grievance process will continue in this matter, spending even more of the taxpayers' dollars on legal fees far exceeding the roughly \$380 dollars of pay requested by someone in their quest to improve their knowledge and skills to better serve those same taxpayers as a member of the fire department.

Other issues where the attorney's opinions were requested

and ignored were;

► Giving Supervisor DeLuca spending authority, not recommended by the attorney, and a practice discouraged by the Minnesota Association of Townships.

► A recommendation by the attorney to resolve the issue of the negligent hiring and negligent retention of a registered sex offender by the township.

► The recount during the last township election resulted in considerable time and expense to the taxpayers of the township with the inclusion of a private lawyer and his insistence that the township clerk wasn't capable of conducting a proper vote recount. It took three tries with the third recount finally being successful, having been run by Mr. Couri.

Simply allowing the clerk to run the original recount would have saved considerable township dollars in legal fees and, as stated by Couri, that would have been proper to allow her to continue with the original attempt and if any inconsistencies would have been noticed that would have been the time to litigate.

Why all this concern? It simply reminds me of the process that was taking place and culminated in the loss of the Errors and Omissions coverage due to 16 lawsuits against the township over a ten-year period. Some of the situations I've noted above could possibly result in further litigation costs. We currently have Errors and Omissions coverage by a private carrier. One wonders how much that provider will be willing to expend before

they, too, are forced to cancel that coverage. If that were to happen how will this board deal with any future legal expenses then incurred by the taxpayers of this township?

I fail to see any of these actions by the board as beneficial to the taxpayers of Greenwood Township.

**Rick Stoeher  
Greenwood Township**

## Putting our storm woes to music

Well, we weathered yet another severe storm, but this time a mere 70 mph wind while tending to our new best friend, the generator. So we passed the time with our new favorite ditty, "The Really Bad Season of Farming," sung to the tune of "The Wreck of the Edmund Fitzgerald."

The legend lives on from the Littlefork on down

Of the really bad season of farming.

After a winter so bad, the rain we did dread

When the skies of the Northland turn gloomy.

We seeded once more dreaming of produce galore

Hoping for markets that never ran empty.

The farmers had no clue, they were about to get chewed

When another storm of the century came early.

The farm was the pride of the American side

A safe distance from Walker's Wisconsin.

As experience goes, the bar

was pretty low

As they entered another farming season

Planting in rows and berms, from organic seed firms

And feeling optimistic for no reason

As the distant thunder rolled with a bang

Could it be another severe storm they were feelin'?

The electrical wires fell to the ground

And a hurricane of rain came a'sailing

And everyone knew, as the horses did too,

T'was another storm to send them a'reelin.'

The plants met their fate, as they couldn't catch a break

When the effects of climate change smashed em.'

When afternoon came the sky looked quite insane

Like the face of a climate denier who's grinning.

**Kelly Dahl  
Linden Grove Township**

## Greenwood board should put recycling where it belongs

Two years ago I asked the Greenwood Town Board to make arrangements with St. Louis County Environmental Services to move the recycling canisters from the Greenwood Recreation Area to the County waste canister site on Hwy. 77. My plan was voted down 5-0.

But, after reading the harsh letter in last week's *Timberjay*, and then seeing the predictable

huge mess around the canisters after the July 4th weekend, maybe the time has come for the board to take a new vote on getting the canisters away from the playground. The broken glass is a year-round problem. Snowplowing spreads broken glass into the lawn. How good is that? And some really weird, often unhealthy, buggy stuff gets left in and around the other canisters.

Simply put: The recycling canisters need to be where there is an attendant. The County 77 site has that. With the amount of tax money that Greenwood sends to the county, it is only fair that the 77 site be upgraded to a first class facility with reasonable hours. And we need it to be open on holidays besides the regular schedule. If a canister gets full, the attendant can direct that everything just gets put into the garbage compactor. A lot of what gets put into the Greenwood canisters is not recyclable anyway. Garbage, diapers, filthy containers, lots of styrofoam, bubble wrap, rugs, etc.

Personally, I don't have a problem getting rid of my recycling on the same trip that I haul the garbage. So, if all of the canisters are at one decent location, it means you make only one stop. I urge the Greenwood Town Board to work with the county and take care of this. By the way, it is election time, and our County Commissioner seat in the Fourth District is open. A first class canister site should be an easy sell for the town board.

**Lee Peterson  
Greenwood Township**

## Briefly

## Burglar caught at L-P plant site

ANGORA- St. Louis County deputies responded to

an apparent burglary-in-progress at the Louisiana-Pacific complex (former Ainsworth site) in Angora on Saturday, June 30. Upon their arrival around noon deputies found Gregory Shawn

Straw, age 42 of Angora, in the immediate area and took him into custody. That's according to the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.

Deputies later executed

search warrants on Straw's property in connection with the incident and recovered stolen items.

Prosecutors formally charged Straw on July 2 with

one felony count of third degree burglary and one count of misdemeanor theft.

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be without a means of remedying our collective problems. The institutions of politics — the rule of law, elections, city councils, legislatures, Congress — are the way we make operational a government of, by, and for the people. They are how we work together.

At its heart, politics is about searching for a remedy to a problem, and building support behind that remedy. It's the way we try to keep citizens satisfied and strive to meet their hopes, demands and

dreams. At its best, politics and political involvement are how we give citizens a feeling of community and an understanding that we're all in this together.

It's our vehicle for expressing shared values and for reconciling the tensions, diversity and differences among us that are bound to arise as we tackle these enormously difficult challenges.

This is not to say that our system is even close to perfect. The list of things we need to fix — from the influence of money

on elections and political decision-making to an elections machinery that is crying out for attention and reform — is long. But we need to strike a balance.

As a citizen you have to be critical of your system and ask yourself how to improve it and support reforms that would make it better. Yet I worry that our disdain for politicians and the howling criticism aimed at our democratic institutions in recent years has so undermined confidence in the system that people have lost their

trust in their fellow citizens, their elected representatives, and their institutions — in other words, in the very people, organizations, and core values that can get us out of this mess.

If you ask people what they most cherish about our political system, most will say it's the idea of opportunity. For all its fits and starts, its horse-trading and negotiating and raw give and take, politics is also how we try to provide equal rights, civil liberties, and a fair shot at opportu-

nity for all. Sure, we fall short of the ideal. But in a representative democracy, it's the mechanism we possess to try to create a more perfect union.

The plain truth is, it doesn't do much good just to talk about the ideals or shared values of America. You also have to try to realize them on the ground, to pull them out of the complicated — and often self-contradictory — mass of popular longings and opinions and translate them into policy and law. For better or

worse, politics is how we do this.

*Lee Hamilton is a Senior Advisor for the Indiana University Center on Representative Government; a Distinguished Scholar, IU School of Global and International Studies; and a Professor of Practice, IU School of Public and Environmental Affairs. He was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives for 34 years.*

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tion officials asking for consideration to locate more jobs here.

"In regards to the latest Supreme Court ruling that may allow the state of Minnesota to collect sales tax from retailers that do not have a physical presence in the state, please consider Ely as a place of employment for individuals that you may hire to research the

internet and identify those retailers that we now lose sales tax revenue from," he wrote.

"I view that this as a tax collection issue and therefore feel that Ely is the statutorily defined tax collection office. There is ample room at the existing facility and I am confident that additional space that would meet your standards has become available," he

wrote.

The office of Minnesota Department of Revenue Commissioner Cynthia Bauerly did not comment on the request.

"I can't think of any place better for the jobs to be than in Ely," Novak told the council. The Department of Revenue currently has about 100 employees in Ely.

## Other business

In other business the council:

► Proclaimed Aug. 24, 2018, as American Legion Day in Ely.

► Voted to pre-approve any re-zoning contingency in any purchase offer for the Community Center.

► Approved a Residential Rehab Loan of \$10,000 pending receipt

of proper paperwork for Mauro and Dafne Caruso for the demolition of the property at 137 W Sheridan St.

► Postponed a request from Ely's Historic State Theater to protect their marquee by installing

three metal posts on the sidewalk;

► Approved a proposal from TKDA for architectural services for an Ely Cemetery kiosk design for \$2,500.



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2-4pm..... Piragis Book Store: Book signing by Polly Carlson Voiles

2-5pm..... Pioneer Mine/Ely Arts & Heritage: Historic Ely Pioneer Mine Museum Open

4pm..... City Hall: Guided Walking Tour (Meet in front of city hall)

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

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

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

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

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

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FOURTH OF JULY

Fourth of July Kiddie Parade Winners

The deluge of rain dampened registrations in the kiddie parade this year, with heavy rain still falling at the 10 a.m. line-up time. But the rain did stop, and over 50 children did get there in time to register. Organizers Pam Lundstrom and Rod Lundstrom said the entries this year were as wonderful as ever, and hope to see a much larger turnout (close to the 97 from last year) for next year's parade.

Winners listed in order, first, second, third, fourth

Simply the Best: Float by Owen and Claire Eidelbes

Motorized: Levens family; Lily Schroeter; Jordan Rice; Charlie and Jimmy McCarter

Most Patriotic: Josiah, Tobias, and Caleb Desannoy; Annabelle Krasaway; Ueli Erickson; Adelynn Davis, Claire Davis, Maeve Stack, Liam Stack

Floats: Penelope Zoelic and Evelyn Lopez; Samantha Dahl, Lucy Dahl, and Asher Dahl; Jersey Dahl and Judiah Dahl; Jude Myers and Amelie Zak

Girls' Bikes: Rachel Maki; Emily Lopez; Ella Erickson; Rosie Zoelick

Boys' Bikes: Kaleb Gornick; Collin Zobitz; Gabriel Larsen

Most Comical: Jordan and Will Peterson; Nolan Kelly; Kensie Moeckel; Tyler Peterson

Under 5: Cecelia Majerle; Dillon Norberg; Abbie Taft; Leo Krasaway.

Tower Parade float winners

Best of Show: Northeast Range

School

1st Place: Tower-Soudan Elementary School

2nd Place: Hot Dish Ladies

Marching Band

3rd Place: DARE/Breitung Police Department

Best Family: Broten Construction

Most Patriotic: Greenwood

Township

Most Creative: Days of Summer – Shannon Haupt & friends

Raffle Winners

1st Prize: \$500 – Edith Eidelbes

2nd Prize: \$250 – Dave Broten

3rd Prize: \$150 – Sammy Harrisyn

4th Prize: \$100 – Jarri Ankrum

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.

Thanks to:

Jody & Sandy Bystrom

Joe, Adria & Jake Kotzian

Barbara Thiede

Paul & Cindy Wannarka



Above left: Dillon Norberg is the fifth-generation in his family to be at the Tower Fourth of July parade. He joined his great-great-grandfather Fritz, great-grandfather Gene, grandfather Eric, and father Brian.

Above right: Kaleb Gornick won first place for his decorated bike.

Left: Northeast Range won Best of Show for their pirate-themed float.

Below: The McCarter and Haupt family float won a prize for being the Most Creative in the adult parade.



Flotilla results and photos on page 3B

photos by J. Summit and S. Ukkola

Thank You!

Although it started out with a deluge during the Vermilion 10K Walk and Run, the weather cooperated and another great Fourth of July was celebrated and enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the Fourth of July Committee, City of Tower, Civic Improvement Club, Fire Departments, businesses and all the volunteers who worked so hard to make the Fourth in Tower a great celebration. A special "thank you" to the Fourth of July committee for selecting us to be the Parade Marshals and Honored Citizens of Tower-Soudan.

Randy and Margie Johnson  
Lynn and Muriel Scott

THANK YOU

The family of John K. Arbogast would like to express their thanks and deep appreciation to those who offered such support, kindness, and messages of sympathy and comfort in our time of loss. We also send out our gratitude to those who sent cards, flowers, and food. If for any reason you did not receive a personal note of thanks, we sincerely apologize. We would also like to thank the Ladies of Hope Presbyterian Church for all their help, and also Cory Carlson and crew for the delicious meal. We are truly blessed to have so many special and wonderful friends.

Joan Arbogast, Johnny, Todd, and Families



Left: Ueli Erickson (left) and Annabelle Krasaway (right) won prizes for being Most Patriotic. Also pictured (center) is Ashley Krasaway. Below: Cecelia Majerle won top honors in the Under 5 category.



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VERMLION RUN

Record turnout for this year's race



There was a great turnout for the Kids One-Mile Fun Run. Over 35 children participated. The fastest runners this year were: Boys: Charlie Bortnem, John Engels, Max Molinaro; and Girls: Ellyn Engels, Grace Bailey, Maia Kolquist. photo by J. Summit

Over 180 compete in this year's Vermilion 10K and 5K races

TOWER- The threat of heavy rain did not dampen enthusiasm for this year's Vermilion 10K and 5K runs. While registrations for the 10K race were lower than last year, a record 107 participated in the 5K race.

The race start was delayed 10 minutes as race organizers waited for the threat of lightning to diminish. And while there was light rain at 8 a.m., by 8:10 the sky had lightened up and the rain had disappeared. But by 9 a.m., the sky was threatening again, and the last leg of race finishers didn't need a post-run shower, because Mother Nature had taken care of that for them!

Race volunteers had to stop compiling the run times, as everything, even under the canopy, started to get wet. Race results were compiled later, indoors.

Phil Richert, of Northfield, was the fastest 10K runner with a time of 34.10. Tom Nenamich, of Red Wing, was second with 34.58; and Brian Bailey, of White Bear Lake, was third with 36.52.

On the women's side, Thea Cudhowski, of Chicago, Ill., was the first racer with a time of 43.55. Anna Molinaro, of Mendota Heights, was

second with 45.37, and Liz Haycraft, of Parker, Colo., was third with 46.46.

All the 10K race results are online at Northlandrunner.com.

10K Results

Men's 0-19: Tom Nemanich, 17, 34.58; Joe Ruff, 18, 47.59

Men's 20-29: no entries

Men's 30-39: Phil Richert, 39, 34.1; Chris Johnson, 37, 46.2; Cliff Reithel, 38, 47.54

Men's 40-49: Brian Bailey, 42, 36.52; Travis Green, 44, 46.06; Greg Taft, 47, 50.28

Men's 50-59: Richard Loud, 53, 47.45; Doug Witt, 58, 52.04; David Duddingston, 50, 53.18

Men's 60-69: Craig Stevens, 67, 1.09.37; Steve Wilson, 67, 1.05.53; Terry Wagoner, 64, 1.14.52

Men's 70-79: Tom Ellison, 70, 1.09.45.

Women's 0-19: Abby Schwab, 19, 1.00.32; Maddy Anderson, 12, 1.12.11

Women's 20-29: Thea Cudhowski, 25, 43.55; Megan Kremen, 27, 51.57; Taylor Light, 28, 52.53

Women's 30-39: Anna Molinaro, 35, 45.37; Leah Pustovar, 34, 47.04; Alaina Bur-

gess, 36, 47.09

Women's 40-49: Liz Haycraft, 46, 46.46; Lynn Schwab, 47, 49.21; Kristin Rantala, 42, 51.25

Women's 50-59: Brenda Witt, 57, 1.10.32; Deana Dahl, 53, 1.13.17

Women's 60-69: Valerie Myntti, 67, 1.01.49

Women's 70-79: Marjory Wood, 70, 1.17.44.

5K Results

The top finisher was Wayne Dickie, of Oronoco, with a time of 20.39. Second over the line was Nate Fliscar, of New Ulm, with 21.1, and third was John Ruff, of Rochester, with 22.56.

The fastest woman was Rebecca Flannagan, of New Ulm, with 26.59, followed by Grete Engels, of Lakeville, with 27.05, and Hannah Kramer, of Richland Center, with 27.06.

The 5K attracted runners under 10 years old and over 60. Many teen runners had excellent times, including two new-to-running teens from the Vermilion Country School.

The finishers with times under 31 minutes were:

Dickie Wayne, 53, 20.39; Nate Fliscar, 19, 21.1; John Ruff, 14, 22.56; Stewart Merri-

gan, 18, 23.31; Connor Schwab, 16, 24.45; Christopher Johnson, 15, 26.38; Kim Zoellick, 31, 26.4; Bib No. 295, 26.45; Mike Sabrina, 18, 26.49; Rebecca Flannagan, 45, 26.59; Dave Swanbat, 45, 27.01; Grete Engels, 14, 27.05; Hannah Kramer, 17, 27.06; Jen Bailey, 37, 27.41; Jules Schmidt, 16, 27.44; Josh Kramer, 19, 28.11; Steve Leitch, 58, 28.45; Kevin Comiff, 48, 28.46; Mike Argar, 44, 29.04; Ken Loud, 61, 29.12; Nuvia Maldonado, 50, 29.13; Krystal Marking, 32, 29.18; Eny Johnson, 39, 29.3; Nancy Kramer, 48, 30.09; Ann Ruff, 16, 30.12; Rachel Winter, 21, 30.17; Ruth Bib No. 294, 57, 30.34; and Andrea Kieffer, 29, 30.55.

Thank you

The race is a fundraiser for the Vermilion Country School, a grades 7-12 charter school in Tower. Organizers Jodi Summit and Mary Shedd would like to thank the following volunteers, especially those who braved the rain to stick it out at the finish line: The Stellmach grandkids at the Hoodoo Point water station, Brittany Foster at the McKinley water station; Muriel Scott, Joan Dostert, Lynn Scott, Kevin Fitton, Jolene

Herberg, Karin Schmidt, Stephanie Ukkola, Carissa Raj, Victoria Ranua, Tracey Dagen, Marjory Wood, Michael Wood, Marshall Helmberger, and Christopher Gregg. Thanks to Rolando Noyes for letting us use his parking lot for registration, Breitung Police for helping with highway crossings, and the Breitung and Tower maintenance crews for clearing and sweeping the paved bike trails after the storm the week before.



Week of July 16

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Vermilion Country School Board- Next meeting is Thursday, July 26 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings posted online at vermillioncountry.org.

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REGIONAL- New instructors wanted for new classes. If you know of anyone interested in teaching a class in the fall, now is the time they should contact Leone Graf. Call or text 218-343-3744 or email camplake@earthlink.net for more information.

Estate planning class offered on Aug 8

TOWER- A local attorney, Kelly Klun, from the Klun Law Office in Ely, will lead you through key factors to drafting and personalizing wills and trusts, preparing probate documents, creating documents for long term health care, drafting a durable power of attorney, and preparing health care directives. The class is Wednesday, Aug. 8 in the Tower Depot Coach Car at 4 p.m. You must pre-regis-

ter so we can plan accordingly for class space and materials. Please call or text Leone Graf to pre-register at 218-343-3744. If no answer, please leave a message, with the spelling of your name and the class you are interested in. We will gladly relocate if you need handicap accessibility, just let Leone know.

Passing the Family Cabin to Next Generation class on July 26 and Aug. 15

TOWER- If your goal is to pass on the family cabin to the next generation, planning ahead is crucial. Together with a local attorney, Kelly Klun, from the Klun Law Office in Ely, you can determine how the cabin will best fit into the family's future. A cabin trust is just one estate planning tool that can be utilized to help maintain and pass on the family hideaway. Learn about the specific trust provisions that

could provide future instruction to your family on important issues such as taxes, maintenance, insurance, ownership and potential sale. Learn about the preparation of an estate plan and how it should be thought of as a priceless preventative tool. Learn the process of taking the next step of developing an estate plan that protects both your family and your private hideaway on Thursday, July 26, or Wednesday, Aug. 15 in the Tower Depot Coach Car at 4 p.m. You must pre-register so we can plan accordingly for class space and materials. Please call or text Leone Graf to pre-register at 218-343-3744. If no answer, please leave a message, with the spelling of your name and the class you are interested in. We will gladly relocate if you need handicap accessibility, just let Leone know.

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Wednesday, July 18; Aug. 8, 29; Sept. 19

Bois Forte Boys/Girls Club	11:00-11:30 a.m.
Greenwood Town Hall	12:00-12:30 p.m.
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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Sunday	12 p.m. - 6 p.m.

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915 E. Camp St.  
WOMEN'S AA - Noon  
Mondays, Ledgerock  
Community Church, Ely -  
use 15th Street entrance.  
BABBITT AA - 7 p.m.  
Tuesdays, Woodland  
Presbyterian Church.  
AL-ANON - Sundays  
8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's  
Catholic Church in Ely.  
For persons who encoun-  
ter 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..  
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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 upcom-  
ing Tuesday Group  
schedule is listed below.  
All talks are at 12 noon  
on Tuesday at Grand  
Ely Lodge.  
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  
July 31 - Kathryn  
Hoffman from MCEA  
with an update on the  
PolyMet mine.

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 informa-  
tion, call 218-365-5678,  
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Breathing Out

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slow walk in the woods  
produces the color blue  
berry abundance

WINDOW INTO YESTERDAY

A master basketmaker

by DAVID KESS  
for the EWHS



Erick Mattson was a Swedish-born basketmaker in Ely. He worked at the Wagon Resort on Shagawa Lake as a handyman.  
photo courtesy of Ely-Winton Historical Society

Born in Sweden about 1889, Erick Mattson learned the art and craft of woven pine strips from his father.

Weaving of many kinds, including that of pine strips, is a long standing tradition of the Scandinavian countries. It was something ingrained in him even as he became a sailor on lumber schooners plying between such places as San Francisco and Australia. During World War II, he sailed with the merchant marine.

After he decided to retire, he worked his way across the country and became a handyman at what was then Wagon Wheel Resort on Shagawa Lake. Winters were long and Erick realized the kind of pine (Norway) he required was right at hand. For his purposes he used only the part from the roots up to the first branches. It had to be perfectly straight and have no knots. Before long he was back making baskets once again.

He had other specifications besides the wood needing to be pine: the green wood had to be left in water for a lengthy time—for him it was in a nearby swamp—until it was completely water-soaked and supple. The wood was first split into strips, then pulled through a small knife-like device. The final result is a 2" x 1/32" strip of pine. Beginning at what will become the center of the bottom and then working up the sides, the strips are

Wheelwoven together.

"When I have good wood I can whistle and sing," he would say. Once told by several museum people that his basket really was a work of art his reply was, "Yah, that is a damn good basket."

After several years at the Wagon Wheel Resort, Erick headed to Duluth where he was able to stay in an abandoned cabin in Fredenberg near Duluth, one that he renovated with the permission of the owners. He had been in the Ely area in the 1950s and 1960s and sold baskets of many kinds to locals, first approaching the local merchants. His collection included pack baskets (which fit neatly

into #2 and #3 Duluth packs, waste baskets, lampshades, wall baskets, picnic baskets, clothes hamper, fishing creels, knitting baskets, magazine holders, and at least one lady's purse. All out of woven pine.

Perhaps the most unique creation was that of a "cry basket" which was made to give to small children to stop them from crying. A small basket immediately got them thinking about what sorts of things might go in it. Although only slightly bigger was a basket for picking berries.

Studying the workmanship of these magnificent pieces, one wonders why they didn't become an

instant seller, at least in the Ely area. For Erick this was a wintertime hobby and nothing more. He never sought his handiwork to become a lucrative affair. He died in the mid-seventies but his baskets remain in use nearly fifty years later.

An assortment of some of these baskets is on display until Labor Day at the Ely-Winton Historical Society lobby at Vermilion Community College on East Camp Street. After that it will be moved to the Ely Public Library for two additional months. Call 365-3226 on Tuesday through Saturday for further information.



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FOUR ON THE FOURTH



Ely Four on the Fourth race results

ELY - The top two runners in each age category and the top three walkers were awarded medals.  
0-12 male 1. Brett Kurth ,Duluth, 2.Otto Devine, Ely  
0-12 female 1. Esther Monroy, Ely, 2. Morgan Westler, Ham Lake  
13-15 male 1. Gabriele Pointer, Ely, 2. Andrew Miller.  
13-15female 1.Hailey Highland, Centerville, 2.Zoe Devine, Ely  
16-19 male 1. Michael Schwinghamer, Mora,first-place overall male time of 21:55, 2. Harrison Hirsh, Vandias Heights  
16-19 female 1.Evelyn Bercher ,Ely, 2.Grace Yonkers -Talzh, El Salvador  
20-29 male 1. Jussi Olkinunora, Finland 2.Robert Parish, Knoxville, Tenn.  
20-29 female 1.Hannah Nixon, Bloomington,first-place overall female time of 29:49 2. Emily Usset, Mendota Heights  
30-39 male 1. Dustin Bonne, Plymouth, 2.Scott Reynolds, Minneapolis  
30-39 female 1. Jenna Keller, Stillwater, 2. Emily Creighton, Ely  
40-49 male 1.Michael Matthues, Tampa, Fla. 2. Carl Skustad  
40-49 female 1. Janet Gomez, Bloomington, 2.Rebecca Peterson  
50-59 male 1.Will Helms, Ely, Boys Track Team Head Coach  
2.Tony Esse  
50-59 female 1.Jayne Dusich, Ely, Girls Track Team Head Coach and Ely CC Head Coach 2.Leslie Hall  
60+ male 1.Craig Witchell, Colorado Springs, Colo. 2.Kevin Duawaulter, Ely  
60+ female 1.Elizabeth Loe, St.Paul, 2.Mary McGroyuesst  
Top 3 male walkers 1. Roger Skrabas, Ely, 2. Dan Dusich, Ely, 3.Jonas Moore  
Top 3 female walkers 1. Ann Parish, 2. Laura Grebasch, 3. Corie McKibben

# FOURTH OF JULY



# ELY CELEBRATES THE FOURTH OF JULY



St. Anthony Catholic Church youth group members, above, sponsored their annual pancake breakfast Wednesday morning in the church hall. Shown from left, Kate Coughlin, Corina Debeltz, Taylor Gibney, Rachel Coughlin, Kelly Thompson and Madeline Gruba. The Ely Patriotic Choir, top, performed at Washington Auditorium on Sunday, July 1. photos by K. Vandervort



Collin VanLeer, above, sports a patriotic tatoo during the parade that featured vintage cars and accordion players, right.



Studio North featured a two-story pirate ship float, and youth dancers.

## Local News in Brief

### Ely Area Food Shelf open on July 18

ELY - The Ely Area Food Shelf, 15 W. Conan St. will be open on Wednesday, July 18 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Shopping assistance is available from 4 to 6 p.m.

For further information, please call 235-8527 or visit the Ely Area Food Shelf website.

The Food Shelf welcomes and appreciates volunteers, food donations and monetary donations.



The Ely Chamber of Chamber has been busy with a number of ribbon cuttings this spring and summer. Ely's Razor Edge Systems employee, Joe Juranitch, put the "edge" back on the Chamber's scissors. So, who needs a ribbon cutting? submitted photo

## Higher Education Briefs

### Ely student graduates from St. Olaf

NORTHFIELD - William Gustafson, an Ely Memorial High School alum and son of Gail and Todd Gustafson, graduated Magna Cum Laude from St. Olaf College this spring. He majored in Physics and Mathematics.

### Terwilliger honored at Carleton

NORTHFIELD - At the end of every academic year, the Carleton community gathers at Honors Convocation to recognize faculty and students for their accomplishments and service.

Samuel Terwilliger, a student from Ely, was awarded the Phi Beta Kappa First Year Prize. Phi Beta Kappa Prizes are offered annually by the Carleton Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa to the sophomores who in the previous year held the highest class ranking in scholarship among the members of his or her respective class.

### Bastable graduates from UM-Crookston

CROOKSTON - The Office of the Registrar at the University of Minnesota-Crookston recently announced its list of spring semester 2018 graduates. Students completed their degree requirements during spring semester 2018.

Summer session graduates include Jessica Carroll Bastable, of Ely, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Communication.

### Ely students honored at Gustavus

ST PETER - The Spring Semester 2018 Dean's List at Gustavus Adolphus College, released last week, includes two Ely students, Susan Cook and Emma Thompson.

The list comprises students who have earned a 3.7 grade point average (based on a scale in which 4.0 = A) or higher for the semester ending in May 2018.

### Students named to NDSU dean's list

FARGO, N.D. - Two Ely-area students, Cameron J. Furniss and Benjamin P. Gantt, were among the 3,874 North Dakota State University students to be placed on the spring 2018 dean's list.

A student must earn a 3.50 grade point average or higher and be enrolled in at least 12 class credits to qualify for the spring list.

### Kellogg honored at WSU

WICHITA, KAN. - Courtney S. Kellogg, of Ely, was among 2,750 students named to the dean's honor roll at Wichita State University for spring 2018. To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

### History Nights schedule

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

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

## Yesterday's news, this week

from the archives of

## THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

### July 12, 1918

### Some game

Owing to being rushed with work and the lateness of the game, the account of the ball game between Ely and Winton on July 4 was overlooked.

Judging by the crowd that attended and the enthusiasm shown no doubt before the game gets a good start baseball will be at its own once more in this city. The game was a good one and enjoyed by all.

Whitten did the pitching for Winton and had everything his own way up to the last of the seventh inning, when for some reason he was taken out and Johnson put in the box. From then on the Ely team hit the ball at will.

The Chinn-Lambert combination worked well for the Ely team as did the Witten-Johnson battery for Winton. It was in the eighth inning when Lambert of the locals spelled defeat for the Winton team when he hit the ball over the left field fence for a home run with two on the bases. The score at the end of the game being seven to 11 in favor of Ely.

The proceeds of the game went to the Ely and Winton Red Cross and netted \$19.25. Games are to be arranged for later and all proceeds will be turned over to the Red Cross.

Both Ely and Winton have good teams considering the number of players who are in the service and your support is asked as it is a worthy cause. Ike Cox did the umpiring to the satisfaction of all.

### Election Saturday

The annual school election for Independent School District No. 12 will be held on Saturday July 12 when two members for the board will be elected.

# Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



Crane Lake was a busy, fun place to be over the Fourth of July. It was certainly fun to see our local merchants busy with summer visitors and friends and family visiting from far and wide. It seemed to have been the time for car problems. Mike and Linda Lang's children and grandchildren departed Bloomington, Ill., only to return home to get a flat tire fixed before beginning the trek to Crane Lake. A couple of days later, another granddaughter needed to be rescued from Grand Rapids, where she and her boyfriend were stranded due to a smoking brake! Of course, they HAD to be present for the word-famous Crane Lake parade! All made it in time to celebrate, and the repaired car and its owner were reunited following all the festivities of the holiday.

Ruth Carlson spent the Fourth holiday in Eveleth as she has most of her life. Everyone from Eveleth goes "Home" for the Fourth. The special for this year was the honor of having the Gold Medal Curling Team march in the parade and spending time at the "Big Stick" to have fans take pictures with the team. As an old curler, this was a thrill of a lifetime for Ruth. A few years ago Ruth was Grand Marshal of the Eveleth parade, and this year the Gilbert VFW Auxiliary gave Ruth the honor of riding in the Gilbert parade which is conveniently held on July 3rd. It is a huge happy time on the Third, Fourth and Fifth for everyone at Eveleth/Gilbert, however Ruth wishes she could be in two places at once.

Zelda Bruns, and Brian and Lisa Bruns, hosted a lovely party in honor of Taylor Bruns' graduation from her high school in Fargo. Taylor attended school in what is now the North Woods School District prior to moving to Fargo, so she has many friends and acquaintances here. Zelda hosted the party at her beautiful home on Myrtle Lake, and even the rain earlier in the day could not dampen anyone's spirits. Taylor has become a lovely young lady with many high ideals regarding her future—she hopes to become a neonatal surgeon and OB/GYN doctor. Looks like many years and lots of hard work, but she seems ready to take on the commitment. Good luck, Taylor!

Speaking of weather—we certainly have had plenty of rain with storms lately. There are wash-out gullies along many of the roads and driveways—but the gardens have literally been drinking it all in! Have you ever wondered why the weeds seem to grow faster than the plants tended with such loving care?

Wednesday, July 18 is The Crane Lake Chapel Bazaar. Stop by and see the white elephant sales, handicrafts, book sales, home baked goods, and have a delightful lunch. You might even find a treasure you cannot live without.

Do you suffer from hexakosioihexkontahexphobia?

If you do, you have an irrational fear of the number 666. Sufferers may experience feelings of panic, terror, or dread, with physical symptoms of shortness of breath, rapid heartbeat, and nausea. Adults and children are often misdiagnosed as having ADHD, depression, sleep disorders, or bipolar disorders. Thank goodness, this is an extremely rare occurrence.

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

Until next week the Dames are singing off.

## CRANE LAKE FOURTH PARADE



**Above: Voyagaire Lodge and Houseboats won first place in the Crane Lake Parade this year for their Peter Pan themed float.**

**Right: The Crane Lake Rescue Boat.**

**Below: Silas Nurmi rode his motorized four-wheeler and supported his grandfather Daniel Manick's campaign for county commissioner.** photos by C. Stone



## Don't miss Voyageur Days fun

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.

### 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 Voyagaire'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 Voyagaire 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 Voyagaire 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 Voyagaire 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. Voyageur Country 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 Voyagaire 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 Handberg's Marina.

## Makenzie Sokoloski receives Minnesota Resort and Campground Association scholarship

BUYCK- Six students have received scholarships totaling \$4,000 from the Minnesota Resort and Campground Association for the 2018-19 school year. The recipients are children of MRCA resort/campground owners or have been closely affiliated with a member business and recommended by its owner. Since 2008, the MRCA has supported 50 students with financial assistance of \$28,600.


Makenzie Sokoloski, was one student to receive an award. She is the daughter of Bradley and Koreen Sokoloski of Headquarters RV Park in Buyck.

Makenzie is a 2017 graduate of North Woods High School in Cook and is attending St. Cloud State University to pursue a degree in early childhood education. She has already earned a two-year degree from Hibbing Community College and aspires to be a kindergarten teacher. Four years ago, Makenzie witnessed her parents' dream turn to reality as they repurposed a back yard full of timber into a campground. She said, "My parents have always been very dedicated to working hard for what they want... and that really makes me value my own dreams."



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ART FOR KIDS

# Two-day summer arts camp offered

COOK- Let's Soar – a Cool and Creative summer art camp for children eight years and older is being sponsored by Northwoods Friends of the Arts on Tuesday, July 24 and Wednesday, July 25 from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Cook Community Center at Doug Johnson Park. Transportation will be provided from the Lake Vermilion Youth Center with a pick up at Fortune Bay and from the Nett Lake Youth Center with a pick up at the Dam.

Lyn Reed, Susan Anderson and Jo Holen will be leading the project. The campers will paint, design feathers and create a traveling mu-



ral. In addition, information will be presented about the significance of feathers and birds in a variety of cultures and each camper will make a journal. Lunch will be provided and the final product will be a traveling “winged” mural to be dis-

played at various sites in the area.

To register for the camp, please contact Lyn Reed at 218-780-3633, Shawna Kishel at 218-780-6510 or Lisa Hyppa at 218-780-1151. Permission slips will need to be signed, if using one of the shuttles.

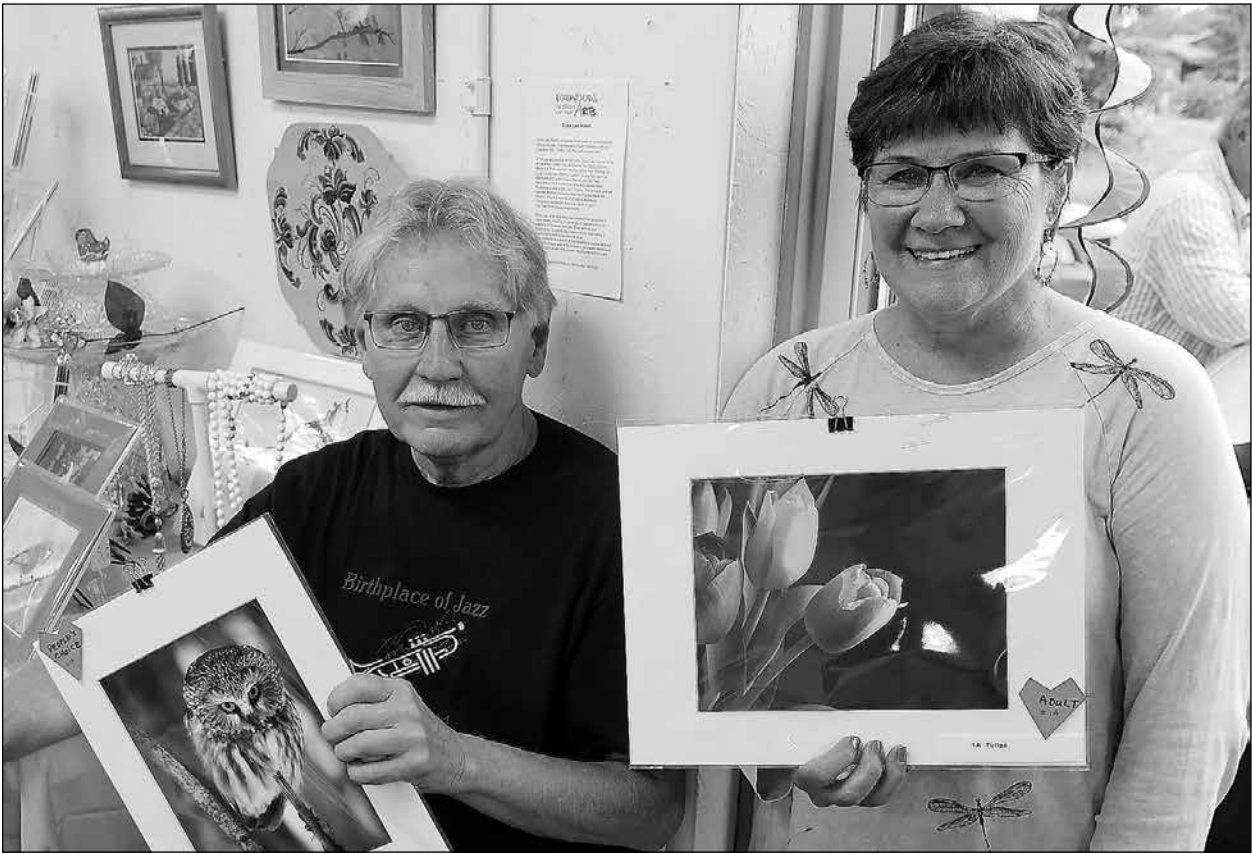
## NWFA offering evening art classes for adults and children

COOK- Northwoods Friends of the Arts has scheduled numerous art classes for all ages during July and August. Classes will be held at NWFA Gallery, 210 S River St., follow the sidewalk art next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon. Pre-register for any of these

classes by calling Lisa Hyppa at 218-780-1151.

Upcoming July classes  
 “Selfie”: Tuesday, July 17 from 6 to 8 p.m. Ages Kindergarten through adult. Explore the life and works of Frida Kahlo and create your very own “selfie.”

Upcycled Bird Feeder: Thursday, July 26 from 6 to 8 p.m. Ages Kindergarten through adult. Explore Les Fauves (the wild beasts) and create a birdfeeder from reused materials.



Carol Bowman (right) won top honors for her photo “Tulips” and Lauren Nelson (left) won the People’s Choice Award for “Bird on a Stick.” submitted photos

## Spring Art Expo awards presented at NWFA Gallery

COOK- The results of the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Photo Contest and the Spring Art Expo 2018 50/50 raffle were announced at the reception held Friday, June 29.

The annual photo contest, “Your Best Shot,” awarded the “Student Award” to five-year-old Vera Bryson for her photo “Featherly Friend In the Sun.” Vera received a \$25 award.

The Adult Award was given to Carol Bowman for her photo “Tulips” and the award was \$75.

These award-winning photographers were chosen anonymously by a panel of three non-participating judges: Alan Wiermaa, Pam Wattering, and Bailey Conger. The photo entries were displayed for the judges in

numbered order only and selected considering originality, technical merit, and artistic value.

The third photo to award was the “People’s Choice Award,” chosen by the people who visited NWFA Gallery during the month of June. The winner was “Bird On a Stick,” by Lauren Nelson, a photo of a Northern Sawwhet Owl. The award was \$50 plus framing for the award-winning photo.

Adult participants in the contest pay a fee of \$10 per photo entry. All winners receive a family membership to NWFA and are invited to display up to three photos in the gallery for a whole month. Student photographers do not have to

pay an entrance fee to participate.



Spring Art Expo 2018 drew to a close at the Finale Reception when Carol Bowman drew the winning tickets for the 50/50 raffle. The first name drawn chooses the cash (50-percent of the

ticket sales proceeds) or a beautifully-framed portrait photo of an eagle donated by photographer Carol Bowman. The winners this year were H.D. Johnston and Donna Peterson.

The Spring Art Expo began exhibiting the work of forty-six (46) local artists on June 8 at NWFA Gallery and 37 local businesses in Cook, Tower, Orr, Highway 24 and Highway 53.

# Orr Kiddie Parade winners announced

- Most Patriotic: The Three Amigos: Silas, Ryker and Maverick
- Most Red, White, and Blue: The Kulas Queens– Kamryn and Aubrey
- Most Crowd Pleasing: Red White and Blue at the Zoo: Danika
- Favorite Girl: Lexi the Rainbow Girl
- Favorite Boy: Sailing Free– Lizzi and Jasper
- Most Pizzazz: Party in the USA with Anna, Gabby, Isaiah, Cash, Quinn, Charliegh
- Most Imaginative: Soaring Eagles– Christopher
- Most Comical: Construction Season– Cecilia and Donald
- Grand Prize, Best of Parade: Freedom Flyers with Maya, Jaydan, Aidan, Ethan, Isaac, Anya, Kieran, Liam.



## City Mouse and Country Mouse at Cook Library on Friday, July 20

REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present CLIMB Theatre’s City Mouse and Country Mouse: The Mouse-ical! This fun, interactive mini-play teaches kids age 3-10 about accepting differences and combines the characters of Aesop’s famous fable with games, music and interactive play at Cook Public Library on Friday, July 20 at 10:30 a.m. The program will also be presented on Tuesday, July 24 from 1 – 2 p.m. at the Babbitt Public Library.

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, please see our calendar at [www.alslib.info](http://www.alslib.info), find us on Twitter at [twitter.com/Arrowhead-Legacy](https://twitter.com/Arrowhead-Legacy), on Pinterest at [pinterest.com/alexisleitgeb/legacy-events](https://pinterest.com/alexisleitgeb/legacy-events), or like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/alslibinfo](https://facebook.com/alslibinfo).

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## Northern Red Hat Belles meet July 19

COOK- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet on Thursday, July 19 at noon at the Montana Café in Cook. Lunch choices will be build a burger, Reuben sandwich, or chicken wild rice wrap. Following lunch the group will attend the movie "Oceans Eight" at the Comet Theater. Reserve your spot for the movie and your lunch of choice by calling Judy Ketola at 218-753-3982 by Wednesday, July 16.

## Ruby's Pantry food distribution July 28

BABBITT- Ruby's Pantry food distribution will be at Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Drive, on Saturday, July 28 (4th Saturday of each month) from 10 - 11:30 a.m. \$20 cash (no checks) donation buys an abundance of food.

No income or residency guidelines. Bring two large boxes or baskets. Ruby's Pantry is sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church. Volunteers are always welcome.

## Lake Vermilion Home Tour set for Saturday, Aug. 4

TOWER- Save the date for this summer's Home Tour sponsored by the Tower Soudan Civic Club and St. James Presbyterian Church. Proceeds will provide the Tower-Soudan school children with backpacks and school supplies, and go to beautify public spaces in the community.

The Home Tour will feature coffee, lemonade, cookies and bars at St. James Presbyterian Church from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The tour will include four lovely homes: one in Tower and three on Lake Vermilion. It is set for Saturday, Aug. 4 from noon to 4 p.m.

Tickets are \$15 per person and may be purchased in Tower at Sulu's and Nordic Home North. They will also be available at St. James Presbyterian Church and at each home the day of the tour. A map is included on each ticket with the location of all four homes. Come and enjoy the afternoon tour benefiting community projects.

Any questions, contact: Louise Gately at 218-753-2577 or 515-229-8757.

## Local students selected to University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Dean's List

REGIONAL- The following students have been named to the 2018 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Megan Robbins, of Ely, Junior, College of Biological Sciences

Jacob J. Skraba, of Orr, Junior, College of Design

Eric S. Gooden, of Tower, Senior, College of Science and Engineering.

## 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.

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

## ELECTIONS

# Unofficial results show only one change in Bois Forte Primary results

## Band was ordered to redo election after issues with absentee ballots

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

BOIS FORTE- The Bois Forte Primary election was re-held on Tuesday, July 10. The earlier election results had been challenged and then thrown out due to irregularities with handling of the absentee ballot requests.

Unofficial results from the new primary, released by the election board, showed changes from the first primary, which was held on April 3. Official results will be released at a later date.

For the single reservation-wide contest for Treasurer, incumbent David Morrison once again was the top vote getter with 215 votes, and 38.67-percent. This is down from the 41.15-percent of the vote he garnered back in April. But the second and third place spots switched, with Brandon Benner taking second place with 173 votes, 31.12-percent, and Karlene Chosa trailing by five votes

with 168, and 30.22-percent. The top two vote-getters advance to the general election. In the previous primary, Chosa out-poll Benner by an even narrower two-vote margin. There were a total of 556 votes cast.

Two district representative seats were also on the ballot, one for Nett Lake, the other Vermilion. Neither seat had an incumbent on the ballot. Incumbent Brandon Benner, from Nett Lake, opted to run for the treasurer seat, and incumbent Ray Toutloff is retiring.

For the Vermilion seat, the same two candidates, Peter Boney and Sidra Starkovich will advance. But the vote totals shifted with Boney taking a clear lead with 91 votes (and just a few votes shy of the 50-percent needed to claim the seat) and Starkovich in second with 46. There were 188 votes cast. There were eight candidates on the ballot. The totals for the remaining candidates were Kristal Strong 9, Gary Adams 2, George Strong 7,

Corey Strong 22, Earl Villebrun 1, and Muriel Deegan 10.

In the initial primary, Starkovich led with 44 over Boney's 34 votes cast.

For the Nett Lake seat, the vote was closer with the two top vote getters being Shane Drift with 89, or 24.52-percent, and Mildred Holmes with 78, or 21.49-percent. This mirrored the results of the previous race with Drift with 61 and Holmes with 54. A total of 363 votes were cast with seven candidates on the ballot. The totals for the remaining candidates were Charles Wagner 67, Edward Villebrun 30, Crystal Villebrun 7, Eddie Chavers 61, and Robbie Goggleye 30.

A total of 551 ballots were cast, with 8 spoiled ballots recorded.

It is not known if these results will be contested.

The general election is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, Sept. 18.

## ORR CENTER



The Orr Center now has its very own library. The library had a grand opening on July 3 and will be open Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Kids ages four to 10 are invited to make Silly Splatter Creations on Wednesday, July 18 at 1 p.m. photo by M. Roach

## ST. LOUIS COUNTY

# Public workshops scheduled to gain feedback and input on draft of Comprehensive Land Use Plan

REGIONAL - St. Louis County has written the initial draft elements of its new proposed Comprehensive Land Use Plan, and is again seeking public feedback and input. A series of workshops have been scheduled throughout the county. Each workshop will include a recap of the first draft land use report, plus opportunity to review and comment on the draft goals and objectives, and the alternative future land use maps.

The workshops are scheduled for Tuesday, July 17 from 4 to 7 p.m. at the St. Louis County Public Works Building, 2210 E. Sheridan St., Suite 2 in Ely; or Wednesday, July 18, 4 to 7 p.m. at the American Legion, 4543 Highway 53, Orr.

St. Louis County Planning and Community Development staff has been working to update the Comprehensive Land Use Plan for more than a year. The goal is to complete the plan and adopt and imple-

ment it in 2019. The county currently has adopted land use plans for most areas where the county has land use authority. However, these plans were originally adopted in the late 1970s and early 1980s. There have been various updates to the plans over the years, but they remain cumbersome, outdated and in many cases obsolete.

The first draft of the Comprehensive Land Use Plan and the goals and objectives can be found online at planslcmn.com. The alternative future land use maps will be made available at the workshops. This project focuses on areas within the county's zoning jurisdiction. It excludes cities, townships

with their own zoning, and state and federal lands. A detailed map of the study area can be found on the project website.

Anyone who would prefer to submit written comments about the draft plan and goals and objectives should mail them to: Mary Anderson, Physical Planning Manager, St. Louis County Planning and Community Development, Northland Office Center, 307 1st St. S, # 117, Virginia, MN 55792, or email andersonm3@stlouiscountymn.gov. Comments also can be submitted through the project website.

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ISD 696

# School Board chair changes priority of facilities plan

Cites cold water in girls showers, frozen toilets, before more gym space and connecting buildings

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – The leader of the Ely School Board said, Monday night, that facility improvements to the school campus should begin with providing hot water to the girls locker room and to the bathrooms in both the Industrial Arts and Washington buildings, along with eliminating frozen toilet issues in the winter, before talks continue about connecting campus buildings or adding more gym space.

After receiving an update on the recent facilities projects committee’s efforts that included a summary of a confusing priority ranking (i.e. a 99 on a one-to-ten ranking list) from some committee members that didn’t follow directions, School Board Chair Ray Marsnik threw a grenade into the whole process Monday night when he suggested addressing more pressing priorities facing ISD 696.

School board members are planning to discuss facilities improvements at their July 24 study session. Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson asked board members to consider their priorities and timelines for moving forward on various projects. Preliminary cost estimates and bonding options to pay for the multi-million dollar facilities wish list will also be discussed.

Marsnik said the report on the priority ranking from the facility committee highlighted many concerns. “The one thing that bothers me a great deal is that the showers in the girls locker room do not have hot water, and this is consistent throughout the year,” he said. “The toilets are also freezing up on an annual basis when the temperatures are down. And we have been talking about this for two years.” He also noted that the Industrial Arts building does not have hot water in the bathrooms.

“As far as I’m concerned, this is unacceptable,” he said. “In this day and age, there is no reason why our kids can’t have a hot shower or that the toilets are working. It is our responsibility to make sure showers are available if they want to take a shower.”

Marsnik insisted that the current condition of the school facilities be addressed and improved before any more discussion is held on adding any additional facilities. “I would like to have a report, either by our next study session or in the near future, as to what is causing these problems and what the solutions are,” he said. “I think we should be looking at that as one of the first things we do.”

Board member Rochelle Sjoberg appeared to taken aback by the con-

tinuing facilities problems. “That elementary thing, I thought that was remedied a while back,” she said.

Abrahamson called into question the validity of parts of the facility priority ranking report. “Statements may be made that are not 100-percent true,” he said. “I don’t want to get into an argument about anything, but there have been times when those things (frozen toilets, etc.) happened, but I don’t know that they are necessarily universal and all of the time, and we can address those more.”

He explained that when the campus heating system was changed a decade ago, from steam heat to hot water heat, various parts of buildings underwent a change in heated areas. Some areas are now colder than the used to be because the steam pipes are no longer in place, he said. “You saved (money) when you went to the propane system and the boilers, but there was a flip-side,” Abrahamson said.

“Where the toilets are freezing, there used to be steam lines between the exterior and interior walls that kept things from freezing. You don’t have that now and on those 30-below days with a wind that hits it, you are going to have those things happen,” he said. He acknowledged that those problems need to be addressed.

Sjoberg said she was surprised the problem still existed, “We need hot water for hygiene,” she said.

Marsnik interjected, “I’m not trying to point fingers here.” He requested a report on why the pipes are freezing and what the solutions are. “If it is a problem with the new heating system, I don’t understand how that was ever approved and addressed at that time,” he said.

He suggested contacting the engineering and consulting firm for the heating project, Foster Jacob & Johnson, Inc., to look for solutions to the freezing pipes issues. The new heating system was installed around 2008 at a cost of more than \$100 million, according to Marsnik.

“It seems to me that a toilet-freezing problem should be a front-burner issue,” said board member Heidi Mann.

“Before we look at more facilities, we have some work to do on our present facilities,” Marsnik said.

## Other business

In other business, the Ely School Board took the following action:

► Adopted a resolution establishing July 31–Aug. 14, 2018, as the dates to file affidavits for candidacy for school board for the general election to be held Nov. 6, 2018.

## FUEL TRUCK FIRE



The Ely Fire Department responded to a fuel truck on fire Tuesday at the Lucky Seven station on Sheridan Street. Crews sprayed the truck with foam fire retardant to douse the flames. No injuries were reported. photo used with permission by Chris Ellerbroek, Ten80 North

## CITY OF TOWER

# Tower approves environmental assessment worksheet for RV park

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER—The city of Tower gave final approval to an environmental assessment worksheet, or EAW, for a proposed RV park, on Monday, but the decision came more than two months after a deadline for such action set in state rules.

The delay has been a source of intensifying frustration for Dave Rose, the project developer, who had been seeking guidance from the state’s Environmental Quality Board (EQB), which oversees the environmental review process in Minnesota.

Rose had been in frequent contact with the EQB in recent weeks as the city fell further out of compliance with the decision-making deadline set in the state’s administrative rules. Those rules give local units of government 30 days from the completion of an environmental assessment worksheet to determine if the document is adequate and whether or not a more detailed Environmental Impact Statement is required. An EIS is typically limited to major projects, such as mines or other very large developments that could impact hundreds or thousands of acres, so there was little likelihood that an EIS would be required for Rose’s project, which involves 20 RV sites on about 4.5 acres.

According to Kristin Mroz,

local government coordinator with the EQB, the city had 30 days from the end of its comment period on the Rose EAW to make a determination. That comment period ended April 4, which would have given the city until May 4 to issue its decision.

“If they were getting close to the May 4 deadline and weren’t ready, they could have asked for an additional 30 days,” said Mroz. “We did not get an extension request.”

Even had the EQB commissioner issued an extension, that would have extended the city’s deadline only to June 3.

At a meeting of the city’s Planning and Zoning Commission on Monday, July 9, city engineer Matt Bolf acknowledged that the decision probably failed to meet the rule, but said it’s “not the first time that’s happened.”

The city’s P and Z commission had been set to finalize and approve the EAW decision on Monday but was unable to do so due to the lack of a quorum. Commission chair Steve Altenburg entered the council chamber for the meeting ten minutes late, only to find no one but the applicant and a few other interested parties and media in the audience. A second commission member, Morgan Carlin, arrived about 15 minutes later. Altenburg suggested they use the time to work on the “no significant impact” resolution and findings of fact,

but in the end, he and Bolf fielded questions from some of those in attendance. The meeting broke up about half an hour later without findings or any recommendations to submit to the council.

Rose said the delay in processing his EAW could well prevent him from beginning work on his project this year. Rose first proposed his RV park in early 2016, but his plan has run into opposition from neighbors as well as planning and zoning hurdles. The city of Tower has served as the Responsible Government Unit, or RGU, for the project, which is why the city has been in charge of processing the environmental review.

Approval of the EAW is not the only step remaining for Rose’s proposed project. Bolf noted that Rose will still need to conduct a Phase I archeological study and will likely need to do some soil contamination studies given the site’s proximity to the former city dump. Rose will also need to seek a conditional use permit.

In a related development, city officials indicated that Rose’s recent statement that he intends to sell some or all of the planned RV lots would not affect the EAW. At last month’s meeting, city officials had suggested that a new EAW would likely be required if Rose intended to sell the lots, rather than rent them seasonally, but it now appears that will not be the case.

## ELY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Purchase agreement signed for Community Center

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - Continuing efforts to sell the former city Community Center highlighted a brief Economic Development Authority meeting Tuesday. Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski asked the Authority to renew the marketing contract with Calhoun Realty for another year despite having a signed purchase agreement in hand.

“It has been a year since we signed a contract to have the building sold on our behalf,” he said. “We do have a purchase agreement that was signed on July 3 by the potential purchaser.” He did not disclose the name of the potential buyer.

Langowski said he anticipates the City Council will consider the purchase agreement at their next meeting and possibly discuss any negotiation strategy. The

council will likely go into closed session for any discussion.

In the meantime, the EEDA renewed the marketing agreement with Calhoun Realty for another year. The seller’s agent will get paid a fee of \$5,000 if the building is sold at an acceptable price.

A re-use study for the future of the Community Center, completed in 2014, recommended that the city maintain the building for four years and attempt to find a buyer for the historic property.

“The Ely Community Center is a city asset, the study states, and the abandonment of the property would reduce its value and the value of surrounding properties,” the study said.

With the four-year maintenance period expiring, time is of the essence to find a buyer. Bids are being gathered for the removal of the

fuel oil tank in the building. With no heat in the building this winter, the building will surely begin deteriorating.

The building is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Economic Development advisor John Fedo presented his list of activities for the month and the invoice for his \$3,500 contract fee:

► Prepared for and attended June EEDA meeting, phone calls, meetings, emails with city staff, mayor and council members;

► Continued planning efforts regarding the Ely Trailhead at Ely Projects (Committee) meeting, with formal planning effort to begin upon confirmation of Governor’s signature;

► Followed up with ARDC regional planning effort regarding NE MN Trails program completion dates and possible additional funding, with a webinar being the next

schedule event;

► Represented Ely and EEDA at quarterly IRRRB meeting at IRRRB offices regarding regional economic development projects;

► Followed up with manufacturing/retail developer interested in Ely location with a July visit anticipated;

► Continued follow up with an existing Ely business owner regarding equipment purchase for expanding their manufacturing business;

► Continued effort regarding renewed IRRRB funding for BER program (\$750,000 approved), and spoke with two potential Ely BER applicants on application and eligibility.

Because of the Aug. 14 primary, the next meeting of the EEDA will be on Tuesday, Aug. 21, beginning at 4:30 p.m.

ELECTION 2018

# Kristin Larsen drops out of County Commissioner Fourth District race

REGIONAL — A crowded field for St. Louis County Commissioner in the Fourth District just got a bit smaller. Kristin

Larsen, of rural Duluth, announced this week that she is ending her campaign due to family health issues. “It’s just not the right

time,” said Kristin. “I had the energy and the will,” she said, but added that family concerns had to take precedence.

Larsen’s departure from the race thins the field to six candidates, including Mike Forsman Jr., Paul Kess, Dan Manick, Paul

McDonald, Bernie Mettler and Christine Schlotec. The *Timberjay* will have more on the candidates ahead of the Aug.

14 primary, which will further thin the field to two candidates.

## SUSPECT...Continued from page 1

Lynn most likely returned to Indiana, but believe he could still be in Minnesota, which is why they are asking for the public’s help in locating him. Investigators were led to Woods’

body when the St. Joseph County, Indiana, Sheriff’s Department requested assistance in the disappearance of Woods, who had been reported missing in early June, when investigators believe she traveled

to Minnesota.

The circumstances and motivations for the apparent murder were not provided by the sheriff’s office statement. The investigation remains active and ongoing.

Anyone who has seen Daniel Lynn or who has information on his whereabouts is urged to contact the St. Louis County Sheriff’s Office at 218-742-9825.

## RENTALS...Continued from page 1

list with such services, and for travelers who prefer unconventional lodging options, it’s a win-win. But for those neighbors who live with the extra traffic, noise, occasional trespassing, and pollution concerns, it can be a source of ongoing frustration.

“One of the places, a three-bedroom home, had 14 people from Iowa staying there last week,” said Lauer. He said residents on his small lake have had short-term renters show up on their sand beaches, walking through their woods, and smoking on their property. Loud parties are not unusual, said Lauer, and it’s created confrontations at times.

Such concerns have prompted many local governments to begin to regulate vacation home rentals. Duluth enacted an ordinance in 2016 that limited the number of such rental units in the city to just 60. It also sets rules to ensure that such rentals are not operated unsafely, that they have adequate parking, and that they don’t create a disturbance to neighbors. In addition, the ordinance requires that they charge and contribute to the local lodging tax fund.

To date, the St. Louis County board has ordered a study of the issue. That was completed back in 2015 when vacation home rentals first started drawing fire from home

and cabin owners in popular tourist spots, like Lake Vermilion. The consultants hired by the county’s planning department started tracking online listings of vacation home rentals in the county, and the growth was phenomenal. In 2012, the consultants tracked down 130 listings for rentals in the county, outside Duluth. By 2015, that number had jumped to 270, with most of them clustered around Vermilion, Burntside, and the Eagles Nest lakes.

No one knows how many such rentals are available today since the county stopped counting. St. Louis County Planning Director Barb Hayden said complaints to her office are “intermittent” and she’s not aware of any complaints that have come to her office this year. “I believe Commissioner Rukavina has been contacted,” she said.

Commissioner Tom Rukavina acknowledges he’s heard the complaints and sympathizes with both neighboring property owners as well as resort and hotel owners, who have objections of their own to the current trends in the vacation home rental business.

He said he first learned of the issue from a fourth-generation cabin owner who had granted a neighboring property owner an easement across his property to provide

road access. The cabin owner thought he was being a good neighbor, but once the adjacent property owner had built a new lake home, it went online for vacation rental, leaving a steady stream of strangers coming and going through his property, creating the occasional nuisance as well as limiting his privacy.

Back in 2015, after completion of the county study of the issue, planning staff recommended an ordinance change to require performance standards for vacation home rentals in the county. But commissioners balked at the proposal and opted to wait for the city of Duluth to develop a policy.

Yet two years after Duluth passed its ordinance, the issue appears to have fallen off the county board’s radar.

And that’s just fine with Lee Peterson, a resident on Lake Vermilion’s Isle of Pines. Peterson, who served on Greenwood Township’s planning and zoning board before the township handed that authority back to the county, said it’s probably too late to do much about vacation rentals. “I think the horse left the barn on that a long time ago,” he said. “It’s so prevalent, now. I can name dozens of people doing it just off the top of my head.”

Peterson, who owns a cabin next door to his home, is among them, although he said he keeps a close tab on his rental clients to make sure things don’t get out of hand. He acknowledges that can sometimes happen. “The worst groups are those who come from nearby,” he said. He remembers one family from an East Range community who rented his place then put the word out to everyone they knew to come up

and party. Soon the cabin was filled with people, and tents were scattered all over the yard. “We had to tell them they couldn’t come back,” said Peterson.

But Peterson’s situation is probably not the norm. In many cases, the owners of vacation rentals don’t live nearby, and that means they’re not able to keep tabs on the activities of renters or step in if things get out of hand.

That was among the concerns highlighted in the study, Vacation Home Rentals, Emerging Market Analysis, that St. Louis County Planning initiated at the request of the county board back in 2015. While resorts and campgrounds have management to control excessive rowdiness, loud music, or other noisy activities, vacation rentals with absentee owners can create conflicts with neighbors. The study also found that vacation rentals tend to be used more intensively than other lake properties, which often are used primarily on weekends or for a few weeks out of the summer at most. That can put greater strain on septic systems, which may not be designed for the heavier use that can come with vacation rentals.

### Leveling the playing field

The county study also addressed the health and safety concerns posed by vacation rentals, which often fly under the regulatory radar that affects more established lodging facilities, such as resorts, campgrounds, hotels, and motels.

According to the study, the rules that apply to commercial operations “exist to protect guests, the environment, and neighboring properties,” adding that vacation home rentals do not address these issues in the same manner as other businesses that offer accommodations.

For resort owners, that’s one of the biggest complaints about private vacation home rentals.

“They’re not on the same playing field with the resorts,” said Tiffany Fondie, executive director of the Lake Vermilion Resort Association. Resorts are subject to a wide range of regulatory

requirements, including annual inspections of drinking water, fire safety, health, and septic issues.

Resorts and other commercial operations collect a wide variety of taxes, including lodging taxes. The study found that vacation home rentals are inconsistent about doing so.

According to some resort owners, it all gives vacation home rentals a competitive advantage because they don’t have to follow the same rules that apply to other forms of lodging. “People with Airbnb, and VRBO, kind of fly under the radar,” said Fondie.

Peterson said property owners who are renting their homes are simply responding to market demand. “The resorts got too expensive,” he said. “They’ve kind of cooked their own goose.”

Peterson said life at the lake can get noisy whenever large numbers of people congregate, whether it’s at a vacation rental, a private cabin owned by multiple families, or a resort.

“I don’t know how you regulate that,” he said.

In fact, a number of counties in the region do regulate vacation rentals.

Of ten counties in northern and central Minnesota contacted for the county study, six had some form of regulation as of 2015. The study, however, did not examine the effectiveness of those regulations.

### Finding common ground?

While sympathetic to the concerns of neighbors and resort owners, Rukavina said some on the board see vacation rentals as a way for cabin owners of modest means to generate revenue to help offset the cost of the high property taxes assessed on most lake property. He doesn’t disagree but says a putting a limit on the number of times a property can be rented in a year might be one way to balance the various interests. “Maybe you allow two or three weeks and after that they have to apply with the same rules as the resorts,” he said.

Planning Director Hayden said, at this point, no such discussion has been forwarded to her department. “I’m not

aware of any discussions about this type of policy,” she said.

And some resort owners suggest that more regulation isn’t necessarily the answer. Josh Gilson, president of the Lake Vermilion Resort Association, has discussed possible solutions with resort associations, lake associations, and chambers of commerce across the state — and he’s convinced that new regulations aren’t the answer. “Just look at the county and state statutes, the laws are already in place that say if you’re renting for 30 days or more you have to meet the same standards [as a resort]. It’s really a matter of enforcement.”

Yet Gilson recognizes that enforcement over hundreds if not thousands of private-party rentals would be a major undertaking for the county. “The number of staff to take on all those private rentals would be astronomical,” he said.

Instead, Gilson said the Lake Vermilion Resort Association has used a friendlier approach, reaching out by letter to property owners renting their cabins or lake homes with information about the rules that govern such activity and a request to join their separate organization, the Lake Vermilion Resort and Tourism Association and to contribute to the local lodging tax.

Responses to the resort association’s initiative have varied, but Gilson said it has brought some of the vacation rental operators into compliance. “Others have told us to p\_\_s off,” he said.


Gilson, who operates Vermilion’s Life of Riley Resort, also serves as a broker for at least one vacation rental property and he said that could be a constructive way in which resort owners could provide new lodging opportunities for potential guests while working with local residents seeking some income off their lake home or cabin. The resorts could also provide locally-based management of the property and be there to address concerns of neighbors if things get out of hand.

In the end, said Gilson, vacation home rentals aren’t going away, which means resort owners and vacation rental operators should focus on their common goal. “At the end of the day, it’s about getting people to northern Minnesota to enjoy what we have. Whether it’s at a private home, or a resort doesn’t really matter. Once they come here they come back because they’ll love it.”


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problems with enforcement. Others noted that with the new playground, the issue of broken glass by the canisters, which in the winter gets plowed into the grassy areas, was a safety issue.

“It is just disgusting that people would do that,” said Mary Richard, who witnessed the mess last week.

Steve Rodgers pointed out that having garbage littering the town hall grounds was a major safety hazard in case an air ambulance needed to land on the helipad.

“The canisters are an accident waiting to happen,” he said, noting that flying debris stirred up could damage the helicopter and possibly endanger lives.

The board discussed the issue at length, though they didn’t come to a final decision.

“Security cameras probably aren’t going to solve the problem,” said Chair Mike Ralston. An initial quote for a security camera system was around \$4,000, he said. “Cameras are a deterrent but not a solution.”

Treasurer Pam Rodgers noted that monitoring the system would take additional time. Supervisor Byron Beihoffer added that the township would need to pass an ordinance, which would then need to be enforced by the county sheriff.

Supervisor Carmen DeLuca said that Ely had installed a camera system at their recycling site, and

after a few violators were prosecuted, problems had decreased.

DeLuca said that most of the bags left at the canister site contained beer cans. He said he suspected that some of them may have come from businesses outside of Greenwood Township, since the Greenwood site is available 24/7. But bags left at the site also included household garbage, scrap metal, and other yard waste, which Greenwood officials and volunteers then had to bring to the Highway 77 Canister Site.

The township can ask St. Louis County to remove the recycling canisters, but whether or not they would get placed at the Highway 77 Canister Site was not certain.

DeLuca said he had been told there might not be enough room at the 77 site to house the canisters, and that they might be relocated to the Soudan site. The limited days and hours that the site is open was also a concern.

Others wondered why St. Louis County couldn’t just make sure they had an empty, or second, unit available over holiday weekends, when most of the problems are occurring.

Board members noted that often if people see a bag of recyclables on the ground by the canister, they assume the canister is full, but most of the time there is room to fit more recyclables in the unit.

The board decided to send a letter to St. Louis County asking what the

options would be if the recycling was removed from the town hall, and also to ask that additional capacity be on hand for Labor Day weekend.

## Second well?

The request from the Recreation Committee to have a second well drilled to serve the pavilion and skating rink area has also drawn a lot of criticism from residents.

Beihoffer said he met with Dale Olson from Kolstad-Olson who gave an estimate of \$7,464 for a well with everything below ground, along with a spigot that could be used year-round and would not freeze in the winter. The well would have connections for a regular garden type hose along with a larger connection for a hose that could be used for flooding the skating rink.

But others questioned the actual cost of the well, wondering if new electrical service would be needed, and what the long-term maintenance costs would be.

Ralston said the idea that the well was a “done deal,” as one resident stated in public input, was simply a rumor.

Others noted there were other ways to improve water delivery at the pavilion area without drilling a separate well.

“Obviously more information is needed,” said Ralston, who then asked to carry the issue over to next month’s agenda.

## Election judge appointments

Clerk Sue Drobac’s decision to place long-time election judge Ruth DeLuca as an alternate drew a rebuke from the town board, after Ruth spoke during public input and asked why she was not on the judge list.

Drobac said the township had more interested judges than needed, and said this was also the case last year, and she had put another judge as an alternate.

A motion by Supervisor Larry Tahija to appoint the judges as listed on the agenda did not draw a second. A motion by Ralston to put Ruth back on the list as a judge, and to have the clerk decide which other name to place as an alternate, was approved 4-0 with Supervisor Carmen DeLuca (Ruth’s husband), abstaining.

Ralston noted that Ruth has been an election judge probably longer than anyone else on the list.

Drobac said the decision was based in part so that new judges can get experience.

“They all have to take the training,” said Drobac, “even the alternates.” But Drobac added they are trying to get some new people trained in as election judges, and simply taking the training is not enough to truly learn the job.

Drobac told the board that the clerk does have the authority to select the election judges.

But Ralston told her the judges also need to be approved by the board, and that the board didn’t approve of this list.

## Fire numbers

Fire Department Safety Officer Ed Borchardt said the department responded to several fire calls following big storms this past month, and in one case had trouble locating the residence because the fire number was obscured. Many fire numbers are either overgrown by brush or not facing perpendicular to the road. He said it is important that the numbers are visible in both directions.

The township will work to notify residents about the importance of having visible fire number signs, and ask anyone with damaged or worn out signs to ask for replacements. The township does charge a nominal fee for the signs to cover the cost of materials. Borchardt said it was preferable to have the numbers on both sides of the sign, and to have the numbers mounted so they are perpendicular to the roadway.

## Other business

In other business the board:

➤ Heard a statement from Rick Stoehr who is troubled by recent town board actions showing a pattern of acting against the township attorney’s advice. Stoehr also sent his concerns as a letter to the editor which is published in this week’s paper.

➤ Ralston told the board that there was a lot of information going around regarding the Maus grievance. He said the township attorney has told board members not to discuss any information until the litigation is completed.

➤ Heard from Clerk Drobac that a computer glitch that had caused issues with sharing information between office computers, related to recent update by Microsoft, had been fixed.

➤ Jet Galonski said the new playground set was being used and appreciated.

➤ Heard thank you’s to the volunteers who had help decorate the float and fire truck for the Tower Fourth of July Parade, and also to those who participated during the parade, including Ralston and his grandchildren who rode on the township float. The float won the prize for Most Patriotic.

➤ Ralston refused to answer a question from last month by John Bassing, who was requesting names of fire department members who had done interior firefighting during the Fortune Bay fire. Ralston said Bassing must refer the question to Fire Chief Fazio.

➤ Awarded the quote for propane for the upcoming season to Ferrellgas for \$1.189 per gallon. The township owns its tank. The township sent out four letters requesting quotes and only received the one reply.

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# MINE READER

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This past month, we at Twin Metals Minnesota (TMM) shared an update on the progress of our underground mine project. Although we firmly stated that our proposal will be subject to an extensive environmental review process, misinformation continues to swirl surrounding our commitment to environmental accountability. We'd like to clear that up.

Twin Metals Minnesota is deeply committed to protecting the environment, specifically the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, before, during and after the construction and operation of our mine. Several of our employees, including leadership, call northeast Minnesota home. We wouldn't want this project to move forward if we didn't believe in our ability to protect the area's most valuable natural treasures.

Beyond our own passions to protect the environment, the project will not legally be allowed to continue if both state and federal environmental requirements are not met or exceeded. Mining is a heavily regulated industry. The Department of Natural Resources, Pollution Control Agency, Environmental Protection Agency and Army Corps of Engineers will all weigh in on our proposal, and if any aspect is flawed, it cannot progress.

In addition to governmental input, public input is a critical component of the project's review. Several comment periods have already taken place, and after we submit our proposal to the Bureau of Land Management, a multi-year environmental impact statement process will begin wherein community members can request impacts to be studied. Plus, anyone who wants to have a productive conversation or learn more about our project is welcome to visit our field office located in Ely.

Our employees, our leadership and our state and federal government will not accept Twin Metals Minnesota taking any shortcuts at the expense of the environment. If we can't build and operate this mine the right way, we won't do it at all.

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Painter sounds like a Democrat who's attempting to catch a ride on the blue wave created by anti-Trump sentiment. Judging by the thundering rounds of applause as he ripped into the recent actions and statements of the 45<sup>th</sup> President of the United

He called for an inves-

Painter said the Watergate prosecutor ended up going to the Supreme Court to get Nixon to disclose the tapes. "We may very well be in a similar situation," he said. "Prosecutor

Painter called for a single-payer health care system in the United States, and dismissed the oft-touted argument made locally by the pro-mining crowd that one has to destroy the planet to create jobs.

He called copper-nickel or sulfide mining "a whole new ball game" because it has never been done in this state. He didn't call for the ending of sulfide mining, but questioned the location. "Do you do it in places like Arizona or do you do it in places with a lot of waterways?" he asked.

He also called for real infrastructure investments in roads, bridges and public schools. "We have to have top-quality schools everywhere in the state. If you don't, people and businesses are not going to want to relocate here and bring their families and more employees up here."

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RESCUE

## Lost Ely berry-picker uses pistol to guide rescuers

bySTEPHANIE UKKOLA  
Timberjay staff writer

ECHO TRAIL- A 68-year-old woman found herself on the far side of a beaver pond while out berry picking on Monday, July 9 and needed help to guide her back to the road.

Devvie Cersine, of Ely, had been in the woods since 8 a.m. and planned to return to her vehicle, where her husband was waiting, at 1 p.m. When she failed to return at the appointed time, her husband Leonard started making calls to family and authorities.

When the St. Louis County Rescue Squad arrived they used sirens to summon the lost berry picker and soon heard three consecutive gunshots from the woods. The rescue squad headed toward the sound and used a PA system to ask her to shoot again. After that, they made voice contact. As they headed her way they had to walk through thick swamp and heavy vegetation.

“Difficult is an understatement,” said Kurt Erickson of the rescue squad, who fell waist-deep in a beaver hole.

Erickson commended Cersine, who went into the woods prepared with flagging tape, a whistle, a pistol and matches. He said that she made the right choice by staying put once she knew she was lost instead of wandering and becoming more lost.

Once Cersine was located that evening she was able to walk out with the rescue squad. Cersine was only two-tenths of a mile off of the Echo Trail, but in rough terrain, on the far side of a beaver pond and slough.

VERMILION LAKE ASSOCIATION

## Staying True

Fifty years later, the lake’s challenges may have changed, but the founders’ vision and energy live on

*Editor’s Note: The following is an edited republishing of “Legends of Lake Vermilion: In the Beginning,” an article by Tom Morrow that first appeared in the August 2005 issue of The Vermilion Sportsman covering the first 40 years. Supplemental material coving the last 10 years has been added by Mel Hintz and Jeff Lovgren.*

LAKE VERMILION- They had no idea that it would end up like this: An organization with over 2,000 members. A respected voice for the interests of people who live, work and play on Lake Vermilion. An outfit with a fancy newsletter with pictures.

Back in 1968, the fishing on Lake Vermilion was lousy. In those days before four-lane highways and spectacular lake “cabins,” almost every boat on Lake Vermilion carried two guys and their fishing tackle. Those fishermen were probably staying in one of the 30 or so resorts on Vermilion, and if the fishing didn’t improve, life would be pretty tough.

In January 1968, the columns of the *Cook News-Herald* began to carry stories about a bunch of resorters who had decided to do something. It started with Jay Mault, who owned Vermilion Dam Lodge. He called on his fellow resort-owners Bob Mann (Mann’s Resort, now Voyageur Cove Resort) and Theodore Anderson (Anderson’s Resort, now Head-o-Lake Resort) and others; Val Cook of Cold Springs, Inc.; Elton Olson of the Tower Chamber of Commerce; Bill Ellison of Minnesota Power; John Aronson of Aronson Boat Works; and Abel Anderson,

to solve the problem. They set up shop as the “Sportsmen’s Club of Lake Vermilion” and got to work. They called for others around the lake to join the club, at annual dues of \$3. The dues were kept low because they understood that, as Jay said, “We don’t need money, we need a voice.” According to the *Cook News-Herald*, the first memberships received were from Ed Wallace of Elgin, Illinois, and the Marshall Batchelder family. By the time the club held its first annual meeting in August, membership had grown to 1,700 and The Vermilion Sportsman newsletter had been launched.

One of the group’s first concerns was to build up the walleye population. The fish hatchery in Pike Bay had been closed in 1946, at least in part because some believed that the Department of Fisheries was taking fish out of Vermilion. For more than 20 years, no eggs were harvested or walleyes stocked in Lake Vermilion. By 1968, fishermen and their resort hosts were feeling the effects. Val Cook recalled recently that the group first asked local DNR Fisheries officials to stock the lake. When they didn’t get any action, they decided to just do the work themselves. Cook had been in the bait business since 1955, and supplied all of the resorts with minnows. He knew what it took to get from eggs to adult fish, and he had the equipment to do it. In talking about those days, Cook displayed the attitude that typified the men who founded

the SCLV: “The resort guys weren’t just my customers, they were my friends. As long as I was their bait man, I wanted to help out.”

At first, local fisheries officials fought the club’s plan to do their own stocking, even to the point of threatening to throw them in jail if they went through with the plan to stock the lake with walleyes hatched in Cook’s tanks. In February 1968, a group led by Mault met with Conservation Commissioner Jarle Leirfallom, equivalent to the current DNR Commissioner. Leirfallom agreed to issue permits so that the group could trap suckers and other rough fish that were believed to cut into walleye populations, and he assigned a team of biologists to figure out why the fishing was so poor.

Stories from that spring’s sucker trapping ranged from back-breaking labor to high comedy. Fifteen rivers and creeks were selected for trapping. Most of the traps were made by the Orr High School shop class. The board members and other volunteers put in hours of work setting nets, pulling them out, and disposing of the suckers. You’re not likely to find white suckers on the menu of your favorite restaurant anytime soon, but they’re not bad smoked or pickled. So most of the catch ended up on local tables.

Val Cook remembered a

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Above: Members of the former Lake Vermilion Sportsmen’s Club, since renamed the Vermilion Lake Association, load suckers into a boat. The group began the sucker take in hopes of improving walleye reproduction on the lake. submitted



Below: Members of the association were out spreading their message about protecting Lake Vermilion during the state park campground celebration in June. Pictured are (l-r) Jeff Lovgren, Howard Ankrum, Kathy Lovgren, and Terry Grosshauser. photo by J. Summit

INJURED HIKER

## Woman okay after head injury on Herriman Lake Trail

byMARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

CRANELAKE— Members of the St. Louis County Rescue Squad were able to locate and assist a 63-year-old woman who fell on rocks and hit her head miles back into the woods along the Herriman Lake Trail on the afternoon and evening of July 4.

The woman had been hiking with a partner when the incident occurred, causing a possibly serious head injury. The woman’s hiking partner was unable to assist and opted to walk out of the woods to contact emergency responders.

The hiking partner remained at the road, telling Crane Lake First Responders that he could guide them to her location. But that proved more difficult than the hiker imagined, as portions of the Herriman Lake Trail can be challenging to navigate and the rescuers could not immediately reach the victim. Eventually, the hiking partner started going cross country, with Crane Lake responders in hot pursuit, and rescue squad coordinator Kurt Erickson said he became concerned they would soon have several lost individuals in the woods. But the group finally located the victim near a beaver pond, where they found she was alert and able to walk on her own, so they guided her out of the woods. That was fortunate, according to Erickson, since the Herriman Lake Trail is generally too narrow and rugged for ATV travel, which would have posed a challenge had rescuers had to carry the woman out of the woods.

Once at the road, the Orr Ambulance transported the woman to the Cook Hospital. She was alert, although she had scratches, bruises, and was badly bug bitten, according to Erickson.

Responders to the incident included the Crane Lake Fire Department, Virginia Ambulance ALS, North Air Care, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Orr Ambulance, in addition to the rescue squad.

CITY OF TOWER

# Council okays Lamppa building contract

## Denies Breitung request for recreational center funding assistance

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER—Construction on the new manufacturing space at the city’s industrial park could begin within days following city council approval, on Monday, of a construction contract with Lenci Enterprises, of Virginia. Lenci had offered the low bid, of \$1.59 million, in late May, but final approval of the contract had to wait for completion of a business plan and other documents required by the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, which is financing the project through a \$1.85 million non-recourse loan.

Half of the 9,000 square-foot facility will house an expanded manufacturing space for Lamppa Manufacturing, which produces the cleanest and most efficient wood furnaces on the world market. The company has been unable to meet demand for its products for the past few years and needs a larger facility to boost production.

The remaining 4,500 square feet will be available for another business, or can be utilized by Lamppa Manufacturing as it

needs additional space.

With the final approval of the construction contract, city engineer Matt Bolf said he would now issue the notice to proceed to Lenci. The actual start date was not immediately available.

In other business, the council heard from county commissioner candidate Paul Kess, who highlighted his ability to work in a non-partisan manner. “There are six candidates in the race and we’ll all talk pretty, but I’m the real deal,” he said. Kess cited a recent column by *New York Times* columnist Tom Friedman, who noted that even though politics at the national level is “messed up,” county and local officials are still managing to get the job done “because they don’t come in with partisan agendas.”

“Even though I’ve been a progressive Democrat over the years, I’ve built enough of a reputation for integrity and fairness, that I’m here with Angela Campbell, my campaign chairman, who is a Republican.”

Kess touted his experience as president of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools from 2016-17 and said he helped reinvigorate that

organization to take “strong stands to support the iron mining industry, to support the possibilities of non-ferrous mining, to fight off the arbitrary sulfate standards for wild rice, and to support local government aid.”

“I’ve testified at the Legislature on these issues and at the county level I will continue to be a strong voice for the people of the Fourth,” he said.

He described himself as a fiscal conservative, who opposed the recent levy increase in Ely.

As for signature issues, he said he would focus on finding solutions to assist those with mental health issues and expanding childcare options.

In other action, the council:

➤ Denied a request from Breitung for financial assistance with the development of a Little League field adjacent to the township’s skating rink. The township has committed \$3,000 to the concept design for the project and noted that the township currently incurs maintenance costs for the existing high school ballfield. But Mayor Carlson said he’d prefer to put the city’s money into developing a new Little League

field in Tower. The council had dedicated \$10,000 this year for that effort, but Carlson said city hall hasn’t had the time to pursue the project given other priorities.

➤ Approved a demolition grant request from the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center to the IRRRB to pay for portions of the center’s ongoing renovation project. The funds will be administered by the city.

➤ Heard from Matt Bolf that the wetland permits for the planned harbor town home project have been approved. He said he is still waiting on water and sewer permits and is reviewing comments from St. Louis County on the proposed plat. He said the city and the developer remain in discussion about the updated development agreement, in which the city is seeking a letter of credit from the developers. In related news, Bolf said he expects to have bids out for walkway construction around the harbor and trail and trailhead construction to the north of Hwy. 169. The project includes a paved connector trail from the harbor area to the Hoodoo Point bike path. That project has been delayed and Bolf said it’s critical

to get construction underway by September given a funding deadline for the project of June 30 of next year.

➤ Approved a third change order on the Hoodoo Point sewer project and a pay estimate totaling \$23,679 to Utility Systems of America.

➤ Heard from Ambulance Director Steve Altenburg, who said that the number of calls to the service are up by 53 over the same period last year. He noted that the temporary loss of one of the ambulance rigs while it was in the shop required the department to utilize mutual aid on some calls and transfer requests.

➤ Approved a resolution giving final approval to the Environmental Assessment Worksheet on the proposed Rose RV park, along with a finding that the project would not require an environmental impact statement. No findings of fact were available for council review, but City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith and Bolf will have five days to draft those and submit the completed decision to the EQB.

CITY OF COOK

# Concerns raised over herbicide spraying

by MELISSA ROACH  
Staff Writer

COOK—A local resident addressed the city council here recently on her concerns about herbicide spraying at the Doug Johnson Park. Darcie Meehan questioned whether there might be a more natural alternative the city could use, and shared concerns about the impacts to children playing in the park, as well as wildlife. City Administrator Teresa Martinson said the company hired for the spraying has many customers in the area, although she acknowledged she has not looked into alternatives.

Councilor Elizabeth Storm wondered if volunteers could pull the weeds. Martinson said they spray based on complaints, targeting the fence line and dandelions in the ball field. “If we don’t spray, then we get complaints,” Meehan said she

would look into an alternative organic product for the city to use. Martinson said she would really like to see what “green communities” use and maybe it could be applied in Cook. Mayor Johnston wondered how responsive the city should be to complaints about dandelions. “They are natural, and as long as the grass is cut,” Martinson said that some people see the dandelions as a benefit to pollinators.

In other business, the council approved Martinson’s recommendation to increase the monthly stipend for ambulance director Nancy Reing from two hundred dollars to five hundred dollars per month. Martinson explained that it is a flat rate and felt the increase was justified given the level of expertise, as well as the amount of work and number of duties taken on by Reing. “They didn’t ask for this,” said Martinson. “This

is my recommendation.” The increase in stipend would be funded through the ambulance department budget.

Martinson said that the Blandin Broadband initiative ‘PCs for People’ program distributed thirty free personal computers, although they discovered a technical issue and the computers will need to be returned to fix the problem. The computers are part of a Blandin grant to help communities identify computer education needs, develop hot-spots, and advocate for broadband internet.

In other action, the council:

➤ Heard an update from Martinson on new safety programs through the Vermilion Region Safety group. The cities of Cook, Ely, and Babbitt and have joined forces for combined safety training. The council approved the training and safety updates.

➤ Heard revisions of bylaws to the Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA), and approved Sharon Ratai to the Board of Directors.

➤ Approved a request from Dan Manick to use baseball fields at the community center. Manick is working to organize an elementary age Junior Legion baseball team.

➤ Approved River Street Bridge project invoices from JPJ in the amount of \$7,159.37, and Erickson Engineering for \$1,407.34. Construction on the bridge begins July 9.

➤ Approved the low bid of \$239,000 by KGM for an airport access road work. The total project is estimated at approximately \$289,000 including soft costs. The city would be responsible for about \$14,453 of those costs, although a possible county contribution could lower that further.

➤ Approved a temporary liquor license for the Heiam Foundation.

➤ Heard from the state demographer’s office, listing Cook’s population at 558 as of April 1, 2017. The report also showed a household estimate of 263 on the same date.

➤ Approved a recommendation to seat Cook resident Ron Buschbaum on the planning and zoning committee.

➤ Heard from St. Louis County Commissioner candidate Paul Kess. He listed his credentials, and addressed the council with issues that might be of concern to the city such as taconite aid, and expressed support of the PolyMet and Twin Metals projects. He also emphasized fairness in county spending per district, the need for better county mental health services, and is in support of the Vermilion Bike Trail.

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woman from Tower who pulled up to a group of men dumping suckers into buckets and said she’d take three bucketfuls. They asked if she had plastic bags or buckets to carry them, and she said, “No, just throw them in the trunk.” She popped the trunk of her Chrysler Imperial (for pre-baby boomers, today’s equivalent might be a Lexus), and the men dutifully dumped three buckets of suckers inside. Sucker slime makes Northern look positively clean, so one can only imagine what her trunk smelled like later that summer. That story reminded Bob Mann of a group of young people from Virginia who came by in a Corvair. They loaded their trunk with so many suckers that they

broke the axle on a frost heave not far down the road. Anyway, the project succeeded in getting the sucker population under control.

The persistent efforts of the SCLV board and the support of a few legislators helped convince the Department of Fisheries to reopen the hatchery, which it did in 1972. Our founders had their hands full with their businesses and families. The easy course would have been to disband once the suckers were vanquished and the hatchery fight was won. Instead, they decided to continue working to improve the lake and its fishing.

In the decades to follow, Lake Vermilion has faced many serious threats. Perhaps the most critical is the relentless expansion of

aquatic invasive species toward our shores. First called “exotics” in the 1990s, aquatic invasive species (AIS) have the potential to cripple both the lake’s fishery and recreational boating. The SCLV spread the word to its members and began volunteer boat checks immediately. In 2015, the SCLV and its partners significantly expanded the boat-check program to all busy accesses throughout the season and began a number of other AIS prevention projects to protect our lake. That struggle continues.

Our passion for protecting our fishery has not diminished. In the 2000s, the double-crested cormorant population began to expand at Vermilion, threatening its

fishery. The SCLV and the Lake Vermilion Resort Association took the lead and pushed for controls at the cormorants’ preferred nesting area on Potato Island. That struggle also continues.

Beyond the AIS and cormorant challenges, the Sportsmen’s Club has also taken on a broad range of additional activities – annual loon count, eight shore lunch sites, night navigation lights, shoreland restoration, and water quality assessments. In a natural and unintentional manner, our organization evolved into a lake association. In 2016, SCLV members approved a name change to Vermilion Lake Association. Its name has changed, but its mission is steadfast: “To protect and improve Lake Vermilion.”

Our Vermilion Lake Association leaders also serve beyond our own lake. Today, board members serve on many state committees and planning groups, like the Lake Vermilion State Park Citizens Advisory Committee, the Minnesota AIS Research Center Advisory Board, the Lake Vermilion Fisheries Input Group, and the State Walleye Working Group.

Over 50 years, our eight founders and the men and women who followed them have led the club – now a full-fledged lake association – in hundreds of projects to benefit the lake. The organization has become the “voice” Jay Mault intended. Those eight men helped transform Lake Vermilion into a lake that could proudly host

the Governor’s Fishing Opener almost 40 years later in 2005 and again in 2015.

The operations of the Association are funded by membership dues and staffed by volunteers. It is the dedication of our volunteers and the financial contributions that allow VLA to function and continue its mission. Please consider becoming a member even if you don’t live on the lake. Everyone who may enjoy the waters and its fishery are benefactors of VLA’s efforts. Membership begins at only \$15 per year. Please consider visiting our website, [vermilionlakeassociation.org](http://vermilionlakeassociation.org), for additional information on the organization and a membership application or donation form.

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evaluations, indicating that International Wolf Center outperforms most other charities in America. This exceptional designation from Charity Navigator sets International Wolf Center apart from its peers and demonstrates to the public its trustworthiness.”

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**Top left: Dallyce Hardy enjoys her shaved ice after participating in the flotilla. Left: Sister Daycee Hardy digs in. Above: “Everybody’s Uncle” kept the crowd entertained. Above right: This young member of the Luau boat crew waited to disembark. Right: Mort’s Tackle Box took first place.**



photos by J. Summit

Tower Harbor hosts first annual flotilla event

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- The first annual Tower Flotilla, or Harbor-palooza as everyone seemed to be calling it, was a lot of cool fun on a hot summer day. Turnout was higher than expected, with lines of spectators ringing the harbor and seated under the shaded tents on Saturday, July 7. There were food booths from Benchwarmer’s and Good Ol’ Days, shaved ice (which did a booming business in the 85-plus temps), t-shirts, and more for sale. There was live music by local favorite Everybody’s Uncle, as well as a new Tower tradition, an award-winning Elvis impersonator, who had also performed at Good Ol’ Days on July 4.

Six decorated boats entered the competition, parading around the harbor and performing for the crowds. A team of three judges selected “Mort’s Tackle Box” as the top boat, with a crew of Tom and Tammy Mortaloni, Melissa Pederson, Nikki Coler, and Jason, David, and Michael Pederson. It was a close race for second and third place, with “Finnish” Your Day at the Lake, edging out “Lake Vermilion Luau” by a fraction of a point. The “Finnish” boat featured Floyd, Terri, and Sherie Joki, along with Dallyce and Daycee Hardy. “Luau” featured a fusion of pirate/Hawaiian/support the troops themes with Jennifer the Terrible Janeksela, Blackbear Nick Hanson, Conner the Bad Hanson, Michael the Black Hanson, Cindy the Blade Egeness

Hanson, Emily the Bad Hanson, Andy the Knife Tiede, Taryn the Horrible Tiede, Joshua the Slasher Janeksela, and Brookely the Brave Hanson. The top three boats received cash prizes and trophies, and the next three received gift certificates to local businesses. The event was emceed by Rod Lundstrom and family. The Flotilla was sponsored by the Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board, which took the organizational reins after the closing of BayView Lodge, which had hosted a flotilla in previous years. While this event did not feature a tiki bar, drinks were available for purchase, but the mood was very community-minded and family-friendly.

Obituaries and Death Notices



Carol S. Riggs

Carol Susan Riggs, 74, passed away at her home on Saturday, June 30, 2018. You are invited to join the family in a Celebration of Life honoring Carol at 1 p.m. on Friday, July 27 at The Junction, 5536 Hwy 11 in International Falls. A lunch will be served. Carol was born on Oct. 3, 1943, in Des Moines, Iowa, to Donald and Patricia Wilson. On March 19, 1960, she married Stephen Jerry Riggs. They moved to Ash River Trail in 1962 where they operated the Sunset Resort with her parents. In 1975, Carol attended the first nursing program offered by Rainy River Community College. She then worked as a nurse at the Littlefork Hospital. In addition to this she wore many hats, such as

a mom to four children, a hockey coach, a release time teacher at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Orr, and a cook at Ash Ka Nam Resort. She then began her cake business called “Cake Creations by Carol”. She was well known from Orr to International Falls and in the surrounding area for her beautiful wedding cakes and gingerbread houses. In 1983, the family moved to International Falls where she continued creating her beautiful cakes. She was involved in many activities within St. Thomas Church, including as Church Choir director for several years. In 1992, Carol and her youngest son, Tim, opened Top Ten Video. She co-owned the video store until she retired in 2010. Carol enjoyed many activities, such as fishing, cooking, baking, spending time with her family, and helping raise her great-granddaughters, Crystal and Karina. Carol will be remembered by family and friends for her ability to teach, her activities in St. Thomas Church, her cakes, her quick humor, and as the “Movie Lady” who truly enjoyed those special Saturday Movie Nights

with her group of lady friends. Left to honor Carol’s memory are her brother, James (Tina) Wilson; children, Brenda Marquez, Daniel (Lisa) Riggs, Steve (Lisa) Riggs and Tim (Dianne) Riggs; eight grandchildren, Jonathan (Nikki) Marquez, Raquel (Angel) Sanchez, Katrina Marquez, Derrick Marquez, Nicole (Josh) Coates, Nathan Riggs, Justin Riggs and Jordan Riggs; six great-grandchildren, Crystal Marquez, Karina Marquez, Eli Marquez, Serenty Marquez and Ethyn Marquez. She was preceded in death by her parents, Donald and Patricia Wilson; sister, Marilyn Zieke; and husband, Stephen Jerry Riggs.

Deon L. Lasart

Deon Lynn Lasart, 69, of Embarrass, passed away on Friday, June 29, 2018, at Miller-Dwan Hospital in Duluth. Funeral services were held on Friday, July 6 at the Babbitt Evangelical Lutheran Church. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

Jack J. Zollar

Jack Jerome Zollar, 82, of Virginia, originally of Tower-Soudan, passed away on Friday, July 6, 2018, at Edgewood Vista in Virginia. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, July 11 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with Fr. Brandon Moravitz officiating. Burial was at Lakeview Cemetery in Tower. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home in Virginia. He is survived by his children, Lucia Snodgrass (Howard Parkhurst), Jacquelyn (Steven) Blaskey, Rebecca Filius (Doug Diedrich), James (Stephanie) Zollar and Patrick (Bethanie) Zollar; grandchildren, Jeremiah (LanaJo) Johnson, Jessica Johnson, Joseph (Janelle Perrizo) Johnson, Julia Johnson, Jordan Blaskey (fiancé Casie Moore), Stephanie Blaskey, Joshua Zollar, Tanya (Fred) Fielder, Christopher Braun, Alexander Zollar, Isabella Zollar, Courtney Wickham, Joshua Volk, William Zollar, Benedict Zollar and Grace Zollar; eighteen great-grandchildren; twin sister, Terese

Learn more about what you can do to help monitor area watersheds at Ely Naturalists Meeting on Wednesday

ELY- The Ely Field Naturalists present Nature Nights: Connecting with Conservation on Wednesday, July 18 at 7 p.m. in Classroom CL104 at Vermilion Community College. This program is free and designed to increase exploration and understanding of the natural environments of Northeastern Minnesota and all that lives here. Community Conservationist Becca Reiss will introduce the activities and resources of the North St. Louis County Soil and Water Conservation District (NSLSWCD). Located out of Virginia, the North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District is a local government agency that provides conservation and resource management services, especially to private landowners. Becca has lived and worked in Ely for many years and is working to expand awareness about the NSLSWCD’s programs and services especially in relation to the watersheds in which we live, work, and play.

Local churches host hog roast and concert benefit for area youth shelter

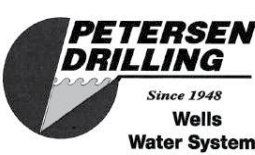
VIRGINIA- Local churches are coming together to raise money for the LSS Youth Shelter on the Range. This hog roast and music benefit, Changing Lives on the Range, will take place Wednesday, July 18 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Virginia from 5 - 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Lutheran churches of the Laurentian Conference in the Northeastern Minnesota Synod of the ELCA (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America), this benefit will bring people from many congregations and communities together for a memorable mid-summer evening of sharing food, live music and worship. The hog roast from 5 - 6:15 p.m. will feature live music from local favorite, the Hutter Bunch, and the Worship Band from Our Savior’s Lutheran Church of Hibbing, plus fun activities for families, including a Bounce House and Petting Zoo from Cook’s Country Connection. Dinner will highlight the celebrated hog-roasting talents of Scooby and Pastor Liz Cheney of Cook, with the hog slowly cooking all day on-site. The pork will be complemented by delicious sides, fruit, and samples of locally-brewed root beer from Pastor Andy Berry of Littlefork. A \$15 donation is suggested for dinner. The Worship from 6:30-7:30 p.m. will feature a mass choir.

Moraski; sisters, Marcella Rooney and Ruth Gottlieb; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Lorraine M. Jaeger

Lorraine Margaret Snell Jaeger, 87, of Babbitt, passed away on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, surrounded by family. A funeral service was held at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Babbitt on Monday, July 9. A celebration of life followed at the Junction Inn Convention Center. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely. She is survived by her husband, Frank; children, Connie (Curtis) Koivisto of Babbitt, Carleen (John) Flint of Grand Forks, N.D., Michael (Sandy) Jaeger of Babbitt, James (Kevin) Jaeger of Bloomington, Mary (Mark) Bodine of Babbitt and Rick (Theresa) Jaeger of Victoria; grandchildren, Jennifer (Tony)

Bee, Joseph (Chandra) Koivisto, Eric Flint, Karl Flint, Ryan (Robecca) Jaeger, Nicole Jaeger, Isabella Doheny, Kelly Bodine, Kari Bodine and Emily Jaeger; great-grandchildren, Aili, Else, Tracker, Abby, Hunter, Colton, Ashdon, Easton and Miikko; and sisters, Joan (Harold) Boege and Ena Eckert, both of Marcell.



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SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

Biologist hopes study will shed light on spruce grouse

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— They’ve been called “fool’s hens” or Canada grouse, and they’ve long been a resident species in much of northern Minnesota. And at a time when the ranges of many wildlife species are shifting along with climate change, Department of Natural Resources biologists are hoping a new study will give them a better handle on the habits and the haunts of this boreal species.

“It’s really amazing how

little we know about them,” said Charlotte Roy, a DNR biologist based in Grand Rapids who is heading up the study. “We’re hoping to develop methods to determine population trends and range changes,” Roy said. “We expect range changes in the species... we expect them to shift to the north.”

Roy has been working for four years just to develop a method to study spruce grouse, which spend much of their lives deep in the coniferous woods of northcentral

and northeastern Minnesota. As their name suggests, they favor spruce forests, but also do well in jack pine stands, where they survive during the winter months eating mostly conifer needles.

How many of them actually live in the state? That’s not at all clear, said Roy. Spruce grouse are easy to overlook in the forest, because they spend a lot more time in trees, usually in dense forests, and rarely flush when humans walk by. That can make them easy to overlook despite their size—

and that makes studying them or assessing their population in the state particularly difficult.

Determining the range of the species is somewhat easier. They can be found in the right habitat throughout the Arrowhead and, according to Roy, their range extends as far west as Red Lake. From there, the population dwindles pretty quickly as the forest transitions to prairie.

While the DNR does conduct hunter harvest

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A male spruce grouse displays.  
file photo



BOUNTIFUL NORTH COUNTRY

It’s a berry bonanza

Forget about Facebook— head to the woods. You’ll be glad you did

Verdant. I’ve always liked that word and it seems to well describe our northern forest this year. After two years with abundant summer rains, everything growing in the woods appears especially lush and productive.

It’s a banner year for just about every tree, shrub, or wildflower, from the red maples, which clogged our gutters with an awe-inspiring volume of seeds, to the berry crops now quickly ripening across the area. It’s the berries that have attracted my attention in the past week or so, as the upland blueberries are now close to peak. Blueberry bushes are ubiquitous in the North Country, but most go years without producing any viable quantity of berries. This year is the exception. Places where I’ve never stopped to pick before are just draped with plump berries right now. At the rate things are going, my wife Jodi and I may never even get to our secret spot, since we’re filling the freezer just picking around the house.

Besides, we’re going to need to make room for the juneberries, which are also growing in profusion. For those who don’t like bending and squatting over blueberry bushes, consider picking juneberries, instead, this year.

Here’s a tip... get an ice cream bucket and attach a strap around it that goes behind your neck so the bucket hangs in front of

Above: The blueberries are plump and ready in the uplands. Figure another week or so for the swamp berries.

Right: Juneberries are quickly ripening as well.

Below right: Ripe raspberries

photos by M. HelMBERger

you at belly-level. Then you can stand and pick with both hands.

Juneberries make a nice complement to blueberries for pies and fruit crisps. By themselves, blueberries can be pretty runny when baked, but adding a cup of juneberries to the mix helps to stiffen the final product a bit. Juneberries also have a slightly different taste that a lot of folks find appealing.

In most years, the juneberries are tough to come by since the birds and chipmunks usually get them before the rest of us. But with so many things growing in abundance, the chipmunks will probably be too fat to climb a juneberry bush. In any case, they won’t be able to get all of them this year.

The wild raspberries are also looking exceptional and they’ll be further ripening as we go through the month.

I know that the hardcore berry pickers don’t need me to tell them that it’s a bonanza out there. But for those occasional pickers who only like to pick when the picking’s good, this would be a year to get geared up, slather on the bug dope, and stock up for the winter. There’s nothing like a wild blueberry pie in January, after all. This year, you have no excuse for sitting on the couch. The berries aren’t going to get much better...



Wildflower Watch

This week’s featured flower  
SELFHEAL



This is a common member of the mint family, particularly in disturbed areas. **Selfheal**, *Prunella vulgaris*, is identified by its distinctive, thimble-like flower cluster, and its small, purple-to-bluish, snapdragon-like blooms. The stem is fuzzy, and it’s also square in cross-section, which is typical of mints.

It’s called Selfheal because it was commonly used as a folk remedy for a wide range of ailments.

Fishing reports

Ely area

The smallmouth bass action has been dominating the fishing scene in the Ely area for the past couple of weeks. Anglers are battling these hard fighting and aerobic fish on most any lake in the North Country. Whether you fish them on sub-surface baits such as soft plastic tubes, crawfish and crank baits, or on the surface with poppers, buzz baits, or plugs, the outcome remains the same, explosive action. Some of the bass are truly awesome, stretching out in over 21” of fury, weighing in at over six pounds.

Walleyes have been fairly co-operative, with many folks filling their stringers with nice keeper-size fish. Although there haven’t been near as many true bragging size fish, most anglers are happy just to take some home for the pan.

Northern pike in the forty-inch range are being caught on a regular basis. Many folks are using large crank baits or spinner baits to locate and land these toothy critters. Some are still relying on the tried and true method of just hanging a sucker minnow under a bobber to catch what could be a fish of a lifetime.

Rainbow trout have been falling for trolled spinners and diminutive crank baits fished anywhere from just below the surface, down to twenty feet, while others are just kicking back in the boat or on the shore with crawlers suspended under a bobber. Some rainbows that have been caught recently have exceeded twenty inches.

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

# Fishing reports

## Lake Vermilion

The fish all across Lake Vermilion are in their summer patterns and are very hungry with the warm water and large amounts of available forage.

Walleye fishing has been nothing short of fantastic with fish holding along almost every shoreline break and piece of mid-lake structure across the entire lake. The depths they are located in changes through out the day with the bright sunshine, but look in the 16' to 26' depths for your greatest success. Bottom bouncers and spinners tipped with a leech have been working well to cover a lot of ground in a short period of time while you target the most aggressive and biggest fish.

Using your electronics and side imaging to pinpoint what depth the biggest schools are located and then keeping your bait in that zone is key to a successful day on the water.

The muskie fishing over the past week has been the best of the year with fish being caught trolling the basins as well as casting the rocks. Large bull dawgs and other soft plastics have been working well.

There are still may fly hatches occurring daily, but the hatch is not as pronounced as it is in a normal year.

With this great weather and great fishing be sure to get out and enjoy the summer!

*Courtesy of Steve Krasaway and the Lake Vermilion Guides League*

## Kab-Nam area

As we head into mid-July we may be finally seeing a slow transition to more summer like fishing. Even though the mayfly hatch increased in intensity it didn't seem to affect the bite.

Some anglers are starting to find success on the mid-lake reefs, but they still seem to be inactive and scattered. The best walleye fishing is still found by working the wind but recently a little deeper, say 12'-25'. Personally, we found nice groups of active fish around island and shoreline points. Wind and soft bottom areas were still the key and that should stay consistent until the recent mayfly hatch subsides. Besides the depth change, you could refer to the last couple weeks fishing reports as it feels like not a lot has changed. We have had multiple weather fronts which are moving fish from one area

to another, but for the most part your technique should stay the same. Live bait rigs tipped with a leech or crawler have taken over unless you are heading down to Namakan where a jig and minnow are still producing. Larger northern pike are being caught and small mouth are still active along most shorelines.






As we turn the corner into mid-summer start checking your favorite berry patches. They are early this year as we were already picking our favorite spots last week. It looks to be a banner season as the ground was a sea of blue with berries everywhere. The horse flies and mosquitoes were out in force so don't forget the bug spray and headnets.

Let's keep the summer rolling and we'll see you soon!

*Courtesy Gateway General Store, Lake Kabetogama*

## LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather

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07/04	80	66	0.01		07/04	80	66	0.00		07/04	82	64	0.03		07/04	84	70	0.00		07/04	80	66	0.68	
07/05	83	59	0.42		07/05	82	61	0.75		07/05	84	60	0.36		07/05	73	59	0.00		07/05	84	57	0.36	
07/06	75	44	0.00		07/06	71	45	0.00		07/06	74	54	0.00		07/06	79	48	0.00		07/06	74	44	0.00	
07/07	81	47	0.00		07/07	80	45	0.00		07/07	80	55	0.00		07/07	84	61	0.00		07/07	79	61	0.00	
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Totals			10.44		Totals			10.56		Totals			14.12		Totals			NA	NA	Totals				10.71

## What's In YOUR BOATHOUSE?



by ROBERT MATSON  
Columnist

This week's featured boat is a 1956 Sea Fury, powered by a 1957 Johnson Javelin outboard and owned by Sue and Steve Slotness of Duluth.

Sue says that they had been looking for a classic boat for a long time. They searched all over the northland but came up empty. Then, they found one in Florida advertised on Craigslist and drove down immediately to see it. The owner never got around to restoring it and needed money for a roof repair. Sue says he cried when they hooked the boat to the car and then kissed the bow before they pulled away! Back in Minnesota they found a 1957 Johnson Javelin to go with the boat and then had it



totally restored.

There's not much information on these rare boats other than they were built in Ft. Lauderdale, Florida. This is what I call a "car boat" as it featured real tail lights and had fins, mimicking auto manufacturer styling trends of the day. Sue says they get smiles and thumbs up while cruising Pike Lake. She was kind enough

to mention that they bought my

book and thoroughly enjoyed it. Sadly, her husband's health has failed and they must give up the boat. You can see it on Craigslist as it is for sale.

*If you would like to see your boat featured here, contact Bob at 218-343-5719, or email at rcmely@frontiernet.net.*

## GROUSE..Continued from page 4B

surveys during the grouse season, the results provide only the roughest of estimates, and they've varied widely over the years, depending on how many ruffed grouse hunters are out in the woods. Hunters rarely target spruce grouse, which have a darker meat and a gamier taste than their much more delectable cousins, so they are most frequently shot by hunters due to misidentification.

Back in 2006, small game harvest data suggested that hunters harvested as many as 26,000 spruce grouse. In 2015, however, the estimate was as low as 9,856.

Whether those differences reflect a real change in the population is tough to tell, and without better data, Roy said it's difficult for the DNR to make management decisions regarding the species.

Currently, spruce grouse are a legal game species, but are also a species of special concern. Should new research document that they are becoming increasingly rare their status could eventually change.

Any such change is unlikely to happen any time soon. Roy said it could be a few years before she's gathered enough data to really be useful.



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

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

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

est cash bidder, in the lobby of said Sheriff's main office, 100 North Fifth Avenue West, Room 103, in the City of Duluth, Minnesota 55802, in St. Louis County on the 17th day of July, 2018 at 10:00 o'clock a.m. the fee simple interest that the above named Defendant/Judgment Debtor had in and to the real property, commonly known as 1147 Ring Rock Road, Ely, Minnesota, and herein-after legally described on the 19th day of January, 2016, that being the date of rendition of said judgment or any interest therein which said Defendant/Judgment Debtor Kurt Grotenhuis has since that day acquired the legal description of the real property being as follows, to wit:

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

according to the plat there-of 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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## NOTICE TO THE VOTERS OF BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP

The following offices are open for election at the November 6, 2018 General Election.

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the Town Clerk at the Bearville Town Hall, 13949 County Road 22, Bearville. phone: 376-4495, cell: 218-966-3941 between the hours of 5:00 p.m. and 9:00 p.m. beginning Tuesday, July 31, 2018 and ending at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 (hours on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 are 1:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.) for the offices of:

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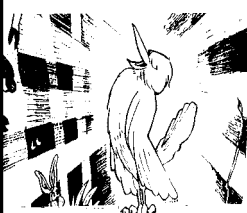
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1 Another name for Jesus  
9 Utterly failed  
15 Abounds  
20 Flattish Italian bread  
21 Salt with element #53  
22 Dot in the drink  
23 French president who never wore color-coordinated clothes?  
25 Being tried, in law  
26 Ship wood  
27 Not e'en a single time  
28 Advanced  
30 Whet  
31 Director Van Sant  
33 Caught a three-time Best Actor red-handed?  
38 Purplish red  
42 Aria, usually  
43 Analyzes, as syntax  
44 Frequent co-star of Humphrey Bogart who was fantastic?

47 Gospel group  
49 Musk of Tesla Motors  
50 Slippery  
51 "Eureka!"  
52 Phil of folk  
56 Enumerates  
58 Campaign creations  
59 "Die Hard" star dicing vegetables?  
63 Avenues: Abbr.  
64 Exude slowly  
66 Pure delight  
67 Tie together  
68 Issued an alert to a knighted composer of musicals?  
73 Evening bash  
75 Hankerings  
76 Italian for "it"  
77 Little devil  
80 Reclusive "Bonanza" star?  
83 Tolkien terror  
84 Put on hold  
86 Last name of Buffalo Bill  
87 Consents to  
88 Try to cure  
90 Boy, in Baja  
91 Weight unit

94 Legendary hockey player who's a native New Zealander?  
97 Harmonize  
100 Pal of Spot or Rover  
101 Consulate  
102 Promote the growth of the star of "The Last King of Scotland"?  
107 Gp. that lobbies  
108 Comic Buzzi  
109 Dunaway of "Network"  
110 Class book  
112 That woman  
115 Wading bird  
117 1954 Literature Nobelist after getting more uptight?  
123 Stock unit  
124 Salad plant  
125 Revere  
126 Talked up  
127 Scraped  
128 Fed eagerly

**DOWN**

1 "Behold!," to Cicero  
2 It needs grist  
3 Sir's counterpart  
4 "Six-pack" on a bodybuilder  
5 "Proly not"  
6 Forks, e.g.  
7 To be, to Proust  
8 Freight-filled  
9 With 120-Down, Wrigley's gum brand  
10 Mauna —  
11 U. URL end  
12 "I'm on it"  
13 Ran in park  
14 Pop singer — Marie  
15 — Maria  
16 She played the mom on "Good Times"  
17 Arm joints  
18 Nasty sort  
19 Underscore  
24 Bit of history  
29 Bit of errata  
31 Belgian city  
32 N.A. nation  
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40 Danger when landing a plane  
41 Flaming

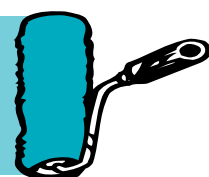
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47 Comrade of Fidel  
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53 Elucidates  
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57 More achy  
59 Carbon copy  
60 180s on the road  
61 Fly traps  
62 On the outs (with)  
65 Blood type, for short  
66 Hidden valley  
69 "Hello, hello?"  
70 Caustic cleansers  
71 "— to do it all over again ..."  
72 Musical run with four sharps  
73 Utah's capital, for short  
74 Hugs, on cards  
78 Café lists  
79 Official substitute  
81 Flier of myth

82 Scratch (out)  
83 Former Bruin Bobby  
85 Seminal '40s computer  
88 Received  
89 Enticing  
92 French for "a"  
93 Brand of spongy balls  
94 Sch. in Cambridge  
95 Org. on a toothpaste box  
96 Dubya's deg.  
97 From the top  
98 Stumper (Var.)  
99 High-heel feature  
100 Nasty sorts  
103 Desert rarity  
104 Spotted scavenger  
105 Afr. republic  
106 Christopher of film  
111 Comic book mutants  
112 Pirates' loot  
113 Not like a bit  
114 Gazed at  
116 Film director Demme  
118 Drink slowly  
119 Cain's mom  
120 See 9-Down  
121 Con opener?  
122 Dog's threat

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