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MADE IN AMERICA

Ely couple sews message for BWCAW

Wintergreen owners showcased
at White House's 'Made in America'

by **MARCUS WHITE**
Cook/Orr Editor

ELY - Ely shop owners Sue and Paul Schurke were shocked last week by a call from the White House. "I ignored it for a whole day," Sue said. "Paul said it was the real deal and we responded in the last hour of the 24-hour window. Had it just been me, I may not have paid any attention to it."

Sue and Paul Schurke joined U.S. Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross at the White House on Monday for the "Made in America" showcase that highlighted items made in this country. submitted photo

The couple, owners of Wintergreen Northern Wear in Ely, were selected by the Trump administration to present their wares at a "Made in America" showcase at the White House this past Monday. "I looked at it as an

honor," Sue said. "People asked why we could go if we weren't Trump supporters. I didn't want it to be political; I thought it was really cool just to go."

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UP NORTH

The blueberry is king in Ely this weekend

Festival marks 38 years,
30,000 visitors expected

by **KEITH VANDERVORT**
Ely Editor

ELY - A bountiful crop of blueberries in the North Country are ripening just in time for the 38th annual Blueberry/Art Festival in Ely. Three days of arts and crafts, music, and lots of food featuring the ubiquitous blueberry, start on Friday July 27 and run through Sunday. Ely's premier festival draws nearly 30,000 people searching for unique and one-of-a-kind arts and crafts. Whiteside Park is bursting with over 300 artists and crafters who create work ranging from breathtaking



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to whimsical. "Our juried art and craft show features a wide range of watercolor paintings and oil paintings of varied subjects, beautiful pottery, a large variety of jewelry from silver-smith items to exquisite beadwork, wood furniture using marquetry to rustic reclaimed items, photography, quilts and home textiles, original one-of-a

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The Ely Blueberry Art/Festival has focused on all things blueberry for the past 38 years. A bountiful crop in the northland this year makes for a special event this weekend in Whiteside Park in Ely. A young blueberry pancake eater, shown at right, enjoyed his stack during last year's celebration. file photos



SULFIDE MINING

PolyMet land swap derailed

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**
Managing Editor

WASHINGTON — Members of a U.S. Senate-House conference committee have eliminated a provision that would have cleared the way for completion of a land exchange between PolyMet Mining and the U.S. Forest Service. Eighth District Congressman Rick Nolan and Sen. Tina Smith, both Minnesota Democrats, had successfully added the provision as a rider to the National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) earlier this year. The measure was among a laundry list of provisions designed to supersede longstanding federal land management and environmental policy, including weakening of the Endangered Species Act and shortening environmental review for new mining projects. "Democrats successfully prevented the inclusion of numerous toxic environmental riders in

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ABOUT OUR NEWSPAPER

Marcus White joins the Timberjay staff

TOWER — Marcus White is a new full-time editor/reporter at the *Timberjay*. While he will be based out of our Tower office, his beat will focus on Cook and Orr, including reporting on North Woods Grizzlies sports, as well as the St. Louis County School District. He'll also be handling a wide

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Marcus White

Timberjay in national journalism spotlight

REGIONAL — The nation's best-known and most respected publication on the media has turned its spotlight on the *Timberjay* this week, with a feature story focusing on the investigative reporting efforts of publisher Marshall HelMBERGER. *The Columbia Journalism Review's* story, "The *Timberjay* takes on the nation's most heated mining battle," hit the publication's website on Wednesday this week. Much of the story focuses



on the region's copper-nickel mining debate, particularly over Twin Metals, which has garnered national headlines over the past year or so. "But no publication has covered it with the depth or tenacity of *The Timberjay*," writes Stephanie Pearson, who wrote the story for the Review. "While

national publications tend to flare emotions by focusing on the "us v. them mentality" of the Iron Range, HelMBERGER drills down on the facts of the increasingly unethical federal process and the economic and environmental realities of what the new mine may bring." The story also highlights the *Timberjay's* longstanding battle with corporate behemoth Johnson

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

IWC's Wildlife Career Day on Aug. 4

ELY- Are you interested in science, biology or working with wildlife? Join the International Wolf Center's Wildlife Career Day on Saturday, Aug. 4 and meet local biologists, conservation officers, veterinarians and animal caretakers. You'll get a special behind-the-scenes tour to learn more about our wolves and even create an enrichment activity for our wolves to try. Wrap up your day by watching our wolves eat their weekly meal at What's for Dinner? The fee for the program is \$40. The registration deadline is Saturday, July 28. To register, or for more information, visit <http://bit.ly/wildlifecareers>.

Taste of Slovenia in Ely on Saturday, Aug. 4

ELY- The Ely Chapter Slovenian Union of America will hold its "Taste of Slovenia" at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely on Saturday, Aug. 4 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The event will showcase Slovenian traditions in America, featuring making and tasting Slovenian soups, sausages, vegetables, breads, and of course, potica. An admission fee of \$10 will cover 12 tastings.

To complete the day, please join us at Amici's Event Center from 6 – 8 p.m. that evening for a free "Age-to-Age" family cultural event with polka music, dancing, and food.

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.

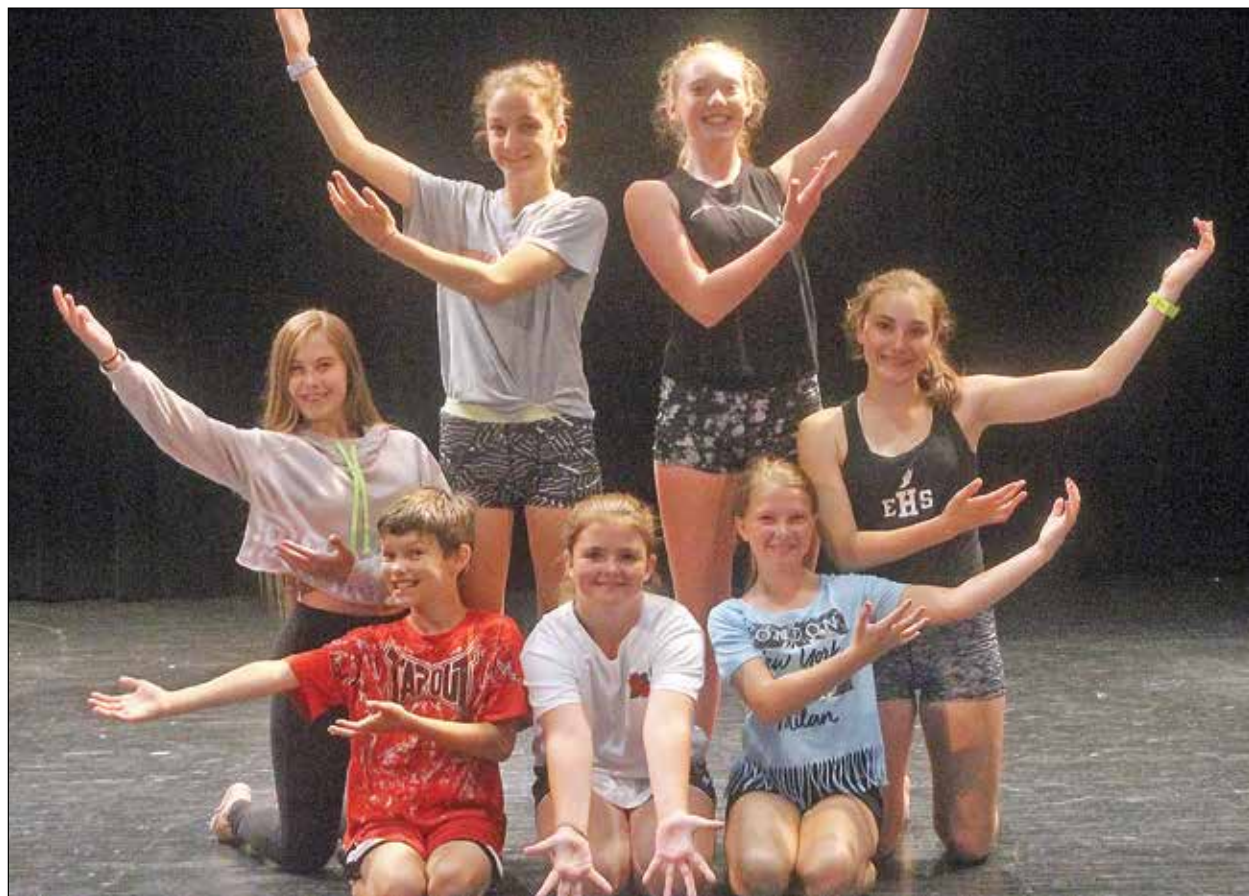
Any questions, contact Louise Gately at 218-753-2577 or 515-229-8757.

North Star Stampede Rodeo begins on Friday, July 27

EFFIE- The 63rd Annual North Star Stampede in Effie will get underway on Friday, July 27 at 5 p.m. and July 28-29 at 2 p.m. rain or shine. There is a full slate of contestants from throughout the United States. We will be bucking over 50 broncs and 60 bulls plus hundreds of timed event over the weekend. Fast Freddy Waltz from Hudson, Wis., will provide the comedy. Camping is available but everyone in the campground must purchase a three-day pass. For more information, call 218-743-3893. The rodeo grounds are located at 68270 County Rd. 5 in Effie.

REFLECTIONS ON WATER

Multimedia dance performance Aug. 3-4



Front (from left): Rhys Truty, Sadie Rechichi, and Charlotte Hegman. Kneeling in the back are Lauren Olson and Kelly Thompson. Standing in the back are Phoebe Helms and Cora Olson.

Photo by K. Vandervort

by **KEITH VANDERVORT**
Ely Editor

ELY – The Northern Lakes Arts Association will present a unique production next month incorporating local dancers, musicians, poets, photographers, videographers, and artists.

Reflections on Water will be performed on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 3-4, at 7 p.m. at the Vermilion Community College Fine Arts Theater.

"The show will feature dance pieces inspired by the theme of water and the integral place it serves in our lives," said Molly Olson, choreographer for the production. One piece will also be choreographed by her daughter, Cora.

Collaboration with other local experienced people in the community includes Peter Kess working with lighting and set design, Autumn Cole as the costumer, and visual art. A backlit projector will be utilized to display images and videos that evoke the feelings of various water bodies and experiences. Poetry will be read to evoke feelings inspired by water. A unique art exhibit will be on display in the lobby during

the show as well as featuring pieces from local artists inspired by water.

Under the direction of Irene Hartfield several local musicians will accompany the dance performances live, along with pre-recorded music. Joey Kenig (guitar), Andy Messerschmidt (percussion), and Lynn Evenson (bass, cello) comprise the band, and the choir members are Lyle Sauls (soprano), Sarah Mason (soprano), Cora Martorelli (alto), Karin Schmidt (alto), Erin Bremner (tenor), David Wigdahl (tenor), Justin Lindgren (bass), and Greg Mann (bass).

The local group Accidental Ensemble will be premiering a composition created just for this production by composer Michael Maiorana. Members of Accidental Ensemble include Keiko Williams (violin), Nina VanGelder (flute) and Nancy McManus (clarinet). Michael is a recipient of an Artist Initiative grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board. This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund.

"The project has a trio of cycles

that will be tied together," Olson said. "Water, life, and the four seasons are all interwoven in the pieces. The first act will begin with birth in the bogs and swamps, moving through streams, rivers, lakes, and rainstorms into summer which will feature a large production number with many dancers at the lake enjoying playing in and around the water. The second act will delve into love, loss, and melancholy surrounding water and rivers during fall before going into a deep freeze of winter. Finally, the snow will melt and the final piece will celebrate the peacefulness of water, its healing power, and place in spirituality."

The dancers include Tom Bennett, Bella Davis, Aila Harding, Charlotte Hegman, Phoebe Helms, Johnnie Hyde, Kasha Hyde, Carmen Nelson, Cora Olson, Elijah Olson, Lauren Olson, Molly Olson, Gracie Pointer, Sadie Rechichi, Amelia Strom, Andrea Strom, Kelly Thompson, and Rhys Truty.

This event is made possible in part by a grant from the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust as well as a Cool and Creative Grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council.

EAGLES NEST

Mock evacuation drill set for Aug. 11

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**
Managing Editor

EAGLES NEST TWP— In a township full of narrow, dead-end roads, what would happen if disaster struck? Like a raging wildfire, a powerful and damaging storm, or some other kind of destructive event?

Emergency responders from Tower to Ely will be mobilized for a mock evacuation drill here on Saturday, Aug. 11, to try to answer that question and test their readiness, with the help of 50-60 resident families in the township who have agreed to participate in the exercise.

"Our scenario is a wildfire burning into the area," said Eagles Nest Fire Chief and Emergency

Manager Larry McCray. Residents along Minnesota Boulevard, and Norway, Walsh, and Migisi roads will be evacuated as part of the drill.

The township already has an emergency plan, including designated "ambassadors" on each of the township's roads. In the event of emergency or the need for evacuation, the fire chief sends information or evacuation to the ambassadors, who then inform everyone on their road before reporting back to the chief.

The system worked well, said McCray, following the June 29 derecho that hit the township particularly hard, leaving many roads choked with downed trees. "The ambassadors contacted us about road conditions after the storm, which

meant we could more efficiently dispatch work groups where they were needed."

With the Aug. 11 drill, McCray says, "we just want to find the weak spots."

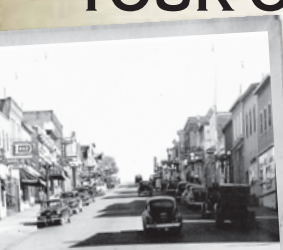
During the drill, the evacuated families will be asked to come to the Eagles Nest Town Hall to check in for accountability purposes and receive information on where to go.

The drill runs from 10 a.m.-noon and will include emergency responders from Tower, Breitung, Ely, St. Louis County, the U.S. Forest Service, and the Department of Natural Resources as well as Eagles Nest.



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TECHNOLOGY DEPENDENCE

Hey Siri, how do I get to Ely?

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL—Ely may be at the end of the road, but at least it's a paved road.

That's a subtlety apparently lost on a surprising number of motorists who have found themselves directed by their phones onto Six Mile Lake Road in recent weeks, despite the opening of the newly-realigned Hwy. 169 between Tower and Ely. They've been following the direction of online mapping applications such as Apple Maps on iPhones and Google Maps on Android smartphones and it's left many of them with damaged vehicles or, literally, stuck in the mud.

Bob Reichensperger, owner of Bob's Service and Towing in Tower, said he knows of at least six cars that have been stuck on Six Mile Lake Road, although local residents on the rough

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Above: Residents along Six Mile Lake Road posted this sign near the entrance to Hwy. 169 in hopes of discouraging motorists who have been following their phones rather than their common sense.

Right: The road deteriorates into deep mud in places, which has left some motorists stuck.

M. Olberhelman



POST OFFICE CONSOLIDATION

Winton loses its Post Office

Council to meet to plan for its future

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

WINTON—“Sorry to inform all Winton residents and postal customers, but we are no longer a Contract Post Office.” That surprising statement on the Facebook page of the Fat Chicken Feed Store and Greenhouse was posted last Wednesday afternoon.

“We were forced to choose between our current postal jobs and the Contract Post Office,” said Bret and Jennifer Janeksela. “We couldn’t do both under a clause in the contract. I am sure going to miss each and every one of you. It was a great 17 years.”

That short and bitter news hit

the community of Winton like an earthquake last week. “I had four hours to make up my mind about keeping the Post Office going for Winton or giving up my job as a postal carrier in Ely,” Janeksela said on Monday. “It was a tough decision and it broke my heart, but I came to terms with it. I feel really terrible for the community.”

According to Janeksela, he was informed last Wednesday morning that retaining the contract for the Post Office at his business and working as a mail carrier is a conflict of interest and doing both activities is not allowed under U.S. Postal

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Winton postmaster Bret Janeksela outside the Winton Post Office, which closed last week. K. Vandervort

ELY SCHOOLS

Board gets serious about facility projects

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Following a lengthy discussion on planning to improve and connect the school buildings at the ISD 696 campus Monday night, the Ely School Board came to the conclusion that they will need professional consultation and engineering expertise to help them successfully navigate their way through a project that could cost at least \$1 million and perhaps as much as \$6 million.

A part-time superintendent who has many hats to wear just running the school district, an impending retirement of the 30-year veteran who oversees the district's facilities operation and transportation services, and the possibility of as many as three new faces on the school board after elections this fall presents many challenges for the Ely School Board who will likely need to convince taxpayers to approve a referendum to help fund the building improvements.

Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson reviewed a

10-year-old school building evaluation from Foster Jacobs and Johnson and Northland Consulting Engineers with board members this week that just skimmed the surface of what could be involved in adding more gymnasium space, renovating the kitchen and cafeteria, possible rerouting of utilities, demolishing the former steamplant and connecting the three campus buildings with the required ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) access.

Board members barely touched on the issues of inadequate exterior wall insulation in the historic buildings, cold-water showers in the girls locker room, and freezing toilets in the elementary school, all brought to the front burner earlier this month by Board Chair Ray Marsnik.

Completed in 2008, when board members at that time were considering vacating the unused JFK building and improving the heating plant, the report stated, “The opinions of probable cost include work to increase the thermal

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Briefly

Tower council meeting postponed

TOWER— A special meeting of the Tower City Council was postponed due to a lack of a quorum on

Monday. Only two of the five members of the council were able to attend.

The meeting has been rescheduled for Monday, July 30, at 5:30 p.m.

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OPINION

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Editorial

What the president knew

Trump was presented with detailed evidence of a Russian attack. Why does he still pretend otherwise?

“Two weeks before his inauguration, Donald J. Trump was shown highly classified intelligence indicating that President Vladimir V. Putin of Russia had personally ordered complex cyberattacks to sway the 2016 American election.

“The evidence included texts and emails from Russian military officers and information gleaned from a top-secret source close to Mr. Putin, who had described to the C.I.A. how the Kremlin decided to execute its campaign of hacking and disinformation.”

This was the lede of a story in last week’s *New York Times*, which detailed the depth of intelligence that the country’s top officers provided to Donald Trump in the days before his inauguration.

The implications of the story are stunning, particularly in the wake of President Trump’s jaw-dropping press conference in Helsinki.

Donald Trump, since before taking office, has known, beyond almost any doubt, that Russian President Putin ordered his own military and their operatives to interfere in the U.S. elections in 2016. He has since been told by intelligence officials that he appointed that the Russians intend to continue, and likely intensify, their efforts to disrupt America’s democratic processes. He knows, in effect, that the Russian government waged and continues to wage an attack on America designed to undermine the very essence of its democracy.

Armed with such evidence, has Trump put America first and called out Putin for his aggressive and intentional efforts to undermine this country?

Quite the opposite. Despite the powerful evidence, Donald Trump has chosen to conduct his own disinformation campaign for the past 18 months, repeatedly and derisively dismissing any investigation into Russian interference as a “witch hunt” sparked by unhappy Democrats and their supporters in the “Deep State.”

There is no question that Donald Trump wants the story of Russian interference to go away, since he clearly understands that it has the effect of de-legitimizing his presidency.

But a president who puts America first defends the country and its institutions over the legitimacy of his election victory. In continuing to obfuscate, misdirect, and lie about the Russian interference, Trump exposes himself as unfit for

the presidency. He is putting his own interests, even his own vanity, over the interests of the country he has sworn to protect.

What is even more disturbing is the degree to which his supporters, particularly those in Congress, have been willing to look the other way as Trump sells out America’s democracy to Mr. Putin. Even in the wake of Trump’s unequivocal siding with Putin in Helsinki, too many GOP members of Congress were willing to accept the naked emperor’s new clothes when he tried to “clarify” his remarks the following day.

Yet Trump didn’t err in his comments regarding his view of Russian interference. When he said, “I don’t see why it would be Russia,” that is exactly what he meant to say. Had Trump actually mis-spoken, as he falsely claimed, his staff would have issued the clarification immediately following the Helsinki press conference. Even members of his own staff were left gasping by his comment.

It was only the following day, after it became clear that his open display of fealty to President Putin had created a firestorm at home, which even his defenders on Fox News urged him to correct, that Trump invented the claim that he had meant to say something else.

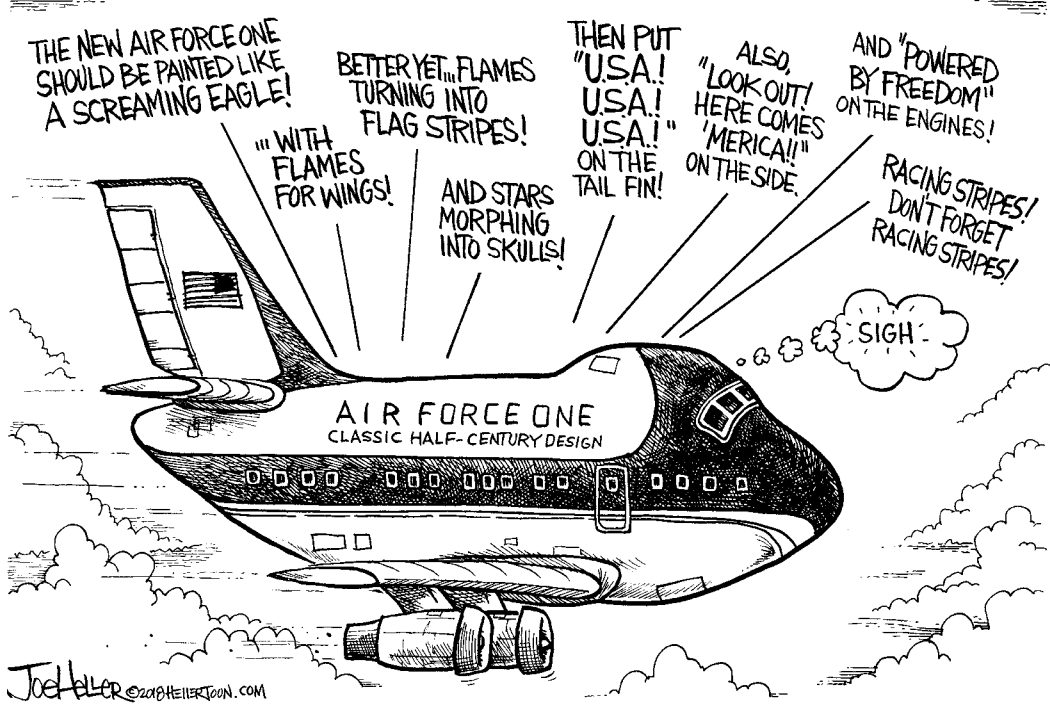
Let’s put this clearly. No one but a willing fool, or a GOP Congressperson who cowers before his or her political base, believes the President misspoke.

Which means, despite the fact that Trump has seen the detailed intelligence that documents Putin’s interference in the U.S. elections, he remains unwilling to admit it or to challenge the Russian president over it. He comes across as utterly dishonest, simpering, and weak.

The only remaining question is: Why?

Is President Trump so vain that he will never admit that his election victory exists under a cloud, no matter the cost to the country and the integrity of its future elections? Or does Putin truly have compromising information on the U.S. President, that he is leveraging to have his way with Trump?

Now that we know what Trump really knows about the Russian interference, his refusal to act is all the more astonishing. And his efforts to misrepresent and interfere in the ongoing investigation amount to obstruction of justice. The questions just keep getting more troubling.



Letters from Readers

Radinovich reflects working class values

The time has come to face reality and hold the NRA/Republicans accountable in the August primary and the November General election. Please vote for the Democratic candidates. That’s the best bet for our, and our children’s future. It’s pretty clear now.

A good example is in our Minnesota Eighth Congressional District race, a seat now held by retiring Rick Nolan. The NRA/Republican candidate, Peter Stauber, is an extreme right-wing supporter of Donald Trump. Nobody with any common sense can say that is good for our future.

I’ve followed this race closely, attending forums, meet and greets, and presentations by all of the DFL candidates. I’m voting for Joe Radinovich in the Aug. 14 primary. Radinovich possesses the strong working class values, an extraordinary knowledge of the issues and the political skill that we need to represent us in Congress. He’s interesting to listen to because he’s got the ability to speak and answer questions in depth on every issue. That takes thorough work. Radinovich reminds me of the seriousness and honesty of our former Congressman Jim Oberstar.

Radinovich can win and he will do a job in Congress that we can be proud of. We need that now.

**Lee Peterson
Greenwood Township**

Paul McDonald is a person of integrity

I am a retired taconite miner who worked 40 years as a hard rock miner.

I’m writing in support of Paul McDonald’s campaign to be the next St. Louis County Commissioner from the 4th District.

Paul has exhibited strength in bringing people together. An example has been his successful Junior College coaching career. His most successful and important coaching has been the friendship, mentoring, guidance, and structure he has provided

to the students at Vermilion Community College. He is a natural communicator who has the gift of team building.

Paul’s great-grandfather emigrated from Croatia and worked in the natural ore and taconite mines. Paul is a supporter of copper nickel mining and the thousands of living wage jobs that this industry will provide to northeastern Minnesota. He has attended rallies/ hearings in Aurora and Ely in support of proposed copper nickel mining projects. There is a possibility that he was the only candidate at the hearings and rallies.

Paul will strive to improve the economy of St. Louis County and is well connected throughout the region and state. He will establish rapport with the other county commissioners and will work to establish a better working relationship with the other county commissioners. He believes in common goals/ common sense and can be trusted to make quality decisions.

Paul is a person of integrity who treats everyone with respect and dignity and is a wonderful listener. His only special interest is you the constituent.

**Anthony M. Colarich
Ely**

Here’s why I support Dan Manick

I’m supporting Dan Manick for St. Louis County Commissioner District 4 because I believe he has proven that he has the best interests of our community, our children, and our local jobs.

Let me explain. Dan has been a pillar of the Cook community for many years. Whether it has been as his role in public office for City Council or being involved in the Recreation Board, Dan has always stepped up to help our small community move forward.

In support of our kids, Dan has proven he has done this time and time again. Whether it’s his 25 years of coaching local kids in baseball or helping by being our voice as a school board member for St. Louis County, Dan has delivered. On any given night

you will find Dan and his family at a ball game supporting his local teams, whether it is basketball, football, baseball or volleyball. Dan has made an impact in many of our young individuals’ lives.

On the topic of jobs, as a union worker for 35 out of 41 years he has been in the workforce, Dan will deliver. I have personally seen the passion Dan has for working people, as he was on the bargaining committee for the last two contract negotiations for the Koochiching County Highway Department negotiations. Dan fights for workers’ rights and wants his fellow co-workers to be treated fairly.

I have also seen Dan speak on behalf of our future jobs in the mining and timber industries. Dan knows the importance of these jobs for the survival of our small communities, in which he has continually tried to advance.

I hope you will agree that Dan Manick does have what it takes to be our next County Commissioner for District 4. Let him prove that a blue-collar worker from a small community can help lead, for everyone’s best interest. Vote for Dan on Aug. 14.

**Dan Snidarich
Area Business
Representative
I.U.O.E. Local 49**

Why did recount take three attempts?

On the issue of the cost of the March recount in Greenwood, Mr. Stoehrer and Mr. Bassing both called for the recount, which they had the legal right to do, because of the vote tally.

Was a recount necessary? I believe not. Our election judges and voting machines don’t lie and that was proven at the recount. The vote tally was the same as the March election results. Why did it take three times? You know the answer to that. End of conversation. Build a bridge and get over it.

**Byron Beihoffer
Greenwood Township**

You don’t know what you’ve got ‘til it’s gone

In July of 2001, my son received an acceptance letter from the Perpich Center for the Arts in Golden Valley, a public high school for artistically gifted students from across the state. It was his dream come true, to enter the music program and finish his junior and senior



**KATHLEEN
MCQUILLAN**

years in the Twin Cities.

To his parents, this meant moving him 250 miles away, handing him over to the care of strangers, taming all of our anxieties over how a kid from the town of Cook would fare with all the stimulation (and temptations)

of the “big city.” We agreed that those fears, real and imagined, warranted some “quality time.” It was decided. When the initial shock and thrill of the news had subsided, we enlisted him into “basic training” — a two week camping trip with Sergeant Mom.

We pulled the mothballed 1984 Ford Van from its weedy berth beside the garage. While John made a thorough inspection and made mechanical adjust-

ments and repairs, my son and I made our packing lists. This was going to be an adventure! With our Rand McNally Road Atlas of the U.S. on the seat between us, we pointed the van west to see how far we could get in two weeks. We agreed, “No interstate highways and no fast food.” I insisted we shake on it.

Our first destination would be Itasca State Park. Here, he practiced his skills at starting a fire in the rain and discovered the

pleasures of a steamy summer hike in full rain gear. From there we headed for South Dakota. At some point, I noticed that we were encountering growing numbers of motorcyclists. It suddenly dawned on me that we were nearing Sturgis.... in August.... the rally! Dare I add Sturgis to our itinerary?

Having never been there myself, how could I say “no”

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to what might be a once in a lifetime opportunity. Corey was game.

In my naïvete, I had no idea what thousands of bikers, of every description, congregated in a town that, for decades, had completely turned itself over to the whims of non-conforming, freedom-seekers out to have a really good time. Here my innocent son's eyes were opened to what that looks and feels like. As strange and worrisome as it seemed at times, it became the perfect "teachable moment" to open the discussion about "temptations," an item to check off on the boot-camp list of Things to Cover. And in our case, more relevant than how to start

a fire in the rain.

From the beauty of the Black Hills, we targeted Yellowstone as our next stop, and then on to Montana before determining that it was time to head back east to Minnesota. No hurry, of course. Many less renowned places, people and things along the way to explore together for the obvious lessons, and the less obvious, as well. The entire trip was absolutely fantastic! But one thing I haven't mentioned yet, an important underlying aspect of this amazing and productive experience, was that it took place all the while in the throes of a region-wide drought.

Once we left Itasca State Park, we didn't

encounter a single drop of rain. Not one place we camped allowed us to light a campfire. The air was scorchingly hot and very dry. In Wyoming, people were buying 400 gallon tanks of water and rationing it carefully. I recall one family we met had four teenaged children. The parents were describing the feuds over how often and for how long each could shower. I remember my son remarking afterwards, "Wow, am I glad we don't have that problem!" I thought, "Yes, the things we take for granted."

Miles and miles, state after state, for two weeks, as we imagined a life of sheep farming in these

beautiful sage-covered valleys, awesome vistas and big sky, we kept returning to the reality of having no water. Despite the picture postcard beauty of the West, we agreed that we were the lucky ones with our big lakes, rivers, rice beds and black spruce swamps. The message was clear. With our abundant water, there was no place like northern Minnesota!

Seventeen years later, the value of the trip continues to pay off. In those two short weeks, my son got a glimpse into how big and varied the world is beyond the borders of his little town. He has coped well with the independence and freedom he discovered away from his mom and

dad's watchful eyes. He learned to make lists, set goals, and actually arrive at his destination. Perhaps most important of all, he notices and appreciates what he has. He seems to understand the meaning of "privilege."

Funny thing is, I learned the same things right alongside him, especially the last part about appreciating what we have. And more specifically, the water part! Voyageurs National Park. The Boundary Waters Wilderness. The Great Lakes and all the watersheds and aquifer that feed them. The mighty Mississippi that begins right here in our own Itasca State Park. We, the people

of Minnesota, are specially privileged to be the stewards of all this water, one of the largest fresh water reservoirs in the world. We are lucky. We are blessed. Let's not blow it.

Now, when over half of our state's fresh water supply is polluted beyond remedy, or nearly so, this is not the time to take a chance of ruining the clean water we are still fortunate enough to have. Clean water must always be protected. Because, water is life! This isn't just a slogan. It's a truth that was driven home with my son and me in 2001, and inarguably the most important one of our entire trip — one we should never forget.

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resistance of the exterior walls and roofs. These costs would be optional and should be considered carefully during the design process if the projects move forward."

Referring to both the Washington and Memorial buildings, the report said, "As is typical of a building of this vintage, there is essentially no insulation in the exterior envelope of the building."

"The recommendation at that time was to insulate the walls from the inside with a gypsum or insulating board which would have added a hugely significant cost," Abrahamson said.

Marsnik gave a brief history of the struggles encountered in getting a referendum passed to replace the heating system at the time. The first referendum in 2010, asking for a new heating system along with additional money for roofing, plumbing and electrical upgrades, was defeated. The next year, a \$3.3 million referendum asking for just the new heating system, was approved by almost 70 percent.

Many facilities improvement projects have been completed on the school buildings in the past eight years, including major projects like a new roof and windows for the Washington building, demolition of the JFK

building, new drain tiling and wall repair for the Industrial Arts building, new clock, phone and auditorium sound systems, a new playground, and electrical system upgrades.

Long-term facilities planning is ongoing, including a new roof for the Memorial building, continued window replacement in the Washington building, demolition of the old boiler plant, parent drop-off and parking lot repair, and yearly electrical system upgrades.

Board member Scott Kellerman said he is a big proponent of keeping the historic buildings. "But we have to take care of them," he said.

Abrahamson said the upcoming School Safety Grant funding application process from the Minnesota Department of Education allows for up to \$500,000 per school. "Katie (Hildenbrand) from ARI (Architectural Resources Inc.) suggested that we apply for all of it to connect the buildings," he said. "If it's a million-dollar project, ask for a half-million, and it cuts the cost in half."

Marsnik agreed with the reasoning. He stressed, "Connecting the buildings has been a top priority of everyone here."

The minimal building connection project would include just enclosed hallways between the

buildings with required ADA access provisions. Abrahamson said there are a number of options on where and how to connect the buildings and the \$1 million price tag is just a "ball-park" figure.

"Kids walking outside is a big security issue," Marsnik asserted.

School board member Tom Omerza attempted to provide a summary of the discussion. "To me, we are spending a couple of hours on this a month and it needs way more than that. We're talking about putting in new stuff. We're talking about fixing old stuff. We're talking about addressing grants and funding opportunities. To me this needs many hours a week. We have a part-time superintendent that doesn't have the time. I think we need to think about finding someone to move this forward for us," he said.

He added that with any plan to put a referendum in front of voters in 2020, discussing the issue for a couple of hours each month is inadequate. "I think we need to task someone to help us," Omerza said.

Marsnik threw his support behind the proposal. "I think we need a professional. We need an engineer. I'm a school teacher, not an engineer. I need advice from somebody," he said.

Abrahamson said the cost of a consultant is typically about eight percent of the cost of the project.

Omerza suggested allowing regional consulting firms to present their consulting proposals, rather than just relying on the ideas from ARI. "There are others, like JPJ (JPJ Engineering, Inc. Hibbing) that would probably like the opportunity, given the size of this project," he said.

Board members also discussed a job description for the position of Transportation and Facilities Director, in anticipation of the retirement of Jeff Jankowski, who has served in that capacity for the past 30 years. He has not committed to a retirement date as of this week.

Special meeting

In a special meeting following the study session Monday night, board members released a summary of the recent evaluation of the district superintendent. It showed that Abrahamson "met or exceeded board expectations and met most progress indicators."

The evaluation summary also said, "The development of a strong cohesive administrative team along with keeping the board informed with appropriate, regular communication so it may

perform its responsibilities and make informed decisions stood out as major strengths. Leadership and direction with future facility planning and doing the job on a part-time basis are potential challenges as we move forward."

In other business, the board took the following action:

► Hired Elizabeth Townsend for the full-time special education teacher

position;

► Accepted the resignation of Kristin Mattila from her paraprofessional and media center clerk positions and hired her as the full-time media specialist;

► Accepted the resignation of Alyce Dusich from the part-time cafeteria aide position;

► Approved the Long-Term Facilities Maintenance plan.

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and rugged road say it's been many more than that.

"Once you get down there, you just can't back up," he said. Three cars have been pulled off the roadway in recent weeks by his tow truck.

Michael Kalnbach, Assistant District Engineer with MnDOT, said the agency is aware of the problem, and has sent requests to Apple to have the app updated.

As of the *Timberjay's*

presstime, however, Apple had not yet updated its map. Apple did not return a request for comment.

Google maps has updated its program and no longer directs travelers onto Six Mile Lake Road.

While urging the tech firms to fix their programs, Kalnbach said, it's not just the app at fault for the unintentional detours, and drivers should be attentive to their surroundings and not "blindly listening"

to what their device tells them.

"It's a little disappointing to me that folks would turn off from a new section of road onto a narrow section of gravel road to get to Ely," Kalnbach said. "We've never encountered something like this before."

Apple isn't the only app with a routing problem along the Hwy. 169. Kalnbach said Google Maps still had drivers using

their map app routed along the old alignment which went out of disuse earlier this summer.

To remedy the situation, MnDOT placed a "Road closed to through traffic" sign earlier this week at Six Mile Lake Road. Whether that will stem the flow of misdirected drivers remains to be seen.

in town here," he said.

Jankesela said he has no idea what will happen to mail service in Winton. "The city council can discuss it and come up with what they want, but ultimately, the decision will be made by the Postal Service and we will all have to live with it."



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Service regulations. Janet Jankesela recently took over Postmaster duties at the Soudan Post Office.

"For me, it was a no-brainer. I have to keep my job as a carrier," Jankesela said on Monday. "Having the Post Office contract was never about the money. I've been doing this for the past 17 years. It worked out to about \$24 a day for us. I did this for our community. Losing this contract made me feel like I let the village down. It will be an adjustment for everybody."

For the foreseeable future, Winton residents will pick up their mail

in Ely.

A letter from Ely Postmaster Susan Maki, posted in the window of the Fat Chicken says, "Until further notice, all POB (Post Office Box) mail will be held at the Ely PO for pickup. In the next few days you will be informed of future plans and all available options regarding Post Office Box and Retail service. We apologize for this inconvenience."

The Winton City Clerk Anne Jackson said on Friday, "A special public meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 25, at 6 p.m. at the Community

Center to discuss postal service options."

City council member Adam Masloski said last Friday that the city's hands are tied in what they can do. "A (Contract Post Office) must be located in a place of business in the city and must be open six days a week. We don't have many businesses here. We can't have a Post Office where alcohol is sold. The only other business here is a plumbing shop. They're not open on Saturdays. It seems like the best thing to do is to have boxes set up at one location or various locations so residents can at least pick up their mail

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Radinovich caught up in Nolan campaign scandal

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Joe Radinovich got engaged one day last week—he just couldn’t remember when. Political campaigns are always a whirlwind, but this past week was a month’s worth of hectic rolled into five days so Radinovich could probably be forgiven the momentary lapse.

First there was the engagement, to former state Rep. and current St. Louis County prosecutor Carly Melin. Then his father had a heart attack (he’s okay), followed immediately by a breaking news story about sexual harassment in the office of Congressman Rick Nolan, that caught Radinovich in the crossfire.

It was a reminder that life has a way of intervening into the best laid plans, including a campaign for the Eighth District congressional seat.

But back to politics and that sexual harassment story. According to a number of former female staffers interviewed by the highly-regarded online news site Minnpost, a longtime Nolan policy aide, Jim Swiderski, engaged in a pattern of sexual harassment, including groping, targeting young attractive female interns. The report cites eight former interns or staff, all of whom spoke to Minnpost on the condition that they kept their identities be



Joe Radinovich

kept secret for fear of retaliation.

According to the report, top Nolan staff, including Jodie Torkelson and Jeff Anderson, appeared to tolerate Swiderski’s behavior for a time. Eventually, after numerous complaints, Nolan’s top staff allowed the 60-some year-old Swiderski to retire in 2015 with no mention of the harassment allegations. They even threw him a retirement party and later recommended that Radinovich, who chaired Nolan’s 2016 re-election effort, hire Swiderski for a job on the campaign.

Radinovich, who had worked for the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board before joining Nolan’s campaign in January 2016, said he had no inkling of Swiderski’s improprieties.

He said someone at the senior level of Nolan’s office, by which he meant Torkelson,

Anderson, or Nolan himself, made the recommendation, but he couldn’t remember who. Radinovich said he knew that Swiderski was experienced and that he was willing to work for relatively little compensation, so it seemed like a sensible hire, which was completed sometime in early April.

But when the decision prompted a reaction from some female staffers who knew of Swiderski’s history, Radinovich looked into their claims. He spoke to one of the staffers who he knew, and who was later part of the Minnpost story. “When she told me it was true, I was irate.”

He said he immediately contacted Torkelson, telling her that Swiderski had to be fired. But he said Torkelson tried to minimize his concerns, so he took the matter a few days later to Nolan himself. “I told Rick that he couldn’t be on the campaign”, and he agreed at that point and gave Radinovich the okay to fire Swiderski. On April 22, Radinovich told Swiderski he was out.

It’s not clear that the story will have much impact on the Eighth District race, given Radinovich’s tangential role and his efforts to fire Swiderski once he learned of the allegations. To date, Radinovich’s DFL opponents have had little to say about it, although the campaign of Republican Pete Stauber was quick to accuse Radinovich of

failing to act to protect employees of the Nolan campaign.

On the campaign trail

With just over two weeks to go until the Aug. 14 primary, Radinovich is betting that voters will have other issues on their mind as they head to the polls—and he said he feels good about the current state of the race. He had a particularly strong second quarter fundraising haul, raising \$180,000, or more than the other DFL candidates combined. He was the first of the DFL candidates to hit the airwaves, with an ad featuring him on a mountain bike near Crosby, an image that highlights his youth and signals that he recognizes the value of amenities like recreational trails to community and economic development.

His campaign released the only poll in the race last month, which showed most voters still undecided, but put Radinovich in a tight race with former KBJR anchor Michelle Lee, each with support of 16-17 percent of the voters.

“It feels good on the ground,” said Radinovich. “We’re seeing good crowds where we go, and we’re getting good response in forums.”

Radinovich says his message about how to address the rapid changes taking place in the economy appears to be resonating with voters. “I think the biggest issue is that the

economy is changing around us,” said Radinovich, noting the rapid pace of technological change is transforming major industries. “Whether you’re in mining, manufacturing, or agriculture, this is happening. People are recognizing the changes, but most are concerned for now about their immediate world, and maybe don’t sit back and see the whole picture.”

Radinovich believes he’s the only candidate with a clear-eyed sense of how these changes will affect society and how to meet the changes. “What politics should be about is the future, and a big bold vision of where we need to go,” he said. That vision includes support for universal health care coverage and providing more affordable access to childcare.

Radinovich shares a view held by other DFLers in the race that much more needs to be done to improve the skills of the workforce, and he recognizes that the region faces more of a skills shortage than a jobs shortage. Addressing that gap, says Radinovich, means “making investments in skills training and re-training, protecting the rights of workers to unionize, and fortifying complementary systems and services that make work possible—like healthcare, childcare, and public education.”

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Kennedy says morals should match politics

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — North Branch Mayor Kirsten Kennedy isn’t afraid to talk about a subject that doesn’t enter the political discussion often in the age of Trump: Morals.

The longtime DFLer, who is seeking the Eighth District congressional seat currently held by Rep. Rick Nolan, believes morality should be reflected in our politics.

“I talk about a moral economy,” she said, “and having our federal budget match our values.”

Those values, in Kennedy’s view, include a sincere desire to rebuild the struggling middle class by providing the kind of supports that make that possible. “To accomplish this goal, we need to increase wages and provide affordable benefits in our existing industries,” said Kennedy. “Raising the federal minimum wage and tying it to inflation is a start, but it’s not enough. We also need to address student debt, which keeps young families from succeeding and limits them from attending college or trade school in the first place.”

At the same time, she supports strengthening safety nets for working families, including providing affordable childcare, healthcare, housing, and fully-funded public education, including preschool. She’s also



Kirsten Kennedy

opposed to any attempt to privatize Social Security. “That’s paramount if we want our district to flourish,” she said.

She also sees the moral dimension in the recent revelations of serial sexual harassment by a former senior member of Rep. Nolan’s Washington staff. “It’s about how you act when no one is looking,” she said. Kennedy has had a close political relationship with Nolan and she said he’s always acted appropriately with her. Still, she said the recent revelation is no surprise, given the prevalence of the problem in society and she said she’s disappointed that the alleged offender, chief policy director Jim Swiderski, was not held accountable. “And we can’t say it’s fixed just because we’re having the conversation,” she said.

Kennedy puts much of the onus for a solution to the problem

on men. “This isn’t a women’s issue, this is a man’s issue,” she said, and believes that progress will be possible only when men understand their role in the solution. Kennedy said that she’s had her own #MeToo moment in her life and says: “I’ll breathe fire to make sure an article like this never has to be written again.”

Unlike some of the other candidates in the race, Kennedy isn’t campaigning full-time. She continues to perform her duties as mayor and continues to work full-time for the non-profit Statewide Health Improvement Partnership. Her work has its own moral dimension, focusing, she said, on “how we take care of each other and allow everyone to live a life of dignity.”

It appears that much of her politics is grounded in that philosophy of caring, and it shows up in specific policy goals. She’s worked with veterans suffering from PTSD, which has exposed her to the substantial benefits of medical marijuana. And while doctors can legally prescribe the drug in Minnesota, Kennedy said veterans can potentially lose federal benefits if they test positive for marijuana use. That’s why she supports a change in federal law to allow the use of medical marijuana, not only to allow for effective treatment of a number of maladies but as a potential growth industry that could employ Minnesotans.

For Kennedy, there is a moral concern, as well, over the

Trump administration’s treatment of undocumented immigrants and refugees. She said she supports a path to citizenship for the 11 million currently undocumented immigrants, a move that she said would increase the nation’s gross domestic product and tax revenues by billions of dollars annually.

“It’s time to restructure ICE,” Kennedy says, referring to the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency, which has stepped up its deportations of the undocumented in recent years, including many with no criminal record other than entering the country illegally. “America has thrived for 226 years without its overreach,” said Kennedy, noting that ICE has existed for less than 20 years. “For too long, this agency’s power has ballooned, going virtually unchecked with devastating results,” Kennedy said. “Immigrants are the backbone of our society. They benefit our workforce, our economy and our values. Immigrants are who we are.”

On healthcare, Kennedy favors bolstering the existing Affordable Care Act, while supporting a phased transition to a universal, single-payer system. She said she favors allowing Americans to immediately qualify for full Medicare at age 62 and lowering that eligibility age to 58 within two-to-three years. “Anyone under that age could buy into it as a public

option,” she said.

On the economy, Kennedy said she’s concerned about the shortage of workers, particularly skilled workers, and she believes that immigration can help play a part in addressing the increasingly-serious issue. “We need immigration because we need a workforce,” she said.

As a mayor, Kennedy said she’s aware of the challenges that communities face in obtaining funds for infrastructure, which is why she supports a major federal infrastructure program with a jobs guarantee for those Americans who want one.

She has joined some other congressional candidates in calling for a Green New Deal as part of any infrastructure plan, in order to reorient the economy toward a more sustainable direction. That would include an aggressive timeline to phase out fossil fuel-vehicles by 2030 and a shift to 100-percent renewable energy sources by 2035. She also opposes any new oil pipelines, according to her website.

She also said she objects to the recent legislation, that was pushed by fellow DFLers, Sen. Tina Smith and Sen. Amy Klobuchar, to enact a land exchange for the PolyMet copper-nickel project near Hoyt Lakes.

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Meet your county commission candidates

Editors note: The Timberjay gave each of the St. Louis County Commissioner candidates the opportunity to either submit their own statement to our readers or answer some questions we supplied, with a 500 word limit. These are their replies, in alphabetical order.

Paul Kess



As County Commissioner I will work to bring fair treatment for the people of the Fourth District. We pay 25 percent of the county property taxes and we have only 5 percent of the county jobs. Many of our roads need to be improved. While, at this time, I don’t support splitting the county, I will work to insure that we are treated fairly when budgets and

projects are developed. Specifically, I will:
► Work for road and trail improvements, including the proposed Lake Vermilion Trail.
► Continue to support iron mining, PolyMet, and a fair process for Twin Metals.
► Encourage County involvement in improving broadband, promote better mental health care, advocate for solutions to

child care issues, and be a watchdog on the County budget.
I’m Not content to be on the sidelines, I’ve been a teacher at Vermilion College, a union leader - local president and regional chair, and city councilor for over 30 years. I have built a reputation for fairness and for listening to other points of view. As President of RAMS (Range Association

of Municipalities and Schools) for two years I led the Board as it became a strong voice for the people of northeastern Minnesota and have testified at the Legislature on issues like Local Government Aid.
I look forward to bringing my positive, can-do attitude to the St. Louis County Board.
I welcome your vote on Aug. 14.

Michael Forsman



To me, the primary responsibility of being commissioner is representing the citizens of the district and to ensure their taxpayers dollars are spent in a wise manner.

I commit to fiscally responsible spending on infrastructure, roads and bridges, which are so critical to growth in jobs, economy, and safety for our region. We must work

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to improve access to services in our rural area for society’s vulnerable and veterans. The disparity of county employees to provide the much-needed services needs improvement.

Currently, the 4th District provides 24 percent of the property tax income but only employs roughly 100 out of the total 2,100 St. Louis county employees. Receiving our fair share of funding for the 4th District is critical to growth, road

improvement, quality jobs, schools, access to services and expanding tourism.

Having 20 years of trained leadership and government experience in the U.S. Coast Guard, as well as serving as a County Veteran Service Officer in Ely, I will work full time to represent the people of the 4th District.

My dream is that our children can afford to stay and raise a family. So that someday I will have the chance to teach my grand-

children to hunt, fish and enjoy the beautiful land I have always called home, as four generations before me have.

I hope you have noticed that I have not put political signs along our highways, in your towns or cities. While I agree the signs may be effective, I have several opinions about political signs:

1. Political signs are nothing but “high class litter” on our roadways and in our communities. (again, personal option)

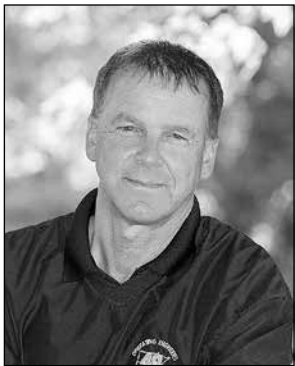
2. The signs generally tell a voter very little about the candidate.

3. A candidate’s sign in one’s yard does not necessarily mean support.

I would only ask that you consider voting for me as an experienced leader, the only veteran running, a property owner, homeowner, family man, outdoorsman, and lover of our country.

Thank you.

Daniel Manick



I am proud to be running for the District 4 County Commissioner seat. If elected as the Commissioner for District 4 I feel my responsibility is to represent the best interests of the

citizens in our District. I need to be aware of the needs and concerns of the constituents of District 4. A Commissioner needs to work with the entire Board to ensure that the District operates efficiently and provides citizens the services they need and want. If elected I plan to work full-time to represent the citizens of District 4’s needs and concerns.

I have many issues that I feel are priorities for our district, but I am just going to talk about three issues that I

feel are at the top of that list. One issue is economic development. We need to make District 4 more attractive to business growth in order to create jobs and improve living standards. We need to support innovation and diversity in our wood products industry.

The majority of our businesses have 10 or fewer employees, we should be helping those small businesses as much as we can to access funding in order to maintain or increase employment opportunities. We need to continue to support our mining industries and the spinoff jobs that

come with a healthy mining industry. We need to improve our economic development so our youth don’t have to move away as adults but can thrive living in District 4.

Another issue in our district is mental health.

We need to work with our schools to open a mental health facility in District 4. If we were to have a facility at a centralized location, school districts could get the help they need with mental health, bullying and other social issues as they arise. Right now if a mental health issue arises with one of our students we have to send them to

either Duluth or all the way to North Dakota. We can’t send them to Range Mental Health Center in Virginia. We need a partnership between Range Mental Health Center, the school district, and the county social services program.

I realize this facility is not in our part of District 4 or the school district, but supporting more mental health services for the students in our area is important. As an ISD 2142 School Board member, I see bullying and lockdowns happening too often in our schools. Let’s help these kids close to home

where family support is so critical to their health and well-being.

The third issue that is a top priority is drug abuse prevention and awareness. We need to be proactive in the battle against drugs. When we incarcerate someone it’s too late, the emotional and social issues that affect the families involved are tragic, and there is a greater financial impact to the taxpayers.

It would be an honor to receive your vote and be elected your next District 4 County Commissioner.

Paul McDonald



Hello constituents, my name is Paul McDonald. I am a lifelong Iron Ranger, originally from Chisholm, who has called Ely home

for nearly 30 years. I have been a community and union activist for my entire professional life and have been recently endorsed by the Teamsters, Steelworkers and Education groups to replace Tom Rukavina.

My primary responsibilities as your next county commissioner are to make sure the taxpayers of St. Louis County are treated fairly, with respect, and that their tax dollars are spent wisely. If a road needs fixing, my job is to

get it fixed. If grandma or grandpa need assistance to stay in their home, my job would be to fight to make that happen. If a child is in danger, I need to help make sure that child is safe. If you are a veteran and need services, I will advocate extremely hard for you.

My strength has always been my ability to bring people together using common sense and I have experience in strategizing solutions for problems that will arise for people in the Fourth District. I am retiring from Vermilion Community College after 29 years on Aug. 1 this year. I will have

the time to be available for people of the district and be able to devote the effort that is needed to ensure fairness and equity for the fine people that live here.

One of my top priorities for the county is having the county more involved in economic development. Our biggest current project in the works is PolyMet. The communities of Aurora, Babbitt, Ely and Hoyt Lakes have the housing available and people are waiting for these high quality jobs. The infrastructure is in place, just waiting to be restarted. All the preliminary work is done and the process is working. After

15 years, we need to get the jobs and the mining project underway.

We also need to assist small business and start-up businesses. We have some very smart people in the area and programs are available to assist these people. The county needs to be a player in the broadband industry so we have quality technology for these businesses.

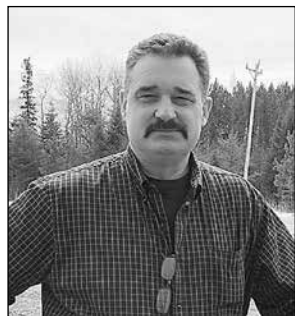
The huge size of the Fourth District dictates that we should have more than 96 county jobs located here. With over 2,000 jobs throughout the county, the Fourth District needs more jobs spread throughout our communities. Putting

10 jobs in Cook, Orr, or Tower would add to these areas and these are high quality, well-paying county positions. With today’s technology, we don’t need most of our accountants, engineers, and other employees working out of Duluth.

I believe I am the best suited candidate for this job. I am very well connected to the area, the state, as well as nationally. I have always given an honest effort, am very easy to talk to, am well liked and will fight for the people of the Fourth District.

The only special interest I will serve is YOU!

Bernie Mettler



I am Bernie Mettler and I am a candidate for St. Louis County Commissioner in the Fourth District. I would like to start by thanking *The Timberjay* for allowing me this opportunity.

I believe it is important for the people of the Fourth District to have the opportunity to look at the candidates and compare them side by side.

I believe the primary responsibility of a county commissioner is to represent the people of his district, to manage the county and to work with the other commissioners to set goals and priorities. To this end, he should be ever mindful that it is the tax dollars of the people that we are spending and

to spend it cautiously and wisely.

As your commissioner, my priorities would be to continue the push for more money to be put towards infrastructure in the Fourth District. I feel the County Board needs to become more proactive in its efforts to recruit and grow new businesses in this area. We need to take a hard look at the way we do business as a county and find better ways to effectively stretch YOUR tax dollars.

I do believe that the Fourth District has been getting the “short end of

the stick” when it comes to money contributed to the general fund vs money received. I believe this is starting to change and I will work with the other members of the board to see that money is dispersed not simply on the basis of population, but based on the need for infrastructure improvement.

Finally, running for county commissioner is not something that I decided to do on a whim or simply because there is now an open seat. This is something I’ve been planning and preparing to do for several

years. I have 10 years of experience in township government and currently serve on the Embarrass Township Board. I have also served on the Board of Directors of the Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union for the past 14 years, and I am currently treasurer. I am a member of the Babbitt Lions Club. During the last 25 years, I have been working and serving the communities of the Fourth District. It timed my retirement so as to allow me to run for Fourth District Commissioner. The only promises I have made to the folks of the

Fourth District are that I will work tirelessly as your full-time representative and that I will listen to your concerns and issues. I will do my level-best to work for the betterment of ALL the people of the Fourth District in an honest and straight forward manner.

Remember to vote in the primary Tuesday, Aug. 14.

Thank You!

Christine Schlotec



I get 500 words to explain why you, the taxpayer, needs someone like me on the St. Louis County (SLC) Board.

I am a successful business owner and the decade-long operations

manager at the county recycling facility. Add in the numerous other boards I volunteered on, and my work with many on probation, and I have the experience and qualifications necessary.

I bring a proven record of developing new and improving existing programs and policies, while always standing up for the people who need it. Yet, I am kind, fair, honest and good to work with. We pay enough taxes - too much for the services we receive.

I have done my research and see a new path from the County Board as my letter to the

editor outlined in the July 13 issue.

Most importantly, we need to address the out-of-county people moving in to live off the backs of the hard working SLC residents. This not only shorts the money needed for our residents, but it is having a huge impact on our communities.

The social impacts:

- Greatly increased drug rates, now at epidemic levels. SLC has one of the highest deaths per capita by overdose in the state.
- Greatly increased crime rates. Virginia is the second most dangerous city in the state.
- It’s becoming a generational lifestyle, as over 800 children are currently removed from homes in SLC.
- Our youth and other residents are susceptible to this lifestyle trap.

The financial impacts:

- Greatly increased public assistance budget.
- Greatly increased public safety budget.

Combined they are nearly 50 percent of our \$400 million annual budget and are rising at an unsuitable rate.

- Losing good tax-paying residents who can’t afford or don’t want to raise their families here.
- Decrease in pop-

ulation puts a higher tax burden on the remaining citizens.

- Diversified industries have labor and safety concerns.

I pledge:

- I will research and study the system further, work with county employees, local professionals, and utilize group, big-picture thinking to develop policies that follow the necessary state mandates yet protect SLC residents. If there is a will there is a way.
- I have developed a Facebook page “What’s up in St. Louis County.” I will use this tool to keep citizens informed and engaged. You will have a voice as the information

will be delivered to you one quick posting at a time.

- I will NEVER tell you what you want to hear, but listen and talk through situations together.
- I will push for local cities and townships to start getting balanced consideration for the taxes they pay. The spending practices are unfair across the County.

We need to plant the seeds of change now, because they take time to grow.

I may not be the politicians’ choice, but I will be the choice of the people.

On Tuesday, Aug. 14, I need your voice, your vote at the primary to bring change for a better future.

OLD SETTLERS

Tradition continues at this year's Old Settlers

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

BREITUNG TWP- With 246 in paid attendance, this year's Vermilion Range Old Settlers Association Reunion and Picnic once again highlighted the strong family ties in our community, as well as welcoming new generations of "Old Settlers" to the area.

The booyah, as usual, was the star of the event. Nick Tekautz's 32nd year as booyah crew leader went like clockwork, with a few new younger volunteers out stirring the pots. An able volunteer crew had gathered at Tekautz's home in Soudan the night before, to slice and dice and peel many hundreds of pounds of potatoes, onions, carrots, cabbage, celery and peppers.

At 12 noon, after a brief invocation by Father Nick Nelson from St. Martin's, the long line of pot-yielding "settlers" made their way to the serving table to get their pots filled with the steaming meat and vegetable soup.

The weather was perfect mid-July, partly cloudy, not too hot, with a nice breeze. This year's picnic attracted more young families that in the past few years, and the playground at McKinley Park buzzed with action.

The Vermilion Range Old Settlers is open to anyone born or living on the Vermilion Iron Range. Attendees this year came from as far away as Maryland, Arizona, Texas, Washington, and Pennsylvania. This year's youngest old



Left: Zaija Schroeder waited in line with her grandmother Gen Bjorgo. Above: Youngest "Old Settler" Eddie Swanson met the oldest "Old Settler" Jim Charles. Right: Steve Tekautz stirred the pot.
Timberjay staff photos



settler was six-month old Edwin Swanson, of Tower. The oldest, for the second-year in a row, was now 95-year-old Jim Charles, of Tower, who attended with his wife Shirley.

Master of Ceremonies and past president Lee Branwall emceed the short program after the meal. He said that a recent trip with some of his grandchildren to visit relatives in Sweden showed him the importance of his Vermilion Range roots.

Branwall's grandfather emigrated from Sweden at the age of 16, settling in this area, on a homestead that has now been in Branwall's family for 130 years. Branwall's wife,

who died this past year, traced her roots back to the 1890s in Ely.

"There are so many stories to tell of these early immigrants," he said.

Old Settlers is supported by the annual dues paid by members. Dues are \$6 in advance and \$8 closer to the annual picnic, held the third Saturday in July each year. Organizers asked that if possible, dues be paid in advance, which helps for planning and makes registration on picnic day go faster.

"The success of our reunion depends on the dues and the generosity of its mem-

bers," said long-time secretary/treasurer Kathy Hoppa. Next year's picnic will be on Saturday, July 20. Checks should be made out to Old Settlers and mailed to Old Settlers, PO Box 724, Tower, MN 55790.

Dena Suihkonen and family oversaw the drawings for the numerous door prizes, donated by area businesses and individuals.

Old Settlers committee 2018 president Jodi Summit introduced officers for the upcoming year: Jennifer Fredrickson, president; Muriel Scott, first vice-president; Stephen Tekautz, second vice-presi-

dent; Kathy Hoppa, secretary/treasurer; and board of directors members Pauline Housenga, Matt Tuchel, Mike Korpi, Eric Norberg, Ari Picard, Kristine Jonas, along with two new board members Gary Torma and Dave Vandervort.

Community Notices

VBS at Gloria Dei, Aug. 6 - 8

PIKE TWP- Gloria Dei Lutheran Church on Hwy. 169 invites all ages to our family Vacation Bible School, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, Aug. 6-8. Creation will be the theme. The setting will be outdoors, with a Bible lesson, a light supper of Bible food, crafts and yard games, ending with campfire singing. All children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

RSVP by Aug. 1 for Greenwood's 40th Anniversary Celebration

GREENWOOD TWP- Greenwood Township will be celebrating its 40th anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 25. Everyone in Greenwood Township should receive

an announcement page, hand-delivered to your home by the end of next week. Everything is free. If you are a past or present resident or a visitor, you are invited to attend. The only catch is you must tell us by Aug. 1 that you are coming. We have to plan for the food and drink.

There will be free food, drinks, music, games, a slide show, and hopefully a pamphlet on the history of the township, as well as plenty of conversation. Our first township chairman, Loren Turner, will be the keynote speaker.

The committee has received seven stories so far from different families on how their roads were named. The committee is looking for information from families: interesting stories about the families, who named the road and why, and how long they have been



Northern Red Hat Belles to meet July 8

GREENWOOD TWP- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet at the Greenwood Pavilion on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at 12 noon for a potluck dinner. If it rains, the potluck will be in the adjacent town hall. Sloppy Joes, water, coffee, and lemon drink will be provided. We will play games that afternoon. Any questions, call Pam at 218-753-3006. submitted photo

coming to Lake Vermilion. Photographs are also needed. Rod Lundstrom will be setting up a slide show of pictures about Greenwood families and their times on Lake Ver-

million. All photographs will be returned. All the information for the pamphlet and slide show must be turned in by July 30.

Everyone is invit-

ed to visit the new playground by the pavilion at any time. Anyone who has questions or other ideas to make the celebration better can call Pam Lundstrom at 218-753-3006. To make a reservation for the picnic, call the township clerk, Sue Drobac, at 218-753-2231.

be a very difficult experience. Learning about the grief process and having support from others can help a great deal. Please consider reserving your spot to participate in this monthly education and grief support group. There is no cost.

The topic for the Aug. 2 session is "The Meaning of Healing." Registration is not required, however it is recommended. Please call East Range Hospice at 218-749-7975 or 1-877-851-2213 to register.

This Grief Education and Support Group is sponsored and facilitated by Essentia Health St. Mary's East Range Hospice, Patient and Family Grief Support Services.

Grief Education and Support Group on Aug. 2

TOWER- A Grief Education and Support Group meets the first Thursday of the month from 2-4 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, 304 Spruce St. in Tower. The next session will be Aug. 2. This group is open to anyone in our area who has experienced the death of a loved one.

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Immanuel Lutheran and St. James Presbyterian churches in Tower hosted dozens of area youngsters for this year's Vacation Bible School. There were Bible stories, songs, and fun and games throughout the week. photos by S. Ukkola



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-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.

Defensive Driving Four-Hour Refresher Course

SOUDAN- Defensive Driving – Four-Hour Refresher Course will be Tuesday, Sept. 26 at the Soudan Fire Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The four-hour refresher course is offered for drivers 55 years of age and older who have previously completed an eight-hour beginner course and who need to re-certify to continue receiving a discount on their car insurance. Dana Waldron is the instructor for the class offered under AARP. Class fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Payment

is payable to the instructor on the day of class. 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 your name and spelling, phone number, and the class you are interested in.

Defensive Driving Eight-Hour Beginner Class

SOUDAN- Drivers age 55 and older can save money on car insurance premiums and become a better driver. The course is two four-hour sessions of classroom which includes a video, workbook and class discussion. There are no driving or test requirements. You must attend both four-hour sessions to receive

credit and the certificate of completion required by your insurance company.

The class is on Friday, Sept. 21 from 5 - 9 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 22 from 8 a.m. – noon. You must attend both and they are both different from the four-hour refresher. Dana Waldron is the instructor for the class offered under AARP. Class fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Payment is payable to the instructor on the day of class. 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 your name and spelling, phone number, and the class you are interested in.

Smoke and Suds Aug. 3 at St. Martin's

TOWER- To our parishioners, community members, and summer visitors, are you ready for an evening of good food, laughs, and a good time? St. Martin's is once again hosting Smoke and Suds on Friday, Aug. 3. Festivities will get underway at 6 p.m. in the social hall. There will be great food including barbecued ribs with all the fixin's by featured chef Nick Tekautz, a campfire with regular s'mores and s'mores made with peanut butter cups, live music, meat raffles and yard games. Adult beverages will be available for purchase. Music will be provided by The Beefeater Brothers.

Cost for the dinner is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children ages 5 to 12, and children under five attend free. Tickets will be on sale before and after Mass at the rectory and at Jeanne's Card Shop. Tickets will be available at the door, but we prefer pre-sales to ensure there is enough food.

For questions, call the rectory at 218-753-4310. We hope that you will join us.

Upcoming events at St. James Presbyterian

TOWER- Join us for two events in August. The Annual Block Party with The Mattson Band on Friday, Aug. 10 at 6 p.m. Invite your friends and neighbors.

The Church Picnic is on Sunday, Aug. 19 at Greenwood Town Hall Park after services, about 11:30 a.m. It's also Holy Humor Sunday, and Invite a Friend to Church Sunday.

Week of July 30

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 Aug. 21.

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, Aug. 23 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings posted online at vermillioncountry.org.



Fridays: 4-6 PM at the train depot



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

For further information, call the Arrowhead Library System at 218-741-3840 or www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us

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Sunday 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

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

Support groups

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous
AA - 7 p.m. Mondays,
First Lutheran Church,
915 E. Camp St.
WOMEN'S AA - Noon
Mondays, Ledgerock
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..
ADULT BASIC
EDUCATION
GED - Study materials
and pre-test available.
Ely Community Center
Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;
Tower by appointment.

Tuesday Group
ELY - The upcom-
ing Tuesday Group
schedule is listed below.
All talks are at 12 noon
on Tuesday at Grand
Ely Lodge.
July 31 - Kathryn
Hoffman from MCEA
with an update on the
PolyMet mine.
Aug. 7 - Martha
Phillips/Author
“Border Country - The
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Journals of Howard
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Health is making it
easier for students to
get ready for school
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Essentia Health-Ely
Clinic, 300 W. Conan
St., will extend its
hours from 4-7 p.m.
on Wednesday, Aug. 1.
The evening hours are
by appointment and for
physicals only.
To schedule an
appointment, call 218-
365-7900.

Breathing Out
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sun-water combo
plants nourished, berries infused
a picker's haven

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Lobo Gun Leather opens Ely store

ELY - Crafting leather products is a passion for Matthew, son of Mark and Alethea Fedders. Barely out of high school, Matthew started his own business, Sioux Leather, and his skill and devotion to the craft continued to grow. When the family poultry farm was hit with the avian flu in early 2015, wiping out the entire flock, the Fedders family decided to change their focus.

By November 2015, the Fedders had purchased Lobo Gun Leather, an established online leather business. Lobo Gun Leather produced a variety of leather holsters and other products, but with Fedders ingenuity, they began to expand the product line and push the limits in leather crafting. Lobo Gun Leather is now known for their flowing lines that are esthetically pleasing. They have a large online presence within the conceal and carry industry.

When they headed on vacation, several trips landed the family, consisting of Adam, Matthew, Luke, Grace, Emma, Naomi, Anna and Talia, here in Ely. Mark, Alethea, Matthew and Luke quickly realized Ely was different – it had a strong artistic influence compared to other locations they were considering. They also enjoyed the outdoor setting and the many activities available to their family.

When asked why they chose Ely over so many other places, Mark responded, “With the existing art community, it felt like a good fit. We also saw other businesses creating and producing high-end, quality products. These businesses are successful with established reputations. We liked the idea of being part of Ely-made products. We are a family-based business with Matthew, Luke and me designing and producing all of the products right here in our workshop.”

Matthew noted the difference between a manufacturer and craftsman: “A craftsman makes a unique, quality product, which becomes functional art. Manufacturers stamp a design on leather and consider the product finished.” A true craftsman, Matthew spends hours handworking leather to create custom, precision designs. Shoppers at the store will be able to see demonstrations by Matthew as he carves leather products.

When the Fedders were looking at potential store locations, they were impressed by the amount of foot traffic along Sheridan Street. They selected the storefront at 134 E. Sheridan St. The new Ely store will feature leather holsters, belts, mittens, dog collars and leads, and knives.

A ribbon-cutting will be hosted by the Ely Chamber of Commerce on Monday, July 30 at 10 a.m. Mark, Alethea, Matthew and Luke invite the community to stop in and check out their handmade leather products – now proudly made right here in Ely.

The Mark and Alethea Fedders family recently opened Lobo Gun Leather in Ely. A ribbon-cutting ceremony will be held at the shop, 134 E. Sheridan St., on Monday, July 30 at 10 a.m. submitted photo

GONE FISHIN'

Troy Knoll, of Ely, shows one of many nice walleyes that he caught and released while fishing on Basswood Lake on opening day. submitted photo

Victoria Carlson, of Ely, caught and released this 19.5" smallmouth bass while fishing with a red hook and leech on Eagles Nest Lake #3. submitted photo

Trent Monson, of Ely, used a white tube bait to entice this 54" muskie out of the weeds. He wouldn't say which lake. submitted photo

Kevin Godfrey, of Ely picked up this dandy 26-1/2" walleye during a trip to Basswood Lake. submitted photo

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OUR COMMUNITY

Gardner Trust celebrates Breakfast in the Garden



“Breakfast in the Garden was painted by artist Frederick Frieseke in 1916 and donated to the City of Ely by Donald Gardner in 1945. In 1989, the painting was sold for \$510,000 and the City of Ely established the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust. photo by K. Vandervort

ELY - The Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust, created in 1989 for the enhancement, growth and improvement of the arts in the city of Ely, will celebrate 29 years since its creation with a Breakfast in the Garden event at Whiteside Park on Saturday, Aug. 4, from 10 a.m. to noon.

The event will begin with a ribbon-cutting for new outdoor musical instruments that have been installed as a Community Giving Grant by the Trust.

The city of Ely and the Park and Recreation Board have collaborated with the Trust to help bring these fun, new outdoor additions to the park to be enjoyed by the Ely community and visitors alike.

Other activities for the morning include local watercolor artists who will demonstrate and then let adults and children try creating their own watercolor cards. There will be light refreshments to make the occasion more festive. Information

about the Trust and its grant programs will also be available during the morning event.

The purpose of the Trust shall be for the enhancement, growth and improvement of:

1. The Ely Public Library,
2. The arts and artisans of Ely and surrounding area, to include the performing arts, the visual arts and literature,
3. The creating and funding of scholarships, educational and artistic

grants,

4. The cultural and aesthetic environment of the City of Ely and its surrounding area.

The 2018 Board of Directors for the Trust are: Laura Moberly, Beth Ohlhauser, Ryan Callen, Andrea Strom, Cade Thibodeaux, Becky Zientek, Andy Messerschmidt, and Jill Swanson. Executive Director for the Trust is Keiko Williams.

DOROTHY MOLTER FOUNDATION

The Dorothy Molter Museum held its annual Donuts at Dorothy’s community coffee an’ event last Sunday. Visitors had a chance to make their own pocket-sized first-aid kit. The Dorothy Molter Museum preserves and interprets Northwoods wilderness, inspired by Dorothy Molter, the last non-indigenous resident of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness (BWCAW). For more information, go to www.rootbeerlady.com.

photo by K. Vandervort



ELY FOLK SCHOOL

New class focuses on wet plate photography

ELY - Join the Ely Folk School class as they travel back in time 150 years to the early days of photography.

This process was introduced in the 1850s, and was at its heyday during the Civil War. It is capable of making both negative and positive images. The collodion process, also known as wet plate, is enjoying a resurgence, and here is a chance to try it without the overhead, of buying the equipment.

About the Instructor: Chris Olsen has a degree in history and works as a particle accelerator operator at Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory



in Batavia, Ill. He has combined his interest in history and photography by practicing 19th century photography-both tintypes and daguerreotypes-for

The Ely Folk School is offering a class on the 1850s-era photographic process called wet plate photography. The class will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 7. To register, go to www.elyfolkschool.org. submitted photo

about 14 years.

For the past nine years, Olsen has been taking his photography to Civil War reenactments and giving demonstrations at schools and living history museums and fairs.

He recently started using the wet plate process for backstage photos at concerts as well as astro-photography, is acting as historical consultant for a pitch film, and is writing for the Vatican Astronomy Foundation Blog. He has

three daughters, and the two older girls are learning the collodion process

Olsen suggests bringing an apron or smock since silver nitrate used in the process stains clothes and hands.

An Introduction to Wet Plate Photography will be taught on Tuesday, Aug. 7 from 1-2 p.m. at the EFS. Tuition is \$10 and material cost is \$2.

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

News in Brief

Fall sports meeting set for Aug. 6

ELY - Ely Memorial High School will hold its annual fall sports registration meeting on Monday, Aug. 6 at 6 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

Students in grades 7-12 may sign up at this time for dance team, football, volleyball, boys and girls cross country and girls swimming.

Parents are strongly urged to attend this meeting to get information about practices, schedules and necessary paperwork. After a brief general meeting, each individual activity will hold its own meeting to pass along information about the upcoming fall season.

Contact your respective coach for more information, or contact high school athletic director Tom Coombe at 218-235-1025.

Ely Free Clinic open Mondays

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

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

Highway 1 traffic restricted

REGIONAL - A resurfacing and culvert repair project on Highway 1 began this week in Lake County. Motorists traveling on Highway 1 between Finland and Isabella will be restricted to a single lane of traffic controlled by flaggers as a resurfacing and culvert repair project continues.

The lane restrictions will be in effect through late September when the project will be completed. An 11-foot width restriction will be in place.

The completed project will resurface approximately 15 miles of pavement and repair 17 culverts.

For more information, visit: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/d1/projects/hwy1finlandtoisabella/>

Yesterday’s news, this week

from the archives of

THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

July 26, 1918

State gets more money

Recent advances in freight rates on iron ore from the three Minnesota ranges to the docks at Duluth, Two Harbors and Superior, from 63 cents a ton to \$1 a ton, has significant bearing on the state’s revenue, meaning an additional \$650,000 increase for 1918.

Practically all this traffic occurs within the boundaries of the state.

Last year, the total shipments of ore from Minnesota were approximately 45 million tons. For hauling this tonnage, the shippers paid the railroads \$27 million, the rate a ton being 55 cents, except after Oct 1 it was 63 cents. On these receipts, in accordance with the gross earnings tax of the statutes, the railroads paid the state a tax of five percent amounting to approximately \$1,350,000.

The tonnage transported this year will scarcely be less than it was in 1917. The new rate went into effect June 25, up to which time 13 million tons of ore had been forwarded at the 63-cent rate.

The additional shipments that will be made this season are estimated at 32 million tons, which will yield the transportation companies \$1 a ton and they will probably receive close to \$40 million for their services in hauling the season’s output from the mines to the docks.

A five-percent tax on this income means \$2 million in revenues for the state’s treasury, an unforeseen increase of \$650,000 over the amount paid last year.

Temperance talk

A large and enthusiastic audience listened to the Rev. R.W. Adair of Hibbing at the Methodist Church Sunday evening in his address from the standpoint of temperance. Mr. Adair is a fluent talker and his arguments for sobriety were well taken and received. He conducted the service at the Presbyterian church in the morning.

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Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



Summer is with us. The wildflowers are in full bloom, the trees are fully leafed out and wild berries are at their peak. Blueberries are in abundance this year, helped by the heavy rains of the spring. Every family has their secret berry patches not to be shared with newcomers. When this Dame was a kid, we picked blueberries to earn money for school clothes. We had a dog that loved to eat berries. She could always find a good patch, so we would follow her and when she stopped to eat the berries we would chase her out and pick away. Mom canned berries and baked pies. We all loved berry season. If blueberries are the fruit for July, then watermelon is one of the most popular foods for beating the summer heat. Watermelons are part of the cucumber and squash family of vegetables, but are commonly considered a fruit. You are “supposed” to eat watermelon on Aug. 3 but toasted marshmallows are the food to eat on Aug. 30. Who knows why!

The wrap up meeting for Voyageur Days deemed the event to be successful, as was the Crane Lake Bazaar. Weather was perfect for the bazaar, sunny without humidity which helped bring out a huge crowd. The kitchen crew had to run out and buy more hot dogs and brats, and make more beans and cole slaw. Thanks to everyone in the community who helped put on the two successful events for July, Voyageur Days and the Crane Lake Bazaar.

Don’t forget to purchase your tickets to the Ladies of the Lake Luncheon which is an event for August. The theme this year is “A Crane Lake Garden Party”. Everyone is encouraged to wear garden party attire. It should be fun!

Vacation Bible study was great fun for the kids in the area. Learning made by entertaining is fun.

There has been good attendance for the Thursday night bingo at Voyagaire Lodge, making for large prize pots. There is always a dinner special which helps the entertainment for the evening. After bingo don’t forget “blingo” at the Crane Lake Bar and Grill. Good luck to all the bingo and blingo players.

Sympathy to the Richard “Dick” Harvey family on the passing of Dick on July 17, 2018. Dick and his wife Nancy (Carlson) have owned a cabin on the north side of the lake for many years. Dick will be greatly missed by the community of Eveleth and surrounding area as well as the Crane Lake area. He was a great leader and giver to the many organizations of which he was a member. He served on the Eveleth/Gilbert school board for twelve years, was a director of the Miners National Bank of Eveleth, and several organizations associated with his occupation. A graduate of the University of Minnesota in civil engineering Dick was the organizer and owner of the H.G. Harvey Constructors Company. Rest in peace, Dick.

Sue Hankner just returned home to Buyck from a two-week trip to Alaska. The Alaska trip is everyone’s dream. Sue took the trip to celebrate her retirement. The Dames hope to get a full report on Sue’s trip when she settles back to normal.

Isn’t the Chapel looking grand with new siding and windows? It truly is that special place in Crane Lake.

The next paper received will be in August. We can’t have the summer fly by so quickly! August is the month named after a relative of Julius Caesar, Augustus. The birth flower for the month of August is the gladiolus, representative of strength of character and sincerity. The gemstone is the peridot. Peridot is a well-known and ancient gemstone, with jewelry pieces dating all the way back to the Pharaohs in Egypt. The gem variety of the mineral Olivine, it makes a lovely light green to olive-green gemstone, and the Zodiac sign for most of August is Leo. Davy Crockett, a hero of the Alamo, was born Aug. 27, 1786; Aug. 16, 1977, was the day Elvis died and is Elvis Memorial Day; and Aug. 15, 1969, was the beginning of Woodstock. The sport of bowling celebrates a national day in August and some bowling alleys will offer free bowling on that day. Those who were born in August have a great month for a birthday; those of us who live by a lake usually love August: days of warm temps and cooler evenings, less bugs and lower humidity, and much more mellow than the crazy, hectic days of July. Welcome, August!

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

Until next week the Dames are singing off.

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COOK Cook hosts PeeWee and T-Ball Tourney



Twenty-four teams played ball during the Cook PeeWee and T-Ball Tournament, July 14-15.

Left: The Cook PeeWee Team took second place in the Central St. Louis County PeeWee tournament, held in Cook.

photos by B. Smith



Cook PeeWee Micaden Clines takes his turn at bat.



Cook PeeWee Louie Panichi throwing in a strong fast pitch.



Reece Whitney of Cook Green team leaps to catch a ball thrown to him resulting in an out for the opposing team.

Above: Cook PeeWee Levi Chaulklin reaches out to catch a ball thrown to him as the runner is called safe.

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 August classes

Watercolor Botanicals: Tuesday, Aug. 7 from 6 to 8 p.m. Grade 9 through adult. Inspired by the life of Laura Ingalls Wilder.

Color the Tropics in Oil Pastels: Thursday, Aug. 9 from 6 to 8 p.m. Kindergarten through grade 8. Explore the life and works of Paul Gauguin utilizing symbolism and

new color theories.

Crayon Watercolor Resist: Tuesday, Aug. 14 from 6 to 7 p.m. Kindergarten through grade 3. Create Fabulous Fairy Princesses, Elves, and Trolls.

Calligraphy and Handwriting: Thursday, Aug. 16 from 6 to 8 p.m. Grade 9 through adult.

Mail-A-Book services available to many area residents

REGIONAL- As the cold winter approaches and driving can be difficult, paperback books, DVDs, and audio books on CD can arrive in your mailbox.

The Mail-A-Book service from the Arrowhead Library System (ALS) loans paperback books and other items via the U.S. Mail, free of charge. This tax-supported service delivers library items directly to your mailbox including the

cost of postage. They arrive in a canvas bag with a return label and prepaid return postage.

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also have catalogs listing the titles available from Mail-A-Book. Do you have a favorite author? Mail-A-Book can provide you with a list of available titles by that author. Also, Mail-A-Book items are listed in the regional online catalog via the Internet at www.alslib.info/online_catalog/.

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Find Mail-A-Book on Facebook at www.facebook.com/alslibinfo.

If you need “large print” reading materials, the Arrowhead Library System has a collection of large print books.

Mail-A-Book staff are always happy to respond to your questions.

ARTS CAMP

On feathers and paintbrushes

by **MARCUS WHITE**
Cook/Orr Editor

COOK- Area children had the opportunity to soar on painted wings this week in Cook. The Northwoods Friends of the Arts (NWFA) put on the “Let’s Soar – Art Summer Camp” this past Tuesday and Wednesday at the Cook Community Center.

Volunteers from the art collective and area schools worked with 33 youth from Cook, Nett Lake and Vermilion, to create a mural of colored wings, each depicting how the children viewed themselves and those around them.

“Kids pick the color they want that represents them,” art teacher Susan Anderson said. “It will show self-awareness and connections with others.”

Anderson said the idea was born out of a previous project in Tower that saw students create a mural placed in their school.

The art camp project is designed specifically to travel around the area, making stops not only at local schools, but also the youth centers at Nett Lake and Vermilion. NWFA President Shawna Kishel said other area organizations will be able to request a stop. The piece that will ultimately find a home with at the NWFA gallery.

The arts collective had requested a grant for the program which was denied. The program, Kishel said, was not to be lost, and the group went to the public to find donations to keep the two-day camp on schedule.

A Go Fund Me page, found at <https://www.gofundme.com/Lets-Soar-Art-Summer-Camp>, has raised a few hundred dollars out of the requested \$3,000 for supplies as of press time.

Kishel said local tribal associations also contributed with Fortune Bay Resort Casino paying for the transportation cost for Vermilion students, and the Bois Forte Tribal Council providing the transportation for Nett Lake youth.

The city of Cook donated the building space at the community center.

Kishel said a few private donations have been given as well.



Lyn Reed (left) demonstrates painting techniques to Carol Connor.

Holden Benner (left) and Gabryl Bucholtz practice painting before lending their skills to painting wings.
photos by M. White



located at the gallery at 210 S River St. in Cook. Pre-registration is required, however, and can be done by calling Lisa Hyppa at 218-780-1151.

The “Let’s Soar” program is not the only camp going on this summer. The NWFA has four more summer classes planned for August. A watercolor botanicals class is on Aug. 7 for high school-aged kids and adults. An oil pastels class for elementary and middle school students is on Aug. 9, followed by a crayon class for younger children on Aug. 14. The summer will be rounded out by a calligraphy and handwriting class on Aug. 16.

All of the classes are free and

Music in the Park on Wednesdays

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

this year. Bring your lawn chairs, the whole family, and enjoy an evening of live music.

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

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

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

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

Aug. 29- Beefeater Brothers with Patrick Villala and Anna Marie – The Beefeaters welcome

country singer Patrick Villala and local favorite Anna Marie Pederson.

Farmers Market on Saturdays at Cook City Park

COOK- The Cook Area Farmers Market is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Cook City Park and is pleased to announce that this season participating vendors will be accepting Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits and participating in the Power of Produce (PoP) program. SNAP recipients will be able to use EBT cards to obtain

“tokens” that can be used to purchase eligible products. The tokens will be in one-dollar denominations. No change will be given.

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

Cook Senior Citizens Annual Potluck Picnic on Wednesday, Aug. 1

COOK- Cook Senior Citizens will have their Annual Potluck Picnic on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cook Country Connection. You don’t need to be a member or a senior to attend, everyone is welcome. For more information, call Barbara at 612-868-3040.

Enjoy a “Garden Party” lunch at Crane Lake on Saturday, Aug. 11

CRANE LAKE- The annual Ladies of the Lake Luncheon is a day of making memories. On Saturday, Aug. 11, women will gather at Nelson’s Resort to renew old friendships and make new ones, and to enjoy a delicious, chef-prepared luncheon accompanied by music and door prizes, raffles, and a silent auction. Prizes and auction items include an amazing hand-sewn quilt, a guided fishing trip, and a pontoon ride through Crane Lake beauty and history. This year’s theme is “Crane Lake Garden Party.” Arrive any time after 11 a.m. for a social time. Lunch is at 12:30 p.m. Tickets are \$20, advance only, and can be reserved with Nelson’s Resort at 218-993-2295. The Ladies of the Lake Luncheon is a benefit for the non-denominational Crane Lake Chapel and is a sell-out every year. Bring friends, meet new ones, and make memories.

Get Caught Reading in Cook on Saturday, Aug. 4 at the Cook Library

COOK- Get Caught Reading in Cook on Saturday, Aug. 4. The Cook Public Library invites you to join us for our fun fundraiser on Saturday, Aug. 4 from 8:30 - 9:30 a.m. Grab your favorite book, or check one out from the library, and a comfy lawn chair and join us at the Cook City Park, located behind the library.

Let’s try to fill the gazebo with readers. All ages are welcome, and if you come dressed as your favorite character or author, you’ll have the chance to win a prize. Prizes will be granted in age categories. You’ll also have the chance to support the library by giving a donation to the library patio and parkway path project. In addition, the library now has T-shirts and book bags with the library moose logo available to purchase. In case of rain, we’ll try to fill the library with readers. The Cook Public Library will be open from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Readers and Rappers book club meets on Tuesday, Aug. 14

COOK- Readers and Rappers, a Cook-area book club, will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 1 p.m. at the Cook Homestead Apartments community room.

Jane Eyre by Charlotte Bronte will be discussed. Julie Horihan is the moderator and Jane Kujala is the hostess.

Book selection for the month of September is Everything You Wanted to Know About Indians but Were Afraid to Ask by Dr. Anton Trever. New members are always welcome.



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The opportunity to meet with federal officials did, however, give Schurke an idea to promote her beloved Boundary Water Canoe Area, and the economic boost it, and other public lands, give homegrown outdoor businesses like Wintergreen. The couple made a sign for their booth that read "Public Lands Build Business."

"We thought it would be a respectable way to

get our message across," Sue said. "It was looked over many times (by White House officials). As Americans we have a duty to express our opinions."

And the message ended up going beyond the White House presentation. Sue appeared on Fox News later in the day and was asked what the President could do to help her business.

"I asked that the president look at protecting

our public lands and the Boundary Waters where we live," she said.

Aside from sewing a message to help garner support for the BWCA, Sue said the entire trip was an experience in itself, one she should would gladly repeat if asked to return again.

"It was an honor to visit and see other family businesses that were home grown," she said. "Half a dozen had been around

for over a hundred years. There was a bond amongst all of us."

Secretary of Commerce Wilbur Ross even requested one of the Schurke's small American flags for himself – they are sewn into nearly every product made at Wintergreen.

President Trump did not visit any of the booths while the owners were present but chose to address the group as

a whole during a presentation.

The time in Washington also allowed the Schurkes to reflect on the history of the country.

"I spent as much time as I could just walking around and looking at the portraits," Sue said. "There is so much history there. To get into these peoples (those who work in the White House) brains one day would be amazing."

At the end of the day,

though, Sue said her trip was more than just about her, it was about her hometown back in Minnesota.

"In Ely, it's an issue to talk about protecting the Boundary Waters," she said. "It's hard to really voice your opinion sometimes if you choose to be neutral. I have always been determined to keep things here in Ely to promote jobs. I wouldn't be here without the Boundary Waters."

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While Radinovich said he sees a place for import tariffs, which have become a hot issue since President Donald Trump launched his global trade war, Radinovich sees them as a tool best targeted toward unfair traders. He notes that President Obama imposed very high tariffs on some Chinese steel products that were being dumped in the U.S. back in 2015.

Yet, he said, the Eighth District is a classic example of the perils of the kind of

indiscriminate tariffs and trade restrictions that Trump has enacted or is threatening to enact. While steel tariffs have pleased some on the Iron Range, Radinovich notes that they have alarmed Eighth District voters in farm country.

"If we're going to pit farmers against miners I don't think that's a winning formula for rebuilding the middle class," he said.

Radinovich is well aware of the key role that the Eighth District could play in determining

which party controls the U.S. House after the fall elections, an outcome that will largely determine whether Congress provides a check on President Trump. Putting more Democrats in Congress, said Radinovich, "would give us the ability to hold him accountable."

Radinovich said he's been concerned that Trump has failed to follow through on the primary proposals he campaigned on. "The three messages that he ran on were 'drain the swamp,

stopping job killing trade deals, and protecting Social Security and Medicare,'" all of which helped Trump make inroads with former Democratic voters. But Radinovich said Trump has done nothing to improve ethics in Washington and notes that Republicans in Congress are increasingly targeting the safety net, including Social Security and Medicare, for possible cuts. While Trump has taken action on trade deals, Radinovich said his indiscriminate approach is

hurting many American workers and is alienating our traditional trading partners.

As for last week's Helsinki summit, Radinovich called out Pete Stauber, the likely GOP nominee in the Eighth District, to disavow Trump's decision to side with Russian President Vladimir Putin over U.S. intelligence officials regarding Russian interference in U.S. elections.

"Pete Stauber has embraced the President

at every turn, and failed to stand up for American democracy. I believe that any candidate who claims to fight for the interests of working people would denounce the President's actions as he degrades our democracy," said Stauber. "We should be concerned, and we should send a Congressperson to Washington, D.C. capable of holding the President accountable to the American public, not a foreign dictator," said Radinovich.

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"I call on my fellow constituents to stand with me against fast-tracking legislation on any issue to circumvent public involvement to the benefit of multinational corporations who do not have the best interests of Minnesota's Eighth Congressional District citizens in mind," she said.

Kennedy's view on copper-nickel has changed significantly from the

views she expressed during a candidates' forum in Hibbing in March. When questioned about the change, Kennedy said she has kept an open mind and has learned more about the issue. "Since the forum, I have spoken with citizens, expert scientists, health professionals, legal professionals, and countless others on both sides of the issue," said Kennedy. "I think we need to do

further study, especially about different storage methods, and a health impact study. We need to create an independent non-partisan mining commission to ensure that rules and regulations are being followed, conduct independent studies, and hold corporations accountable. We also need to make sure that Congress doesn't legislatively overreach by preempting citizens from

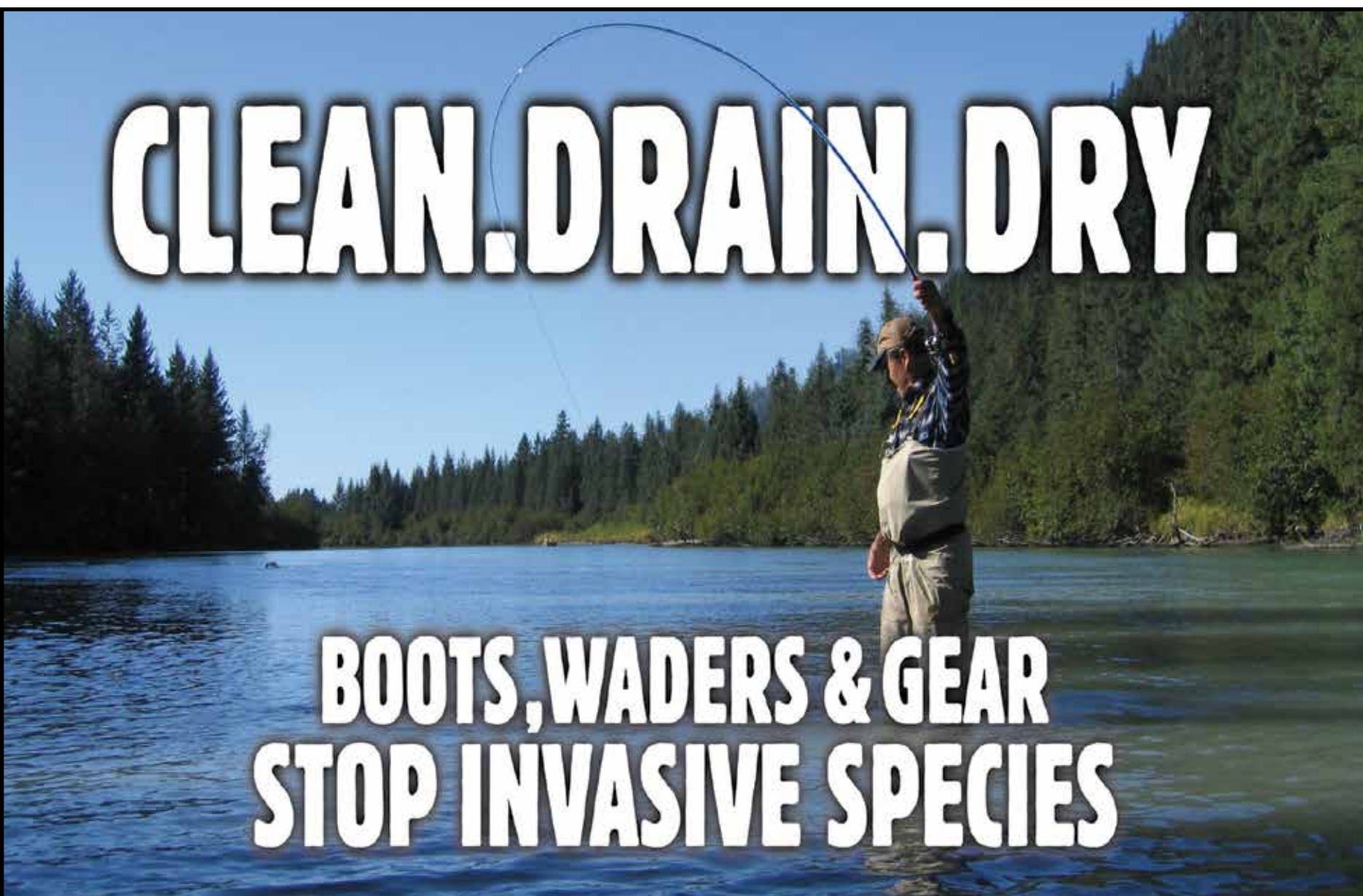
their due process by circumventing the state and the court system."

Kennedy's position shift on the most divisive issue in the race somewhat alters the dynamics of the race. Former KBJR news anchor Michelle Lee had been the only candidate in the race who had come out against copper-nickel mining, over clean water concerns, but now Kennedy is likely to tap

a portion of that constituency.

Kennedy would appear to be a long-shot in the race. The only polling in the race showed her in fourth place, in both support and name recognition, and she has raised just over \$10,000 since the beginning of the race, far less than the other DFL candidates. And as the sole breadwinner for her family of five, she said she has to

continue to work two jobs to make ends meet. "I don't have the luxury of being retired, or being able to take 18 days to drive around the district," she said. "I work two jobs and am running for Congress. I know what it is to decide between paying for food or medication—like so many of the people here, because I am living it each day."








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STANLEY CUP IN THE NORTHLAND

Niskanen brings Stanley Cup to Lake Vermilion for a day

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOODTWP - It was a bit chaotic when Washington Capitals defenseman Matt Niskanen brought the Stanley Cup home to Lake Vermilion on Sunday, July 22. As a member of the NHL championship team, Niskanen had the opportunity to bring the cup home for a day.

Niskanen played hockey for the Virginia Blue Devils and University of Minnesota-Duluth, but left college after two

years to play professional hockey.

Now 31, and after 11 seasons playing in the NHL, Niskanen brought hockey's biggest prize to his hometown fans.

After appearances in Virginia at Miners Memorial (where he played high school hockey), and at the Flaimers Bar in Eveleth, the cup apparently spent a little time at his family cabin and then fishing out on Lake Vermilion before making its appearance at the lake's popular night spot The Vermilion Club.



Washington Capitals hockey player Matt Niskanen, a 2005 graduate of Mt. Iron-Buhl High School, brought the Stanley Cup to his family's Lake Vermilion cabin and The Vermilion Club on July 22. He is shown with VC owner, left, Greg "Arch" Archibald and the VC staff, above.

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the conference report," stated Congressman Adam Smith, of Washington state, who posted a summary of the report online.

Sen. Tina Smith expressed disappointment at the decision by conferees to remove the PolyMet rider. "This amendment would have finalized a land exchange authorized by the Obama Administration allowing them rights to the land above minerals they've owned for nearly three decades," she said. Smith was joined by Sen. Amy Klobuchar, who had backed the measure and also expressed her disappointment. "This project will help the region move forward while ensuring that the project continues to be held to the high standards of the review process," said Klobuchar.

The measure to authorize the federal land exchange for PolyMet would have wiped away ongoing legal challenges to the land swap, which represent the last hurdle to the exchange. While the exchange has already been completed, parties in the ongoing litigation have agreed that the exchange could still be unwound were opponents to prevail in court.

Several environmental groups are suing the federal government for approving the land exchange, arguing that

the federal government undervalued the roughly 6,600 acres of the Superior National Forest that PolyMet has sought to obtain for the mine. Paula Maccabee, attorney for Water Legacy, one of the plaintiffs in the case, called the exchange "a sweetheart deal."

Maccabee said she was cautiously hopeful following the defeat of the measure. "Due process survives for now in Minnesota," she said, while noting that with Congress still in session, the measure could still be resurrected. "We haven't declared victory. We have to continue to be vigilant," she said.

Kathryn Hoffman, CEO of the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, said it's time for Congress to let the courts do their job. "Sixteen months ago, we asked a federal court to review the PolyMet land exchange to ensure it provides an equal value exchange for taxpayers and public land users," said Hoffman. "Attempts to derail this review through congressional action have stalled the finalization of the land exchange and delayed justice for Minnesotans. This could have been done by now."

The defeat of the measure is a blow to Sen. Smith, who has taken considerable heat from DFLers for her support of the controversial provision. Gov.

Mark Dayton appointed Smith to her Senate seat in January and she faces an aggressive primary challenge from University of Minnesota law professor and frequent cable news contributor Richard Painter.

Painter has come out strongly opposed to proposed copper-nickel mines in the region and has sharply criticized Smith for her support of the land exchange as well as her connections to Glencore, the international commodities broker behind the PolyMet project. Glencore is currently under investigation by the U.S. Justice Department for alleged money laundering and violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act.

Maccabee said she does not know whether

the investigation, which was reported two weeks ago, played a role in the decision to remove the land exchange provision. "This has become a national issue," she said. "Across the country, people are becoming aware of this effort and the risk of intervening in judicial processes. People understand that things like this set precedent."

The news comes just over two weeks ahead of the Aug. 14 primary, and GOP-endorsed Senate candidate Karin Housley was quick to pounce, calling Smith's support for the measure "thinly-veiled political pandering."

"With the economic viability of real communities and the livelihoods of real people on the line, Tina Smith simply could not deliver," said Housley.

Meanwhile, the group Jobs for Minnesotans expressed thanks to Smith, Klobuchar, and Nolan, for backing the measure. "We've worked continuously together, and we know how committed they have been to getting it done and that our delegation remains resolved to continue their efforts," said Nancy Norr, a spokesperson for the group. "Supporters of economic development in our state through responsi-

ble copper-nickel mining are resilient and remain hopeful that there will soon be full congressional affirmation of the U.S. Forest Service's past decision on the land exchange."

The House-Senate conference report on the NDAA will now go back to both the House and Senate for final action. While that could offer the opportunity to re-attach the provision, such a move would be highly unusual.

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Controls, and the paper’s legal battle that went all the way to the state’s Supreme Court. When the court ruled, on a technicality, for Johnson Controls, the Minnesota Legislature unanimously approved a change in the law, known as the *Timberjay* bill, that nullified the court’s ruling and made all public-sector contracts accessible to the public.

While the debate over copper-nickel mining is playing out in the courts, Pearson writes that the the *Timberjay* is “working on

securing a tour of the new regional schools built by Johnson Controls, which iare rumored to have structural problems, including doors that won’t open, cracking foundations, and roof issues.”

Pearson said Helmberger downplays his sleuthing. “I spend more time writing up high school sports than I do investigative pieces,” Pearson quotes the publisher. “That stuff that wins awards, most of our readers don’t really care about it.” At its

heart, says Helmberger, *The Timberjay* is “just a really solid community newspaper.” But the paper’s track record defies Helmberger’s modesty, and that’s good news, because the mining controversy isn’t going anywhere.

In researching the story, Pearson reached out to people on both sides of the copper-nickel mining question, including Steve Piragis, of Piragis Northwoods Company in Ely, and St. Louis County Commissioner

Tom Rukavina. While the two are at polar opposite sides on whether a new mine will help or hamper Ely’s future, they both agree on the paper’s merits.

“Marshall is one of the best reporters in Minnesota,” said Piragis. “His editorials are extremely well-written and influential, but he manages to remain objective and keep his personal views out of his reporting.”

Rukavina, a longtime subscriber, agreed. “I think Marshall has one of the

finest weekly newspapers in Minnesota. We aren’t always on the same page when it comes to some environmental issues, however, I will give credit where it’s due. Marshall does his research and for a small weekly, he puts out a damn good paper, even when he’s wrong.”

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range of other regional reporting for the newspaper, fulfilling much the same role at the paper as the late Tom Klein.

Marcus hails originally from Toronto, is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin--Superior, where he majored in Communications and minored in Political Science. He was editor-

in-chief for the college newspaper, and interned at Wisconsin Public Radio.

He most recently worked at the Tioga Tribune, in Tioga, ND, where made his mark in investigative reporting. He won a second-place award from the National Newspaper Association for his in-depth investigative series about police

internal affairs in Tioga. He has also been honored by the Midwest Broadcast Journalism Association for both writing and production. He also won awards from the North Dakota Newspaper Association for his feature photography.

“We are really excited to add Marcus to our staff,” said *Timberjay* Publisher

Marshall Helmberger. “It took us a long time to fill the gap when we lost our longtime editor Tom Klein. With Marcus, we have found another well-rounded reporter and editor who is committed to our vision of community journalism.”

Marcus is also glad to be back home in Minnesota, reporting on

a region he fell in love with during his college years. His parents now live in the Twin Cities. “I love community reporting,” he said. “I’m looking forward to meeting the people in the area.”

Marcus harkens back to an era when reporters only took notes by hand, using his collection of fountain pens and small

bound notebooks while out and about. But he is also well-versed in current-day technology, including web and audio production, which may mean expanded options for *Timberjay* readers in the future.

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kind clothing, books, hand-blown glass, organic soaps and lotions and antler art,” said Ellen Cashman, festival organizer.

“Several new vendors this year include a man from Tennessee who build custom flintlock rifles,” she said. He will also have powder horns and pouches for sale.

A New York artist will be selling fine-crafted inlaid wood pieces.

There will also be new potters, authors, and many new wares to shop for. “And as usual, there will be lots of handmade

jewelry, paintings, watercolors, wood furniture, quilts, photography, soaps, hand-blown glass and lots more,” Cashman said.

Each day starts with a breakfast of blueberry pancakes hot off the griddle, prepared and served by members of the downtown business promotion group called Incredible Ely.

Members of the Kiwanis Club gathered at the Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital kitchen earlier this week to bake hundreds of homemade blueberry pies for the event. Two years ago,

the club sold 525 pies at the festival. Last year that number jumped to just over 600, Cashman said. “I know we have plenty of blueberries. You can have pie by the slice, ala mode, or get a whole pie.”

The Blueberry Art/Festival food court features more than 30 vendors and includes everything from gyros, snacks on a stick, fresh seafood to authentic Polish (new this year) and oriental food, barbeque, fried bread, ice cream and cotton candy.

“Plus, we have a beer garden featuring our locally

brewed Blueberry Blonde, complete with blueberries, from the Boathouse Brew Pub and Restaurant,” she said. Other blueberry treats to look for include wild blueberry jam, blueberry smoothies, blueberry lemonade, blueberry barbeque, blueberry soda, blueberry candy, blueberry coffee, blueberry candy, and just plain blueberries.

As always, the Blueberry Art/Festival features live music every day:

► Timmy Haus plays on Friday from 1-4 p.m.;

► Bill Maxwell & Cowboy Angel Blue is Saturday’s headliner from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. and again from 2-4 p.m.;

► Pat and Donna Surface and the Boundary Water Boys perform their “Remember When” concert from noon-1 p.m. and 2-3 p.m. on Sunday.

All music is free and at the Whiteside Park band shell with shaded canopy seating.

“Of course, there is non-stop fun for the children too,” Casdman said. “They will love the bungee jump and the water-ball activities offered throughout each day.”

The Blueberry Art Festival is sponsored by the Ely Chamber of Commerce Merchant Committee. Check out their page at www.ely.org and like and follow them on Facebook @BlueberryArtFestival.

Public Notice

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) will hold a public meeting for amending the Lake Vermilion Public Islands Coordinated Resource Management Plan (CRMP) for the 87 BLM-administered islands located in Lake Vermilion and seven smaller lakes in St. Louis County, Minnesota. A Notice of Intent to Amend the CRMP was published in the Federal Register on June 8, 2016. The Notice of Intent to Amend comes in response to changing conditions and demands on public lands managed by BLM in the Lake Vermilion area. The public meeting will be an open-house format held in the community of Tower, Minnesota on August 8, 2018.

The Environmental Assessment to support the CRMP amendment will consider many issues, including the use of recreation sites, protection of cultural resources, mitigating the spread of invasive species, and regulatory consistency with other jurisdictions in the area. This plan amendment will only address surface lands managed by the BLM in the Lake Vermilion area; there will be no subsurface or mineral management addressed. Comments on the proposed amendment will be accepted up to 15 days after the public meeting.

The Public meeting will be held at the following location:
Tower, Minnesota: August 8, 2018, Fortune Bay Resort - Birch Room, 1430 Bois Forte Road, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

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Patterns in **NATURE**

Ely artist inspired by circles, natural materials, and geometric patterns



by **KEITH VANDERVORT**
Ely Editor

ELY – Local artist Annette Mattingly is into circles. When she is not creating a unique form of art, called mandalas, inspired by circles with a geometric focus, she exercises with hula-hoops. “I just love circles,” she said. “And at the same time, I love geometric patterns in nature.”

Mattingly and her Morning Glory Creations will join more than 300 artists at the 38th annual Blueberry Art/Festival

at Whiteside Park this weekend, July 27-29.

A dictionary defines a mandala as a Hindu or Buddhist graphic symbol of the universe, specifically, a circle enclosing a square with a deity on each side that is used chiefly as an aid to meditation, or a graphic and often symbolic pattern usually in the form of a circle divided into four separate sections or bearing multiple projections of an image.

“All cultures have some sort of indigenous art form that

is geometric or concentric,” Mattingly said. “It is just something that is inside of each of us.”

She brought her art to the Blueberry Art/Festival from her home in the Twin Cities about 13 years ago. “I decided to sell my house down there and come here to live where I can bike and cross-country ski and still be an artist,” she said. “I call it geographic love at first sight. I know a bunch of people who had no intention of living here, but they came up for a visit and it just kind of captured them.”

Mattingly has been creating mandalas for more than 30 years. Her approach to her art changed as she lived in different ecosystems. She started in Oregon, where she lived for 10 years. “The area I lived in out there is in a rain forest,” she said. “I didn’t know how different the Twin Cities area is from Ely. It is a completely different ecosystem just four hours away.”

That change in nature helped her to evolve in her art.

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Left: Annette Mattingly, of Ely, with a collection of her fascinating and detailed designs. You can see more of her work at this weekend’s Blueberry/Art Festival in Ely.

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“Mandalas are boundlessly evident in patterns of nature,” she said. “Look at a spider web or the cross section of a tree, the petals on a dandelion. From microcosm to macrocosm, those geometric forms are everywhere.”

All cultures throughout time have created mandalas. Native American sand paintings, Celtic illuminations, Islamic mosaics, stained glass windows and labyrinths of Chartres Cathedral, Hmong needlework and elaborate Tibetan painted mandalas are all examples, she explained.

Her mandalas are made from flowers herbs, grasses, birch bark, and pussy willow seeds. “It reflects what is around you because you use the plants that are native to where you are,” Mattingly said. The colors are all natural. “I don’t use any paints or dyes. Much of the materials for her art are grown right in her own flower garden, and the rest are collected in the woods around the Ely area.

“The patterns are quite detailed and elaborate. “One might call it OCD artwork,” she mused.

With a background in horticulture, she just grows what she wants to incorporate into a mandala. “I know what plants work best and what pattern I am looking for. The proportion of wild plants really ramped up when I moved to Ely because there is so much available. I really love birch bark. That changed the character of my work when I discovered it.”

Simple, old-fashioned flower presses are used to prepare her natural materials, from May through October, she said. The work is done in her Ely studio during the winter months. “I spread everything out, and use glue, sharp knives and a compass. I don’t really plan or think about it. It is sort like being a human kaleidoscope. I do whatever comes out.”

“It is also nice to have all these summer flowers to look at and work with in the winter

months,” she added.

Mattingly is also a big fan of the hula-hoop. “I love using them for exercising. You really have to be moving to keep them going. And it is so much fun. Anyone who knows me knows I like to hoop it up,” she said.

Mattingly has scaled back on the number of art shows she participates in each year. She used to do as many as 26 a year when she lived in the Twin Cities. This year, besides the Blueberry/Art Festival and the Harvest Moon Festival in Ely in early September, is planning to participate in just seven other shows. “I pick the pretty places that I want to go to anyway,” she said.

Right: In keeping with her interest in circles and other geometric patterns, Annette also likes to hula hoop, as she demonstrated for this story.

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Left: Crowds of visitors at last year's festival checked out the wide variety of art, crafts, and food.

Right: B. J. Kobierski serves up blueberry pie.

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UNITED WAY

Cliffs commits funding to UWNEMN's building renovation

CHISHOLM- The Cleveland Cliffs Foundation has made a generous commitment to United Way of Northeastern Minnesota (UWNEMN). Cliffs will donate a total of \$30,000 over the next three years, with the organization receiving contributions of \$10,000 each year.

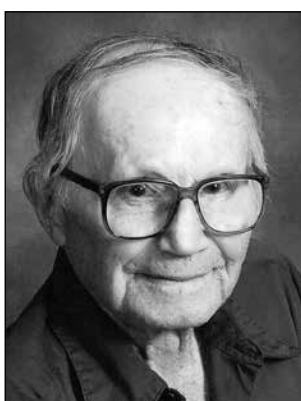
"We are so grateful to Cliffs for this generous support of our communities through years of contributions to the United Way," said Shelley Valentini, UWNEMN Executive Director. "We are able to do the work that we do because of companies like Cliffs and their employees. Our new building will dramatically improve our effectiveness and efficiency, as well as establish our programs long into the future." Cliffs' donation, along with all others at the \$1,000 or more level, will be permanently displayed on a recognition wall in the entrance of the building.

UWNEMN moved into their new building on June 19. However, the renovation campaign is still continuing, with the organization needing to raise an additional \$188,000. If you are interested in making a contribution to support UWNEMN's renovation campaign, please contact Shelley Valentini at 218-254-3329 or visit www.unitedwaynemn.org.

Pictured from left: Erin Shay, UWNEMN; Shelley Valentini, UWNEMN; Ed LaTendresse, Hibbing Taconite/Cleveland Cliffs; Michelle Lampton, UWNEMN; Elizabeth Kelly, UWNEMN; and Kaye Collier, UWNEMN. submitted photo



Obituaries and Death Notices



Harry A. Enzmann

Harry A. Enzmann, 104, of Cook, passed away on Friday, July 20, 2018, at the Cook Hospital and Care Center. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 28 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook with visitation one hour prior to the service. Lunch will be served in the Trinity fellowship area immediately following the service. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Harry Albert Enzmann was born on Feb. 18, 1914, at International Falls, the son of Albert and Marie (Menzner) Enzmann. His early life was on his father's homestead near Ray, where he attended school at the new one-room school in Beaver Township. In 1922, he moved with his family to Leander, five miles south of Cook, where his parents opened The Farmers Store. He attended school in Angora, a three-mile walk from home, graduating from the eighth grade in 1928. His father purchased the Flint Creek Dairy Farm in 1930, a farm that formerly produced milk products for the crews working for the Virginia & Rainy Lake Lumber Company. While there he continued to attend Cook High School, becoming a member of the first graduating class in 1932.

Harry used soil tillage methods learned from his uncle Oscar to turn fields that were weed patches into productive fields. He and brother Walter worked with the University of Minnesota Extension Service to help develop alfalfa and grain crops suitable to the region. In 1939, Harry and Walter formed Enzmann Bros Farm Equipment selling International Harvester, Case and New Holland equipment. He was united in marriage to Elma Ojanen on Aug. 14, 1943, in the Little Fork Lutheran Church. Due to shoulder injuries, his doctor told him he could no longer stand the rigors of farming, so in 1970 he sold his

share of the farm to his nephew James Enzmann and formed Enzmann Pump Service. He continued to sell, install, and service water systems throughout the region until retiring in 1986.

Harry was the first president of the Cook Hospital board, clerk of Field Township for 37 years, secretary for Arrowhead Seed Growers Coop for 20 years, member of the Cook Creamery board, Midland Cooperative district board, Land-O-Lakes district board, and Minnesota Dairy Council. He was a State Fire Warden for 65 years and was voted Most Outstanding Senior Citizen for North St. Louis County in 2001 and 2004. He and brother Walter were cited with the Premier Dairyman award and he was named to the NE Minnesota Senior Honor Roll of Agriculture. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church and sang in the choir for 46 years. Harry enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially winter spearfishing. When he wasn't on the lake he could be found making spearing decoys to share with his friends.

Harry is survived by one son, Michael (Lorene) Enzmann of Cook; two daughters, Linda Enzmann-Allen (Larry Allen) of Independence, Mo., and Peggy (Marvin) Pearson of Angora; seven grandchildren, Natalie Enzmann of Shoreview, Karen (Paul) Jung of Woodbury, Jeff (Lisha) Pearson and Rachel (Jeffery Quiel) Pearson of Angora, Amy (Tim) Pearson of Cook, Jared (Tom Parker) Allen of Emeryville, Calif., and Marla (Darin) Van Thournout of Kansas City, Mo.; and nine great-grandchildren, Joseph and Daniel Jung, Anya, Serena and Lila Pearson, Caleb Uchal and Josephine Pearson, Katrina and Cora Chapman.

He was preceded in death by his parents; his beloved wife of 61 years, Elma; brother, Walter (Sophie) Enzmann; and sisters, Martha Enzmann and Marian (James) Roan.

Daisy Nelson

Daisy Walkama Durrant Nelson, 99, of Virginia, died on Tuesday, July 3, 2018, at Edgewood Vista. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Sunday, Aug. 5 in the Edgewood Vista Chapel. Family services

are provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower.

Daisy was born on June 19, 1919, in Spokane, Wash., the daughter of Otto Fredrick and Saima (Rahkola) Walkama, who both emigrated from Finland. Otto died when Daisy was very young so Saima and Daisy moved to Virginia, Minn., to be with family.

Daisy graduated from Virginia High School in the class of 1937 and later from the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis, where she met Leonard Durrant who was from Lake City. Len and Daisy were married in Lake City before he was sent overseas during WWII. Daisy and Len settled in St. Paul after he returned from the service. They had a good life together, enjoying her family cabin on Lake Vermilion and taking many trips. They became part owners of a ski area in Wisconsin called Snow Crest where Daisy became a good skier and qualified for NASTAR finals at the age of 52.

The Durrants lived in St. Paul for 37 years and retired to Bella Vista, Ark. After Len died, Daisy continued to live in Bella Vista. At her 60th Virginia High School class reunion, Daisy reacquainted with classmate Dr. Paul Nelson. At age 82 years young, they began their new life together, and lived in Normal, Ill.

Daisy was a member of the Edgewood Vista Resident Council, and initiated a Finnish Culture Group and a Finnish Language Group. She was a member of PEO in Normal, Ill., and Virginia and appreciated all the good they have accomplished.

Daisy is survived by her sons, David (Vicki Hall) Durrant of Tower, Paul Durrant of Minneapolis and Steven (Chris Carlson) Durrant of Seattle, Wash.; grandchildren, Ben, Jess and Peter; and great-grandson, Logan.

She was preceded in death by her first husband, Leonard Durrant; second husband, Dr. Paul Nelson; sister, Dora Ernst; and daughter-in-law, Susan Durrant.

Bradley A. Rolfson

Bradley Alan Rolfson, 57, of Embarrass, died on Friday July 20, 2018, at his home, after an eight-month battle with

esophageal cancer. Private family graveside services will be at a later date at the Embarrass Cemetery. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

Surviving are his wife, Beth; daughters, Amanda (Paul) Rasmussen of Embarrass and Brooke Weitalla of Tower; son, Craig (Sara) Rolfson of Hermantown; eight grandchildren, Ally, Kenzie, Alex, Ian, Jackson, Tyme, Hayden and Taya; and his siblings.

Molly A. Banovetz

Molly A. Kastelac Banovetz, 100, a lifetime resident of Ely, passed away quietly on Monday, July 16, 2018, at the Boundary Waters Care Center. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, July 25 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her son, Bob (Marie)

Banovetz; three grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.



Byron V. Marjamaa

Byron "Tyke" Vincent Marjamaa, 60, of Cook, passed away on Monday, July 23, 2018. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Monday, July 30 at Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Willow Valley

Cemetery.

Byron was born to John and Dagmar (Niemi) Marjamaa on Aug. 27, 1957. He grew up and attended school in Cook. Byron was a logger and worked most of his life for Luecken Logging. He was also a talented small motor mechanic. Byron had a love for people, and he was a friend to everyone who met him. Everyone knew him as the "moped guy". Byron was a man with a huge heart; this was evident in the love that he showed his cats. Above all, Byron loved his brother Roger, with whom he spent most of his time. He will be dearly missed.

He is survived by his brothers, Roger Marjamaa of Angora and Jim Rinne of Sparks, Nev.; sister-in-law, Joy McKenzie; nephews, Eddie Rinne and Jason Rinne; niece, Elaine Donovan; and numerous cousins.

Byron was preceded in death by his parents.

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Tofte Lake Center presents Shapiro & Smith Dance

TOFTE LAKE- Tofte Lake Center presents Shapiro & Smith Dance in performance on Friday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. in The Aerie Performance Space at Tofte Lake Center. The program will feature favorites from the company's exciting repertory, as well as a sneak preview of their latest work in progress.

Joanie Smith, Artistic Director for Shapiro & Smith Dance says, "You go on a journey with us—some of it's funny; some of it's poignant. There are moments that are tough and athletic, and then there's stuff that's subtle and sweet. That's life, and that's what we show on stage."

Featured works include Smith's BOLERO, a thrilling and physically daring piece performed to Maurice Ravel's iconic score. It celebrates teamwork, the fighting spirit, and the power of people working together. Shapiro & Smith Dance is dedicating BOLERO to local women on the frontlines of community service, and will partner with Tofte Lake Center providing a workshop, performance preview and talks with the dance artists.

Also on the program are A Naked Man's Shirt, a humorous negotiation between three men and a shirt; Burning Air, with text by the renowned playwright, David Greenspan, a poignant retelling of the Great Hinckley Fire; and a sneak peek at Smith's latest work in progress, Stand, focusing on the unknown possibilities of a moment. Specifically, the moments we fall and the moments we rise.

"It's that chain effect where one small event happens, which leads to something else that is bigger,

which leads to something else that grows even bigger," Smith explains. "You're never sure where the story is going to end up, and all because of one tiny, little event that started everything."

Tofte Lake Center celebrates their 10th anniversary with a summer series of performances and additional workshops, all open to the public. Events are held in The Aerie Dance and Performance Studio at Tofte Lake Center, 2209 Fernberg Road outside of Ely. There is parking near the building. All performances are at 7 p.m. A \$10 donation is suggested.

Free dance workshop on July 31 at Tofte Lake

TOFTE LAKE- Every Body Speaks Workshop (no-dance experience required) will be held on Tuesday, July 31 from 10 – 11:15 a.m. at the Tofte Lake Center Aerie Performance Space, 2209 Fernberg Road, outside of Ely. The workshop is free but advance registration is required (limit of 15 participants). To reserve a space in the workshop, email toftelakecenter@gmail.com.

This workshop, led by the artists of Shapiro & Smith Dance, looks at everyday movement (body language) and finds connections between this non-verbal communication and how dancers transform that communication into movement for the stage. Through simple movement explorations, conversation, and a special preview performance, participants are encouraged to discover the expressive power of their bodies. By becoming more aware of our physical communication we can enhance our ability to understand and connect with others.

MINNESOTA BOOKS

Grant Merritt's family history of mining led him to lead MPCA

by **MARCUS WHITE**
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL- A meeting with family friends in November 1967 would change how Grant Merritt's career in law and politics would play out.

In what some might call an ironic twist of fate, Merritt fought against the very industry his ancestors created with the discovery of iron ore on what became the Mesabi Iron Range.

In "Iron and Water", Merritt details his life from a U.S. Air Force cadet in the ROTC program at the University of Minnesota—Duluth to being appointed as Executive Director of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, all while setting the record straight on how the Mesabi Range was actually founded in the 1800s—by a small group of lumberjacks, and not the enterprising Rockefeller family as some portray.

Merritt's book is as much a history book as it is a memoir, tracing his family roots from West Duluth to Tower to their first mine in Mt. Iron. Northern Minnesota mining was in their blood, and after a failed business dealing with the Rockefeller, which defrauded the business in the late 1800s, parts of the family had roles in mining out west, and even sent family friends to persuade James J. Hill to expand

the Great Northern railway to the Iron Range to compete with their former business partners.

With so much family history in mining on the Range, it was only a matter of time before another Merritt rose to prominence in the mining industry, though this time, it was fighting

century earlier.

As a member of the Minnesota DFL, he worked from the Minneapolis suburb of New Hope, often against his own party, to change how Minnesota wrote environmental policy, even when it wasn't in the best interests of business.

His justification came from the need to benefit the many, not the few—including the few DFLers who needed the pro-mining vote to survive election challenges—and strongly believed the party platform advocated by Merritt (and eventually adopted) would cause the party to lose control of their seats in Minnesota's Arrowhead.

History has shown otherwise, with the DFL remaining a strong presence in Northeast Minnesota.

Throughout the book's quick, yet packed, 170 pages, Merritt weaves a narrative of not only his own life, but that of the development of mining

and environmental policy of Minnesota and the Iron Range and the development of the state's Environmental Quality Agency.

The book is available through the University of Minnesota Press.



against some of its practices.

After learning about taconite tailing and chemical dumping into Lake Superior by Reserve Mining in Silver Bay, Merritt went to work reforming political policy to better protect the environment from the industry begun by his family over a

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Briefs

County Commissioner Meet the Candidates Forum at Waasa Town Hall on Aug. 7

WAASATWP-Waasa Township is sponsoring a Meet the Candidates Forum on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at 7 p.m. as part of their regular monthly township meeting. The township is expecting that St. Louis County Commissioner candidates Paul Kess, Paul McDonald, Bernie Mettler, Christine Schlotec, and Dan Manick will be attending. The public is cordially invited to attend this forum. The Waasa Town Hall is located at 3739 Hwy. 21, east of Embarrass.

Ruby's Pantry food distribution July 28 in Babbitt

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.

Trunk show and talk by quilter Katie Hennagir set for Aug. 2 in Tower

TOWER- Vermilion Dream Quilters is happy to bring Katie Hennagir, the in-house designer of Bay Window Quilt Shop in Perham, to the Tower Civic Center on Thursday, Aug. 2 at 6:30 p.m. Katie will present a Trunk Show and talk, Let's Have Fun with Fabric. She also currently designs fabric collections for Andover Fabrics and publishes her own line of quilt patterns under the company name Katie Hennagir Designs. The show is open to the public and other guilds at no charge but please consider a free

will donation for school supplies.

Katie Hennagir has been crafting and sewing with fabric since she was 10 years old when her mom started Bay Window Quilt Shop in Perham. Over 20 years later, she is still an avid sewer and enjoys creating her own quilt designs. Katie Hennagir Designs is her line of originally designed quilt patterns that are available in stores nationwide. As a fabric designer for Andover Fabrics, she enjoys creating unique prints for kids of all ages. Katie's inspiration comes from her kids and the world around her. She and her husband live in the beautiful lakes country of west central

Minnesota with their three kids.

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

Pop-up art show fundraiser set for July 27-29 in Tower

TOWER- A pop-up art show in July will showcase original art and artists and proceeds

will benefit the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center in Tower. The art will be framed oil, watercolor, and pottery. All items will be available for purchase with the artist setting the price. The location of the show is 6412 Hwy. 169 in Tower, two blocks south of the Y Store.

On July 27-29 from 10 a.m. - 6 p.m., art will be available to view and purchase for the general public free of charge. A Plein Air Demo (artist painting in the open air) will be conducted by artist Marie Miller on both Friday and Saturday at 2 p.m. Questions, contact Julie Baxley at JMBaxley12@gmail.com or call 706-581-3584.

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Monday, Aug. 6

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Upcoming dates for 2018:

- Monday, Sept. 10 (second Monday)
- Monday, October 1
- Monday, November 5
- Monday, December 3
- No bingo in January 2019

TOWER

Hoodoo Point celebrates 50 years of summer memories

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA
Staff Writer

TOWER- Hoodoo Point Campground on Lake Vermilion celebrated its 50th anniversary this past weekend with games, food, and good times. The event brought in nearly two hundred campers of all ages and from all across the region. The birthday bash featured a live remote by WEVE and music by Living Water Music of Hibbing.

No one is quite sure how Hoodoo Point got its name, but Merriam-Webster Dictionary offers a couple of definitions of “hoodoo” including “a natural column of rock in western North America often in fantastic form,” “a body of practices of sympathetic magic traditional especially among African Americans in the southern U.S.,” and “something that brings bad luck.” Some say the rock formations resemble humans with a head or hat on top.

Hoodoo Point is a popular fishing spot today, as it has been for a long time. Bois Forte Heritage Museum curator Bill Latady said that the area was fished by the Ojibwe and before them the Sioux.

As time went on, the surrounding area saw changes including gold mining, lumber mills, and a box factory, but Hoodoo Point itself largely remained untouched with the exception of occasional fishermen and campers, said Andy Larson, a long-time area resident.

In 1967 the city of Tower received a grant from the Department of the Interior to build a recreational facility, said city clerk/treasurer Linda Keith.

“At first the campsites were only at the point and there was a building, but there was nothing in it, and it was never open,” said Carol Pratt, Keith’s mother, who began camping at Hoodoo Point in

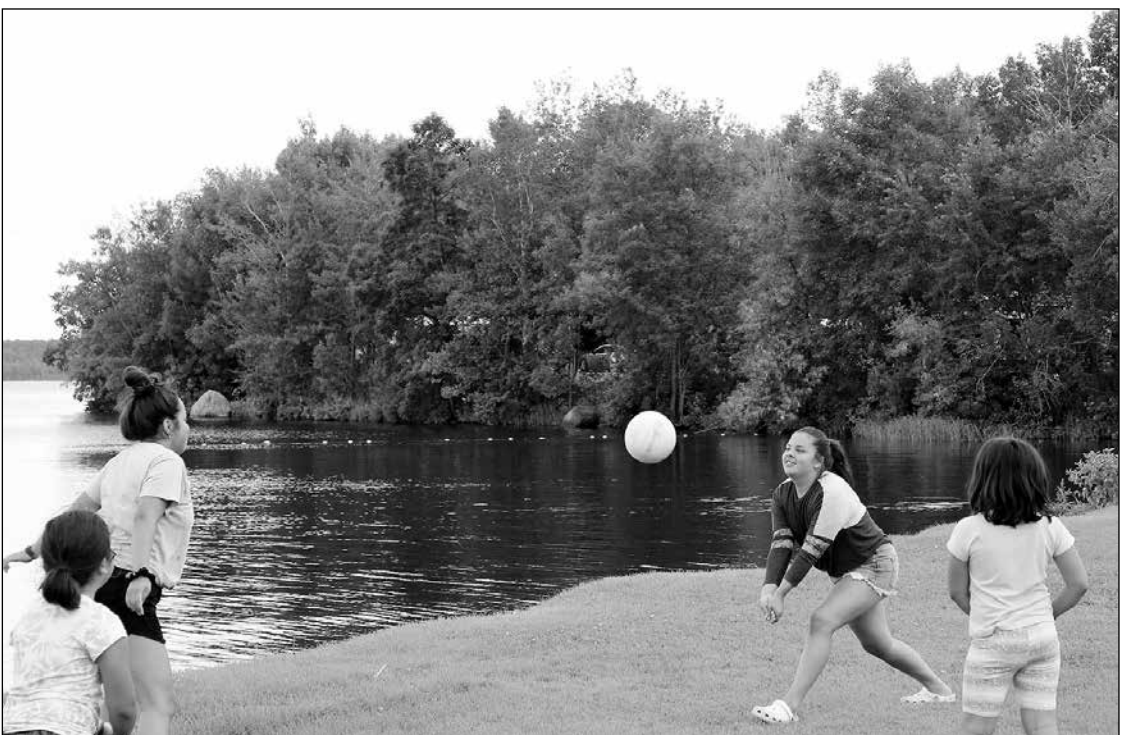
1970. “The point was open forest, much like it is now.”

Another long-time camper, Dwight Rasmussen, who has spent his summers at Hoodoo Point for 27 years now, said things haven’t changed much since he first started camping there. “It used to be a lot cheaper,” he said. He also said that there used to be a lot more traffic when the main road went through the campground. Around 1995 the road was moved further inland, according to Keith.

Pratt shared a big fish story from the late 1970s. “Our son Bill, when he was ten, went fishing for the first time by himself. He was out there a long time and we began to wonder about him. Eventually he came running back and said, “I think I’ve got a big one, but I can’t get it out myself!” When his parents joined him they helped him reel it in. Bill had caught a phone cable that ran across the bottom of the lake. The family had some good laughs and Bill took the time to clean the bounty of lost lures off of the cable, too.

Hoodoo Point now offers 62 reservable campsites and an additional 35 seasonal sites, a swimming beach, fishing pier, boat launch, playground, basketball court, volleyball, restrooms and showers. The gift shop is open daily from around 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. with 10 flavors of ice cream, old fashioned candy, souvenirs, clothing, firewood, and ice. The camping season runs from May 1 to Oct. 1.

Julie Kranz and Randy Pratt have been managing the campground for the past five years. Julie has been a nearly life-long area resident. She has three children and nine grandchildren who are often at the campground. Randy has lived in the area for eight years and has one adult son. “It’s the best campground in the world,” said Randy Pratt. For reservations, call 218-753-6868 or go online to hoodoo-pointmn.com.



The 50th Celebration at Hoodoo Point Campground includes games for all ages and a picnic lunch.

Above: Isabelle and Savannah Noyes play volleyball on the beach.

Left: Julie Kranz gets the fun underway.

Below: Bentley and Dylan Crego play on the beach.

Bottom: Wheelbarrow races.



COUNTY SCHOOLS

District approves waste management contracts

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

VIRGINIA-Officials with ISD 2142 approved a new waste management contract with AE2S Operations at Tuesday’s meeting in Virginia for the South Ridge and North Woods schools.

The contract will increase how much the district spends on waste collection at the two schools, up to \$4,900 a month (\$58,800 annually) from the current cost of just over

\$4,200. The contract also included emergency fees of \$63 per hour for working hour service, \$96 per hour for after hours, and \$118 for supervisor calls during normal business hours.

The contract states Eric Appelwick, who previous worked for ISD 2142 contractor BioMicrobics, will serve as the operations manager for the duration of the five-year contract with AE2S.

The North Dakota-based AE2S said they have over two decades of expe-

rience in waste management and water systems according to the contract. Many infrastructure projects in North Dakota’s Bakken Oilfield region were completed by the company. Some of those projects were met with controversy, however.

In articles published by local paper, the *Tioga Tribune*, in August 2016, city officials in Tioga, N.D. expressed dismay over work done by AE2S and their subcontractors over water systems work

within the city.

Calls to the city attorney went unreturned to elaborate on the problems between the city and AE2S.

The vote at last night’s meeting passed unanimously with little fanfare and no discussion.

Other business

In other business, the board:

➤ Voted to table a plan to close fitness centers at Cherry and North Woods schools until

February of next year. The two schools are bringing in far below the needed revenue to break even with operating expenses. Trustee Chris Koivisto opposed the plan to close the centers, and said some services the district offers should not be expected to make money, and should be considered a service to the community.

➤ Superintendent Reggie Engebretson pre-

sented a plan from the state Department of Education to grant up to \$500,000 dollars to individual schools. She said the state expects 500 schools to apply with a total of \$25 million available in funds. No word was given which schools would apply from St. Louis County.

➤ The board approved a plan to transport students in foster care to their home schools if the distance was

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Outdoors

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GETTING KIDS OUTDOORS

Fishing and fun...

Take-A-Kid Fishing event generates plenty of smiles

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

LAKE VERMILION— The sale of fishing licenses in Minnesota is down nearly five percent this year, part of a long-term trend that members of the Lake Vermilion Guides League would like to reverse. Their ninth annual Take-A-Kid Fishing event, held this past Wednesday, is part of that effort, and it serves as a reminder to kids and parents that a day spent on the

water is sure to generate plenty of smiles.

“We want to interest them, so they can hopefully encourage their parents to take them out again,” said Bakken. “It’s hard to get those kids away from their iPads, and phones and computers.”

Putting on such an event for 100 kids is a big undertaking, with nearly 80 volunteers, including nearly 50 boat hosts, each of whom

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Left: Some of the participants in last week’s Take-A-Kid Fishing event display their catches. Pictured are (l-r) Dakota Jerde, Ian Rasmussen, Alex Woitalla, and Quincy Sandberg. S. Ukkola



NEW NEIGHBORS

Learning to live and let live

Attitude adjustment helps when faced with masked raider

Live and let live. That’s become my philosophy after 33 years living out here in the woods.

And it’s a philosophy I had to think about again recently when a raccoon started raiding our bird feeders. Raccoons aren’t native to the North Country and like a lot of critters moving up from the south, their recent appearance isn’t necessarily welcomed by all.

Raccoons, perhaps, pose more issues than most new residents of the region. They are remarkably good, after all, at getting into just about everything. Their front paws are amazingly dexterous, and they use them just like hands. In fact, I often think of raccoons as the closest thing to a wild primate here in Minnesota, even though they don’t quite have an opposable thumb. As we recently learned from the now-famous ascent of the 25-story UBS



MARSHALL HELMBERGER

Building in St. Paul by what appeared to be a raccoon ninja, their ability to climb is practically a superpower. While my feeder protection system can easily keep out the red squirrels, it has proven no match for our masked interloper.

There was a time in my life when a raider like this might have been greeted with a taste of hot lead. Over the years, I occasionally went on the warpath against a too-clever red squirrel, hoping that his tricks for getting into the feeders wouldn’t spread to the general population. The trusty .22 used to get a fair amount of use as a result. But I guess I’ve mellowed in recent

Above: A raccoon warily eyes a photographer sitting inside the house, not more than 15 feet away. photos by M. HelMBERGER

Right: Raccoons are more agile than their appearance might suggest.

years. I’ve decided it’s really just a matter of attitude adjustment, and since then I’ve realized that the antics of the red squirrels are every bit as entertaining as the parade of feathered friends that visit each day.

Besides, it was apparent that our latest feeder raider is a mom, although we’ve yet to see her with young ones. But momma raccoons generally leave their young ones hidden in a safe place while they go out to eat. And if you’ve ever seen a litter of young raccoons, well you probably know why we wouldn’t want to leave them without a mother.

Once they get a bit older, they should start trailing along with her. Which means we could come home one day soon to find a whole family of raccoons staring at us from the bird feeder.

Our new dog, Loki, who might be expected to keep such raiders at bay, has shown little interest in the raccoon. I’ve pointed it out to him more than once. He watches it with some interest and, once, even growled for a second before deciding to take a nap.

It’s probably for the best, since raccoons can be pretty tough customers in a fight. Our late dog, Penny, a beefy, 90-pound Rhodesian Ridgeback mixed with a little pit bull, once tangled with a good-sized raccoon. As the dog caught up to the animal, I assumed the raccoon wasn’t long for this world. Penny was built like a tank and had jaws like a vise and she pounced on that raccoon in full attack mode. The fur was flying and the shrieking was blood-curdling as I ran up to them,



but before I got there, Penny was yelping and the raccoon had sunk his teeth into her upper lip and was hanging on for dear life.

As I approached the fracas, I had no idea how I was going to free the dog from its predicament, but fortunately the raccoon let go and waddled off into heavy cover. Penny didn’t need any coaxing to stay put. She had clearly had enough. And this was a dog that had no trouble chasing off timber wolves.

Loki, a lean, 50-pound “free to good home” mutt, would do best to steer clear.

Raccoons are still pretty uncommon in our area, although their population certainly appears to be increasing. Severe winters were once the limiting factor for the species here, but the rapid warming of our winters, along with deer feeding, have undoubtedly helped them to survive. Raccoons don’t hibernate, which means they can’t just sleep through the winter like bears, chipmunks, and a number of other mammals do. But the relative lack of food in winter poses a challenge for raccoons

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Wildflower Watch

This week’s featured flower
INDIAN PIPE



This ghostly plant may not seem like a wildflower at all, but **Indian Pipe**, *Monotropa uniflora*, is, in fact, a regular bloomer this time of year. The plant appears so ghostly because it lacks chlorophyll, which gives most plants their greenish hue. Unlike most plants, the Indian Pipe derives its sustenance from decaying vegetation, rather than sunlight. While it can be found growing almost anywhere in our region, it seems to do best in deep shade, where it is not hampered by the lack of light.

The plant’s nodding flowers, if tipped upside down, look like a pipe, hence the plant’s name. It’s a member of the Pyrola family.

Fishing reports

Kab-Nam area

Fishing takes a back seat as we head into the dog days of summer.

The fish are there but most are focusing their attention on more summerlike activities. The berry season is in full swing and with a bumper blueberry crop on hand you don’t have to go far to find a sea of blue on the ground. Find any well drained rocky area with good sun exposure and you are sure to find some.

Walleyes are scattered as they have transitioned to the edges of reefs in larger numbers. With the mayfly hatch now behind us, they are searching in deeper water for forage and a little more difficult to predict. When the wind is blowing still work the windblown weed edges and shorelines. On Kab, a lindy and leech or crawler is working well and down towards Namakan minnows seem to be the preferred bait on most days. We were still catching fish quite consistently with a jig and minnow late last week. Being mobile is key. Move until you find fish that are willing to take what you are offering but don’t hesitate to switch up your presentation until something works. Check depths all over the scale from 8 ft.-30 ft. Give Lost Bay and the mid-lake reefs a try as the reports from those areas have been positive.

Courtesy Gateway General Store, Lake Kabetogama

Fishing reports

Lake Vermilion

The walleye fishing on Lake Vermilion continues to be good on both ends of the lake. An abundance of perch fry on the west end of the lake are providing plenty of food for the larger walleyes and they are feeding aggressively. These schools of perch are easy to find on your electronics and are definite spots where big walleyes are nearby. Most of the walleyes are in the slot, but it makes for a fun day on the water. The east end walleye bite is sporadic but once a

school of walleye are found they are generally willing to bite. The size is a little on the smaller side but there is plenty of action to be had. Depths from 20 to 26 feet are best. Muskie fishing continues to be good to great with many big fish willing to show themselves in the shallow rocks. Buck tails have been working best, but almost any bait can work so don't be afraid to mix it up. With the warm water temps it is best to unhook them boat-side and cut the hooks for a quicker release when necessary.

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took a couple kids out for a few hours of afternoon fishing. Most of the nearly 100 kids who took part caught fish, and some caught trophies, including a 27-inch and a 25-inch walleye.

"It went really well," said Phil Bakken, a Lake Vermilion guide and one of the event's principal organizers. "The volunteers were great and the fish fry was popular as usual. The fish went faster than the hot dogs," he said.






Nobody went home empty-handed. Even those who didn't manage to catch fish went home with a new T-shirt, a rod and reel, and their own tackle box.

In addition to the volunteers, representatives of the 1854 Treaty Authority were on hand to talk about fisheries management and the University of Minnesota Extension had a booth highlighting the threat from aquatic invasive species.

Major sponsors include the Lake Vermilion Guides League, which organizes the event, along with Fortune Bay Resort Casino, which puts on the fish fry. The Vermilion Lake Association, the Lake Vermilion Resort Association, and the Cook Lions were all major contributors of resources and volunteers.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather

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Outdoors briefly

Myrtle Lake water quality subject of Orr open house

ORR—An open house to discuss the water quality of Myrtle Lake, near Orr, will be held on Friday, Aug. 3 from 4:30-6:30 p.m. at the Orr Community Center (formerly the American Legion).

Come and learn about the water quality status of the lake plus past and present monitoring efforts. The public is invited to share its local knowledge of the lake and get involved in efforts to improve water quality in the lake.

The event is hosted by the

North Saint Louis Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD).

Myrtle Lake is currently on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's 2018 Draft Impaired Waters List. The lake may be listed impaired because it may be unsuitable for recreational uses such as swimming and boating during certain times of the year. This is due to high levels of nutrients such as phosphorus and nuisance algae blooms.

At the open house an MPCA project manager will give a presentation about Myrtle Lake at 5 p.m. Staff from the MPCA and SWCD will be available before and after the presentation. Light refreshments

will be provided.

For more information, please contact North St. Louis SWCD, Becca Reiss, Community Conservationist at 218-471-7288 or becca@nslswcd.org

Myrtle Lake is a part of the Vermilion River watershed, which is currently being monitored through the Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) Process. The WRAPS process is a rotating 10-year cycle used by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), tribal, state, and local partners to restore and protect Minnesota's rivers, lakes, and wetlands.

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and they are known to become very inactive for extended periods during the height of winter, often holing up in a hollow tree or underground den.

Raccoons are considered to be highly intelligent, particularly in manipulating things with their hand-like claws. In one early study, raccoons demonstrated the ability to quickly figure out how to open a wide range of complex locks and can distinguish different symbols. They are also known to have excellent memories and have demonstrated that they can remember how to solve

complicated problems as much as three years later. They have a similar density of neurons in their cerebral cortex to many primates and are believed to be the equal to monkeys in terms of problem-solving ability.

The most notable behavior of a raccoon is their tendency to "wash" their food with their hands, although it's pretty clear this is not done out of a desire for good hygiene. Raccoons have a highly-developed sense of touch, which they use to examine the food they eat, and it's believed that water can intensify their touch

sense by softening their front paws.

Even when munching sunflower seeds in our feeder, the momma raccoon uses her front paws to handle the sunflower seeds before stuffing them into her mouth. While I know some folks will dispatch a raccoon that shows up in their yard, I'm happy for the chance to watch more and learn more about one of our more recent North Country residents. At least here on the ridge on the edge of the Lost Lake Swamp, we live and let live.



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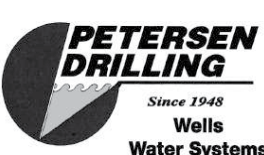
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If you can't make it to the polls on August 14th, here is the link to request an absentee ballot. <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/other-ways-to-vote/vote-early-by-mail/>

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The following information represents the annual disclosure of tax increment districts for the year ended December 31, 2017.

TIF 1-1 EDA

4	Current net tax capacity	\$	4,419
5	Original net tax capacity	\$	189
6	Captured net tax capacity	\$	4,230
7	Principal and interest payments due in 2018	\$	0
8	Tax increment received in 2017	\$	6,089
9	Tax increment expended in 2017	\$	6,029
10	Month and year of first tax increment receipt		5/1999
11	Date of required decertification		12/31/2024
12	The total increased property taxes to be paid from outside the district if fiscal disparities Option A applies*	\$	0

* The fiscal disparities property tax law provides that the growth in commercial-industrial property tax values is shared throughout the area. In a tax increment financing district, this value sharing can either result in a decrease in tax increment financing district revenue or a tax increase for other properties in the municipality depending on whether the tax increment financing district contributes its share of the growth. Amounts displayed here indicate that the district did not contribute its growth in commercial-industrial property tax values and represent the resulting increase in taxes on other properties in the City for taxes payable in 2017.

Additional information regarding this district may be obtained from: Cheri Carter, PO Box 237, Orr, MN 55771. 218-757-3288. orrmn@centurytel.net

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FILING NOTICE
EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the Town Clerk during regular office hours at the Town Hall from July 31 - August 14, 2018 for the offices of:

Township Treasurer- 4-year term
Supervisor A- 4-year term
Supervisor D- 4-year term
Supervisor E- 4-year term

Filing fee is \$2.00

Filing Period for township offices is July 31, 2018-August 14, 2018 until 5:00 p.m. for the November 6 General Election.

The Clerk's office will also be open for candidate filings on:

Tuesday, July 31 from 2 - 5 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 2 from 2 - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 7 from 2 - 5 p.m.
Thursday, Aug. 9 from 2 - 5 p.m.
Tuesday, Aug. 14 from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Primary Election Day is Tuesday, August 14

Deb Siverhus, Town Clerk

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KUGLER TOWNSHIP
ELECTION FILING NOTICE

Affidavits of candidacy may be filed with the Town Clerk at her home from Tuesday, July 31, 2018, until Tuesday, August 14, 2018, at 5 p.m., for the offices of:

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Please contact the clerk at 218-753-3314 or 218-750-0337 to set up an appointment.

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Julie Suihkonen, Town Clerk

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CALL FOR PROPANE BIDS
CITY OF ORR 2018-19 HEATING SEASON

The City of Orr is calling for sealed bids on a contract price for 13,000 gallons of propane for the upcoming heating season September 1, 2018, through May 31, 2019. Cost per gallon should reflect any additional fees or charges.

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Cheri Carter, Clerk/Treasurer
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FIELD TOWNSHIP
PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

The Polls at Field Town Hall, 1627 Highway 25, will be open from 7 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018.

Pat Chapman, Town Clerk

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FIELD TOWNSHIP
PUBLIC ACCURACY
TESTING

The Field Town Board will conduct a Public Accuracy Test of its M-100 Voting Machine on Monday, August 6, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at the Field Town Hall.

The regular meeting of the Field Town Board will be held on Tuesday, August 21, at 7 p.m. at the Field Town Hall.

Pat Chapman, Town Clerk
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EAGLES NEST
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PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

The Polls at Eagles Nest Town Hall will be open from 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tuesday, August 14, 2018, for the Primary Election. Eagles Nest Town Hall is located at 1552 Bear Head State Park Rd.

Deb Siverhus, Town Clerk

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CITY OF ORR

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST

Notice is hereby given that the City of Orr will conduct a public accuracy test as required by law to test the AutoMark Assistive Voting Device.

Wednesday, August 8, 2018, at 9:00 A.M. at Orr City Hall, 4429 Hwy 53, Orr, MN 55771.

Cheri Carter, Clerk/Treasurer

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by Linda Thistle

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BABBITT AL-ANON- meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Babbitt Assembly of God Church.

VIRGINIA AA WOMEN'S MEETING- Ladies by the Lake. Tuesdays at 12 noon. Peace United Methodist Church, 303 S 9th Ave, please use side door and parking.

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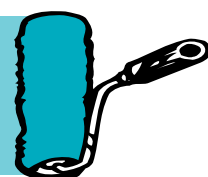
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- ACROSS**
- 1 "You ... over there ..."
5 Significance
12 Wee bits
16 Pine-
19 Bi- + hexa-
20 "My —" (Willa Cather novel)
21 Panache
22 Kin of mono-
23 Very hot shrubby wasteland?
25 Law firm aide, in brief
26 Mutt's threat
27 Stuff making a big bang
28 Harem room
29 45s' cousins
30 Average desert drainage basin?
32 Reaction to inhaling element #2?
35 Without a — (very poor)
36 Painful things to touch
37 They may hold gold
38 Big blue body
39 Goldfish doing a funny circus act?
42 Literary critic Connolly
44 "C'mon, help me out here"
47 Accept an insult humbly
50 Paunch from overdoing it on Mexican food?
53 Hellenic "T"
54 Brit's lav
55 "You, over there!"
58 Jersey's largest city
59 Mink coat taken by a thief?
62 Vamoose
64 Actor Mueller-Stahl
67 Vast time span
68 Plains home
69 One given a water shaft as a gift?
73 Sports show summary
77 Jackie's Onassis
79 Waterfall nymph
80 Tasty bits
82 Steers a ship's front right or left?
86 Otter cousin
89 Yalie's nickname
90 '50s prez
91 Grafton's "— for Alibi"
92 Twisted wit used by a film's actors?
95 Character
98 Dressed like many a Scot
99 Small ducks
103 Forward thrust in water polo?
105 U.S. soldiers
108 "I cannot tell —"
109 "Need —?" (driver's query)
111 Dads
112 Fine dishes that have been split?
115 Brush off a bishop's hat?
118 Nanny's cry
119 Gold, in Peru
120 Chill (out)
121 Pal, to Pierre
122 Norse god
123 Message spelled out by the 12 added letters in this puzzle
126 Mil. rank
127 Feat of skill
128 Winds off a spool
129 "— boy!" ("All right!")
130 H.S. subject
131 See 75-Down
132 Brand of Irish cream
133 Sonnet, e.g.
DOWN
- 1 After this, to a logician
2 Set design
3 Country's — Brothers
4 Black gunk
5 Little candies with shells
6 Hold the interest of
7 One "A" of NCAA: Abbr.
8 Festive
9 Like many smartphone game purchases
10 Tiny peevess
11 Exclamation of frustration
12 Indiana university
13 Jai follower
14 Comic Roseanne
15 Is testy with
16 Many a placebo
17 One way to eat pastrami
18 Former Italian coins
24 Debtor's slip
30 Hoodwink
31 Byron, e.g.
33 "That so?"
34 Limerick's rhyme scheme
35 Do in
39 Mil. rank
40 In the vicinity
41 Reason
43 Advice-giving Ann
45 Perpetually, in verse
46 Acid's counterpart
48 Small deer
49 Boatload
51 Co. biggie
52 Repetitive cry of pain
53 Song
55 Prez elected in '48
56 Wring (out)
57 Puppy's bark
59 Bill with Abe
60 Major rainfall
61 Bills with Washington
63 College VIP
65 Nutrition amt.
66 Unassuming
70 Seth's eldest son
71 Edict
72 Islamic chief
74 Third letter
75 With 131-Across, listening intently
76 Tire inflation abbr.
78 Toothpaste brand of old
81 Yoko —
82 Advice tidbit
83 Short guitar, for short
84 Lifting again
85 Iranian cash
87 U.S. 10, e.g.
88 Gnat relative
92 Smokes
93 Heady quaff
94 "You betcha"
96 Carpet area meas.
97 Make obsolete
98 Trunk knot
100 Aware of and interested in
101 Striped
102 Big name in whiskey
104 Topples
106 "I wish that were true!"
107 Accent
109 Maxim
110 Unit of light
112 Island off the Italian coast
113 Jacket flap
114 Bovine beast
116 Mind product
117 Arena part
118 "Munich" star Eric
123 Nerve center
124 "— -haw!"
125 Talk noisily

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