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County candidates air views for voters

Two top vote-getters will vie for seat on Nov. 6

by MARCUS WHITE

Cook/Orr Editor

WAASA TWP — Voters packed the town hall meeting room here on Tuesday night to hear from the six candidates vying to replace outgoing Fourth District County Commissioner Tom Rukavina. Town supervisors organized the event, which was the first and only time that all the candidates were set to meet face-to-face

in a forum ahead of Tuesday's primary election.

The candidates, including Mike Forsman Jr., Paul Kess, Dan Manick, Paul McDonald, Bernie Mettler, and Christine Schlotec offered opening statements before taking three prepared questions from Supervisor Emily Quick, and later from the audience.

Opening statements were given in the order candidates were seated.

"I think I can do more than talk about what I can do at the county level," Ely City Councilor Paul Kess said. "I think mining is critical to supporting our infrastructure. I support PolyMet." Kess also advocated for more of a focus on mental health and said the county "can do more, especially in the rural areas in the Fourth District."

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St. Louis County District 4 candidates, from left, Bernie Mettler, Mike Forsman, Daniel Manick and Paul McDonald, joined Paul Kess and Christine Schlotec for a candidate forum Tuesday night at Waasa Town Hall. photo by M. White

ELECTION 2018



Most polls open 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday for primary election

by MARCUS WHITE

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REGIONAL - This coming Tuesday's (Aug. 14) primary election will offer voters the opportunity to weigh-in on several hotly-contested races for federal, state and county offices in Minnesota. Most polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Minnesota's same-day registration offers new voters the opportunity to register at their polling place at the same time.

The primary election will decide which candidates move on to the Nov. 6 general election. For party-affiliated

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races, the primary will determine the nominees for both major parties for several top contests, including the gubernatorial race, two U.S. Senate seats, the Eighth District congressional seat, and state attorney general.

The primary will also narrow the field in the race to succeed Tom Rukavina as St. Louis County Commissioner for the Fourth District. Six candidates are

vying for that job, including Christine Schlotec, Daniel Manick, Mike Forsman Jr., Bernie Mettler, Paul McDonald and Paul Kess. The top two vote-getters in the non-partisan contest will advance to the general election.

Both Republicans and DFL voters will also make their picks for governor. With Gov. Mark Dayton opting for retirement this year, it's an open seat and the party nominations are being hard-fought. On the DFL side, major candidates include the party-endorsee,

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ENVIRONMENT

New PAC focuses on **BWCAW** protection

by Marshall Helmberger

Managing Editor

ELY- A new political action committee here is hoping to put some electoral muscle behind their desire to protect the Boundary Waters from the threats posed by sulfide-based copper-nickel mining. And they're starting that effort by weighing-in on the DFL primary contest for governor, set for Tuesday, Aug. 14.

The Boundary Waters Action Fund a new 501(c)4, which is a type of non-profit organization that can engage in a wide range of social advocacy. Unlike more traditional nonprofits, organized under the IRS rule known as 501(c)3, the Boundary Waters Action Fund will be able to engage much more in electoral politics, even endorsing candidates in some cases.

For now, the group is letting tens of thousands of voters around the state know which gubernatorial candidates they feel are "Boundary Waters Champions." The group is reserving the designation for candidates who they believe are committed to protecting the 1.1 million-acre wilderness and its associated watersheds from the risks posed by proposed copper-nickel mining.

In the three-way race for the DFL nomination for governor, the group has certified DFL-endorsed candidate Erin Murphy and First District Congressman

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SANITATION

Ely Council continues to study recycling options

by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY – The city of Ely continues to look for a new location for the St. Louis County recycling facility,

currently located on the west end of town where a new trailhead complex is

being proposed. The city council's Sanitation Committee met

last week and talked with

county officials about the issue.

City property owners are charged \$60 per year by St. Louis County for access to the recycling bins and brush drop-off area. Along with fees collected by local businesses, the county brings in \$230,000 per year to operate the facility.

According to City

Council member Al

Forsman, the city of Ely also contributes \$3,230 per year.

Besides providing recycle facilities, the county's environmental services division provides hazardous waste disposal, load-fee sites (such as the site on Highway 21 outside of Ely), and solid waste disposal.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Greenwood Township celebrates 40th Anniversary on Aug. 25

GREENWOOD TWP- Greenwood's 40th Anniversary get-together is fast approaching, on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 2 p.m.

If you plan on attending, please RSVP so we can plan accordingly for food. We need many helping hands to set up, cook, serve, and clean up. Everything is free, so your help is greatly appreciated.

If you are presently, or have in the past been, a resident or visitor, you are most welcome to attend. If you play an instrument or are a singer, you are most welcome to perform. If you can lead or show others how to play pickle ball, bocce ball, tennis, horseshoes, or other games, please call Pam; we need you.

We will still take your pictures of family and

friends at Lake Vermilion or your Lake Vermilion family stories until Wednesday, Aug. 15. We are so lucky to be able to live, fish, and play in this beautiful area. Come and celebrate with us at Greenwood's 40th Anniversary.

To RSVP, volunteer, submit stories or photos, or for questions, please call Pam Lundstrom at 218-753-3006.

NWFA Summer Writers Group meets on Tuesday, Aug. 14

COOK- The last session of the Summer Writers Group will be held at the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery on Tuesday, Aug. 14 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. as the community center is not available as originally planned. Follow the sidewalk art next to Dream Weaver Salon at 210 S River St. in Cook. The Summer Writers Group will resume as the Winter Writers Group in September and will then meet the second Saturday of each month from 1-3 p.m. at the NWFA gallery. The group is open to all who enjoy writing and is beautifully and professionally coordinated by Dr. Ellie Larmouth.

NWFA is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to inspiring, nurturing and celebrating the arts. See the website at nwfamn.org, Facebook, and Instagram.



Glen Everhart's Heebie Jeebies at Ely, Cook, and Babbitt libraries

REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present Glen Everhart's Heebie Jeebies, a free musical comedy program being offered for ages 5 and older at Ely Public Library on Friday, Aug. 17 at 9:30 a.m. and Babbitt Public Library on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m., and at the Cook Public Library on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 2:30 p.m.

Glen Everhart's Heebie Jeebies Family Comedy Music Show is the perfect entertainment. Kids will laugh, move, and dance their way through Glen Everhart's show of original kids' comedy songs.

Everhart performs selections from his acclaimed CD, Young People of the World. Selections include "I've Got the Heebie Jeebies," "Camp-Ishy-fishy-stinky-socky-skeeterslappy-toad-a-hoppy-burpa-lotta-woodsa-tickleee," "The 4 Headed 3 Legged 2 Armed 1 Eyed Monster," "The Littlest Worm" and many more.

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

ARTS IN THE OUTDOORS

Unique Picnic Operetta in Babbitt, Finland and Cook later this month



REGIONAL - There's a fun show coming to the Iron Range. Mixed Precipitation, a small theatre company based in the Twin Cities, thrives on presenting music and theatre in non-traditional spaces and creating fun for audiences.

After ten years of touring Minnesota, they are bringing their summer tradition to Babbitt, Cook, and Finland.

The Picnic Operetta is a summer harvest celebration with music and food. Each summer their creative team of writers, singers, and chefs adapt an opera for an outdoor setting, while riffing on the story with humor and love for the great outdoors.

Their performances happen on farms, vineyards and community gardens. In the past, Mixed Precipitation has presented operas by Mozart, Beethoven, Purcell, Handel and Haydn - and each year the opera is mashed-up with pop tunes that match the story, including 50s doowop, trucker songs, classic country and the music of Queen.

Their schedule includes:

- ➤ Sunday, Aug. 19, 2 p.m., Finland Historical Society, 5653 Little Marais Rd, Finland;
- ➤ Saturday, Aug. 25, 2 p.m., Northern Delicious, presented by the Northern Lakes Arts Association, 3298 Lenont Rd., Babbitt;
- ➤ Sunday, Aug. 26, 2 p.m., Cook's Country Connection, 1953 Vermilion Dr., Cook.

This summer they're adapting Otto Nicolai's 1849 opera, The Merry Wives of Windsor. Scotty Reynolds, a native of Silver Bay, adapted this story following his research on Minnesota's ecological and economic history and the land-

mark legal battle, United States vs. Reserve Mining.

Reynolds' grandparents, Jim and Julianna Reynolds, moved to the Babbitt area from Kentucky and worked for Reserve Mining. By the end of the 1950s, they lived in Silver Bay. Following the historic layoff at Reserve Mining, they moved to the metro area. His family still spends summers in the Babbitt area on Birch Lake.

Previously, Mixed Precipitation has presented Donald Giovanni in Cornlandia and Philemon and Baucis - Planet in Peril at Northern Delicious Farm, hosted by farmers Ellen Root and Northern Lakes Arts Association.

Here's a summary of this year's opera, Dr. Falstaff and the Working Wives of Lake County: On the shores of Lake Superior, the small town of Mineral Bay is in trouble. The taconite plant has gone bust and jobs are leaving town fast. Meanwhile, the sleazy Doctor Falstaff has washed up on shore. He's looking to sell a boat, eat some herring, and seduce some married women. Luckily, a trio of tough working gals has teamed up to chase the rat out of town. These working wives (a nurse, a park ranger, and a librarian) show the men in town who's the Boss.

But the end product is silly fun with some tasty food tossed in to help tell the story - and the music of Bruce Springsteen!

"The original opera is based on one of Shakespeare's comedies, The Merry Wives of Windsor," Reynolds said. "Our show places the silly characters of Shakespeare's comedy alongside contemporary questions about industry, job creation, and the



environmental impact of capitalism. The Merry Wives of Windsor takes place in a hunting village outside of London."

This version takes place on the North Shore of Lake Superior in a historic fishing community and mining town. "Contaminated drinking water and a depleted fish population led to a decade of legal battles with fisherman, environmentalists and the mining industry," he said. "Kind of boring subject matter, but an important debate in the context of times we're in now. Bruce Springsteen's classic anthems of working life and songs of love are perfect for the struggles of these characters. We'll look at the conflict between environmentalism and job creation with humor and dignity, and

There's a fun menu of bite-sized flavors woven into the story as well including beet chocolate crumble, a variation on potato salad, pop cornballs and more. Food and picnic blankets are provided. Audiences are welcome to bring their own folding chairs and food and beverage to enjoy during the performance. This show is fun for all ages.

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Shadowy group spends big in the Eighth

Super PAC known as Progress Tomorrow pours over \$150,000 into primary contest to back Radinovich

REGIONAL - With its newfound status as a congressional swing district, the battle for the Eighth District this fall is sure to attract millions of dollars from outside political action committees, or super PACS, that hope to determine the outcome of the Nov.6 general election.

Yet even this year's DFL primary battle has attracted big money, primarily from a newly-formed super-PAC known as Progress Tomorrow, which has poured more than \$150,000 into the primary contest, all of it in support of Crosby DFLer Joe Radinovich. Just over \$120,000 has been used to finance an extensive direct mail campaign to likely DFL primary voters, while another \$30,000 has gone to online advertising. Radinovich is one of only two candidates that the super PAC has supported since its founding on

Super PACs like Progress Tomorrow can spend unlimited amounts

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER of money in support of candidates as long as they don't coordinate their activities with the campaigns of candidates they support.

The Radinovich campaign denied any connection to the organization and decried the intrusion of outside money into the race. "Ending the corrosive influence of dark money in politics is a cornerstone of our campaign," said Radinovich in a statement.

Radinovich has called for a constitutional amendment to overturn the Supreme Court's Citizens United decision, which has further opened the floodgates to big money in political races. "That is precisely why I refuse corporate PAC contributions and have been endorsed by End Citizens United," said Radinovich. "Unfortunately, this is not the first and probably not the last independent expenditure we'll see in the Eighth."

The motivations or political leanings of Progress Tomorrow aren't clear, although the individuals behind the funding of the organization are generally considered centrist and pro-military. The group was founded on June 28 with reported funding from just two sources, both of them super PACs themselves. About \$730,000 came from the group United Together, while the group Forward Not Back contributed \$619,000.

Fox News CEO Rupert Murdoch is the largest single contributor to United Together, having donated \$500,000 of the \$1.35 million the group has reported raising this electioncycle.Othermajorcontributors include Chicago White Sox and Bulls owner Jerry Reinsdorf and former Major League Baseball Commissioner Allan Selig.

Forward Not Back reported raising \$1.576 million this cycle, most of it from principal owners of large Wall Street hedge and venture capital funds.

United Together also spent nearly a million dollars this year opposing Marie Newman, a progressive challenger to Mark Lipinski, a co-chair of the Blue Dogs caucus and one of the most conservative Democrats in Congress.

Right: A sampling of the mailers sent out in recent days by the super PAC Progress Tomorrow.

Lipinski narrowly beat off Newman's progressive challenge in his Illinois House district.

Forward Not Back was heavily involved in a New Mexico congressional race, pouring almost \$300,000 into the race to back Albuquerque attorney Damon Martinez for an open congressional seat. The group also spent just under \$20,000 to oppose former New Mexico Democratic Party Chair Debra Haaland, who was vying to become the first Native American woman elected to Congress. Despite the substantial expenditures in support of her opponent, Haaland easily won that race back in June and is widely-considered the favorite to win

The two super PACs appear to be affiliated with a coalition of eight organizations, that operate under the auspices of No Labels, an organization that supports centrist candidates on both sides of the aisle. According to The Hill, "No Labels is planning an aggressive effort to spend tens of millions of dollars to protect moderates in both parties from primary challenges, in an attempt to give incumbents incen-

Independent Joe Lieberman and Jon Huntsman, a Republican and President Trump's current ambassador to

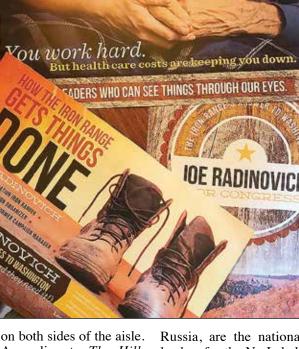
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contests."

Russia, are the national leaders for the No Labels organization. Combined, the eight super PACs connected to No Labels have raised more than \$9.8 million in itemized individual donations, primarily from five- and six-figure donors. No Labels is also affiliated with super PACs that back moderate Republicans and candidates who favor increased military spend-



Briefly

Fatality, injuries in motorcycle crashes

REGIONAL - A motorcyclist was killed on Hwy. 6 on Saturday after he struck a moose in rural Koochiching County. Two other motorcyclists were injured in collisions with deer on area roadways.

In the first crash, Gary Vansickle, 66, of Milaca, struck a moose at the corner of Hwy. 6 and Cty. Rd. 5 in southern Koochiching County on Saturday afternoon. He was transferred to Sandford Hospital where he was pronounced dead. He was wearing a helmet at the time of the collision.

In the second crash, on Sunday afternoon, Alan Gustufson, 54, of Hines, struck a deer south of Bigfork on Hwy. 38 two miles south of town. Gustafson was wearing a helmet and did not sustain life-threatening injuries.

Bigfork Valley Hospital for treatment.

The third incident occurred on Monday night on Hwy. 53 south of Cook. Caleb Hakala, 18, of Rosemount, was not transported to St. Luke's in Duluth after he struck a deer crossing the expressway. His injuries reported to State Patrol were not life-threatening.

Alcohol was not a factor in the collisions.

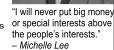
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Vote this Tuesday

Preserve your right to complain by doing your job as "Citizen"

Need a practical reason to vote in this Tuesday's primary election? Then how about this... doing so preserves your right to engage in one of America's favorite activities - complaining about the state of our politics. That may be a right under our First Amendment, but rights in a democracy come with responsibilities, and voting is at the top of the job description for the hallowed title of "Citizen."

If you don't vote, you don't count, and nobody should care one iota what you have to say about anything related to politics. It sounds harsh, we know. Call it a little tough love.

Forget the excuses. We know it's still summertime, the fish are biting, and you think you've got better things to do. You may even believe it doesn't make a difference who is in office. Let's put this gently: If you think that, you're flat-out wrong. The 2018 elections could well be a turning point for this country (you've heard that before, but this time it's true), and Tuesday's primary will determine the choices you'll have on the November

And there are real choices on the ballot this Tuesday. On the DFL side, voters will have a choice of three major candidates for governor, including the endorsed candidate Erin Murphy, First District Congressman Tim Walz, and current Attorney General Lori Swanson. The GOP side pits party-endorsed Jeff Johnson against former Governor Tim Pawlenty.

on the DFL side is a real barn burner as well, with five candidates in the running, including current state Rep. Jason Metsa, former state Rep. Joe Radinovich, North Branch Mayor Kirsten Kennedy, Bemidji resident Soren Sorenson and former KBJR anchor Michelle Lee. As we've previously reported, there are some significant differences between the candidates in this race, so who wins really does matter.

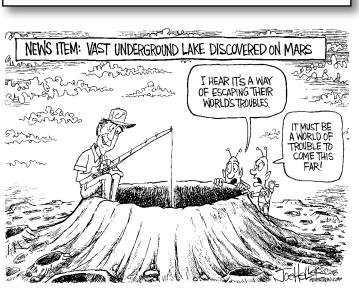
We have competitive attorney general races in both parties, and a hotly-contested U.S. Senate fight between appointed Sen. Tina Smith and her hard-charging rival Richard Painter, a University of Minnesota law professor and government ethicist.

Our readers in state House District 6B will have a choice between the DFLendorsed Shaun Hainey, of Pike Township, and Aurora Mayor Dave Lislegard.

And from the sea of lawn signs that have populated our region in recent weeks, it should be apparent that we also have a wideopen contest for St. Louis County Commissioner in the Fourth District, including Mike Forsman Jr., Paul Kess, Dan Manick, Paul McDonald, Bernie Mettler, and Christine Schlotec. Tuesday's voting will narrow that field to two candidates, who will face off on Nov. 6.

Most polls are open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, so unless you're working a 13-hour shift, there's no excuse not to vote. Remember, voting in our region is remarkably quick and easy, particularly compared to other places in the state. Voters in our area rarely face a line, much less a long line. In most cases, you can be in and out in under five minutes.

If you can't take five The Eighth District race minutes to participate in our democracy, at least you'll know where to look to find the culprit who helped bring about its demise- and that's in the mirror. Don't be one of those people. This Tuesday, get out and vote.





Letters from Readers

The fake news is coming from the Trump White House

I'm sure we've all heard the expression that is used when a crook pulls a fast one on someone: "He laughs all the way to the bank." I think a similar scenario applies to President Trump. When he hits the sack at night, after he finishes his tweets, he lays in bed and laughs to himself: "I can tell people one thing one day and then just the opposite the next day, and they still believe me. How gullible are they anyway? Pinch me!"

Five classic (dandy) exam-

1) For over a year he told the world that Mexico would pay for his border wall, guaranteed. Now instead, he's telling Congress they have to pay for the wall or he'll shut the government down.

2) As he was boarding Air Force One he told reporters that Michael Cohen (his fixer lawyer) made the \$130,000 payment to Stormy Daniels. But, the very next day he said he knew nothing of any payment and that Michael Cohen acted on his own.

3) After the Helsinki Summit he told Putin and the world that he saw no reason why Russia would interfere in our elections. The very next day he said he meant to say he saw no reason why Russia wouldn't interfere with our elections. Sorry folks, it was a double negative. My mistake!

4) One day last week he sent his own intelligence advisors, plus the Justice Department and FBI intelligence top dogs, including Homeland Security, to tell the world that Russia definitely interfered in the 2016 election and is still doing it for 2018. But, two hours later he told his followers at a campaign rally that Russian interference is nothing but "a big hoax," cooked up by the Democrats.

5) For over a year the President told the world the Trump Tower meeting had nothing to do with Hillary Clinton. It was about Russian adoptions. Now this week, he said it was definitely to get dirt on Clinton from the Russians, nothing to do with adoptions.

The President is making a tremendous case for not believing anything he says. The "fake news" appears to be from the White House, not from the press. Over 4,000 misleading statements and lies already, and counting.

Daryl Lamppa Tower

DFLers can do better on sexual harassment issue

The story of Chris Horoshak, the gay young man who worked in the DFL office in Mountain Iron, is devastating to read. The sexual harassment he received from colleagues has absolutely no place in our society, especially in an organization that purports to support and promote human rights.

Kudos to the Timberjay for bringing this behavior to light. It seemed as if no one was willing to take responsibility to stop this harassment - not even Rep. Nolan. The DFL, at every level, must speak out loudly and clearly that such grievous behavior will not be tolerated. It's time for new leaders who understand that sexual harassment is no longer acceptable and are willing to take immediate action when it occurs, not simply passing it on without follow-up, as happened in the Horoshak story.

As a longtime DFLer, I want to be proud of my party and this story did nothing but make me feel ashamed and angry. We can and we must do better.

John Mooty **Grand Rapids**

Looking for defining answers from Pete Stauber

I wish there had been some specific questions asked of Stauber in last week's *Timberjay* interview, such as:

- 1. If elected, would you vote in favor of adding \$25 billion to the deficit to build the wall on the Mexican border?
- 2. Would you vote to raise taxes to pay for the wall as it is being built?
- 3. Do you believe that the wall is necessary?

That's just a few, but, enough for answers that would really help define Stauber. I think I know the answers already. He wouldn't

dare offend Trump over the wall or anything else Trump wants. Did you see the Trump-Stauber event in Duluth? Stauber would be a secure Trump vote, spending us deeper into oblivion. That's the NRA/Republican way.

I sure urge people to vote for DFLer Joe Radinovich, a vote for common sense and competency.

Lee Peterson Greenwood Twp.

Hainey is the DFLendorsed candidate

As Chair of the St. Louis County 06 DFL, and a lifelong party member, I want to make it clear that Shaun Hainey is the DFL-endorsed candidate for House District 6B. He is the one who put in the hard work and showed up at the district convention to earn the DFL endorsement. Don't be fooled. Anyone running against Shaun in the primary is running against the endorsement of the party that has long supported the Iron Range.

Like those before him, Shaun is strong on mining. He has a vision for our region and our state that includes investment in local business, supporting entrepreneurism, and attracting new industries to the area by focusing on the people, not the companies, and making sure we have accountable investments. We need Shaun's fresh ideas and a willingness to work through disagreements.

Shaun will be our best advocate in St. Paul because he isn't just a series of talking points. He takes the time to listen to people and understand what their concerns are. You can see the gears turning when you talk to him, especially when something new comes up. His way of thinking isn't 'How do I respond to what someone is telling me?', it's 'How do I include what they are telling me with what I know and does it change things?'

Help support a better future for the Iron Range and join me in supporting Shaun Hainey in the primary on Aug. 14. This is an important primary - get out and vote!

> **Cathy Daniels** Vermilion Lake Twp.

We need people... so why are we slamming the door?

Here's an inconsistency that continuously puzzles me. Right here in northeastern Minnesota, as well as around the country, we have critical workforce shortages that are clearly impacting the health of our economy. And yet anti-immigrant views still resonate with many in the region.



Just take a look around. Right now, about the only businesses that don't have "Help Wanted" signs in their windows are the ones that have given up on trying to find workers.

KBJR recently reported that Delta Airlines has 200 unfilled positions in their Chisholm reservations center. Name just about any sector of the area economy, and finding qualified employees is at the top of their list of concerns. I was out to eat in Tower the other night and the restaurant couldn't offer its regular menu because it can't find a cook.

Sure, the economy is doing well right now, but it could be doing much better. Every potential job that goes wanting for a qualified applicant is another individual's wage that won't be spent in the local economy. Those 200 unfilled positions at Delta alone are costing the Iron Range economy millions of dollars in lost wages. That's potential wealth and growth that we won't generate because we fill the jobs.

don't have qualified people to While workforce shortages are an issue around the country, they are especially acute here in northeastern Minnesota, where baby boomers are over-repre-

sented in the population. As more

our region's available workforce shrinks, and that puts stress on area businesses and means our economy is failing to reach its full potential. At the same time, the birth

boomers slide into retirement.

rate in the United States hit a record low last year, as parents weigh the high cost of childcare, college tuition, and an increasingly dire outlook for the future of the world given threats like

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Letters from Readers

Mettler is committed and hard-working

Bernie Mettler is a candidate for the 4th District St. Louis County Commissioner seat that is being vacated by Tom

I have known Mr. Mettler for 25 years both personally and professionally. I doubt you will find any candidate who is more committed and hard-working. For more than two decades he has always been a strong advocate for your safety and well-being. He is a common man with a common sense approach to your issues, your roads, your property, and your services. Mr. Mettler will no doubt work tirelessly in support of you, the taxpayer. He knows your district. He has visited your homes. He lives amongst you. He is a proud American who believes in the Constitution.

in your best interest of all of you. For these reasons and many more I personally endorse Mr. Bernie Mettler for the 4th District St. Louis County Commissioner's seat. Please vote for Bernie on Tuesday, Aug. 14. Your vote is critical to the future of your

Bernie will make decisions

Larry Cuffe Jr. **Mayor of Virginia**

Shaun Hainey will help build our future

I support Paul Kess for St.

Louis County Commissioner from the 4th District. Paul is a creative problem solver. I have seen him identify solutions to problems that no one else considered and that resolved seemingly conflicting issues. He is intelligent He can absorb and understand a large quantity of material. And he is always respectful to people, whether they agree or disagree with him. Most of all, he is an independent thinker, never afraid to take a position to support his constituency. I am confident that Paul will provide the commitment and talent to fill this very important commissioner position.

Celia Domich

Let's build the future working together

I am voting for Shaun Hainey for Minnesota State Representative 6B in next week's primary. Campaign slogans matter. Shaun's is Build the Future. Those three words capture the most critical task facing the citizens, families, communities, and elected leaders on the Iron Range. Shaun, Cassandra, and their four children—and young families like

theirs—are the brightest future the Iron Range could ask for.

Being nostalgic about the Iron Range is not what I am looking for in a state representative—or anyone else I plan to vote for on Aug. 14. Instead of preserving the Iron Range way of life, why can't we think about reinventing the Iron Range way

Retaining the next generation of Born-on-the-Iron-Rangers—as pleasing as that idea sounds—will not be enough to revive our small towns and build a 21st -century workforce. Plus, the percentage of aging people on the Iron Range, of which I am one, is growing at a rapid pace. A Minnesota Department of Health study notes that in St. Louis County the population of people 65 years or older verges on 20 per cent. And a lot of these elders—estimated between 15 and 25 per cent—are pulling up stakes and moving to areas where there are more amenities and/or less snow to shovel.

To prosper, the Iron Range needs to attract a new generation of young people from other places, backgrounds, and experiences. To make that happen, there needs to be an array of incentives from the obvious and overdue (broadband, childcare access, higher wages, all sorts of educational and job-training opportunities, economic diversity, strong labor unions, quality local health care) to the subtle (like focusing on our shared values and making Not-Born-onthe-Iron-Rangers feel welcome). These obvious and subtle incentives are all part of Shaun's Build the Future campaign pledge.

I think it is important to note that Shaun Hainey was not born on the Iron Range—but he had the good sense and good fortune to marry an Iron Ranger. Shaun and Cassandra could have decided to start a family and pursue careers somewhere else in Minnesota or in another state, where jobs and economic opportunities are greater, but instead they have settled down to raise their family in Pike Township. They are my young, progressive, forward-thinking, hard-working neighbors. They are building a bright future right here on the Iron Range, and Shaun will work hard in St. Paul to bring that bright future to his constituents

Suzanne Winckler Pike Twp.

I urge my friends to vote Paul McDonald

I have had the privilege of knowing Paul McDonald for the past 30 years. I know his passion for his family, community and school and his loyalty to the Iron Range. Watching him in action over the years at Vermilion Community College and observing him during the campaign, there is no doubt Paul McDonald will put in the effort to do the job extremely well. Paul McDonald already has the respect of the 4th District through years of community involvement and dedication to the area. You see him at community events, athletic contests and fine arts activities. That respect will be enhanced and this area will be superbly served by his election to the county board. As someone who knows this area and knows Paul, I urge my friends and neighbors to vote for Paul McDonald on Aug. 14. By doing so, we insure our future. Judie Kauchick

Lake Vermilion Thankful to live in Greenwood

I am very blessed to be a resident of Greenwood Township and live on beautiful Lake Vermilion. The majority of the people I know and meet from Greenwood are kind, caring, generous, helpful and care for the township and area.

I support our elected officials and the Greenwood Fire Department. As with everyone, I may not alway agree with everything stated or done, but I do support them and feel if I have a concern or conflict, I can approach each one of them for a time of discussion.

With well over a thousand property owners, the smiles, people I meet, conversations, memories and stories told of past, present, and hopes for the future are all so very uplifting. That is, in part, why I became a member of the Greenwood Community Recreation Board. The recreation area on Greenwood property is being enjoyed by many and is a beautiful reflection on the support of the township.

I want to thank all those employed by Greenwood Township for their time and willingness to serve. I truly feel it is a great place to live and be a part of. I ask that when you read or hear of conflict, all government factions have that and it usually is a very small part of any community.

Blessed to be a Greenwood

Jarri Ankrum Greenwood Twp.

After UMD Senate debate, I'm voting for Richard Painter

I attended the U.S. Senate debate last Friday night at UMD. After considering who was there and who wasn't and listening to the candidates' answers, I have decided to personally endorse Richard Painter as our next Senator from Minnesota. I am endorsing Mr. Painter because we share the same passion to clean up the corruption of our government. Both he and I accept no corporate campaign money and will fight - he in the U.S. Senate and I in the U.S. House - to return our government back to the people where it belongs. Neither of us can do this job alone. Please vote for Richard Painter in the Aug. 14 primary and for both of us in the Nov. 6 general election. Please support us as we fight for real Minnesota values— honesty, compassion and responsible government. Thank you.

Skip Sandman Eighth District Congressional Candidate **Independence Party** Duluth

Why I'll be voting for Richard Painter

I will be voting for Richard Painter in the Aug. 14 DFL Senate primary for several simple reasons: I like his stand on the issues, he answers questions directly with straight talk, and will tackle the corrosive influences corrupting our democracy. He supports a single-payer healthcare system with a moral and economic argument. He opposes sulfide mining that threatens the region where we live. He wants to prohibit our public servants from voting on measures that benefit them financially. Painter will seek to end the revolving door between public service and paid lobbying by imposing a lifetime ban on paid lobbying on elected officials. He takes no special interest money. Painter will put us, the people, over party and the professional political class

in Washington. Meanwhile Tina Smith goes from CEO-hosted fundraiser to fundraiser. She votes to benefit Medtronic while owning \$5 million in Medtronic stock. Tina took money from PolyMet executives, then worked a back room deal to help the company avoid legal requirements for their project. She refuses to debate the issues before the voters as if we, her constituents, do not matter and she owes us nothing. Recent comments by DFL Chair Ken Martin, echoed by Tina Smith, showed me that we badly need a change in the DFL. They justified their attacks on Painter (many outright false) by stating that the DFL is only open to those who swear allegiance to the party. Political parties are not exclusive clubs, and I have had enough of the sense of entitlement exuded by party bosses. Tina Smith was appointed, not anointed. I hope other voters, whether Democrat, Independent and those fed up with corruption join me in voting for Richard Painter in the open DFL Senate primary next Tuesday. Anyone, regardless of political affiliation can vote for someone who doesn't just talk about change, but walks the walk.

Kelly Dahl Linden Grove Twp.

Thrilled to be voting for Paul McDonald

I've always felt blessed about where I came from, being born and raised in northern Minnesota. This place shaped who I am today. When I lived in the Twin Cities following college, I always felt my heart was up north, and when I had the chance to move back, I told myself I would always do what's best for this great area. Next week, I'm going to vote for a candidate I think is an asset for northern Minnesota, and that's why I'm voting for Paul McDonald for County Commissioner.

I've known Paul for over 25 years. It's tough to be involved with Minnesota sports and not know him. He runs one of the most successful community college basketball programs in the state at Vermilion. His teams win with toughness and hard work, and last season, I sat on the bench with Paul and saw up close how his success is earned. Off the court, Paul is doing important work as well. He is a terrific classroom instructor, serves as the school's athletic director, and still finds time to be one of the best football and basketball officials in the state.

As a member of the Vermilion faculty this last year, I saw the work Paul put in as one of our union representatives. And besides that, he's dedicated to fighting for what's fair. He'll serve the district well because he knows how hard we work up here, because he does not shy away from the tough jobs, and we need someone like him to fight for the Fourth District.

And finally, Paul's been an asset to his community. He's an Iron Ranger and he knows the people around here. He's raised a terrific family here. He knows the challenges we face in our region because he's been here with us.

I'm thrilled to be back up north, doing my job, serving my community, and raising my family. I want to see the best happen for my town, area, and district, and that means on Tuesday, Aug. 14, I'm voting Paul McDonald for County Commissioner.

Reed Petersen

f IMMIGRATION ... Continued from page 4 -

Despite such realities,

we still hear candidates running right here in northeastern Minnesota talking about building walls, and further limiting the number of new immigrants and refugees allowed into the country. From an economic standpoint, such policies are madness. They weaken our economy today because we desperately need workers, and they will undermine our nation's ability to finance the promises we've collectively made to seniors and future seniors down the road. Not long ago, there

was bipartisan agreement on the value of immigration. No longer. Republican icons like

Ronald Reagan would be tossed from the GOP today for favoring amnesty for those who entered the country illegally and for supporting more liberal immigration policies. While some of those voices

remain in the Republican Party today, particularly among business groups aligned with the party who recognize the value of immigration, they have been largely silenced with the rise of Donald Trump and the racially-motivated, anti-immigrant fervor that he has generated within the It's unfortunate

GOP base. because it's so wrongheaded. Sadly, media like Fox News, and politicians like Trump, feed a false narrative of the dangers and the high costs to society posed by immigrants. It's utter nonsense. The reality is that the overwhelming majority of immigrants come to the U.S. for educational and economic opportunity. Far from costing society, every objective study that's ever been done points to exactly the opposite. Immigrants contribute mightily to society, through the taxes

they pay on their earn-

ings, their purchases, and

their property. Immigrants increase the economic demand for new housing and for the full gamut of goods and services in the

In our region, we often hear complaints that school enrollments are suffering. At the same time, we have many local businesses that are getting by, but that could truly thrive with a ten-percent increase in their clientele. Our region's population is stagnant or declining, so prospects for either population or economic growth are limited. And by the way, new mines are unlikely to change that. We have mining jobs right now, not to mention many other very good-paying, middle class jobs going wanting for qualified applicants here in northeastern Minnesota. What we need are people

willing and able to fill

them. Right now, people

aren't moving here even

though plenty of jobs are

available.

What the U.S. needs is a pro-immigration strategy that's targeted to regions of the country where workforce shortages are most acute and where population growth is needed to help sustain schools, businesses, and provide volunteers for our emergency services. Just as we have programs that provide financial incentives to young doctors to locate in underserved parts of the country, we could tell interested immigrants they can obtain a green card or full-fledged citizenship if they agree to locate in regions, like ours, that desperately need new residents.

Sadly, much of the opposition to immigration is racially-tinged, led by a perception that new immigrants will be people of color. But here's the

only one color that matters,

and it's green. And a new

immigrant's dollar adds up just as well as anyone

else's. And even those who aren't in business have a vested interest in greater immigration. The U.S. birth rate is now so low, that it's very likely we won't generate enough revenue in the not-too-distant future to cover benefits like Social Security and Medicare. Remember, under those programs each generation of workers pays for the retirement benefits of the generation ahead of them. If the generation coming up behind the baby boom doesn't have enough workers, we boomers are going to be in trouble.

As we're already seeing, businesses will find ways to adapt to a lack of workers, mostly through automation. In the near future, you'll place your order at the fast food joint reality. When it comes to with a machine, mines the economy, there's really will be operated remote-

ly, and computers will be

writing news copy all by

themselves (in fact, they already are in some cases). And that might solve our workforce issue, but here's the rub- those robots and computers don't pay taxes. They won't pay for my Social Security, nor for yours. They won't pay the gas taxes that fund our roads, or the income taxes that fund the rest of our state and federal budgets, or the property taxes that fund our local and county governments. And they won't shop at the local grocery store or eat out at a restaurant. Only people can do

that. And we're not making new ones like we used to. So, forget the scaremongering by the President or candidates who support his immigration policies. They're just trying to play to unfounded fears to drum up support. We need more people here in northeastern Minnesota and, right now, attracting immigrants is the only way that's going to happen.

ST. MARTIN'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

St. Martin's youth complete mission trip and attend conference

TOWER- Youth from St. Martin's of Tower, St. Mary's of Cook, and Holy Cross of Orr went on Mission and attended a Catholic Youth Conference. Here they are pictured at 'Worlds of Fun' following the Mission Trip. During the Mission Trip portion of the trip, they helped restore gardens, moved families into homes, and spent time evangelizing people in the Frog Town area of St. Paul. They then joined 5,000 other young people in Springfield, Mo., for a conference focused on God the Father's love for them and Christ's call to follow him in faithfulness. A highlight for many was the praise and devotion during Adoration. This is when the Eucharist, the Real Presence of Jesus Christ, is carried in procession by the priest throughout the large basketball arena. A beautiful cycle of music followed by silence allowed them to really experience the

most moving moment was at the end of the final Mass when all the young women who had considered being a religious sister were invited to come up. Hundreds and hundreds of them came forward, and we all prayed for them. Then all the young men who had considered the priesthood were invited to come up. Hundreds and hundreds of them came forward, and we prayed for them. To see young people willing to follow Christ in such a radical way brought many present to

The youth on the trip included Ben Lanari, Maddy Zupancich, Olivia Suihkonen, Shelby Nelson, Gunnar Olson, Tjae Banks, Gabriella Suihkonen, Olivia Lilya, Gavin Olson, and Hannah Peitso, all from St. Martin's; Kylie Parson, Carley Tausk, and Rebecca (Becky) Triska, all from St. Mary's; and Luke Gabrielson from Holy Cross.

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Community Notices

Second-Hand Rose Does Hollywood, style show and luncheon, Aug. 18

presence of Christ. The

COOK- The Cook Area Health Care Auxiliary once again invites the area community to the Cook Thrift Shop Style Show and Luncheon presenting "Second-Hand Rose Does Hollywood" on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cook Community Center, Doug Johnson Field. Tickets are being sold at the Thrift Shop, 320 Third Ave. SE, open every Thursday, Friday and second and fourth Saturday of each month, or call Mary at 218-410-3125 to reserve tickets, which can be picked up at

Every other year, for approximately 40 years, the Health Care Auxiliary has hosted a show of music, comedy, prizes, dazzling models in thrift store selections, and a special appearance of a show-stopper lady named Second-Hand Rose. An early thrift shop history conveyed how two shop workers, Jill Duame and Lois Larson created the first show which has con-

tinued with numerous

people helping stage the many productions. Each style show has a program that is sure to please, such as singing nuns, Greek dancers, English royals, root'n toot'n gun slingers and for sure, always surprises galore.

The Cook Health Care Auxiliary began in 1954 with the purpose of promoting and advancing the welfare of the Cook Area Hospital and Nursing Home, now the Cook Care Center, through fundraising. Since 1965 when the first building was purchased for a thrift shop, all funds raised have gone to support the needs and requests of the Hospital and Care Center. For at least the past five years, the Auxiliary has donated over \$50,000 per year from thrift shop sales.

St. James **Presbyterian** church picnic on

Aug. 19 TOWER-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.

Estate Planning class on Wednesday, **Aug. 22**

TOWER- A local attorney, Kelly Klun, from the Klun Law Office 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's, and preparing health care directives, on Wednesday, Aug. 22 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 how to spell your name and the class you are interested in. We will gladly relocate if you need handicap accessibility, just let

Leone know. **Passing the Family Cabin On to the Next Generation** rescheduled to Thursday, Aug. 23

TOWER- If your goal is to pass on the fam-



The city of Tower will hold an official groundbreaking ceremony for the start of construction on the new Lamppa Manufacturing facility on Tuesday, Aug. 21 at 9 a.m. at the Tower Civic Center. Site preparation work at the Tower Business Park is already underway. photo

ily cabin to the next generation, planning ahead is crucial. Together with a local attorney, Kelly Klun, from the Klun Law Office in Ely, you can determine how the cabin will best fit into the family's future. A cabin trust is just one estate planning tool that can be utilized to help maintain and pass on the family hideaway. Learn the process of taking the next step of developing an estate plan that protects both your family and your private hideaway on Thursday, Aug. 24 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.

Morning Yoga Tuesdays and Thursdays at **Tower Civic**

Center TOWER- Morning Yoga in Tower continues into August at the Tower Civic Center from 8:30 9:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The one exception is Primary Election day, Aug. 14: there will be no class that

day. Classes will be held Aug. 2, 7, 9, 16, 21, 23, 28, and 30. Pre-paid monthly rate is \$45.

Drop-in rate is \$12. The class is designed for both beginner and experienced participants.





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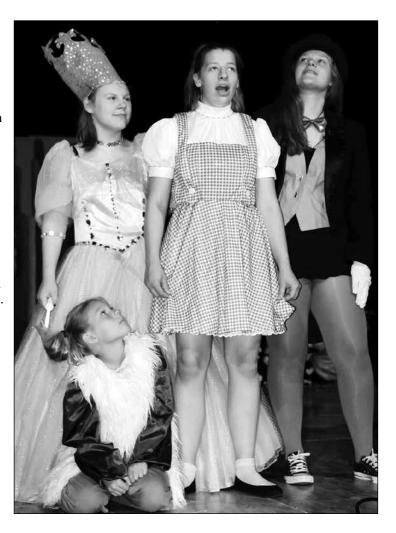
Saturday, Aug. 25 • 10 AM **Breitung Fire Hall**

Topics to include historic preservation, transfer and refurbishing of boathouses.

Camp Broadway 2018 season ends on a high note

BABBITT- Last Friday's performance of "The Magical Land of Oz" marked the end to the highly successful inaugural season of "Camp Broadway" at Northeast Range High School. Earlier in the summer, the cast of the first session of Camp Broadway, consisting of students in 4th, 5th, and 6th grade, performed "A Little Bit of Magic" ... a delightfully entertaining and humorous musical about finding your own "special magic". "The Magical Land of Oz" was the second Camp Broadway session this summer and was a delightfully fresh new production retelling the familiar story based on The Wizard of Oz, the novel by L. Frank Baum. Camp Broadway was directed by Crystal Poppler and Michael Rouse, with lights and sound by Peter Kess and costumes by Billie Rouse. The casts, directors, as well as many who attended the performances are already looking forward to next summer's Camp Broadway!

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BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

June Police

Breitung Police Chief

Report

Dan Nylund

June 2018

Calls: 205 Arrests: 1 Citations/formal charges: 3

Monthly mileage: 2,243 (Tahoe: 1,926, Ex-

plorer: 317)

Additional shifts

During the month of June the Breitung Police Department did not work any additional TZD shifts. We did participate in the June 7 Main Street event in Tower.

Training

During the month of June Chief Nylund, Officer Sanderson and Officer Battin attending training on CJIN.

Squads

Current end of the month mileage for the Gold 2012 Chevy Tahoe (Tower) is 68,683. Current end of the month mileage for the 2017 Ford Explorer is 11,169.

Drowsy driving

Drowsy driving is a dangerous behavior that can result in serious injury or death. But despite the risks, drowsy driving is far too prevalent. Drowsy driving is estimated to contribute to as many as 1.2 million collisions, resulting in potentially 5,000-8,000 fatalities per year. According to the AAA Foundation for Traffic

Safety Culture Index, 1 in 3 drivers (31.5%) admitted to driving within the prior 30 days when they were so tired they had trouble keeping their eyes open.

Citations/formal charges/arrests

4th degree DWI

(1) DAC

(1) Blight



Well actually 'Dear Jodi...' is this MY week?

I have been so busy in the gardens that I have lost track of time totally. I have found a new way to make weeding a 'fun' activity. I name various weeds after politicians with whom I do not agree. I grab them by the neck and rip them from the earth with a little scream of joy! "Take that __!" Hilda also includes in her scream of ecstasy the name of a particular political figure.

Not me— we live too close to people and who knows how they might

I AM not filling in the blank less I offend someone (the furthest thing from MY mind). It is a bit dangerous these days political.

to express ANYTHING A friend happened to express a political view

point at the Vermilion

Club and woke up the next morning to discover that her garden had been napalmed.

this nagging question-who uses Napalm these days? It is, I have been told, a great repellant for deer that forage in your garden. My question is, how do you get Napalm locally? Maybe Ely does make a great weed repellant, and I am sure it does not harm the environ-

We really aren't sure what is in our garage, because no one is able to get through the piles of LIFE, LOOK and THE SATURDAY EVENING POST...that we will get around to reading one of these days.

COLLIER'S always has good short stories and you can't top LIFE magazine for great pictures and up-to-date articles on life in these United States. One day we threw caution to the winds and set forth to sort through the periodical mountains so we could park the cars safe from weather and

birds. We were detracted by ten years of GOUR-MET magazine. We had let the subscription lapse I did commiserate which is why we subsist with my friend but in on Kraft Mac and Cheese antlers are accidently shot the back of my mind is and not 'Pasta du From- off by an older woman age.'

Our new hosta garden is doing quite nicely since we have fenced it in and posted armed guards.

We don't actually shoot Bambi and his mother, as we explained to our local game warden. What sounds to people like gunshots are leftover cherry bombs from the Fourth.

We would never ever shoot a Bambi in, or out, of season.

We would however take up arms only to protect our friends the Do you know how it feels to wake up one morning to find that your hosta, "American Halo... 24 inches tall and 70 inches wide with tough corrugated foliage," has been nibbled to a nub? The deputy that arrived did not look upon this as a "deer disaster.'

We are left with only a cap pistol and Red Ry-

Fransfer station

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

der bow with suction cup arrows to protect ourselves from marauding wildlife.

"If the tips of a deer's

with a bad aim...do they grow back?" Just asking for a friend.

So we are left to guard the hosta from the deer with dish pans and a

We keep alert with Blueberry Margaritas who knew blueberries aren't just for muffins anymore?

1 pint fresh blueber-

3 ounces lime juice (freshly-squeezed) 5 ounces silver tequi-

la (Blanco) 2 ounces Grand Marnier (or Cointreau, or any

orange liqueur)

Of course, ice, a lime wedge, and salt.

Ta, ta loves...even if you don't have deer, it's a nice beverage for the porch as you watch the sunset!

Ms. Vera Milion

Stuntz Bay Association fall meeting, Aug. 25 SOUDAN-The

Stuntz Bay Association will hold their fall meeting on Saturday, Aug. 25 at 10 a.m. at the Breitung Fire Hall. Topics on the agenda include historic preservation, and the transfer and refurbishing of boathouses. All members are encouraged to attend the meeting.

Pastor Gary Watts to retire; party set for Aug. 26

SOUDAN-Gary Watts, pastor of the Soudan Baptist Church, is retiring and with his wife Lynn will be moving from the area. The couple has been involved in countless church and activities community during their time in Soudan and Tower.

A retirement party will be held Sunday, Aug. 26 at the Soudan Baptist Church at 4 p.m. The celebration will be preceded by a musical program at 3 p.m. in the church sanctuary. The reception will start after the program in the Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. The community is invited to attend.

Little Church to meet on Aug. 11

VERMILION LAKE TWP- The Little Church committee will meet on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 9 a.m. at the church, which is located on Wahlsten Rd., by the Pike River. Once again, the committee welcomes anyone and is looking for people interested in keeping The Little Church active and maintained. We have a men's group that meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. for coffee and conversation. Any questions, contact Len Hujanen at 218-

749-2014.

Week of Aug. 13

Monday

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

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

Tower City Council-5:30 p.m. on Aug. 13 at city hall

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.

Greenwood Town Board-6:30 p.m. on Aug. 15-Note change from regular date due to primary election.

Thursday

AA Meeting- Lake Vermilion 12x12 (Open). 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tower,



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Babbitt library

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Tuesday Noon-6 pm
Wednesday Noon-6 pm
Thursday Noon-6 pm
Friday Noon-5 pm
Phone: 827-3345

Support groups

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous AA - 7 p.m. Mondays, First Lutheran Church, 915 E. Camp St. WOMEN'S AA - Noon Mondays, Ledgerock Community Church, Ely use 15th Street entrance. BABBITT AA - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church. AL-ANON - Sundays 8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. For persons who encounter alcoholism in a

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

relative or friend.

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Tuesday Group schedule

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

Aug.14-TannerOtt
- Historic Preservation
Update on his family's Ely projects

Aug. 21 - Alison Flint - Staff Lawyer for The Wilderness Society

Aug. 28 - Debbie Hultman and Margaret Waechter - Camino de Santiago

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.

Breathing Out

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THE GREAT OUTDOORS

The battle over roads in the Boundary Waters

Over 10,000 lakes and miles of streams and rivers make uncrowded Minnesota

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Minnesota-Land of 10,000 Lakes

Editor's Note
This article was posted

online on Aug. 6, 2018, by Peter Marshall of the Friends of the Boundary Waters.

By the 1920s, people across the United States had caught the wilderness bug. The generation that introduced the idea of conservation into the American conscience — of John Muir and Theodore Roosevelt — had given way to a generation of people eager to get out and explore America's natural beauty.

For example, from 1910 to 1923, the annual visitors to the National Parks leaped from 173,416 to 1,364,024. During the same time period, the total number of visitors to Yellowstone went up from 19,575 to 138,352 a year.

This phenomenon was happening in Minnesota as well. The pristine lakes and gorgeous wilderness of the northland attracted droves of people in the 1920s. This was a unique place where people could experience a true wilderness, relax, canoe, swim and fish.

Essentially, all the reasons people continue to visit the area.

The 1920s were also the time when Americans were falling in love, and falling hard, with the automobile. Though automobiles allowed people to travel to places of natural beauty, they also conflicted with the idea of a wilderness left in its natural state.

Inevitably, the issue of where to build roads and how to protect the wilderness character of the area led to one of the first big fights in the modern history of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness.

In 1920, if you wanted to go up Minnesota's north shore, you would most likely take a steamer from Two Harbors. You could drive, but the road was — to put it generously — primitive.

You'd have to be more foolish than adventurous to attempt the drive

Businesses, whether in logging or tourism, knew that constructing highways was the key to unlocking the economic potential of the Arrowhead. When the scenic highway from Two Harbors to Ely was complete in 1922, it connected the Iron Range with Duluth and with the metropolitan areas to the south.

This road, along with a smart advertising campaign, made Ely into a tourist destination. The town

had a reputation — one it still holds today — as the gateway to America's only exclusive canoe country.

The easiest and most efficient way for the majority of visitors to reach this canoe wilderness was by car.

This increase in visitors and increase in traffic prompted plans to build more roads in the Superior National Forest. This would give visitors greater access to the wilderness, open broad areas up for economic development, attract new landowners to build vacation cabins and make it easier for the U.S. Forest Service to administer the area.

Not everyone liked this idea.
Most controversial was the
plan to build a road that would
connect Ely with the Gunflint
Trail, and to the North Shore.

To many, this was going too far. Roads and automobiles may have allowed people to access the wilderness, but they now threatened to permanently alter the character of the wilderness.

It was one of the first major controversies and ultimately determined the shape of the future BWCAW.

A year after it was founded in 1922, the Izaak Walton League was at the head of a coalition of groups and individuals that saw the road as an attempt to turn canoe country into an automobile campground.

"Build the roads, and the

wilderness is gone," Will Dilg, president of the Izaak Walton League, said at a conference.
"The roads, with the others that are bound to follow, will not only defeat the motorist in his efforts to see the wilderness but will spoil it for the great numbers of canoeists who are flocking from all parts of the country and from foreign countries to enjoy this wonderful region."

For several years the debate continued, and in many ways, it sounded surprisingly similar to the mining debates we hear today.

In 1926, after several years of negotiations, meetings and conferences, a new policy was implemented that would limit the construction of new roads to dead ends and forest-service roads, and set aside 640,000 acres of the Superior National Forest to a primitive, roadless area.

Ironically, roads introduced more people to the Superior wilderness, but at the same time, threatened the canoe country wilderness.

Those who opposed the road didn't oppose automobiles or roads, rather, they knew there was something unique about the lake country in northern Minnesota, something worth preserving in its natural and pristine state.

This is something every visitor to the Boundary Waters continues to feel today.

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MUSIC AND BREAKFAST IN THE GARDEN



Miriam Messerschmidt played music in Whiteside Park Saturday after the Donald G. **Gardner Humanities Trust held** a ribbon-cutting ceremony Saturday to officially open the new outdoor musical garden. The new equipment was installed through a Community Giving grant by the Trust. Created in 1989 for the enhancement, growth and improvement of the arts in the city of Ely, the Trust marked 29 years since its creation with a Breakfast in the Garden event at the park. Other activities for the morning included local watercolor artists demonstrating their craft. Adults and children were able to make their own watercolor creations. '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

OUR COMMUNITY





Mud Monkey

The Mud Monkey Kids'
Obstacle Course returned to
Silver Rapids last Saturday.
Kids of all ages climbed,
crawled, slid, slogged and
finaggled their way through
a one-mile course. Beau
Peterson, top left, takes a big
step.

photos by K. Vandervort



Bennett Blackwood, above, of California, was visiting his grandparents last weekend and took time out to greet a monkey.

Fletcher Chopp, below, is all smiles as he wades through a marsh





Iliana Kellogg, 2, above, makes her way through the mini-monkey course. Jake Kuehl, below, rips through the monkey bars



News in Brief

Ely Area Food Shelf open Aug. 15

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

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

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

Highway 1 traffic restrictedREGIONAL - A resurfacing and culvert repair

project on Highway 1 continues 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

August 9, 1918

Moose enjoy the day

The local order of Moose, Ely Lodge No. 1580, held their annual picnic Sunday at Sandy Point. Some 50 or more of them headed by Old Glory and a brass band left their hall at 10:30 a.m. and marched to the Point where an all day and evening session was held with ice cream, lunches, Bingo, and dancing in the pavilion.

The weatherman sent them a fine assortment of weather, but on the whole the day was a fine one and hot. A heavy shower in the morning and one in the afternoon laid the dust and did a lot of good and did not disturb the picnickers but little.

There was a goodly crowd present and Long Lake shared with the grove on the Point many of the pleasures of the day. The swimmers dotted the waters of the bathing grounds. Motorboats popped and sputtered and canoes were in evidence on all sides. Hundreds of cars were parked in the grove, or sped to and from the city for passengers.

The pavilion was crowded to the doors with a waiting list outside. The sun shone down hot and the ice cream and pop vendors did a rousing business.

But there was no flag flying!

A beautiful one preceded the paraders, but was not run up on the flag pole at the Point, owing to it being on a staff. The one on the bandstand looked like it has been on the front since 1914. Later in the day this defect was remedied and the flag flew from the pole.

The Moose have been more than loyal and some 48 of their members have gone to the front, thinning the ranks of those at the park on Sunday. Their flag suspended from the lodge window is a mere testament to their loyalty.

Home on furlough

Emil Erickson and Rudolph Chimzar arrived Saturday evening for a visit at their homes from Farm School training camp at Minneapolis. They left to resume their studies on Monday. Both expressed themselves as well pleased with

the service and especially with their branch of it.

They will be transferred to another camp by Aug. 15 to make room for another contingent to arrive on that date.

Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



Birds are flocking, there is the hint of color in the trees, and it is noticeably getting darker earlier so we know fall in on the way. How much time is lost in a day? In August, the rate has now sped up to about two minutes per day. Over the next month, we will lose an additional one hour and eight minutes. We continue to lose daylight until the winter solstice on December 21, when sunrise is 7:36 a.m., and sunset is 5:21p.m. Shorter days translate to cooler weather. This makes for good woodsplitting days. Fall is the favorite time of year for many people especially those who like to

There have been many severe storms in the area causing loss of power. Also several roads are suffering from washed out gullies from an overabundance of rain. Mike and Linda Lang are still without phone service from the result of a fierce wind storm which blew down a tree and fell on the lines. They were without power for a day and a half and are still without a working stove, two circuit breakers. TV, no internet but the most missed of all is the ice machine. They are gradually getting things repaired. The phone company will send someone out in two weeks as conveyed from Atlanta, Ga. If you wish to contact the Langs, use their cell phone number.

The hummingbirds are gradually leaving as there are less and less of them at the feeders. We hope they have a safe trip as they migrate across the Gulf of Mexico. A sleet storm would wipe out an entire flock of the little birds. They certainly offer a lot of entertainment to us in the northland welcoming them back every year.

This is also zucchini time. Everyone has an abundance of this prolific vegetable. It appears you cannot even give them away. On the Iron Range they tell the story of a fellow who left a very large zucchini on his neighbor's The zucchini traveled all around town and it was back on the original donor's porch by nightfall. So check your porch when you go to bed, there might be

rice is on. We call it wild rice however wild rice is the grain of a reedlike aquatic plant (Zizania palustris), which is unrelated to rice. It is grown in the United States and also in Canada. The grains are long, slender and black with a

distinctive earthy, nut-

Harvesting of wild

one out there.

ty flavor. It is healthy for you and oh so tasty. Our Native American friends harvest and hand parch the rice which is greatly preferred. This time of year is also great popcorn eating time. Where does popcorn come from? The question is not as dumb as it sounds, and the answer is not movie theaters or your microwave. In fact, corn grown for popcorn is different from sweet corn (for eating) and field corn (for cornmeal and processing). The telltale tassels are the giveaway; tassels on sweet corn and field corn stand upright at attention. Popcorn plants are noticeably different; they have floppier tas-

Jeff Lang, Mike and Linda's oldest son, has moved to Oregon as a hospital administrator. He is near the coast and had the delight of putting out a crab pot. He was successful in the catch and he and his wife enjoyed crab in their new home. We know two Langs will make a trip to Oregon very soon.

Football season is in the air. Schools are starting up their seasons with practices. Vikings are at practice in their new facilities leaving Mankato after many years. Football fans expect good things from the Vikings this year. The first exhibition game is Aug. 11. Go Vikes Super Bowl Bound!

Zelda Bruns had a gathering of the Saturday Evening Diners as a final party before she begins to think of the move she will make in October. Zelda has sold her house and is moving on to South Carolina. Zelda has promised us she will visit us next summer and several homes have offered her accommodations for the

Ruth Carlson spent time with her family in Eveleth and Long Lake. Her niece Rhonda Khone was visiting from Reno. Fortunately the local clan was together when they got the sad news of the passing of Ruth's brother Jim Casper in Hayward, Calif. There will not be services. There will be a private family gathering at a later date.

Sue Hankner is home from her big trip to Alaska. Sue reports it was cold in Alaska which you can expect with a wind blowing off ice fields. She traveled the entire popular areas seeing the majestic Mt. Welcome McKinley. home Sue.

Don't forget the Ladies of the Lake Luncheon is Saturday, Aug. 11. Word has it, it may be a sellout. The theme this year is A Crane Lake Garden Party and everyone is encouraged to wear garden party attire. Check for a ticket if you don't have one.

you! Send news by e-mail to info@thelakecountry.com, by fax to 218-757-3533 or by

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

Cook comes together for night out



Life-Flight from Eveleth allowed for an up-close look at the medical helicopter. photos by Melissa Roach.

by MELISSA ROACH Staff Writer

COOK - Cook area residents gathered with local emergency responders and community businesses and organizations at the Cook Community Center for National Night Out on Tuesday evening.

City and DNR fire engines, Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade fire response boat, as well as specialized service engines lined the parking lot allowing for an upclose look at the equipment. A Life Flight helicopter was also available for viewing.

As the Cook Lions



Jeff Shirle making fun hats with balloons

grilled hamburgers; games, wagon rides, and prizes rounded out the event, resident Liz Dahl was with her daughter and granddaughters at the celebration. "It is

such a wonderful community event encompassing everyone," she Across the country,

National Night Out organizers have promoted the event to help not only build community ties within neighborhoods, but build positive relationships with local law enforcement and emergency responders.

"Nationwide, communities are coming together to provide a meaningful occasion to interact with each other and a variety of area businesses, EMS...and even the animals," said Cook Ambulance Director Nancy Reing.

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Second-Hand Rose Does Hollywood, style show and luncheon on **Aug. 18**

COOK- The Cook Area Health Care Auxiliary once again invites the area community to the Cook Thrift Shop Style Show and Luncheon presenting "Second-Hand Rose Does Hollywood" on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 11:30 a.m. at the Cook Community Center, Doug Johnson Field. Tickets are being sold at the Thrift Shop, 320 Third Ave. SE, open every Thursday, Friday and second and fourth Saturday of each month, or call Mary at 218-410-3125 to reserve tickets, which can be picked up at the door.

The Cook

Let us hear from

phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be

Area Health Care Auxiliary began in 1954 with the purpose of promoting and advancing the welfare of the Cook Area Hospital and Nursing Home, now the Cook Care Center, through fundraising. Since 1965 when the first building was purchased for a thrift shop, all funds raised have gone to support the needs and requests of the Hospital and Care Center. For at least the past five years, the Auxiliary has donated over \$50,000 per year from thrift shop sales.

Women's Club Golfing for Cancer Awareness,

nual Golfing for Cancer

Awareness at Vermilion

Aug. 12 COOK- The Vermilion Fairways Women's Club is hosting their anFairways in Cook. It will be a four-person scramble on Sunday, Aug. 12. Tee off is at 1 p.m. Entry fee is \$25 per person.

This event is for men and women and you do not need to have a full four-person team to enter. Lavender is the color associated with all cancers, so wear lavender and join us for golf, fellowship, food, and prizes. If you are unable to participate, monetary donations may be sent to Vermilion Fairways Women's Club, 2407 Vermilion Dr., Cook, MN 55723. Call Carol at 218-666-2679 or email her at CJG62@aol. com to register. Net proceeds will benefit local cancer support groups.

Pat and Donna Surface gospel **concert at Bear River Lutheran on Aug. 11**

BEAR RIVER- Bear River Lutheran Church presents Hallelujah - a blend of favorite gospel tunes and 50s, 60s, and 70s hits-featuring Pat and Donna Surface on Saturday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. at Bear River Lutheran Church, 11141 Hwy. 22 in Cook (Bear River). Free will offering.

Come enjoy Pat and Donna's uplifting show, Hallelujah - an entertainjourney. For more information, call 218-376-4673.

ing and nostalgic musical Donna Surface is Performance Artist in Sign for The Hearing Impaired (a combination of American Sign Language,

dance, and dramatic in-

terpretation). Donna was

a 'triple threat' (acting,

singing, dancing) Broadway hopeful in NYC, where she is from.

Art classes in Cook for youth and adults at **NWFA** gallery

COOK- Northwoods Friends of the Arts has scheduled numerous art classes for all ages during

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:

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

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

Affordable homeownership with Habitat for **Humanity** REGIONAL-

you tired of renting, overcrowded conditions, and paying too much for housing? North St. Louis program.

County Habitat for Humanity is now accepting applications for their affordable homeownership Habitat selects individuals and families based on their need for housing, willingness to

partner in the building

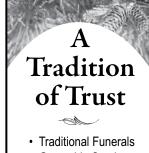
of their home, and their

ability to make affordable mortgage payments. Do you need a home, are you willing to partner, do you

have a stable income?

Income guidelines have recently been updated. You may qualify. For example, a family of three, making between \$20,000 and \$36,300 annually, should be able to afford a Habitat Home. For more information about the application process and qualifications, please call Marnie at 218-749-8910 or email her at marnie@ nslchfh.org.

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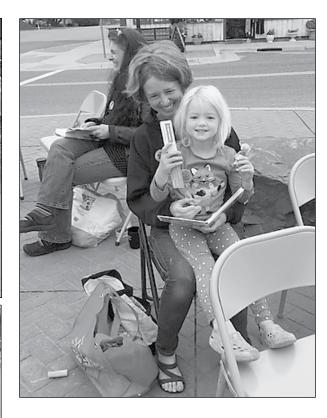
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GET CAUGHT READING









COOK - The Cook Public Library welcomed people to its Get Caught Reading event on Saturday. Even with some rain plenty of people showed up. photos submitted Cook Public Library

Bear River Fair on Aug. 18 and 19

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

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

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

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

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.

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

Aug. 22- Robert Walker's Outlaw Country- a col-

Pederson.

lection 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

Grizzly football practices starting FIELD TWP- Varsity football practice will begin

Monday, Aug. 13. The first two weeks of practice will be from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. Beginning Monday, Aug. 27, practice will be from 4 - 7:30 p.m. When school begins, practice will be from 3:30 - 6 p.m. All football players in grades 9-12 are required to attend these sessions.

Varsity and junior varsity players must also report to the North Woods School either Friday, Aug. 10 sometime between 3 - 6 p.m. or Saturday, Aug. 11, sometime between 8 - 10 a.m. to pick up necessary forms and equipment. Forms will also be available in the North Woods front office the week prior to practice beginning. Please contact the office for times. Players who do not return the completed signed forms on or before the first day of practice will not be allowed to participate until the forms are turned in.

Junior high practice will begin Monday, Aug. 27. Practice will be held from 4-7:30 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 27 - Friday, Aug. 31. All players in grades 7-8 are required to attend these practices. When school begins, practice will be from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

COOK- Tickets for the Sam Miltich Jazz Concert on Friday, Aug. 10 at 7 p.m. are still available. The performance is being held at Trinity Lutheran Church, 2nd St. E in Cook.

Amid beautiful music by the Sam Miltich Quartet, the dialogue will speak to the creative process and Sam's pursuit of well-being amid the daily challenges of living with schizophrenia.

Tickets may be purchased for \$15 at the door or in advance at NWFA Gallery, or call Lauren at 218-750-

This series of art tours was made possible by a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board through the Minnesota Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund established as part of the November 2008 clean water, land and legacy amendment to the Minnesota Constitution. The grant is entitled, "The Improvised Life: Exploring Intersections of Mental Health and Creativity through Jazz". For more information see the touring concert project website at www.sammiltichmusic.com/theimprovisedlife. Other cities/towns, organizations, clinics

The Cook concerts were sponsored by Northwoods Friends of the Arts (nwfamn.org) and Scenic Rivers Health Services who will sponsor a 1 p.m. concert for health professionals and invited guests at Trinity Lutheran Church also on Aug. 10.

Health and Creativity Through Jazz Music - Sam Militich Concert

1989 to reserve a seat.

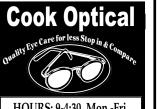
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Enjoy a "Garden Party" lunch at Crane Lake on Saturday, Aug. 11

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.

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

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.

Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf

ORR- Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf located in the basement of Calvary Lutheran Church in Orr is open the third Friday of every month, 8-10 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. If you are in need of food assistance outside of these hours, contact Michelle at 218-666-6021, Jules at 218-780-1740, Diana at 218-780-3617, or Linda at 218-757-0080. Donations can be sent c/o Calvary Lutheran Church, PO Box 176, Orr, MN 55771.

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GREENWOOD

Bassing complaint on Open Meeting Law upheld

by Jodi Summit

Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- An advisory opinion ruling by the Minnesota Department of Administration found that the Greenwood Town Board, at their May 8 meeting, did not comply with state rules regarding the Open Meeting Law.

Former Greenwood Chair John Bassing had requested the opinion, after finding that revisions of the Greenwood Fire Department's Standard Operating Guidelines, discussed at the May meeting, were not

made available to the public, as required by law.

There is a \$200 fee to request an opinion from this state board.

State law requires at least one copy of any relevant materials discussed at an open governmental meeting to be made available to the public. Bassing noted that the SOG revisions were handed out solely to board members during the course of the meeting, and that even the clerk did not receive a copy. He noted that the revisions were also not part of the board members' packets.

The township, responding to the commissioner, noted that

the revisions had been included in the packet for the April 18 meeting, and that the document had been read aloud at both the April and May meetings. The township also claimed that Fire Chief Dave Fazio, after presenting copies of the revisions to board members, asked those in attendance if anyone needed copies.

The commissioner's findings noted that the board and Bassing disagreed as to whether the board explicity asked nonboard members present if they would like a copy of the SOG. The findings state that an audio recording of the meeting supports Bassing's contention that the fire chief passed out copies to board members only, as the audio "doesn't contain an offer by the fire chief or anyone else to provide copies to the public."

While the commissioner acknowledged that the SOG was available at the April meeting, they also noted the board did not comply with its obligations under the portion of the Open Meeting Law at the May meeting regarding making materials available in the meeting room for inspection by the public. While there is no obligation to have a copy for each member of the public in attendance, the public

should be provided easy access to any materials.

"Where here, the materials were at a staff work station with other personal materials and not demonstrably available. Members of the public could have been intimidated and possibly prevented from exercising their rights to review a copy of the materials by being compelled to ask for them..."

The commissioner encouraged all public bodies to develop ways to guarantee meaningful access to the information required by the Open Meeting Law.

WOODS AND FORESTS

New magazine focuses on living in a forest environment

REGIONAL- Had just a little too much technology? Refresh yourself with a beautiful magazine about the woodland experience.

Woods Reader is a new quarterly magazine designed for those who love the woods, and enjoy reading and beautiful imagery—both written and through the lens.

Made up of first-

hand stories about the woods, products from the woods, helpful information, poetry and insights, Woods Reader is designed as a place to share experiences, not necessarily carrying a point of view or from professional writers.

The second issue has just been published, and some readers from the Ely, Tower and central St. Louis County area will receive complimentary copies. A sample copy is also available and can be ordered from woodsreader.com.

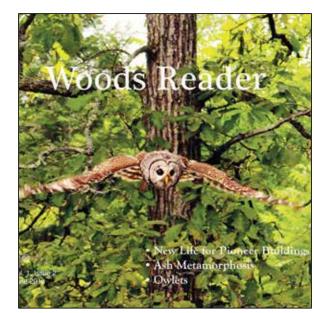
Featuring the stunning photography of Sparky Stensaas, Suzanne Lopez and Donna Rae Anderson, this issue of the magazine takes you on a tour of baby owls in Minnesota and the Beaver Brook Trail in Colorado.

Gary Hill describes his fascinating hobby – locating and restoring old pioneer buildings and finding ways to do much of the heavy work alone.

There are also first-person stories and poems that will touch your heart and leave you saying, "I've felt...seen...thought that!"

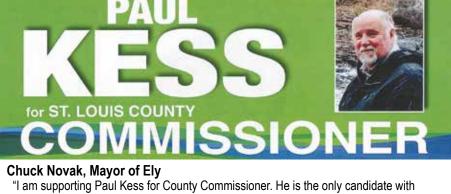
Published by the mother-daughter duo of Sally Sedgwick and Elizabeth Jones, the magazine is the result of their own wonder for the woodland environment. "There are so many stories that need to be shared," said Sedgwick. "We hope that our readers will enjoy them and look forward to receiving Woods Reader in their mailbox."

Information on how



to subscribe, submit your story, order a sample copy or a woodland field guide can be found at woodsreader.com. The magazine can be reached at editor@woodsreader.

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significant Public Service experience. He has served on the Ely City Council for years, as President of Range Association of Municipalities and Schools, and as President of his union local. The position of County Commissioner requires extensive knowledge and experience. Paul Kess has both. I support Paul Kess."

Jerome Debeltz, Ely City Council, 20+ years "Paul Kess will be a fine County Commissioner."

"Paul Kess will be a fine County Commissioner."

Don Negley, former Babbitt Mayor, Babbitt business man

"Paul Kess represents the values and interests of his constituents with honesty and integrity we expect. He has demonstrated the ability to get difficult things done for the greater community by working with all interests to accomplish the greater community projects."

John Fedo, Ely Economic Developer

"Paul is the type of elected official that digs in and represents his constituents with the dedication and unique understanding necessary to make sound decisions. He will bring that same tenacity to the County Board."

Celia Domich, Ely Heritage Preservation Committee

"I've known Paul Kess my entire life and have worked with him as part of Ely's Historic Preservation efforts. He has the integrity, experience and commitment to provide excellent representation. I confidently support Paul Kess."

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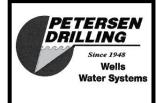


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1-800-662-5700 Spring Park Rd. Mt. Iron, MN 55768 Retired sheriff's deputy Bernie Mettler stressed his familiarity with the sprawling district. "I have a pretty good idea of what is going on in the area," he said. "There aren't too many gravel roads I haven't been down." He also said he'd heard it all, so he's used to the pressure. "You can scream and holler at me, and I'll just look at you and smile," he said."

Mike Forsman Jr. advocated for more trails in the district, and also wants to see more accountability for public spending. "I try to teach people to have ownership of the money they spend,"he said. "They need to know they are spending other people's money."

Former Cook City Councilor and current ISD 2142 School Board representative Dan Manick stressed that most public officials go into politics for the right reasons. "Whether it's town board or the school district, you are doing your best to help people." He also conceded that the school district he represents isn't that popular in many parts of the region. "Please don't throw any rocks," he said. Paul McDonald

stressed his service to people over his career in education. "I've been an advocate for people my entire life, wherever it happens to be," he said. "Whether it is a road that needs fixing, or grandma or grandpa need some more time in their home, or endangered children. With houses empty all over this area, we have an opportunity to fill those homes with miners."

Christine Schlotec argued for change. "If we don't have a voice of change, then we will never see change," she said. "We pay enough taxes, and we need to address where the money goes. I have an understanding that what is on top of the earth is just as important as what is underneath."

Questions

Candidates first addressed their top priorities should they be elected.

"My number one priority is to represent everybody," Mettler said. "It is
a tall order. I think a lot of
people feel as if they don't
get a voice. The ability
that I have grown over
the last 20 some years to
communicate with people
and make them feel heard,
I think I would serve the
district and the board well.
We can't do anything if we
are fighting."

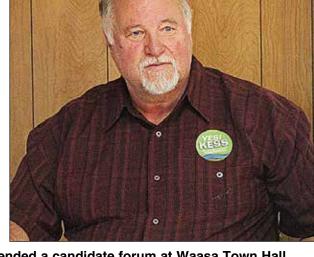
"My number one priority is jobs," McDonald
said. "We need to have
employers. We have five
percent of the jobs in the
county. Could you imagine
what five extra jobs in
Babbitt would mean? I am
well connected locally, and
at the state and nationally.
People want to locate
here, we need to improve
things like broadband. If
we attract them, we'll get
some young people back

"The quality I bring is big picture thinking," Schlotec said. "The biggest problem with roads and broadband is that we don't have the money to pay for it. We need to close the loopholes that allow out-of-county people to come and not pay taxes in the county. It shorts the money

we need."

"We have an almost \$400 million budget, I





Christine Schlotec, left, and Paul Kess, right, attended a candidate forum at Waasa Town Hall Tuesday night. They were joined by four other candidates seeking to move on to the Nov. 6 general election for the St. Louis County Fourth District. photos by M. White

think it is important that we have a hard look at the money," Kess said. "I think the priority is bringing fairness to the Fourth District."

When asked to identify two disagreements they had with the current county board, and how they would have approached the issue differently, some candidates struggled to identify two issues, but most had concerns.

"To start off with I couldn't come up with two disagreements," Forsman said. "I think the board has been doing a good job. The only thing that I would have disagreed with, and it is minor, was a veteran was turned down for the job because he didn't have (board) support."

Manick said he dis-

agreed with the county's handling of youth mental health, and said he wanted to see action before it's too late. "If a kid is lucky enough to get into Range Mental Health, that is great," Manick said. "If people need help, they have to go to Duluth, and if they are full, they go to North Dakota. I really believe until it hits close to home, the board won't do anything."

McDonald said the county needed to work more closely with local communities on construction projects. "One is the County Highway 100 project south of Aurora," he said. "They decided to fix it during the school year, and it added 45 - 50minutes to kids at Mesabi East. With more communication, they could have talked and put less of a burden on the school district. Second, we're not supporting communities that prosper."

Scholtec took issue with a county joint facility in her hometown of Cook, arguing it is too costly.

"The county raised property tax by 12 percent," she said. "If we control where the money is going better, we wouldn't need to increase taxes."

Kess agreed with Schlotec.

"The service center in Cook is problematic in how it was paid for," he said. He added he would also look at septic issues. "Problems with septic tanks... I would have approached that differently. The county comprehensive plan, it has received little public input. I think I would have approached that differently."

Mettler took issue with the board's handling of a 9-1-1 call center in Midway.

"When the county board decided to close down the 911 office in Midway, I don't know if you folks know how poor your service got after that, "he said. "The board agreed to give the department \$300,000 to

upgrade. It still doesn't work. Emergency services and public safety are where I've lived."

As for improvements they'd like to bring to the county, Manick argued for more resources to provide guidance for youth. "We have several School Resource Officers," he said. "I'd like to see it expanded with the drug problem happening. We have two officers that are spread out across the entire district." He added he wanted to see county jobs moved to the area and suggested the auditor's office could be moved to Babbitt or Aurora.

McDonald said he wanted to form a citizens' committee on road development along with addressing out-of-home placement of foster children.

"We spend \$25 million in fostering," he said. "We need to develop a good quality system. We have to do things for kids so they are not on the taxpayers' backs for the rest of their lives. Get mental health on the front burner and not kick it down the road."

Schlotec said she wanted to address communication in the county, and whether social media could be better used to get information out to residents. She also said she wanted to address what she felt was crime coming in from out-of-county residents moving into the area.

"Virginia is the number two most dangerous city in the state; Duluth is fourth," she said. "Even if you don't see it, you're paying for it."

"I think if we are serious about jobs, we need to get the county involved in broadband," McDonald said. "We also need to get \$1.5 million for roads lost to county downgrading (of county roads to townships)."

Public safety and roads were on Mettler's list to tackle.

"The county should take over placement of fire numbers," he said. "They should all be done the same way. It wouldn't take much at all. I agree the county needs to get on board with broadband. There's this guy at the coffee shop who harps at me about Johnson Road; we need to get it fixed."

"We need equity in county employees, ensuring that Duluth remains equitable to us," Forsman said. "We need to get the copper-nickel projects rolling. We need to stop the opposition who is taking money out of our mouths."

Public weighs in

"I don't care about your canned answers," said Chris Alaspa, who spoke from the audience. "I care about your charac-

ter. Let's say you're on the

board and you have some elderly people who need help, what would you do?"

McDonald said his experience with the Knights of Columbus had led him to do a lot of service projects. "I know a lot of people who would help, and I could help myself," he said. "Whatever we can do to keep these people in the area, we need to keep them."

Schlotec said the county could develop an outreach program.

Kess said family is the first line of support, and the county should work with them.

"I've got thirty loads

of cut wood," Mettler said.
"I'd bring her a load."
Forsman said he

would get on the phone with organizations he thought could help. Mettler said kids

should be called to help out. "Show kids to give back after people who help them," he said. "This is something a citizen can do." He added he would help facilitate as a commissioner.

When asked about splitting the county, Schlotec said the district was "getting the short end of the stick," however she added that nothing was going to change unless 28,000 people signed a petition.

"It's far more complicated," Kess said. "I am not in favor of splitting the county—yet. We need to build bridges with the Duluth commissioners."

Mettler said merging with other counties could be considered if the southern part of the county were to be separated. He added, however, that while it may be better, it was impractical.

Forsman said splitting the county would not create a net gain for residents.

Manick and McDonald both said a study should be conducted so residents understand the arguments for and against the idea. Manick also added that something needed to be done before six of the seven commissioners all represented Duluth.

Phil Hebl asked about putting tax-forfeited properties up for sale,, and whether candidates supported putting them back on the tax rolls.

Kess said he had seen the benefit of land sales near Ely, and was in favor of putting land back on the tax roll, which was a view backed by most of the other candidates. McDonald said selling the land could lead to economic development and bring more people to the area.

more people to the area.

Schlotec said the land should be considered for not only residential development, but industrial as

George Pliml asked what the county would do to promote local foods and farms to keep the money from agriculture local.

"In large part, the county is doing it already, there is a tax credit if you have a problem," Mettler said. "I don't know if it can be expanded. But if you have a farm, you get a tax credit."

Forsman didn't answer, and said he would need to look into it more.

Manick said aban-

doned buildings, such as schools, could be used to hold products during the winter to be redistributed for sale.

McDonald blamed

state and federal programs for taking aid away from local farmers, causing a decline in incentives for people to farm locally. Scholtec said people

need to realize that mining wasn't the only resource in the area.

"If they have something where they package (farm products) in the local area, and farmers could

bring it in, that is where

money should go."

Kess said the county could do a better job of utilizing county-made products in schools and jails.

When asked about their biggest mistakes, Forsman said people need to own up to their failings. "You need to have

integrity. You tell the

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kids to tell the truth in the beginning."

Manick anecdotally shared an experience of doing the right thing when no one was looking.

no one was looking.

McDonald said he wrongly told his daughter where she would get married and later had to back down.

Schlotec said she believes in karma. Kess said he has made

the mistake of not communicating with his fellow city councilors in the past. Mettler told the

story of being caught drunk-driving by one of his fellow deputies when he worked for the sheriff's office. Sandra Gibson asked

how the candidates would include rural districts in their role as commissioner. "You never forget where you came from," Manick said. "You have to

reach out to everybody, it doesn't matter how small the community."

"You find out how many small areas are involved here in this large district," McDonald said.
"When people call you

with an issue, your job is to help that person. You need to do your due diligence to find out what they need." "I will go to two meetings a year (in each community)," Schlotec said. "You need to go to them. It is amazing what you can

learn at one meeting."

"There are 26 named townships and a dozen or so communities," Kess said. "It is difficult to get to each one, you need to get out and communicate."

"I don't pretend to know all of the answers, but I learn more questions," Mettler said "You're going to get what you get with me. If you call me, I'll come out to you. If we agree, we have a basis to begin work, if we don't then we have a basis to begin dialogue."

"I saw my dad when he was commissioner before I left," Forsman said. "He took the time, every time, to listen. I'll work with you to try and resolve it."

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No one has filed for Ely School Board

ELY-The filing period for this fall's Ely School Board election ends on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at 5 p.m.

A two-week filing period started on July 31 and as of Wednesday nobody had yet entered the race for three board positions.

Seats held by board chairman Ray Marsnik, Scott Kellerman and Rochelle Sjoberg are up for

Marsnik was elected to the school board in 2001 and has served as chairman for more than a decade. Earlier this year he stated publically that was not inclined to seek re-election. All three board positions carry four-year terms.

With ISD 696 on good financial ground for the past several years, the board is considering proposals for major building and facilities improvements on the school campus in the coming years that will likely require voter referendum approval to move forward.

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Tim Walz as champions who will protect the Boundary Waters.

"Erin Murphy and Tim Walz have shown through both word and action that they recognize the absolute uniqueness of the Boundary Waters, the threat posed by sulfide-ore copper mining in its watershed, and the critical importance of protection," said Drucker. "We are confident that under either of their leadership the Boundary Waters will be protected."

DFLer Lori Swanson and her running mate Congressman Rick Nolan

Ecoboost, Sport Appearance Pkg.

were not certified by the group.

The Boundary Waters Action Fund will be communicating its certification of Murphy and Walz to its list of over 75,000 Minnesota voters ahead of the primary.

"The Boundary Waters is Minnesota's crown jewel and one of the most ecologically diverse, pristine, and yet also fragile, ecosystems in the world," said Action Fund Director Jeremy Drucker. "It is a destination for Minnesotans, Americans, and travelers from all over the world

for its world class hunting, fishing and canoeing. It is also a major economic engine generating hundreds of millions of dollars in yearly economic activity. Boundary Waters Champions are those who are committed to protecting this unique Minnesota icon from the threat of sulfide-ore copper mining in its watershed."

According to recent polling by a Republicanleaning polling firm, roughly seven-in-ten Minnesotans say they oppose copper-nickel mining near the Boundary

Rep. Erin Murphy and her

running mate Erin Maye-

Quade, who are being

challenged by First District

Congressman Tim Walz

and Peggy Flanagan, and

current Attorney General

Lori Swanson and Eighth

District Congressman

ty-endorsee Jeff Johnson

is facing a well-financed

challenge from former

Gov. Tim Pawlenty.

Pawlenty served two terms

as governor, from 2003-

received the GOP nomina-

tion for governor in 2014

before losing to Dayton.

who replaced Sen. Al

Franken in January, is

facing an aggressive chal-

lenge for the party endorsement from University of

Minnesota law professor

and government ethicist

several years, the Eighth

District will see a new-

comer to the office, fol-

lowing Congressman

Nolan's decision to leave

the House. The GOP will

decide between former Duluth School Board

trustee Harry Welty and

former Duluth police

officerandcurrentSt.Louis

County Commissioner

Pete Stauber, who is considered the overwhelming

favorite for the Republican

For the first time in

Richard Painter.

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U.S. Sen. Tina Smith,

On the GOP side, par-

Rick Nolan.

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Waters. Among self-identifiedDFLers, that opposition hits 90 percent, according to a statement issued by the group. "By a 40-to-one margin DFLers prefer the candidate who will continue Gov. Dayton's ban on sulfide-ore copper mining near the Boundary Waters,' said Drucker.

Additional certifications will be made in the coming weeks in other state and federal races across Minnesota. Boundary Waters Champions will qualify for additional support from the action

for the party nod after

DFLers failed to make

an endorsement at their

Eighth District conven-

tion in April. Without

a clear frontrunner, the

outcome could well be a

surprise. The candidates

include Virginia-area state

Rep. Jason Metsa, long-

time KBJR anchorwom-

an Michelle Lee, North

Branch Mayor Kirsten

Kennedy, former state

Rep. Joe Radinovich, and Bemidii resident Soren

a competitive contest for

attorney general. On the

DFL side, Fifth District

CongressmanKeithEllison

is among four candidates

challenging party-en-

dorsed Matt Pelikan. Tom

Foley, Debra Hilstrom,

and Mike Rothman round

out that field. On the GOP

side, former state Sen.

Bob Lessard is seeking

the party nod against

Sharon Anderson and

District 6B will also have

a choice between DFL-

endorsed Shaun Hainey,

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ELY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Bike shop returns to Ely; Kicksleds also available

ELY - Ely Bike & Kicksled opened its doors at 125 North Central Avenue this week, adding another spoke in the wheel of the recent economic development renaissance taking place in this community at the end of the road.

Owned and operated by Ryan Wahls and Sarah Malick-Wahls, the new business fills a niche missed by Ely residents and visitors since the previous Ely Bike Shop owned by Denise Meyers closed several years ago.

Ely Bike and Kicksled offers full service repair, bike and kicksled sales, accessories sales, and bike and kicksled rentals year-round. "We're also exploring the idea of offering a bike shuttle service to take visitors to the many trails in the region once our new business gets established," Wahls said.

The business initially carries the Reid brand of bicycles, and hopes to add additional brands over time. "We were impressed with the quality of bike Reid offers at a nice price point that makes them affordable to most riders," he said. "We were initially attracted to Reid for their fattire bikes, which are important especially for the winter season component of our business. We were also pleased with the variety of other bikes they offer and the manner in which they promote small independent bike shops like ourselves.'

Wahls, who will also serve as the primary mechanic in the repair shop, brings over 25 years of technical expertise to the new business. He previously served as a Cadillac and Arctic Cat mechanic and most recently as a master carpenter. "Bike repair



Sarah Malick-Wahls and Ryan Wahls opened Ely Bike & Kicksled Shop this week. photo by K. Vandervort

he said when asked how his education in auto mechanics relates to bike repair. "Once you understand physics as they relate to vehicles, it's just a matter of piecing together different components. My interest in becoming a mechanic actually started with bicycles, as I have been working on them since I was a teenager in the mid-1980s."

There is growing interest in winter riding fat-tire bikes in the region and construction of Bike Trail are both anticipated within the next couple of years,.

The couple said feel this is the perfect time for a bike shop in Ely. They are located a quick pedal from an in-town four-season trail, in the former Bloomer's Flower Shop next to the Ely Surplus store. "We chose this specific location because it's a beautiful old downtown building with great proximity to the Trezona and Mesabi Trails," said Malick-Wahls. "We are pleased that young riders, especially, will have access to the trail from our doorstep without the need to cross a busy street like Sheridan."

The building has a long history in Ely, from it's early days as a general store first operated by Swedish immigrants in 1900, then later as a series of antique stores, and more recently as Steger Mukluks, Northwoods Co-op, and Bloomer's Floral. "The gold ceiling is really what sold us on the place. It is just gorgeous," she said.

Bike repairs will be completed in a full workshop in the rear of the building.

A most unique component of their business is sales and service of kicksleds. "We fell in love with them while traveling in Norway and Finland and thought this form of winter recreation would be a perfect fit for Ely," Wahls said, "especially with our persistent snow here and residents' love for outdoor activities and proud Finnish heritage."

Kicksleds look like a small wooden chair mounted on long runner skis and are maneuvered on crusted snow or ice by holding handlebars behind the chair and kicking as if on a scooter.

The shop expects their shipment of Finnish-made Esla kicksleds in before the snow flies. They have two of them on display in the shop. "Kicksleds perform best during the periods when the snow is too slick for comfortable skiing, but I use mine all winter on packed trails, roads without sand, and on lakes with a hard crust," Malick-Wahls

In Scandinavia, kicksleds are used for training by professional skiers and casual users. While traveling in Lapland a few winters ago, the couple saw kids pushing each other home from school, tourists playing, and even older folks using them to hold grocery bags and increase stability while walking on icy sidewalks.

commonly human-powered, one can also harness a dog to the sled. Wahls said he has a friend who uses her kicksled to exercise her retired sled dogs on area lakes. "If you can train your dog to skijor, you can do the same with kicksleds," he said.

While kicksleds are most

"We are excited to contribute to the positive energy surrounding Ely's renaissance through promoting a healthy, outdoor activity in this beautiful corner of Minnesota," he said.

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Because this is an enterprise fund, the operation's costs and revenues have to break even, he said. "General funds cannot be used for this," Forsman said. "They are breaking even now. There is no tax subsidy used."

"Ely's recycling center has three times the volume of recycling than the North Woods (Highway 21) location," Forsman said. "Any recycling facility relocation must be on a public property, like a city or township."

In a veiled suggestion that the recycling center could be located in a nearby township, he added, "What we have going through there is from more than just city residents. This is just as important for residents of Morse and Fall Lake townships, as well as Eagles Nest."

St. Louis County can help with setting up a new facility, but not with operating costs, according to Forsman.

City Council member Heidi Omerza admitted she "doesn't go to transfer stations, and pretends they don't exist because that works better in my household." She asked if all transfer stations in the county have recycling centers.

According to Ely Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski, St. Louis County has 51 sites that offer recycling bins.

"Recycling has very little value right now," Langowski said, "but it is the right thing to do."

He also noted that the county has shut down many brush drop-off sites because of the problems associated with residents using it as a general dumpsite. "Just go look at our site and you'll see what I mean," he said.

He reminded the council that last month a city resident suggested initiating a curbside recycling pickup service in Ely, an idea not well-received by the city's contracted curbside garbage pickup service. "It comes down to how much people are willing to pay," Langowski said. "The (recycling) service is now being provided through assessed property tax fees, obviously, if you go beyond that, it is going to have to get paid for somehow."

Discussion on a suitable location for the recycling center will be moved to the Joint Powers Economic Development Board.

Community Center

The city council and the city attorney continued to discuss the sale of the Community Center Tuesday night, and went into closed session to formulate a counter-offer to a purchase agreement presented for the property.

City resident Angela Campbell, who is running for a seat on the council this year, appeared before the council and expressed her disappointment in the way the city is handling the issue.

"I do not like the shroud of secrecy over the sale of the Community Center. As a taxpayer, I believe that whatever is taking place should be public. We should know about it," she said.

"City Attorney Kelly Klun referred to the proposed purchaser as K. American Foundation. I did a search on that, and what I learned is that there is no K. American Foundation, but there is a Korean American Foundation," Campbell said.

She called for the public to be properly notified and be able address any concerns before any sale is made.

Mayor Chuck Novak assured Campbell, "There will be an opportunity at some point."

He said an offer to purchase was presented to the city council that includes a confidentiality clause against disclosure. "The council has not submitted a response to the proposal," he said. "If we agree to respond to that, then the proposed purchaser would have to submit an actual purchase agreement. Then it becomes full out in the open."

Novak explained that city property can only be sold, according to state statute, by ordinance, that includes a first reading at a council meeting, a public hearing, and a second reading at a council meeting to bring closure to the matter. "There will be public input on this. We are following the legal process," he said.

In her report to the council later on the agenda, Klun said the council is working on a counter-offer to the proposal. "The name of the party is K. American Foundation, uh, America Foundation, so if I misspoke as to the name of the entity, I want to clarify that. It was certainly not an

attempt to be deceptive," she said.

A Google search brought up results for "Korean American Foundation," but not "Korean America Foundation," nor "K. America Foundation."

Other business

In other business, the council took the following action:

➤ Approved a storefront loan for \$17,500 for Serson Enterprises, Inc. 402 E. Sheridan St.; ➤ Authorized payment to the Coalition of Greater MinnesotaCities forgeneral dues of \$6,014, and \$1,191 for the Environmental Action Fund;

➤ Agreed to provide in-kind services for the NorthernLightsClubhouse.



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Taste of Slovenia

Annual event celebrates a slice of Ely culture

by KEITH VANDERVORT

Ely Editor

ELY-A line of foodies waited patiently outside the St. Anthony Church Hall in Ely Saturday at noon. They could only smell the rich, slightly vinegar fragrance escaping out the door each time another person made it past the threshold.

As a visitor approached the entrance, the smell of food hit like a blood sausage across the cheek. A faint sound of accordion music could be heard deep inside.

> Is this heaven? Pretty close. It was the annual See **SLOVENIA..**pg. 2B

Taste of Slovenia event, hosted by the Slovenian Union of America, Branch 23, of Ely.

Mike Koski greeted all visitors with a basket of bread and a shot of plum brandy. "Our traditions tells us to offer all of our guests this welcoming bread and Slivovica," he said.

With mouths watering and the heavy smell of Slovenian cooking in the air, visitors paid \$10 for 12 "tasting tickets" and made their way around the hall visiting various stations to fill their trays with a plethora of soups, sausag-



Above: Mike Koski welcomes people with warm bread and plum brandy; at right, crowds line tables to get a taste of Slovenia. photos by K. Vandervort



AWARD-WINNING WINE



George and Barb Peyla with just some of the dozens of ribbons they have won at the Minnesota State Fair for their various fruit wines.

Left:

Below: In the basement, where several batches of wine were in various stages of the process.

M. Helmberger

CHEERS!

George and Barb Peyla make outstanding fruit wines, and have the ribbons to prove it

by Marshall Helmberger

Managing Editor

VERMILION LAKE TWP- With summer soon to make its turn to autumn. it's the harvest season for local winemakers, who are taking advantage of an abundant crop of chokecherries, raspberries, and other wild fruits to gather the makings of their upcoming wine creations. We know that plenty of people create their own wines in the basement. Yet a lot fewer of them make a high-quality, well-finished wine that is a pleasure to drink.

You can count George and Barb Peyla, of rural Tower, as among that distinguished class of winemakers. For this winemaking couple, George is the hunter and gatherer of the wild fruits, and he already had gathered about a gallon of chokecherries as of late last week. They weren't as ripe as George prefers, so he was going to wait a few more days before heading back into the field.

"He's always liked gathering wild fruit," said Barb, who's the chemist of this winemaking duo.

George is a Tower native, with longtime roots in the area (his grandfather Pete Peyla was the first and only postmaster in Peyla, the name of the tiny rural hamlet that used to exist in the vicinity of the Y Store), but he and Barb lived in St. Paul for a number of years

during their work careers. George was a federal contracting officer who worked for the U.S. Forest Service and later with the U.S. Immigration Service, while Barb was a budget analyst at the Forest Service's

experiment station on the St. Paul campus



of the University of Minnesota.

As he neared retirement, George began thinking of how to make use of the wild fruits he liked to gather, even in the city. He asked a neighbor, who was an accomplished winemaker, to show him and Barb the ropes of winemaking and the rest is history. In 2001, they decided to enter a couple of their homemade wines in the annual competition at the Minnesota State Fair, which was located just a few miles from their home at the time. They won a second-place ribbon that first year and followed up the next year with the first of many blue ribbons at the state competition. Since 2001, their various wines have won 43 ribbons, and in 2010, they were second runners-up in the overall State Fair wine competition.

They stopped competing in 2016, mostly because the State Fair is a long way

That's the

finishing test.

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Barb Peyla

to go from Tower, not because they've cut back on their winemaking. In fact, they had several batches at various stages going this past week, including wines made from grapefruit, blueberries, Concord grapes, rhubarb, and even carrots, which George says make a very nice wine.

It turns out, you can make a wine out of just about anything, said George. His winemaking mentor even once made a wine from bright blue Kool-Aid, just

to show it could be done. It wasn't bad, said George, once you got over the bright

If Kool-Aid wine doesn't sound appealing, just imagine being the State Fair judges who had to taste one of the more unusual



entries a few years ago - army worm wine, made from actual army worms, or forest tent caterpillars to be accurate. According to George, the judges described the wine as technically accomplished, but noted that it tasted like grass clippings.

While still in St. Paul, George and Barb joined a local winemaking club and it became an active social group. The club had frequent get-togethers where winemakers could share their creations and the various tricks of the trade.

On the basic level, winemaking is remarkably simple, typically involving little more than a juice base, yeast, and sugar. Mix it all together in a pail or fermenter and you end up with wine within just a few days.

From there, however, comes the work that ultimately determines the wine's palatability. After the initial fermenting, the wine spends weeks or months finishing, typically in five-gallon glass carboys topped with an airlock that allows remaining gases produced by the yeast to escape without allowing air into the system, which could quickly turn the wine into vinegar.

Once at this stage, the chemistry of winemaking comes to the fore. A good wine is a balance of flavors, sweetness, and acidity and getting it right can take considerable adjustment. Tartaric acid can help the wine flavors pop, while a little food grade glycerin can help the wine coat your tongue to boost your taste sensation. If the wine is too tart, a sugar syrup can bring back a bit of sweetness.

"We keep testing until we get it where

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USFS goes fishing for **lost camper**

REGIONAL - A Washington-state man was rescued Tuesday afternoon after he was reported missing by his fishing party earlier in the day.

Daniel Teeter, 46, of Maple Valley, Wash. was reported missing at 8:30 a.m. on Tuesday after his camping party contacted the St. Louis County Sheriff. The report stated he was last seen at his campsite the previous evening, when he told his group he was going to look for worms and go fishing.

The U.S. Forest Service located Teeter safe and uninjured.

Two injured in lightning strike

FALL LAKE - Two people were injured last week at a Superior National Forest campground near Ely.

The Lake County Sheriff's Office reported that they received a report last Tuesday night, that two people and their dog were injured by a lightning strike at the Fall Lake Campground, located about six miles east of Ely on the Fernberg Trail.

The incident happened around 9 p.m. on Tuesday, July 31. According to the incident report, a man and woman, along with their dog, were sitting in their tent during a rain storm when they were struck. The couple was transported to the Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital with non-life threatening injuries. The injuries to the dog were also non-life threatening.

The names, ages and hometowns of the victims were not released.

Crash sends farmer to hospital

STURGEON LAKE TWP - A Cook man was airlifted Tuesday to Duluth after his tractor was rear-ended near the 10900 block of County Rd. 22.

Mark Fosso, 63, was thrown from his tractor when it was struck from behind by Greg Sjoberg, 23, of Ely. Fosso was conscious when authorities arrived on scene, but was airlifted to Duluth; his condition was unknown as of press time.

The St. Louis County Sheriff's office is investigating the incident.

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project will be to obtain federal and state tax identifications

for the organization to allow

funding to be more easily pro-

cessed. Gillson said he hopes

the group will be completely

self-sustaining by the end of

the year, depending on success

with current grant applications.

construction will begin at both ends of the trail before meeting

in the middle.

When ground is broken,

LAKE VERMILION TRAIL

Designation could mean faster growth for proposed lake trail

by Marcus White

Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL – The proposed Lake Vermilion Trail connecting Cook and Tower got a big boost with a regional trail designation by the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission (GMRPTC) earlier this summer.

The commission voted on the project's new status at their June meeting.

The designation means the trail will now have the ability

to expand what type of funds it can apply for, making it easier to apply for grants, and even request bonding bills from area governments.

The trail, as currently planned, will extend up to 42 miles in length and will connect the cities of Tower and Cook with a multi-purpose paved pathway for hiking, biking and other recreational use.

Upon completion, the trail will also directly connect trail users to the larger Mesabi Trail network at the Lake Vermilion - Soudan Underground Mine State Park, and eventually to Ely as part of the final completion of the Mesabi Trail.

Even with the opportunity to bring in more money, the trail is still just a proposal, but one that has gained more traction now that an official joint powers agreement between local municipalities is in place. Phase one planning for trailheads is moving quickly.

"We would like to break ground within the next two years," said board member and resort owner Josh Gillson. "Next summer is a very real possibility, but it is not a sure thing. Definitely by 2020. Right now, it is an imaginary line drawn along the south side of Lake Vermilion."

Estimates on the cost of the trail range from \$200,000 to \$500,000 per mile depending on the terrain.

Gillson said many property

tacted to negotiate right-of-way easements across their land.

The next major step for the

owners have also not been con-

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we like it," said George.

"That's the finishing test," said Barb. "Would you want to drink a full glass of it?"

George said he generally defers to Barb's more accomplished palate when it comes to final tasting.

It can take weeks of adjusting before it's ready to bottle, but the final product vinted by George and Barb makes the effort worthwhile. While homemade wines can often range from sickeningly sweet to sour, the wines produced by George and Barb are often pleasantly dry with lots of complexity and fruitiness— which is why their wines have consistently been winners at the State Fair.

So, what do they do with all their great wine?

"We really don't drink that much of it ourselves," said George. But unlike that skunky wine your uncle used to give away, a bottle of Peyla wine is a coveted gift for friends and family.

They also go through a lot of it during social

occasions. "We always have a wine night at the hunting shack," said George. "That's a good time."

They recently brought four bottles to a wedding, where it all disappeared remarkably quickly. Even visitors, like this nosy reporter, go home with a bottle. Now I just have to think of a reason for a follow-up story!

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es, vegetables, sauerkraut, breads, strudel, potica and more. Finding a place to sit and enjoy the ethnic eats proved daunting.

Chairs were set up in front of the stage for the audience to enjoy the sounds of polka music played on an accordion.

In a classroom down the hall, one could witness a demonstration by Mirjam Gremes showing the intricate art of bobbin lace. "I learned this many years ago from my mother, Marian, who was a master at this Old World art," she said.

Later that day, many people enjoyed an evening of polka music and dancing, hosted by Amici's Event Center.



Pat Koski serves up traditional Slovenian food.

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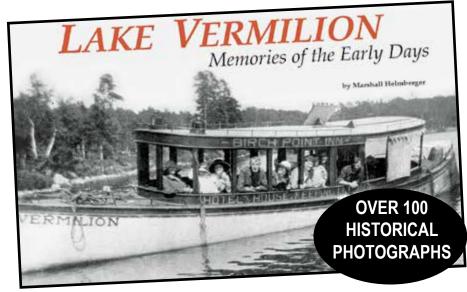
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BEAR RIVER

107th Annual Bear River Fair to be held Aug. 18 and 19

BEAR RIVER- In 1911, the hardy pioneers of the booming valley of Bear River assembled for an "exposition" of their harvest. Crops had flourished, and people attending from communities throughout the state were quite impressed with the farming skills of these Northwoods settlers. The gathering proved to be a rousing success. It was such a success, in fact, that they did it again, and again, and again this year on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 18 and 19.

This August marks the 107th anniversary of that exposition; people still gather. They come from all over the country to use this weekend as a "reunion" of sorts - a time to catch up with friends and families. Through the years more activities have been added. This year, activities include special music, a Farmers Market, Flea Markets, Bazaar, Games for Kids, and Softball Tournaments. Outdoor worship services will be held in the pines on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

First and foremost, the fair is

here because of exhibits. Local folks still bring in the harvest from their gardens along with canning, baking, flowers, arts, crafts and many more examples of their talents. Each year, the Bear River Fair has attracted community members and visitors alike to take a look at the creativity and crops that abound throughout the area. The exhibit program is very important to the fair, and we need you to take part in that as well. Have you made anything in the past year? Photos? Crafts? Woodworking? Bring it! Do you have a garden? Bring some fruit or veggies! How about houseplants? Take 'em along! Please enter at least one item to make this year's fair the best ever. You do not have to be a resident of the area to exhibit. We'd love everyone to enter a few items. The more the merrier. Come and win bragging rights. There are categories for both adults and youth. Regulations and Premium Lists are available at www.BearriverMn. com or from Jane Bartlett at 218-376-4556. Exhibits must be entered on Saturday morning, Aug. 18,

Treasures old and new are found by poking around at the Bear River Fair Market booths. You never know what you will find, from antiques and gently used items to wonderful

between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.



Stop by for some great food, including a pig roast, at this year's Bear River Fair. file photo

items from direct sales companies to newly crafted products and fresh baked goods. Contact Jane at 218-376-4556 for further information regarding setting up a table. More shopping may be done at the Mini Bazaar where you can purchase new items crafted by some of the incredibly talented people in the area. Hazel is the contact person for the Bazaar at 218-969-3755.

There's food, too. A good gathering, after all, must have good food, and lots of it. Along with the outdoor food booth, there will be a wonderful pig roast on Saturday night including live music from 4 to 8 p.m. by The Lake Street Gang. Tickets are available in advance or at the door. Contact Jane at 218-376-4556 for advance tickets, or get them from anyone involved with the fair. Sunday brings a morning worship service followed by a dinner of Swedish meatballs with mashed potatoes. Leave room for dessert, because a pie social follows the

The Softball Tournament has become a great part of the fair and will be happening on Saturday and Sunday on two diamonds, the one at the fairground and the one across the road behind the Viking Bar. Come to watch, and to cheer for your favorite team. Back this year is the dunk tank where you can share in the fun by getting all wet or getting someone else all wet. If you're willing to take a dip in the tank, let Jane know.

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

The Bear River Community Center/Old Bear River School is handicapped accessible and is located at the intersection of Highways 22 and 5. More information at www. BearRiverMN.com.

Music History and Performance at Calvary Lutheran, Aug. 19

ORR- The Calvary Lutheran Church of Orr will be sharing the music of classical and flamenco guitarist Randall Ferguson of Northfield at two events on Sunday, Aug. 19. He will present the music of Martin Luther on Renaissance lute at the 9 a.m. church service. His 7 p.m. performance will feature the history of the guitar, from the stately court music of Renaissance Europe to the exciting syncopated dance rhythms of Spanish flamenco. He will be playing more than 15 antique instruments dating from 1785 to present, including classical, flamenco and acoustic guitars, Renaissance and Baroque lutes, banjo and ukulele. Please join us for a wonderful morning and/or evening of string music. A free will offering will be taken at the evening performance.

Ride. Raffle and Roll for ALS. Aug. 18

EMBARRASS- Get on your motorcycle and take a ride for ALS on Saturday, Aug. 18.

The day starts with breakfast and registration at the Embarrass Timber Hall from 8 – 10:15 a.m., a group picture at 10:20 a.m., and kickstands up at 10:30 a.m. Breakfast is open to the public from 8

The third annual Ride, Raffle and Roll starts and ends at the Timber Hall. Pre-registration is \$20 per bike. Day of registration is \$25 per bike, with an additional \$10 per passenger. Pre-registration ends Friday, Aug. 10. After the ride there will be lunch, riders raffle, 50/50 pot, dice roll, and silent auction.

For more information, contact Travis Erickson at 218-780-8944, Matt Roggenbuck at 218-410-4737, Char Roggenbuck at 218-290-7887 or Teresa Erickson at 218-290-0673. Proceeds benefit ALS Association MN/ND/SD Chapter through the 2018 Black Woods Blizzard Tour.

Alan Phillips and Ely Ed play at B'nai Abraham Aug. 12

VIRGINIA- The "Day Tripper" with Alan Phillips and Ely Ed Steklasa will present music made famous by the Beatles at B'nai Abraham Museum and Cultural Center, 328 5th St. S in Virginia on Sunday, Aug. 12 at 7 p.m.

Stuart Pimsler Dance and Theater performance at Tofte Lake Center on Friday, Aug. 17

TOFTE LAKE- On Friday, Aug. 17 at 7 p.m., SPDT will share excerpts of their critically acclaimed matinee and present Terra Incognita, a recently premiered work by artistic co-director Suzanne Costello. Terra Incognita was originally conceptualized in the outdoors of the Ely landscape and will feature a cast of Ely community members performing alongside the company. Following the performance, Tofte Lake Center director Liz Engelman will facilitate SPDT's signature Talk Piece, an audience-performer conversation.

SPDT will also offer yoga classes every morning, Monday through Friday, Aug. 13-17 from 9 to 10 a.m. This one-hour class, led by artistic co-director Suzanne Costello, combines yoga with movement from a dance/theater lens and is open to all levels.



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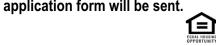
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DNR releases final Vermilion management plan

by Marshall Helmberger

Managing Editor

LAKE VERMILION- The DNR has released a new fiveyear management plan for Lake Vermilion that sets many more numeric goals and objectives than previous plans. Among the goals, which will guide DNR management on the lake through 2022, is to maintain a lakewide average walleye gill net catch of 14 fish-per-net in order to sustain the lake's reputation as a

robust walleye fishery. That would include a 16 fish-per-net average in the lake's eastern basin, and 10 per-net on the west end, according to the report (see full report at www. dnr.state.mn.us/lakevermilion/ index.html).

The DNR has also set a walleye catch rate goal of 0.38 fish per hour spent fishing.

The plan maintains the current target summer season, boat angling walleye harvest at 65,000 pounds annually, which is actually well Anglers work the shoreline around one of Vermilion's 365 islands. A new fisheries management plan for the lake is now completed. file photo

above the estimated harvest in recent years. The target is "intentionally flexible," according to the DNR, "to allow for overages in harvest which have occurred in the past without dramatic effects to the population." Fisheries managers believe that

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Left: Two of the nearly participants in this past Saturday's Mesabi Trail Tour, which extended from Bovey to Eveleth along the route of the Mesabi Bike **Trail. Conditions** were cool and cloudy for much of the morning, with steady rain arriving around noon.

Below: Steve Wilson, of Tower, makes his way over the Rouchleau Pit in the final leg of the ride. And, yes, he is wearing cross-country ski boots.

photos by M. Helmberger

Ridin' the

Mesabi Trail Tour participants overcome trying weather conditions

REGIONAL-The 700 people who took part in this past Saturday's Mesabi Trail bike tour experienced something that riders haven't faced before in the 13 previous years of this popular event— rain.

This year's notable event was supposed to be the view from the new bridge over the Rouchleau Pit in Virginia. Yet for this veteran of the

annual event it was the final 11-mile leg, from Virginia to the Mesabi Station in Eveleth, biked uphill in a steady rain with a 20-mileper-hour headwind that will be the takeaway memory from the 2018 ride.

"That was the first time in 14 years that

we've gotten rained on," noted longtime ride organizer Ardy Nurmi-Wilberg. Despite the conditions, Nurmi-Wilberg said it didn't seem to affect the mood among riders. "We may have gotten wet, but it didn't dampen anyone's spirits," she

While the view from the bridge was somewhat obscured for many by the rain, Nurmi-Wilberg believes adding it to the route helped to boost ridership this year. Despite the forecast of rain, about 700 people turned out for at least one segment of the ride, which ran 71 miles for those who started in Bovey. The number of participants had been

slowly declining in recent years. Last year, a more modest 618 riders took part, so this year's total represented a nice rebound, said Nurmi-Wilberg.

The e v e n t remains popular with participants and is probably one of the only long-distance bike rides where you could plausibly gain weight due to all the good snacks

offered up at rest stops along the way. From fruit to cookies, to granola bars, chips, and a variety of other dense, energy bars, nobody goes hungry. And the race wraps up each year with a full lunch.

Before the rain arrived around noon, the cloudy and





Cowboy Angel Blue, otherwise known as Bill Maxwell and James Paavala, were among the live musical acts performing at rest stops during the ride. The duo played at the Olcott Park pavilion in Virginia.

cool conditions had been ideal for the ride, with few medical emergencies from dehydration reported. Other than the rain, the event went "like clockwork," according to

Nurmi-Wilberg. Even the rain

was greeted by most riders with the appropriate esprit de corps. "There's just something about facing adversity and conquering it together," she said.

Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower **JEWELWEED**



The distinctive horn-ofplenty-shaped flowers of the **Jewelweed,** Impatiens capensis, hang like ornaments on this common native wildflower this time of year. This is a plant that definitely likes to have its feet wet, and it is most often found along lakeshores and the edges of wet ditches and marshes. Jewelweed has another common name, Touch-Me-Not, because the ripened seed pods "explode" when touched, scattering the seeds within. As its genus name suggests, this plant is closely-related to common horticultural Impatiens, which have a similar exploding seed pod.

Fishing reports

Ely area

Some nice walleyes are still being caught on area lakes. Many anglers have switched their choice of live bait to crawlers these days as the availability of leeches has come to a virtual halt. Crawler harnesses have been the lure to use and the success rate has been very good. Crawlers are much easier to keep as the temperatures continue to hover around the eighty-degree mark. Keeping a couple dozen crawlers in a cooler has been much easier for folks and those going into the back country have found that just keeping a wet towel over their bait can maintain the cooling by evaporation.

Trolling larger profile crank baits are becoming very popular as well at this time of year. Try various color combinations until you achieve the desired action. A good rule is to use neutral colors like silver, gold, or natural bait in clear water lakes, and brighter colors such as orange or fire tiger patterns in stained water.

Crappie action has finally taken hold as these fish are beginning to bunch up once again. The easiest way to locate the schools is to troll tiny crank baits or lures such as Beetle Spins where you mark suspended fish. Quite often, you'll find them suspended around the eight to fifteen foot mark over water that can be up to thirty feet deep. On shallower lakes, look for the fish on the edge of weed beds either early or late in the day.

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



DNR seeks public comments on proposed change in northern pike regulations on Lake Vermilion

TOWER—The public is invited to weigh-in on a proposed change in the northern pike regulations for Lake Vermilion.

Outdoors briefly

Vermilion is currently covered by special northern pike regulations, but the DNR is considering simplifying the regulations by bringing them in line with the new statewide zone regulations, which go into effect in May 2019.

A public open house on that topic is scheduled for Wednesday, Aug. 22, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center.

Questions or comments may also be directed to the Tower area fisheries office, 650 Hwy. 169, Tower, MN 55790, by calling 218-300-7803, or by emailing edie.evarts@ state.mn.us, through Wednesday, Sept. 26.

The plan and more information are available at mndnr.gov/lakevermil-

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maintaining harvest levels above 65,000 pounds for an extended period is likely not sustainable.

Creel surveys from 2014 and 2015 indicated that the annual summer boat angling harvest was less than 50,000, which is one reason that the DNR opted to narrow the protected slot to 20-26 inches

The plan covers other fish species, but not with the detail devoted to the lake's walleye fishery. It also describes the types and frequencies of management activities that the DNR will undertake to monitor and maintain the lake's fish populations. Among those activities is a likely increase in musky stocking in the lake, from the current 4,000 fingerlings every two years, to 3,000 annually, with the possibility of up to 2,000 more in surplus years. The increase could be even more significant than the numbers indicate, given Vermilion's recent state designation as a "premier" musky lake, which means that the new goal is more likely to be met on an annual basis. Due to persistent shortages of available fingerlings, the DNR

That change was one that was made as a result of public input encouraging more musky stocking. Public input also led to slight changes in a planned evaluation of the current northern pike special regulation and adjustments to fish survey methods including the timing of fish sampling.

The plan retains the walleye regulation implemented in May 2017 and is more specific than the previous plan about management goals, objectives and activities for individual fish species.

"Lake Vermilion is well loved by anglers, visitors and area residents," said Edie Evarts, Tower area fisheries supervisor. "Thank you to everyone who has contributed their time and input to the management plan for this popular, multi-species fishery.'

The plan was developed in partnership with the Lake Vermilion Fisheries Input Group comprised of a diverse group of people interested in Lake Vermilion fish management representing local, statewide and tribal perspectives. The group worked with the DNR from early stages of plan development to reviewing its final version.

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from NOAA weather

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WHAT'S IN YOUR **BOATHOUSE?**

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by ROBERT MATSON Columnist

This week's featured boat is a 1969 Shell Lake Balboa, powered by an OMC V6 engine. The boat is owned by Jim Andros, who bought it at an auction in Rochester in 2003. The boat was originally owned by a Shell Lake boat dealer in Austin.

Jim has a collection of Shell Lake boats and you will see more of them in this column. According to Jim, who wrote a history of the Shell Lake Boat Company, they started out in 1904 making wooden boats. Later, they moved to fiberglass as many others would, until the plant closed in 1980. The boat is all original as seen in this



picture. The picture at the dock was taken at Rasberry Island in the Apostle Islands.

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

Fishing reports

Kab-Nam area

This can be a frustrating time of year on the walleye front, but fishing remains consistent on mid-lake reefs and island points in the 22'-32' range. Leeches and crawlers are the preferred bait on slip sinker rigs or a spinner behind a bottom bouncer but there is still a jig and minnow bite so you might want to have all options at your disposal. When the wind blows, as always, the rule of thumb is to fish the windblown weed lines. Not much new there as that has been a common theme throughout the fishing season. Leeches are just about impossible to find right now but Gateway General expects

to have a steady supply until the end of the month.

Perch are being found more regularly, especially on the tops and edges of reefs and along deep weed lines. If you locate a school, try to stay on top of them until they become inactive. A crawler is the way to go, moving slowly with live bait rig or anchoring and using a

Some big northern pike have been caught recently. Casting large baits like Rapalas, spoons and Suiks are turning the bigger fish. Looking for cooler water is key as that is where the bigger pike like to hang out when the water temps

rise. If that isn't working, try trolling over deeper water and get your baits down to the thermocline and just above it. The water below the thermocline is devoid of oxygen and the water above it is too warm for big pike. If you can get your baits just above it, you will increase your chances substantially. Remember that big pike use a lot of energy in the fight. A quick catch, picture and release is extremely important to keep your trophy from going belly up after you release.

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Obituaries and Death Notices



Mariorie J. Marwick

Marjorie Joyce "Margie" Marwick, 68, of Tower, died on Wednesday, Aug. 1, 2018, at the Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely in the care of Essentia-East Range Hospice. A memorial service was held on Monday, Aug. 6 at Bauman-Cron Funeral Home Chapel in Virginia. Inurnment will take place at a later date. Memorials are the preferred way to honor Margie's memory and may be directed to the Elv Veterinary Clinic. Family services were provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral

She was born on March 29, 1950, in Duluth, the daughter of William and-

Home in Tower.

Joyce (Stewart) Hanson, and grew up in Duluth. Margie married Thomas Marwick and they made their home in Virginia prior to moving to Lake Vermilion-Tower. She was employed as a licensed cosmetologist, and worked for Montgomery Ward prior to working for the Tower-Soudan School as a "Lunch Lady". Margie was an active member of the Tower-Soudan Athletic Association and was the longtime treasurer for TOPS. She enjoyed gardening and baking and found great joy in helping others.

Margie is survived by her husband, Tom; sons, John Marwick of Duluth and Scott Marwick of Tower; brothers, William (Patty) Hanson and David (Linda) Hanson, both of Duluth; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends; and her beloved pet, "Boo".

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers-in-law, Terry and Lindsey Marwick; and nephew, Erik Marwick.

Beatrice M. Kolkin

Beatrice Marie Littler Kolkin, 89, of Babbitt, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, at the Elv Bloomenson Community Hospital. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 10 at the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Babbitt, where she was a founding member. Burial will follow in Cass Lake. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of

She is survived by her sons, Gary (Viv) and Russ; grandchildren, Kim (Mike), Marcey (John), Angie and John (Vicky); great-grandchildren, Anna, Ryan, Nick, Tara, Joshua, Tessa and Paul; siblings, Floyd (Donna), Cliff, Vera, Vernon (Sharon), Vona (Gene), Charlotte, Gladys and John (Sherry); and sister-in-law, Alice.

Donna S. Dupree

Donna Sue Dupree, 57, of Vermilion, passed away on Saturday, Aug. 4, 2018, in Virginia. Tribal Rites were on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at the Vermilion Wellness Center in Tower. Spiritual Advisors were Rick Defoe and Jeremy Wilson. Burial was at the Vermilion Reservation Cemetery in Tower. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home

in Virginia.

She is survived by her sons, Arthur Dupree and Donald Dupree; grandchildren, Taneesha, Deniko and Delonni; sisters, Geraldine (Gene) Hanks and Cathy Johnson; and numerous nieces and nephews.

BeBe Lobe

Beverly Rose "BeBe" Pucel Lobe, 78, of Ely, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 2, 2018, at Essentia Health-St. Mary's Medical Center in Duluth. A Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, Aug. 7 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her sister, Mary Jo Mavetz; nieces, Connie (Pat) Coughlin of Ely, and their children, McKenna, Rachel and Kate Coughlin, and Kim (Doug) Sanders of El Dorado Hills, Calif., and their children, Austin and Skyler Sanders; nephews, Ron (Carol) Mavetz Jr. of Eagan and their child, Brady Mavetz, and Mike (Kelly) Mavetz of Ham Lake and their children, Brooke, Morgan and Taylor Mavetz.

Bands, Brews and BBQ Thursdays at Minnesota Discovery Center

CHISHOLM- Each Thursday throughout the summer, the MN Discovery Center is offering a new event, Bands, Brews and BBQ from 4 - 8 p.m. The new Executive Chef, Quaid Fetkenheuer, is showcasing his talents with the smoker. Join us for a signature smoked item and other menu options along with a signature cocktail. Each week, we'll offer a new smoked item for \$10 and cocktail

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EMBARRASS TOWNSHIP

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Jennifer Boese, Town Clerk

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EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP PUBLIC ACCURACY TESTING

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Deb Siverhus, Town Clerk

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Cheri Carter, Clerk/Treasurer

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> Julie Suihkonen, Town Clerk Published in the Timberjay , Aug. 10, 2018

EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP

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.

PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE

Deb Siverhus, Town Clerk

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Thursdays at 7 p.m. at the Babbitt Assembly of God Church.

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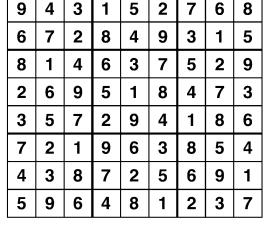


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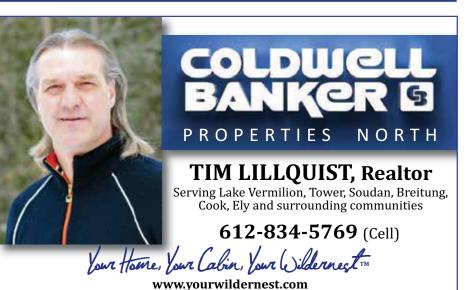
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