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ST. LOUIS COUNTY BOARD

And then there were two

Voters narrow a full field in county board race

by **MARCUS WHITE**
Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL - Bernie Mettler, of Embarrass, and Ely's Paul McDonald emerged as the winners of Tuesday's primary contest for the St. Louis County Fourth

District Commissioner's seat being vacated by the retirement of Tom Rukavina.

The two men will face off in the general election set for Nov. 6.

Six candidates had sought one of the two slots, including Mike Forsman Jr., Paul

Kess, Daniel Manick and Christine Schlotec, in addition to McDonald and Mettler.

Kristin Larsen had filed for the election but dropped out early on.

Mettler and McDonald stood out in the crowded field, each winning over 1,900

votes, or about a quarter of the total votes cast in the sprawling Fourth District.

McDonald drew significant support in the Ely area and in pockets throughout the district where his long

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Bernie Mettler



Paul McDonald

MENTAL HEALTH

'The Improvised Life'

Concert details mental illness struggles

by **MARCUS WHITE**
Cook/Orr Editor

COOK- Local musician Sam Miltich brought his story of struggle with schizophrenia to an audience at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook last Friday.

The concert series headlined by Miltich and his band is entitled "The Improvised Life" and details Miltich's struggle with mental illness and how his love and talent for jazz music helped him recover.

"The message I want to get across is that recovery can happen," Miltich said. "There is a sense of hopelessness that the life you envision isn't possible. Whatever life you envision for yourself, there is



Cook jazz musician Sam Miltich tells the story of how music has helped him in his struggles with mental illness. photo by Marcus White

no reason why mental illness should get in the way."

Miltich has played since the age of four, when he was introduced to the piano by his parents. He would go on to

learn guitar at age 13, but an episode of psychosis at the age of 22 nearly derailed his ambition to play his beloved

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More online

View a brief video of Sam Miltich at www.timberjay.com

ELECTION 2018

Some votes in Tower likely won't be counted

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**
& **MARCUS WHITE**
Timberjay Editors

TOWER— Nearly one-in-five voters here could have their votes disqualified after election officials handed out the wrong ballots to a number of city residents on Tuesday.

The snafu left erroneous vote totals on the Secretary of State's website and created an administrative headache for election officials from Tower to St. Paul.

The problem arose when election officials handed out as many as 25 ballots to residents of Tower's first precinct that were printed for the city's second precinct. Tower's Precinct 2, which is currently uninhabited, is distinct from the rest of Tower because it lies within Legislative District 6B while the populated portion of the city lies in District 3A.

And therein lies the rub, since the ballots for the second precinct are different from the ones used elsewhere in the city. And District 6B had a primary contest on the DFL side of the ballot, in which residents of Tower should

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Radinovich, Stauber set to face off for 8th District

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**
Managing Editor

REGIONAL- Former DFL state Rep. Joe Radinovich and St. Louis County Commissioner Peter Stauber will face off in the November election for the Eighth District Congressional seat currently held by Rick Nolan.

Both men emerged the winners from Tuesday's primary— Stauber in a blowout over former Duluth School Board member Harry Welty and Radinovich with a clear plurality in a hotly-contested five-way race.

Stauber's win was no surprise, as Republicans have rallied round his well-funded effort to flip the seat held by the DFL for the past six years. Stauber, who has tied himself closely to Donald Trump, has already garnered campaign visits from both President Donald Trump and Vice President Mike Pence



Joe Radinovich



Peter Stauber

in support of his candidacy, and he won with just under 90 percent of the vote.

On the DFL side, Radinovich won with 44 percent of the vote, drawing voting strength from across the district, and particularly in his home turf in the Brainerd lakes area, where he consistently won large major-

ities in the five-candidate field.

He also did well on the Mesabi Iron Range, handily winning in Hibbing, and running a strong second in Duluth to former KBJR anchor Michelle Lee. Radinovich won St. Louis County as a whole, with 36.7 percent to Lee's 33.3 percent.

"I'm humbled by the outpouring of support from people across the district," said Radinovich in a statement that took note of his Iron Range roots. "I value hard work. I won't stop fighting for the values

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

EMBARRASS

Embarrass Fair runs Aug. 24-26; Come and meet Vikings Cheerleaders

EMBARRASS - Two Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders, Caitlin and Leah I. will make appearances at the Embarrass Region Fair. See them Saturday at the Mud Run from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., at Wizard King Inflatables from 4-6 p.m. or Sunday during the Field of Dreams from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-3 p.m. at the Timber Hall. The cheerleaders will be selling official Minnesota Vikings Cheerleader calendars, posing for photos with you and your family, signing autographs, and enjoying the fair.

General info

The Embarrass Fair has something for everyone to enjoy. Come for some fun. Admission will only cost you \$4 this year and that buys you a whole day's worth of fun; children 10 and under are free with a paid adult. New this year is a \$10 weekend wristband.

The fair, which runs Friday, Aug. 24 to Sunday, Aug. 26 is celebrating its 79th year. The fair features a dunk tank for ALS all weekend, pony rides, a mud run, demolition derby, a wide variety of fair foods, the Flying Finn 5K, animals, many exhibits, and much, much more.

Exhibitors from area communities including Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Breitung, Britt, Eagles Nest, Ely, Embarrass, Greenwood, Hoyt Lakes, Kugler, Morse-Fall Lake,

Palo, Pike, Sandy, Soudan, Tower, Vermilion Lake, Waasa, White, Winton, and Wuori are invited to showcase their goods and possibly win a prize. See the fair book for more information on rules, divisions and tips on how to harvest and display your vegetables, fruits, and flowers, as well as entry and judging times.

Fair food will be provided by Becky's Oriental, Saigon Café, Greek Foods by Bobby, The Dog House, The Nutty Minnesotan, 4-H Pop Stand, and new this year, Flakes! Finely Shaved Ice.

The Timber Hall will be filled with vendors selling canned and baked goods, homemade crafts, books, jewelry, massage, photography and more.

The livestock building is open Saturday and Sunday; stop by to get to know many different animals which may include cows, sheep, lambs, goats, llamas, alpacas, horses, ponies, rabbits, chickens, ducks, geese, and turkeys.

A beer garden will be available Friday, 2 to 8 p.m., Saturday, 12-6 p.m. and Sunday 12-4 p.m. The beer garden is operated by the Babbitt Lions Club, all profits are used to fund local needs and charities.

Wizards Kingdom Inflatables opens at 3 p.m. Friday, and will be open Saturday and Sunday.



Above: The Tony Morshing Memorial Mud Run starts at 12:30 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 25. Right: Cheese curd and other favorite fair food will be available all weekend. file photos

Friday, Aug. 24

Team penning begins at 4 p.m. and continues until dusk, with sign-up starting at 2 p.m. The event is open to all ages and experience levels, so all area horse enthusiasts are welcome to give it a try. The cost to enter is \$10 per rider per run, plus the fair gate fee. Cash prizes for each run, trophy buckle for the fastest time each day, and \$300 prize for the fastest time for the event.

For more information, call Lori Lilienthal at 218-780-7477 or Jeff Anderson at 218-780-3449.

There will be live, family-friendly music on stage from 3-9 p.m. on Friday featuring Amanda Rae from 3-4 p.m., 5-Oh! from 5-7 p.m., and



Cowboy Angel Blue from 7-9 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 25

A dog show, featuring the beloved doggies of youth 16 and under will take place at 10 a.m. Registration is strictly between 9 and 9:45 a.m. Participants will need an up-to-date written certificate of rabies vaccination. For questions, contact Bonnie Meier at 218-984-3506.

The 38th Annual Flying Finn 5K Run-Walk begins at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday. The Flying Finn start and registration are located across Hwy. 21 from the fairgrounds. A \$50 award goes to the first male and first female finishers. First, second, and third-place medal-

ions are given in each of the six age divisions. All participants will receive a Flying Finn T-shirt. Cost is \$25. Call Holly Johnson at 218-780-6633 or email hsjohnson6980@gmail.com for more information.

Races For All Ages start at 11 a.m. Games include baby crawl, bean bag toss, running, sawdust scramble, gunny sack race, wheelbarrow race, three-legged race, shoe kick, and a water balloon toss. Cash prizes for all categories.

The Tony Morshing Memorial Mud Run starts at 12:30 p.m. with a \$10 admission fee, ages 10 and under are free with a paid adult. The Mud Run features a standard 4x4 run and a fast track. Those who wish to enter may do so from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. For more information,

call Floyd Joki at 218-984-3602.

Team penning continues Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with sign-up starting at 9 a.m. Bingo goes from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday Night Country Live goes from 4 p.m. to 10 p.m. featuring Mel Annala, Hutter Bunch, 40 Below, and Granite Road.

Sunday, Aug. 26

The Classic Field of Dreams Car and Truck Show starts its 79th year at 9 a.m. and concludes with an awards ceremony at 2 p.m. This year the show is featuring an open class with all cars, pickups, street rods, and special interest; three trophies are given including a "Cheerleaders' Choice," chosen by the Minnesota Vikings Cheerleaders. For questions, call Darwin A. Salo at 218-827-3581 or Tim Sipola at 218-827-3340.

Demolition Derby begins at 12:30 p.m. with an admission fee of \$5. Bring your lawn chairs. Entry fee is \$20.

A horseshoe tournament starts at 11 a.m.; entrance fee is \$10 per person. Play singles or doubles, double elimination, and win cash prizes.

The horse show begins at 8 a.m. Bingo goes from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Karaoke contest sign up begins at 10 a.m., singing goes from 12-3 p.m. Community quilt raffle is at 2 p.m. Parade starts at 4 p.m.

For more information, see an Embarrass Fair book, available at many businesses throughout the community, visit the Facebook page, embarrassfair.org, or call fair secretary Sue Beaton at 218-750-2718.

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Unique Picnic Operetta set for Aug. 19, 25, and 26 at 3 locations

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.

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 landmark legal battle, United States vs. Reserve Mining.

Small businesses are invited to learn how to sell products and services to state, federal and local governments

MT IRON- Northeastern Minnesota businesses looking to grow their businesses with state and federal agencies will get an opportunity to learn more about becoming a government contractor.

The training will take place on Wednesday, Aug. 22 from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Mt. Iron Community Center, 8586 Enterprise Dr. S. Register online at <http://bit.ly/on-the-road-IRRRB>.

The Minnesota Department of Administration's Procurement Technical Assistance Center (PTAC), the Office of Equity in Procurement (OEP) and representatives from state agencies around Minnesota will present information about procurement and contracting needs, and will be available for questions.

Invited agencies include Minnesota Departments of Transportation, Natural Resources, and Military Affairs, as well as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, and the Duluth Transportation Authority.

Topics will include Introduction to Government Contracting, a general overview of all levels of government contracting, what to expect, where to look for opportunities, as well as available certifications.

It will also cover how to get a vendor ID number, registering to receive notices of state bids and contracting opportunities, how to register in the federal government's acquisition system, and the elements that should be included on capabilities statements and business cards, and business etiquette for email addresses.

PTAC counselors conduct year-round training sessions across the state to help businesses hone essential business skills. More information about PTAC can be found at mn.gov/admin/ptac.

For more information, contact Tammy Gaglioti at Tammy.Gaglioti@state.mn.us or 651-201-2430.

PRIMARY RESULTS

Walz, Johnson emerge in governor's race

Results defied some recent polling that suggested former Gov. Tim Pawlenty and AG Swanson were leading

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

First District DFL Congressman Tim Walz and Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Johnson will square off on the November ballot after emerging the winners in Tuesday's hotly-contested gubernatorial races.

The results were among the biggest surprises in Tuesday's voting in Minnesota, as recent polling had suggested that Attorney General Lori Swanson and former Gov. Tim Pawlenty were leading in their contests. Pawlenty, who served two previous terms as governor and worked most recently as a banking industry lobbyist, had amassed a huge war chest and outspent the lesser-known Johnson three-to-one.



Mark Walz



Jeff Johnson

GOP endorsement in June, and the party continued its solid track record of defending its endorsed candidates in primary battles. In the end, it wasn't even close as Johnson topped Pawlenty by nine percentage points.

"It's time for dramatic change in a government that has become arrogant and broken," Johnson said in a statement. "We will change the culture in St. Paul from that of controlling and directing Minnesotans to actually serving the people who pay our salaries. Minnesotans

will have more money in their pockets, and less government bureaucracy in their lives."

Meanwhile, the DFL voters continued their tradition of bucking party endorsement, sending Walz on to the Nov. 6 general election over party-endorsed Erin Murphy. Walz picked up nearly 42 percent of the vote, much of it in the metro area and in the southern portion of the state that he has represented in Congress since 2006. Recent polling had shown Murphy trailing in a distant third place in the race, but she demonstrated surprising strength around the state and easily outpolled Swanson, who garnered just 24.5 percent to Murphy's 32 percent.

Swanson had jumped into the race very late, after withdrawing from the endorsement battle for Attorney General at the party's state convention in

June. After three terms as attorney general, Swanson enjoyed high name recognition. When Congressman Rick Nolan signed up as her running mate, the duo appeared to be in the pole position to win the primary. But Nolan was hit with press reports, including in the *Timberjay*, that raised questions about his handling of sexual harassment complaints from office and campaign staff. And Swanson faced late-breaking allegations that she had used her office staff to do political work on her behalf. It all appeared to take a toll and opened up the race for Walz.

"I am humbled to be the DFL candidate for governor," said Walz in a statement. "Our campaign was founded on the belief that there is more that unites us than divides us. We believe in a state where we can come together around our

shared values to address our diverse needs. We believe when the Twin Cities thrive, Greater Minnesota thrives—and when Greater Minnesota thrives, the Twin Cities thrive."

On the GOP side, President Trump weighed in on the race earlier this week, throwing his support to Johnson. That's despite the fact that Johnson had previously been critical of Trump, once calling him a "jackass." Pawlenty had also abandoned Trump in the wake of the release of the Access Hollywood tape in 2016, that had caught Trump making derogatory remarks about women. The Johnson campaign capitalized on this with ads highly critical of Pawlenty's comments about Trump in the aftermath of the tape's release.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Timeline for new siding mill continues to lengthen

Potential plant not expected to open before 2022; will likely hinge on strength of housing market

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

COOK— The timeline for a new Louisiana-Pacific siding plant near here continues to lengthen, and the potential plant is now unlikely to be operational before 2022. That's according to comments from L-P CEO Brad Southern during a conference call with investors late last week.

The company acquired the former Ainsworth oriented strandboard plant in late 2016 with the intent of

eventually converting it to manufacture its popular Smartside siding product.

But the company has been slow to advance development at the Cook site.

The company is currently in the process of converting an existing OSB plant in British Columbia to siding, which is tying up company capital and engineering capacity for the next several months.

According to Southern, he expects to turn to a serious evaluation of the Cook site, as well as

a second site in Quebec, in late 2019 or early 2020. Given the condition of the Cook site, Southern said it would require at least two years from a decision to move forward with redevelopment of the site until it would be operational.

He expected it would take about a year to be operational at the alternative site, in Val d'Or, Quebec.

Southern said that the shorter conversion time could provide an advantage to the Val d'Or site, although he noted

in a similar call to investors earlier this year that rail capacity in Canada remains a serious concern.

In the end, Southern said the market demand will likely determine which plant is brought on line first. He said the Cook plant would be most favorable if the market is demanding more of its eight-foot panel products, while Val d'Or was better suited to production of

16-foot siding.

"Both mills remain viable options for siding production," he said.

Yet the prospects for both plants also depend on continued growth in demand for Smartside. While L-P is taking steps to increase the product's market penetration in commercial and multi-family construction, the vast majority of current demand for the product

is in the single-family housing sector, which has shown weakness in 2018 as construction costs have escalated and interest rates have been rising. As a result, new housing starts in the U.S. have been on the decline throughout most of 2018.

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Editorial

Enemy of the people?

President Trump attacks the media to avoid responsibility and accountability

"Were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

Thomas Jefferson

Our founding fathers well understood the importance of information to the survival of a republic. Without information, they recognized that there could be no accountability — and a government without accountability can quickly become antithetical to democracy.

This week, we join hundreds of other newspapers around the country in pushing back against the attempts by President Donald Trump to falsely brand the nation's news media as "the enemy of the people," as a means of avoiding accountability for his actions.

Journalists are human, which means they are far from perfect. They have their biases and their blind spots. Too often, they seek the sensational over the substantive. But the professional news media to which most Americans still turn for information, remains transparent and accountable, which stands in stark contrast to a president so intent on casting aspersions.

President Trump loathes the professional media for exactly the reason that Thomas Jefferson held it in high regard — it shines a light on the workings of government and its leaders. And that's a threat to a man in the White House who has lived his entire life free from accountability.

When Harry Truman was president, he famously said, "*The buck stops here.*" It was a simple recognition that the president must take responsibility when things go wrong.

That, of course, is something that Donald Trump would never do. All his life, he has used those around him, even his children, as human punching bags, who exist only as fall guys or facilitators in the rationalization or cover-up of Mr. Trump's reckless behavior. They exist to either take the blame or pay off the porn stars.

As president, Mr.

Trump rails against the professional news media not because it is actually the enemy of the people, but because it is the enemy of secrecy, and it is independent of Trump's manipulations.

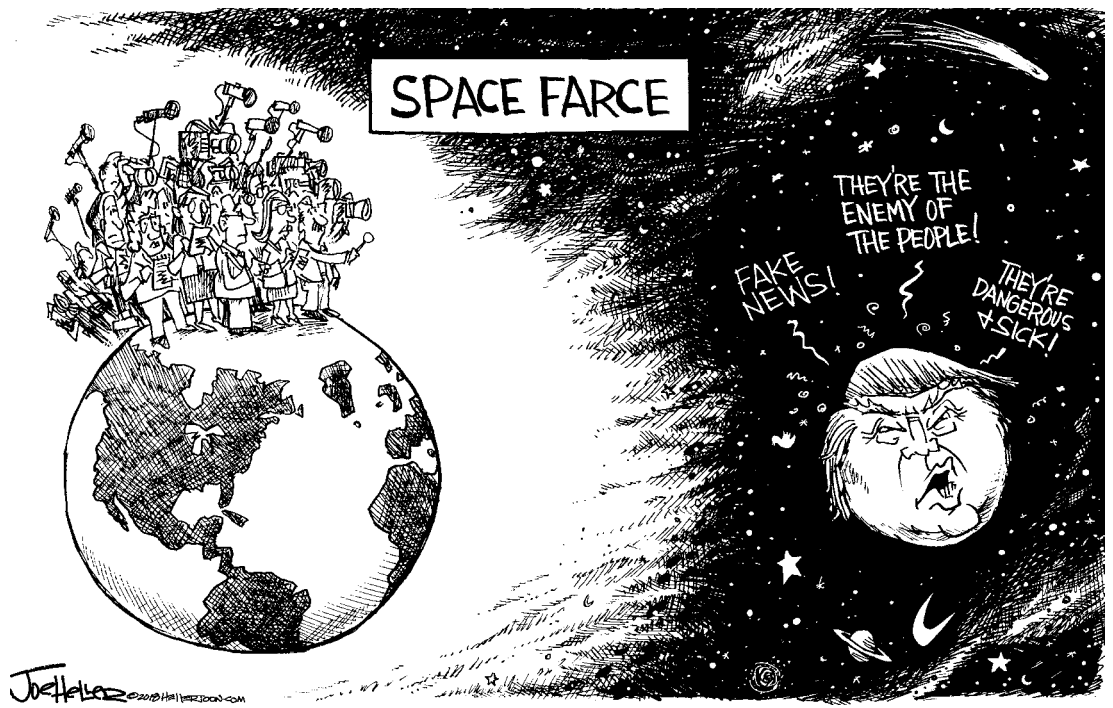
It is the news media that exposes Trump's countless deceptions and the crass corruption so rampant in his administration. It is the media that regularly reminds the American people that a president riddled with potential conflicts of interest still hasn't released his tax returns, or that he has acted to direct millions of taxpayer dollars into his own pocket in just 18 months in office.

It is the news media that revealed that the Trump administration was keeping the children of refugees in cages, that the tax cuts he continues to tout have gone overwhelmingly to the wealthiest Americans, or that he is advancing policies designed to worsen air and water quality and worsen the changing climate.

It is the news media that exposes Trump's foreign visits for the international relations disasters that they actually represent. Trump, of course, who appears to view his presidency as just one more reality TV show, declares every foreign visit as a "stunning success," even as the evidence says otherwise. Relations with Europe are at an all-time low, Kim Jong-un continues work on his nuclear missiles, and Vladimir Putin still retains puppet-master-like control over the American President. Trump struts around the world stage, and tells the American people, "the world is starting to respect the United States of America again." Yet Gallup and virtually every other opinion poll continues to demonstrate that world opinion of the U.S. has collapsed under his administration.

Mr. Trump loathes the media for the same reason he continuously rails on Twitter against Special Counsel Robert Mueller — he can't control them and what they might reveal about what he's done.

That kind of independence doesn't make the media the enemy. It makes the media essential.



Letters from Readers

Nolan's response on copper-nickel fell woefully short

Congressman Rick Nolan recently responded to my letter of protest against copper nickel mining in lands adjacent to the Boundary Waters.

Sadly, his letter is full of a singular promise: that any such effort must and will first endure a "rigorous environmental review." Tragically, he fails to mention that ALL such mines that have come before have ALSO gone through - and have PASSED - that same "rigorous environmental review," whereupon they DUG their mines and proceeded to pollute the livin' bejesus out of the area, leaving management and cleanup costs to the taxpayers. And not just once or twice, but Every. Single. Time!

I also note that his letter did NOT address culpability or cost recovery when the "environmental goals" (effluent limits) agreed upon during that review are not met. Nor does it address the way that the truly responsible individuals will escape their personal, financial liability. (They do it by setting up a faux "company" whose only asset is the mine, a mine that will have no value after the ore is extracted and is thus worth nothing. Whoa. Bankrupt. Gosh. Who knew?)

I mean, really? I've appreciated Nolan's progressive efforts in the past. But this seems to be a stunning, cunning, and now REPETITIVE act of deceit. Someone needs to introduce Mr. Nolan to a concept known as "actuarials," a forecasting tool based on past performance of similar projects. If he cared about this land or its people (as he says he does), and if he's looked at those actuarials, he (and Smith and Emmer and Klobuchar) wouldn't allow these projects to ever leave the gate. Am I the only one who smells a rat here?

There is a REASON such mining was banned from the northern Minnesota wetlands, decades ago. Now, and unless we get real loud real quick, we're going to experience that reason firsthand.

Duane Behrens
Ely

Food for thought on forest management

If I recall right, not long ago, the state of Minnesota had a huge surplus of money.

Many times I said "Why don't we clean up dead debris in our woods and forests?"

When you see what is happening in California, it's time to plan and start cleaning up so much dead trees and debris.

We could put many high school students and others to work.

Where do we start first? I would think in our own communities and the surrounding areas.

Leonard Stefanich
Soudan

Show some courtesy while on the road

In early July I was asked by my husband to take him in to the Emergency Room at the Ely Hospital.

Exactly one mile from our home on the North Arm, a car pulled out of a driveway. They didn't look to see who was on the road, they just pulled right out. I had to slam on my brakes to avoid hitting them. They then continued on for about four miles traveling 15 miles per hour before turning in to another driveway. I put on my flashers, honked my horn, and motioned with my arm. All to no avail. They continued down the middle of the road at 15 miles per hour.

This is the fourth time something like this has happened when I was driving. All four incidents were emergencies. One was when I received the call we all dread, "Your father is dying, get here as quickly as you can." One was when my mother had a collapsed lung and one was when my dog had a reaction to a hornet sting.

We love our visitors to the area. We want you to enjoy your summer cabins, our clean lakes and beautiful scenery. Just please remember a couple of things:

Flashing lights or flashing high beams, honking horns, arms waving out of windows could mean there is an EMERGENCY. Not moving over to the right, stopping or pulling into a driveway to let someone pass could cost a life.

Those of us who live here

have jobs and appointments, etc. where we can't be late. If you are enjoying the beautiful views we have and/or are on vacation, please pull over and let us pass so we can continue our lives.

It's all about courtesy and respect.

Claire Taylor
Ely

Reflections on the Water was one-of-a-kind experience

The multi-media performance "Reflections on the Water," acted at the Vermilion Community College Theater this past weekend, was a one-of-a-kind experience. It was an artfully produced production that displayed the talents of various art forms, all of which surrounded the idea of being inspired by water. The light-hearted songs, dance, and theatrical performances highlighted the integral role water plays in our summers and lifestyles here in northern Minnesota. Heavier folk songs and group songs brought water into my eyes as they prompted the viewer and listener to reflect on their role as a human on Mother Earth.

I'd like to thank all the hands that went into this production. The voices of the singers were amazing, the dancers moved like waves, the musicians mimicked the sound of rain and storms, and the artists provided visuals to all the beauty our water holds. Thank you to the producers and organizers. Water covers 70 percent of Earth and makes up about the same ratio of the human body. It is a necessary component for life and a shared one. I'm sorry to everyone who missed this production. As I watched it being performed I reflected on it as one does the waves of a lake or the first snowfall of the year. Bravo!

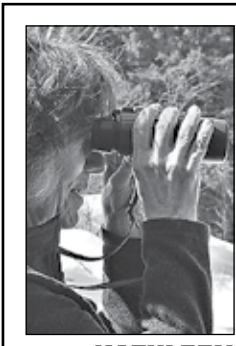
Abby (no last name given)
Ely

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SWOP- It's about youth learning and serving communities

On July 25, I got a call from my grandson asking if I could take him to his SWOP banquet.

Even though I wasn't sure what SWOP was, it was easy to say, "YES". Our visits have been getting fewer and farther between — not because anything is wrong. It's just that now, being



KATHLEEN
MCQUILLAN

twelve, his world is getting wider with different places to go and people to meet. Board games and trips to fun places with Grama are now not nearly as attractive as being with his friends and creating their own good times. I get that. But when I got his call, there was nothing more important than

that banquet.

I knew Brad had taken on a summer job but I didn't have many details. The banquet, he explained, would be a celebration for all the kids who completed six weeks of "SWOP" employment. They'd be receiving their final paycheck, their Certificates of Successful Participation, and "awards" would be given. Sounded like this was an important part of his "SWOP" experience. And I felt privileged to have been invited. So we were

"on" for an evening at the Mt. Iron Community Center on July 26. I was excited! Brad, on the other hand, was nonchalant, in that adolescent way that says, "Hey Grama, be mellow. It's not that big of a deal."

The big hall was filled with round tables, each decorated with a vase of wild flowers and confetti. A long table up front displayed bowls, baskets, platters, and crock pots filled with fruit, salads, dinner rolls and hot dishes. Another table was decked

out with cookies, bars, pies, and other sweet treats that the Iron Range is famous for. Potluck par excellence!

Youngsters and their parents were filling the room, along with some proud members like me from the clan of elders sprinkled among them. Our placemats explained that "SWOP" was an acronym for the "Summer Work Outreach Program," a non-profit founded in 1996. Forty youth,

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Letters from Readers

Thanks to those who brightened Tower

I have been very pleased to see how many businesses have added flowers to their store fronts over recent years. This year they seem to be more than ever. I counted 13 establishments, most of them on Main Street, plus the Civic Center and the bridge flowers. I believe that this not only brightens your corner of the world but says to people arriving or passing through that we care about our community. Since we care it also encourages people to stop and check us out.

A word about the demise of the bridge flowers very suddenly last Wednesday. While watering it was discovered that the flowers were being eaten by aphids. This was probably our most beautiful year for the baskets and we are all sad to see them die so suddenly. A thank you to our faithful watering volunteers Steve Abrahamson and Karel Winkelaar for tending to them this summer. The Tower Soudan Civic Club is responsible for ordering and paying for

the bridge baskets and flowers and paying for the Civic Center landscaping.

**Pauly Housenga
Chair, Bridge Basket
Flower Committee**

Evaluate sulfide mining on its merits, not on emotion

I see the signs that state we support mining. I support taconite mining. I support logging. I don't support copper nickel sulfide mining. The reason is pretty simple. When a taconite mine gets abandoned it fills with water and you can swim, fish, and otherwise enjoy the area. I think of the Cuyuna State Recreation area which I have visited. When a sulfide mine gets abandoned you have a superfund hazardous waste site that needs to be maintained for over 200 years.

There is an expression that you cannot change the laws of physics or chemistry. The chemistry of sulfide mining is dramatically different and cannot be changed. The sulfide mining companies say they will

be follow all the environmental rules and will not be a threat. These claims ring hollow to me. There is not a single sulfide mine in existence that does not significantly pollute. They say this mine will be the first to not significantly pollute. I say prove it first and then we should talk. This area is not the area to try it out. International companies are interested in only one thing – profits.

The sulfide mining companies have done a good job of blurring the issues. It seems now you are either for or against all mining. They have pitted the local residents against all others. "Iron Range strong" is the new slogan. They have tapped into the rich history and pride of the area. It is not that simple. While I live in Eagan, I have a cabin in the Ely area. I pay as much if not more in taxes than most. I enjoy the area as much as others and want to see it protected. I understand why people want to live and work in the area. A couple of recent revelations in the news highlight my concerns. Residents of the east metro area have been warned to not drink

the water because of long term contamination from 3M – a very reputable company that followed all the regulations at the time. Imagine finding out you should not drink the water and wondering what damage it has already done to your family. Imagine trying to sell your house under these conditions. This is real! Another example is that 40 percent of the well water in Dakota County is contaminated with fertilizer residue and should not be used for drinking or cooking. We need to protect our waters. Would you eat a walleye from the Mississippi River just south of the sewage treatment plant for the metro area? It has the same fish consumption advisory as the Boundary Waters now. We cannot afford to make it worse.

I understand the need and desire for good jobs. Taconite mining and logging are good examples. Sulfide mining is not. It is a proven big time polluter, which makes this a poor exchange. Evaluate it on its merits, not emotions.

**Stephen Casey
Eagan**

There may be a reason for the flashers and honking horn

If someone is driving behind you with emergency flashers on and is blinking headlights and honking the horn, do not assume it is someone being a jerk. It could very well be somebody who has an emergency and is trying to get to Ely as quickly as possible.

To the drivers who were kind and polite on a recent Saturday evening (Aug. 4), THANK YOU so much for pulling over as soon as you could safely do so and letting us go ahead of you. We did have a medical emergency and appreciate your willingness to accommodate us.

To the woman who refused to let us by, we hope you can enjoy your smug, selfish satisfaction at blocking us from arriving in town ahead of you. It would have set you back a minute or two to pull over and let us by.

**Marsha Rokke
Ely**

CITY OF TOWER

Personnel changes dominate short council meeting

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**
Managing Editor

TOWER— The city council, minus Mayor Josh Carlson and Councilor Lance Dougherty, took just 17 minutes on Monday to work through its regular monthly agenda. The three councilors quickly approved a number of resignations from the

ambulance service, including Nick Levens as training officer and Karel Winkelaar as an EMT. The council also terminated Cory Kovatovich from the service, since he has left the area.

The council also hired Matt Tuchel to replace Levens as the ambulance training officer.

In other business, the council:

► Approved a minor change in the charter school lease per the recommendation of the Minnesota Department of Education.

► Rejected the only bid for the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center renovation. The sole bid was \$481,000— well above the \$263,000 in funding approved for the project. The project will

likely be revised to bring the costs down.

► Approved an FAA grant for the airport totaling \$85,563.

► Received a letter from the Minnesota Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training noting that Breitung Police Chief Dan Nylund had passed a compliance review conducted last month.

► Approved final loan papers for the new TEDA building. The council also approved the first payment on the project construction, totaling \$110,000.

► Approved a resolution to decertify an inactive TIF district that had been in place for the former Powerain building, which is now the Vermilion Country School.

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between the ages of eleven and fourteen, from four Iron Range school districts — Virginia, Eveleth-Gilbert, Mt. Iron-Buhl and Chisholm — had been selected to participate. In its 22 years, through the efforts of a small staff and fifty volunteers, this non-profit program had mentored over five hundred young people, developing social and work skills necessary for successful employment.

After a brief welcome speech from a member of the SWOP Board of Directors, it was time to eat! We queued up, children on one side, adults on the other. Once back at our seats, plates heaped with home-cooked delectables, the formal program began.

A slide presentation projected on giant screens shared images of the young participants engaged in a range of jobs that included pulling weeds, planting seedlings, stuffing envelopes, assisting a master wood-turner, learning to operate a sewing machine, even serving on a jury in a mock trial. Sessions were held with guest speakers who described their employment at clinics, banks, mines, machine shops, stores, and other work settings. The program gave these kids the opportunity to meet people and ask questions to broaden their understanding of a variety of trades and professions.

It also promoted important values and "soft"

skills that are at the heart of every meaningful and successful career — a positive attitude, mutual respect for others, willingness to take on responsibility and try new things, showing up on time, pitching in, "sticking to it" until the job is done, taking pride in your accomplishment, and developing a commitment to service. They also attended sessions on how to save, share, and spend money wisely. Way to go!

Acknowledgments were generous for all the founders, funders, community leaders, staff, volunteers, sponsors, parents, grandparents, and of course, the youth themselves, for their extraordinary contributions to this amazing summer experi-

ence. Then came the award segment for those young people who had best exemplified the program's core values, like going the extra mile, thinking creatively to solve a problem, offering support to someone in need, diffusing a conflict, and modeling respect. By the end of the evening, having seen these motivated young people working together for themselves and for their communities, I was filled with great joy and pride. I couldn't contain myself. I turned to my grandson, our eyes met, and we gave each other a big, long hug. That was a special moment!

In today's world, it's common to hear of the great divides between the generations. The ways

we communicate have changed. Sometimes it can be hard to make a "connection". But SWOP gave this group of young people a very special opportunity to feel connected — to each other, to a dedicated group of adults, and to their community. An experience I expect may last them a lifetime. A

heartfelt thanks goes out to all the people who made this experience possible for my grandson, and for me. It gave me hope and inspiration for the future. Our youth most certainly deserve our respect, our support, and our investment. My donation is in the mail!



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LAKE VERMILION CULTURAL CENTER

Wine and Watercolor: Fundraiser fun

TOWER- On Thursday, Aug. 9, a Wine and Watercolor Event was held at Gruben's Tiny Bottle Shop to support the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center. Linda Smith, a watercolor artist from Zumbrota and Lake Vermilion led the event. She became acquainted with the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center by attending the annual Midsummer Gala in June. Since Smith is involved with the arts, not only as an artist but also by serving on the board of the Zumbrota Area Arts Council, she decided to teach a class and donate the proceeds to the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center. Smith led the attendees in painting a great blue heron. While the subject of the paintings was the same, each painting showed the creativity of the individual artists. The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center wishes to thank all of the attendees for participating and thank Smith who made the evening fun for all, including those new to painting and those who were experienced. Thanks also to Dan Carnicom and Jean Ruotsinoja for hosting the event in the Tiny Bottle Shop at Gruben's.



Above: On the far side of the table are Mary Walker, Penny Jackson, Kay Ryan, Diane Nelson and Brenley Nelson. On the near side is Bergetta Indihar. Right: Joanie Broten, Cindy Myre, and Jaynee Yocum share their versions of a great blue heron. submitted photos



Newlyweds visit Lake Vermilion

Jaynee and John Yocum, summer residents of Lake Vermilion announce the marriage of their daughter, Aimee Lorayne, to Nicholas Chaplin Womble. The wedding was held on July 1, 2018, at the Tybee Island Wedding Chapel and Ballroom on Tybee Island, Ga. The bride and groom spent their honeymoon at Banff National Park in Alberta, Canada. The happy couple visited her parents on Lake Vermilion after their trip to Canada. They were honored at a Meet and Greet Brunch with many friends and family members in attendance who celebrated the newlyweds' marriage. The couple now resides in Dahlonga, Ga., where Nick is stationed with the U.S. Army. Aimee will receive her Masters of Divinity from Indiana Wesleyan University later this month.

Eight file for three openings on Tower City Council

TOWER- With three seats open in the upcoming city of Tower election, set for Nov. 6, local voters will have choices on their ballots.

Tower Mayor Josh Carlson has chosen not to run. Jeffrey Hill, Orlyn Kringstad, and Steve Altenburg have all filed for the Mayor's seat. Alten-

burg is currently the city's ambulance director and fire chief. According to the city charter and state law, the ambulance director and/or fire chief cannot also have a seat on the council or be mayor.

Council members Brad Matich and Lance Dougherty both have cho-

sen not to run. Five have filed for the two open council spots, including former Mayor Steve Abrahamson, Mary Lawler Shedd, Victoria Ranua, Rachel Beldo, and Michael C. Larson.

The Timberjay will do interviews this fall so that our readers can get to know the candidates.

Community Notices

Tower-Soudan Elementary Open House on Thursday, Aug. 30

TOWER- Tower-Soudan Elementary is hosting an open house on Thursday, Aug. 30 from 4 - 7 p.m. Come and meet your teachers, tour the school, and drop off school supplies in your classroom.

Tower-Soudan Elementary has been rated one of the top elementary schools in northern Minnesota for seven years in a row. The school offers small class sizes, very experienced and professional teachers that have been there a long time, and a family environment. Early childhood and learning readiness programs are also offered, along with an active community education department offering low-cost enrichment and sports activities for children (and adults too!).

Parents can complete their school registration forms online at www.isd2142.net (click on online registration in the top green bar). There are instructions for both returning and new students.

This system is expected to decrease the amount of paperwork families need to complete when enrolling their child and at the beginning of the school year. It will also help us to make sure we have the most current contact information for your child.

New families coming to our schools, as well as current families needing to update their information each year, will use this system. Please follow the instructions below and if you have questions, contact your school office or the district office at 218-749-8130. You can also email questions to portal@isd2142.k12.mn.us.

Tower Farmers Market updates

TOWER- The weekly farmers market at the Train Depot in Tower is having a great summer. Thanks to both old and new customers for your support.

The market's annual BLT Night at Good Ol' Days is taking a year off. It will be back - better than ever - in 2019, with the best BLT on the Iron

Range, made from locally-sourced ingredients.

Raffle tickets are still available for the Share the Harvest market basket drawing at the end of the season. Only \$1 per ticket for a chance to win a basket full of items donated by TFM vendors - bread, canned goodies, fresh produce, meat, handcrafted items, sweet baked goods, BBQ sauce, flowers and more. It's a bargain. Money from the raffle supports the Tower Area Food Shelf. Tickets are available at the market on Fridays from 4-6 p.m. or at the Timberjay office during regular hours.

If you haven't yet, please visit the TFM on Fridays from 4-6 p.m. to support local farmers, gardeners, bakers and craftspeople. The season will continue through September, weather permitting.

Groundbreaking for new Lamppa facility on Tuesday

TOWER- 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.

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, 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 handi-

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

Old Settlers - 2018 Drawing Prize Winners

Frandsen Bank and Trust: Breakfast bucket - Mark Peil
Tower-Soudan Agen-

cy: Coolers with agency items - Rebecca Schmitz, Preston Haryn

Timberjay Newspapers: One year subscription certificates - Dick Kitto, Julie Suihkonen; The Soudan Mine Book - Roger Kangas; Lake Vermilion Book - David Mesojedec

Tower LP Gas: 20-pound Cylinder fill - Kevin Burnitt

Good Ol' Days: \$25 gift certificate - Roger Edstrom, Carol Chiabotti

Bob's Service Station: \$20 gift certificate - Ramon Berg

UBetcha Antiques and Uniques and Uffda Thrifts and Gifts: \$20 gift certificates - Pat Danvers, Bobby Trucano

Jeanne's Cards and Gifts: \$10 gift certificate - Judy Carlson

Tower News: One year subscription- John Peterson; Chaos and Grit book - Kaela Mesojedec

Zup's: Cooler - Mike Korpi; T-shirts - Casie Skala, Steve Tekautz

Northern Pines Embroidery: T-shirts - Kristine Jonas, Joan Erchul, Gen Bjorgo, Don Reinhardt

McKinley Park Campground: Shirts - Melanie Mesojedec, Patti Stoddard

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NOTICE

STUNTZ BAY ASSOCIATION

FALL MEETING

Saturday, Aug. 25 • 10 AM

Breitung Fire Hall

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

GREENWOOD

Greenwood Township's 40th Anniversary set for Saturday, Aug. 25

GREENWOOD- Greenwood Township will celebrate its 40th anniversary on Saturday, Aug. 25 from noon to 5 p.m. There will be a picnic lunch and a short program at 2 p.m. Present chairman of the board, Mike Ralston will welcome guests. Keynote speaker will be the first chairman of the board, Loren Turner. Jim Seme will entertain the crowd with his accordion and LeAnne Zaudke will sing a few lively songs. Greenwood Firemen will be taking blood pressures, offering blood glucose tests, and have boat safety pamphlets. And there is something special for the children, Greenwood Township has a beautiful new pavilion, tennis and pickleball courts and bocce ball court. Their latest new equipment is the children's playground. All residents past and present and



Stop by the Greenwood Pavilion on Saturday, Aug. 25 and help celebrate the township's 40th anniversary. file photo

their families are welcome to attend. Come visit with old friends and meet some new ones. Lunch is free, learn how to play a few games. Volunteers are still need-

ed, if you want to help or have questions, call Pam Lundstrom at 218-753-3006.

TSHS to launch Membership Drive for Tower's Historic Fire Hall

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Historical Society is moving ahead with plans to preserve the historic old fire hall located at 504 Main St. The building, which is the oldest public building north of Duluth, housed the 1891 horse-drawn steam fire pumper James Tippet while in service at the turn of the 20th century. According to the National Register Nomination, it is "the oldest community fire hall on the Iron Range." A \$258,000 grant request to the Minnesota Historical Society Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund has been submitted for Phase One of the historic restoration project.

Learn more about the historic fire hall at the TSHS annual meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 5 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. The program will feature a presentation on the fire hall, with photos of existing conditions as well as historic photos. The program will be presented by historian Leone Graf, grantwriter Nancy Larson, and curator Richard Hanson.

Reservations for the dinner are required and can be made by calling the Tower-Soudan Historical Society (Train Depot office) at 218-753-5021. Leave a message with your name, phone contact and number of attendees.

Community support is a requirement of all grant-funding agencies. It's important to note that TSHS is working with Architectural Resources Inc. on the construction documents and scope of work of the overall project which will be restored over at least three phases of work. Phase One includes stabilizing the building with foundation, roof, doors, and window repairs/restoration; and exterior masonry repair/restoration. Total estimated cost is \$281,000. This phase will weather-proof the building and keep it safe from further deterioration.

Phase Two focuses on interior masonry repairs and restoration with an estimated cost of \$130,000. Phase Three, estimated cost of \$267,000 will modify the heating and ventilation system and bring the electrical system to current state code standards, build out toilet rooms and frame a utility room, improve lighting, and repair the metal ceiling.

It's important to take steps to preserve the building which has been vacant for more than eight years. Planning began in June 2014 when officers of the TSHS met with Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation (IRRR) legislators to assess their interest in as-



An old postcard showcases the fire hall. photo courtesy of the TSHS

sisting TSHS with the purchase of the building. IRRR recognizes the importance of historic buildings and their significance to the fabric of a community and transfer of understanding of the stories of the past to future generations.

Sustaining Membership

Project phases will be completed depending on the amount of funding awarded by the Minnesota Historical Society and as other funds become available. The Minnesota Historical Society and the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation require support of the communities served by the project. Therefore TSHS is launching a Sustaining Membership drive to demonstrate to the funders the community support for the historic fire hall construction phases, as well as its maintenance. What does it mean to be a Sustaining Member? Becoming a sustainer means your annual pledge will automatically roll over every year. Pledges of any monetary size can be made for any period of years that you choose. The TSHS goal is to achieve five-year pledges to support the restoration of the historic fire hall.

National Register of Historic Places

The Tower fire hall was listed in the National Register of Historic Places on July 17, 1980. Its significance for placement on the Register includes architectural, community planning, politics/government and social/humanitarian areas. The building, built in 1895, also housed the city hall and town jail until 1935. This masonry structure includes a dug 30,000-gallon cistern in the basement. The cistern was used for storing water for

firefighting before the municipal water supply was built. The building housed the fire hall until 1965 when a new fire hall was constructed.

Many will remember the building as the "Rec Building" when it was used during the 1960s and 1970s as a community space for Brownie and Cub Scout meetings, Girl Scout and Boy Scout meetings, teen dances, and more.

How You Can Help

Anyone – and we hope everyone – who wants to support TSHS fundraising efforts for preservation of the historic fire hall can commit a pledge or send a donation. When you commit as a Sustaining Member your membership will automatically continue for the period of time selected unless you wish to change or cancel it. TSHS is a 501(c)3 organization. All funds will be dedicated to the historic fire hall restoration.

Do you have questions or wish to get a pledge card? Please contact any board member: President Doug Workman, Vice-President Nancy Larson, Secretary Linda Erspamer Folstad, Treasurer Diane Meehan; Board members Cookie Bonicatto, Corrine Kotzian Hill, Mary Shedd, Desirae Larson, Barb Burgess, and Pauline Housenga. You may also call the Tower-Soudan Historical Society office at 218-753-5021.

Check out the TSHS website at www.towersoudanhs.org. A PayPal option for donations is coming very soon. Pledges can be mailed to Tower-Soudan Historical Society, PO Box 465, Tower, MN 55790. Your ongoing support of any amount will be appreciated.

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 community activities 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.

St. James Presbyterian church picnic on Aug. 19

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

Week of Aug. 20

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

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

Tuesday
Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Aug. 21.

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

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

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

Vermilion Country School Board- Next meeting is Thursday, Aug. 23 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings posted online at vermilioncountry.org.

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

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

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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. 21 - Alison Flint - Staff Lawyer for The Wilderness Society, Eric Jorgensen and Erin Whalen, attorneys, Earthjustice.

Learn about The Wilderness Society and Earthjustice and how they are working with the local community, Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness, and the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters to defend against the potential risk that sulfide-ore copper mining could bring to the Boundary Waters region.

Ely Free Clinic

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.

Breathing Out
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best berry year yet
branches drip big fat berries
staining colors run

SULFIDE MINING

Up North Jobs: State schools at risk if sulfide mining is stopped

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - One of the more obscure arguments coming from those in favor of sulfide mining near the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is that not doing so threatens efforts to provide funding for schools in the state of Minnesota.

Gerald Tyler, executive director of Up North Jobs in Ely, made that case at his group's recent mining series lecture held at the Ely Senior Center. The presentation titled, "Our Threatened Minnesota Public School Trust Lands," was attended by about 20 people.

Tyler read from an 11-page background report that included a large collection of data from government sources, newspaper editorials and emails from local environmental advocates to the Barack Obama administration in attempts to block the renewal of mining exploration leases for Twin Metals of Minnesota's nearby copper-nickel mining project.

"At the time of statehood, the federal government granted land to the states for the use of schools," Tyler said. "The initial Enabling Act of 1857 granted 8.3 million acres to Minnesota to aid education."

These lands, known as School Trust Lands, include both surface and mineral rights. When Minnesota became a state in 1858, the federal government granted sections 16 and 36 of every township, or their equivalent, to the state for the use of schools.

Tyler said that the school trust lands that were set aside when the state was founded could generate as much as \$3 billion over the next 20 years if sulfide mining is allowed in northeast Minnesota. "An average of \$24.5 million has been distributed each year for the past five years to the state's public school districts," he said.

"The Trust's mineral interests, royalties and land rents, account for approximately 80 percent of historic Trust revenues. Iron and taconite mining remains the major source of revenue for the Trust," Tyler said. "In addition to iron ore/taconite mining, School Trust minerals development and exploration include stockpiled iron ore extraction, non-ferrous minerals, copper-nickel, gold, platinum and minerals including dimension stone, silica sand, diamonds, sand, gravel and peat mining," he said.

Recent efforts to threaten the School Trust

lands came about 12 years ago, according to Tyler, when the U.S. Forest Service responded to requests from mining executives for prospecting permits in the Superior National Forest. "The Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy said that if the USFS moved forward supporting the issuance of prospecting permits without completing an Environmental Impact Statement, the MCEA intended to file a lawsuit, and the USFS did not have the personnel nor the funds available to complete an EIS."

Tyler said a moratorium on prospecting was imposed in November 2006 and not lifted until 2012. The Final Environmental Impact Statement was completed in May 2012, according to Tyler, and in September of that year, the Bureau of Land Management issued a Record of Decision and proceeded to grant 28 prospecting permits to Duluth Metals Corporation, Twin Metals and several other mining companies.

"The moratorium on exploration in the Superior National Forest had only been lifted for 15 months when the environmental activists began lobbying interior and BLM officials in Washington," Tyler said. He outlined the subjects of various

emails from Ely attorney Becky Rom to Obama administration officials in 2014 and 2015, that he said instigated actions taken to reject the renewal of long-held mineral leases by Twin Metals to explore and develop a sulfide copper-nickel mine near Ely.

"Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton also blocked Twin Metals from accessing state lands for exploration," Tyler said, "and U.S. Rep. Betty McCollum advanced legislation to ban mining on federal lands in the Rainy River watershed."

Even though the Trump administration reversed Obama's actions and restored the mineral leases, those decisions are being challenged in court. "There is clear and persuasive evidence that a high-profile campaign is in place to reject the Twin Metals leases," Tyler said.

Funds generated from the School Trust lands from mineral leasing, forest management and royalty payments result in only about \$25,000 for the Ely School District, or about one-half of one percent of the annual school budget.

Tyler contended, "If the lease withdrawal is returned, it will stifle our local economy and irreparably harm K-12 education in Minnesota."



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REMEMBER WHEN

Music 'happening' supports Alzheimer's, dementia programs

ELY - The Spiritwood "Forget Me Not" Foundation will present "Remember When - a Musical Happening," on Friday and Saturday, Aug. 17-18, beginning at 7 p.m. at the Vermilion Community College Fine Arts Theater.

The musical tribute features Pat Surface, John Ely and Butch Schmidt of the Boundary Water Boys, Marina Whight, Kenne Thomas, Ely's own LedgeRockin' Chorus, Community Dancers and Flower Children, and Donna Surface as Moonbeam - the Goddess Of Groove - a TV star from 1970.

"Remember When" is a musical 'happening' that will transport the audience back to the times of the 1960s and 1970s.

This is an all new show. When we last saw Moonbeam, she was a DJ on a nighttime radio show. She has moved up in show business from radio DJ to TV personality, and is now the star of a popular dance/music TV show in 1970 - Moonbeam's American Top 40 on GRV - the Grooove Television network.

The audience is transported back in time as you become part of Moonbeam's 'studio audience' in an atmosphere that conjures memories of shows like Dick Clark's American Bandstand, Shindig, and Hullabaloo.



"Remember When - A Musical Happening," will be presented Friday and Saturday at Vermilion Community College. submitted photo

Moonbeam is joined by her trusty 'sidekick' Turnbull (think Ed McMahon) and her studio band, Pat Surface and American Pie (the Boundary Water Boys). It is an interactive show as Moonbeam engages her studio audience from the stage and off it. American Pie plays the hits of the 60s, as the American Top 40 Dancers recall the dance moves of the era. It is a multi-media 'Happening' featuring a video on a giant screen with images and songs that will blast you back to the 60s, Woodstock, and more.

Watch a groovy video

about the show on www.SpiritwoodFoundation.com.

Tickets are \$15 each. All profits to benefit the Spiritwood 'Forget Me Not' Foundation and their support of organizations in the fight against Alzheimer's Disease.

Tickets are available online at www.SpiritwoodFoundation.com; at the door (if there are any left); call 218-365-6851 to order by phone or for more information.

Come dressed in your most groovy 60s outfit. Prizes will be awarded for the best hippie in the audience.

The Spiritwood 'Forget Me Not' Foundation is committed to supporting organizations that enhance the quality of life of those afflicted with Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia. Their efforts are aimed at the many concerns and worries of family members and caregivers, and their focus is on the dignity of each individual.

For more information, go to www.SpiritwoodFoundation.com.

OUR COMMUNITY

Work continues on Ely Halfway Ranger Station



Northern Bedrock crews return to historical site

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Northern Bedrock AmeriCorps Crews are serving at The Halfway Ranger Station Historic District this week learning trades skills, and providing maintenance and repair for the historic buildings.

The District is located on the South Kawishiwi River south of Ely. It consists of seven log buildings constructed, in 1934, by locally-based Civilian Conservation Corps companies, and the buildings of the Lakes States Forest Experimental Station (LSFES), which started operating possibly as early as 1924 doing forest research in the area.

From at least 1910 until 1950, the site was the location for the Halfway Ranger Station of the Superior National Forest. Management of the site

was taken over by the Northern Research Station (formerly LSFES) in 1968, and the buildings were utilized by federal biologists conducting long-term, large mammal research.

The Halfway Ranger Station Historic District (HRSHD) is located about 10 miles south of Ely on approximately 15 acres of land in the Superior National Forest and includes 12 structures as well as historically significant landscape features.

The Ranger Station dates back to the early 1900s and has a rich history encompassing early logging operations. The site boasts an architecturally unique complex of buildings, including seven prime examples of CCC-built Rustic/Adirondack style log buildings. The history and surviving structures of this site are unmatched nationally.

Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation

Corps has entered into a Participating Agreement with the Forest Service to preserve the site for its adaptive re-use as a training and interpretive site about the Civialian Conservation Corps and historic preservation skills.

Dan Green, a retired master carpenter, worked with five AmeriCorps members last Friday morning to patch a roof on one of the bunkhouses at the site. “We want to stop the leaks until we can reroof the entire building,” he said.

Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps was established in 2011 to meet two converging needs: an aging stock of historic structures and landscapes in need of maintenance and repair, and a growing need to create a pathway for young adults into the preservation trades workforce, according to Operations Director Rhea Harvey.

“Northern Bedrock utilizes a corps model and partners with trades professionals to provide young adults with hands-on experience and training in the historic preservation trades,” she said. “Our AmeriCorps program works with young adults, 18-25 years old, from across the region. Corps members work at project sites across Minnesota and receive training in a variety of preservation areas over a six month field season.”

Northern Bedrock is a member of The Corps Network. This project has been financed in part with funds provided by the State of Minnesota from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society.

Learn more about Northern Bedrock at northernbedrockcorps.org.

News in Brief

Ely celebrates canoes – past, present

ELY – The 6th Annual Upper Great Lakes Regional Assembly of the Wooden Canoe Heritage Association will gather in the Ely area this summer. The event, sponsored by the Minnesota Canoe Museum, will be held Aug. 24-26.

A weekend of activities celebrating canoes and canoeing will be held at YMCA Camp Widjiwagan on Burntside Lake in special honor of canoes built by and the legacy of Joe Seliga.

Activities will include:

- ▶ Canoeing film festival;
- ▶ Classic canoe and boat show;
- ▶ Paddling demonstrations;
- ▶ Paddle-making and canoe building workshops;
- ▶ Excursions to the neighboring Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness;

- ▶ Canoe races
- ▶ On-the-water activities for young and old;
- ▶ Gathering around the campfire and swapping stories;

- ▶ Live canoeing-inspired music;
- ▶ Canoe related vendors.

On Friday Aug. 24, events will be held at Semer’s Beach in Ely. This is a city park with facilities and a grassy area with sand beach. There is a dock and a swimming area as well as ample shore for launching canoes. This will be a relaxed venue with on-water activities and on-shore displays. Lodging and meals will be available at YMCA Camp Widjiwagan (to register visit ymcamn.org/camp_widjiwagan).

Further information on the event can be found at the Minnesota Canoe Museum site (minnesotacanoemuseum.org).

For vendor space or questions, call Alex Comb, Stewart River Boatworks, stewartriver.com or 218-834-2506.

Fish Tales



Mark Nappa, of Ely, displays another one of the impressive walleyes that he caught while fishing on Burntside Lake. submitted photo

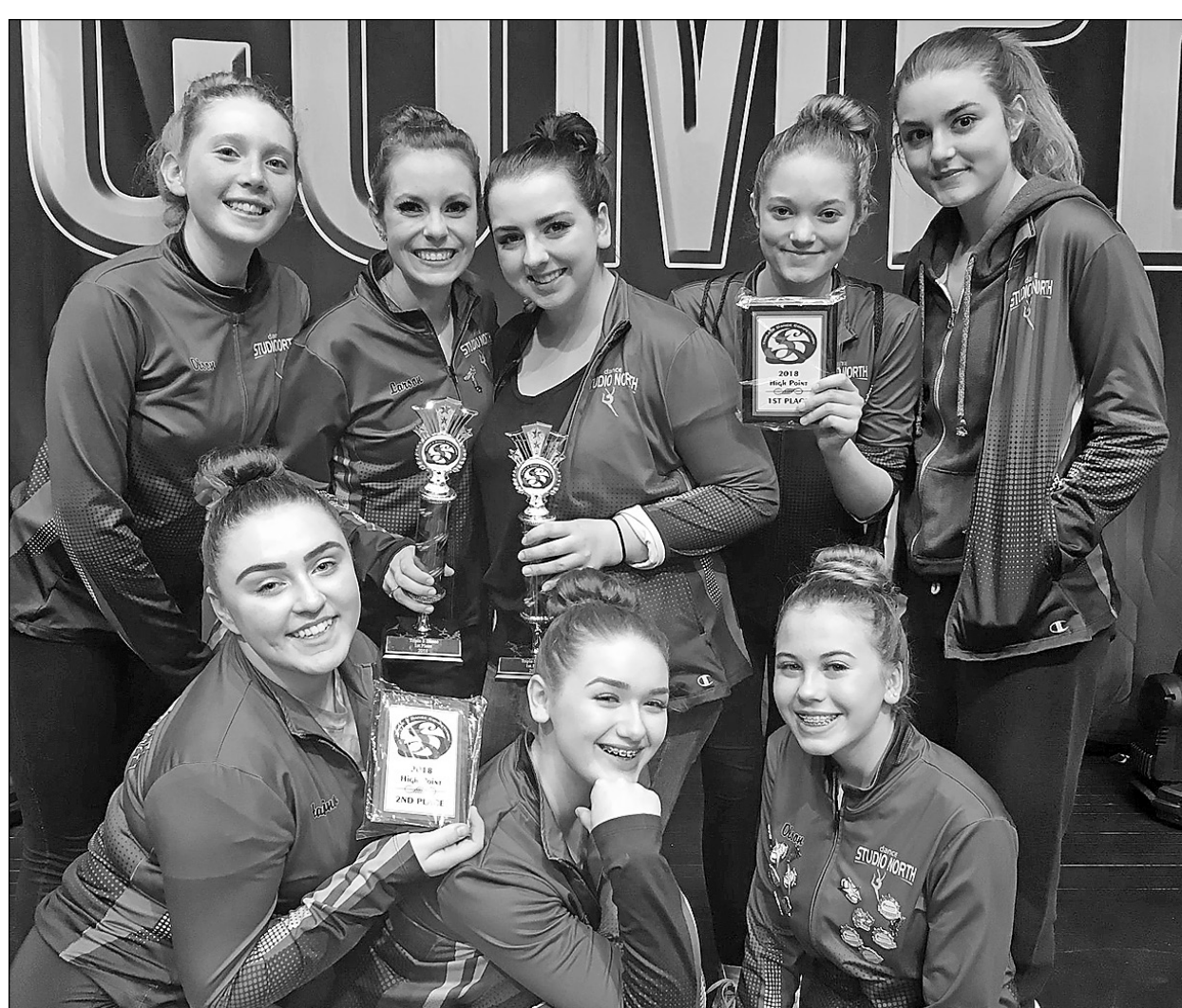


Ella Nappa, of Ely has followed in her father’s footsteps by catching this handsome walleye from Burntside Lake. submitted photo



Steve Danay, of Babbitt, is beginning to make it a habit of catching lunker walleyes on Basswood Lake. This 27-incher is proof of his success. submitted photo

TRIPLE S DANCE COMPETITION



Triple S Dance Competition held at Duluth Marshall High School included the Studio North Senior Competition Team winning gold and platinum first-place awards in lyrical and jazz categories. The senior team includes, back row, from left, Cora Olson, Emma Larson, Ashley Lundgren, Madelyne Roderick and Gabby Motes; front row, from left, Dakota Hanninen, Jaycee Krings and Lauren Olson. Larson won first-place gold, and Olson won first-place platinum in lyrical solo competition. submitted photo

Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



The town is busy and packed with people. It appears all the beds for heads are filled. The flower baskets are at their peak adding a beautiful welcome to the town. The flag pole waves a friendly welcome added by picnic tables and benches for anyone wishing a spot to relax. The area has been friendly named Amen Corner. This is for the travelers who have a long drive to get to Crane Lake. When they get to the flag they say "Amen, we are here." Jody Driggs is the chairperson of the town beautification project. What a successful undertaking. Thank you, Jody!

The Crane Lake Chapel has had a complete facelift with new siding, windows and signage. The new lighted sign reads: The Crane Lake Chapel – Come as you are. It is very impressive, especially at night when the lighted sign is aglow. The Chapel has pasties for sale. Pasties are an ongoing fundraising project for the chapel. They are great to have in the freezer for unexpected company or hurried family dinners. At \$4 a pasty you have a bargain. Contact Nancy Hazlett, Shirley Sanborn or Ruth Carlson if you are interested.

The Ladies of the Lake Luncheon was a success with all the tickets sold. The MC was Crane Lake's special Linda Lang. Linda has a flair for speaking and we are fortunate to have her share her talent. Musically adding to the day was Jim Reiling, accompanied by our talented, Rob Wheeler on guitar. Rob also presented music accompanied by his

special friend Jill. The theme for this year was Crane Lake Garden Party with guests wearing garden party attire, especially hats. Had there been a hat contest Pastor Barb's sister would have won with a hat which is impossible to describe. This is the 20th year of the luncheon and the plans are already being made for next year. The theme will be Fishing.

For Compliments. Save the date for Aug. 10, 2019, and begin planning fishing wear. If you wish to get in the fun of decorating a fish, contact Kara Knutson or Jody Driggs.

Zelda Bruns has her annual gathering of her nieces. Of the 14 nieces she has, 13 were here from all parts of the country for reminiscing and special family time. Where will the gathering be next year when Zelda will be relocated to South Carolina?

There was a boating accident Saturday evening. Fortunately no one was hurt however it could have been a real tragedy as one boat hit another boat. The driver of one boat was being inattentive with a cell phone. Put away your "toys" when you are in command of driving the boat!

Brian (Opie) Sullivan had the pleasure of seeing the Gold Medal Curlers (and the gold medal) who were up on the water fishing with friends from Duluth. Opie was raised near the family of John Shuster, Gold Medal Skip, and babysat for the family years ago in Chisholm.

School will start soon. Time to get those school clothes bought. Lots of Grandmas get to take their grandkids shopping for clothes. Grandmas love it and the kids tolerate it.

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

Until next week, the Teapot Dames are singing off.

North Star Credit Union wins youth financial education award

COOK— North Star Credit Union of Cook has been honored with a 2018 Desjardins Youth Financial Education Award. The award, sponsored by the Minnesota Credit Union Network (MnCUN) and the Credit Union National Association (CUNA), recognizes leadership within the credit union movement on behalf of youth financial literacy.

This is North Star's fourth First Place Award in the state of Minnesota, acknowledging the credit union's continued commitment in providing financial education.

The credit union was honored for the B.O.S.S. (Bunch of Students Saving) Program at North Woods and South Ridge schools, that teaches financial literacy and responsibility to students in grades K-12.

This year, North Star's newest tool created to teach youth about personal finance and other related financial topics was a program

series called "Lunch and Learn." Some of the topics covered in the series were: Renting an Apartment/Buying a Home, Comparing Credit Card Offers, Student Loans, Insurance, Business Accounts, Tax Preparation and Job Hunting/Interview Role Play. North Star is gearing up and anticipating a successful school year ahead for the B.O.S.S. Program, and looks forward to further embodying their mission statement.

"North Star Credit Union provides high quality financial services and education to meet the needs of our communities," through two student-led branches and many other financial education programs.

According to North Star's CEO, Rich Crettol, "We try to put as much emphasis on the educational part of our mission as we do the financial services part, that's what makes us different from all other financial institutions."

The North Star Credit Union's winning entry will advance to the

national competition, where it will compete with financial education projects from credit unions in other states. In 2015, North Star Credit Union was awarded the prestigious First Place National Award and is hopeful for this opportunity once again.

The award is named in honor of Alphonse Desjardins, the founder of the North American credit union movement, who established the first "caisse populaire" (people's bank) in Quebec in 1900, and helped establish the first American credit union in New Hampshire in 1909. Desjardins was an ardent believer in the value of teaching children to save, and he promoted the idea of in-school savings programs.

Since 1939, North Star Credit Union has been serving Northern Minnesota. For more information, visit www.NorthStarCreditUnion.org

Community Notices

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 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.

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.

Upcoming concerts:
Aug. 22- Robert Walker's Outlaw Country- a collection of originals and country classics
Aug. 29- Beefeater Brothers with Patrick Villala and Anna Marie – The Beefeaters welcome country singer Patrick Villala and local favorite

Anna Marie Pederson.

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.

NWFA Meeting

COOK -Artists, writers, musicians, dancers and those who want to support the arts are invited to attend the monthly meeting of Northwoods Friends of the Arts (NWFA) in Cook at the NWFA Gallery next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon at 210 S River St. at 12 noon on Tuesday, Aug. 21, 2018.

North Woods Open House

FIELD TWP - Students at the North Woods School and their families can attend an open house on August 30 from 4 p.m. – 7 p.m. Students in grades seven through twelve will receive both their schedules and their lockers. Elementary aged students will find out who their teachers are and be able to see their classroom. All teachers will be on hand to meet students and families. Online registration will be available at kiosks for parents who have not completed the process. Information on the school's new credit card system for online

payments for sports fees and lunch money will also be available.

"Stories and Poems at the Speed of Life," Aug. 29 at Cook Library

COOK- The second annual "Stories and Poems at the Speed of Life," will be on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m. at Cook Public Library. Join friends and make some new ones for an evening of poetry and very short stories. Warren Bradbury will lead us in enjoying remarkable poetry, and anyone with a story to tell will gather us in.

All are invited to read or recite something self-authored or a passage or poem. Each participant will have up to six minutes to present their material. We will also have a collection of notable poems to "adopt" and share and discuss. Families are welcome.

Beverages will be available. You might bring a small plate of favorite cookies or bars. For more information, contact KathyNylund@comcast.net or bradbury245@gmail.com.

Northern Lights Chamber Institute to perform Aug. 25

VIRGINIA- A wonderful free summer concert by the string orchestra of Northern Lights Chamber Music Institute will be held on Friday, Aug. 24 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Virginia at 7 p.m.

Please attend for an evening of beautiful chamber music performed by the 38 participants of the Northern Lights Chamber Music Institute. The NLCMI is an annual workshop where ten days of intense chamber music studies take place at Camp Vermilion on pristine Lake Vermilion outside of Cook. Gifted young musicians of college and high school age, along with internationally acclaimed faculty will participate in this concert.

Orr City Council filings

As of the close of filings on Aug. 14, three individuals had filed with the city of Orr for re-election to city council. Only incumbents filed for the open seats.

Joel Astleford - Mayor (2-year term)
Bruce Black - Councilperson (4-year term)
Thomas Kennebeck - Councilperson (4-year term)

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ORR

Orr Muni reports higher profits

by MELISSA ROACH
Staff Writer

ORR-At the city council meeting Monday Aug. 13, liquor store manager Chet Nieman reported to the council that the city-owned liquor store was up \$33,000 in profits over last year at this time in July. The announcement left the council almost stunned. "That's unbelievable," said Mayor Joel Astleford. Nieman separated the total out, saying the bar has seen an almost \$15,000 boost over last year, with off-sale seeing an approximately \$18,000 increase. "Some of that is Sundays. We didn't open until May for Sundays; last year we didn't start until July with Sundays."

Water and Sewer head Paul Koch submitted a request for \$283.22 reimbursement for a new cell phone with prepaid minutes that he purchased after his old phone stopped working. The city has reimbursed him twice in the past for a new phone, with Koch reporting the city has always paid for his phone. Carter said the city does not have a cell phone policy other than reimbursement of twenty dollars per month for prepaid minutes for the maintenance manager to conduct business. Entering the discussion, liquor store manager Chet

Neiman asked if then, all city employees would get a phone. Astleford responded, "Not unless you're going to answer it 24 hours a day." Neiman replied, "I do... at least until 1 a.m." Seeming hesitant, councilor Lloyd Scott said to Koch, "We'll make a deal with you, we'll get this one, the next one is on you, because you do use it for personal use." Koch replied, "I use my phone 99.9 percent for business. If it wasn't for work, I wouldn't have a cell phone." Astleford replied, "I'm the same way." In the end, the council approved the reimbursement request.

The council also discussed the blighted properties within the city. The affected property owners were notified on Aug. 1 they were in violation of the city's blight ordinance and would need to rectify the situation within 10 days. Councilor Tom Kennebeck said he went by one of the properties and has seen progress. Carter reported she has seen property owners hauling away trash at a couple of the properties. Other properties still need to be addressed.

The council also discussed the possibility of having a contest to name the Legion building recently purchased by the city for a community center. Astleford said there was perhaps some

confusion between people calling the ORR Center the community center, and the old Legion building the community center.

Paul Koch reported there was an underground propane line leak to the old city hall, which lost about 40 percent of the tank. He said the coil will need to be replaced.

Ambulance director Donna Hoffer said the department has new equipment and has been spending quite a bit of time training with it. She also said the department is very excited about nine new emergency responders that have recently come aboard.

Rocky Hoffman said he is having a hard time finding quotes to repair the hangar at the airport.

He also gave updates on airport repairs to security lights, and that parking lot lights were approved by airport committee. Jeff Purdy will change lights over to LED bulbs at the same time at an approximate cost of \$650 to \$750. He also reported needing an axle repair for the maintenance truck. As discussion loomed around repairs needed for the truck before winter, Astleford suggested to follow up with repairs and offered the possibility for the need of a new truck. In the end, he asked Koch and Hoffman to look at what they would need for

a truck, and the need to budget for it next year.

In other city business, the council:

► Approved propane bids from Rainy Lake Oil at \$1.049 per gallon for 13,000 gallons.

► Approved transfer of first-half levy proceeds from Cook Orr Hospital District in the amount of \$36,331.25 from general checking account to savings account at American Bank. The next installment will be in December.

► Approved an American Legion Post 480 for gambling permit for the Orr Community Center for the '52 Club' event on Oct. 13.

► Approved a resolution authorizing the ambulance department to make a grant application and accept funding from Essentia Health Community for CPR and first aid training. The council also approved a training and travel request to attend CPR and first aid instructor certification training using Essentia grant funds to cover the cost.

► Approved a one-time adjustment of water and sewer rates to resident Deena Congdon for an unusually high usage because of a faulty toilet valve.

► Approved a bid for \$2,675 to Jason's Log for cleaning the logs for the liquor store.

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BREITUNG

Breitung plans for \$1.15 million in building renovations

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

Soudan- The Breitung Town Board, Monday, approved their grant application to the IRRRB to help fund township facility improvements. The township is working on renovating the former MINOS Surface Building to house the township fire and maintenance departments, as well as renovating the current fire hall space into a community/town hall room.

The township had been working with an architectural firm, DSGW Architects, to develop a current facilities plan, but the initial price tag, which came in close to two million dollars, was cost prohibitive.

Instead, the township addressed their immediate

Plans would move maintenance and fire department to MINOS building, and create a town hall/community center space in the old fire hall

needs, including replacing the roof on the town hall/fire hall building, working with the U.S. Post Office to renovate the post office space, and completing the renovations needed to move the police department into the MINOS building.

The project has a total price tag of \$1.165 million, but this includes the \$129,243 already spent.

The projected costs for the project include two phases. The first, at \$370,000 has \$120,000 to repurpose the vacated three-stall garage currently used by the fire department; \$115,000 for the upgrades needed to move the maintenance equipment into the

MINOS building; accessibility improvements for the post office, final renovations for the police department; and the costs to reconnect fire department equipment in the new building. Phase three, at a cost of \$500,000, includes the renovation of the old fire hall into a town hall/community center, resurfacing the parking lot and infrastructure/utility relocation, and work on the old maintenance garage and old police building. Engineering and architectural fees are estimated to be \$150,757.

The township is committed on using up to \$800,000 of township monies (including dollars already spent) on the

project. They are hoping to get the remainder in an upcoming IRRRB grant cycle.

The township has also applied for IRRRB commercial grant funding to help with some demolition costs for the renovation of the MINOS building involving the building's exterior structure and overhead doors.

The board also discussed this year's infrastructure project, which includes the replacement of some sewer lines on alleys connected to Church Street. This includes work on one troublesome sewer line that is repeatedly freezing up in the winter, even after being insulated. The township has received

a \$57,000 CDBG grant for this project. Engineer John Jamnick said since the project is relatively small, they will be soliciting quotes for the work, and hope to have them ready to approve at the next township meeting, on Wednesday, Aug. 29 at 1 p.m.

The township also discussed issues relating to the increased usage of the beach at McKinley Park Campground. Supervisor Chuck Tekautz said that state park staff have been directing visitors to the beach, and he said he hoped they would also direct visitors to Hoodoo Point Campground and Bear Head State Park, since he is worried that local beach-goers will be

EDUCATION

REACH program aims to assist "alternative learners"

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP— Teachers from across the Iron Range attended specialized training last week at the North Woods School ahead of the rolling out of the Hutchinson-based REACH program at two St. Louis County School District campuses in the upcoming school year.

REACH, which stands for Relationships, Education, Accountability, Character and Hard Work, will debut at North Woods and Northeast Range schools this year. The program is aimed at reaching students who have trouble in school for a variety of reasons, including home life situations and illness which prevent them from succeeding.

There is no cost to run the

program aside from re-assigning staff, and schools develop their own curricula based on the initial framework in the program guide.

"I want to make sure we are reaching kids who are alternative learners," Superintendent Dr. Reggie Engebretson said. "Our motto is everybody is somebody. How do we reach those kids that may be thinking about dropping out or have issues outside of school life that could be impacting school life? If we can connect with them in school to get to them to have goals and be good citizens, that is a good thing."

Engebretson said she hopes 12 to 15 students will enroll in the program this year. Virginia High School began the program last year, with 15 kids signing up initially, a number that has now grown to 60 for the upcoming

school year.

Last week's training, provided by the Washington D.C.-based Center for Mind-Body Medicine, focuses on giving teachers who never intended to go into mental health some basic skills before teaching students in the REACH program.

The center specializes in self-care awareness and techniques, and has educated thousands of adults and children in mental health programs. They have developed programs for veterans who suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, and have worked with children in recovering countries like Kosovo.

"Teachers are coming from English and math backgrounds," Janene Glynn from Essentia Health said. "They may not have the experience or expertise to

help students as best they can."

By interacting with their regular teachers, instead of counselors, school officials hope that students will form bonds with the educators they see on a daily basis. Those relationships will hopefully promote both good mental and physical health.

"We give them the opportunity to share and bond with a community for support," Glynn said. "If you have one or two adults you can count on, it changes your outlooks on things. They have to want to do better. They need to be interested in helping themselves."

The training provides teachers best practices to deal with not only the stress kids have in their lives, but the added stress that comes with helping the students.

"These students aren't easy," Glynn said. "First of all,

we want to be able to give them (teachers) the skills to handle the crises they are going to encounter."

The ideal ratio of teachers to students for the REACH program is one to ten. North Woods will start at about one to twenty on average and improve as more students sign up and more teachers are trained into the program.

Engebretson said she is hopeful for the deployment of the program after success with an initial implementation of the program at the Northland Learning Center, the regional alternative learning center for the Range.

Cherry and South Ridge schools are slated to have the program rolled out for the 2019-2020 school year.

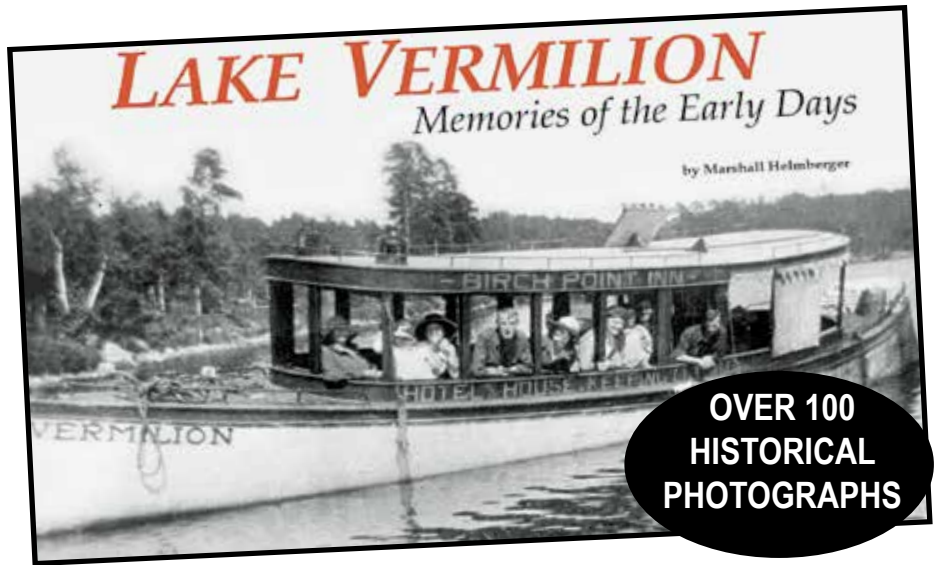


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A DOG'S LIFE

Downtown Tower goes to the dogs

Many businesses are home to canines

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook/Orr Editor

TOWER – You probably expect a “hello” when you walk into most local businesses.

But in Tower, you just may be welcomed with a bark and a furry animal begging you for a treat. Many businesses along Tower’s Main Street are home to dogs or are dog-friendly.

It might be a pair of excited puggles helping you pick up your next home purchase at Nordic Home North or Ruckus, a lab/retriever mix welcoming you to the old train depot and museum.

You may even be greeted by Emily and Axel on the front lawn at Sulu’s before you make it to the door for your morning cup of coffee.

Several other businesses in town have dogs as well.

And of course, there is Loki, the paper-dog right

here at the *Timberjay*. He’s occasionally joined by his new friend Luey.

Dogs at businesses have become a way of life in town.

“We all have dogs,” Napa Auto Parts Manager Trish Nelson said. “We’re used to seeing them around, it just seems friendlier.”

Customers at Napa Auto Parts are greeted by two Great Danes, Denali and Yukon.

“For the most part, people say, ‘Oh my God, there’s a horse in here,’” Nelson said. “I tell them, no, it’s just a moose.”

Nelson began bringing the dogs to work when Denali was a puppy and couldn’t stay home by herself. The other dogs soon followed.

It was quickly found the dogs helped drive business to the store. Customers would walk by and see the two dogs poking their heads out of the baby gate at the front

door. They’d come inside and take a look around.

Nelson said when the store is quiet, the dogs make for good company on the slow days.

Many businesses that don’t have dogs, still welcome them. At Embarrass Vermillion Credit Union, dogs can get a treat while their owners do their banking.

“We give them treats whether they are in the lobby or in the drive-thru,” Branch Manager Sunday Young said. “We welcome all family members (whether furry or not) to visit the credit union.”

Young added that the credit union did not have special accounts for dogs. She did say, however, that one dog used to escape his nearby home on occasion and make his way to the branch to get a treat from the staff.

The branch sees dogs come through the lobby about three to five times



Loki and Luey can usually be seen at the Timberjay office in Tower.
photo by Marcus White

per week.

For shoppers who may not want to interact with the furry sales dogs, Nelson said to just ask, and

most business owners will gladly bring their helpers behind the counter.

Luey and Loki assisted in the writing of this

story with constant interruptions for treats. They did manage to sit and stay for their photos to be taken.

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not have been able to vote.

Tower City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith blamed St. Louis County election officials for the snafu, claiming on Tuesday that the county had sent the ballots to the city without clearly separating the precincts. County Auditor Donald Dicklich called that claim “disingenuous,” and said the ballots that the city should have used came in separate, marked packages, sealed in plastic, which is how they were delivered by county staff. Instead of using the sealed ballots, Dicklich said it appears that the election officials in Tower added loose ballots that the county also provides for testing purposes ahead of the election to the official ballots after they were opened on Tuesday.

If the ballots had been mixed, as Keith claimed, Dicklich said she never reported the problem. Nor does it appear that election officials in Tower made any effort to separate them.

Indeed, election officials appeared unaware of the situation on Tuesday, when a voter expressed concern that he might have received the wrong ballot. Steve Wilson, who had attended his caucus, been a delegate to the Third District convention, and attended a number of candidate forums, said he was

surprised when his ballot listed the 6B DFL contest between Dave Lislegard and Shaun Hainey. “When I came out of the voting booth, I asked why I was being asked to vote on that race. I told them Rob Ecklund is our legislator,” he said.

According to Wilson, the election officials appeared unsure of the situation and he wasn’t confident they were going to look into it. “They just kind of shrugged their shoulders,” he said.

Wilson then walked to the *Timberjay* office in hopes of confirming his belief that he had been given the wrong ballot. While there, he was able to confirm that he resides in District 3, at which point he went back to the polling place to let the election officials know.

“I thought if they had the wrong ballot, it had to be nipped in the bud,” he said.

Meanwhile, the *Timberjay* reached out to election officials with St. Louis County, who subsequently contacted Keith, who is in charge of election administration in Tower. At that point, election officials in Tower took steps to address the problem.

But the damage was done, and as of Wednesday election officials in St. Paul and St. Louis County were scurrying to decide how to address the issue.

Dicklich said Keith had suggested that the election officials in Tower could disregard the votes cast in the Lislegard-Haine race, while counting the votes on the rest of the affected ballots.

But Dicklich said legal counsel from the Secretary of State’s office have indicated that state law provides no authority for local election officials to make such a determination. He said the ballots will likely be designated as excess ballots and will not be counted.

“I’m not happy about it,” said Dicklich. “I don’t like to see anybody disenfranchised,” he said.

Wilson, who says he spent considerable time informing himself about the candidates and took his vote seriously, said he’s incredibly frustrated that an error by local election officials have likely rendered his efforts meaningless.

“Disenfranchising voters should be the last

resort,” he said. “Here, the voter intent is clear.”

Perhaps the only saving grace, is that none of the races on the ballot were close enough that the 25 votes could have made a difference. But that’s slim comfort, notes Dicklich, who said the training that election officials receive is supposed to prevent such mishaps,

because sometimes every vote can be critical in an election. “A person who has been involved in elections for a while should have known that you don’t take loose ballots and use them on election day,” he said.

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Ely School Board gets serious on building project

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – School board members here extended their conversation this week on a facilities improvement project that could carry a price tag of at least \$7 million.

Questions remain on what would be included in the proposed effort to connect the three campus buildings and add gymnasium space, who would manage the project, and how it will be funded.

Some steps were taken Monday night to move the project forward.

Katie Hildenbrand, principal designer at Architectural Resources, Inc. presented board members with two design proposals to connect the Washington Elementary, Memorial High School and Industrial Arts buildings, and to renovate the unused swimming pool space for a second gymnasium or the relocation and repurposing of other learning spaces in the building.

Hildenbrand highlighted the two proposals that would connect the three buildings at the closest points, off the northwest and northeast corners of the Industrial Arts building, and create a main school-day secured entrance to the campus into the Industrial Arts building.

“Proposed Plan One would cost about \$8.9 million and Proposed Plan Two would cost about \$7.6 million,” Hildenbrand said. Both proposals include the cost of demolition of the former boiler plant and rerouting water lines, electrical systems and other infrastructure on the campus.

The proposals have many similarities, including the connecting links between the buildings, the secure entry point, renovating the boys and girls locker rooms and the media center in the Memorial building, repurposing the cafeteria and kitchen areas, and creating an athletics lobby for after-school events.

Both proposals include relocating the

music department and adding additional gymnasium space, along with repurposing the existing unused swimming pool space.

School board members considered the plans, but held off on making a choice or voicing their preference. Little discussion was held on the merits of each plan, and board members appeared satisfied with the preliminary plans.

Board member Scott Kellerman said he preferred the plan that put the second gym over the former pool.

Board Chair Ray Marsnik questioned the ease of access for transporting musical instruments for events in the Washington Auditorium.

Questions on access for ADA (American With Disabilities Act) parking and the distance to the main, secured entrance were also brought up.

Funding the project

Board members took steps to begin the process of funding parts of the renovation project. They authorized Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson to begin the application process for School Safety Grants offered by the state of Minnesota. ISD 696 may apply for a \$500,000 grant for each campus building that could add up to \$1.5 million toward the project. “You have the opportunity to apply for grants for the Washington, Memorial and Industrial Arts buildings because of the secured entrances you’re planning for,” Hildenbrand said.

“There are lots of schools competing for this money,” Abrahamson said. “We could get three grants, or one, or none. “We’ll know in September if we succeeded and we will have to have some plans ready by March of next year.”

The demolition of the former boiler plant, located between the Memorial and Washington buildings, will likely occur sooner rather than later. “The IRRRB (Iron Range Rehabilitation and Resources Board) loves to give away money for

infrastructure, so that is another funding opportunity we can look at,” Hildenbrand said.

“They won’t even consider our plan until we can give them some cost estimates for the demolition,” Abrahamson said. Those cost estimates are coming from ARI. Board members authorized him to begin the grant application process.

The third leg of the preliminary funding plan involves abatement bonding for redesigning and repaving the parking lots on the school campus.

With the completion of the new playground northwest of the Washington building, the parking lot by the ice arena and the former playground space is set to be redesigned for additional parking, a student drop-off space and ADA parking. The school bus drop-off area in front of the Washington building, with additional ADA parking, is also being considered.

Abrahamson noted that the abatement bonding process is actually board-approved property tax funding for a project that could cost as much as \$850,000. “This is at least a four-month process and I would like to at least begin that,” he said. “Abatement bonds affect taxes. It is usually a small amount; however, it will affect your taxpayers. This is just the process. You are not tied in to doing this next spring. The lots all need work. We have to get an idea of how much this will all cost and how much we need to bond for.”

Project manager

ARI has made it clear they would like to be involved in the ISD 696 building and facilities project. Typically, a design architect or project manager stands to make eight percent or more of the total cost of such a project.

Abrahamson has indicated since this spring, when the facilities committee asked for preliminary design work, that he is comfortable working with the firm and has had success working with the architectural firm on other projects when he worked

Just two incumbents will run for three seats on Ely School Board

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – The Ely School Board will add a new member to its ranks next year. Three candidates, including newcomer Tony Colarich, filed election affidavits for the Nov. 6 general election, while the longest-serving member decided to retire his post.

Scott Kellerman, the board’s longest-serving member, with 20 years of experience, literally made his decision with five minutes to spare Tuesday prior to the 5 p.m. filing deadline.

When he was informed that Colarich had filed his candidacy papers just hours prior, Kellerman said, “Well, 20 years is long enough, I can go home now.” He said he will endorse Colarich to replace him. “I think Tony would do a fine job on the board.”

Colarich, retired after 40 years at MinnTac, has served on many boards and commissions for the city of Ely, as well as seven years on the Winton City Council.

On Wednesday he said, “For me, it has always been about service to the community. The Ely School Board faces many challenges in terms of funding, but the most important thing is the health and safety of our students. It is about balancing the needs of the district with what can be afforded.”

Seventeen years is not enough for School Board Chair Ray Marsnik. “I still have a desire to serve,” he said. Marsnik was elected to the school board in 2001 and has served as chairman for more than a decade.

He said Tuesday that he likes the make-up of the school board. “They are hard-working at trying to keep our

schools running. Our administrative team is a strong and cohesive group that work well together,” he said.

“We are facing some crucial decisions in the next couple of years as far as our buildings and facilities are concerned,” he added, “and I feel I have the knowledge and experience to help the school district in making those tough decisions.”

Rochelle Sjoberg filed for re-election last Friday. She was appointed to fill a vacant board seat and later won re-election four years ago.

“It’s been an honor to work on the school board and be part of our ISD 696 team,” she wrote in a statement emailed to the *Timberjay*. “Being a part of several committees, I have truly enjoyed working with our amazing staff and administrative team who work hard for our students every day. I will continue to do my homework, ask the hard questions when they need to be asked and I am certainly not afraid to make difficult decisions when they need to be made. I will continue to work in the best interest of all students and staff while being mindful of our budget.”

All three board positions carry four-year terms.

Voters across Minnesota headed to the polls on Tuesday for primary elections, including races for governor, U.S. Representatives and St. Louis County Commissioner. No primary was required for Ely City Council. Mayor Chuck Novak is running unopposed for re-election, and three incumbents, Albert Forsman, Heidi Omerza and Daniel Forsman are being challenged by Angela Campbell.

at other school districts.

He provided school board members with a list of ARI employees who are taking an active role in providing design information to the school district for this project.

“For your information, the information provided here tonight from ARI is pro bono, there is no charge for that,” he said. “They would really like our business.”

He made clear that the school board has the option to “shop around” for other design architects or even to advertise for RFPs or Requests For Proposals. “I have worked with ARI. I would welcome to know what your concerns are with them since I have been

here.”

Abrahamson noted that Hildenbrand was joined by two of the firm’s engineers, and the senior architect on a site visit last month. “Their top four came and spent about three hours here, went through the tunnels and there was no charge for that. We are not incurring any additional expense right now,” he said.

Board member Tom Omerza voiced his concern last month that a project manager is needed to keep the momentum of the project moving toward completion. He said that the superintendent, who works three days a week, could not be expected to take on the additional duties of a major facility

renovation project while his main responsibility is running the district.

Marsnik said he believes that ARI is the project manager for a school facility project at Mt. Iron. “They definitely could provide that service for us as well,” he said.

Board members agreed to study the superintendent’s duties at next month’s study session. “What is it that you want me to continue doing or not doing?” Abrahamson asked.

Part of his recent evaluation included his duties as a part-time administrator. He said his administrative duties involve working about 12 days per month. Since early July he said he has put in four days of work per week. “I’m not complaining, but that it where it is,” he said.

He said much of the proposed facility project planning and information gathering is taking more time because it is based on others’ schedules.

Abrahamson said he was open to the idea of discussing and negotiating taking on more responsibility, inferring that he is willing to take on the project manager role for more compensation. He said he has never been a project manager, but has worked on other school projects.

“We are going to have to make up our minds right now that we are going to have to spend some extra time on this,” Marsnik said.

“Most of the hold up is us,” said board member Scott Kellerman. “We have to pick a plan here.”

“There is a real need here,” Omerza said. “Who wants a kindergartener walking to lunch (outside) when it is 20 below?”



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involvement in student athletics proved an asset. Mettler did best in Babbitt and Embarrass but drew considerable support in other parts of the district as well. Dan Manick, who polled strongly in his home region in northwestern St. Louis County, came in third with 1,233 votes.

Mike Forsman Jr. finished fourth, with 1,135 votes, while Christine Schlotec won 699 and Ely City Councilor Paul Kess

claimed 498 to finish sixth. Larsen picked up 404 votes despite having left the race months ago.

"It was very satisfying to be one of the final two," McDonald said. "I want to thank all of the people who wanted to run, it was a great run. I'm going to continue to be doing what I have, getting out and listening to the concerns of the district," he said. "Some areas I haven't had the time to get to yet. I want

to talk about economics and roads and the opioid crisis. There are plenty of issues near and dear to the people in the county."

McDonald, who has worked most of his life as an educator, said he and his supporters celebrated at their base of operations in Ely Tuesday night.

Down the road in Embarrass, Mettler, a former sheriff's deputy, said he spent Tuesday home with his son, and

watched the results come in during the evening.

"I am blown away by the turnout and the voters," he said. "I am extremely happy. We're going to keep on going. You can't substitute a handshake and look in the eye."

Both candidates said they haven't stopped their campaigns for a break and have already hit the ground running with meetings and phone calls throughout the week.

McDonald said he put 18,000 miles on his minivan during the primary and expects about the same before the race is finished. Aside from that, he said the biggest challenge in the next two and a half months is going to be fitting everything in.

"When you look at the vastness of the Fourth District," McDonald said, "You try to get everywhere you can and knock on doors."

Mettler echoed the sentiment and said the biggest challenge was to ensure that everyone in the district heard his message.

He added that the voters have already won the race since so many voices have been part of it so far.

"We had six people who had something good to offer," Mettler said. "The people are going to have a wonderful opportunity to make a choice."

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we share, like access to affordable healthcare, a good education and a good-paying job."

Lee, who had taken a strong stand against copper-nickel mining in northeastern Minnesota, performed well in some areas that would be affected by the proposed mining. She won a strong plurality in the Ely area, even edging Radinovich by two votes within the city limits of Ely. In Stony River Township, in Lake

County, where the proposed Twin Metals mine would be built, Lee won 74 percent of the vote. She won 60 percent of the vote in neighboring Cook County, where opposition to copper-nickel mining is also strong. By contrast, Lee won just 10 percent of the vote in Babbitt and Hoyt Lakes, where residents strongly back copper-nickel mining.

Lee wasn't the only candidate to voice concerns over copper-nickel

mining. North Branch Mayor Kirsten Kennedy had also begun to voice similar concerns and she did surprisingly well, garnering 12 percent of the vote despite little money and a part-time campaign schedule. Soren Sorenson, a relatively little-known candidate, also strongly opposed copper-nickel mining.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the night was the relatively weak performance of state Rep.

Jason Metsa, of Virginia, who finished a distant third with just under 13 percent of the vote.

Metsa had mounted a well-funded campaign and won key endorsements from a number of labor unions, including the steelworkers. But Metsa showed only modest strength in his home district and performed poorly outside the East Range.

Tuesday's results portend what is likely to be a bruising contest in a race

that both parties believe could determine control of the U.S. House. Stauber has garnered an enormous campaign war chest, having raised \$960,000 as of July 25, the last reporting period for the Federal Elections Commission. Radinovich had topped the DFL field, having reported \$333,000 raised as of the filing deadline.

But given the stakes in the race, outside money is likely to dwarf the spending by the campaigns

themselves, which will almost certainly make the Eighth District contest one of the most expensive in the nation this election cycle. That spending is likely to show up on television screens, in mailboxes, on radio, and in newspapers over the next few months. So buckle up... it could be a bumpy ride to Nov. 6.

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genre.

"I am unapologetically a jazz musician," Miltich said. "It has been a creative discipline that has helped me maintain my life."

For some who have heard Miltich play, learning about his past was a surprise.

"We have had Sam's

concerts in the past, and he has been popular," said Shawna Kishel, with Northwoods Friends of the Arts. "We had no idea that he had a mental illness, so when they started this project, we thought it was great. The arts are important with anything that deals with helping with illness; this is one

way people can express themselves."

NWFA sponsored the concert in Cook and worked with area mental health agencies to have a performance for mental health professionals, and others who suffer from mental health and their families.

The series was inspired

by Miltich's admiration of musician Thelonious Monk, who also suffered from debilitating mental illness, but still went on to not only have a successful career, but a family and a stable life.

Miltich said he wants the same for himself and his family. While the musician has played across

the country, his goal is to bring jazz music to north-eastern Minnesota, and he is determined to not let his schizophrenia get in the way.

"It's not the easiest place to be a jazz musician," he said "But I have found ways to do so. People in rural Minnesota deserve art like people in

the cities."

More information on Miltich's upcoming shows and his Improvised Life project can be found at <https://www.sammitichmusic.com>.

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WATERCROSS WEEKEND

Fastest show on H2O makes a local splash

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

WINTON – They call it the fastest show on H2O. The 13th Ely Watercross Races were held last weekend on Fall Lake in front of the Longbranch Event Center in Winton. Complete with a concert on Saturday night, Winton was a loud place to be.

Races started at 10 a.m. on Saturday as snowmobilers held drag and oval races over the open water.

Racers from all over the Midwest were on hand both days, joining a dedicated group of local

racers, including Nick Mattila, Cody Lakner, Kyle Lakner, Jason Meskill, Joe Swanson, Eddie Zupancich, Kael Richards and Kurt Mattila.

Former Elyites also returned for the event, including Ian Vanvickle, Jake Champa, Chris Erzar, Cassie Swanson and Krista Maki-Zurn.

In keeping with the local theme, a fundraiser was also held for Zeke Urbas, 1, son of David and Sadie Urbas, who was just diagnosed with a rare form of muscle tissue cancer and is undergoing 43 weeks of treatment in the Twin Cities.



Top right: Former Ely resident Kristi Maki-Zurn (176) returned to the Winton Longbranch Event Center last weekend for the 13th annual Ely Watercross Races on Fall Lake.

Right: Oval races and drag races were held both days.

Below: Races were treated to warm hazy conditions and calm waters on Fall Lake.

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MILESTONES

Vermilion Lake Association celebrates 50 years

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

COOK- The Vermilion Lake Association celebrated its 50th anniversary in style, on Saturday, with an afternoon picnic and informational fair held at Camp Vermilion.

Over 300 members and friends attended the free picnic. VLA now has about 1,400 members.

“Attendance was good, the weather was good, and the food was good,” said Jeff Stebbins, a

VLA volunteer who led the year-long effort to organize the event.

A major goal was to let members see all the work the association has been doing to support the lake.

“People don’t realize all we do for the lake,” Stebbins said. “We are not just about fishing and hunting.”

The organization recently changed its name from the Sportsmen’s Club of Lake Vermilion to the Vermilion Lake Association in recognition of the organization’s changing goals.

Right: John Moorhead and John Zweig look at a map of navigational lighting.
photo by J. Summit

“We are all about protecting our lake,” Stebbins said, noting that a major concern now is invasive species and invasive vegetation. In addition, the group maintains shore lunch sites, conducts the annual loon count, works on invasive species detection and boat decontami-

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Right: Firefighters from Ely, Eagles Nest and the USFS brief before the drill begins. Inset: Residents arrive at the Eagles Nest town hall after being “evacuated” from their homes.
photos by M. White

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

WHERE THERE’S SMOKE

Township evacuates residents to prepare for potential wildfires

by Marcus White
Cook/Orr Editor

EAGLES NEST - The Arrowhead Region has had a calm wildfire season this year, overshadowed by the massive blazes in Canada and California. But history has not been kind to northern St. Louis County and the Boundary Waters, and with that in mind, Eagles Nest Township wants its residents to prepare for the worst.

On Saturday, Aug. 11, 25 percent of the township was evacuated during a mock drill that had multiple departments respond to a hypothetical fire near Bear Head State Park. Affected residents had thirty minutes to leave once they received either notification from a designated road ambassador or a fire department official.

At 10 a.m., residents were asked to bring what they would have brought during a real evacuation to the town hall where they were held for the evacuation. Those who didn’t want to stay had the option to leave for Ely or another town to run errands, but still could not return home until they received an all clear from the fire department.

Residents were forewarned of the drill and told what to expect.

McCray said those who chose to stay at home in a real fire would be asked for next-of-kin information should they perish in the blaze. He said once flames surrounded a house, there would be nothing firefighters would be able to do to save the residents.

“You can stay in the house

as it burns down around you, or you take your go-bag and you get out,” Fire Chief Larry McCray said. “We live in the woods here, we are just as vulnerable. A wildland fire with heavy winds, we could be looking at what happened 100 years ago. It takes 15 people to fight a structure fire. When you have multiple, when you do the math, there just aren’t enough firefighters in the Arrowhead. The old cliché, the houses can be replaced, the people can’t. The more you do it, the more people see it as simple, and a way to get ready.”

McCray and other officials logged every registration and every call, whether by phone or radio, to track the

“You can stay in the house as it burns down around you, or you take your go-bag and you get out.”

Larry McCray

evacuation in real time.

The past century has reminded residents in the region the necessity of the drills when it comes to fires. From the 1918 fires that killed 450 in a matter of days to the Mother’s Day Fire in 1992, and more recently at Foss Lake, and a close call near Ely in 2012, McCray wants people ready when the next fire come through.

“It’s a good idea, espe-



cially when you live in an area where fires are a reality,” Beth Loughran said. Loughran is from Minneapolis and owns a cabin in the township. “It made us talk about what is most important to us.”

She said the drill wasn’t an inconvenience to her or her family since living in a downtown Minneapolis apartment for most of the year meant they had been through similar drills.

The idea to have the drill came after Ely set up a new emergency response committee, and McCray felt the township should do the same. From there, a new emergency plan was developed, and McCray and other township volunteers and employees decided a drill was in order to test if the plan would work.

McCray said the first attempt worked, and now they have information to work off of for future drills and plans. All of the residents were contacted, located and registered at the townhall within 38 minutes.

And while that is eight minutes slower than the expectation, McCray said, all things considered, it was still much

faster than if the department had to go door-to-door.

While communication was adequate, McCray said it was where the department identified the biggest need for improvement.

“The communication system needs work,” he said. “Our road ambassadors have 20-30 families they need to send messages to and it jams the communication tower.”

Only one cell phone tower services the area, and sending dozens of text messages causes the system to choke.

“If the tower went down, we would be out in the street going door-to-door with public announcements on vehicles,” McCray said. And that would have taken hours over the 38 minutes.

With multiple agencies participating, McCray brought in amateur ham radio operators to help augment the system and keep the emergency communications strong throughout the exercise.

All-in-all, however, McCray was incredibly pleased with the results and the willingness of neighbors

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CHARTER SCHOOL

VCS to host open house on Aug. 30

TOWER- Vermilion Country School, a grades 7-12 charter school located in Tower, is kicking off the new school year with a day devoted to animals and wildlife. The community is invited to stop by anytime between 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. to participate in one of the programs, tour the school, and to register new students.

VCS staff is excited to share all the school has to offer with the community and potential VCS families. They see the open house as a way to welcome back the school’s returning and new students, as well as a time to show others what learning at VCS looks like.

The small school serves students from Tower/Soudan, Lake Vermilion, Vermilion Reservation, Ely, Embarrass, Aurora, Babbitt, Virginia, Eveleth, Mt. Iron and surrounding areas. It is a free public school, with a breakfast and lunch program, and bus and van transportation.

A highlight of the day will be a visit from the Duluth Zoo-mobile, with zoo staff bringing an assortment of small animals up for a meet and greet. This program begins at 10:30 a.m.

At 10 a.m., come and meet local dog sledder Ashley Thaumert and a few of her Alaskan malamutes, along with dog sledding gear. There will be a petting zoo with local farm animals, along with sample of furs from local mammals throughout the day. There will be a dog agility demonstration at 11:30 a.m.

A free lunch will be served from 12 noon – 1 p.m.

At 1 p.m., there will be a presentation on North American Wildlife by Jim DeVries, from the Laurentian Environmental Center in Britt. The day ends with outdoor fun including canoe races at the harbor, outdoor games, and a tractor pull.

Open house activities will be held both inside and outside, weather permitting. The day also serves as orientation for both students and parents and a time to sign up for classes. Regular classes begin on Tuesday, Sept. 4.

VCS has an environmental education focus, and each year the curriculum focuses on one broad area. This year’s focus on North American Wildlife includes special programming on as many as twenty Wednesdays throughout the school year including a trip to Hawk Ridge, canoeing and hiking in the Lost Lake Peatland, trips to the International Wolf Center and North American Bear Center, a trip to the Duluth Zoo, and other program and field trips utilizing local and regional

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resources relating to wild-life, including state park and DNR staff, and students and instructors from Vermilion Community College. Students also have the opportunity to participate in outdoor-related activities such as overnight trips into the Boundary Waters, staffed by the Northern Tier High Adventure camp in Ely.

VCS students also complete community service throughout the school year, including assisting at the Tower Food Shelf, helping with Tower Senior Bingo, restoration of the old cemetery's Potters Field,

roadside cleanup, and other student-led projects.

Academics at VCS include multi-grade classes that focus on hands-on and project-based learning. The school offers increased support for students who are below grade level in language arts and mathematics, in addition to supports for students requiring special education. Each student at VCS has an individualized learning plan including special opportunities for students who excel. The school offers music, choir, arts, in-school recreation and sports, and drama.

"VCS is a school where teachers recognize and build on each student's strengths," said school board chair Jodi Summit. "The school has an accepting, small school, social environment."

Many students who have struggled in larger school environments find their place at VCS.

The school is located at 1 Enterprise Dr. in Tower (behind the new harbor). More information is available online at vermilioncountry.org, on the school's facebook page, or by calling the school at 218-753-1246.



Ashley Thameret will be bringing some of her Alaskan malamutes for a demonstration at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Aug. 30. file photo

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nation stations, works on issues such as cormorant control, works on rough fish removal (suckers), works with the DNR Fisheries, works boating safety issues and navigation lights, and water quality protection issues.

This benefits all lakeshore property owners and lake users, he said. "It's a win-win."

VLA board members noted that grant monies they receive help fund specific projects, such as the AIS work. Membership dues help fund the rest of the organization's work.

"The DNR and St. Louis County don't have the resources to manage every lake," said Stebbins, noting the lake association has the member volunteers and Vermilion knowledge to get projects done.

Informational booths highlighted the work the lake association does, along with work being done by other partner associations, including the MN DNR, St. Louis County, University of Minnesota Sea Grant, U.S. Forest Service, and the Lake Vermilion Trail. Besides highlighting the importance of preventing the spread of invasive species, there was information on the lake's fisheries, shore lunch sites (maintained by VLA in cooperation with the DNR and USFS),

programs to help landowners create natural shoreline vegetation (North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District), the loon count program, the planned paved Lake Vermilion bike trail, and more.

"The whole idea was creating the opportunity for people to ask questions, one-on-one," said VLA President Terry Grosshauser.

The event was part of a year-long celebration for the lake association, which was founded back in 1968.

"The Vermilion Lake Association is not just for lakeshore property owners," said VLA president Terry Grosshauser. "It is for everyone who has an interest in a healthy lake."

"The goal of this picnic was to celebrate our first 50 years and to increase awareness of the challenges ahead," said celebration committee chair Jeff Stebbins. "It is a time to highlight initiatives being taken by the association to preserve the lake environment in the future."

The outdoor location at Camp Vermilion, in their new dining hall/event center, was a very appropriate setting. With the lake only a short walk down a wooded trail, members gathered on



The event featured informational booths on invasive species, shoreland restoration, lake safety, wildlife and fishing. photo by J. Summit

the wide shaded deck to visit the booths, and then moved indoors for a picnic meal.

Association history

The Vermilion Lake Association was founded 50 years ago, as the Sportsmen's Club of Lake Vermilion. The group was formed in response to concerns of a group of resort owners over the declining walleye fishery on the lake. According to the history of the club published in the Vermilion Sportsman newsletter, the DNR had closed down the fish hatchery on Pike Bay in 1946 due in part

to concerns that too many walleye eggs were being removed from the lake and not enough walleyes were being re-stocked.

In 1968, Jay Mault, who owned Vermilion Dam Lodge, along with resort-owners Bob Mann (Mann's Resort, now Voyageur Cove Resort) and Theodore Anderson (Anderson's Resort, now Head-o-Lake Resort) and others; Val Cook of Cold Springs, Inc.; Elton Olson of the Tower Chamber of Commerce; Bill Ellison of Minnesota Power; John Aronson of Aronson Boat Works; and Abel Anderson decided to form an organization to help solve the problem. They

founded the "Sportsmen's Club of Lake Vermilion" and got to work. They called for others around the lake to join the club, at annual dues of \$3. The dues were kept low because they understood that, as Jay said, "We don't need money, we need a voice." By the time the club held its first annual meeting in August, membership had grown to 1,700 and The Vermilion Sportsman newsletter had been launched.

In February 1968, a group led by Mault met with Conservation Commissioner Jarle Leirfallom, equivalent to the current DNR Commissioner. Leirfallom

agreed to issue permits so that the group could trap suckers and other rough fish that were believed to cut into walleye populations, and he assigned a team of biologists to figure out why the fishing was so poor.

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

The organization's current priority programs – aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention and fisheries management – have been pushed to the top by today's circumstances. In addition, its volunteers are engaged in many other community service programs to support Lake Vermilion. Taken together, they tell the full story of the Vermilion Lake Association's strong commitment to this great lake. You can learn more about the association by visiting their website at vermilionlakeassociation.org.

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to help one another.

"The cooperation, that was a surprise, everyone who came in asked if they could help in some way," he said. "We had departments that had not worked together before, that worked went

really well. They went right to work and did what they were supposed to do."

As for another drill, McCray said one is already in the works for next summer. He said this past weekend was simple, and he wanted to

add complications, such as evacuating residents by boat across the lake, or having to transfer some to Ely.

Whatever next year's drill shapes up to be, he hopes it is just that, and all of the practice won't

Right: Michael Ostlund chats with ham radio operators assisting in the evacuation drill. photo by M. White

need to be put to use before then.



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Obituaries and Death Notices



Harold L. Fuson

Harold L. Fuson, 77, of Soudan, passed away at his home on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018. A Celebration of Life for Hal will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Aug. 18 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower with Pastor Liz Cheney officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be for one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home of Virginia.

Harold was born on Aug. 2, 1941, in Decatur, Ill., the son of Harold and Sally (Beverlin) Fuson. He was raised in Decatur, where he graduated from Eisenhower High School in 1959. In 1960, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he met his future wife. He was united in marriage to Kathryn A. Folstad on Feb. 29, 1968, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Soudan. He served as a personnel supervisor in Omaha, Neb.; Guam; and Grand Forks, N.D., until 1981. After retirement, he worked as a loan officer in the First Liberty Federal Credit Union at the Grand Forks Air Force Base, until moving to Proctor in 1994. In 2002, they moved to Soudan where they had since resided.

Harold enjoyed fishing, hunting and spending time on the computer. He was a member

of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Tower and a past member of Nelson-Jackson Post 245 of the American Legion of Tower-Soudan.

Harold is survived by his devoted wife of fifty years, Kathy Fuson of Soudan; daughters, Lorrie (Robert) Verplaetse of Iowa City, Iowa, Julie Wilkerson, of Platte City, Mo., and Tammie Fuson-Schafer (Tamara Schafer) of Mayville, N.D.; nine grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; dog, Annie; and extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Sally Fuson.



Alan R. Zika

Alan Robert Zika, of Orr, beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle and friend, passed away peacefully at home on Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, with family at his side, after a short battle with cancer. At the request of the deceased, there will be no memorial or funeral services. In lieu of flowers/gifts, if anyone would prefer, please donate to St. Mary's Hospice East Range Team, 901 9th St. N, Medical Building, Suite 215, Virginia, MN 55792.

He was born on April 3, 1936, in St. Paul, to Alfred and Bernice (Briggs) Zika, and moved to Orr in 1946.

Alan married Kay Donnell on Feb. 10, 1956, and they resided in Orr their entire 62 years of marriage together.

Alan is survived by his wife, Kay; sister, Bernice Fenne; children, Bob (Leigh) Zika, Dan (Laura) Zika, Joe (Cindy) Zika, Elaine (Ed) Lake, Wendy Zika, Mary Zika and Jean (Pat) Tuomala; 15 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; one great-great-granddaughter; and numerous nieces and nephews. Alan always said, "I'm the richest man in the world."

He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Peter; brother, Larry; and great-granddaughter, Mariah.

with her family as her father was enlisted in the United States Army. The family lived in Fort Smith, Ark., and Austin, Isle, Orr, New Prague and Onamia, Minn. She graduated from high school in 1949.

Janet was a talented painter and she painted many outdoor and wild-life scenes on saws and paddles. She enjoyed going to craft shows to sell her wares. Janet loved being on the lake, especially Lac La Croix. Other hobbies she enjoyed were blueberry picking, walking in the woods, and spending time with family at her cherished log cabin home. Janet was passionate about reading, studying, and researching things she didn't know. She never stopped learning until her death. She will be dearly missed.

She is survived by her four children, Michael Aker (Diane DeBella) of Akeley, James (Robin) Aker of Orr, Patrick (Angelene) Aker of Orr and Jan Aker Matson of Crane Lake; grandchildren, Ryan and Courtney Aker; and great-grandchild, Kaitlin Aker

Janet was preceded in death by her parents; husband, James; and son, Roy Aker.



Janet M. Aker

Janet Mary Aker, 88, of Orr, passed away on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, with her loving family by her side. A Celebration of Life and family gathering will be held at a later date and will be announced when finalized. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Janet was born on Aug. 9, 1930, to John and Albina (Perslicka) Schanus in New Prague. Janet moved several times

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Leaders needed to facilitate health promotion workshops

REGIONAL- The Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging is seeking professionals and volunteers to teach Living Well with Chronic Conditions, Chronic Pain, and Diabetes workshops in the seven-county Arrowhead Region. Workshops are offered through the statewide Juniper™ network- a centralized hub of community providers delivering evidence-based programs to help people manage chronic health conditions, prevent falls, and foster well-being. Leaders facilitate small groups of people with chronic health conditions or chronic pain to help them manage their symptoms, build confidence, and maintain an active lifestyle.

Training is scheduled for Sept. 20, 21, 24 and 25. from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. at AEOA, 702 3rd Ave. S in Virginia. The cost is \$200. Limited

scholarships are available.

The deadline for registration is Friday, Sept. 14. Two-day Chronic Pain and Diabetes cross-training dates will be scheduled this fall. Chronic Conditions leader training is a prerequisite for Pain and Diabetes. For more information or to register, visit www.yourjuniper.org or contact Georgia Lane at 218-529-7525 or glane@ardc.org.

Local community organizations sponsor and coordinate Juniper™ workshops. "I have seen how important it is for participants when they realize they are not alone when living with chronic health conditions," said Catherine Sampson, Volunteer Lay Leader. "Knowing others are going through similar experiences opens them up to a deeper level of participation resulting in a group they find value

in. I have seen participants come to appreciate that using some very accessible techniques can provide relief to their symptoms."

Trained leaders guide participants in finding practical ways to deal with chronic conditions such as chronic pain, diabetes, arthritis, and heart disease and manage the fatigue and depression that often accompany the conditions. These evidence-based workshops use a standardized, proven methodology to help people develop nutrition and exercise goals, manage chronic pain, gain a better understanding of treatment options, and improve communications with family and doctors about their health.

The Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging is the designated area agency on aging for the seven-county Arrowhead region.

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Classic Cars at the Elks Club, fundraiser for SWOP on Aug. 30

VIRGINIA- If you have supported SWOP in the past, now is your chance to continue that support or start supporting and have a great evening out.

Join us on Thursday, Aug. 30 from 5 - 8 p.m. at the Virginia Elks for the SWOP fundraiser, Classics for Kids.

There will be a classic car ride auction and car hop-style burger meal with hors d'oeuvres, live music by The Divas, prizes and a cash bar. Bid on your chance to win a ride down Main Street in one of the Dream Machine Car Club's classic cars.

Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door and are available at Firelight Galleries, Northern State Bank and Material Girl Fabrics or by emailing swopforyouth@gmail.com.

Online tickets can be purchased at <https://SWOPclassicsforkids.brownpapertickets.com>. More information about the event can be found on our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/swopyouth.

What is SWOP? The Summer Work Outreach Project provides a six-week summer program to youth ages 11 to 14 in four local school districts.

Gilbert Library Bazaar seeking vendors for Oct. 6 fundraiser

GILBERT- A library fundraiser and neighbors craft sale will be held Saturday, Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. All crafters, vendors, bakers, hobbyists and home businesses are welcome to sell their wares. The fee is \$20 per 10' spot with one table and chairs. You may bring your own equipment. Tear down is your responsibility. Please specify if you need an outlet. An item of your choice will be requested for the library fundraiser raffle. Set up is Friday, Oct. 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturday, Oct. 6 at 7 a.m. If you are interested, call the Gilbert Library at 218-748-2230 now to secure your spot.

Ruby's Pantry in Babbitt, Aug. 25

BABBITT- Ruby's Pantry will distribute food on Saturday, Aug. 25 (4th Saturday of each month) from 10 - 11:30 a.m. at the Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Drive. A \$20 cash donation buys an abundance of food, no checks please. No income or residency guidelines. Bring two large boxes or baskets. Sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church. Volunteers are always welcome.

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 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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.

Area township filings

The following Tower area townships hold their town board elections in November. They do not have a primary, but their elections filings closed on Aug. 14.

- Embarrass**
Gary Rantala, Gene Wright, and Caleb Cowden all have filed for the one open supervisor seat. This seat is currently held by Bernie Mettler. Rantala and Wright have both previously served on the board. Mary Novak, the incumbent, filed for Treasurer.
- Kugler**
Dean Broten filed for Supervisor Seat C. Diane Meehan, the incumbent, filed for Treasurer.
- Eagles Nest**
Richard Floyd, the incumbent, filed for Supervisor Seat A. Andrew Urban, the incumbent, filed for Supervisor Seat D. DeAnn Schatz, the incumbent, is being challenged by Larry McCray, for Supervisor Seat E.
- James Sutherland has filed for Treasurer. He has held the position in the past.

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THE HARVEST SEASON

Wild rice reports suggest challenging season

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— This summer’s variable weather is likely to present challenges for wild rice harvesters this season, according to the Department of Natural Resources. The wild rice season officially opened on Wednesday, Aug. 15, although most rice in the North Country won’t be ripe for picking for at least another two to three weeks.

“This year, wild rice conditions are variable across much of the state,” said Ann Geisen, DNR wildlife lake specialist. “In some parts of the state, rice stands are poor due to lots of rain and flooding. But in other parts of the state, the rice is looking really good. Harvesters who spend some time scouting waters for harvesting will probably have the best success.”

If you’d never harvested wild rice before, finding an experienced mentor who is willing to share their

skills and knowledge can greatly improve success. Scouting lakes ahead of time can also be very helpful for finding harvestable stands of rice and locating access sites.

Minnesota’s green rice law makes it illegal to harvest unripe or “green” rice. So even though rice beds may look like they are maturing well, ricers must make sure the grain is ripe before attempting to

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A less-than-ideal summer has left wild rice relatively sparse on area lakes, such as Little Rice Lake, pictured here. photo courtesy 1854 Treaty Authority



MOUNTAIN BIKING

The Ridge is RAD

Giants Ridge plants its flag in the mountain biking world with exciting, new lift-served trails

GIANTS RIDGE— Wow! That’s the best way to describe the new mountain biking trails at Giants Ridge. I’ve mountain biked for years, but this was my first time on what’s known as a gravity trail, and it was a blast.

Biking downhill on a purpose-designed mountain biking trail is always a good time, but in my previous experience, it was the getting uphill part that was a bit of grind.

Giants Ridge has solved that issue, with a new lift that accommodates bikes. You take the lift to the top of the ridge and it’s downhill from there...like skiing, only with your bike.

If your idea of outdoor recreation is lounging on the dock with a beer, it might not be for you. It’s intense and requires absolute concentration at all times. You

sign a liability waiver before you head up the hill for a reason. As the waiver says in large bold print at the top: “Mountain biking is dangerous.” No kidding.

But if you’re into exhilaration, and don’t mind mixing a little (okay, maybe a fair bit of) risk with your outdoor adventure, you definitely should check it out.

I did just that last Friday, with my wife Jodi and friend Michael, who lives barely a mile from the Giants Ridge chalet. Benji Neff, Giants Ridge’s new director of mountain sports, accompanied us for our first couple runs, just to show us the ropes. He correctly surmised that we were going to be confining ourselves to the LeapFrog Trail, which is the intermediate level run. It’s called LeapFrog because it provides riders numerous opportunities to “catch some air,” while still providing alternatives for those of us who prefer to keep our bike wheels more or

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Top: Benji Neff is just a blur as he races down the Leapfrog Trail, one of two new lift-served mountain bike trails at Giants Ridge.

Above: Jodi Summit and Michael Wood work their way down the trail.



MARSHALL HELMBERGER

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Adults	\$15
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Adult Single Lift Ride Rates	\$10
Single Lift Ride	\$13
All Day	\$18
Youth (7-12) Single Lift Ride Rates	\$8
Single Lift Ride	\$10
GIANTS RIDGE 1854 Treaty Authority	

Left: Thinking of checking it out? Here are the rates and hours in case you go.

Wildflower Watch

This week’s featured flower
TANSY



One of our most common late-summer wildflowers isn’t even a native. **Tansy**, *Tanacetum vulgare*, is native to Eurasia, but was brought to this country in the 1600s as a garden flower. It escaped and is now well-established across a huge swath of North America.

The Tansy is a plant of paradoxes. It is both toxic and has been widely used historically for medicinal purposes.

It is easily recognized by its bright yellow, button-like flowers arranged in a flat-topped cluster.

Its aromatic leaves are deeply divided. It’s a member of the Composite family.

Outdoors briefly

DNR to auction outdoor gear and equipment

REGIONAL— Every year, DNR conservation officers confiscate hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of outdoor gear, from snowmobiles to boats and motors, to ATVs, trailers, power tools and even tractor implements.

Next Saturday, Aug. 25, much of it will go up for auction at the DNR’s regional office in Grand Rapids, located at 1201 E Hwy. 2.

More than 120 items will be on the auction block, sold to the highest bidder.

Photos and a listing of available items are now posted at www.minnbid.org. On-site inspection of items will be available only on the day of the auction from 8 to 9:30 a.m.

To avoid standing in line the day of the sale, bidders are encouraged to preregister for the auction online at www.minnbid.org.

It provides access to information on other auctions conducted by the state of Minnesota.

The sale is being conducted by the state of Minnesota, Department of Administration, Fleet and Surplus Services Division and may include additional items from local municipalities.

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Fishing reports

Ely area

Walleyes are still responding well to slow trolled spinner rigs loaded with a crawler. Most of these fish have been taken from waters fifteen-to-eighteen feet deep. Trolling crank-baits has been working well in the same depth range. Larger cranks are taking some really nice walleyes near sunset and into the night on areas that lead to shallow flats where they're feeding after dark. This can also be a great time to hang a minnow under a lighted bobber. To be safe, make sure your running lights are in order, and it also helps to have good lighting in the boat. A headlamp is a valuable tool after dark. Trout action has seen an upswing lately. Lake

trout fishing on Burntside has been producing some decent fish in the five-to-six-pound range. Set your lures, whether they be cranks or spoons, from thirty to forty-five feet down. This has been where the thermocline has been hovering, and bait fish tend to congregate there. Rainbow trout have been active on most local trout lakes. Fly fishermen have been working dry flies early in the day, then working nymphs or minnow imitations like the Clouser during mid-day. This can also be a great time to get kids interested in trout. These fish respond well to the simple method of just fishing worms under a bobber, which can be a kick for kids (and adults too).

Outdoors briefly

DNR seeks input 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. 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/lakevermilion.

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harvest it. With many rice beds impacted by storms, harvesters will need to take extra care this year to make sure they are not harvesting too early and damaging the limited rice stands that remain. According to the 1854 Treaty Authority, which monitors wild rice conditions beginning in mid-summer, only a handful of lakes and streams in northeastern Minnesota have good crops of rice developing. Heavy rains and some flooding earlier in the summer in many locations may have damaged rice crops. Local DNR area offices report the following:
 > Tower – Overall, rice beds are average to below-average due to the heavy and persistent rain storms earlier in the summer that caused local-

ized flash flooding. Lakes and rivers that did not receive as much rain do have moderate stands of rice with some areas of higher density. Scouting will be needed. Most stands are currently flowering.
 > Orr – Wild rice stands are average to below average due to the heavy rains earlier in the growing season that caused localized flooding. Rice beds of moderate density can be found in lakes and rivers that did not receive as much rain. Scouting will be necessary. Most stands are currently flowering.
 You can monitor frequently-updated wild rice conditions at the 1854 Treaty Authority website at www.1854treatyauthority.org/wild-rice/wild-rice-conditions-update.html.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather

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less attached to terra firma. From the moment you head off the lift landing, it's full-on fun as the roughly mile-long trail twists and turns, rises and falls, on its way down the slope. A word to the wise... check your brakes before you arrive. The rear brake on my fat bike was not working, which isn't much of an issue on level ground, but was downright scary when maneuvering along a mile-long downhill course. I had to rely on my front brake, which is the one that can send you flying over the handlebars if you aren't careful. Having good brakes can make negotiating the trail much more manageable, even if you're a relative newcomer to mountain biking. Yet it's when you lay off the brakes that the real fun begins. As we quickly learned, gravity trails allow you to quickly build up speed. With enough speed, it's like riding a roller coaster— except you aren't belted in and the car isn't chained to the track. And that means you can hurt yourself. Three friends, who saw us raving on Facebook about the new trail, had to check it out over this past weekend. One made it safely to the bottom on the first run and decided that was enough excitement for one day. On the next run, the other two

both managed to injure themselves. One ended up with nasty scrapes all over his back, arms, and legs, and had to be brought down by the ski patrol, who now also work the mountain biking trails. The other went head first over his handlebars (too much front brake) and injured his ribs. The Ridge requires that you wear a helmet, which makes sense. But you might want to consider other protective gear as well. The bottom line is, know your limits. At an appropriate speed, you can run the trail safely. Let loose and you could quickly come face-to-face with an immovable object. Keep in mind, this was the intermediate trail. We didn't even look at the Sector 12 Trail, which is the advanced level trail. But here's how Giants Ridge describes it on their website: "Sector 12 contains all the elements of a true bike park-style trail, including massive berms, big jumps, fun flowy rollers, rock drops in quick succession, bouldery rock gardens, all experienced at a high rate of speed." In other words, a high pucker factor. Maybe I'll check it out next time. The best part about mountain biking at the Ridge right now is knowing that this is just the begin-

ning. Mountain biking is already hot. Yet it's still growing in popularity and the IRRRB is making a major investment in developing the sport in our region. They've brought in some big name design teams, like Colorado-based Dirt Candy Designs. Current plans call for as many as ten gravity trails within two-to-three years, and up to 25 miles of single-track trail, according to Benji. So, in the near future you could spend the whole day working miles of single-track and gravity trails and never negotiate the same run twice. That's going to make Giants Ridge one of the largest mountain biking destinations in the Midwest, which should keep the Ridge humming all year long. As you might have guessed, that's the idea.

Want to check it out?

The Ridge is open for lift-served mountain biking Friday afternoons through Sunday through MEA weekend, although it will be closed to mountain bikes this Saturday, Aug. 18 to accommodate the Rampage at the Ridge. Check giantsridge.com for times and other information.

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Donald Myntti celebrated his 95th birthday on August 11th 2018 with a family celebration at the Kitchi Gammi Club.
 Donald was born on August 11th 1923 in Chisholm, MN to Charles & Laura Jarvinen Myntti. He graduated from the Ely High School in 1941 and from the University of Minnesota in Mechanical Engineering in 1945. His professional mining career spanned 4 decades with 6 different mining companies. He retired at 82 years old after an additional 20 years as an international mining consultant.
 Don married the lovely Rita LaChance Beron 70 years ago, and together they have 5 devoted children, 7 grand-children and 1 great grand child.
 Donald served in the US Navy during WWII and in the Korean War, retiring as a Lieutenant Commander.
 Don and Rita reside at Westwood Independent Living at the College of St. Scholastica.

Obituaries and Death Notices

Kenneth M. Evenstad
Kenneth M. Evenstad, 78, of Babbitt, passed away on Monday, Aug. 13, 2018, at his residence. A Funeral Mass will be held on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 11 a.m. at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Babbitt with visitation being held at the church one hour prior to the service. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

Melissa M. Helf
Melissa Mary Helf, 45, of Aurora, passed away on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018, at Essentia Health St. Mary's in Duluth. A funeral service was held on Thursday, Aug. 16 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia with Donovan Goblirsch officiating. Burial was at the Waasa Cemetery. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her father, Daniel (Carol) Helf; brother, Brian Helf; niece, Tiffany (John) Zuponic; grandnieces, Ciani, Cynthia and Cecilia Zuponic; and numerous aunts, uncles, and cousins.

Marydel I. Marolt
Marydel I. Warren Marolt, 90, of Babbitt, a lifelong resident of the Iron Range, died on Friday, Aug. 10, 2018. She passed away peacefully with family by her side. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at St. Pius X Catholic Church in Babbitt. Arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her sons, Clifford (Marilyn) of Rochester, Warren (Janice) of Virginia, David (Carla) of Austin, Texas, and Peter of San Antonio, Texas; daughter, Rosemary (Gary) of Greenfield, Ind.; brother, Bruce Warren of San Antonio, Texas; 10 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and the 13th great-grandchild within days.

Dr. Stephen L. Towle
Dr. Stephen "Steve" Lewis Towle, 75, of Cook, beloved husband, father, grandfather and friend, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 7, 2018. In true Towleski tradition, a celebration of Steve's life

was held at the Cook Airport on Monday, Aug. 13. There was a short ceremony and sharing of stories and laughter. Attire was fun casual. Memorials are preferred to the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade, www.lakevermilionfirebrigade.com/donate, the W.C. Heiam Foundation, heiamfoundation.org/donate/, or take yourself to dinner with a loved one. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

He is survived by Pam and family.

Ellen M. Bane
Ellen Mirium Korpela Papin Bane, 88, of Virginia, died on Monday, Aug. 6, 2018, at St. Michael's Health and Rehabilitation Center in Virginia. A Celebration of Life service was held on Tuesday, Aug. 14 at Bauman-Cron Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Joel Hasz officiating. Inurnment will take place at a later date. Family services were provided by Bauman-Cron, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Virginia.

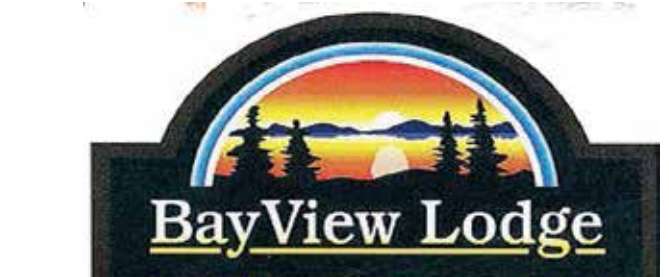
She is survived by her children, David Papin of Virginia, DeEtta (Mel) Annala

of Gilbert and Michael Bane of Virginia; sister, Leona Taapa of Embarrass; sister-in-law, Shirley Korpela of Virginia; grandchildren, Jesse (Kelli), Jeremy, Sam (Jill), Jenn, Michael (Angela), Ryan, Derek and Sarah; great-grandchildren, Preslie, Cooper, Addison, Julia, Bryce and Franklin; and extended family and friends.

John A. Ableman

John Alan Ableman, 91, of Virginia, passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 26, 2017, at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. A Funeral Liturgy was held on Thursday, Aug. 16 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cook. Interment was at St. Bridget's Cemetery in Greaney, with Military Honors accorded by the Orr American Legion Honor Guard 480 and Cook VFW Post 1757. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

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 - 19 Sea-related
 - 20 Bit of 19-Across flora
 - 21 Brew barrel
 - 22 Sampras of tennis
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 - 25 Bird-loving former Argentine first lady?
 - 27 Hip-hop's Snoop —
 - 28 Speed skater Eric
 - 30 Saffron, e.g.
 - 31 Bird-loving "Show Boat" composer?
 - 34 With 111-Down, put in reserve
 - 36 Fit to be ingested
 - 39 Invoice fig.
 - 40 Ending for Saturn
 - 41 More ghostly
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 - 45 Butte relative
 - 47 Circle's lack
 - 49 Bird loving co-star of "The Parent Trap"?
 - 52 Seize with a certain tool
 - 54 URL-starting letters
 - 56 Old Russian despots
 - 57 Bird-loving Rolling Stones frontman?
 - 61 Hones
 - 62 Certain PC readout
 - 65 Diarist Nin
 - 66 Iris feature
 - 69 In name only
 - 71 Twirled
 - 72 Bird-loving host of "The Tonight Show"?
 - 75 O'Hara plantation
 - 76 "Madame" of wax
 - 78 Insightful
 - 79 Popular dorm dish
 - 80 Beatified Mlle.
 - 81 Free of dirt
 - 83 Bird-loving "Private Benjamin" star?
 - 86 Fleece
 - 87 Violinist Hilary
 - 89 Humorist Bombeck
 - 90 Bird-loving "Lethal Weapon" co-star?
 - 94 Truck type
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 - 100 Basso's solo, say
 - 101 Is grinning
 - 103 State treasury
 - 105 Even a bit of
 - 106 Cinnamon gum brand
 - 109 Snow-capped peak
 - 110 Bird-loving "Santa Baby" singer?
 - 113 Like pixies
 - 115 City on the Rio Grande
 - 117 "That's not for — say"
 - 118 Bird-loving "Que Sera, Sera" singer?
 - 121 Bird-loving "White Christmas" songwriter?
 - 125 Boastful
 - 126 Lyrical poem
 - 127 Call for
 - 128 Ceramic casserole dish
 - 129 Pull along
 - 130 Lie-down
 - 131 "Jane —"
 - 132 Tainted
 - 43 Take on, as the challenge
 - 46 Name in low-carb dieting
 - 48 "War is hell" general
 - 50 Glossy fabric
 - 51 P-U linkup
 - 53 A.M. drinks
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 - 57 Ship poles
 - 58 Data for processing
 - 59 Result in
 - 60 Shapely leg, slangily
 - 61 Old TV's John-Boy and Erin
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 - 63 Rod of baseball
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 - 67 O'er and o'er
 - 68 Chuckle
 - 70 Person from Provo
 - 72 Minty quaff
 - 73 Lofty goals
 - 74 Toon frame
 - 77 Like sore muscles
 - 79 Dreamy sleep phase
 - 82 Luring smell
 - 84 Resign, as a position
 - 85 Like Joyce and Yeats
 - 86 Mimicking a mad dog
 - 87 Phone service providing aid
 - 88 "How — you?"
 - 90 Pat
 - 91 Radio host Shapiro
 - 92 Nation of West Africa
 - 93 Repulsive
 - 95 Actor Zac
 - 97 Actress FitzGerald or Stasey
 - 98 Basketballer Walker or painter Watteau
 - 99 Positive vote
 - 102 Pitcher Tom
 - 104 Shutterbug's equipment
 - 107 Flunking grades
 - 108 Medium-hot mustard
 - 111 See 34-Across
 - 112 Gymnast Strug
 - 114 Zilch, to Juan
 - 116 Mice, to owls
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 - 122 Some sporty autos
 - 123 Gathered together
 - 124 Flanders of Springfield

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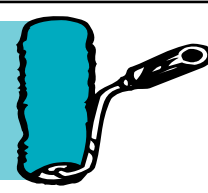
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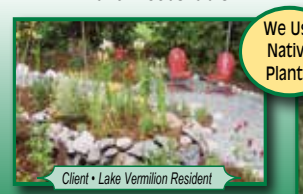
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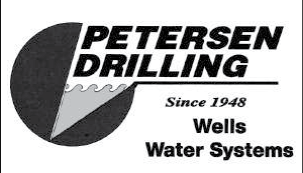
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