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ELECTION 2018

Eighth District race in dead heat

NY Times poll conducted late last week

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL – The race between Republican Pete Stauber and Democrat Joe Radinovich is a virtual tossup.

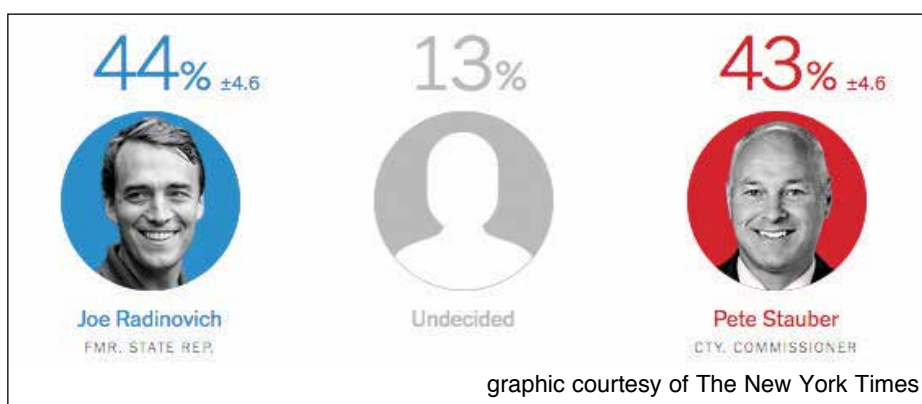
That's according to a "live poll" of regis-

tered voters in the Eighth Congressional District conducted by the *New York Times* late last week, that found Radinovich with 44 percent voter support, just one point ahead of Stauber, with 43 percent. The difference was well within the poll's margin

of error.

A total of 13 percent of respondents said they remain undecided, and it appears that the newspaper did not ask about Independent Party candidate Ray "Skip" Sandman.

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ORR SUSTAINABILITY AND HOMESTEADING EXPO

The stories that seeds tell



Couple's Seed Treasures catalog specializes in heirloom varieties

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

ORR- When is a garden seed more than just a seed? When the seeds have a story to tell, of course.

With Jackie Clay Atkinson and her husband Will, two of the headliners at this year's Orr Sustainability and Homesteading Expo, there were plenty of seed stories to tell.

The couple, who have homesteaded a farm in Angora since 2003, got started in the seed-selling business almost by accident. They had always

Jackie Clay, above, holds a Bill Bean tomato variety that produces huge slicers with old-fashioned meaty tomato flavor. A new favorite bean variety, right, is a Crawford, grown from seeds sent by a reader in Germany, who is still gardening in her 90s.
photos by J. Summit

been interested in heirloom and rare garden plants and would trade seeds with others who shared their passion. The couple has over 60 years of gardening experience, and their garden spreads over three acres.

The business started with a large, pale grey squash, a Hopi Grey. The squash, as

far as the Atkinsons could tell, was near extinction. They couldn't find anyone else growing this amazing variety.

The squash boasts tender orange flesh and grows to seven to 20 pounds in about 100 days. It makes great "pumpkin" pie, but its real

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CITY OF ELY



A cultural opportunity for Ely?

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – A Minneapolis couple has proposed to renovate the vacant Community Center here and re-purpose the historic landmark into a facility to house Korean culture and heritage camps.

The Ely City Council approved a purchase agreement with the couple and their non-profit K America Foundation last week, but the real estate transaction is by no means finalized.

City taxpayers will be able to sound off on the proposed sale at a public hearing on Tuesday, Sept. 25, and at two public readings of the ordinance required to cinch the deal.

Just a purchase agreement was

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ELY MARATHON

Canoe marathon winner will hold world record

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

Fourth annual run next weekend features both full- and half-marathons, kids race

ELY - Running a 26.2-mile marathon is a real challenge for any runner. Running a full 26.2-mile marathon is a challenge only for the stoutest of hearts. In an

age of new, extreme running events, perhaps none is more Minnesotan than a marathon portaging race.

That challenge awaits participants in the Marathon Portage

Division of the 2018 Ely Marathon on Saturday, Sept. 22.

"This is the first official race of its kind and will be registered with the Guinness Book of World

Records," said organizer Wendy Lindsay. The Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon, which takes place on the same day, added a canoe division last year. Currently

there are 14 canoe carriers registered for the races. Runners not up for portaging a canoe can also participate in the traditional marathons.

The idea of portaging

a canoe in the race took off a couple of years ago, according to Lindsay, after a few participants focused in on the race's marketing

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

GREENWOOD

Greenwood playground ribbon-cutting celebration on Saturday, Sept. 22

GREENWOOD TWP- Everyone is invited to come celebrate the new playground at the Greenwood Town Hall with a ribbon cutting, free picnic, and beanbag and bocce ball games at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 22. The playground is located at 3000 Cty. Rd 77. The Greenwood Community Recreation Board envisioned this playground several years ago, and they are thrilled it is now there for the enjoyment of residents and their families for years to come.

What changes do almost 20 years bring? Roth, Ryan, and Rachel Indihar remember playing on the old playground at Greenwood Township. When chatting with Roth, Ryan, Rachel, and their mom, Bergetta, they said things like, "It was made of wood," "It had a yellow slide," and "I remember the big hill you had to climb to get to it." The Indihar children, now all adults, recently visited the new playground and created some new family memories.

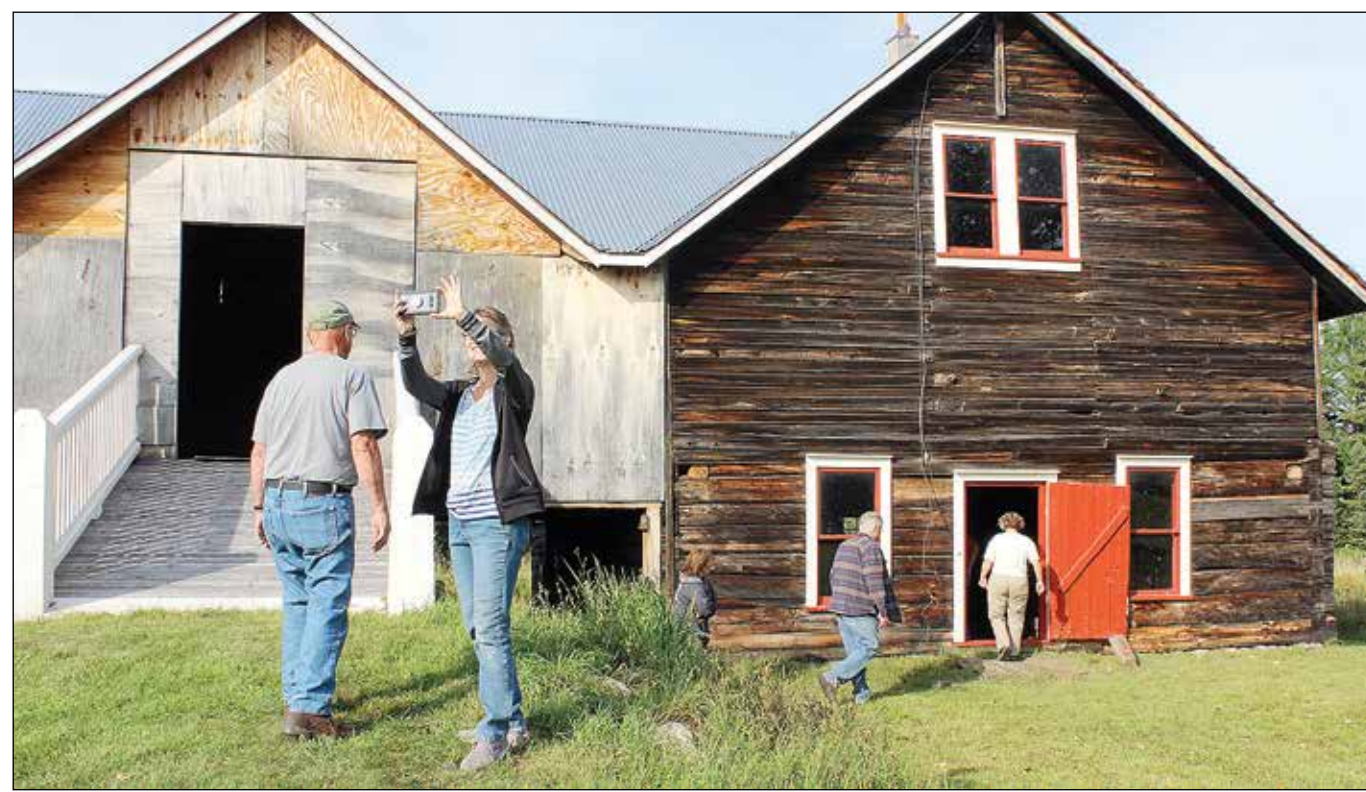
Now and then!
Left: Ryan, Rachel, and Roth Indihar, who all grew up in Greenwood Township, with their mother Bergetta.
Right: Playing on the old township playset about 20 years ago.
 submitted photos



EMBARRASS

Community Night Out

One of the area's most iconic photo spots hosted Sisu Heritage's annual Community Night Out last Sunday. Local musicians 5-Oh provided the entertainment, and there was chili, cornbread, and fresh-baked pie to purchase for dinner. The 80-foot long Seitaniemi Housebarn is a one-of-a-kind Finnish log structure, and Sisu has worked to stabilize and repair the building. Next steps include window replacement, interior finishing, and deciding how to use the building in the future.



Above: As always, the Seitaniemi Housebarn was the center of attention. Below: Jasper and Milo Strasser tried some of the homemade pie. Right: 5-Oh played music on the lawn. photos by J. Summit





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MINING

Forest Service cancels study of mineral withdrawal

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The Trump administration has lifted the temporary suspension of mineral leasing on 234,000 acres of the Superior National Forest located within the Rainy River watershed.

U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue made the announcement on Thursday, Sept. 6, clearing the way for potential mineral leasing to resume in the area, although it's unclear if any new mineral leasing requests are imminent. The move was not unexpected since President Trump had previously indicated his intention to lift the leasing moratorium, implemented by President Obama shortly before leaving office. The Trump administration, earlier this year, had reinstated mineral leases for the proposed Twin Metals copper-nickel mine, which were the only mineral leases ever issued in the affected area.

In a press statement, Perdue said the decision comes following "a thorough review" and after hearing from thousands of citizens. "It's our duty as responsible stewards of our

Lifts temporary moratorium on leasing in a portion of the Superior National Forest

environment to maintain and protect our natural resources. At the same time, we must put our national forests to work for the taxpayers to support local economies and create jobs," Perdue said. "We can do these two things at once: protect the integrity of the watershed and contribute to economic growth and stronger communities."

In fact, the Forest Service's analysis was less than had been promised by agency officials, even under Trump's tenure. Forest Service officials had initially stated that they would conduct a full environmental impact statement (EIS) on the effects of the proposed mineral withdrawal. The Trump administration later indicated that it would substitute a less-intensive environmental analysis, or EA, on the proposal. Secretary Perdue had also promised members of Congress that he would complete the environmental assessment and would make no final decision on the withdrawal until he had all the facts. Yet Brady Smith, acting national press officer for the Forest Service's Washington, D.C. office, acknowledged in a

statement to the *Timberjay* that no environmental assessment had been done because the agency ultimately determined it was unnecessary.

The USDA's latest announcement, which incorrectly states that the temporary suspension of mineral leasing was enacted in 2016, indicates that the agency review "included a mineral resources report, a biological and economic impact assessment, and potential impacts to water resources, wilderness areas, and cultural resources." The agency claims that their analysis "did not reveal new scientific information."

The suspension of mineral leasing was actually enacted in January of 2017. At the time, Forest Service officials had cited the mine's "potential to generate and release water with elevated levels of acidity, metals, and other potential contaminants." While the mine would likely include water treatment, the Forest Service noted that such treatment would need to be in place in perpetuity and noted "it is not at all certain that such maintenance and treatment can

be assured over many decades."

While the Trump administration's decision was hardly a surprise, environmental and conservation groups reacted with displeasure. "The administration ignored science and facts, and clearly did not complete a promised study on the social, economic and environmental harm that sulfide-ore copper mining would do to America's most popular wilderness," said Alex Falconer, executive director of the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters. The Forest Service had conducted initial public comment hearings as part of the scoping for the promised study, but the study was never completed.

"Trump's decision is based solely on corrupt political impulses that ignore the Forest Service's own science and expertise," said Marc Fink, a Duluth attorney representing the Center for Biological Diversity in a lawsuit against the administration's earlier decision to reinstate the Twin Metals mineral leases. Citing Secretary Perdue's earlier commitment to thoroughly study the issue, environmentalists said

the administration had gone back on its word. "The Trump Administration broke its word to us, to Congress, and to the American people when it said it would finish the environmental assessment and base decisions on facts and science," said Falconer. "It's clear whose interest this administration is really serving, and it's not that of the American people."

Meanwhile, Jobs for Minnesotans, a Duluth-based group supporting the Twin Metals project, lauded the decision. "Today's announcement from the U.S. Department of Agriculture is the right decision for Minnesota's future and validates the existing environmental review process—which states the proper time to evaluate potential impacts of mining projects is after they have been proposed," said the group in a statement. "This action upholds what Minnesotans who believe that a mining economy can coexist with a treasured environment have been saying for nearly two years."

EIGHTH DISTRICT RACE

Radinovich campaign hits Stauber over email violation

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL— Two weeks after Republican Pete Stauber's campaign made an issue of unpaid parking tickets by his DFL opponent Joe Radinovich, DFLers have turned the tables over an apparent violation of St. Louis

County email policy by Stauber. According to the *Star Tribune*, Stauber improperly used his official county email to communicate with the National Republican Congressional Committee.

Stauber has not denied the allegations but has refused to release the

emails as his opponents have requested.

In recent weeks Stauber has criticized Radinovich over past unpaid parking fines, some of which resulted in collection agencies being involved. The Stauber campaign and the Congressional

Leadership Fund, a political action committee with the mission to keep a Republican majority in Congress, attacked Radinovich over the issue, suggesting he is unfit to hold office.

Now the DFL is returning fire. "We can't trust

someone like Pete Stauber who won't be accountable for their actions in a transparent manner," said the DFL's Eighth District Chair Emily Nygren in a statement issued late last week. "The public deserves a representative that is up front about all the business they conduct

on the public's behalf."

And district residents supporting the DFL candidate have weighed in on the Stauber campaign's portrayed image of their own candidate.

"Two weeks ago, Pete Stauber claimed through

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Editorial

Election process

Tower City Council is failing to take the primary election breakdown seriously

As we reported two weeks ago, St. Louis County officials conducted an investigation into the handling of the Aug. 14 primary election in the city of Tower. Their findings were stunning, documenting fundamental failures in all aspects of the election process—from pre-election testing of equipment, to election administration and training, to election day process, to reporting of results, to post-vote handling of ballots.

These findings were included in an Aug. 24 letter to members of the Tower City Council from County Elections Supervisor Phil Chapman.

That letter did not appear on the council's Aug. 27 meeting agenda, nor did it appear on the council agenda during their Sept. 10 meeting earlier this week. Trivial correspondence to the city regularly appears on the city's agenda. Yet a detailed letter from the county elections supervisor detailing systematic failure in a recent city election, and which orders the city to pay for retraining of its city clerk, somehow fails to warrant the council's attention?

Citizens in Tower should be very concerned.

The county investigation revealed a failure of duty on the part of the city's election administrator that is unacceptable. It reflects disregard for her sworn obligations and an unwillingness to own up to her failures. And the only reason we know about these failures is because, in this instance, we had an outside authority who actually looked into it. The city council had no intention of investigating the matter, nor does it believe anyone should be held accountable for a fundamental breakdown of a constitutional process.

The city clerk has attempted to blame the county for the election disaster, which is ridiculous. It wasn't St. Louis County that failed to conduct the pre-election testing of the city's vote-counting equipment and auto-mark machine as required by law, and then certified that the testing had been conducted properly. It wasn't St. Louis County that forced

the city clerk to process absentee ballots contrary to state law. It wasn't St. Louis County that reported 345 ballots in the city's ballot box at the end of the primary voting on Aug. 14, when only 131 voters had signed-in to obtain a ballot. Those numbers were reported by the city clerk, and as far as we know, no one on the city council has inquired as to how such a number was reported to the county. Rather, it appears the council is content to sweep the whole matter under the rug.

By failing to address the results of the county investigation publicly, the council has done nothing to demonstrate that they take this matter seriously. Which means city residents have real reason to question the conduct of the upcoming general election. The city can't rely on the county to do the city's job. Ultimately, it is the city of Tower that is responsible for the administration of its elections and we have real concerns about whether a day of retraining for the clerk, as ordered by the county, will make much difference. The rules of election procedure are readily available to all election officials, as they are to the public. In reality, the conduct of the Aug. 14 primary suggests that officials in Tower simply did not care enough to do their jobs properly.

The city has an obligation to its residents to guarantee that the general election is run properly—which is why they should arrange for a qualified outside observer to monitor and offer guidance on the administration of the general election in Tower this year.

Yes, this will cost money, just as it will cost city taxpayers money to send the city clerk for elections retraining. But voting is a constitutional right and the city cannot allow a repeat of last month's disaster. What's more, some of the races on the ballot this year could be very close contests, and the last thing the city of Tower wants is to have its balloting procedures become central to recount litigation. Just ask the folks in Florida.



Letters from Readers

Ely should welcome the CC's new owners

I have been active during the last six years trying to find a reason for the Ely Community Center to exist and to ensure its survival, so I have some history to share. In 2012 a small group of us worked to convince the City to keep the Community Center and upgrade it rather than to vacate it and build a new building for the library. We were not successful. Nor was a similar group that worked to finance upgrades in the 1990s.

The year 2012 would have been a great time to save the building as a community center because it could have had the City's backing. But as we all know, that didn't happen. Since that time the building has been vacated, had the heat turned off and suffered some damage. The City has made good faith efforts to maintain the building, but empty buildings are not easily maintained.

Without the city's interest in using the building, a sale to an interested party becomes the only possible alternative short of demolition. Ely's Heritage Preservation Commission has supported the sale of the building.

Since 2014, the City has entertained multiple proposals for the Community Center. In the past year, the City has had eight. Generally, these proposals fell into two categories. There were proposals from big money people who thought that a 30,000 square foot building for \$85,000 (the asking price), was a good deal and they figured they could make some money off of it. These people had no business plan, and as far as I could tell, no interest in Ely. None of these people ever even came to town to see the building. Then there were several proposals to restore the building to a community center, but although the intentions may have been good, we never saw a plan. These people have had more than ample time to create business plans.

The Yoons' proposal was the first proposal with a legitimate business plan that I have seen (it's available at City Hall if you are interested)—their plan included a

description of their business, their strategy, projected incomes and expenditures, an analysis of the competitive environment, and a market analysis. It's a 40-page document that describes it all. They really want to do something with the building and they have spent considerable time planning for it.

I was able to meet the Yoons when they came to Ely to see the building. I offered to provide them with my standard driving tour of Ely (it's available at no cost during the summer). They asked questions about the educational system (they have three small children), they asked about crime in Ely (they want a safe environment for their family), and they wanted to meet the guy in the jeep, which didn't actually happen, but they were interested. We completed the tour with a stop at Semer's Park where their kids played on beach with other children from the neighborhood.

So we have the Yoons, who have made what I consider the first legitimate offer the City has seen. There are no guarantees. Starting and running a small business is always hard. In Ely it's harder. I don't have to tell the people of Ely about that. But I think these people have a shot at it and deserve a chance. If they don't meet the terms of the purchase agreement which requires progress on the building, the building will revert back to the City.

So I welcome our new neighbors, not just because they are nice people, although that should be reason enough, but also because I think they might be able to make their project a success and the Community Center a vital building once again. I hope you will welcome them too.

Celia Domich
Ely

When will government start to really regulate big business?

The newest crisis in industrial pollution illustrates how often government passes the buck and lets corporations get away with criminal chemical trespass.

Dicamba is an herbicide made for applying to genetically altered soybeans. It kills the weeds but not the bean plants. The problem arises when humidity and rising temperatures cooperate to make the Dicamba vaporize and then travel to a neighbor's garden, commercial orchard or vegetable farm, even state parks. The Dicamba destroys every plant in its path that is not bred to be resistant, which is most trees and other vegetation.

Applicators and farmers are not held responsible because they claim to spray according to label. Government agencies pass the buck back and forth because they fear the powerful chemical companies and cannot decide jurisdiction. The makers of Dicamba claim their research shows that their newer versions do not vaporize or travel. Small victims have little or no legal recourse with few financial resources.

This is similar to the events that transpired when Reserve Mining was dumping its tailings and other illegal pollutants into Lake Superior. The DNR and Reserve's parent companies denied, lied and obfuscated until the commercial fishermen brought evidence to bear and the MPCA stepped in with a lawsuit. You can read about it in Grant Merritt's new book, "Water and Iron."

Proponents of Cu-Ni mining say that Minnesota has the most strict environmental laws in the nation. Yet, the mining industry states that they cannot comply with the sulfate mandate restrictions because it is too expensive. Minntac's unlined tailings pond has leaked for decades with no end in sight, and the Sand River and Dark River are its depositories. Records of abundant wild rice in the Sand River system are just that, a past occurrence.

Often it seems that we live in a corporate-ocracy, not a democracy, if even agencies assigned to govern cannot make industries do what they are supposed to do. That's why I have no enthusiasm for the claims of proponents of Cu-Ni mining in our water-rich environment.

Mark Roalson
Hoyt Lakes

Copper-nickel? The data say it's bad economics

The ongoing debate about the pros and cons of copper-nickel mining near Ely has been cast by many as the stereotypical clash between jobs and the environment. It's a familiar means of framing the issue, but I believe it overlooks a critical component—namely that the fundamental



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argument against copper-nickel mining near Ely is economic, not environmental.

By saying so, I don't mean to give short shrift to the environmental concerns, which are significant. Anyone who believes that the environmental impacts of a copper-nickel mine will

bear any relationship to the effects of Ely's Pioneer Mine, or even modern-day taconite mining, is badly misinformed. Due to the geological differences, sulfide-based ore mining is inherently far riskier, and those risks are heightened dramatically in a water-rich environment. Given the incalculable value of the wilderness resource that a copper-nickel mine in the Rainy River watershed puts at risk, it can credibly be argued that this is the worst place on the planet

for such a mine.

Supporters argue that the risks are worth it for the economic boost they believe such a mine would bring.

Yet there is a remarkable amount of economic data and research, as we reported on our front page last week, that suggests that a new mine will not bring the economic benefits that its supporters believe. Ely, over the past few decades, has made considerable progress pursuing amenity-based economic

development, which is a well-established and widely-pursued model for economic growth in the U.S. Far from boosting the economy, there is considerable economic research, including the study recently produced by a pair of Harvard economists, that predicts a new mine will simply disrupt the progress Ely has made and leave the local economy weaker overall within just a few years.

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Letters from Readers

We all deserve better

It was with some sadness I read Steve Johnson's letter last week. Although titled "Celebrate the life of a real hero: Aretha Franklin" he only talked of her in three sentences.

The article went on to rant about deceased Senator McCain and our government. Even at that, it was a bit short on content and long on anger and frustration. It reminded me why many of us choose not to text or Facebook, too much emotion, too little content.

Wisdom is the ability to live in knowledge and truth. Wisdom chooses words that build, not tear down. I believe the subscribers of the *Timberjay* deserve better. I wish for more wisdom in the author's life.

**Bud Van Deusen
Ely**

Ask your politicians where they stand on AIS prevention

The 2018 election season is just around the corner and many of us are engaged in picking our candidates based on their stance on issues we view as important. Some campaign promises come true after the election, but sooner or later the next political wave comes in and reverses many of those funding or policy changes.

Thankfully, most issues are transitory, and any damage done can often be remedied. But there are some things that we can't fix once we break them.

Water. It's one of those things. We've let hazardous chemicals pollute our groundwater, lakes, and rivers. And despite decades of spending by our federal and state governments' clean water programs, we can't

make them clean enough for recreation or drinking. Impaired waters tend to stay that way.

Similarly, we have little recourse once aquatic invasive species pollute our lakes and rivers. Those waters are changed forever. As a state, we spend significant sums of money every year to live with these invaders. And the spending increases as our list of infested waters grows.

This August, the DNR announced that starry stonewort was discovered in Medicine Lake. Starry stonewort is yet another game-changing AIS for Minnesota's public waters. Our state's first infestation of this nasty invasive species was found at Lake Koronis in Paynesville in 2015, and in just three years it spread to 11 other lakes. Could we have stopped starry stonewort from spreading? The short answer is yes, but it would have been an unpopular solution for those boaters who claim that access to our public waters is their right. Creative efforts are figuring out ways to live with starry stonewort, but these come at high financial costs that go on year after year following an infestation. Sadly, no simple remedy is in sight for lakes that get starry stonewort.

So as you choose your candidates during this election season, consider their stance on protecting our state's public waters. Do they accept today's approaches to dealing with aquatic invasive species? Do they accept the risks to our groundwater and surface water associated with oil pipelines and sulfide mining in the Iron Range? Or are they committed to keeping our problems with groundwater and surface water from getting worse?

Candidates of every party should have protection of our water very high on their priority

list. We are lucky to have an abundance of water in Minnesota and it is a big part of our heritage.

Protecting the water in the land of 10,000 lakes should be the legacy that we leave for future generations and it should be a non-partisan issue.

Our candidates for Congress could push back on the easing of regulations for groundwater pollution and they can work to enhance federal AIS rules and regulations.

Our candidates for Governor should have protection of the state's groundwater and surface waters front and center in their platform as the state's protector of our heritage around water.

As an idea, ask where they stand on broadening boat rental programs to reduce the spread of AIS from transient boaters.

Our candidates for State Representative could work to establish new statutes to protect the groundwater and surface waters from pollution and AIS. As an idea, ask where they stand on establishing boat inspections at the borders to stop AIS from entering and exiting Minnesota.

Water is one of the most pressing concerns to the world. Minnesota's abundance of freshwater should come with responsibility to protect it. Let's show our leadership to our children, the first to suffer through our inaction.

**Joe Schneider
Minnesota Coalition of
Lake Associations**

An open letter to Gov. Mark Dayton

In the Aug. 22 edition of the *Mesabi Daily News*, David Lislegard, Aurora Mayor and candidate for House District seat 6B, offered commentary concerning the Minnesota DNR

and Gov. Mark Dayton's lack of support for Cleveland-Cliffs efforts to purchase mineral leases from the DNR from the bankrupt Essar Steel.

Gov. Dayton then responded to Lislegard in an open letter. "It is unfair to blame the DNR for these problems. If you need someone to blame, blame me." "Neither the DNR nor I have been trying to tell anyone on the Range what to do. Rather, we have done our very best to work in partnership to complete this project and begin producing pellets and jobs."

Oh, really Governor? You are partnering with the mining companies to produce pellets and jobs? Your words are refuted by the facts. Have you forgotten that in March 2016 you contacted the Bureau of Land Management to weigh in on the federal mineral leases held by Twin Metals Minnesota urging that their leases with the government not be renewed?

Because of your urgings, Twin Metals' leases with the government were not renewed, causing the proposed project to suffer delay, resulting in the loss of jobs in Twin Metals' offices in Ely and St. Paul, and in other related industries serving the mining companies.

Have you forgotten about the directive you issued to Minnesota DNR Commissioner Landwehr that banned exploration and mineral development on 141,000 acres of Minnesota Public School Trust lands and tax-forfeited lands in the Superior National Forest?

Soon thereafter Governor, you defended your decision with a statement carried by the *Mesabi Daily News*: "Since I stopped the leasing of state land for exploratory drilling for the Twin Metals copper-nickel mine

at the edge of the [BWCA], I have been accused of being against the Iron Range and against mining. I'm neither."

Have you forgotten Governor Dayton, that in a press release carried by the Associated Press in December 2016, you again demonstrated your opposition to Twin Metals Minnesota's proposed \$1.6 billion dollar mining project, saying about the proposed Twin Metals copper-nickel underground mine: "I don't think it's ever dead. It's stymied at present. And if the Trump administration doesn't intervene and override what President Obama has decided, it's not going to go forward." All of this at a time when Twin Metals Minnesota had already invested more than \$400 million dollars in the proposed project.

Your policy decisions and the actions you took regarding Twin Metals' \$1.6 billion dollar proposed mining project that will employ 650 people, if not reversed by our next governor, will continue to stifle job creation and significantly harm K-12 education in Minnesota.

You are right Governor Dayton. It is unfair to blame the DNR for these problems. You are the one to blame for these problems. Your statement that "neither the DNR nor I have been trying to tell anyone on the Range what to do" is overwhelmingly contrary to the facts.

As Aurora Mayor Lislegard wrote, "We have truly grown tired of being told what is best for the Iron Range."

**Gerald M. Tyler
Chairman
Up North Jobs Inc.
Ely**

ECONOMICS...Continued from page 4

The evidence for Ely's recent success is overwhelming, and it isn't just limited to Ely. In communities along the edge of the Boundary Waters and the Superior National Forest, we have seen significantly higher rates of in-migration of residents from other areas than most other non-metro counties in Minnesota. High percentages of those migrants are professional and well-educated, and bring relatively high incomes, either through ongoing earnings or investments, that are spent in the regional economy. Because many of these new residents, who we can call "lifestyle residents" are not tied to a location for their employment, they are highly mobile. If the qualities that draw lifestyle residents to Ely are threatened, some will choose to relocate. Many more will simply look elsewhere without ever considering our area.

Keep in mind, we're not talking about relatively low-paying tourism jobs versus mining employment. Tourism jobs are a nice bonus, but I've never viewed them as the basis for a vibrant, year-round economy. The jobs lost from short-circuiting Ely's amenity-based economic activity include the often high-paying professions that these new residents bring with them, along with jobs that provide support services for these new residents, including sectors like construction, real estate, finance, insurance, building supplies,

home furnishings, and some kinds of light manufacturing.

These are solidly middle-class jobs we're talking about here. This isn't a question of mining jobs versus tourism jobs. That's a false argument made by people who should know better.

The recent Harvard study used a standard economic model to examine 72 different economic scenarios with mining, and without. In all but three, the Ely area economy did better without mining than with it.

And the Harvard study overlooked one very important factor. In its analysis, the economists looked at a 20-year time horizon assuming that a mine is opened this year. And it found that in the first few years the added income from mine construction and initial mining would lead to more jobs and local income in the area economy. But it also found that over five-to-ten years, the disappearance of some existing lifestyle residents, who would choose to relocate, along with a modest reduction in the in-migration of new lifestyle residents, was significant enough to leave the Ely area economy worse off in terms of jobs and local income.

I believe the negative economic impacts of mining would actually be much worse, because we all know a new Twin Metals mine won't be built this year. The earliest such a mine could open is

a decade from now, and that's wildly optimistic.

That means that the negative effects from a slowing of in-migration of new lifestyle residents and the gradual departure of some who already live here, will begin now, while the temporary (and still highly speculative) economic benefits of a possible new mine won't be achieved for 10-20 years.

That means the economic costs to Ely's economy will have 10-20 years to accumulate before the short-term boost a mine might bring even occurs. Under this more realistic scenario, Ely's economy begins to see the downsides of mining whether or not a mine is ever built. And that means that Ely, in the end, never sees an economic upside (not even a temporary one) from a new mine.

Those who doubt the impact of lifestyle residents on the Ely economy should take a look at the report we issued last August, "Ely's golden goose: how the townships drive Ely's economy," which clearly demonstrated that the townships (where most lifestyle residents reside) provide the lion's share of local spending that maintains the Ely area economy.

The divide within the community over this issue further hampers Ely's economic progress. While some people don't mind conflict, many do, and the conflict within the community over this issue, which will now carry on

for decades, is guaranteed to cost the area economy. Under the amenity-based model of economic development, economic progress is made through the individual decisions of thousands of people who choose to relocate to a community that offers them the lifestyle they desire. If Ely is seen as a community that's hostile to new residents, or as a place where the amenities these potential new residents seek are under threat from industrial development and pollution, most will simply choose to go elsewhere.

There are dozens of economic studies to back up these arguments, and I cited several last week. This week, I'm including a bibliography below in case readers want to check out some of the research themselves.

I recognize those who support the Twin Metals project may have a different view. But where are the economic studies to show that copper-nickel mining will actually benefit Ely's economy? The Skurla study, produced by UMD's Labovitz School in 2012, which is touted all the time by copper-nickel mining boosters, is highly outdated. Besides, 90-percent of the economic impact it projected came from anticipated development in the taconite industry. It attributed barely 600 direct jobs to non-ferrous forms of mining, and none of those new jobs have arrived. Nor have the 5,000 new taconite jobs that the

study predicted. There are no more workers in the taconite industry today than there were when the study was produced. If anything, the Skurla study was just another example of how frequently hopes are dashed on the Mesabi Iron Range because its mining dependent economy relies on hugely expensive and risky investments in production capacity for commodities that fluctuate wildly in price.

The bottom line is this. If there were economic data to suggest that a new copper-nickel mine near Ely would create long-term economic prosperity above and beyond the current economic model, one could at least argue about whether the environmental and related economic risks associated with the project were justifiable. But when the economic data points to just the opposite, there is no longer an argument, just stubborn refusal to face the facts. For Ely political leaders to continue to push for a mine in the face of such evidence is questionable. While the community spends the next decades fighting over it, potential economic progress will be lost. And a new mine risks killing Ely's sustainable golden goose for short-term benefit at most, while leaving the community worse off economically than it is today. Smart political leaders would recognize there's little to gain, and far too much to lose in the pursuit of copper-nickel mining at

the end of the road.

But don't take my word for it. Read some of the studies for yourself.

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a spokesperson that he had "staked his career on character and integrity," AI Netland, a Duluth resident quoted in the DFL's

statement. "Today, it's clear that Pete Stauber thinks there's one set of rules for him, and one set of rules for everybody else."

The DFL has called for Stauber to release the emails to be transparent with taxpayers since the county email servers

are paid for through tax money. But St. Louis County has denied a public information request for the emails arguing that they

are not subject to public disclosure unless Stauber were to agree because they are considered correspondence between an

elected official and an individual, which is considered private under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

TOWER FARMERS MARKET

Tower Farmers Market celebrates with music



Besides getting some free tastes of locally-grown fruits and vegetables, visitors to the Tower Farmers Market last Friday got a free concert by the Accidental Ensemble of Ely, which was sponsored by the Mesabi Symphony Orchestra. Vendors plan on being at the market, Fridays from 4 - 6 p.m. through the end of September.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Joint Powers Recreation Board to meet Sept. 28

TOWER- The Joint Powers Recreation Board will meet on Friday, Sept. 28 at 8:30 a.m. at Good Ol' Days. Requests for funding should be made in writing, prior to the meeting, to either Julie Suihkonen or Linda Keith (Tower City Hall).

Movie Night at St. James Presbyterian on Sunday, Sept. 16

TOWER- Enjoy a movie at St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower on Sunday, Sept. 16 starting at 6 p.m. The featured movie is "Hidden Secrets." This charming and irresistible film explores the lasting impact

a group of close friends has on one another despite drifting apart over the years. Reunited at the funeral of hometown hero Chris Hayden, friends find tensions escalating rapidly as their darkest secrets are revealed. Jeremy rediscovers the love of his life and is caught between his childhood sweetheart and his new fiancée. As the embers of their past relationship reignite, Jeremy must seek God's ultimate will for his life. Meanwhile Gary, the agnostic, questions everyone's faith as this close-knit group of friends learn to stand firm in the face of adversity. Pastor Wexler encourages them not to give up but follow the truth that Chris Hayden lived.

St. Martin's Fall Dinner set for Sept. 23

TOWER- St. Martin's Annual Fall Dinner will be held on Sunday, Sept. 23. The dinner will be served in the church social hall from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Nick Tekautz will once again be our featured chef for the pork dinner. Ticket prices are \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 13, \$25 for families (two adults, two children) and children under five are free. Tickets may be purchased from any member of our Ladies' Circles, at the rectory, or at the door. Takeouts are available. We hope that you will join us in celebrating the arrival of fall.

Red Hat Belles to meet Sept. 18

TOWER- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet for a catered lunch on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 12 noon at Sulu's Espresso

so Café in Tower. The menu will include sandwich loaf and sides at a cost of \$16 (tax and tip included). For reservations, please call Janice at 218-248-8460 by Friday, Sept. 14.

The Magic of Scarf Tying on Sept. 19

TOWER- The Tower Soudan Civic Club (TSCC) invites area residents to an informative and entertaining presentation, The Magic of Scarf Tying. Betty Irons will show how to perk up outfits. She will also feature decorative clips and fasteners to keep the scarves in place. Irons, author of the book "Tying it All Together," will demonstrate many different styles featured in her book. If you are worried about remembering your favorite scarf style, the book will be available for purchase. A lucky drawing winner will be able to

take one home. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 19 at the Tower Civic Center at 7 p.m.

"Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, including newcomers interested in joining our club," says Linda Haugen, Program Chairman. TSCC meets the third Wednesday of most months. In October, the club will feature Brittany Foster, local artist who will present a program on jewelry making.

TSHS Class of '59 to celebrate 59 years on Sept. 16


TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Class of 1959 is celebrating their 59th year since graduating. They are planning a casual get together on Sunday, Sept. 16 at 2 p.m. in the dining room at the Vermillion Club and will order off the menu. Spouses and guests are welcome. If possible, please RSVP

to George Peyla at 218-753-6228 or bngpeyla@gmail.com so the VC knows how many to expect. If plans change, come even if you don't RSVP.

Passing the Family Cabin On, Sept. 19

TOWER- If your goal is to pass on the family cabin to the next generation, planning ahead is crucial. Kelly Klun from the Klun Law Office will be at the Tower-Soudan Elementary School library at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 19.

Participants must pre-register so plans can be made 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 and the date of the class.



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Presentation topics for this year's Expo:

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- Tips for a Dementia Friendly Community
- Gardening for Health and Well-being
- Aging Gracefully Includes Taking Care of Your Smile
- Bridges to Community Health
- Pain Management and Opioid Use and Abuse
- Mental Wellness Resources

2:45 Drawing for Door Prizes

HYDRANT FLUSHING

Breitung Township will be flushing hydrants in Soudan on Wednesday, Sept. 19 starting at 8:30 a.m.

Residents should expect discolored water.



Area Solid Waste Facility site hours

<p>Northwoods Transfer Station 9384 Hwy 21 N., Ely/Babbitt Winter Hours Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am-3pm Tue: 9:30am-3pm Wed: 11am-5pm</p>	<p>Cook Transfer Station 2134 S. Beatty Rd., Cook Hours Mon: 10am-6pm Tues thru Sat: 9am-3:30pm</p>
<p>County 77 Canister Site 2038 County Rd. 77, Greenwood Twp Winter Hours Thurs, Sun: noon-5pm</p>	<p>Soudan Canister Site 5160 Hwy 169, Soudan Hours Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun 8am-5pm</p>
<p>Embarrass Canister Site 7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass Hours Sat: 12:30-4:30pm Thu: 10am-5pm</p>	<p>Aurora Transfer Station 5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora Hours Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am-4pm Tue, Wed: 10am-4pm Sat: 8am-noon</p>
<p>Household Hazardous Waste Facility 5345 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia Hours Tues and Sat: 8am-1pm</p>	<p>Regional Landfill 5341 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia Hours Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm Sat: 8am-3:30pm</p>

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St. Louis County Environmental Services Department
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Office hours 8-4:30 Monday through Friday
www.stlouiscountymn.gov/recycle



TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY



Tower-Soudan Kindergarten teacher Wendy Jordan poses with her new students on their first day. Jordan, who lives in Cook, was a special education teacher at Tower-Soudan last year. Jordan is very excited to be working with this great group of early learners. Erin Peitso, who was the Kindergarten teacher for the past several years, was assigned to the Northeast Range Elementary School for this year. photo by J. Summit

Right: Parents and their young children visited during the Early Childhood Family Education open house event on Sept. 6. ECFE classes, for parents and their infants, toddlers, and preschoolers, will begin on Thursday, Sept. 20. Learning Readiness, a program for preschoolers the year before Kindergarten, is also now underway. photo by S. Ukkola



AEOA Senior Dining Menu

TOWER- Vermilion Country School and AEOA sponsor a senior dining site at the charter school in Tower. All meals include salad bar, fruit, choice of beverage, and dessert.

Reservations are appreciated the day before, or morning of, but walk-ins are always welcome. Take-outs available. Seniors age 60 and older who have registered for the program and their partners qualify for special pricing of \$4 per meal, but all ages are welcome at the regular rate of \$5.75. There are no income guidelines.

Meals are served from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. on days when the charter school is open. Call the school at 218-753-1246 ext. 1003 for reservations, or call AEOA at 1-800-662-5711 ext. 7323 for the one-time registration process.

Homebound seniors can sign up for meal delivery. To register for the new Meals on Wheels, or for more information, please call AEOA Senior Nutrition at 218-735-6899.

Week of Sept. 17

- Monday- Sloppy Joes, Tater Tots
- Tuesday- Chunky Chicken Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Green Beans
- Wednesday- Taco Salad, Corn Muffin
- Thursday- Rotini with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread Stick
- Friday- Pizza, Mixed Fruit

Week of Sept. 17

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 Sept. 18.

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, Sept. 27 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings posted online at vermilioncountry.org.

TOWER FARMERS MARKET
LOCAL FRESH
Fridays: 4-6 PM at the train depot

Read It Here



Newly-pinned St. Louis County Deputy Sheriff Tanner Banks, of Soudan, is pictured above with his father Trevor, a 24-year veteran of the department. Tanner was sworn in on Sept. 6 in Duluth. He started his training with the county back in April and has completed his initial field training. Tanner is one of eight new St. Louis County deputy sheriffs who took an oath to serve last week. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is responsible for all law enforcement activity in the unincorporated areas of St. Louis County, as well as several cities. Sheriff's deputies operate out of regional offices in Duluth, Virginia and Hibbing, with additional stations in Ely and Mountain Iron. submitted photo

A new sheriff in the family

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Wednesday, Sept. 19; Oct. 10, 31; Nov. 21

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| Bois Forte Boys/Girls Club | 11:00-11:30 a.m. |
| Greenwood Town Hall | 12:00-12:30 p.m. |
| Soudan Fire Hall | 1:45-3:00 p.m. |
| Tower Civic Center | 3:15-4:15 p.m. |
| Embarrass, Four Corners | 5:15-6:00 p.m. |

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

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 Phone: 365-5140

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

Support groups

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous
 AA - 7 p.m. Mondays,
 First Lutheran Church,
 915 E. Camp St.
WOMEN'S AA - Noon
 Mondays, Ledgerrock
 Community Church, Ely -
 use 15th Street entrance.
BABBITT AA - 7 p.m.
 Tuesdays, Woodland
 Presbyterian Church.
AL-ANON - Sundays
 8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's
 Catholic Church in Ely.
 For persons who encoun-
 ter alcoholism in a
 relative or friend.
BABBITT AL-ANON -
 Thursdays, 7 p.m., at
 Woodland Presbyterian
 Church.
CO-DEPENDENTS'
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GED - Study materials
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 Ely Community Center
 Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.;
 Tower by appointment.

In Brief

Ely Food Shelf will be open on Sept. 19
 ELY - The Ely Area Food Shelf, located at 15 West Conan Street, will be open on Wednesday, Sept. 19 from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. Shopping assistance is available from 4-6 p.m.

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

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

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.

Sept. 18 - Chuck Dayton and Steve Piragis - Spitzbergen

Sept. 25 - Bill Tefft of the Ely Field Naturalists - Turkey Vultures

Breathing Out



ELY PUBLIC LIBRARY

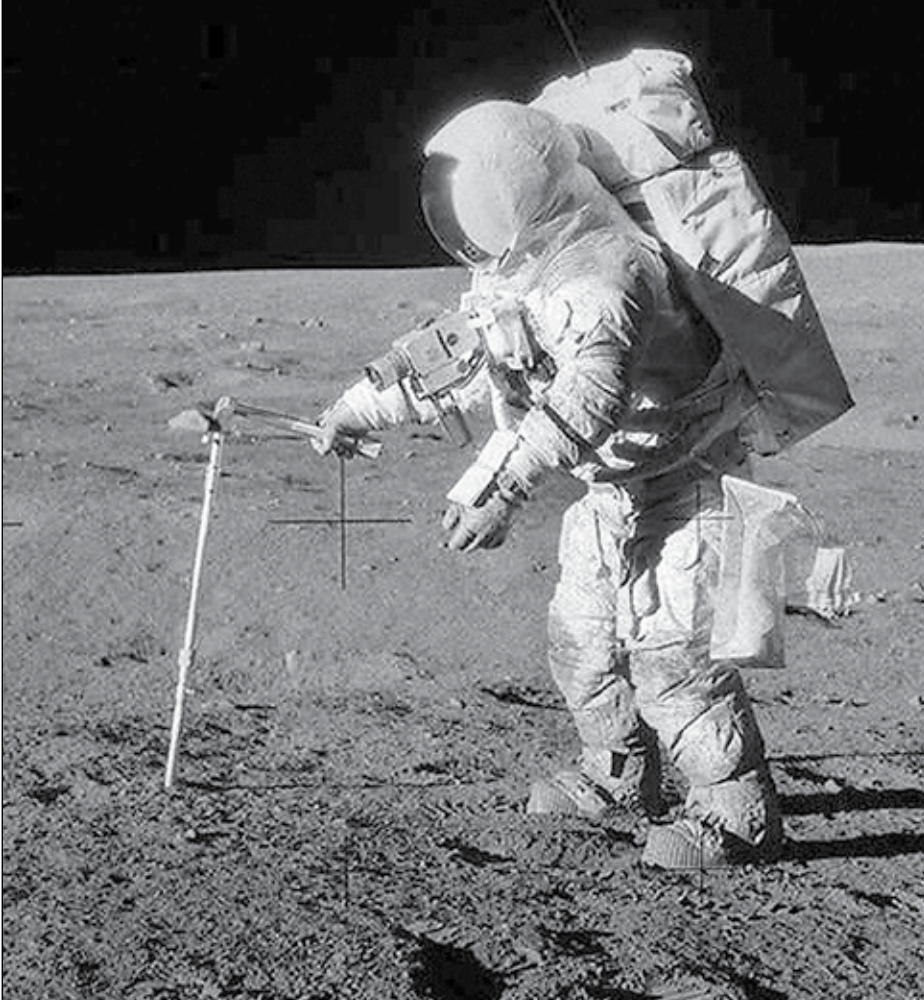
Learn about moon rocks

ELY - Ely area residents will get a chance to hold the moon in the next few weeks when the Ely Public Library will have on loan a lunar sample disk containing samples brought back from NASA Apollo missions between 1969 and 1972.

"This is really a special opportunity for Ely," said Library Director Rachel Heinrich. "It's pretty amazing to hold even a small piece of the moon in your hands."

Heinrich took the required lunar certification course that allows the library to borrow the samples as part of the library's NASA@My Library partnership. The disk will include three rock and three soil samples from the Johnson Space Center that were collected by Apollo astronauts. All of the library's events planned around these samples are free and open to the public.

The first moon rock program will center on the "Apollo Missions to the Moon" on Friday, Sept. 28, at 6:30 p.m. A basic overview of the Apollo missions will start off the evening, followed by a look at how materials are stored for research purposes in the Johnson Space Center, and then the attendees will have a chance to look at the lunar disc up close. "This event will be geared more toward high school and adult ages, but younger students are welcome," Heinrich said. The lunar fun continues on Thursday, Oct. 4, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., with a "Field Trip to the Moon" program. "During



The Ely Public Library will have on loan a lunar sample disk containing samples brought back from NASA Apollo missions. The first program will be held on Friday, Sept. 28. photo courtesy of NASA

this period, the library will act as a mini science museum with hands-on stations scattered throughout the building for patrons to learn more about the moon," she said. "Of course, one of these stations will be an opportunity to take a close look at the moon samples. This program is geared toward families, but all are welcome to come in and try the activities."

On Monday, Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., there will be a last opportunity for those patrons

who just want to see the moon samples. "During this period, individuals can drop by to take a look at the lunar samples and some other materials in a quieter environment as their schedule permits," Heinrich said.

All of the programs are part of the library's NASA@My Library partnership. The NASA@My Library project is led by the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute. Partners include the American

Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, Pacific Science Center, Cornerstones of Science, and Education Development Center. NASA@My Library is made possible through the support of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Science Mission Directorate as part of its STEM Activation program. The lunar sample disk is on loan from NASA's Johnson Space Center.

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WASHINGTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Above: Connor Stalmer and Braden Jonas, both 6, sit in a U.S. Army Jeep at Big Truck Nite last Thursday.



Left: Owen Vasil, 8, stands on the back of the Ely Fire Department ladder truck.

photos by K. Vandervort

LOCAL HERITAGE

Wherever seven shall gather

DULUTH - From a small town with a current population of 3,460 at the 2017 census, seven former residents of Ely now make their home at the Benedictine Living Community of Duluth.

Ely is located on the Vermilion Iron Range, and is historically home to several iron ore mines. Today the city of Ely is best known as a popular entry point for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area; the International Wolf Center, and the North American Bear Center. But to our seven residents, Ely is known for some very special memories.

To the Baumans, Len and Beth (YIE 1959-2000), it was a good place to raise their six sons and five daughters. Len shared how after closure, many of the mines filled with water, ultimately becoming lakes with fish. On a late spring day, after school as he was a teacher, Len would catch a few fresh walleyes for the dinner table Beth had prepared for the family. Best of Ely for the Baumans: "Potica" made by wonderful bakers in Ely. And by the way, the 11 kids added to the family 30 grandchildren and great-grandchildren 24 and 25 are on the way this year.

With the exception of Art's time in the Air Force, Jeanne (Young) Tome (YIE 1936-2018) and Art Tome (YIE 1931-2018) spent all of their lives in Ely. Together they raised their two sons and a daughter in the Ely area where Art worked in the mining industry. After closure of the mines he was appointed Deputy Registrar at the Ely DMV Office. Jeanne shared memories of how she would pick blueberries and mushrooms with her grandmother. Best of Ely for the Tomes was the sight of beautiful sunrises and sunsets from their home on



Back row from left, Maxine (Kovach) Jacks, Donald Myntti, Glenn Bertelson, Jeanne (Young) Tome. Front row from left, Len and Beth Bauman and Arthur Tome. submitted photo

Burntside Lake.

"When I was growing up it was boom time and the population of Ely was 6,500 supporting four underground iron ore mines," shared Don Myntti (YIE 1928-1943). This is where Don began his interest in mining and made a career in mining as an engineer. Don's impression of the school system was excellent, from the facilities to the teachers. Growing up, Don was active in sports and enjoyed his work in the summers of '40 and '41 doing canoe trip guide work. Best of Ely for Don was the summers. If he wasn't in the water he was on the water.

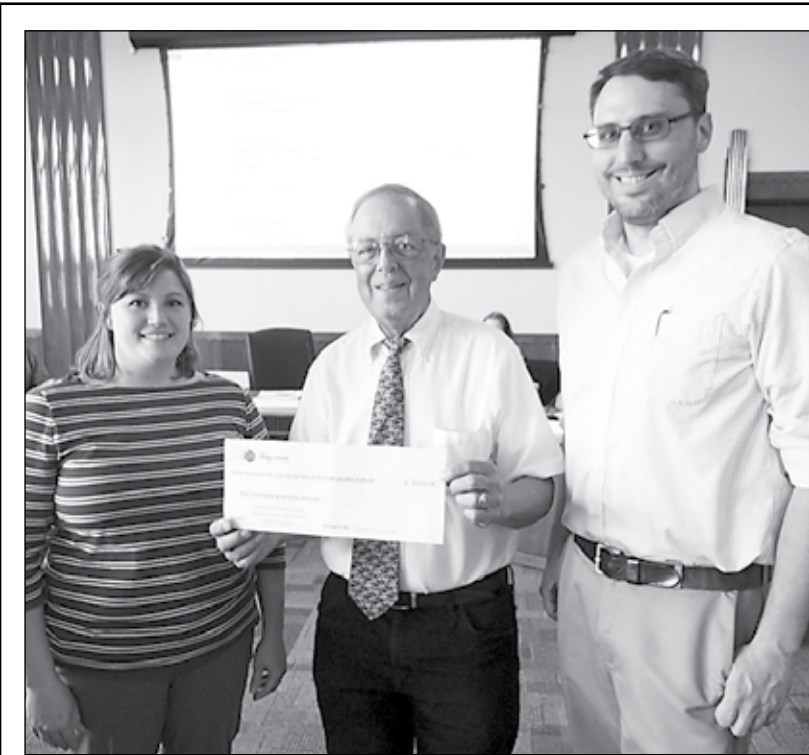
Maxine (Kovach) Jacks (YIE 1931-1953) grew up in Ely leaving to attend college at St. Catherine's in the Twin Cities. Earning her teaching degree she went on to teach in Colorado and the Chicago area. After retirement she chose to go back to Ely (YIE 1984-2016) to help with her parents. Maxine also enjoyed playing cards and quilting with friends. With a smile, Maxine

shared, "People are so friendly, they know your name and make nice connections." Best of Ely for Maxine was spending time at the family's summer home on Farm Lake.

After retiring from St. Louis County Social Services Glenn Bertelson (YIE 1996-2001) and his wife moved to Ely. Glenn was no newcomer to Ely. As an avid canoeist, he was very familiar with the Boundary Waters and enjoyed their seasonal cabin on Eagles Nest Lake #4. The cabin was later rebuilt as a year-round dwelling which Glenn still enjoys with his two daughters and their families. Best of Ely for Glenn is the beauty and solitude.

While their paths may not have intersected in Ely at the time, these "Ely-ites" have intersected at BLCD and enjoy sharing stories about their time in Ely.

Merry Wallin, Meeting Director, Benedictine Living Community of Duluth



Big bang bucks

Ely Jaycees members Sara Christensen and Kevin Hodar presented a check for \$5,015 last week to Ely Mayor Chuck Novak from donations collected for the city's annual Fourth of July fireworks.
photo by K. Vandervort

News in Brief

County District 4 candidate forum set for Sept. 20 in Ely

ELY – The local branch of the American Association of University Women and the Ely Rotary Club will host a St. Louis County Commissioner candidate forum on Thursday, Sept. 20, beginning at 7 p.m. at Vermilion Community College Theater.

This informative evening allows community members to meet and hear both of the District 4 candidates, Paul McDonald and Bernie Mettler, answer questions and express their views on topics relevant to the role of St. Louis County Commissioner.

The objective is to inform as many people as possible about the positions of each candidate.

In addition to prepared questions by the AAUW Ely branch and Ely Rotary, written questions from the audience will be posed to the candidates.

One of these candidates will be elected to replace Tom Rukavina as the St. Louis County Commissioner for this district. The forum will be broadcast live on WELY radio.

Miss Ely pageant set for Sept. 28

ELY – The 2018 Miss Ely and Little Miss Ely Scholarship Competition and Coronation Pageant will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28 in the Washington School Auditorium.

Admission is \$5 with all proceeds going toward academic scholarships.

Miss Ely candidates and business sponsors are Jess Anderson, sponsored by Timber Trail Lodge, and Kenzie Peterson, sponsored by Boundary Waters Care Center.

Little Miss Ely candidates and the business sponsors include Audrey Engen, sponsored by Salon No. 10, Kayla Larsen, sponsored by Tara Kay Photography, and Lindi Zemke, sponsored by Heavy Metal Sports.

Miss Ely is a non-profit academic and community service-based program, sponsored by Studio North Dance and Fitness Center.

Gardner Trust offers arts grants

ELY - The Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust's second grant cycle of the year has a grant application deadline at noon on Friday, Oct. 26.

"The Trust has again spent some time reviewing a couple of the grant applications," said Keiko Williams, the Trust's executive director. "The Trust tries to review and update different grant programs each year so that the guidelines and application are more clear."

Applicants should note that the Individual Artist and organization Project Grants have been updated. Youth Grant applicants are reminded that they need to schedule a grant review meeting with Williams in order to go over their draft application. "This should really help the individual youth to make their applications as compelling as possible," she said. Youth Grant applicants must call and schedule their grant review meeting by Monday, Oct. 1.

Grant forms and eligibility requirements are available on the Gardner Humanities Trust website at www.gardnertrust.org. Those without internet access can contact Williams by phone at 218-365-2639 or email at info@gardnertrust.org to have an application mailed to them. Completed applications can be mailed to the Trust office at P.O. Box 720, Ely, MN 55731 or dropped off at the Ely City Hall, Clerk's Office, at 209 E. Chapman Street.

Calling all unused band instruments!

If you have a band instrument collecting dust, we would love to take it off your hands! The Ely Band Program is growing and our collection of school instruments is dwindling. We are in desperate need of clarinets, trumpets, alto saxophones, and trombones.

Email Sarah Mason (K-12 Band/Music Teacher) at smason@ely.k12.mn.us

Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust

We are now accepting 2018 Arts Grant Applications

for Individual Artists, Project & Youth Grants, Scholarships & Operational Funding

Updated grant applications and guidelines are available online at www.gardnertrust.org

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS: 12:00 noon on Fri., Oct. 26

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Keiko Williams, Executive Director, by Oct. 12 for help and review of their applications.

Call 365-2639 or email info@gardnertrust.org

Youth Grant applicants must call by October 1 to schedule a grant review meeting with Keiko.

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NORTHWOODS PARTNERS HEALTHY AGING EXPO
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... An event dedicated to Senior Adults' Healthy Lifestyles, Education and Caregiver Support

9:00 am to 3:00 pm THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH
Amici's Event Center

Cost of \$5.00 includes lunch

9:00-10:00 Join us for Coffee & Vendor Viewing

This year's Expo will feature a wide variety of presentations by area experts.

Presentation topics for this year's Expo:

- Innovations and Tech for Living with Dementia
- Tips for a Dementia Friendly Community
- Gardening for Health and Well-being
- Aging Gracefully Includes Taking Care of Your Smile
- Bridges to Community Health
- Pain Management and Opioid Use and Abuse
- Mental Wellness Resources

2:45 Drawing for Door Prizes

Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



The colors are beginning to show. The days are getting shorter. What a glorious time of year this is. We have had cool nights, even a warning of frost, however, the days are warm giving us wonderful weather. The deer are beginning to don their winter coats, and hunters are dreaming of the seasons to come—duck, grouse, deer, bear—with anticipation. Of course, there's still plenty of fall fishing to think about as well.

Before the season between summer and winter was "autumn" or "fall," it was a time called "harvest." It isn't clear where the habit of naming the season "fall" originated but most think it came from the idea of trees shedding their leaves. "Fall" remains the preferred season name in the U.S.

It is Booya time at Trails End Resort and Campground Saturday, Sept. 15. Beginning at 11 a.m. and serving all day. You can enjoy a bowl or buy a gallon of the wonderful tasty treat, Booya! There will be live music with Todd Olson for your dancing and listening pleasure. If you have never eaten Booya you are in for a treat. It is a thick stew of probable Belgian or Yugoslavian origin and is made throughout the upper Midwest. It is made in large quantities in a pot starting with a broth from meat bones adding beef, chicken and pork. Vegetables are added as well as seasonings tied in a cheesecloth bag. It simmers away for hours and always feeds a large group of Booya fans.

Sue Hankner and Ruth Carlson spent a delightful day visiting with Senator Doug and Denesse Johnson, enjoying pastries from the Crane Lake Chapel. Doug is to be remembered for his outstanding work in the Minnesota Senate. Seldom are individuals honored while they are living, however, the Douglas Johnson Highway and the Douglas Johnson Community Building in Cook are named to honor Doug Johnson. Doug started his political career as mayor of Cook while a teacher at the Cook school. He rose to be one of the most influential senators in the state legislature.

Thank you for all of your good work, Doug, and to Denesse for being a supportive wife.

The last Bingo of the summer season is Thursday, Sept. 13.

Thank you to the

staff at Voyageur Lodge and the Bingo Committee who serves the community for an entertaining evening. Voyageur Lodge always provides a dinner special the night of Bingo which is sure to please. The profit from Bingo helps maintain the trails at Crane Lake so even if you are a Bingo loser, you are helping the trails. We all look forward to the winter season of Bingo!

Crane Lake Chapel had a pasty baking day beginning Monday and finishing up on Tuesday. This is a fundraising project which is done twice a year. Plans are to make between 300 and 400 pasties and they are usually gone in a few weeks. So call Nancy Haslett at 218-993-2468 if you want pasties. Call now; they go quickly!

National Grandparents Day is not a holiday initiated to improve sales of flowers and cards. It began as an effort to honor grandparents. The purpose was to give grandparents an opportunity to demonstrate their love for their grandchildren and to give grandchildren the chance to know the guidance, strength and information older people have to offer. The idea began as a grassroots effort in West Virginia by Marian and Joseph McQuade. This couple had 15 children, celebrated the births of 43 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild. Their marriage stretched over 60 years. Grandparents Day was celebrated on Sept. 9, 2018. Can you imagine what their dining table must have looked like on holidays?

Speaking of grandparents, as we age, most notice their ears and noses appearing bigger. Have you noticed this happening when you look in the mirror? Although many will label continued growth of cartilage as the causative factor, that isn't actually what's in play. The real culprit is gravity! As we mature, the cartilage in our nose and ears begins to break down. The collagen and elastin fibers that make up this cartilage start to sag and stretch under the ever-present pull of gravity, making them appear longer. The skin that gives support to the underlying cartilage also sags and stretches under gravity's force, compounding the lengthening of the nose and ears. This must have been the reason for the old childhood song "Do your ears hang low?"

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.

Orr Council raises tax levy

Orr City Council

by MELISSA ROACH
Staff Writer

Orr-The city council here approved a proposed levy increase of seven percent for 2019. City staff will meet with department heads to see where reductions can be made. Moving forward, the city may discuss user fees and utility rates for the Tourist Information Center. The Truth in Taxation hearing to adopt the final levy will be at 6:30 p.m. before the regular meeting on Monday Dec. 10.

Ambulance Finance Director Jim Gray explained to the council a request for pay adjustment for ambulance personnel. The council did approve the pay adjustment, but not without discussion.

The proposed rate doubles the current rate for EMTs from two dollars to four.

Gray said the monies for the proposed increase are in the budget and felt the wage increase would also be an incentive for upward certification. He said it would also bring the department closer to the pay scale of other departments.

Councilor Bruce Black asked how the increase would be paid for if the department has been low on transfers. Gray said the department is still bringing money in through revenue, as well as money saved on fuel.

"It does balance out. It's in this years' budget, and it's in there for 2019."

He said the department would be able to utilize the hospital dis-

tributed funds as well. "I personally see it as a great recruitment tool," said Mayor Joel Astleford.

The adjustment goes into effect Oct. 1.

The council agreed to water and sewer supervisor Paul Koch's request to replace three obsolete fire hydrants at O'Connell Lane, Wally's Auto, and King Road at an approximate price of \$18,000.

Koch explained that it is an unbudgeted expense that would draw from the water fund for this year, although if there is some money left in the budget he would like to use it for the hydrants.

"We have three right now that are not working, and 12 of 36 that are from the fifties," said Koch. Councilor Scott said that Paul has done a good job keeping the old equipment going, but said if everything stopped working at once, the expense would be much greater.

The hydrants could possibly be funded by transfers from the general fund and/or liquor store fund.

Mayor Astleford thought perhaps the fire department could also assist with funding for the hydrants. Koch also reported that he got the bio-solids permit and that the water tower would be getting cleaned.

The council adopted a resolution opposing the sale of strong beer, spirits, and wine to be sold for off-premise consumption at any outlet other than the city-owned liquor store. Clerk Cheri

Carter said there had been a bill last legislative season that may be introduced next session that would allow the sale of beer and spirits at grocery and convenience stores. At the direction of the Minnesota Municipal Beverage Association the city passed a preemptive resolution in opposition.

Relatedly, liquor store manager Chet Neiman inquired about replacing the neon liquor store sign, and lighting with a spotlight on each side. He also said he would like to have better signage directing people to the bar area within the city-owned municipal liquor store building.

Neiman said many people don't realize that there is a bar that serves food within the building.

St. Louis County Commissioner Candidate Paul McDonald also attended the meeting. In seeking to gain support, he touted his long history with the Orr area.

He said he has support of the present commissioner Tom Rukavina, and former commissioner candidate and 2142 school board representative Dan Manick.

Touching on issues, McDonald said he would like to see the county use the newly-purchased building in Cook to house health and human service positions, allowing better accessibility to the needed services. He also felt strongly about retaining the sales tax for the benefit of road improvement, and would continue to be an advocate for the city at the county level.

Other Items;

➤ Airport head

Rocky Hoffman reported on installation of the LED parking lot lights, and Lake Country Power rebate of \$304.

➤ Approved a letter of support for Voyageur Trail Society for their grant application to the IRRRB. The non-profit group asked the city to voice support in the need for a new trail groomer. The council also approved a grant-writing planning and development proposal from Community Coaching for proposed fire department projects to the IRRRB 50/50 match; also approved the fire department to receive funds from IRRRB, Compeer Financial and FEMA for firefighters grant program.

➤ Approved rescheduling regular council meeting from Monday to Tuesday, Oct. 9 in observance of Columbus Day; and Tuesday, Nov. 13 in observance of Veterans Day.

➤ Moved to turn delinquent water and sewer accounts over to the St. Louis County auditor to be collected in real estate taxes if not paid by Nov. 23.

➤ Approved building permit for Timothy and Kay Cornelius.

➤ Approved Laura Manai successfully completing 90-day probation, and entitled to full time employee benefits. Clerk Carter praised her work ethic saying, "She is always thinking about the city."

➤ Rocky Hoffman reported Tom Antikainen would like to make Christmas wreaths for the city to hang.

Community Notices

American Legion Post 480 selling 52 Club dinner/drawing tickets

Orr- The Orr American Legion is holding a 52 Club dinner and drawing. Tickets are \$52; one ticket admits two people. Only 260 tickets are sold, so act quickly for your 52 chances to win. The drawing will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Orr American Legion Hall. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and drawing at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the following locations in Orr and Cook: American Legion Hall, Pattenn's Café, Pelican Bay Foods, Orr Muni, Norman's One Stop, Oveson's Pelican Lake Resort and Inn, VFW Post 1757, Auto Value, and Northwoods True Value Home Center, or call 218-404-5847. Tickets are on sale in the Tower area at Benchwarmer's and Lake Vermilion Houseboats. Proceeds go to scholarships, community projects, and charities.

NWFA September events

COOK - Members and anyone interested in Northwoods Friends of the Arts are invited to attend the Sept. 18 meeting at 12 noon (bring your lunch) at the gallery in Cook next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon, 210 S. River St. in Cook.

Exhibiting In September: "Adventures of Jeanne and Kris": See the displayed work of two fine artist, Kris Musto and Jeanne O'Melia until Sept. 29. The hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

"Rocks, Trees and Water" is a call for artists to prepare a memorial art (of any kind including literature and music) in honor of Sue Martin, NWFA's first president, who died this past winter. Sue loved the rocks, trees and waters of the place we live. Call Shawna at 218 780-6510 for info. Deadline is Oct. 3 for the members show, "October Festival of the Arts."

Woodworking Club (formerly wood carvers group) begins every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 25.

The annual members art and craft show, "Oct.

Festival of the Arts" is coming soon. Members exhibiting have a deadline of Oct. 3 or 4 during gallery hours.

Arthur Zar's Amazing Zebras

MT. IRON - Sept. 7 - The Arrowhead Library System is pleased to present 321 Art Studio's Arthur Zar's Amazing Zebras by Amy Lucas-Peroceski, a free art and storytelling program being offered for ages preschool-adult at the following dates and locations:

Friday, Sept. 21 at 4 p.m. at the Cook Public Library

Join us as local author and artist, Amy Lucas-Peroceski, reads her first book, Arthur Zar's Amazing Zebras, and help hunt for hidden letters in the zebras' stripes! Amy will also discuss her writing and illustration process, as well as show original notes and sketches.

The second part of the program will teach you how to draw your own zebra on 8 1/2" x 11" cardstock. 321 Art Studio artists will demonstrate how to paint the zebra with water soluble oil pastels. Adults will further enhance their zebra by adding background to the picture.

For the final 20 minutes, participants will be able to continue working on their own zebra with personalized help from the artists. Questions will be answered regarding art project materials as well as the book writing and illustration process.

Participants are sure to enjoy this multi-faceted event at local libraries!

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

New church times at First Baptist

COOK - First Baptist Church of Cook is going back to our Fall/Winter times. Services will now be:
9:15 a.m. Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

ORR CENTER

Orr Pumpkin Festival right around the corner

ORR – The second annual Orr Pumpkin Festival will run on Saturday Sept. 29.

This year's festival will include a 5K walk/run, craft vendors and a host of activities for kids of all ages.

The first event will be the walk/run at 9 a.m. beginning at the Orr Ice Rink and Tennis Courts. While some people will be out run-

ning and walking, others who want to take it much slower will have the chance to try out some coffee and pumpkin donuts.

Over the lunch hour, festival goers will be able to get their hands on some homemade chili while watching contestants compete in the Pumpkin Cook-off.

During the evening, a bean bag tourney will begin at 6 p.m.

followed by a Hillbilly Hoedown at the Orr Muni at 8 p.m.

The Bois Forte Tribal Community Radio, KBFT, will broadcast from the festival throughout the day.

All events, aside from the walk/run and the hoedown will be at the Orr Center.



Leah Las getting her face painted. file photo

GRIZZLY UPDATE

Get to know Mr. Vukmanich

Hello Grizzlies Families!

This week's topic is going to be "Get to Know Your Principal." I was having a conversation with a co-worker this week, and we began talking about the differences in how we treat each other when we know each other. If your best friend made a decision that you didn't agree with, you likely would not holler, have a fit, and plaster it all over social media. Why? Because we treat each other differently when we know what we have in common, when we share values, when we share interests, and when we value each other's feelings. These values really do erode when we experience different levels of motion, and it's my opinion that sometimes we need to pull back and refocus based on valuing each other's feelings and different perspectives.

So, here we go! I was born in.....just kidding. I am not going to go that far back! My life in education actually started as a teachers' kid. Both of my parents were teachers. My mother grew up in Duluth, the daughter of a salesman and a homemaker and was an elementary music and classroom teacher who also taught piano lessons for years to many local children in the Britt area. Although she taught until age 60, she took several years off from teaching to raise my sister and me. My father grew up in Keewatin and was the son of an iron miner/mechanic and homemaker. He was a school band director who taught in Duluth, Stephen (way up in northwest MN) and the majority of his career in Virginia. My parents met (you guessed it) in band at UMD! Education, and music, were definitely topics to be taken seriously in our house.

As the child of two music teachers, I had an aptitude for music, and



JOHN VUKMANICH

when I began playing trombone in 5th grade, I was like a duck on the water. Interestingly, my father never started me sooner than any of the rest of the kids. He didn't want me to have an unfair advantage or to be criticized for it. In 10th grade I began playing drum set. I had a study hall in the band room, and used that time to teach myself drums. I still play percussion to this day.

I loved school and I was a good student. I won't say that I was an angel, or that I never was in trouble. I never received any detention, though, and I was respectful to my teachers. I was respectful to my teachers because disrespect was simply not tolerated at home. I was involved in band, played football, and was on the swim team. Sports really helped me find success and more confidence in school. As a 7th grader, I was a bit overweight, unathletic, and was a target for some of the meaner kids in my class. Bullying, a term that is misused nowadays in so many ways, was a reality for me. I would have had no issues with the name calling. It was the physical bullying and the embarrassment that resulted from it that was the most frustrating. Luckily, by the end of 8th grade, I grew several inches. The growth spurt, coupled with some maturity, led to happier days at school. Our graduating class of

1990 was actually a really great bunch. Many of us still live and work in the area and remain friends to this day.

Upon graduation in 1990, I was undecided about what career to pursue. I spent a year at Mesabi undecided, and then declared myself an Engineering Major. I transferred to North Dakota State University in Fargo, and began studying Mechanical Engineering. I also joined the marching band.

After three semesters, I realized that I did not like the engineering part of school, but loved the music part. I changed majors and transferred closer to home to Bemidji State and began pursuit of a Music Education degree at age twenty-two.

It took three more years to finish. I student taught in Grand Rapids, and was lucky enough to obtain a teaching job as a band director at Franklin Middle School in Thief River Falls, starting in 1997. I interviewed and was offered the job before I was even finished student teaching. I felt so lucky. I was on top of the world!

In addition to teaching band, I coached the 8th grade football team and was the varsity boys swim team coach. In the 98-99 season, I promised the team that they could shave my head if they sent a relay team to the State Meet knowing full well that we didn't have the speed to make it.

They shaved my head the next day! Three of my swimmers went on to careers in the military, and I am very proud of them. I'd like to think that the grueling 10,000 yard practices they endured prepared them well for the trials of military training.

After two years in Thief River Falls, I missed

the Iron Range. I accepted a job as 6-12 Band Director in Chisholm in 1999.

After three years at Chisholm, I accepted the 6-12 Band Director position at Virginia. I taught band there for six years, and was also the boys swim coach, and a football coach at various levels from 7th grade all the way up to varsity assistant.

When I took over the band program, the marching band had roughly 90 members. After six years we had grown to just over 160 members. The band program, in grades 6-12, had over 300 students. I was very proud to have followed in my father's footsteps.

While I loved band, I was eager to use my newly-acquired administrative degree and accepted a job in Virginia as the 7-12 grade Dean of Students, eventually becoming Assistant Principal. I enjoyed my job very much, even though my primary role was the difficult job of student discipline.

After nine years of administrative experience, I left Virginia to become K-12 Principal at North Woods. Now in my third season, I am continually learning new things and becoming more adept at managing the broad scope of responsibility that comes with being a K-12 Principal in a rural school.

Now you know a little bit more about me. As I get to know more kids and families, I really appreciate the stories that make all of our kids unique. Just like in the adult world, the one thing that never changes in schools is the value of good relationships.

Your Principal,
John Vukmanich

Affordable homeownership with Habitat for Humanity

REGIONAL- Are you tired of renting, overcrowded conditions, and paying too much for housing? North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity is now accepting applications for their affordable homeownership program.

Habitat selects individuals and families based on their need for housing, willingness to partner in the building of their home, and their ability to make affordable mortgage payments. Income guidelines have recently been updated. You may qualify. For example, a family of three, making between \$20,000 and \$36,300 annually, should be able to afford a Habitat Home. For more information about the application process and qualifications, please call Marnie at 218-749-8910 or email her at marnie@nslchfh.org.

Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf

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

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Local Food, Let's Do It! at Messiah Lutheran Sept. 23

MT. IRON- A study of the potential impact of local foods in our region will be discussed on Sunday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at Messiah Lutheran Church, 8950 Enterprise Drive in Mt. Iron with one of the report authors, David Abazs, farmer at Round River Farm and Wolf Ridge Environmental Center. All are welcome and the event is free of charge; a light dinner will also be provided.

Attendees will discuss job and revenue projections made in the Local Food Study report, review recommendations from the report, view an interactive assessment of the current regional food system, and identify strategies for moving forward.

The report, Local Food as an Economic Driver: A Study of the Potential Impact of Local Foods in the Taconite Assistance Area, outlines the benefits of localizing food production and consumption, including the potential to add between 250 and 3,500 jobs in agriculture and value-added processings to our region, retain between \$51 million and \$256 million annually in food dollars within the region, and substantial economic spill-over effects to related businesses. The report was prepared by Round River Farm, University of Minnesota Extension, Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability, and sponsored by IRRRB.

The impacts of localizing the purchase of food under a range of scenarios point to the need to continue activities to support the development of local food systems in the region. Will you join us in creating a local, sustainable food system?

RSVP to the Facebook event, Local Food, Let's Do It! or to Rutabaga Project Manager kelsey.gantzer@aeoa.org, or 218-404-8466.

Singers needed for Christmas season concert in Tower

TOWER- Since Christmas is associated with lots of music, especially singing, this is your chance to join in the fun of "The Many Moods of Christmas." Area singers will be joining together for rehearsals beginning Monday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Tower Elementary School music room. Rehearsals will continue on Mondays until the Sunday, Dec. 9 presentation at the Tower-Soudan Elementary School gym.

The music will be varied, depicting those many moods with favorites for all.

For more information, call Rolf Anderson at 218-753-3262. Come and join this group of singers from Babbitt, Cook, Ely, Embarrass, and Tower-Soudan for a fun-filled holiday sing.

Two injured in boat accident on Crane Lake

CRANE LAKE – Two boaters were transported to area hospitals from Handberg's Marina Thursday evening last week after their boat struck a submerged log, throwing one of the boaters overboard.

County sheriffs responded just before 8 p.m. after they were notified a 79-year-old woman, Florence Young, was tossed from her boat while in the Vermilion River Gorge and subsequently rescued by 73-year old David Quiser.

Both are residents of Cook.

Young and Quiser were found to be suffering from hypothermia and other minor injuries. Young's hypothermia warranted her being flown by Life Link for treatment in Duluth.

Neither was wearing a life vest at the time of the incident. Their conditions were unknown as of press time.

Board to vote on allowing 2142 students to attend games at all district sites for free

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL – Students in the St. Louis County School District could have free admission to school sporting events depending on an upcoming decision by the district's school board.

The proposal, which would allow students in the district to attend games for free district-wide, was up for discussion at the board's Tuesday study session.

Currently students pay three dollars to watch teams play. The change would not affect out-of-district students, who would still have to pay an entrance fee.

District staff would also get into games for free, and Manick said that rule should apply to their children as well, to encourage more staff to attend games.

But Manick's suggestion was shot down by Business Manager Kim Johnson who said "if the staff want their children to attend games for free, they can enroll their children in the district." She added it would provide an incentive for district staff to bring their children to the district.

Manick maintained his position but did not push the issue further.

In response to a question from Chet Larson, Johnson said the financial loss to the district's budget from the new rule would be minimal.

The plan will go to a vote when the board meets in Cherry in two weeks and if passed will be implemented immediately.

Marketing changes

The board also discussed its marketing efforts. Historically the district has had one major marketing push in the late summer utilizing both newspaper ads and movie cinema ads.

Board Member Troy Swanson said the district will now focus on smaller ads, once per quarter in area newspapers, and put money toward social media platforms, especially Facebook, to "boost" posts on district social media pages to be seen by more people in the region.

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Swanson said he spends as little as three dollars on posts to increase their viewership from a few hundred to a few thousand.

Superintendent Reggie Engebritson said she felt the summer ad pushes she brought in more students than the district can handle, especially at the Cherry School, and that the push to bring more students in needs to be relaxed for now.

Swanson said he wants the individual schools to begin producing social media content, whether it is videos made by students, or updates from teachers on various classroom projects.

Board members Chris Koivisto and Christine Taylor were against the idea. "It seems unreasonable to ask people in the district to add more tasks for them to help with marketing," Taylor said. "We should have someone, even if it is part time, to take the burden off."

Koivisto echoed the sentiment and said the district websites weren't kept up to date as it is and he felt it would be unreasonable to put more of a burden on the marketing volunteer system the district was using.

He added that the main source of information for the district should be from the websites and not social media. Swanson said he wanted to use social media as a gateway to the websites. Koivisto said it wouldn't be enough, and that in his experience working at Vermilion Community College, people were making the switch back to websites to obtain the majority of information they needed on programs and events.

A vote on the issue will likely come up at the next meeting.

District interviews

Engebritson raised the question of whether the school board should be involved in the hiring process for certain district employees. "My question is when does it become micromanaging," she said. "You hired me, we have an HR manager. Who trumps who?"

Larson provided the board with some historical context. "The board was always involved in superinten-

dent, human resources and business managers," he said. "Historically the vote only happens when you (the administration) bring someone here. We can't bring someone here without your approval, but we can turn down your recommendation."

Manick has proposed that more positions should at least have board members present in the room for the interview, which spurred Engebritson's query.

Swanson questioned the need for the board to be present, and said it's never been an issue.

Engebritson said she was hired so the board would trust her with the decision and said it was part of her job.

"Why is the board even here if it is an issue of trust?" Manick said in response.

Pat Christensen said the Minnesota School Boards Association was quite clear that school boards are not to be involved in much of the hiring process.

Swanson said he thought while the board couldn't recommend or vote during the hiring rounds, he thought board members could still attend as observers. The consensus as the conversation progressed was that board members should at least be allowed to do just that.

"Are you receptive to letting board members sit in on final round interviews, but not have a vote until it comes before the board?" Taylor asked Engebritson, who replied she would be okay with it.

The board agreed to have at least one person present on hiring for positions for department heads and directors along with principals and high-level district staff.

Other business

► The board agreed to allow the district to split the North Woods second grade class into additional sections.

► Plans for renovations at Cherry and South Ridge were again reviewed with the intention that the board would tour the Cherry School ahead of their next meeting.

Lake Vermilion: Memories of the Early Days available again

TOWER — The *Timberjay* has issued a second edition of a popular Lake Vermilion history book that has been

out of print for several years.

The book, *Memories of the Early Days*, written by Marshall Helmberger,

is based on extensive interviews with some of the oldest residents of the Lake Vermilion area, which were completed in 2005. Virtually all of the primary sources for the book, including Marcella Nelson, Sulo Holm, Carl Brown, Ellen (Marttila) Anderson, and Walt Aronson, have since passed on, making the book a valuable source of historical recollections no longer otherwise available.

The 128-page, large format, glossy hardcover book includes more than 100 historical photographs and well-researched chapters on the area's pre-history, the 1860s gold rush, and the opening of iron

mining and the founding of Tower and Soudan in the early 1880s. The book includes chapters on the early logging era, stories of local pioneers, life on the lake in the early 1900s, and attempts over the years to bring large-scale development to the lake, most of which proved unsuccessful.

The second edition, which includes minor updates from the first publication, is already going quickly. It is available at the *Timberjay* office in Tower for \$29.95 plus tax, and can be ordered online at www.timberjay.com (click on store), or ordered by phone at 218-753-2950.

Bluebird workshop at the Nelmark on Saturday, Sept. 15

EMBARRASS- An educational bluebird workshop will take place at the Nelmark Homestead on Saturday, Sept. 15 from 2-4 p.m. Local bluebird experts will be sharing their knowledge. Participants will learn how to establish safe nesting areas and protect these lovely birds in our forest edges and fields. Interesting tips and facts will be presented about the birds' population in our area.

Do you love and appreciate birds? Come on over for a fun afternoon and have a cup of coffee and sit in the shade at the Nelmark on Saturday, Sept. 15. We might even have the grill going with a free serving of brats, hot dogs and chips from 4 to 4:30 p.m. Bring a picnic lunch, if desired. Everyone is welcome.

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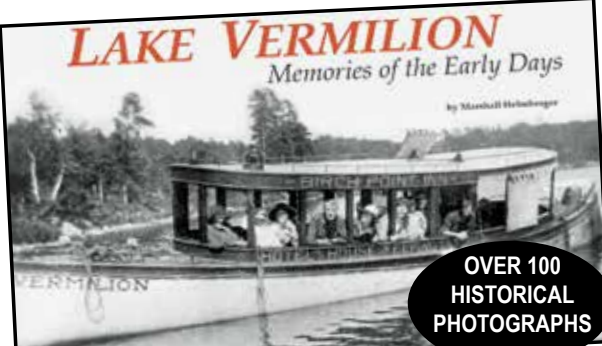
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accepted last week on a 5-2 vote by the Ely City Council.

The potential buyers, Jimmy and Africa Yoon, founders of the K America Foundation offered \$30,000 for the building. Terms of the transaction allow for a six-year window and a possible three-year extension for the new owners to complete renovations and move forward with their business plan for the building.

Mayor Chuck Novak told the Timberjay last week, "We have a very stringent right of re-entry provision if certain milestones and time frames are not met as we move along in this transaction." He said the next steps involved in the process are to get a timeline locked in to complete the transaction. "This is nowhere near over." He alluded that multiple public hearings may be needed.

A business plan by the K America Foundation, outlining their plans for the 80-year-old building

calls for Korean summer camp and weekend classes in technology and Korean language. All programs and services of the foundation will be free to low-income Korean American families and adoptees.

"Many Korean families living in the United States are facing challenges in teaching their children Korean language and culture," they wrote in the executive summary of their business plan. "Traveling to Korea to experience the same is an expensive affair and a challenge to travel with children, hence most families are looking for local options to teach Korean language, history, and heritage to their children. Since summer camps account for six percent of total camping trips in America and average about \$1,500 per week, they provide a high-value alternative for Korean children and adoptees to learn the heritage and culture of Korea."

Paid services and

donations will go toward supporting the free charitable programs of K America. The business plan calls for several years of renovation to the building and acquiring at least \$3 million in grants and donations.

The plan calls for the building interior to be renovated in such a way as to give a traditional Korean Hanok house feel. "The K America Foundation has identified a strategic venue in the historic art and modern structure of the Ely Community Center. It has a significant architectural standing and is referenced in both the Berkley Living New Deal website and in the guide to Architecture in Minnesota."

The organization intends to teach Korean modern arts, including dance, film editing and computer programming to Korean children and adoptees from across the country.

Also, during fall and spring seasons, the foundation would reach out to

public schools to implement free Korean language programs and invite them for field trips to visit the facility and learn about Korea.

According to a financial overview, the foundation expects limited receipts for the first three years, but projects those figures to grow to \$871,092 in the fourth year and \$958,201 by year five.

According to the purchase agreement, the closing on the sale will take place by the end of the year. The purchase agreement has several protections spelled out for the city that allow for regaining of the property if certain milestones are not met.

"The city of Ely is willing to sell the building and property at a price below market value, in exchange for the buyers' promise to rehab the building within six construction seasons," according to the agreement that commences on the date of closing and runs through July 31, 2025.

The renovation term may be extended for an additional three construction seasons (through July 31, 2028) if the buyer shows:

► substantial proof that it has completed 70 percent or more of milestones;

► substantial proof that the building sustained a significant natural disaster which caused damages, and which delayed the construction efforts;

► substantial proof that the immediate Yoon family (spouse, parents and/or children) suffered from a life-threatening health crisis.

In the first year, according to an addendum of the purchase agreement, building milestones that must be met include basic cleaning and winterizing, evaluations of building construction, roof, heating and plumbing, insuring the building and finding builders and a manager.

In the second year, offices and a camp direc-

tors residence must be completed, basic heating and plumbing must be completed for those areas, and maintenance must be continued.

In the third year, larger plumbing work must begin, a full heating system must be in place, glass block replacement must begin, walls and tech lab area must be built and the first floor remodeling construction must be complete.

By the fourth year, construction of the ground floor and camp residence must be complete, ADA ramps and accessibility must be in place, theater, dance studio showers and kitchen and the rest of the interior must be complete.

All K America programs and camps must be launched in the fifth and sixth years, according to the purchase agreement.

"This building has sat idle for the past four years," Novak said. "We are trying to get new use, a new life, out of it."

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The Times, working with Siena College, conducted the poll beginning last Thursday, as part of a program of extensive polling that the newspaper plans to conduct on congressional races across the country right up through the Nov. 6 general election. Minnesota's Eighth District is widely considered one of the GOP's best opportunities to pick up a seat in Congress in an election year that is increasingly looking like a good one for Democrats.

The Times made a total of 18,000 phone calls to households in the Eighth District, connecting

with 504 residents who agreed to be surveyed. What was unusual about the poll, according to Nate Cohn, one of the survey's authors, is that the newspaper provided live results on their website as they accumulated over the course of about two days of sampling. A map of the district indicated the location and party identification of each resident who took the poll. With the live results, online readers could watch as the results changed hour by hour, with both candidates leading at various times in the polling, aware of the survey to track the phone calls and their

results in real time on the national newspaper's website.

In most states, Minnesota included, election registration is public, and includes information such as a person's gender, party affiliation, how often the person has voted (but not for whom), and most important for the study, their phone number.

The data gives pollsters the ability to see where voting clusters have occurred, right down to the neighborhood level, which Cohn said is a good indicator of not only how polls will turn out, but who will win in the November election.

The Times acknowledges

that the poll wasn't an ideal sample of the Eighth District, given that only 504 potential voters agreed to be questioned. A close look at the map of survey respondents also shows the majority live either in Duluth, or the far northern Twin Cities suburbs, with few respondents in areas around the Iron Range or the district's agriculture centers where major campaign issues, such as President Trump's tariffs and proposed copper-nickel mining are likely to motivate a higher percentage of voters.

About a half dozen people responded to the poll in the

Timberjay coverage area, which includes the proposed PolyMet and Twin Metals projects. There were clusters of respondents around Virginia and Brainerd, but still much fewer than more urban centers.

A complete breakdown of the poll and its criteria can be found at: <https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2018/upshot/elections-poll-mn08-1.html>.

The New York Times did not respond to a request for comment as of press time.

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superpower is it staying ability. The squash can be stored indoors, in normal household conditions, for over two years.

Jackie, who has been writing a column on home-steading and food preservation for Backwoods Home Magazine, mentioned that they would like to share some of their seeds with others, to make sure the variety didn't disappear.

"We got over 200 requests for the seeds," said Will, who said the couple then realized two things. The first was that it was expensive to mail out over 200 free samples. The second was that there was a market for small-scale heirloom seeds.

So, Seed Treasures was born. Their catalog now offers a wide selection of heirlooms along

with their own varieties (bred via open pollination), along with detailed growing directions. All their seeds do well in the northern Minnesota Zone Three climate. Their seeds are reasonably-priced (\$2.50 a packet this year), and must be ordered the old-fashioned way, by mail with a paper order slip.

After talking with Jackie and Will, or perusing their catalog or website, it is hard to imagine how a gardener is to pick which varieties to grow.

Jackie, with her wide smile, is not willing to pick favorites. Every seed they sell, every plant they grow, has something unique and special to crow about.

The Bill Bean Tomato produces huge slicers with old-fashioned meaty tomato flavor, some

topping the scale at over three pounds. They got these seeds from a local Veterans Service Officer. The seeds came over from Italy during World War II.

But don't let this tomato become your favorite, because there are over a dozen others they sell that are just as interesting.

And then there are the beans: bush, pole, and dried varieties, some of which do double or triple duty.

A new favorite is a Crawford, grown from seeds sent by a reader in Germany, who is still gardening in her 90s.

"This family has grown these beans for at least three generations," Jackie said. "We love the history behind these seeds."

Crawford beans are

unique in many ways, Jackie said. Harvested early, they are one of the best-tasting beans she has grown. Left growing a little larger, they make wonderful canning beans. And if left to mature and dry on the stalk, can be harvested as dried beans.

Another bean, called Folsom Indian Ruins, may date back as far as 1,500 years. Friends in New Mexico found an old pitch-sealed clay pot out in one of their fields, after cows had dug up some soil. When opened, the pot was filled with dried beans. A relative of the farmer, who worked at a university, was able to get a seed carbon-dated, and found it was 1,500 years old.

"We got five of the seeds," Jackie said. "We cooked one bean and it tasted good. We grew the

rest and now sell them."

While old varieties have plenty of stories to tell, the couple also works to improve more recent varieties. Will has spent the last nine seasons perfecting a short-season, open-pollinated, sweet corn variety, Seneca Sunrise. Working from a hybrid sweet corn, Will bred it back to its open-pollinated roots, allowing seeds to be saved year to year. This new variety boasts a 33-percent sugar content and about 12-percent protein. With a 67-day growing season, it can also be left out in the garden to dry, and then ground into a wonderful cornmeal, or used to feed livestock.

The couple also has worked to preserve corn native to northern Minnesota Indians.

Their Bear Island Chippewa is a native flint/flour corn from the Red Lake area. It features multi-colored kernels that run to gold, bronze, and red. And its kernels are larger and fatter than most other flint corn, making a good cornmeal with a sweet flavor.

Jackie is also an expert on preserving home-grown foods and has published several books on the topic. In addition, you can find lots of her wisdom and experience online. At this year's expo she taught two classes on fearless pressure cooking.

You can learn more about heirloom seed varieties that are perfect for northern gardeners at www.seedtreasures.com.

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Ely School Board wants more time to discuss facilities

Some members not ready to pick ARI as architect, building project manager

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – School Board members here are not ready to commit to an architect/engineer firm for the multi-million dollar facilities renovation project under discussion for most of the year.

Rochelle Sjoberg requested the agenda item to approve the naming of ARI (Architectural Resources, Inc.) to work on the project be removed from discussion Monday night because she felt the board “has not done due diligence to the taxpayers” in considering the services of other design firms.

Connecting the three campus buildings for safety and security, adding another gymnasium, and renovating other areas of the campus at a cost of \$6 million or more, have been under consideration by the board since last spring after the Ely Regional Community Center backed out of their proposal to use school property for their community recreational center project.

A facilities planning committee met all summer to establish the needs and wants of the school and community to improve the campus. Preliminary architectural design work has been provided by ARI at little or no cost. An architect can stand to make as much as eight percent of the total cost of such a

project.

“By no means does this request have anything to do with ARI,” Sjoberg said. “They have done beautiful work. I just feel like this is such a significant amount of funds, and our taxpayers deserve us to put in the effort of due diligence and see what other potential (design) companies are out there.”

School district superintendent Kevin Abrahamson noted that he recently sent board members information about at least four other architectural and engineering firms that could handle the school project.

He said he is having a difficult time “comparing apples to apples” in establishing the services the various architectural firms offer and at what cost to the district. “They are providing the cost of shovels in the ground and onward, and not necessarily the design phase,” he said. “What is the design phase worth?”

Sjoberg said her concern is that the project could cost as much as \$8 million to \$10 million and she wants to know what the commission will be for the architectural firm that will oversee the entire project. “If they are just giving us a ballpark figure, then they might not be that interested in our project,” she said. “We need to show that we did our homework and be good stewards of the taxpayers’ money.”

Discussion on the facilities project and the process for selecting a project manager or architect will continue at the board’s study session on Monday Sept. 24. Since no board action can be taken at a study session, the board will approve any decision at a special board meeting or their regular October meeting.

Earlier in the meeting, Abrahamson requested the board provide some perspective on moving ahead with the various facilities projects that are being planned. “Currently we have the school safety grants that have been applied for and should be granted by the end of the month,” he said. “You have approved moving forward with the abatement bonds for the parking lots and parent drop-off areas. You have approved the old boiler room demolition if we can get IRRRB (grant) money, as well as their infrastructure relocation funds. Throw on top of all that the bonding timeline (for the facilities renovation project), with a push to bond in the spring or next fall, I don’t believe we can do all of that at once. I don’t think it is practical to have so much of the campus torn up. There needs to be building blocks.”

He noted that with the short construction season in northern Minnesota, realistically just four or five months, the board needs to be deliberate in what can be accomplished.

The proposed abatement bonding of as much as \$800,000 to redesign and renovate the parking lots and parent-drop-off areas is a board-approved action rather than a voter-approved action. “That

will result in an increase in school taxes for a period of time,” he said. He noted that the 7th Avenue street work under construction, could add as much as three percent to city taxes.

“Moving forward, is it more important to look at a bonding issue to redo the parking lots, rather than tear down the old boiler room?” he asked. Both projects could be started in the spring.

School safety grant money from the state, perhaps as much as \$1.3 million, would be used for the building-connection project, along with a voter-approved bonding referendum. That project would take multiple construction seasons to complete.

He asked board members to think about the construction timelines required for the multiple projects and provide him with opinions at the study session later this month.

Enrollment numbers

The first day of the 2018-2019 school year showed an enrollment of 566 students in the Ely School District, according to Abrahamson. K-5 accounted for 265 students and 6-12 had 301 students.

“That is a drop of 18 or 20 students from the end of the 2017-2018 school year,” he said.

School board member Heidi Mann said she is “getting tired of hearing from different voices around the community that this is catastrophic” when school enrollment fluctuates.

“We all know that demographics go up and down,” she said. “I read

where somebody made a comment that Ely just isn’t what it used to be, and we have all these empty classrooms. Have you been in our school? I want to voice publicly that we don’t need to be catastrophizing (enrollment numbers). This is not as drastic as you might think. There are always ups and downs. There are not empty classrooms.”

Board Chair Ray Marsnik asserted that a drop in enrollment by 20 students is a drop in funding by as much as \$200,000.

“That’s true, but we’re not spending as much either,” Mann responded.

Abrahamson added, “With the decline this year, we are still about 19 (students) above where we were in 2014 and 2015 school years.”

Maximum levy

School board members certified the proposed 2019 levy at the maximum amount of \$1,849,912. “This is the first amount,” Abrahamson said, “and it is by no means the last (levy) amount. If you remember, in previous years, the maximum amount to be levied typically is much larger than we end up with. This is the maximum amount that we can levy.” The final levy for next year will be set in December.

The 2019 preliminary levy shows an 11.3 percent increase of the 2018 levy of \$1,662,366. Recent ISD 696 levy history shows a roller coaster of amounts. The 2017 payable levy was 15.2 percent less than the 2016 levy. The 2018 levy was just .4 percent more than 2017.

“One of the things we need to remember is

that increases in levies are often due to increase in student enrollment,” Abrahamson said. “The 2019 payable levy is actually the 2018 levy that is based on the increasing enrollment from that year, and not this year’s numbers.”

He also said budget adjustments will be made by December when the final levy is set. He noted that the Career and Tech Levy shows an increase of \$33,299. The Health and Safety Levy and Deferred Maintenance Levy have been rolled into the Long Term Facilities Maintenance Levy.

“Don’t dwell on the number right now,” he said. “That is the highest number or worst case. We will look at areas to lower it. This is a guesstimate, but far from accurate.”

Other business

In other business, the school board took the following action:

► Accepted the resignation of Sarah Kingston from the paraprofessional position;

► Hired Autumn Arnyz as the Student Council advisor;

► Called back Kristi Johnson, Stacy Hegfors and Amrita Peterson to fill the vacant paraprofessional positions;

► Accepted the resignation of Mary Wognum from the paraprofessional position and hired her to the Superintendent’s Administrative Assistant position;

► Approved a letter of understanding with Tim Leeson for the Temporary Director of Facilities and Transportation position.

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Routine meeting avoids addressing laundry list of primary election errors

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER— The city council here, minus Mayor Josh Carlson, handled mostly routine business Monday night, but never addressed an Aug. 24 letter from St. Louis County officials that laid out a laundry list of errors in the city's Aug. 14 primary election. The county required that city election officials undergo re-training in elections procedure on Sept. 13, but the city council has yet to take any public action on the election breakdown. Instead, the council handled a number of pay

estimates for ongoing projects and approved the purchase of a motorized cot for the city's ambulance service. They also motioned to hold off on sidewalk repairs on South Second Street until the work could be incorporated into a larger city-wide sidewalk project.

In addition, the council heard, at length, from Jim Batton, a resident of Breitung Township, who is billed for municipal sewer by the city of Tower even though he only receives city water and he was asking to have his charge adjusted. The discussion of the issue consumed half an hour,

with the council eventually tabling the request for further consideration by a full council.

Just months earlier, the council had changed the city's utility billing policies to charge one lump fee for every account, and Batton's request was the first to test the city's resolve in implementing that new policy.

In other business, the council questioned the call volume registered in the police report. "These numbers, at least to me, appear to be winter numbers," said Acting Mayor Kevin Fitton, who said he hasn't noticed many Breitung squads in

town over the summer and that many cars are failing to slow down as they head through town.

"I have received quite a few complaints that I'll need to talk to Dan [Chief Nylund] about, for speeding specifically on Main Street," said City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith. "It is getting out of control."

The police report listed a total of 271 calls, which was the highest number for the year, according to 2018 police reports reviewed by the *Timberjay*. The call volume ranged from 46 in January, 81 in March, 104 in April, 119 in May, 205 in June, and 235 in July. But Altenburg questioned

the nature of the calls in August. "Are these serious calls or are these 'my cat's in a tree' calls?" he asked. The report also listed eight citations or arrests, including a 5th degree possession stop in which charges were requested. The number of citations or arrests in previous months totaled three in January, five in March, four in April, 13 in May, three in June, and eight in July.

In other action, the council:

➤ Approved the installation of a ventilation system for the D'Erick's Liquor Store.

➤ Approved the purchase of a new Striker

motorized cot for the city's ambulance service, at a cost of just over \$15,000. Ambulance director Steve Altenburg told the council that the item was a "demo model" and that the company was offering it at a discount.

➤ Heard from Altenburg, who told the council that ambulance runs are up by 63 over the same period last year. Based on the run breakdown, roughly half of the increase is coming from accepting additional transfers. Altenburg said the rate of transfers is slightly above what is necessary to cover the cost of the new paid on-call system.

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pitch for the full marathon as an "8,390-rod portage," a reference to the number of rods in 26.2 miles. Portages in the nearby Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, where canoes and camping gear are transported between lakes, are measured in rods.

Last year, three entrants carried a canoe for half of the marathon course, 13.1 miles. Daniel Drehmel, a 30-year-old Ely resident, completed the course in just over two hours and 21 minutes. "We didn't have an official division event," Lindsay said. "We've had quite a few people who have expressed interest in doing it."

According to marathon organizers, for 2018, the portage division includes options for those who are searching for the challenge of portaging a canoe for the entire 26.2-mile race on their own, or a team relay division which will allow up to six members. "Racers have to finish the course in at least eight hours," Lindsay said.

First-, second- and third-place winners in the full portage division, where runners must navigate the entire course with a canoe on their shoulders, will get smooth, shiny wood medallions from XY Co., maker of handcrafted canoe paddles.

According to the marathon rules, canoes to be used for the Ely Marathon or Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon must be a traditional canoe designed to be paddled by one or two people. Kayaks, models, plastic, inflatable and cardboard are not allowed. Almost 800 people

participated in last year's event, that included the 26.2-mile full marathon, the half marathon, and the five-kilometer Northern Lights Glow Run as well as a kids marathon, called the "Dorothy Molter Root Beer Run," in honor of the last indigenous resident of the BWCAW.

This is the fourth year that the Ely Marathon and Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon have drawn thousands of people to the edge of the wilderness for this memorable race. As of this week, more than 100 racers are registered for this year's Full Marathon, according to Lindsay, and more than 350 runners plan to run the Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon. Race registration is open until Friday, Sept. 21.

A "Kids Marathon" coined the Dorothy Molter Root Beer Run will take place on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 8:45 a.m. in which kids who have run 25 miles prior to race day finish out the last 1.2 miles of the marathon route to finish at the official marathon finish line. As many as 100 children are signed up for the Dorothy Molter Root Beer Run, Lindsay said.

Also set to be part of this year's event are a fitness expo, live music, obstacle course and food trucks, Lindsay said. The weekend

will culminate with a concert at Whiteside Park from 6-9 p.m. on Saturday, with the Christopher David Hanson Band.

The Ely Marathon and Boundary Waters Bank Marathon is hosted by the Ely Chamber of Commerce, city of Ely and Incredible Ely. It is coordinated by Stone Soup Events.

Registration and additional information can be found at elymarathon.com or by emailing run@elymarathon.com.

Schedule of Events

- Friday**
Noon to 10 p.m.
- Packet Pickup at Vermilion Community College
6 p.m. - Dane Rauschenberg Speaks at Vermilion Community College
7 p.m. - Northern Lights 5K Glow Run
- Saturday**
5:30 to 7:30 a.m. - Bus out to start line
7:30 a.m. - All traffic cleared from course route
7:30 a.m. - Ely Marathon start
8 a.m. - Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon start
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Race Expo and Food Booths at Whiteside Park
8:45 a.m. -

Children's Marathon start at Sheridan and 14th Ave. East
9 to 3 p.m. - Live music at Whiteside Park
8 a.m. to 8 p.m. - Epic Blow-up Obstacle

Course at Whiteside Park (For Kids)
10 a.m. - Chocoholic Frolic at participating merchants in Ely
9 a.m. to 9 p.m. - Jaycees Beer Tent at

Whiteside Park
1 p.m. - Awards Ceremony at band shell
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Harvest Moon Festival marks 25 years in Ely

ELY - Ely's annual Harvest Moon Festival featured a stunt dog show and other fun in celebration of the end-of-summer event's 25th anniversary.

and stage shows, pony rides with a petting zoo and great food in Ely's Whiteside Park.

The Harvest Moon Festival is sponsored by the Ely Chamber of Commerce Merchant Committee.



Ben and Mary Kubes, above, who recently moved back to Ely, enjoyed the Harvest Moon Festival with their 10-month-old son, Sigurd.



Rescue dogs, above right, were the stars of the All-Star Stunt Dog Challenge all weekend.

Many arts and crafts, right, especially wood carvings of many area lakes, were a big seller.

Ice cream cones, left, were gobbled up at the Kiwanis Club food booth.

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FOOTBALL

Wolves win on the road in Chisholm

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

CHISHOLM— Ely took advantage of the Bluestreaks' slippery fingers to score 30 points in the second quarter en route to a 30-12 win over Chisholm, to even their record at 1-1.

Playing in a rare

Saturday afternoon game, the Timberwolves fell behind early after the Bluestreaks connected on a 79-yard bomb to grab six points on their first possession.

"I felt like we got off to somewhat of a slow start," said Ely Head Coach Cory Lassi. "Unlike

in Ogilvie we played with more confidence and were able to bounce back from some early mistakes."

Ely got back in the game quickly, on an 80-yard drive capped by a six-yard Nate Nettifee run for six. Moments later, Nettifee added two more, to put Ely up 8-6

with 10:24 remaining in the second quarter.

Chisholm struck back after a strong return on the kickoff spotted them at midfield. Another long pass on first down left them first and goal at the one and they took it in on the following play putting them up 12-8 after another

failed conversion attempt.

The Wolves went three and out on their next possession, which proved the high-point for Chisholm. A solid punt left the Bluestreaks with the ball on their own 34-yard line, but on their first play Ely's Dalton Schreffler scooped up a Chisholm

fumble and scampered into the end zone to put the Wolves up 14-12. Schreffler wasn't done as he hauled in a two-point conversion pass moments later leaving Ely up by four with 6:14 left in the half.

"That gave us a huge swing in momentum," See FOOTBALL...pg. 2B

FOOTBALL



Three Grizzlies defensemen work to take down MI-B quarterback, Joe Buffetta. photo by M. White

Grizz fall hard to Rangers

Team falls to 0-2 on rare shutout

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

MT. IRON – Four times North Woods would make it near the goal line here last Friday night and four times a wall of MI-B defenders kept them from putting points on the board. The Grizzlies, who routed the Rangers 49-22 last season, suffered their first shutout in years, falling 18-0 to slip to 0-2 on the season.

"MI-B stepped up near the goal line when we were on offense and we made a few mistakes on our plays and penalties," said Grizzlies Head Coach John Jirik. "We had difficulty adjusting to different MIB offensive sets and were not in position to make certain plays," Jirik added.

The Rangers deployed a variety of offensive sets and plays, which confused the Grizzlies at times. Senior quarterback Joe Buffetta had a strong performance, including an 89-yard touchdown strike to Jericho Peterson in the second quarter and a 44-yard first quarter bomb to eighth-grader Asher Zubich.

Meanwhile, Grizzlies senior

quarterback Chase Kleppe completed seven of 22 attempts for 92 yards, allowing two interceptions. "We need to work on blocking different defensive schemes and polish our receiver patterns," Jirik said. "We were a bit off, but very close to where we need to be."

The Grizzlies managed a respectable offensive performance, picking up a total of 229 yards including 137 rushing. Jake Hyppa led the team with 37 yards on 11 carries, followed closely by Kleppe who kept the ball for 36 yards on six carries. TJ Chiabotti ran for 27 yards on nine carries while Nathan Crain ran for 22 on six attempts.

On defense, Kleppe led the team once again with 18 tackles.

The Grizzlies were helped by a lackluster punting performance by the Rangers, which consistently left North Woods with a relatively short field. But while the Grizzlies were able to move the ball, it was the Rangers' red zone that proved their undoing. Despite the final score, Jirik said he liked how the defense played Friday night, even as his team



Tanner Barto tries to evade two MI-B defensemen before being tackled. photo by M. White

struggled at times to adjust to the Rangers shifting offensive style.

The Grizzlies will be back in action this Friday, hosting Silver Bay, with a 5 p.m. kickoff. Last year, the Grizzlies shutout the Mariners 42-0 in Silver Bay. The Mariners currently 1-1 on the

season lost 50-7 to Cook County last week.

"If we continue to play well overall and improve each week I am confident that we will play a good game against Silver Bay," Jirik said.

VOLLEYBALL

Hawks not derailed by injury

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

LITTLEFORK — Northeast Range emerged battered but victorious from their five-set marathon against the Vikings on Tuesday.

Two of the team's top players, freshman Hannah Reichensperger and senior Shayler Lislegard both went down with injuries.

Reichensperger injured her ankle early in the third set and was out for the rest of the game.

Her head coach, and mother, Jodi Rogers-Reichensperger said the injury appears serious and could keep her out of action for a few games. The condition of Lislegard, who was hurt in the fourth set, was not immediately available.

The Nighthawks fell behind early, losing the first set 25-23. After rebounding in set two with a 25-10 win, the Nighthawks slipped 25-19. But despite their injuries, they held off the Vikings in the final two sets, 25-12

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VOLLEYBALL

Ely tops Silver Bay on the road

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

SILVER BAY— Ely made short work of the Mariner's volleyball squad here on Tuesday, winning in straight sets 25-18, 26-24, and 25-14. With the win, the Wolves improved to 5-2 following a successful Greenway

Kenzie Peterson sets up for the bump.
photo by J. Greeney

tournament in which they won three of four matches this past Saturday.

Junior Brielle Kallberg set the pace against the Mariners, tallying ten kills and five blocks. Jenna Merhar notched nine kills and three aces, while McCartney Kaercher put up 12 assists and four aces. Erika Mattson tallied six kills and Lida Dodge notched eight set assists.

Head Coach Andrea Thomas

said she's seeing steady improvement in her team as the season advances. "We're working hard to eliminate our errors and keep up our intensity on the court," she said.

Playing at Greenway in tournament action on Saturday, the Wolves played another tight match against Northeast Range, but this time emerged with the win. The

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CROSS COUNTRY

Wolves go into season strong after success at Virginia Invite

VIRGINIA — Members of the Ely boys cross country team demonstrated they're likely to be top contenders in the section again this season after taking second overall at the Virginia Invitational meet, held Aug. 30.

The Ely boys notched a team score of 57, led by Ely junior Luke Olson,

who placed second overall, with a time of 16:20.5.

Junior James Schwinghamer finished fourth with a time of 16:57.4, while freshman Gabriel Pointer took 13th with a time of 17:37. Sophomore Emmett Faltesek finished at 18:00.3, good for the 16th spot, while fellow sophomore Jasper Johnston

finished 22nd, with a time of 18:04.9.

Ely girls finished in ninth place with a team score of 174.

Eighth-grader Phoebe Helms was the top girls performer for Ely, finishing the course in 23:03.5, good for 31st place.

VOLLEYBALL

Grizz pick up wins and losses

Team no longer undefeated after two losses on the road

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP —The Grizzlies dominated play against Eveleth-Gilbert at home on Tuesday, topping the Golden Bears in straight sets, 25-14, 25-17, and 25-19.

Morgan Burnett posted 22 set assists and five aces, while Regan Ratai tallied 11 kills and four digs. Coley Olson added eight kills, while Kate Stone and Kayla Tschida each notched four kills.

Playing in Deer River on Monday, North Woods lost to the Warriors, although game results and stats were not available as of press time.

Over the weekend, the Grizzlies took second place at the Greenway Tournament. North Woods won early games against Mesabi East (25-12, 29-27), and Northeast Range (25-12, 25-17) to advance to the gold division.

There, the Grizzlies went 1-1, beating Cherry (25-19, 25-22) before falling to Greenway (19-25, 25-14, 15-11). Player stats were not available.

Mesabi East (25-23, 25-16) and Mt. Iron-Buhl (25-12, 25-21) while losing to Ely in three (22-25, 25-15, and 10-15) and North Woods in two (12-25, 16-25).

In action last Thursday, the Nighthawks dumped the Rangers in

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said Lassi.

Chisholm's butter fingers had just begun as they fumbled on second down of their next series giving Ely the ball on their 45-yard line with 4:54 left in the half.

A quick drive brought the Wolves to the red zone, where senior Nick Mattila burst up the middle from six yards out to give Ely a 22-12 lead after a failed conversion.

Chisholm fumbled the kickoff with 2:21 remaining, and Ely's Eddie Prijatelj grabbed it near midfield to give

the Wolves yet another scoring chance in the half.

Junior quarterback Bryce Longwell connected with junior tight end Josh Larson to advance to the Chisholm 15-yard line. An 11-yard run left the Wolves first-and-goal from the four with less than a minute left, but that's where the going got tougher. After three unsuccessful plays left them shy of the end zone and with just three seconds left on the clock, Longwell hit Mattila in the end zone as the buzzer sounded. A successful two

point conversion sent both teams to the locker rooms with Ely up 30-12.

It would prove to be the final, as both teams' defenses dominated the second half. Twice the Bluestreaks drove deep inside Wolves territory only to turn it over on downs.

"We took advantage of turnovers which ended up being the difference in the game," said Lassi. "We have now forced six turnovers and given up one."

Offensively, the Wolves gained a total of 257 yards,

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and 15-11 to notch their fifth win of the season.

"They really did great under the circumstances," said Rogers-Reichensperger. "I couldn't be prouder of them."

Despite her injury at the midway point, Reichensperger put up strong stats, with 13 kills, 12 digs, and a block in just over two sets of play. Sophie Lenz had a good night as well, with 15 kills, 12 digs,

and three blocks, while Lara Poderzay was a machine from the setter position, posting 35 assists. Maija Maki posted 11 digs and five kills, while Jenna Smith notched 14 digs.

In Monday night home action, the Nighthawks had an off night and fell hard to South Ridge in straight sets, 25-23, 25-14, and 25-21.

"It was an off day," said Rogers-Reichensperger. "We struggled in every

aspect. And when the other team doesn't it's a recipe for disaster."

Sophie Lenz put up 12 kills and eight digs, while Reichensperger posted 11 digs, six kills, and a block. Maija Maki added six digs and three kills, while Lara Poderzay put up 20 set assists.

The Nighthawks offered up a respectable showing at the Greenway tournament on Saturday with a 2-2 record for a fifth-place finish. They topped

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Nighthawks took the first set 25-22, but Ely roared back to take the second set 25-15 and the deciding third game, 15-10. They had little trouble with International Falls, downing the Broncos 25-14, 25-14. They beat Mt. Iron-Buhl 25-23 and 25-20, but then lost to tournament champions Greenway in two tight sets, 25-22 and 25-23. "I believe that having a

variety of girls contribute and step up when needed is really helping us be successful," said Thomas.

In home action last Thursday, Ely rebounded from a 25-19 opening set loss to defeat Cherry in four. The Wolves went to top Cherry 25-22, 25-21, and 25-15. "Getting a win over Cherry after losing the first set was a good confidence booster for us," said Thomas.

Junior Brielle Kallberg had a strong

night for Ely, with 18 kills, ten digs, and four blocks. Junior Erika Mattson had six kills and nine digs, while senior setter Lida Dodge put up 20 assists. Jenna Merhar tallied 12 kills and McCartney Kaercher put up 13 set assists.

The Wolves were set to host Mesabi East on Thursday night, after the Timberjay's Wednesday press time. They'll be back in action on Thursday, Sept. 20, at North Woods.

Briefly

Ely, MN—Today the Boundary Waters Action Fund certified its next round of Champions who will protect the Boundary Waters from the threat of sulfide-ore copper mining in its watershed. This designation has added importance given the Trump Administration's actions last week to disregard facts and science and cancel the comprehensive study as to whether the watershed of the Boundary Waters is the right place for America's most toxic industry.

"Now more than ever Minnesotans need elected leaders to stand up for Minnesotans, not the corporate interests of mining companies half a world away," said Executive Director Alex Falconer. "We are confident these Champions will demand sound science, economics and listen to their constituents on this critical issue."

This round of Champions include candidates running for congressional seats as well as one running state-wide office:

- First congressional district: Dan Feehan
- Second congressional district: Angie Craig
- Third congressional district: Erik Paulsen and Dean Phillips
- Fourth congressional district: Betty McCollum
- Fifth congressional district: Ilhan Omar
- Sixth congressional district: Ian Todd
- Minnesota Attorney General: Keith Ellison

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Obituaries and Death Notices



Tina Brown

Tina Hardy Brown, 50, of Soudan, died on Monday, Sept. 3, 2018, in Essentia Health Virginia after a valiant fight with cancer. A Celebration of Life will be held from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15 in the Tower Mini-Park. Inurnment will take place in the Ely Cemetery. Family services provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower.

Tina was born on Dec. 8, 1967, in Ely, the daughter of Tom Helm and Dorothy Lushine, moved to Wisconsin, and returned to Soudan in the late 1980's. She married Russell "Rusty" Brown on July 2, 2005, in Tower, and they made their home in Soudan. She was employed as the manager for D'Erick's Tower Liquor for 20 years. Tina loved motorcycle riding, concerts, swimming, and people.

Tina is survived by her husband, Russell "Rusty" of Soudan; mom, Dorothy Lushine of Ely; brothers, Carl Hardy of Silver Bay and Kevin Helm; children,

Travis (Jenna) Benck of Soudan and Matthew (Katie) Benck of Palo; stepsons, Jacob Brown of Hibbing, Kyle Brown of Babbitt and Karl (Angel) Brown of Eveleth; grandchildren, Declan Brown of Babbitt and Ezekiel Benck of Soudan and Brynlee; extended family and friends.

She was preceded in death by Tommy Helm and Dave Hardy.



Michael P. Bayliss

Michael Patrick Bayliss, 62, died peacefully but unexpectedly on Sunday, Sept. 2, 2018, in his home in Cook. A celebration of life was held on Monday, Sept. 10 at First Lutheran Church in Hibbing. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home in Hibbing.

Michael was born on March 17, 1956, to Roger and Lois Bayliss in Crosby. He was raised in Iron Hub. In 1974 he moved to Keewatin and worked at National Steel and was a member

of USWA Local 2660. During the mining lay-offs in the 1980s he started and operated Minnesota Promotion. After being called back to work, he was a driving force and chairman of the National Steel Career Development Program.

He married Susan Dimatteo on Sept. 14, 1991. Together (Susan mostly along for the wild ride) they flipped houses, had rental property, and the Pizza Mill. He retired from Keetac (NSPC) in 2003, but moss did not grow under his feet. Mike helped son James with many Live Generously projects, loved to mentor kids, and worked in his workshop building many intricate cutting boards, and one-of-a-kind cigar box guitars. He made many requested projects for family, and repaired and gave away reclaimed broken items from the dump. He was always creating.

He loved spending time with his family and playing poker with his favorite daughter-in-law. Mike was "Pops" to his grandkids, and to many adults as well. He would even brand his wood creations with "Pops". His amazing magic tricks, quick wit, big bear hugs, and engaging smile will be missed. Mike loved fishing and taking his family on charters on Lake Superior and up to Rainy to experience sturgeon fishing, most often with his best friend and brother-in-

law, Jerry Ferrier. Oh, the adventures those two had!!

There are many unfinished projects. His life is over too soon. If you knew him, there was never any question of his enthusiasm or love. You felt it fully.

Mike will be greatly missed by his wife, Susan of Cook; daughters, Angela (John) Schweiberger and Amber (Troy) Silvia, and sons, James (Kristen) Bayliss and Kyle Dimatteo, all of Hibbing; grandkids, Ethan, Cameo, Faith, Stella, Ava, Adelyn, Gavin, Jacksen, Sylas, Kylee and Evelyn; great-grandkids, Vivian and Logan; best buddy and loyal four-legged companion, Gilligan; sisters, Candace (Jerry) Ferrier, Nan Berg, Susan (Charlie) Berg and Mary Parker, all of the Crosby area; and too many nieces and nephews to name - he loved you all.

Welcoming him to the other side, Mike was preceded in death by his parents; mother- and father-in-law, Tom and Lorraine McDonald; brothers, Joe and Mark; sister, Nadine; brother-in-law, Jerry Berg; and grandson, Myles Schweiberger.

Mary T. Smuk

Mary T. Smuk, 88, of Ely, passed away on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, at the Boundary Waters Care Center in Ely. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 15 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely with visitation being held one hour

prior to the service at the church. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kertz Funeral Home of Ely.



Robert Olsen

Robert "Bob" Olsen, 88, of Cook, formerly of Babbitt, went to his heavenly father on Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018. A memorial service was held on Monday, Sept. 10 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook. Bob's family wishes to thank the staff of the Cook Nursing Home for the excellent care he was given during the past five years. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Bob was born to Hans I and Milla (Johnson) Olsen on May 9, 1930, in Hibbing. He grew up in the Mahoning Location. He spent his Sundays and summers at his grandparents' homestead "Haley" near Cook. Bob attended Hibbing High School and then went on to serve his country in the United States Army. On Sept. 14, 1957, he was united in marriage to Corrine

Zastrow in Hibbing.

In 1962, Bob began working at Reserve Mining in Babbitt and raised his family there. Bob also operated Babbitt Heating from the mid-1960s until his retirement in 2004. Bob was a Babbitt City Councilman and Mayor for nearly two decades. Following Corrine's death in 2004, Bob moved to Cook, where he enjoyed living at his cabin on the family homestead. Since August 2013, he had lived at the Cook Nursing Home as his Parkinson's disease progressed. Bob's life was defined by his commitment to his faith, his family, and his community.

Bob is survived by his daughter, Leanne (Don) Negley of Babbitt; son, Scott (Lynn) Olsen of Cook; goddaughter/niece, Kelly (Paul) Bates of St. Cloud; son of the family, Shawn (Gina) Carter of Austin, Texas; granddaughters, Morgan (Tom) Klatt and Samantha Olsen; grandsons, Cameron (Nicole) Negley, Myles Bates, Tyler Bates and Riley Bates; great-grandchildren, Adeline, Gunnar and Bowze Klatt, Payton and Ezmay Olsen; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Corrine; and siblings, Ruth, Gladys, Norman, Hans II, James and Ragna.

Local author Sandra Butalla to speak and sign books at the Cook Library on Tuesday, Sept. 18

COOK- Former Cook resident and area teacher, Sandra Butalla, will present a program at the Cook Public Library at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 18. She is the author of two books, both of which are true stories about Iron Range World War II veterans and their incredible experiences during the war.

When they were still teenagers, these young men willingly went to war and they each bravely faced dangers that were beyond imagination. Butalla's mission is to preserve some of the amazing stories that American heroes have to tell about their military service. Most of the World War II veterans have passed away, but she was most fortunate in locating two from the Iron Range who were ready, willing, and able to share their stories.

Butalla wrote two books, "The Man Who Fell to Earth," the true life story of WWII veteran airman Robert Givens and his harrowing fall from a B-17 as it broke apart over the North Sea, and "Warbirds in the Cloak of Darkness," the true life story of WWII veteran airman



Sandy Butalla

Bob Holmstrom as he became part of the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) and its dangerous, highly-secret "Carpetbagger" missions. With spies, special ops, and extreme danger, the Carpetbaggers were sworn to secrecy for forty years after the war.

Even after more than seventy years, most people have not heard about them or the OSS and its

many covert operations during the war. This story lifts the veil of secrecy in one of America's best-kept secrets.

More than seventy-five years later, Congress finally voted to bestow the Congressional Gold Medal to the Carpetbaggers, although most of them have passed away. Fewer than twenty were able to travel to Washington, D.C. in March to receive our nation's highest civilian honor, and Robert Holmstrom was one of them.

Sandra Butalla will be discussing both books during the program. Copies of each book will be available and signed, and both will be available for purchase following the program.

Both books are also available at Amazon.com, Barnes & Noble.com, Hellgate Press.com, and at the Jack Butalla Agency, 114 Chestnut St. in Virginia.

Proceeds from the sale of these books are donated to the American Legion and the Honor Flight.

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Outdoors

Our lives in the
Northwoods

STATE PARKS

Soudan mine offers new tour

Explore the mine's geologic wonders during new tour being offered in September

SOUDANMINE— See an underground mine the way the miners of yesteryear saw it. With help from a headlamp, hard hat, and tour guide, visitors here can walk the rails inside the mine at Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park.

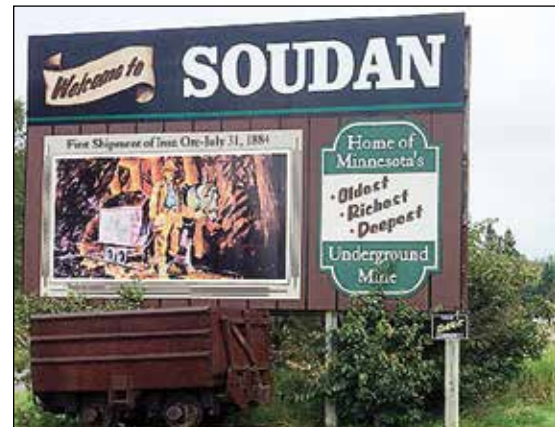
“Our new tours provide an opportunity to walk the drift and to see how the rock formations and exploratory work done by miners, using specific

tools, allowed them to determine the location of the iron ore deposit,” explained Park Manager Jim Essig.

Those who take the tour will also get to see a Minnesota fault line. Yes, Minnesota has them and yes, they are now viewable during the new weekday-only tour at the Soudan Underground Mine.

The new “walking drift tour” will occur at 2 p.m. weekdays in September

at the mine. Visitors will descend a half mile into the mine via a “cage” elevator, followed by a three-quarter mile walk in search of geologic clues that show the way to iron ore. Visitors should wear sturdy shoes and a sweater. Once visitors are underground, the hunt commences for geologic clues on the three-quarter mile walk formerly taken by miners. It takes about two hours and costs \$20.



The entrance sign to Soudan touts the history of the state's first, deepest, and richest iron mine.



HUNTING SEASON

Grouse outlook unclear

Species may be facing survival pressures from new predators and disease

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— It's anyone's guess what hunters will find when they take to the woods this weekend for the opening of Minnesota's ruffed grouse season. After last year's hunt proved less robust than advertised, DNR wildlife officials aren't making any predictions about the state of the region's ruffed grouse population.

What we do know is that this past spring's drumming count in northeastern Minnesota was down from the 2017 count, although at an average of 1.7 drums per stop, it was still above the long-term norm. That means the adult grouse population was certainly high enough this spring to produce a productive season for hunters, but it all depends on their reproductive success and that's usually a wild card until the season is underway and the leaves start to fall in the

woods.

Tower Area DNR wildlife manager Tom Rusch said early field reports suggest average reproduction in northern St. Louis County. Nesting conditions were mixed, said Rusch, with heavy rains in June and July, which can reduce nesting success. Temperatures were mild, however, which should have tempered the negative effects of the heavy rain.

At least some initial reports, albeit anecdotal, aren't encouraging. “They're few and far between,” said Dennis Udovich, a bear hunting guide who has been active in the woods around Cook and Orr for the past several weeks.

Grouse numbers have been a source of concern for the past few years, and wildlife managers aren't sure why that is. Udovich said he's seen a big increase in the

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Hunters can help with grouse research effort

REGIONAL—Ruffed grouse hunters in northern Minnesota can voluntarily submit samples for a West Nile virus research project being conducted by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Minnesota is collaborating on this project with researchers in Wisconsin and Michigan, and will be sharing protocols and results.

Hunters who would like to assist with the project should be willing to collect blood samples and hearts from birds within 30

minutes of harvest. Collection kits will be available for pickup at the Bemidji and Grand Rapids regional DNR headquarters buildings beginning Monday, Aug. 27.

Researchers also will collect samples at the Ruffed Grouse Society National Hunt in October, and at other hunting events to reach a sample size of 400 birds.

“This is an important citizen science collaboration for us. Working with hunters and students to collect the samples from

harvested birds is critical to the success of the project,” Roy said.

Return postage and complete instructions are included in the kits. The research is partially funded by the Ruffed Grouse Society and the Game and Fish Fund.

Questions about the West Nile virus study can be directed to Charlotte Roy at 218-328-8876 or charlotte.roy@state.mn.us.

Top: A ruffed grouse blends into the forest floor, showing why assessing grouse numbers can be tricky.

Above: An alert grouse with its crest raised.

photos by
M. HelMBERGER

Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower
LINDLEY'S ASTER



The **Lindley's Aster** (*Symphyotricum ciliolatum*), is probably the North Country's most common reliably blue-to-violet fall aster. It can be told from our most abundant aster, the Large-leaved Aster, by its consistent bluish color and by its flower cluster, which tends to begin about midway up the stem. The leaves are also narrower and less hairy than the big, heart-shaped leaves of the large-leaved variety. You'll find this flower most often along forest roads, where it finds the little bit of sun that it needs to thrive.

Fishing reports

Ely area

Walleye fishing has improved somewhat with the advent of cooler temperatures. Most anglers are still relying on crawler harnesses to do the job, and it's paying off. While many of the fish are still relating to structure such as reef tops and island points, some are finding the fish staging at the mouths of bays in relatively shallow water. This is where crankbait fishermen are garnering some decent catches as well. Try working the drop-offs in ten to eighteen feet during the day and gradually moving shallower as evening progresses. Fishermen at dusk and into the evening hours are beginning to score on minnows fished under a slip bobber, changing over to lighted bobbers after dark, as fish move as shallow as six feet in some cases.

Northern pike anglers are scoring some good numbers while casting spinner baits and spoons throughout the day, but the most exciting bites have occurred early and late in the day by fishing top water offerings. Large plugs such as Zara Spooks, Baker's NST-S poppers and Suick floating lures are scoring big. Remember to use adequate wire leaders as some of the fish are stiking the lures head first, or totally engulfing the baits.

Crappies have begun to school up again, with some in the twelve to fourteen-inch range being caught. Look for the fish suspended from eight to twelve feet down during the day and moving into the shallows right at dusk.

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

FISHERIES

DNR seeks public input on Kab-Nam area walleye regs

KABETOGAMA—Anglers interested in walleye fishing on Kabetogama, Namakan, Sand Point, Crane and Little Vermilion lakes in northern St. Louis County are invited to participate in public meetings to review the current walleye regulation on these lakes that make up the Namakan Reservoir.

The current experimental regulation for walleye requires the immediate release of walleye from 17 to 28 inches. One walleye more than 28 inches long is allowed in a possession limit of four walleye. Anglers are currently allowed four walleye in a combined limit of six walleye and sauger.

“These five lakes are popular fishing destinations,” said Kevin Peterson, International Falls area fisheries supervisor with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. “We want to be sure the public has plenty of opportunity to ask questions and participate in the discussion.”

There will be two meetings, each with a similar format: 7-9 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 2, at the Kabetogama Community Center along County Road 122 in Kabetogama; and 7-9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 4, at the Crane Lake Fire Hall, 7400 Handberg Road in Crane Lake.

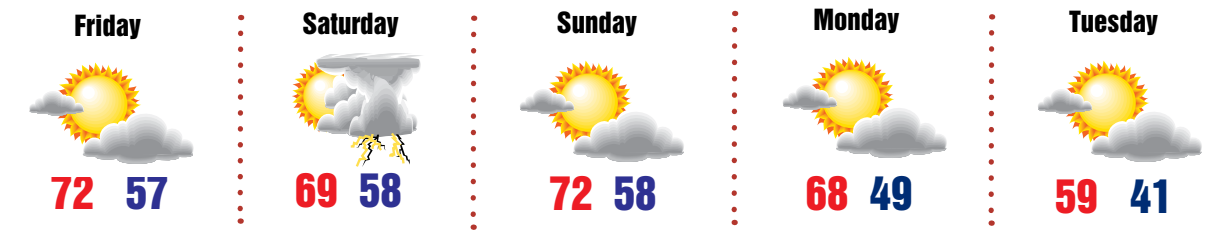
The DNR is presenting options to modify the current size and bag limit, and one option to extend the regulation as-is. The current regulation has been in place since 2007 and will expire on March 1, 2019. Input at the meetings will help determine if they are modified or extended to achieve fish management objectives.

In addition to retaining the current regulation, another option under consideration would modify the protected slot to match the current Rainy Lake regulation of an 18-26 inch protected slot limit with one walleye over 26 inches. A third option could be to set a harvest slot that would not only protect a similar size range of larger fish as the protected slot, but also protect smaller fish from harvest. All options could be combined with a four-fish aggregate bag limit for walleye and sauger, which would be a reduction from the current limit of sauger.

“Angler preferences will have a great deal of influence over these regulations,” Peterson said. People unable to attend a meeting may submit written comments to the DNR area fisheries office, 392 Highway 11 East, International Falls, MN 56649; by phone at 218-286-5220; or via email to kevin.peterson@state.mn.us. All comments must be received by Oct. 15.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather



Ely	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Emb.	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Cook	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Orr	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Tower	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.
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09/05	70	53	0.70		09/05	70	52	1.18		09/05	70	53	0.26		09/05	66	43	0.13		09/05	71	53	0.83	
09/06	67	31	0.00		09/06	66	30	0.00		09/06	65	40	0.00		09/06	70	30	0.00		09/06	67	30	0.00	
09/07	69	31	0.00		09/07	68	29	0.00		09/07	69	40	0.00		09/07	72	52	0.00		09/07	69	31	0.00	
09/08	74	49	0.00		09/08	73	48	0.00		09/08	72	52	0.01		09/08	72	50	0.00		09/08	70	50	0.00	
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WHAT'S IN YOUR BOATHOUSE?

by ROBERT MATSON
Columnist

This week's featured boat is a 16-foot, 1959 Larson All American, powered by a 1972 Mercury 500 Thunderbolt. The boat is owned by Ginger and David Rowell of Forest Lake.

David says they found the boat in Hutchinson last year and brought it home for restoration. A very rare Travel Troller trolling motor was found on the boat and still looks and works like new. An interesting side note can be told of this boat.

During their visit to Canada in 1959, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II and HRH Prince Philip accepted a gift of a Larson All American coming from the citizens of Cornwall, Ontario. Larson boats were made there by Courlands



Molded Products of Canada Ltd, a licensee of Larson. Prince Philip was a boating enthusiast. Also, in 1958, *Boating Magazine* sent boat test pilot Hank Bowman to Little Falls to test the boat, as there was much interest in the development of the new Rand Gun process of spraying chopped glass fiber and resin to form molded boat hulls. Bowman gave the boat an “above

average” rating.

I'm partial to this boat model as it was the first boat bought new by my Dad in 1958, and I have such found memories of fishing and water skiing behind it on Cass Lake.

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

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number of raccoons and skunks that have moved into the area, and both species are known to be effective predators of ruffed grouse nests. According to Udovich, every bear bait he put out this year was hit by raccoons. That's a remarkable departure from the recent past, when raccoons used to be quite rare north of the Laurentian Divide.

“I think the poor grouse are having a tough time,” he said.

At the same time, wildlife managers are trying to determine if West Nile virus could be a factor in the less-than-stellar grouse hunting in recent years. For the first time,

DNR wildlife researchers are asking for help from hunters to study the possibility.

West Nile virus is known to exist in the upper Midwest and cases have been found in wild birds, people and other mammals. Birds vary in vulnerability to the virus. Some bird species recover quickly and become tolerant to the virus while others, such as blue jays and crows, suffer higher rates of mortality. The research seeks to examine exposure and active infections in ruffed grouse.

“Although the adult population has been cycling around a stable

10-year average, we don't know if West Nile might be impacting the production of young birds, which make up a large portion of what hunters see in the fall,” said Charlotte Roy, grouse project leader with the Minnesota DNR. (See sidebar for how you can assist in the research.)

Although the virus has been present in Minnesota for quite some time, a study in Pennsylvania indicated the virus could impact ruffed grouse populations when combined with habitat stresses.

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2nd Annual Orr Pumpkin Fest

Saturday September 29th 2018

9:00 am 5K walk/run. Registration 9:00 - 9.45 am
Orr Ice Rink/Tennis Courts. Run at 10:00 am

The following activities will be at the Orr Center
10690 Highway 23 Orr, MN

9:00 am Coffee and pumpkin donuts
9:00 am - 10:00 am Register for pumpkin cook-off
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Craft and direct sales vendors inside
Photo booth, self-use

10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Outdoor vendors
Food booths
Kids games and activities
Face painting
Arts and crafts

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Pumpkin Cook-off, inside
11:00 am - 3:00 pm Chili served inside
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Music outside
12:00 pm Pumpkin growing contest weigh-in
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Punkin Chunkin, outside
3:00 pm Basket Raffle

KBFT 89.90 Bois Forte Tribal Community Radio will be live broadcasting

6:00 pm Bean Bag Tourney, sign up 5:30 pm, Orr Muni
8:00 pm Hillbilly Hoedown, Orr Muni





Activities will be moved indoors during inclement weather

PUBLIC NOTICES

ORR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF PUBLIC HEARING OF JUNE 11, 2018

The Public Variance Hearing for Dana and Fred Erkkila was held on June 11, 2018, at 6:45 p.m., at the Orr City Hall.

Present: Mayor Joel Astleford, Councilor Lloyd Scott, Councilor Tom Kennebeck, Councilor Ericka Cote, Absent: Councilor Bruce Black. Also present: Fred and Dana Erkkila; Paulette Scott; Pastor Dan Kerr; and Clerk/Treasurer Cheri Carter.

Mayor Joel Astleford called the Public Hearing to order at 6:45 p.m. The purpose of the Public Hearing was to allow for public input on the issuance of a request from Fred and Dana Erkkila for a variance on the side yardage setback to the City of Orr Zoning Ordinance to construct a garage on their property located at 4716 Pine Drive, Orr, MN.

Fred and Dana Erkkila were present to answer questions and/or concerns. All neighboring property owners received notice of the Variance Request and Public Hearing. No public or written comments were received.

Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Ericka Cote, to adjourn Public Variance Hearing at 6:55 p.m. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) absent.

Respectfully submitted, Joel R. Astleford, Mayor, Cheri J. Carter, Clerk/Treasurer

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ORR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF JULY 9, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Orr City Council was held on July 9, 2018, at the Orr City Hall, 4429 Highway 53, Orr. Mayor Joel Astleford called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Mayor Joel Astleford, Councilor Lloyd Scott, Councilor Tom Kennebeck, Councilor Ericka Cote, Councilor Bruce Black

Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Cheri Carter; Deputy Clerk Laura Manai; Assistant Maintenance Rocky Hoffman; Liquor Store Manager Charles "Chet" Nieman; Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer; Melissa Roach, Timberjay; and Pastor Dan Kerr.

There were no additions or deletions to the agenda.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Public Hearing of June 11, 2018, Minutes of Regular Meeting of June 11, 2018; and expenditures in the amount of \$84,187.48. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

The 2017 City Audit was completed by Sterle & Co., and presented to the council. The City received a clean audit. Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote, to accept the findings and conclusions of the 2017 City Audit conducted by Sterle & Co. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve the following election judges for the 2018 Primary and General Elections: Dana Erkkila, Head Judge; Laura Manai, Rosemary Hoffer; Carol Woehrl; Roni Carr; Loretta Ahola and Arlene Johnson. All judges may not be used or trained depending on availability. Compensation will be \$9.50 per hour. Dana and Laura were approved to attend judge's training at the Clinton Town Hall on July 18th. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Tom Kennebeck, to transfer \$294.00 from the Liquor Store Fund to the ATM bank account to cover 2018 bank service charges and credit card fees. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

ORR CITY COUNCIL MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF AUGUST 13, 2018

The Regular Meeting of the Orr City Council was held on August 13, 2018, at the Orr City Hall, 4429 Highway 53, Orr. Mayor Joel Astleford called the Meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Roll call was taken and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Present: Mayor Joel Astleford, Councilperson Lloyd Scott, Councilperson Tom Kennebeck, Councilperson Ericka Cote. Absent: Councilperson Bruce Black. Also present: Clerk/Treasurer Cheri Carter; Deputy Clerk Laura Manai;

Rocky met with Rutchasky Construction to discuss repairs to the T-hangers at the airport. He is also going to meet with Dineau Construction. Discussion on repairs to T-hangers tabled until written estimates are received.

second by Lloyd Scott, to approve Resolution 2018-06 Authorizing the City of Orr to Uncommit and Transfer Community Library Fund Balance of \$367.48 to the ORR Center. The Community Library has been relocated to the ORR Center. The funds in the Community Library account consist of donations and book sales made specifically to support the operation of the community library. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote, to approve payment to Ziegler, Inc., in the amount of \$2,787.62 for emergency repairs to the generator at the water plant. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Liquor Store: Liquor Store Manager Chet Nieman reported sales from this year's July 3rd celebration showed an increase of 25% from last year. He was given permission from the council to get quotes for a refrigerator to place under the fryer for condiments, etc.

Water and Sewer: No report.

Airport: Airport Manager Rocky Hoffman submitted a fuel inventory report of 1,211 gallons of Jet A and 2,222 gallons of 100LL on hand. He has been able to rent out the heated hanger quite a bit this summer.

Ambulance: Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer reported they had a rig inspection with Dr. Knaack. Dr. Knaack was impressed with the quality of equipment they have available. They have been busy responding to emergency calls. They will be scheduling training with lifeflight. Donna received council permission to purchase shelving for the ambulance garage in the approximate amount of \$522.24, plus shipping.

Fire Department: No report.

Community Center: A request was received from an individual wanting to rent the tables and chairs from the Community Center. The council decided they would not be interesting in doing this at this time.

Tourist Information Center: The bog walk has sustained storm damage and will need repairs.

Comments from Visitors: None.

Comments from Mayor/ Council: Mayor Astleford thanked the Orr Chamber and everyone else involved in making the 3rd of July Day Celebration a success.

St. Louis County will be holding its Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update at the Community Center on July 18th from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners will be holding their July 24th meeting at the Orr Community Center starting at 9:30 a.m.

Evaluations of full-time employees Rocky Hoffman and Laura Manai were held. The meeting was closed to conduct employee evaluations for Cheri Carter, Charles Nieman and Tyae Pattenn. Paul Koch arrived during this time for his evaluation.

Motion by Bruce Black, second by Ericka Cote, to adjourn. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m. to conduct closed employee evaluations.

Respectfully submitted, Joel R. Astleford, Mayor, Cheri J. Carter, Clerk/Treasurer

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Motion by Tom Kennebeck,

Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch; Assistant Maintenance Rocky Hoffman; Liquor Store Manager Charles "Chet" Nieman; Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer; and Melissa Roach, Timberjay.

Item J was added to the agenda: Bids for washing and staining the log siding at the Liquor Store.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Ericka Cote, to approve the Consent Agenda consisting of Minutes of Regular Meeting of July 9, 2018; and expenditures in the amount of \$104,921.46. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

The city received four bids for 13,000 gallons of propane for the 2018-19 heating season. Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Tom Kennebeck, to accept the low bid from Rainy Lake Oil in the amount of \$1.049 per gallon. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Ericka Cote, second by Lloyd Scott, approve transfer of first half levy proceeds from the Cook Orr Hospital District in the amount of \$36,331.25 from the general checking account to the ambulance savings account at the American Bank of the North. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve Charitable Gambling Application for American legion Post #480 for their 52 Club in October. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve Resolution 2018-07 Authorizing the City of Orr Ambulance to Make Grant Application to and Receive Grant Funds from Essential Health Community CPR/First Aid Training. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve travel and training request for Dennis Cote to attend CPR/First Aid Instructor Certification Training in Altoona, Wisconsin. This will enable Dennis to be certified to instruct CPR and First Aid Training. MOTION CARRIED. Voting in favor: T. Kennebeck, L. Scott, J. Astleford. One (1) Abstain: E. Cote; One (1) Absent: B. Black.

Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve a one-time adjustment due to an unusual high water and sewer usage for the month of July from Deena Congdon, Lake Country RE/Max. Deena indicated the problem is being fixed. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Motion by Tom Kennebeck, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve payment to Sokoloski Septic & Excavating in the amount of \$2,550.00 for emergency repairs to the city alleyway/ Mankus driveway due to July storm damage. This is an unbudgeted expense. The City of Orr will be receiving \$6,780 for Small Cities Assistance from the State of Minnesota for streets. Some of these funds will be used to pay for repairs to the roadway. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED.

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CARRIED. One (1) Absent. Maintenance Supervisor Paul Koch was requested to get quotes to put recycled asphalt toward the top of the drive to prevent further washouts.

The city has received two complaints regarding blighted properties in the city. The affected property owners were notified on August 1, 2018, by Priority Mail with delivery confirmation, that they were in violation of Ordinance 96-01, and were given 10 days to rectify the situation. They also received a copy of Orr Blight Ordinance 96-01. Both property owners have made progress in bringing their property in compliance with city ordinance. Tom Kennebeck will follow up to see if they need further assistance.

Paul Koch submitted a request for reimbursement for a cell phone with prepaid minutes because his phone quit working. The city has previously purchased a cell phone for Paul. Switching from pagers to cell phones has significantly increased communication and efficiency. With a trac phone, the city is not locked into a long-term, expensive contract. Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Tom Kennebeck, to approve requested reimbursement. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

Chet obtained two quotes to pressure wash, scrub and stain the log siding at the liquor store: (1) Jason's Log Finishing & Painting in the amount of \$2,675.00; and (2) Cal Contracting in the amount of \$4,800.00. Motion by Ericka Cote, second by Lloyd Scott, to approve the lower quote from Jason's Log Finishing & Painting. All in favor. MOTION CARRIED. One (1) Absent.

REPORTS FROM DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Liquor Store: Liquor Store Manager Chet Nieman reported sales are up over \$30,000 compared to last year at this time. The mayor thanked Chet for doing a good job with sales and inventory. The air conditioner required repairs. It may have to be replaced at some point because the R22 it needs is expensive and hard to find.

Water and Sewer: Paul reported things are going well. The smaller propane tank was leaking at Old City Hall and has been fixed. The bio-solid permit has been submitted to St. Louis County for the 30 day public comment period.

Airport: Airport Manager Rocky Hoffman submitted a fuel inventory report of 1,266 gallons of Jet A and 1,693 gallons of 100LL on hand. He is still trying to get quotes for repairs to the T-hangers. The runway lines have been repainted by MnDOT-Aeronautics. The seal on the front axle of the airport pickup needs to be replaced. The council approved bringing the pickup to Wally's Auto. The council also approved repairs to the security lights in the parking lot. Only one security light has been working. Jeff Purdy has another customer in the area so the cost of the lift can be shared. The lights will be switched to LED. Approximate cost will be \$650 to \$750. City staff

will contact Lake Country Power to see if it qualifies for a rebate.

Ambulance: Ambulance Director Donna Hoffer reported they have had numerous trainings for equipment use in the last month. They will be conducting fit testing and radio training this week. Things are going well with Dr. Knaak, the new Medical Director. Donna received approval to apply for a grant to place defibrillators in commercial businesses in the city. There would be no cost to the city if this grant is received. They have added nine new EMRs this summer with some going on to take the EMT certification.

Fire Department: Dallas Johnson was not able to be present but informed the council MacQueen Emergency Group will be making needed repairs to the pumper truck.

Community Center: The temperature controls for the AC and heat need calibrating.

Tourist Information Center: It has been a very busy summer to date. There are tree limbs over hanging by the RV dump that will need to be trimmed by city maintenance. The Bog Walk still needs repairs.

Comments from Visitors: None.

Comments from Mayor/ Council: Tom Kennebeck

reported he and Judy Koch brought the check for the funds remaining in the library fund to Wendy Purdy at the ORR Center. Mayor Astleford thanked Tom for his generous donation of time and work on the Community Library, and in helping make the transition to the ORR Center. Motion by Lloyd Scott, second by Tom Kennebeck, to adjourn. All in favor.

MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Joel R. Astleford, Mayor, Cheri J. Carter, Clerk/Treasurer

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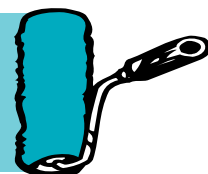
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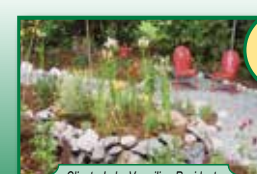


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