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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Burglar takes safe at Zup's in Tower

Early-morning theft recorded on video

by JODI SUMMIT
 Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER— An early morning burglar made off with a safe from the Zup's Grocery store on Monday, escaping with an undisclosed amount of money.

A morning delivery man reported the apparent break-in shortly before 4 a.m. on Monday,

Law enforcement officials are searching for a suspect in a burglary at Zup's Grocery store in Tower that occurred early Monday morning. submitted photo

Sept. 17, after he noticed the rear delivery door had apparently been forced open. Store staff were alerted just before 4 a.m., and they discovered that the door to the store's main office had also been broken and the store's safe

was missing.

The Breitung Police Department arrived on scene at 4 a.m.

The theft was caught on tape,

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VETERANS' VOICES

Cook author preserves memories of local service members

by MARCUS WHITE
 Cook/Orr Editor

COOK - There are stories we tell one another to remember the past, and there are stories we'll never know, either because they've been forgotten or somewhere along the line someone decided their stories weren't worthy to tell.

It's the latter that local author and former teacher Sandra Butalla wants to write, especially those from veterans who may not be around much longer to have their voices heard.

Butalla was at the Cook Library Tuesday night to share some of those stories and to sign copies of her two books, "The Man Who Fell to Earth" and "Warbirds in the Cloak of Darkness."

Butalla didn't initially set out to be an author. She had originally worked as

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Sandra Butalla, who taught English and writing for 15 years, has written two books full of stories from veterans. She was at the Cook Library this week to sign copies of "The Man Who Fell to Earth," and "Warbirds in the Cloak of Darkness." photo by Marcus White

ELECTION 2018

Stauber faces new complaint

Commissioner again cited for use of county resources to advance his congressional bid

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
 Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Eighth District congressional candidate Pete Stauber is facing a new complaint over misuse of St. Louis County resources to advance his run for Congress. Stauber is a St. Louis County Commissioner who represents the Duluth area.

The latest complaint, filed Sept. 17 by county social worker Dennis Frazier, alleges that Stauber invited an Oregon congressman, Greg Walden,



Pete Stauber

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Ely-area Joint Powers Board finds little to agree on

by KEITH VANDERVORT
 Ely Editor

With Morse considering going solo, broadband project in jeopardy

FALL LAKE TWP – The Ely-area Community Economic Development Joint Powers Board depends on the cooperation of its members to work together toward the goal of expanding economic opportunities for area

residents.

Yet such cooperation was far from evident at the Sept. 13 meeting held at Fall Lake Town Hall as officials from the city of Ely, ISD 696, Winton and Morse and Fall Lake townships differed over

issues such as broadband and high-speed internet, shared ambulance service and area recycling needs.

Ely Mayor Chuck Novak asked for suggestions for the re-location of the St. Louis County recycle drop-off center to

make room for the new recreational trailhead facility that is expected to break ground for construction next spring. "We received a \$1.3 million bonding grant for the trailhead so the recycling (facility) will have to move," Novak

said. "If we don't have it here anymore, the only one in the area will be on Hwy. 21 on the way to Babbitt."

Ely City Council member Al Forsman noted that St. Louis County has offered to assist in setting up fencing and access

construction to a new location. An Ely Sanitation Committee brainstorming session with county officials identified the Joint Public Works facility and the Morse Township Fire

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Sheriff's Office issues warning about new series of phone scams

REGIONAL- Phone scammers have been busy in the Northland this week. St. Louis County 911 received more than 100 reports Monday alone from people who received a scam phone message. The phony messages have come in various forms such as claiming the person owes taxes to the IRS or has outstanding warrants.

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office advises people who receive one of these scam messages to simply disregard it. They do not need to call 911 to report the call.

The Sheriff's Office reminds citizens to not respond to these calls, and to never divulge financial or credit card information or agree to send any kind of payment if they are not sure of the person or agency with whom they are talking.

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.

Vermilion Dream Quilters meet Oct. 4

TOWER- Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4 in the social hall at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower.

Where has summer gone? And how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area - with great quilting buddies! If you are participating, the Chinese New Year Challenge is due - and that is a project inspired by dogs. Our program this month is 4 x 4. Four members, Lois Nelson, Lois Robillard, DeDe Doi and Joyce Swanson, will each bring four of their favorite quilting projects to share and discuss. As always, please bring your own projects to share for Show and Tell since we all gain inspiration when we see what is possible!

Our hostesses for October are Judith Ulseth, Karen Lamppa and Barbara Rinne.

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

Auditions open for Ely Christmas play

ELY - Auditions for the Ely Community Theatre Christmas play, "A Tiny Miracle with a Fiberoptic Unicorn," will be held Sunday and Monday evening, Sept 23-24 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at the Vermilion Community College Fine Arts Theatre in Ely.

Roles available include one male (early teens), one female (early teens), one female (late teens), two males (middle age), one female (middle age) and two females (65+).

To preview the script, go to www.playscripts.com/play/1426 for a sample. Please call Greg at 218-474-1322 for more information.

The production will be presented by the Northern Lakes Arts Association on Nov. 29-30, and Dec. 1, 2, 4 and 6-8 at VCC.

COOK

NWFA to honor founding member

October show at Northwoods Friends of the Art Gallery planned



Susan Martin, in center, pictured with other members of Northwoods Friends of the Arts. submitted photo

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK - Members of Northwoods Friends of the Arts recently discussed ways to honor the late Susan Martin, one of the founders of the group, and how the group will preserve her memory for generations to come.

To do that, the group is adding something new to its October members gallery, and will create a small memorial to Martin, asking members to create pieces of art in her memory on the subject she knew and loved best, the wilderness of northeastern Minnesota.

"Sue was a great leader and got people involved," NWFA President Shawna Kishel said. "Her enthusiasm you couldn't deny. She had a knack for bringing people in and making you feel better about yourself and convincing you that you could do anything."

The women gathered around the table remembered fondly the cold winter, eight years ago, when Martin gathered a handful of artists from the Cook and Lake Vermilion area to find a way to sustain and create a voice for artists and find a way to give Cook a bigger footprint on the map.

"I wasn't there in the beginning, but I remember a little later on, people would ask her what to do," Lois Garbish said. "People would always ask what there was around, and she would tell them a three-letter word, E-L-Y...she wanted something around here."

Martin, who also owned Moosebirds with her husband Ron, felt she was sending too many people eastward to Ely and that Cook had more to offer and she wanted to change that.

As a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the home-own-

ers association, she thought an arts collective could do just that.

"Sue had this idea that artists should be self-supporting with their art," Alberta Whitenack said. "She had the big picture of everything; she was extremely creative and positive. She could make friends with anyone. She believed in living your life. She appreciated people, the water, the animals and the birds. She was excited about everything in life."

From humble beginnings first at the Cook Public Library, then the U.S. Forest Service building, and finally to its current permanent location on River Street, Martin had an instrumental role in ensuring the viability of the NWFA and turning it into a place where she one day would step away and let it grow on its own, and she did just that.

"She was full of ideas on how not only to make more money, but to have a bigger presence," Kishel said. "It was really a shock when we lost Sue," Cathryn Peters said. "But, she instilled in us that we all had to do it, we couldn't rely on one person to keep it going, it had to be everybody."

The ideas that would keep the NWFA going were vast and many, from spoken-word poetry to Martin wondering if bird-watching could be turned into its own art form. Art wasn't just about what could be painted or written, it was about what could be taken in through experience.

"How can you get other arts involved?" Whitenack said of Martin's planning. "There was always a next step. It was always on the horizon."

Martin's work went well beyond her involvement with the NWFA. From owning Moosebirds to helping other startups across the region through her work with the Minnesota Entrepreneurial Fund, with her obituary noting, "Sue helped people realize their dreams of starting their

own businesses with her support and expertise so they could become independent."

Her husband, Ron, remembers when Martin would work in her parents' appliance store in Illinois, and would take charge of her siblings. And at Moosebirds, Ron said, she was always on the move and asking people if they needed more to do.

And when the work became too tough and overwhelming, Martin would be there with kind words to keep one going.

"We've had times when you get burned out," Kishel said. "You'd have a conversation with Sue, and she would point out your accomplishments and see where you could go from there."

"Sue didn't ask you to do anything you couldn't do," Whitenack said. "She lifted up people who didn't always know what to do and was hard on the people she knew could do better."

It wasn't always work for Martin, though. Ron said she would always ask for him to go fishing with her, and she would create her own artwork in the wilderness around their adopted home of Cook.

It's that wilderness the NWFA hopes will enshrine her legacy at the gallery next month. The NWFA has asked its members and the public to submit pieces of art from all media that showcase the landscape of the northeast as a memorial to Martin.

Some of Martin's own work will be on display, on loan from the family.

"Visitors will have a sense of the northland that she lived in and she painted," Whitenack said. "Big shoes are hard to fill."

The October gallery show opens on Friday, Oct. 5 at 6 p.m. More information on the NWFA and how to submit artwork can be found on their website at www.nwfamn.org/.

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Rukavina attempting to mediate land dispute

Tax-forfeited parcel, site of a former dump, requires clean-up, but both Ely and Morse township want the land

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – St. Louis County Commissioner Tom Rukavina is attempting to mediate a land dispute between the city of Ely and the town of Morse. Both governmental bodies want a 60-acre parcel of tax-forfeited land, a former dump site off Lookout Ridge Road just south of the city.

Ely Mayor Chuck Novak told city council members Tuesday night that negotiations continue. Last week, Rukavina tabled the matter at the county board meeting. Town of Morse recessed its regular meeting as well, and the three parties gathered the next day to discuss ideas.

“We had a discussion about several parcels of land, and it seems like there might be a

willingness to work with us, but I’m not sure what that means,” Novak said.

In a memo from Ely Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski, a proposal was made by township officials to allow the city of Ely to annex approximately 220 acres around the Lucky Boy Pond area. “This proposal would require the city not to continue to pursue the 60-acre parcel near the landfill,” he wrote. The land is wooded and does not lend itself to development.

Negotiations between the city and township were set to continue late this week at Rukavina’s office.

According to Langowski’s memo, the city is seeking the corridor between the landfill site and the city’s boundary at 8th Avenue and Boundary Street. “To develop the site will require

city infrastructure and city tax dollars,” he said. “Without the ability to annex the property and provide city infrastructure, there is little incentive to continue the current cleanup process.”

Novak added, “We should all work together to clean-up that area. We don’t know what the long-term effect on groundwater will be. The only way to get that cleanup paid for by brownfield funding is if the city comes up with an economic development project.”

City officials have indicated in the past that workforce housing or light industrial manufacturing could be developed for the site.

Following a motion and support by council members to direct the mayor and clerk to continue to negotiate to acquire the 60-acre parcel in question,

Paul Kess noted that once the land is cleaned and developed, it will return to the city’s tax rolls instead of going to the township.

Langowski said the city has been attempting to acquire the 60-acre tax-forfeited parcel for at least 14 years.

Other business

In other business, the council:

► Heard that the Planning and Zoning committee made a procedural error in notification for their rezoning public hearing for the Community Center and will reschedule the hearing. This is a contingency for the impending sale of the landmark. The city council’s public hearing on the Community Center purchase agreement remains set for Tuesday, Sept. 25 at 5:30 p.m.

► Heard that the 7th annual

Ely Fire Department Public Safety Open House will be held on Wednesday, Sept. 26 from 3-6 p.m. at city hall.

► Rejected the sole bid of \$52,918 for the removal of the Community Center’s heating oil tank.

► Approved a Residential Rehab Loan of \$6,500 for Ann Loschneider of 336 W. Harvey St.

► Approved a Residential Rehab Loan of \$7,000 for Douglas Scheibe, 548 E. Washington St.

► Changed the November meeting of the city council from Election Day to Thursday, Nov. 8 at 5:30 p.m. The council will meet at 5:15 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 13 to canvass the vote for the General Election.

PUBLIC SAFETY

Bonacci-Koski convicted in death of Tower infant

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

VIRGINIA— A jury here took barely two hours last Thursday, Sept. 13, to return a guilty verdict that could send Jesse Lee Bonacci-Koski, age 25, to prison for years for actions that allowed his 11-month-old nephew to die in a house fire in Tower just over 13 months ago.

Firefighters found the 11-month-old boy, Bentley Joe Lewis Koski, unconscious and not breathing on the second floor of a smoke-filled residence, located at 813 North Third St., on Aug. 2, 2017. The next-door neighbor, Brad Matich, reported the fire and tried to enter the res-



Bonacci-Koski

idence initially, but found the smoke too thick for safe entry. Matich, a firefighter himself, entered minutes later after responding with others on the fire department with appropriate protective gear.

The infant’s parents had left Bonacci-Koski in charge of the child while they spent a night away from home. Bonacci-Koski had left the infant alone in the early morning hours when the blaze broke out and he fled the scene after he returned

to discover the house on fire. Firefighters had assumed no one was at home at the time and did not discover the infant, who was in an upstairs bedroom, until a search of the house after they had extinguished the first-floor blaze.

The jury found Bonacci-Koski guilty on charges of second-degree manslaughter and he was convicted as well on related charges of theft of a motor vehicle and possession of a controlled substance.

The jury convicted Bonacci-Koski shortly after two days of testimony in his jury trial concluded late last week. The trial included heart-rending testimony from the infant’s mother, Krista Swanson, as well as fire-

fighters from both Tower and Breitung who had discovered the soot-covered child lying in his crib. Medical examiner Rebecca Asch-Kendrick confirmed that the child had soot in his airways, indicating that he was alive at the time the fire broke out. Kendrick ruled that the death was accidental and was caused by smoke inhalation.

The state Fire Marshal was unable to determine a cause of the fire, which appeared to have started in the kitchen.

Firefighters had responded to the scene about 7:45 a.m. and found smoke pouring out of a second-story window along with flames on the first floor. The advanced state of the fire

suggests that the infant was likely already deceased by the time firefighters arrived. Even so, several Tower and Breitung firefighters testified that they would have reacted differently had they known the house was still occupied and they described their efforts to revive the child. After extinguishing the blaze, firefighters began a search of the residence and reported their discovery of the child’s body at about 8:45 a.m.

District Court Judge Gary Pagliacetti presided over the trial. He’ll pronounce sentencing for Bonacci-Koski on Wednesday, Oct. 24.

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Editorial

Harbor project

Tower City Council needs patience now that the pieces are in place for success

City officials in Tower would be wise not to pull the rug out from under a proposed town home project at the city's harbor, at least for now.

The city council, last month, gave the developers of the project a Sept. 26 deadline to sign a revised development agreement for the project, or the city appears willing to cancel the deal. That deadline was arbitrary, and it comes even as the developers continue to work in good faith to make the project succeed.

The threat to cancel the project— which has been in development for two-and-a-half-years— is inappropriate, particularly since the final platting and permitting of the project were just completed a few weeks ago. Under state law, the developers of the project could not legally sign purchase agreements with prospective buyers until platting was final.

From the beginning, the developers and city officials had agreed that the project would move forward based on sales as a means of limiting risk for both parties. Now, after more than two years, the groundwork has finally been laid to make those sales possible. For the city to abandon the project just as the developers are finally in a position to begin to convert legitimate interest in the project into contracts would be self-defeating.

There is no doubt that the delay in the project, and subsequent finger-pointing, has been frustrating for both city officials and the developers. But that's hardly cause to terminate the only project that's currently in the development phase for the city's harbor.

Right now, the biggest hold-up is a decision by the city to change the terms of the development agreement in a way which puts significant additional financial risk onto the developers. A little history here is in order. The city originally attracted Orlyn Kringstad and his development team, which operated at the time as Nordic Business Development, Inc., with a request for qualifications under which the city sought a variety of development services for a town home project that the city planned to develop on its own. Once NBDI showed interest, however, the city proposed that the company take on the role of developer, rather than the city. That change in the arrangement meant added risk for the development

group. They subsequently agreed to the change, with the clear understanding that the city would be providing the land and would pay to install necessary infrastructure, including streets and utilities.

But earlier this year, city officials changed their minds, again, and demanded that the developers agree to back financing for the streets and utilities, either through a letter of credit or a pay-as-you-go tax abatement scheme.

The developers, not surprisingly, balked. Eventually, they agreed to consider a phased tax abatement plan, but the city still doesn't have assurance that St. Louis County will agree to the idea, and probably won't know before Sept. 26. To demand that the developers sign a revised development agreement without fully understanding their prospective financial liability is unfair, to put it mildly.

If the city had another prospective developer and a realistic alternative proposal waiting in the wings, the sudden rush could be understood. But if such an alternative exists, it has certainly never been discussed at a public meeting.

As things sit today, the plan put forward by Kringstad and his group is still the most likely option for development at the harbor, and the only option that could conceivably begin construction in 2019.

The city council shouldn't let their frustrations over project delays push them into an unwise decision. There is little harm, and much potentially to gain, from letting the developers spend the fall and winter on project sales, with a mind towards a construction start in spring of 2019. The city's own market study demonstrated strong potential interest for town homes at the harbor. Now that all the pieces are in place to begin the sales effort, pulling the pin on the project is senseless. If the developers could have 6-10 purchase agreements signed and delivered by early next spring, which is certainly possible, the risks surrounding the project will have diminished greatly and the city can comfortably proceed with a major project that is almost certain to spark additional development in the harbor area. City officials in Tower have demonstrated patience in the past regarding this project. They need to show a bit more to make sure it succeeds.



Letters from Readers

Ely businesses asked to support equal pay for equal work

We are proud to live in Ely, where businesses support equal pay for equal work. One's race, gender or belief should not impact one's paycheck. We believe that fair pay transcends issues that divide us and that fair pay benefits Ely's economy.

AAUW Ely Branch and the Ely Rotary Club began their equal pay campaign in April 2018, and will conclude it in April 2020. We acknowledge the businesses who have already signed the affirmation supporting equal pay for equal work; we envision that 100% of Ely businesses will show their support for pay equity by signing the affirmation. At that time we will all celebrate a significant milestone, becoming the first community in the state to affirm equal pay for equal work.

All Ely businesses are asked to endorse the concept of equal pay. The size of the business and the diversity of the employees are irrelevant. Email ldsutton2001@aol.com for more information and a pay equity affirmation form.

Ely Equal Pay Committee
Kay Vandervort, Linda Sutton, Mary Setterholm, Lucy Diesslin, Teresa Sagen, Caroline Owens, Sarah Guy-Levar, Chuck Zeugner, Joe Owens

Who benefits when regulations are dismantled?

Games people play. Some are serious, some are for amusement, and others are real and for achieving desired outcomes in a social system.

Think of the economy as a game played in a serious and rational sense. Games operate on rules to guide behavior: 1) formal and written or 2) informal and unwritten. Formal rules are recognized and official, whereas informal rules result from group norms which are socially understood.

Lining up for theater tickets, first-come, first-served is a norm

or an informal rule. Government regulations to prevent public harm are formal and enforceable by official sanction to protect everyone. Government deregulation cuts the public out from regulating behavior, the rules of the game do not go away, but rule-making is left to powerful private interests.

Deregulators argue that rules interfere with markets, but human behavior doesn't operate in a mythical neutral zone. Rule-making without public interest involvement destroys government protection and allows corporate interests to do as they wish. In a market economy, rules of the game favor the most powerful and organized interests that seek to gain advantage for profit-making over worker, consumer, small business and community interests.

Environmental protection, educational attainment, equality, equity, community health, safety and security are weakened or eliminated when private interests or major corporations call the shots. When Wall Street writes the rules, Main Street loses. The Great Recession was proof positive of just that.

Trump's dismantling of the administrative state attacks the regulatory power of government. Death, disease and injury take a back seat to big business interests. Believing that a free market regulates itself may be true, but it fails to tell who benefits. Free for whom? Without collective action, each is left to themselves, clearly a disadvantage against corporate power in the game of life. They win, you lose!

**Harold Honkola
Tower**

Training for training's sake wastes money

There has been a lot of grumbling from a few Greenwood residents that the town board is not participating in training. It is frustrating to listen to the complaints over and over, meeting after meeting. It is a shame that these same people will keep coming up with things to bash the

current board just because their candidates lost in the last election.

Following is a list of upcoming training from a newsletter I just received from the Minnesota Association of Townships. Anyone with any sense can see that there is nothing that is relevant to Greenwood.

Sept. 27, Oct. 3, 4- Additional Truck Weight, Bemidji, Owatonna, St. Cloud.

Sept. 5 - Basics of Planning and Zoning, Rochester

Sept. 13- Your Role as Planning Commissioner, Burnsville

Sept. 25- Economic Development Basics for Communities, Burnsville

Sept. 26- Public Participation Techniques, Rochester

Sept. 26- City Energy and Climate Action Planning, Rochester

Oct. 2 - Beyond the Basics of Planning and Zoning, Rochester

Oct. 9 - Managing Risk: Making Sound Planning and Zoning Decisions, St. Paul

Oct. 11- Economic Development Basics for Communities, Rochester

Nov. 1 - City Energy and Climate Action Planning, St. Paul

Nov. 8 - From Silos to Collaborations: Creating Governance Frameworks that Work, Little Falls

Nov. 14 - Your Role as Planning Commissioner, St. Paul

Several dates - Understanding Groundwater in the Pine River and Sauk River Watersheds, Brainerd, Osakis.

Attendance at any of these would be a waste of township money and supervisors time since they don't apply to our township. Sending board members would result in costs for mileage and lodging.

The current board is not opposed to training. But, training must be pertinent to Greenwood for it to be beneficial.

**Pam Rodgers
Treasurer
Greenwood Township**

When words abound, and confuse

Recently I was asked to be a companion to a woman I'll call Joan, who had a stroke in July, so her family could go canoeing while visiting Ely. She was about my age. The language-processing part of her brain had been affected, but she could get around physically just fine.



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It turned out we had a lot in common: we had both taught first grade, enjoyed doing watercolor, drawing and pottery, and loved words in all their forms: reading, writing, speaking and thinking. After a lifetime of having words at her command, when she tried to express what was clear in

her mind, they tumbled out in an unsorted pile of syllables and unrelated words. She was very aware her thoughts were not coming out correctly and was very frustrated by it. She used a small white board to write on, which sometimes allowed the chosen words or numerals to come out whole, but other times they drifted off in a scribble. Pronouns were quite consistently incorrect. When she referred to herself or to me, she used the third person "she," never I, we,

or they.

Subsequently, I heard an MPR program reporting on a particular mode of instruction referred to as the science of learning to read, which forms the basis of reading programs used in some Southern school districts; impressive improvement in reading skills was cited. Teachers (many who had never received instruction in how to teach reading) were being retrained with a combined approach using phonemes, phonics, vocabulary,

comprehension, and spelling. I was stunned. I left teaching elementary school 40 years ago; although I loved working with the kids, I was burned out to a crackly crunch from the system. I gave 200 percent, aiming to be the best teacher I could, coordinating activities with my teammates in an open classroom "pod", supervising a student teacher, serving on curriculum and faculty development com-

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Letters from Readers

Supervisors issue misleading comments

At last month's Greenwood Town Board meeting Supervisors Mike Ralston and Carmen DeLuca informed us that should Greenwood Township choose not to retain the canisters at their current location, county officials have said we would have to recycle in Soudan. They said the Highway 77 transfer site lacked enough space (the County has a 40-acre parcel there) and did not have the health department permit needed. They said this even though they had a letter, in front of them, from County Environmental Services saying the county would move recycling to the Hwy. 77 transfer site if the township no longer wanted them at the town hall.

I called Mark St. Lawrence, director of SLC Environmental Services, and he told me that the county has never discussed or intended for Greenwood residents

to recycle in Soudan. I also asked him if the 77 site needed a different health department permit, to which he said no.

The story that we would have to drive to Soudan to recycle seems to be just a concocted story put forward by Supervisors Ralston and DeLuca to silence those wanting the canisters gone. Some want the canisters to stay, some want them gone. What we don't want is the board spreading false and misleading information just to get their way. The repeated storytelling by the board only hastens the evaporation of any credibility they may have had.

**John Bassing
Greenwood Township**

The Yoons will be a valuable addition to Ely

A few weeks ago I had the opportunity to meet Jimmy and Africa Yoon, the potential buyers of the Ely Community Center. I spent a few hours chatting with them at

their kitchen table in their home in Minneapolis while a small child and a dog played at our feet. I felt immediately comfortable and the conversation ranged far wider than their business plan and life in Ely.

The plan may seem odd to us, but it appears to be a solid plan with a timeline that makes it not-too far-reaching or overambitious. It is the ONLY plan that has come up in the years since the city abandoned the building that even attempts to address the obvious and huge financial obstacles in a realistic way.

I left their home feeling like I had just met some decent, respectable folks, energetic, smart, well connected and extremely confident that they can make their plan a reality.

I believe the city is doing the sensible thing by accepting their offer and I believe Jimmy and Africa will be a wonderful addition to the community.

**John Huisman
Ely**

BOIS FORTE

Morrison, Drift, and Boney winners in tribal council voting

NETT LAKE— It appears that Bois Forte voters have returned David Morrison Sr. to his long-time seat as the band's secretary-treasurer, while electing two newcomers to tribal council in voting held on Tuesday.

That's according to unofficial results from the tribal general election, which were posted by candidates on social media. No results were posted as of late Wednesday on the band's website.

Unofficial results showed that Shane Drift held the lead for the District I (Nett Lake) open seat with 168 votes, to 151 for Mildred Holmes. In District 2 (Vermilion), Peter Boney led with 109 votes to Sidra Starkovich's 90. Morrison narrowly edged challenger Brandon Benner, 265 to 245 for the district-wide seat.

Overall turnout appeared to be slightly lower than the July 10 primary, which had a total of 556 voters. Bois Forte was required to re-run its primary after the initial April primary election results were challenged due to irregularities in the handling of absentee ballots.

TUESDAY GROUP

Finding a home in Ely: New residents tell their stories

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY —Ely visitors from all walks of life come to this area many times with the dream of moving here someday. Some of these people are periodically introduced to the community at the Tuesday Group gathering at the Grand Ely Lodge.

Heather and Steve Holthaus, along with the children Lila, 3, and William, 2, finally made their dream come true last year." Ely is not new to me by any means," Heather said. "My grandfather, Dr. (James) Call, was a dentist here and my grandmother was an elementary school teacher."

The visited here many times. "In my heart I wanted to make Ely our home," she said. They worked for several summers for an area canoe outfitter. After pursuing a nursing degree, Heather was hired as a registered nurse at Carefree Living.

She said they wanted a smaller place to raise their family. They lived in the Wayzata School District. "My nephew's class was the first with 1,000 kids. That's way too big. I didn't want my kids lost in the school district."

They moved here last September and are "super happy" to be here. Her mother still has a home here and through her, they have made lots of friends.

Steve introduced their children, who didn't seem shy at all in front of the big crowd. They did maintain a tight grip on their



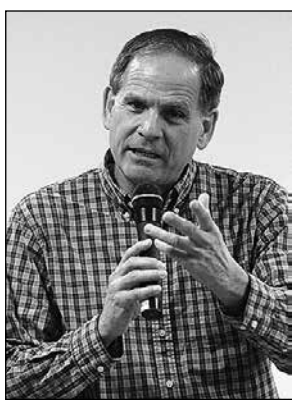
Steve and Heather Holthaus

father's fingers. "We refer to the Grand Ely Lodge as the popcorn store, so they get pretty excited when they get here because they know they will get some popcorn," he said.

Steve is originally from Decorah, Iowa. After graduating from Iowa State University, he moved to the Twin Cities. The couple met about 10 years ago. "I knew Ely was up here but had never been here before," he said. "I really like it, It feels like the right fit to join a small town community where everybody is friendly."

He continues to help out with a local outfitter from time to time. "I fell in love with the Ely Steam Bath," he added. He is a full-time stay-at-home dad right now.

Heather noted that many people in the Twin Cities are familiar with the Ely area and have the same dream of moving here. "Many just can't figure out the way to make the move. We are extremely happy to make this our home," she said.



Craig Haberman

Steve has many skills to offer the Ely community. Besides outfitting and canoe-trip experience, he is a certified arborist. He also worked as a special education teaching assistant in the St. Paul School District, and as a personal trainer with the YMCA.

Sarah Mason came to Ely four years ago fresh out of college and took over the band department at the Ely School District.

Sarah grew up in Grand Rapids and considers herself a "northern Minnesota girl." Following college at Concordia in Moorhead, she moved to Ely. "I love the type of people up here: all Minnesota, but better," she said.

Mason said she felt welcomed and fully embraced by the Ely community when she arrived. She said she hopes to add some stability to the band and music education departments at Ely schools. "I'm starting my fourth year and don't plan on leaving anytime soon," she said.

"The one thing I found out



Sarah Mason

about Ely is, if you are good at something, and people find out about it, they grab you for everything else related to that subject," she said. She started out as band and elementary music teacher, and soon joined the Large Mouth Brass, church choir, Ely Patriotic Choir, Christmas Cantata, as well as the community musical. "I even tried a singing role," she said. "Pretty much any musical thing in Ely, I've gotten to dip my toes into."

Mason updated the group on the fundraising effort for a new marimba for the school band. "The current one we have is from the 1930s and it shows," she said. "In the past three years, the band program has tripled in size, and along with that the number of percussion students has also grown. We are outgrowing the quality of some of the instruments," she said.

She said she is looking for an instrument that will last for a while. "We are looking at a tough-terrain marimba, because sometimes we have to cart our

instruments through the snow," Mason said. The cost of the new instrument is about \$5,500. A fundraising concert last spring brought in \$2,000. She is also hoping for a grant from the Ely Rotary Club.

"We also have received many personal donations," she added. "That is what Ely is, I've discovered over the years." When she needed a bunch of trash cans for the concert last spring, she got the word out and within 30 minutes she had 10 brand new trash cans people bought at the hardware stores. "I was just blown away," she said.

Craig Haberman recently joined the United Methodist Church as the congregation's new pastor. He has spent all but six years of his life in Minnesota. He was born in New Jersey and also spent four years in seminary in Ohio. "Minnesota has always been home," he said.

He lived with this family in Cook from fifth through tenth grade. During that time his parents built a water-access cabin on Sand Point Lake. "We have a lifetime lease on the cabin that is now in Voyageurs National Park, and this is our 50th summer up there. Mom died last March and Dad is 87. When he's gone, we also lose the cabin," he said.

Haberman graduated from seminary in 1985. "I've been watching the church at Ely for years, and when Dana Thompson retired, I threw my hat in the ring, and here I am. I've been here a month," he said. "Ely feels like home. I just love the wilderness ethos."

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mittees as well as the negotiating team for the teachers' association, doing what I thought was needed to change the status quo. I was passionate about instilling students with a love of learning and excellent reading skills, which serve as a critical underpinning for success in school and the lifelong enrichment possible through command of the written word. I was appalled by the lack of focus on reading instruction beyond the first and second grades and frustrated with the lockstep methods, among other concerns.

I resigned with a flaming statement of idealism and the fire of self-righteous perfectionism, saying, "I think we are striving for mediocrity, not excellence, and while change may come, it will come too slowly for me." There's a reason they call it "burnout."

Now, decades later, they're exclaiming the success of using basic key components of language to teach reading as if it's a new discovery. How sadly correct I was, and how exasperated through these many years that public education keeps repeating the same cycles, trying "new"

approaches, tossing out proven methods with the bathwater, seemingly at a loss to retain and accumulate knowledge and wisdom. Indeed, beyond that, even now, even with proven results, there is resistance from some teachers, according to this report, defending their belief in a "whole word" teaching method. One administrator said, "Is this my science or your science?" I wonder how he was taught and what his teachers and administrators believe in spite of evidence to the contrary.

And now I experienced the opposite end of the process, where words and learning fall apart into non-meaning, even for a language lover and educator. So, how was I to communicate with Joan? Her brain synapses were scrambling the meaning of words spoken to her, as well, so we took walks, played cards, drew pictures and pointed at things. I talked less, not more, since playing Twenty Questions to discern a scrap of meaning or explaining in various ways simply flooded her with more confusing input. Instead, I listened intently, using intuition and probable context to discern

what she might mean. I noticed that there some nonsense syllables that seemed to have a consistent reference, so it was a bit like learning a new language. I found, when I relaxed and listened with my whole being, that we communicated fairly well.

I've had similar experiences of nonverbal understanding. I was once talking with an elderly Greek woman who spoke no English, so her words were Greek to me. (Sorry, I just had to say that.) She was showing me how to tat, a method of making fine lace, and somehow our murmurings in our own languages communicated beyond the task at hand. Another time, I was visiting some friends in a cabin on Lake Vermilion, and out came the cards and games. We decided to play Pictionary, and I was teamed up with Susie, a dear, quirky person who was a perfect blend of scientist and artist whom I had known for 30 years but hadn't seen in a decade. Every single time it was our turn, one of us would draw a few squiggles and the other person would yell, "quicksand!" or "flamingo!" with no explanation for how we got there. We were amazed and

our opponents were frustrated, but could see there was no way we could be cheating.

That kind of communication can often happen with long-term friends or partners who anticipate the other's thoughts and actions and may even start sounding alike. But to experience that with a new acquaintance is quite refreshing and enlightening.

It caused me to reflect on many attempts to communicate with different people through my life, sometimes in writing, often using the spoken word, with individuals and groups, and often, with less-than-successful results. Sometimes it seems like we are speaking different languages, expecting the others to understand, and in a way, we are. Our vocabularies are absorbed and developed in the context of our family, culture, geographical setting, and educational experiences, salted with words or phrases we overuse or use incorrectly that may not communicate what we think they do, peppered with words that have loaded meanings for us, culturally or personally, that may trigger intense negative or

positive feelings. They can be the landmines in a conversation, blowing it off track, leaving the participants stunned, unsure about what happened. One of the strangest experiences has occurred only with two or three people, when I feel we are 99 percent in agreement, but the conversation seems to have parallel paths that never intersect, suggesting disagreement and contention when there really is none there.

I do want to state clearly and LOUDLY that the full-bodied listening I'm referring to is not the same mode as those who use silence to hide, avoid confrontation, withhold feelings or information, or just aggravate their more verbal conversational partner because they know it drives them crazy. That's fearful, passive-aggressive, obstructionist behavior, in my humble opinion. Full-bodied listening is the opposite, removing barriers to the other person and their thoughts, allowing the mind to open to possibilities that the spoken words, tone, inflection and the spaces in between may mean. Give it a try. You might just learn something.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP



FREE PICNIC & RIBBON CUTTING
for the New Playground
3000 County Rd. 77, Tower

SATURDAY, SEPT 22
11 AM • Ribbon Cutting
11:30-12:30 • FREE Picnic

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Grief Education and Support Group, Oct. 11

TOWER- A Grief Education and Support Group will meet Thursday, Oct. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 304 Spruce St. in Tower. The group is open to anyone in our area who has experienced the death of a loved one and is free of charge.

Experiencing the death of a loved one can be very difficult. Learning about the grief process and having support from others can help a great deal. Please consider reserving your spot to participate in this monthly education and grief support group.

The meeting will discuss "Spirituality and Searching for Meaning" as well as the Book Club discussion of the book, "Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Resilience and Finding Joy," by Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant.

The Grief Education and Support Group regularly meets the first Thursday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.

Registration is not required, but it is recommended. Please call East Range Hospice at 218-749-7975 or 1-877-851-2213 to register.

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



Pictured (from left): Lee Wilson, Bob Meittunen, Karen Soderberg Karni, John Stefanich, Pauly Peil Housenga, Helen Mesojedec Erchul, Emmanuel Sundahl, and Ray Stefanich. Not pictured is Nick Tekautz. Also attending were Linda Trucano, guest of Lee Wilson, Rosalie wife of John Stefanich, Barb, wife of George Peyla, Ginni wife of Bob Meittunen, Judy, wife of Emmanuel Sundahl, and Dennis, husband of Helen Erchul. submitted photo

GREENWOOD TWP- A casual gathering of the Tower-Soudan High School class of 1959 was held Sunday, Sept. 16 at the Vermilion Club. George and Barb Peyla, Pauly Peil Housenga, and Judi Koski Anderson were on the organizing committee. Classmates enjoyed several hours of conversation and reminiscing. Plans are already being made for their 60th

anniversary next year. Volunteer coordinators will be Diane Vollendorf Grigal and Karen Soderberg Karni. They are interested in hearing from classmates concerning the scheduling of this event.

Classmates are welcome to contact Pauly Housenga at 218-753-3415.

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Mon.-Thurs. 8-6
Fri. & Sat. 8-7, Sun. 8-3

Soudan Baptist Sunday service time change

SOUDAN- The Soudan Baptist Church welcomes Pastor Joel Hasz as their interim pastor. Services will now be held at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church events, Sept. 23

SOUDAN- Bring the kids to St. Paul's for a Sunday School Rally and Bless Your School Backpack on Sunday, Sept. 23 at 8:30 a.m. Children are welcome to a Sunday school lesson at 9 a.m. during service.

Later that same day,

meet the new Pastor, Greg Anderson, at 4 p.m. Dinner will be served. Everyone is welcome. For questions, call Susan Trucano-Precht at 218-780-1560.

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).

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.

Defensive Driving Four-Hour Refresher Course on Sept. 26

SOUDAN- Defensive Driving Four-Hour Refresher Course will be Wednesday, Sept. 26 at the Soudan Fire Hall from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. The four-hour refresher course is offered for drivers 55 years of age and older who have previously completed an eight-hour beginner course. Dana Waldron is the instructor for the class of offered under AARP. Class fee is \$15 for AARP members and \$20 for non-members. Payment is payable to the instructor on the day of class. You must pre-register so we can plan for materials. Please call or text Leone Graf to pre-register at 218-343-3744. If no answer, please leave a message with your name and spelling, phone number, and the class you are interested in.

Is it time for your financial check-up?



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- **Debt Repayment** - determine reasonable options to successfully pay off credit cards or old debt

SET UP A MEETING TO GET STARTED

WHEN
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Questions? Call Lynn at 218-750-1823



Area Solid Waste Facility site hours

Northwoods Transfer Station
9384 Hwy 21 N., Ely/Babbitt
Winter Hours
Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am-3pm
Tue: 9:30am-3pm
Wed: 11am-5pm

County 77 Canister Site
2038 County Rd. 77, Greenwood Twp
Winter Hours
Thurs, Sun: noon-5pm

Embarrass Canister Site
7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass
Hours
Sat: 12:30-4:30pm
Thu: 10am-5pm

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
5345 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia
Hours
Tues and Sat: 8am-1pm

Cook Transfer Station
2134 S. Beatty Rd., Cook
Hours
Mon: 10am-6pm
Tues thru Sat: 9am-3:30pm

Soudan Canister Site
5160 Hwy 169, Soudan
Hours
Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun
8am-5pm

Aurora Transfer Station
5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora
Hours
Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am-4pm
Tue, Wed: 10am-4pm
Sat: 8am-noon

Regional Landfill
5341 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia
Hours
Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm
Sat: 8am-3:30pm

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September 1st - November 1st

Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union is seeking your help in collecting as many new, cozy and warm blankets to go along with our 3rd Annual Angel Tree Project!

We will also be accepting 1 1/2 - 2 yards of fleece material to make tie blankets. Each child on our Angel Tree will receive a cozy blanket to cuddle up with on those long, cold winter nights.

Donations can be dropped off at any of our 3 offices: Embarrass, Tower or Aurora
Angel Tree tags will be available Nov 1st. We will accept donations to the end!!!
We are hoping to make 120 local kids, ages 0 - 18, have a little brighter and warmer Christmas Holiday Season.

Thank you for your generosity!



Embarrass Vermillion
Federal Credit Union



BIG TRUCK NIGHT



Breitung Township and Early Childhood Family Education hosted the annual Big Truck Night event on Sept. 13. Pictured, clockwise from top: Dane, Paxton, Sarah with Smokey Bear, Ben, and Brylee. photos 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. 24

- Monday- Macaroni and Cheese, Green Beans
- Tuesday- Italian Meatball Sub, Corn
- Wednesday- Breaded Pollock, Bread Stick, Baked Potato
- Thursday- Two Cheese Enchiladas
- Friday- Hot Dog in a Blanket, Baked Beans

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Week of Sept. 24

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 Oct. 16.

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.

Breitung Town Board- 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 26

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.

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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



Dear Hearts,

My Smith Corona has run out of ribbon. I tried to type on the red part but it was all pink and faint.
So here I am, sitting next to Jodie in an actual newspaper OFFICE!
I feel just like Katharine Hepburn in one of those movies with Spencer Tracy.
I keep waiting for someone to yell, "Rip out the front page..."
So far, nothing, but I keep waiting.
It has been very, very quiet here with all the wee ones back in school. It is as if a pall has dropped down. We were having our morning coffee and heard nothing but the tweeting of the birds and the forced breathing of our asthmatic mongrel.
Still no shouting here, but I am getting a heads-up on local events. To be part of the gang, I have offered them a few

newsy bits, which they felt were libelous.
We do feel a bit bad for the faculty at the various local schools. Standing in front of a roomful of rebels, trying to get them all hot about Chaucer or simple addition, while the students are texting.
Hilda and I were totally unaware of what texting was until we decided that we REALLY needed pizza - one can take only so much tuna salad!
We were the only elderly people in the café. The place was as quiet as tomb - filled with young folk, but no one was talking.
It was as if we were in one of the old fifties movies like 'The Crypt,' or 'The Revenge of Frankenstein,' or 'The Zombie Wedding.'
"Why is it so quiet? Have they taken some Zombie oath?"
"They're texting."
"What's texting?"
"You know about texting don't you?"
I blushed and tried to toss my hair a la Jean Harlow or Rhonda Fleming.

"Oh well, we've been out of the country....in Tibet. The Dalai Lama is one hot dude!!"
"Honey, you had to be on Mars not to hear about texting. You type messages on your phone to your friends and they type back!"
"They're sitting across from each other... can't they just TALK to each other? They are all right there!"
"It's not COOL!"
"Not cool?"
"They have cell phones."
"CELL PHONES! You mean all those teenagers are criminals?"
I remember when 'teen' communication was writing notes, folding and folding them into little triangles that you would shoot across the room to your best friend.
"Have you been in a coma? It is the latest thing!"
Who wants to be in the dark, sitting on the cusp of modernity?
We tossed our hair and laughed a knowing laugh.
When we got home, we discovered Moose

with the same open mouth, glazed eyes, a bit of drool running down his chin...staring at his CELL PHONE.
Hilda snapped him in the head and I pried the 'cell' from his claw-like hands.
It took him several hours before he could form words and when he did he explained the last advancement in communication.
I have been through calling 'central,' 'talking to an operator,' 'party lines,' Pink Princess phones, and the disappearance of dials!
As for me, and my house, there will be no cells...as if that will last.
Still no journalistic drama!
Still no Spencer Tracy!
Ta-ta, loves.
I am going to lunch.....
Ms. Vera Milion

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Thank You

The family of Conrad Rones wishes to express their heartfelt gratitude to the entire Tower/Soudan communities and to everyone who expressed their condolences and memories of Conrad. It has been overwhelming, but the support, kind wishes, memorials and memories have meant so much to us.
Thank you all again.

The family of Conrad Rones

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Wednesday Noon-6 pm
Thursday Noon-6 pm
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Support groups


AA - Alcoholics Anonymous
AA - 7 p.m. Mondays,
First Lutheran Church,
915 E. Camp St.
WOMEN'S AA - Noon
Mondays, Ledgerock
Community Church, Ely -
use 15th Street entrance.
BABBITT AA - 7 p.m.
Tuesdays, Woodland
Presbyterian Church.
AL-ANON - Sundays
8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's
Catholic Church in Ely.
For persons who encoun-
ter alcoholism in a
relative or friend.
BABBITT AL-ANON -
Thursdays, 7 p.m., at
Woodland Presbyterian
Church.
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benefits
Winter Festival**
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is the place to be
Wednesday, Oct. 3.
for the Ely Winter
Festival's fifth annual
Oktoberfest.
The fundraising
event will be held
between 6 and 9 p.m.
Each person will get
German tacos (pas-
trami and kraut on
soft tacoshells), chips,
cheese and crackers,
and their choice of
beer or wine.
Sonja Jewell and
Mary Louise Icenhour
will donate strudel. A
special treat will be
Joe Baltich Sr. playing
polka music on his
accordion. Everyone
will have a chance to
win door prizes.
Tickets are \$20
and are available
at Land of Lakes
Insurance Agency
(240 W. Sheridan), the
Winton Roadhouse,
and from EWF Board
Members.

Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2018



floating on the lake
all feeling evaporates
becoming water

RECREATION

Expect detours, delays during Ely Marathon on Saturday

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - The fourth annual Ely Marathon and Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon, along with related events this weekend, expect to draw thousands of people to the edge of the wilderness.

More than 100 racers are registered for this year's Full Marathon, according to organizer Wendy Lindsay, and more than 350 runners plan to run the Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon. Race registration is open until Friday, Sept. 21.

Runners, spectators and all users of Ely-area streets and rural roads can expect some delays and detours.

The following city streets will be closed from 8:30 a.m. to approximately 2:30 p.m. on Saturday:

- East Camp Street from 17th to 15th Avenues;
- Sheridan Street from 2nd to 15th Avenues;
- Chapman Street from 2nd to 7th Avenues.

Barricades will be placed so that alleys are accessible from Harvey and Camp streets, according to Lindsay. Highway 169 (Sheridan Street) detour will run from Central Avenue to Harvey Street to 17th Avenue.

The Northern Lights 5K Glow Run event will take place Friday, Sept. 21 from 6:40 p.m. to 8 p.m. The entire course will be blocked off to traffic during the race. The race starts at Vermilion Community College, and follows a route on 17th Avenue to Miner's Drive and East Washington Street, down 2nd Avenue and East Camp Street back to VCC.

Barricades will be placed so that alleys south of Camp Street will be accessible. The course will be cleared as the last racers move through the route, Lindsay said.

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 in Whiteside Park. As many as 100 children are signed up for the Dorothy Molter Root Beer Run, Lindsay said.

The full marathon starts at Camp Du Nord on North Arm Road. North Arm Road will be one lane of traffic from 7:30 a.m. to about noon on Saturday. All cars are to stay on the east lane. Runners will be on the west lane.

A pilot car will run from the intersection of North Arm Road and Echo Trail and continue to Old Winton Road. Vehicles



Caid Chittum, above, crosses the finish line in the "Kids Marathon" last year. Lynn Anne Vespers, below, portaged her canoe for the half marathon last year. A full canoe marathon is featured this year. photos by K. Vandervort



will be held at both ends until the pilot car arrives to lead them to the other side. The entire course will be coned. The Cedar Lake Road, Cloquet Line, Old Winton Road, within the city of Winton, Pioneer Road, Miner's Drive and 17th Avenue will be operating at one lane of traffic, with the runners on the west lanes and traffic utilizing the east lanes and shoulders of the road, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and lasting till 2 p.m. Also set to be part of this year's event are a fitness expo, live music, obstacle course and food trucks. 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
6 to 9 p.m. - Christopher David Hanson Band Concert at Whiteside Park - Free



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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.

OUR COMMUNITY

Miss Ely, Little Miss Ely to be crowned Sept. 28

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

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.

The 2018 Miss Ely contestants are Mackenzie Peterson, Jessica Anderson. The Little Miss contestants are Kayla Larsen, Lindi Zemke and Audrey Engen. submitted photo



Name: Mackenzie Peterson
Nickname: Kenzi
Age/ Grade: 17 years old, senior at EHS
Birthday: Oct. 16, 2000
Siblings: Mitchell and Beau Peterson
Pets: Echo, a chocolate lab
Hobbies: I like being with friends, being outside, going to the beach, spending time with my family. I love working with my residents at Boundary Waters Care Center.
School/Activities: Student Council, Prom, Grand March co-chair, Senior Class president
Sports: Volleyball
Favorite Subject: Science
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Movie: 50 First Dates
Favorite TV Show: Friends
Music of Choice: Country
Plans After High School: Attend nursing school to be a registered nurse
Business Sponsor: Boundary Waters Care Center

Name: Lindi Zemke
Nickname: Lulu
Age/Grade: 8 years old, second grade
Birthday: May 10, 2010
Siblings: One brother, Jayden
Pets: Two dogs (Trigger and Mya), one fish (Rainbow)
Hobbies: I like jumping on the trampoline, swimming, fishing, camping, catching crayfish, making slime, pogo sticking, crafts and dancing.
School/Activities: Girl Scouts, Kids Club, Heavy Metal Sports, dance
Sports: Baseball, golf, gymnastics
Favorite Subject: Gym, math, music and art
Favorite Food: Pizza, macaroni and cheese, buttered noodles with Parmesan cheese
Favorite Movie: The Emoji Movie
Favorite TV Show: iCarly
Music of Choice: Hits 1 and Venus on Sirius XM Radio
Plans After High School: Be a nurse like my mom
Business Sponsor: Heavy Metal Sports

Name: Jessica Anderson
Nickname: Jess
Age/Grade: 17 years old, senior at EHS
Birthday: Oct. 12, 2000
Siblings: Taylor Anderson, Tina McCard, Candace McCard, Sarah Johnson, Aaron Davies
Pets: Two ducks, 12 chickens, two dogs, one cat
Hobbies: I like hiking, swimming, boating, kayaking, fishing, hunting, golf and tennis
School/Activities: High School yearbook, Choir
Sports: Dance, golf, tennis
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Food: Fish and pizza
Favorite Movie: Monsters, Inc.
Favorite TV Show: Full House
Music of Choice: Anything!
Plans After High School: Attend school to become a teacher
Business Sponsor: Timber Lodge Trail

Name: Audrey Noel Ann Engen
Nickname: Aud
Age/Grade: 8 years old, second grade
Birthday: Dec. 23, 2009
Siblings: One brother, Hayden, age 5
Pets: A Shih Tzu, Maddie, a hamster, Laura, and lots of fish!
Hobbies: Drawing, swimming, baking, riding bike, dancing and slumber parties
School/Activities: Dance
Sports: None, yet
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Food: Pizza
Favorite Movie: The Incredibles, The Incredibles 2
Favorite TV Show: Zumbo's Just Desserts
Music of Choice: Anything you can dance to
Plans After High School: Go to college to be a teacher, a veterinarian or a scientist
Business Sponsor: Salon No. 10

Name: Kayla Larsen
Nickname: KK
Age/Grade: 7 years old, second grade
Birthday: April 28, 2011
Siblings: Rylee and Logan
Pets: Zoey, Brynlee, Axel, 10 chickens and a turtle
Hobbies: I like playing with my baby turtle, my chickens and Zoey
School/Activities: At school she likes to play with her friends
Favorite Subject: Math
Favorite Food: Ice cream
Favorite Movie: Woody the Woodpecker
Favorite TV Show: SpongeBob Square Pants
Music of Choice: All kinds of music
Plans After High School: Do homework
Business Sponsor: Tara Kay Photography

Yesterday's news, this week

from the archives of
THE ELY MINER
Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

September 20, 1918

Limit use of sugar

Americans must use no more than two pounds of sugar per person per month if the present meager allied sugar ration is maintained. Stocks will be short until the beginning of the new year. Rations may be enlarged.

The ration of just a half pound a week is the latest ration by the U.S. Food Administration asked of every citizen until Jan. 1, 1919 in order to make sure there will be enough for our Army, Navy and the Allied armies and the civilians of those nations.

By New Year's the world sugar situation will be relieved somewhat by the new crop. Cuban sugar of this year's crop will be arriving in this country.

Production of American beet and Louisiana cane crops has been disappointing.

Puerto Rico crops have been curtailed. Immense sugar stocks in Java cannot be reached on account of the shipping shortage. Ships are needed for troop movements and munitions.

Army and Navy sugar requirements have increased as well as those from the Allies.

Most industries using sugar have had their allotment reduced by one-half. Some will receive no sugar.

Households should make every effort to preserve the fruit crop without sugar, or with small amounts of sugar. Later, when the sugar supply is larger, canned fruit may be sweetened as it is used.

Section Thirty happenings

Dr. and Mrs. C.R. Stanley left Sunday for a trip to Minneapolis. Dr. F.W. Metcalf is acting for Dr. Stanley during his absence.

Deputy Sheriff Hendrickson has taken seven slackers before the Ely Local Board during the past week.

G.A. St. Clair made a business visit here last Thursday before leaving for a trip to the east.

Two Finns were before the local court on Monday charged with committing an assault down in the mine. After a prolonged hearing at which Attorney Nelson of Ely represented the defendants, the case against one was dismissed and the other was fined \$10 and costs.

H.G. St. Clair and W.C. Taft made a business trip to Mesaba on Wednesday.

ELY-WINTON HOSPITAL ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FUND

The Ely-Winton Hospital Scholarship Fund offers scholarships to students in the fields of:

- | | |
|--------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Doctor of Medicine | 6. Physician's Assistant/ Paramedic |
| 2. Registered Nurse/RN | 7. Occupational Therapist |
| 3. Laboratory Technician | 8. Physical Therapist |
| 4. X-Ray Technician | 9. Pharmacy Librarian |
| 5. Medical Records | 10. Other approved by the Committee |

Applicants must have attended school in Ely or Babbitt for at least two (2) years and have graduated from that school.

Applicant must be engaged in obtaining professional, vocational, or scientific education or training leading to a degree or certificate in one of the above-mentioned fields.

Applications are available at the Superintendent's office, ISD No. 696, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731, and are due in the Superintendent's office by Wednesday, October 31.

Tai Ji Quan



Moving for Better Balance Classes offered by Northwoods Partners

Class Begins On Tuesday, October 2nd 10 - 11 am

Ely Recreational Center - 1034 Main Street
Classes are Tuesday & Thursday for 12 weeks



NORTHWOODS PARTNERS CALL **365-8019** to REGISTER



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



Area Solid Waste Facility site hours

Northwoods Transfer Station
9384 Hwy 21 N. Ely/Babbitt
Winter Hours
Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am-3pm
Tue: 9:30am-3pm
Wed: 11am-5pm

Aurora Transfer Station
5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora
Hours
Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am-4pm
Tue, Wed: 10am-4pm
Sat: 8am-noon

Embarrass Canister Site
7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass
Hours
Sat: 12:30-4:30pm
Thu: 10am-5pm

Soudan Canister Site
5160 Hwy 169, Soudan
Hours
Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun:
8am-5pm

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
5345 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia
Hours
Tues and Sat: 8am-1pm

Regional Landfill
5341 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia
Hours
Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm
Sat: 8am-3:30pm

Winter hours effective October 1st through April 14th

St. Louis County Environmental Services Department
1-800-450-9278

Office hours 8-4:30 Monday through Friday
www.stlouiscountymn.gov/recycle



Registration Wednesday, Sept. 26, 2018 from 5 - 7 p.m.

Ron Castellano Arena in Babbitt

2018/2019 Season Will Begin in November

Questions? Call Lynn at 218-750-1823

Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



The colors are bordering on fantastic. They are not at their peak but will be soon. Driving along the roads always gives a special thrill. The first day of fall is Sept. 22. This also means flu season is right around the corner. The flu vaccine reduces the risk of catching the flu by about 50 to 60 percent. Time to start preparing for your annual vaccination. Many people worry about getting a flu shot because they are afraid they will get the flu from the vaccine. There are so many stories out there about people who came down with the flu a few days after getting the shot. It's easy to understand why people believe this and continue to insist that the vaccine can give you the flu. So, is there any truth to this question? The short answer is...no, there is no truth to it. It is *not* possible to get the flu from the flu shot. To put it in technical terms, correlation does not equal causation. Meaning, just because you got the flu after getting the vaccine, that doesn't mean the vaccine caused it. The injected flu vaccine is made from a killed virus and the nasal flu vaccine (nasal spray) is made from a weakened live virus. Neither of these vaccines can give a healthy person the flu. It's just not scientifically possible. So be brave and get the shot; it will help.

Grouse season is open as of Sept. 15. The famous grouse hunters Sue and Peter Dahl, and Betty Corcoran are planning a trip to the North Country to try out their luck. Let us hope they do not get lost as has happened in past years. Aren't we lucky to live in Minnesota? There's more to Minnesota than 10,000 lakes. Try 11 million acres of public hunting land, 528 designated hunting areas in the ruffed grouse range covering nearly 1 million acres, more than 40 designated ruffed grouse management areas and 600 miles of hunter walking trails. Minnesota offers some of the best grouse hunting in the country. Even in down years of the grouse population's boom-and-bust cycle, hunters in other states still envy our flush rates and hunter success rates remain high. Even grouse know Minnesota is a good place to live.

Fans are excited with Vikings football. The last game against Green Bay ended in a tie. A tie is better than a loss, however loyal fans feel

for the kicker who could have won the game but missed three field goals including the final one which would have won the game. That was nine points lost for the entire game. Final score was 29 and 29. Many believe

a tie is the same thing as kissing your sister-in-law. The kicker's name is Carlson; no relation to Ruth, an avid Viking fan.

The final Minnesota Twins baseball game for this season is Sept. 30. It is a home game against the White Sox at 2:06 p.m. Of course there will be a lot more baseball working up to and including the World Series. The Twins are not in the playoffs. There is always next year.

Mike and Linda Lang attended Mike's Uncle Tom's funeral in Montgomery last week. Tom was a good man and a proud Irishman. "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" was the processional hymn. While in Southern Minnesota for the funeral, the Langs' had occasion to meet up with Mike and Dani Fish, former Crane Lake regulars, while both were spending time in New Prague. A brief, but fun, visit occurred. The Fishs' now have three grandchildren (two girls and a boy) and are busy having new experiences and travels. They, in turn, asked about many Crane Lakers and were delighted to catch up with news from our area.

Did you know that John Sanborn was promoted to the rank of Sergeant earlier this summer? What an accomplishment, as he has "made rank" very quickly. Typically, it takes 5-8 years to attain the rank of Sergeant, which is considered to be an NCO (non-commissioned officer) and the backbone of the Marine Corps. Congratulations John and kudos to mom and dad, Jeff and Lori, on this outstanding young man. The Marines look for "a few good men" and they got one with John.

With the onset of Fall, daylight hours are getting shorter. Do you suffer from Seasonal Affective Disorder? Many people do and become depressed due to the lack of sunlight. This lack also affects what is called your circadian clock or rhythm. These rhythms are genetically preprogrammed into humans, and sunlight is the major factor in regulating them. These rhythms control the release of the hormone cortisol, which makes us feel awake and alert. If you are feeling tired more often with the season changes, perhaps a good cup of coffee might help. Cortisol levels naturally dip between 9:30 - 11:30 a.m., so that's the best time to give yourself a boost with a good cup of coffee. Instead of that "eye-opener" cup of java, save it for your work break and you may become energized. However, one of the Dames is waiting for a doctor's prescription for a winter vacation in the sunshine to combat SAD. A cup of coffee would be a good beverage to enjoy by the pool!

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

Until next week the Teapot Dames are singing off.

Hands on with zebras and the alphabet



One of the many images featured in Amy Lucas-Peroceski's kids book featuring zebras. submitted image.

by **MARCUS WHITE**
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK – Kids and adults will have a chance to learn how storybooks are made this Friday evening at the Cook Public Library.

The library will welcome Amy Lucas-Peroceski, an illustrator and author from Chisholm, to read her new children's book, "Arthur Zar's Amazing Zebras," a book meant to help kids learn the alphabet.

"The zebras each have a mother and child doing something silly on each page," Amy's mom and manager Nancy Lucas said. "It's a look and find type of a book. Mother has an upper-case

letter and the child has a lower case letter."

Each of the letters is hidden in the stripes of the zebras.

The event will be no ordinary book reading, however, with Lucas-Peroceski not only explaining how she made the painted canvases for the book, but also working with kids on learning how to paint zebras.

Each child in attendance will be able to draw their own zebra with the help of a local artist.

Lucas said attendees will also have the chance to see what it takes to develop a fully illustrated book from the ground up.

"We want to show people how she started; we have her

original sketches," Lucas said. "If we have older people who are interested in the publishing process we'll go through that."

Lucas said the book was a challenge as it required her daughter to paint 31 canvases and then photograph them with a high enough quality to be reproduced on the pages of a kids storybook.

The program is sponsored through the Minnesota Arts and Culture Heritage Fund and the Arrowhead Library System.

The presentation will begin at 4 p.m. on Friday Sept. 21 at the Cook Public Library. More information can be found at www.321artstudio.com.

Seeking volunteers and donations for Lyric Center renovations

VIRGINIA- Lyric Center for the Arts will soon begin phase four of its renovation project, renovating the Lyric Center's lobby and 120-seat performance space. The performance space will house the Small Parts Players Children's Theatre, and the lobby's art gallery will be expanded. The planned renovations for the

performance space will double the current seating capacity for live performances. Thank you to American Bank for being our first corporate sponsor, and starting us out with a \$2,500 donation.

We are looking for volunteers to help with fundraising. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Mary Sue Merten

by emailing marysue_rhode@hotmail.com or by calling 218-780-4383. Donations can be made to www.tinyurl.com/LyricCenter-P4 or by mail to Lyric Center PO Box 416, Virginia, Minn. 55792.

Community Notices

New discussion group at Cook Covenant

COOK - Cook Covenant Church announced a new discussion group starting Monday, Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall (come in the rear kitchen entrance). Educator Shirley Nicholas will convene the group. Shirley led the Ann Voskamp study last year, and will lead this Ann Voskamp DVD group on 1,000 Gifts. Books will be available to purchase. This group is open to the public and there is no charge to participate. The Cook Covenant Church is open to all and welcomes everyone.

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 - Exhibiting at the North Woods friends of the Arts gallery in September, "Adventures of Jeanne and Kris." See the displayed work of two fine artists, 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 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 woodcarvers group) begins every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m. on Sept. 25.

The annual members art and craft show, "October Festival of the Arts" is coming soon. Members exhibiting have a deadline of Oct. 3 or 4 during gallery hours.

New church times

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

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Blast from the past at the Old Muni

by **MARCUS WHITE**
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK - Have you ever wanted to relive your high school years? Well maybe not all of it, but the good memories that still garner happy hour stories and the laughs and wondering where people ended up. You can do all of that and dance away your senior-year night one more

time at the Old Cook Muni this Saturday night. The Muni will have an "Adult Prom" from 5 - 9 p.m. complete with live music, appetizers, and of course a Grand March. "It's a last get together before the snowbirds head south," organizer Donna Gullickson said. "There are not a lot of chances to get dressed up around here." And just like prom, the

night is themed - simplicity and sparkles. Gullickson said guests are encouraged to dress as simple or as sparkly, or even simply sparkly as they want. For those who can't find their old clothes, the Muni will have extras on hand. Pictures will be taken next to a 1931 Model A coupe. Attendees do not

need to come with dates. Gullickson said anyone can show up, whether alone or with a friend. The night begins with appetizers at 5 p.m. with live music at 6 p.m. The grand march will be at 7 p.m. during a break in the music. There is a \$5 cover charge for the night. For more information, call the Muni at 218-780-8242.

Chholing Taha at Edge Center during October

BIGFORK- Join us in welcoming Chholing Taha, a master storyteller, artist and seamstress, to the Edge Center Gallery from Oct. 4 to 27 and at a reception in her honor on Friday, Oct. 5 from 5 to 7 p.m. Taha's vibrant colors and masterful interpretations of Native North American tales, myths, legends and dreams leap out from the paintings and shawls. Taha is a Cree First Nations artist, born in Canada and now based in Anoka, who uses native imagery to express both contemporary is-



sues and indigenous stories. Taha draws on symbols from tribes from the Northwest coast, as well as the Great Lakes tribes, and it is her heart's wish

to instill a sense of mystery within anyone who views her work and discovers that place within each of us that beats together as one communal

"spirit drum" common to all of humanity. Her paintings act as an honoring, translating and preserving great stories, traditions, and messages.

GRIZZLY UPDATE

Meet Ms. Rachel Roettger

North Woods Principal John Vukmanich interviews one of the school's newest teachers

One of the most important aspects of any school is the people who work there. With that in mind, I will start our school year by interviewing as many teachers as I can, and sharing some of the things that make them who they are. Just like our students, the unique interests and personalities of our teaching staff make for a great place to work, learn, and teach.



JOHN VUKMANICH



RACHEL ROETTGER

This week's featured teacher is a brand new teacher who is also brand new to our area, Ms. Rachel Roettger. North Woods is very happy to have her on board!
Mr. Vukmanich: Where did you grow up?
Ms. Roettger: Lake Elmo, in the Twin Cities area.
Mr. V: What do you teach at North Woods School?
Ms. R: I teach Vocal Music K-12, which is K-6 Classroom Music, 7-8 Choir, and 9-12 Choir.
Mr. V: Why did you choose to enter music education as a career?

Ms. R: I always enjoyed music, and choir was a part of my life from fifth grade on. When I was in high school, I tutored students in math, and I really enjoyed it. With my passion for music and the enjoyment I felt teaching, I decided that teaching music would be a great fit for me.
Mr. V: What are your hobbies?
Ms. R: Music (playing piano and singing), ultimate frisbee, reading, hanging out with my friends, and running. I actually run marathons and love cross-country running.

Mr. V: What is something you enjoy about teaching at North Woods?
Ms. R: I really enjoy the students because of how eager they are to learn new things.
Mr. V: What is a goal for you here at North Woods?
Ms. R: I want to establish a strong vocal music program and also develop an interest in my students to attend music contests and festivals.
Mr. V: What is something new or unexpected about living in northern MN?
Ms. R: I live near a farm, and I really like

hearing the cows! Really! Plus, all the other wildlife, like deer and hopefully moose. I have never lived in a small town and in a rural area where everything is spread out. I also bump into my students everywhere! I can be walking into the grocery store, and I hear, "Miss R, Miss R!"
Mr. V: Now that you live in northern MN, what is something new that you want to experience?
Ms. R: Ice fishing, definitely!
I would like to than Ms. Roettger for taking time out of her day for us to get to know her, and also to welcome her to our school and community! The public is always welcome to attend our school concerts, and admission is free! Please check the school website for dates and times.
Go Grizzlies!
Your Principal, John Vukmanich

Briefly

Cook Senior Citizens Club

COOK - The Cook Seniors meet monthly on the first Wednesday at 1 p.m. For more information, call Nancy at 666-2726 or Lois at 666-5578.

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REGIONAL- As the cold winter approaches and driving can be difficult, paperback books, DVDs, and audio books on CD can arrive in your mailbox. The Mail-A-Book service from the Arrowhead Library System (ALS) loans paperback books and other items via the U.S. Mail, free of charge. This tax-supported service delivers library items directly to your mailbox including the cost of postage. They arrive in a canvas bag with a return label and prepaid return postage. Who is eligible for this service? Rural residents and people who live in a city without a public library. Paper catalogs listing more than 1,000 items are sent out twice a year to more than 2,250 households. If you are interested in cooking, audio books on CD, DVDs, inspiration-

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

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.

Iron Range STEM Showcase, Oct. 5

HIBBING- The Iron Range STEM Showcase is happening Friday, Oct. 5 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Hibbing Memorial Building. The showcase is free and open to the public. Can you walk on water? Make ice cream in 60 seconds? Make a magnet float in mid-air... with no strings attached? Come and find out the answers to these questions and more with over 80 exciting hands-on demonstrations. Let the volunteers of the Range Engineering Council be your guides as you explore the excitement of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM).

Ruby's Pantry in Babbitt, Sept. 22

BABBITT- Ruby's Pantry will be held at the Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Drive, on Saturday, Sept. 22, the fourth Saturday of the month, from 10 - 11:30 a.m. A \$20 cash donation buys an abundance of food. There are no income or residency guidelines. Bring two large boxes or baskets. Ruby's Pantry is sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church. Volunteers are always welcome.

Gilbert Library Craft Bazaar on Saturday, Oct. 8

GILBERT- Gilbert Public Library will be holding a Craft Bazaar and Fundraiser Raffle at the Gilbert Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 6 from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. The bazaar will have over 24 vendors, bakers, crafters and home businesses. This bazaar is a great way to start your Christmas shopping.

Tower bingo on Monday, Oct. 1

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, Oct. 1 at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m.

Any questions, call Jodi at 218-753-2950.

4-H AT THE STATE FAIR

4-H'ers earn ribbons at state fair

REGIONAL- Minnesota 4-H'ers from 87 counties brought over 2,300 exhibits, delivered about 175 public presentations, and participated in dozens of group learning experiences and performances at the Minnesota State Fair.

Throughout the year, 4-H youth select project areas that reflect personal areas of interest and pursue hands-on learning that is both self-directed and guided by adult volunteers. The results of their learning are exhibited at county fairs across the state. A collection of the best exhibits from each county fair is brought to present in the 4-H Building at the Minnesota State Fair.

Exhibiting project work and delivering public presentations at the state fair provides youth an opportunity to showcase their achievements and continue learning through the interactive conference judging and team experiences.

The presentations, exhibits and presence of 4-H youth from diverse communities across Minnesota brought fresh perspectives and energy to the 4-H Building.

North St. Louis County had 27 participants at the state fair this year. Winners included:

Sterling Boyd of Embarrass, blue ribbon in Engineering Design for grades nine and over

Cora Chapman of Ely, red ribbon



Jacob Mackai of Embarrass won a purple ribbon, the highest award.

in Cat for grades six through eight

Jesse Covell of Embarrass, blue ribbon in Exploring the Environment for grades nine and over and blue ribbon for Sheep - Lamb Lead and Fleece-Long Wool and Hand Spinning

Cari Eibler of Ely, blue ribbon for Elements of Photography for grades nine and over

Amara Lampton of Babbitt, blue ribbon in Wildlife/Biology for grades six through eight

Jacob Mackai of Embarrass, purple ribbon in Wildlife Management for grades six through eight.

Ted Olivanti of Ely, blue ribbon in Flower Gardening for grades nine and over.

Abigail Thompson of Ely, red ribbon in Self Determined for grades nine and over

Kelly Thompson of Ely, red ribbon in Fine Arts for grades six through eight.

Congratulations to all the North St. Louis County youth who participated in 4-H at the 2018 Minnesota State Fair! 4-H empowers youth with the skills they need to lead for a lifetime. The 4-H program is funded through a partnership of federal, state, county and private resources and is part of the University of Minnesota Extension.



Andrea Herbranson of Mt. Iron won a purple ribbon for Elements of Photography.

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 spillover 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 the Rutabaga Project Manager kelsey.gantzer@aeoa.org or 218-404-8466.

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- Honor your innate wisdom and desire for your child to be secure

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For more information, and to register, visit [Ely Circle of Security Parenting Series on Facebook](#), or call Riana Hegman at (218)235-6104.

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an English and writing teacher for 15 years, 10 of which were local, at the old Cook School.

She knew, however, that one day she wanted to write a book; she just didn't know what it would be about.

Life changed when her mother, who was dying of cancer, told her it was time to write her first book.

Butalla would embark on the journey to write and was led to finding inspiration at the Virginia Legion hall.

"There were several men working their hearts out," Butalla said. "I thought, gosh, they must have some good stories to tell."

And they did. The problem was they were the

stories of people who had already died and Butalla wasn't simply looking to write "another biography." She wanted to find someone from whom she could not only hear their story, but who would open up their soul and really understand the person behind the story.

That's when her husband asked if she knew about the man down the street who fell out of a plane over the North Sea.

The man down the street

"I went with a lot of faith that this man would talk," Butalla said. "He had a mind of steel, even at 89 years. He never hesitated, I took notes as quickly as

I could."

The man down the street turned out to be Robert Gibens, a World War II veteran who had the unfortunate experience of being aboard a B-17 bomber as it broke apart over the North Sea.

Gibens would survive the 20,000-foot fall that should have ended his life and lived just long enough for Butalla to write his story, that would form the basis of "The Man Who Fell to Earth."

The book was published in 2016. Butalla read him the entire manuscript before he died.

The Carpetbagger

Not long after the publishing of her first book, Butalla received a

call from her sister in the Twin Cities. She had met Robert Holmstrom, 92, of St. Paul, another World War II vet who should never have made it out of the war alive.

Holmstrom was one of the few surviving "Carpetbaggers" who fought for the Office of Strategic Services (OSS) during the Second World War.

The Carpetbaggers were a group of men who flew planes under enemy radar to drop spies and their supplies behind enemy lines.

"America needs to know what they did was amazing," Butalla said. "He (Holmstrom) wouldn't talk initially because he figured no one would care."

During the time Butalla interviewed Holmstrom he would win a Congressional Medal of Honor, one he accepted with reservation because so many of his fellow veterans, who he felt were also deserving, had long since passed.

He himself should have never made it through the war. He was told by his commanding officers when he willingly volunteered to be a Carpetbagger that he would likely never live to see his third mission. Holmstrom would fly in 30 before walking away alive.

An evolving career

Her mother's prompting has kept Butalla going, and now a third book is on the way, about women vet-

erans who served throughout history.

So far she's interviewed more than a dozen women who've shared their stories.

Beyond her third book, Butalla has not planned for what she might do next. She said she is focused on telling the stories of the women with the same method of getting to their souls as she previously did with her first two books.

"It really touches your heart," she said. "It is my privilege and honor to preserve their stories."

Books by Butalla are sold under her pen name, S. Fabian Butalla, and are available online through Amazon, and Barnes and Noble.

TOWER...

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which showed a single individual entering and then leaving the store. Store staff said the suspect used one of the store's carryout carts to transport the heavy safe out the back door.

According to the Breitung Police Department, the suspect is a white male, 40-50 years old, about 5'8" tall, and between 200-220 pounds with a stocky build. The burglary took place at approximately 2:52 a.m. Surveillance video of the burglary is online (see the Tower Mn facebook page). Preliminary examination of the video appears to show a man with a white or blond goatee and tattoos on his arms. He was wearing a red baseball cap. Within 12 hours of putting the videos on facebook, they had been shared over 500 times.

The department is working with the Lake Superior Drug and Violent Crime Task Force, St. Louis County Sheriff's Department, and other local police departments on the investigation. Anyone with information regarding the burglary, is asked to contact the Breitung Police at 218-753-6660 or call 911.

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Ely economic development aided by more funding

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – A popular economic development program recently received a shot in the arm with additional funding.

The 2018-2019 Business Energy Retrofit (BER) program funded by the Minnesota Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation and administered through the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency was recently expanded from

\$750,000 to \$1,250,000.

According to the city of Ely's economic development advisor, John Fedo, the Business Energy Retrofit (BER) program assists business owners with energy efficient improvements to their buildings up to \$20,000 in eligible retrofit expenses, or one-third of the total project up to \$60,000.

"We had a series of successful BER projects over the years in Ely," Fedo told the Ely Economic Development Authority

last week. "In fact, Ely has been used as an example of how to do it the right way in terms of improvements that have had both economic development consequences as well as energy retrofit issues."

The original funding amount was going to be a challenge in helping to fund all of the potential projects being considered by many Ely businesses, Fedo said. Compounding that was the emphasis by (AEOA) staff that other communities throughout

the service area needed to be more participatory in the project and would get top priority. "It was a double hit for Ely," he said.

"We went back and continued to emphasize the fact that this was probably one of the better programs ever on IRRRB's agenda that really established a connection between local small business and the agency," Fedo said. "This is clearly a project and program that is measurable. You could clearly see in each of the communities

what was working."

Fedo said he thought because of the increased lobbying, the agency added another \$500,000 to the program for next year. "We can now go back to our local business people and tell them to update and resubmit their projects for review," he said.

An additional program involving redevelopment and renovation of the downtown business core is in the works for funding by IRRRB. More information should be available

by Nov. 1, according to Fedo. "We will be there working to get some of those dollars to help with our downtown," he said.

Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski heralded the success of the downtown beautification program. "We received \$34,000 a couple of years ago to do the street lighting, sidewalks and planter boxes on Sheridan Street," he said. "We continued with Incredible Ely to add the banners and hanging flower baskets."

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to Duluth last month, ostensibly to learn more about the treatment and recovery help being offered in St. Louis County for those suffering from opioid addiction under a program funded by the state of Minnesota and the county.

Walden did attend an event at the Clear Path Clinic in Duluth on Aug. 29, an event that was promoted by St. Louis County's communications director Dana Kazel in a press release issued to news media and posted on the county's website. The

press release indicated that Rep. Walden would take part in a roundtable discussion with Stauber and fellow St. Louis County Commissioner Beth Olson, along with representatives from Clear Path.

Walden, a Republican who represents Oregon's Second District, chairs the House Commerce and Energy Committee and is the author of H.R. 6, the Substance Use-Disorder Prevention that Promotes Opioid Recovery and Treatment (SUPPORT) for Patients and Communities Act.

Frazier said the event itself isn't the issue. "Highlighting steps being taken to combat the opioid epidemic is undoubtedly an appropriate use of county resources," reads the two-page letter of complaint that Frazier submitted to County Board Chair Keith Nelson and County Administrator Kevin Gray earlier this week. "However, Commissioner Stauber's decision to appear at the event in order to promote his candidacy for U.S. Congress, rather than attending in his official capacity as a county

commissioner, allowed him to take advantage of his position."

The complaint cites television footage of the event, in which name plates made for the roundtable participants identified Stauber as a congressional candidate, rather than a commissioner.

The complaint also notes that Stauber and Kazel used their county Twitter accounts to highlight the event. Frazier believes the incident is a violation of the St. Louis County Code of Conduct that, among other things, prohibits the use of county resources to advance one's political ambitions.

"An elected official using their public office to campaign for higher office is just wrong," said Frazier, who questions whether

the recent examples of Stauber's use of county resources represents a pattern of behavior. "This may just be the tip of the iceberg," said Frazier.

St. Louis County spokesperson Dana Kazel said the opioid roundtable was a chance to highlight a successful partnership. "Regardless of how others might characterize this meeting, this was an opportunity for St. Louis County to showcase and tour the ClearPath Clinic and the six-bed opioid withdrawal unit that is being funded with money made available by the 21st Century Cures Act and other state and county resources. The meeting resulted in a productive dialogue involving many partners in this battle against opioids."

Frazier's complaint comes less than a week after Eighth District DFL Chair Emily Nygren filed a complaint against Stauber for alleged misuse of his county email for political purposes. While acknowledging that the cost of sending an email is small, Nygren said the county needs to take the matter seriously. "The misuse of government resources, even in small amounts, can snowball into the public's lack of faith in elected public servants, who must both ensure the public trust while in office and campaign fairly in compliance with the law," Nyberg added.

The Timberjay sought comment from the Stauber campaign, which did not respond prior to presstime.



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Hall property as possible locations. "It has to be on publicly-owned land," he said. "The Ely location has three times the use of other (county) transfer stations and it's obviously not just Ely residents. That's why we are bringing it up for discussion here."

The city of Ely and Morse Township are likely to be the only users of the St. Louis County facility. The city of Winton is establishing a curbside recycling pick-up service and Fall Lake is serviced by Lake County. "I know we have users from all over who use that facility."

The current facility is secured by fencing, a gate and security cameras, but not personnel. Mayor Novak said the donated security camera system did result in a county truck driver being terminated for running over and leaving excess recycled items. "One guy left his old pizza box, with his name on it, outside the bin, so we got him as well," he said.

Morse Township Supervisor Bob Berrini suggested relocating the recycling center to the city of Ely softball field property on Highway 1. "There are a lot of spots down there. At the first field to the right, it is all fill. We filled all that in," he said.

Winton Mayor Kathy Brandau suggested the facility just be closed up. "Say you closed it. People will just have to deal with it," she said.

"I'm not going to send 60- or 70-year-old people down to the (Highway 21)

transfer site when they are hardly comfortable with driving in town," Novak said.

"I'm 70-something and I drive there all the time," Berrini responded.

Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital CEO Michael Coyle said some people recycle because it is the right thing to do. "You take away recycling in the community, all you are going to do is have them put that in the garbage and then you get increased costs," he said.

Novak noted that St. Louis County will have final approval on a new location for the recycling center. Discussions will continue with the Ely Sanitation Committee.

Morse Township representatives dropped a bombshell on the Joint Powers Board by announcing they could be stepping away from an area-wide broadband project and going with their own plan.

The recently-completed broadband feasibility study, partially funded through the Blandin Foundation, is moving into the next phase, according to Novak, to determine costs and coverage area.

"We are looking at getting this off the ground quickly and offering a basic core of fiber optic service tied to the Northeast Service Co-op, and run the fiber to some poles and provide wireless broadband across the lake to Burntside and within the school district, and later on, as revenues come in, to start reinvesting and running fiber all over,"

he said.

"As we were all participants in that study, it is upon us as leaders to make a decision if you are going to continue to be in (the co-op) or not be in," Novak said.

Morse Supervisor Len Cersine announced that the township is planning to move forward on broadband alone. "We are going to try and run some broadband into the township, because right now we have nothing, absolutely nothing," he said.

"The whole feasibility study was completed to lay out the best way to put broadband in," Novak said.

"They have it running from Babbitt to Ely," Berrini said, "but it doesn't go to anybody's house."

Novak clarified that the project Berrini was referring to was the defunct Lake Connections plan that ran out of funding several years ago. "This is a totally different project," he said.

"So is ours," Berrini shot back. "We have six different poles. We put in for a grant. It will cost about \$36,000 per pole, and they cover something like two miles. We can make a circle completely around Ely with ours."

Novak pushed for a confirmation that Morse Township is going with their own broadband plan.

"We're going to check on it. We'll see what happens. We can't wait. We can't just have one part and the rest get nothing," Berrini said.

Cersine said the "high-

speed" internet project under consideration by Morse officials is through Frontier Communications.

"I wouldn't put any faith in Frontier," Novak said.

Cersine asserted, "Chuck, we are not abandoning your project, but we are checking on what we can do."

Officials in the city of Ely (along with other entities) and Morse Township also remain on opposite sides of a proposal that would change how the area's ambulance service would receive local funding.

The Ely Ambulance Service is considering changing their funding fee structure from a per-person to a per-parcel basis. Currently, governments in each entity contribute \$5.05 per capita to fund part of the ambulance budget. The change has been discussed by the Ely Area Ambulance Joint Powers Board, and last year the Ely council endorsed the plan that was recommended moving to a \$10 per parcel fee structure.

"We didn't vote on that," Berrini said.

Morse officials contend special legislation would be required for the Ely Area Ambulance Joint Powers Board to collect a per-parcel assessment on properties in Ely, Winton, Morse and Fall Lake.

According to Novak, no special legislation is required, but before any action can be taken, each governmental unit must vote to approve the

change.

"We would never vote on that, I'll tell you right now," Berrini said last week. "We'd be paying a hundred percent more than anybody. Is the ambulance that short of money that they need more, or what?"

Novak said the ambulance service will soon be building a new building near the hospital. "We have the money to do it," he said. "If we go to billing per parcel, you then get your summer seasonals to contribute. Then they're happy too. You get the unoccupied parcels to contribute, and the logging lands."

Berrini suggested raising the per-person rate.


Novak explained that a two-person household is now contributing \$10.10. "The guy that's a summer seasonal isn't putting a nickel into it," he said. "They too put in calls for the ambulance. They would be more than happy to pay to have that ambulance available."

Clearly agitated by this by time, Novak added, "Why don't we shut the ambulance down and say 'the hell with it' if nobody wants to keep the thing

going."

Coyle said he recently completed a study on the emergency room volume at the Ely hospital. "Our volume increases 18 percent in the four months of summer," he said. "I just did a study on what I consider our local residents that have zip codes in Tower, Soudan, Isabella, Babbitt, Ely and Winton. That is what I consider our market share. In the summer our ER traffic jumps that much. If you are not asking the folks that have summer residences, you are missing the boat. Those are the folks that are contributing to that additional volume, along with the tourists."

Berrini continued his opposition to the per-parcel plan. "If we went by parcels, between Fall Lake and the town of Morse, we would be paying well over two-thirds of the ambulance bill. I don't care what you say, 70-percent of the (ambulance) calls are in the city of Ely," he said. "This is all Chucky's idea to do this."

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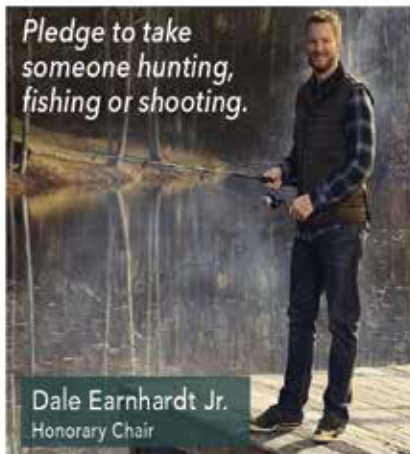
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FOOTBALL

Timberwolves edge LOW

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

ELY— The Timberwolves scored a touchdown in the final seconds of the first half to take an 18-14 lead over a much-improved Lake of the Woods team last Friday, and it proved to be the difference as Ely improved to 2-1 on the season.

In the opening minutes, it looked like a potential repeat of

Ely's 76-0 rout of the Bears last year. The Bears went three-and-out in the game's opening drive and a solid Ely punt return left the Wolves first-and-ten at the LOW 35-yard line. On Ely's first play from scrimmage, senior halfback Nick Mattila scampered right to put six points on the board. A failed conversion left Ely up 6-0 just two minutes into the game.

When the Bears fumbled the following kickoff, Ely once again

Right: Nick Mattilo evades a Lake of the Woods defender.
photo by J. Greeney.

had possession in Bears territory and looked poised to put more points on the board. But LOW held the Wolves, who went three-and-out.

But Ely was soon knocking on the door once again, thanks to

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FOOTBALL

Grizz notch first win

Fourth-quarter shootout proves the difference

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP— The Grizzlies emerged the winners from a dramatic fourth-quarter shootout with Silver Bay here last Friday during which the two teams combined for 48 points in the final stanza. North Woods topped the Mariners 46-33 for their first win of the season. It was a much-needed confidence boost as they prepare to take on powerhouse Cook County in Grand Marais this Friday.

"Overall we played a good game," Coach John Jirik said. "Our offense has been developing over the last few weeks and we were able to read open holes beginning in the second half. We were able to drive the ball and finish drives in the last quarter."

The Grizzlies opened the scoring on a five-yard pass from senior quarterback Chase Kleppe to Trevor Morrison for six.

Silver Bay would match the points on their next possession, capped by a 40-yard run.

The Grizzlies responded in the second quarter with another scoring



Above: Senior runningback Jake Hyppa eyes a wall of Silver Bay defenders as he looks for daylight during last Friday's contest at the North Woods school.

Left: Freshman runningback TJ Chiabotti gets good blocking from senior offensive tackle Tyler Kiehm.

photos by P. Wattering

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VOLLEYBALL

T-wolves on a roll

Ely tops opponents in straight sets six game in a row

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ELY— The Timberwolves are quickly putting together an impressive volleyball season after winning their past six matches in straight sets, most recently against International Falls. Playing at home on Tuesday, Ely dominated the Broncos, winning 25-18, 25-20, and 25-19 to improve to 8-2 on the season.

Head Coach Andrea Thomas said she's seeing more confidence from her players this year. "They are able to stay calm and work together even when they are down a few points or when our opponent is battling back," she said.

Junior Erika Mattson had another in a series of strong outings on Tuesday, posting 15 digs, three kills, and four ace serves. Brielle Kallberg, who has also been a stats leader this season, tallied 13 kills and two ace serves. Senior setter Lida Dodge notched

15 assists, while McCartney Kaercher posted ten assists. Jenna Merhar tallied five kills.

In home action last Thursday, Ely made short work of Mesabi East, downing the Giants in straight sets, 25-18, 25-12, and 25-22.

Junior Brielle Kallberg had another game-leading performance, with 12 kills and six blocks, while classmate Erika Mattson notched 13 digs as well as four kills on the night. Junior Jenna Merhar posted seven kills and two ace serves. Senior Lida Dodge tallied 13 set assists, while McCartney Kaercher posted 11.

The Wolves were set to travel to North Woods this past Thursday. They'll take part in the Virginia Invitational on Saturday, beginning with Cloquet at 9 a.m. They travel to Duluth Marshall Tuesday to take on the Hilltoppers at 7 p.m.



Ely junior Jenna Merhar leaps high for a kill shot during Tuesday night's game with International Falls.
photo by J. Greeney.



North Woods' junior hitter Karlyn Pierce leaps at the net while Cherry defenders go up for a block.
photo by C. Stone.

North Woods picks up two straight wins

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

CHERRY— The Grizzlies rebounded from last week's loss to Deer River, picking up two back-to-back wins on the week to improve to 8-2. Playing on the road on Tuesday, North Woods beat 5-2 Cherry in five hard-fought sets, 27-25, 20-25,

21-25, 25-14, 15-9.

"Overall I think that the girls played a great game," said North Woods Head Coach Gabby Sundquist. "The last two the girls really came together and worked hard for those wins. They had great intensity, were finishing rallies with kills and did a great

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Sports week

Football

Friday Sept. 21
North Woods at Cook County, 5 p.m.

Ely hosts South Ridge, 7 p.m.

Friday Sept. 28
North Woods hosts I-Falls, 7 p.m.

Saturday Sept. 29
Ely at Mountain Iron-Buhl, 12 p.m.

Volleyball

Sept. 22 and 23
Ely, NE Range and North Woods at Virginia Tournament.

Monday Sept. 24
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Tuesday Sept. 25
Ely at Duluth-Marshall, 7 p.m.

Thursday Sept. 27
NE Range hosts North Woods, 7 p.m.

TRADE

Arrowhead could suffer from tariffs

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— President Trump’s threats to exclude Canada from a new North American trade agreement could have major ramifications for Minnesota’s economy. That’s according to government trade statistics that reveal that Canada is Minnesota’s top export market. The state exports just over \$4 billion in goods and services to Canada every year, and iron ore is near the top of that list at over \$60 million annually. In fact, Canadian imports of Minnesota iron ore account for 25-30 of Minnesota’s total iron ore sales. “The simple fact is that job-generating trade and commerce between the U.S. and

Canada are vitally important to Minnesota as a whole, and to the 8th Congressional District in particular,” said Eighth District Rep. Rick Nolan. “[That’s why] the president’s blustering threats to leave Canada by the wayside defy reason and common sense,” he added. According to Nolan’s office, about 18,000 good-paying jobs in the Eighth District alone are dependent directly on trade with Canada, with exports from northeastern Minnesota totaling more than \$429 million each year. Those exports include motor vehicles and parts, paper and forest products, agricultural and construction machinery, and basic chemicals in addition to iron ore. At the same time, northeastern Minnesota businesses provide over \$50 million

annually in services to Canada residents and businesses, further adding to the economic impact. Statewide, over 175,000 Minnesota jobs depend on trade with Canada, as does three-quarters of the state’s oil supply that heats the state’s homes and businesses and fuels our transportation sector. As a result, total trade in goods and services between Minnesota and Canada totals more than \$19 billion, second only to New York, a state that is far larger than Minnesota in terms of population and economic output. The close economic and cultural ties between Minnesota and Canada are among the reasons that some Canadians refer to the state as Canada’s 11th province, according to David Johnston, Canada’s former gov-

ernor-general, who wrote about the cross-border relationship in 2015. Late last month, President Trump announced that U.S. trade negotiators had reached the outlines of a trade deal with Mexico, but talks that would have added Canada to the pact broke down over issues like milk imports and intemperate comments by Trump that appeared in Canadian media. Trump has indicated that he hopes to have a deal with Mexico finalized by the end of the year, with or without Canada, and has indicated he is unwilling to compromise with the northern neighbor over the country’s import tariffs on some U.S. milk products. Trump has also threatened to impose tariffs on automobiles built by U.S. automakers in

Canada if the country refuses to sign the new trade deal. That move is strongly opposed by U.S. automakers, particularly given the extent of manufacturing integration between the U.S. and Canada that has developed over the past 25 years. Officials from General Motors, in a letter to the U.S. Commerce Department earlier this summer, warned that imposition of auto tariffs “risks undermining GM’s competitiveness against foreign auto producers.” Some industry estimates put the potential job losses at 750,000 combined in the U.S. and Canada and a significant decline in new car sales due to higher prices.

FOOTBALL

Grizz to play 11-man next season

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP— An enrollment boost at North Woods has pushed the school’s football team into Class A, 11-man competition starting next year. “It is a very tough move because of the number of 11-man schools around,” Head Coach John Jirik said. “There are a lot of nine-man and 2A teams, but not a lot of 1A.” That means the North Woods squad will spend a lot more time on the road, playing teams as far away as Rush City, just north of the Twin Cities metro. Jirik said he isn’t worried about the students’ ability to play in the 11-man field, although he acknowledges it will take some time to adjust. “Next year will be the true building year for us, because we have to figure out the 11-man process and how to make it work... it’s going to be different,” he said. “We don’t mind going to single-A, we just wish there were closer teams because of the travel. It will be far more than it has been.” Next year, the Grizzlies’ closest away game will be International Falls, a Class 3A team the Grizzlies

will face on Sept. 28 in preparation for the transition. The proposed schedule for next year includes matches against not only International Falls, but Rush City (2A), Braham (1A), Hinckley (1A), East Central (1A), Barnum (2A) and Deer River (1A). That schedule is just proposed at this point, and not all of the games will be played away. But with the exception of I-Falls, all of the teams the Grizzlies are likely to face will average nearly three hours of travel time, each way, to games. Chisholm, which would be much closer, could also be on next year’s schedule, but a lack of interest in football participation—a problem the Grizzlies do not have—has cast doubt on their ability to compete in 11-man competition. Chisholm is currently appealing to the Minnesota State High School League for permission to compete at the nine-man level despite an enrollment that exceeds what the league allows. Jirik said that for the Grizzlies it’s the right move to make. “It isn’t fair for us to be nine-man,” he said. “We are beyond that as numbers go.” With an abundance of younger players on the North Woods team,

Jirik said by the team should be back up to its usual high-performance play by the second year of 11-man participation. **Enrollment calculations** The formula for deciding sports enrollment is different from traditional enrollment measures used in Minnesota. Sports enrollment is determined by the percentage of students in grades nine through 12 on free and reduced numbers multiplied by 0.4 and then subtracted from the actual enrollment reported to the Department of Education. Football teams make the jump from 9-man to 11-man after their sports enrollment goes above 150. The classes then range from 1A to 6A depending on where the formula places a school. The method was born out of the rapidly expanding Twin Cities suburban districts, which had enrollments that didn’t match sports participation, misclassifying many schools. The move to 11-man will likely be temporary since the enrollment for North Woods, below the sixth grade, is much lower than current numbers in the high school.

VOLLEYBALL

Injuries don’t stop Hawks on the road

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

COTTON— Despite a host of injuries and illnesses, the Nighthawks topped Lakeview Christian Academy on Tuesday night, in Cotton. The Hawks took the first set 25-12, lost the second 24-26 and rebounded for 25-16 and 25-17 wins in sets three and four. “The team has done a good job stepping into roles that they do not usually play,” said Head Coach Jodi Reichensperger. “We have an outside hitter playing middle to fill in while Hannah Reichensperger is still out with an ankle injury and our libero is in an outside hitter position.” Senior Sophie Lenz lead the team Tuesday with 19 kills and 11 digs, while senior Maija Maki,

filling in at middle hitter, posted 13 kills. Junior setter Lara Poderzay had 36 assists, while Chloe Aase and Jenna Smith posted 6 kills and 5 kills respectively. “This team is proving that they can adapt to the challenges that are thrown at them,” said Reichensperger. “I just hope we don’t have any more of these types of challenges.” Reichensperger said she expects the team will compete in the upcoming Virginia tournament without the services of standout player Hannah Reichensperger, who is out with an ankle injury. The Virginia tournament is set for Saturday, while the Hawks will be back in action Monday, hosting Chisholm. Game time is 7 p.m.

Sports briefly

Ely’s Luke Olson takes first in Eveleth cross-country meet

EVELETH—Ely’s Luke Olson led the pack at the Eveleth Lion’s Invitation cross-country meet last Thursday, running

the course of the Eveleth Golf Course in a time of 17:05.06. Olson, a junior, beat the second-place finisher by more than eight seconds. Olson’s performance, com-

bined with top-20 outings by sophomore Emmett Faltsek (18:30.04, 11th), freshman Gabriel Pointer (19:00.0, 19th) and sophomore Jasper Johnston (19:04.8, 20th), helped power

the Ely boys team to a second place finish overall among the 14 teams competing.

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job at passing as well. We were able to use all of our team and everyone played a role in tonight’s game.” Regan Ratai had a strong performance,

notching 22 kills and three ace serves. Karlyn Pierce posted 13 kills and five block assists, while freshman setter Morgan Burnet

tallied 42 assists. The Grizzlies had an easier time at Littlefork last Thursday, topping the Vikings in straight sets, 25-23, 25-17, 25-15.

Regan Ratai had 12 kills on the evening followed closely by Coley Olson and Karlyn Pierce with eight apiece. Ratai would also lead with four

blocks, with Kate Stone racking up three. Burnet led the team with 30 set assists. The team was set to play Ely at home on

Thursday night ahead of a series of road games, first at the Virginia Tournament this weekend followed by a game at Northeast Range next Thursday.

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drive, this one ending in a one-yard plunge by junior runningback Nathan Crain. Silver Bay put seven on the board in the third quarter, but Kleppe, playing on defense, grabbed a 35-yard interception minutes later and took it in for a touchdown to reclaim the momentum

for North Woods. It was one of two Kleppe interceptions in the game. It was all preparation, however, for the offensive explosion that was to come. Kleppe would score two more touchdowns in the fourth quarter, both on short runs, while senior Jake Hyppa and junior Clayton Janssen each

posted touchdown rushes of their own. Silver Bay got in on the action as well, scoring 20 points of its own in the stanza, but it wasn’t enough to keep pace with the Grizzlies. The North Woods offense had a good night, racking up 395 yards of total offense, including

339 yards on the ground. Kleppe completed four of nine attempts, good for 56 yards passing and added 73 yards rushing. Hyppa led in rushing with 125 yards, while freshman TJ Chiabotti rushed for 85. Brody Driscoll and Kleppe tied for tackles on the evening at 13 apiece,

followed closely by Crain with 12. While the North Woods offense has been showing promise, Jirik said the team’s defensive line still isn’t where it needs to be. “Defensively, we took a step backwards on the running game and need to stay disciplined with our responsibilities,” he said.

Jirik noted the Silver Bay’s lack of experience contributed to the Grizzlies’ win on Friday. They won’t have inexperience to rely on Friday against Cook County, which is fielding ten seniors this year and is the current favorite to take the section. Kickoff in Grand Marais is at 5 p.m.

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a couple long runs in their next possession. Junior runningback Nate Nettifee took it home from the six-yard line to put the Wolves up 12-0. “I thought we came out very strong,” said Ely Head Coach Cory Lassi. “I thought we were in control on both sides of the ball for the first quarter, and then we started to show our lack of depth.” Indeed, it was soon

LOW’s turn to put points on the board. The Bears recovered their own fumble on their next drive and in the confusion took the ball 32-yards for a touchdown. The Bears proved they could do it for real on a long drive late in second quarter, capped by an 18-yard rush. The Bears converted for two to take a 14-12 lead with less than a minute-and-a-half left

ahead of the break. The Wolves made good use of the time, however, thanks to a strong rushing performance that quickly brought Ely to the red zone. That’s where junior runningback Dalton Schreffler found daylight with just seconds left and juke his way into the end zone to put Ely up 18-14. And for the second game in a row, neither the Wolves nor their oppo-

nents managed to score in the second half as fumbles and penalties kept both teams off balance. The two teams combined for six fumbles, while LOW tallied 13 penalties for 110 yards while the Wolves had six for 45 yards. “We need to do a better job with ball security,” said Lassi. “We had a chance to put more points on the board in

the third with two good drives, but both ended in fumbles.” the game both teams moved the ball as Ely had 328 total yards and Lake of the Woods had 342. Offensively, the Wolves were once again led by Mattila, who rushed 16 times for 187 yards and a touchdown. Nettifee added 61 yards and a score and Schreffler racked up 30 yards and the Wolves’

deciding touchdown. Bryce Longwell completed two of six passes for 49 yards. Schreffler had a big night on defense, posting 19 tackles, while Mattila and Collen Seliskar each added 16. Ely will host 3-0 South Ridge on Friday. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

Recycling canisters still stirring up controversy

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- The Greenwood Recreation Committee received multiple accolades for the township's 40th Anniversary Picnic that was held on Aug. 25. Town board members and the public complimented the organizers. The township also received flowers and a note of congratulations from Breitung Township on their new milestone.

The board did vote to donate the extra food (mainly hot dogs) for the upcoming playground ribbon-cutting event on Saturday, Sept. 22 at 11 a.m. Recreation committee members noted they were not allowed to return the food or donate it to a place like a nursing home, but that it was still safe to eat.

Recycling canisters

A motion by Chairman Mike Ralston to remove the recycling canisters from the town hall grounds died for lack of a second.

"No matter what we do it is going to be wrong," Ralston said. "I'm tired of being beat up on it."

"I don't care where they go," said Ralston.

But other board members were not ready to make that move.

Supervisor Paul Skubic noted that residents seem to be split on the issue.

"Maybe we should wait until

the March [annual] meeting," he said.

During the public input portion of the meeting, which had been moved to the end of the agenda this month, former chairman John Bassing said he had spoken with Mark St. Lawrence, the director of Environmental Services for St. Louis County, who told Bassing he had never discussed having to move the recycling canisters to Soudan. St. Lawrence also said there were 40 acres available at the County Rd. 77 transfer site, plenty of room to site the canisters, and that contrary to what supervisors had stated previously, no special permit would be required.

"The supervisors had a copy of the letter from St. Lawrence explaining it all," Bassing wrote in an email to *the Timberjay*, "but they chose to ignore it."

"We don't want the board giving out false information," Bassing said during public input.

Supervisor Larry Tahija and Carmen DeLuca have been doing daily checks on the recycling site, and have been cleaning and hauling garbage as needed.

"If it wasn't for Carmen and Larry, it would be a big mess," said Skubic.

Ralston said the board should look into the idea of hiring an hourly maintenance worker.

"We have a lot to do around here," he said. "It's too much for just getting it done with volunteers."

Ralston noted the township

was paying contractors for town hall cleaning, snowplowing, and grass mowing, and maybe that money would be better spent on a part-time employee. Ralston said the idea would be put on the agenda for next March's annual meeting.

Fire Department

Chairman Mike Ralston said the township will be working to clarify how fire department members are classified, and when to remove members from the roll. Former Chair John Bassing had alerted the board to the fact that the roster being submitted for training dollar grant purposes was outdated and included names of past members. Ralston noted there was no way, under current department guidelines, to remove a member unless they formally resign. He said the department needs to have a method to notify inactive members that they are being terminated. Ralston said he had drafted some preliminary language and asked the department to review the language so that can it be approved at the next town board meeting.

Fire Chief Dave Fazio said the department would review the changes.

The board approved the purchase of three new sets of turnout gear, for three new fire department members who were very close to completing their Firefighter I and II training. The

cost for turnout gear is \$2,930 per set and will take at least six weeks to come in because they are custom fit.

Jeff Maus grievance

The town board, on a unanimous vote, denied the grievance filed by fire department member Jeff Maus. Maus had asked for hourly pay for the time spent preparing his June grievance, something Maus said was required under state labor rules.

"There is no state or federal law which requires us to pay for the time to prepare his grievance," said Ralston, noting the fire department members are not part of a union and do not have a collective bargaining agreement. Ralston also stated that the draft of the township personnel policy does not apply to fire department personnel.

After the meeting, Maus contacted *the Timberjay* and noted that the township attorney had previously told the town board, in a letter dated Dec. 8, 2016, that fire department members are considered employees, and stated the township must follow both state and federal minimum wage laws. Maus also disputed the statement that the township's personnel policy does not apply to fire department members.

Other business

► Heard that the legal rate from the township attorney, Couri and Ruppe, is increasing

to \$200 per hour or \$225 per hour for work on zoning issues.

► Heard that the sale of tax-forfeit land to the Penguins Snowmobile Club is moving forward.

► Received a thank you from a family whose daughter had suffered a severe fracture while out on the lake. They thanked the quick response of First Responder Jeff Maus, noting he made sure the incoming ambulance crew knew the patient was in severe pain. Maus, and then other Greenwood personnel, stayed on scene until the ambulance arrived 40 minutes later.

► Will contact Calgaro Tree Service to see if they can brush the roadside on Birch Point Extension. The cost last time they had the road brushed was around \$1,500. Ralston said he had reviewed township records and said that this road had been declared a township road, so the township was responsible for the cost of this type of maintenance. The board noted that some other privately-owned roads in the township also needed to have brushing work done, so that emergency vehicles can safely drive on them.

► Accepted a quote from Reichel Electric to replace the interior town hall room lighting with LED lights, at a cost of \$1,956. They noted the project may qualify for a rebate from Lake Country Power.

Obituaries and Death Notices



Viola E. Lamppa

Viola Eleanor Lamppa, 99, of Embarrass, died on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018, at Essentia Health in Virginia. A private family memorial service will be held. Viola's natural sense of caring and her loving, generous ways touched the hearts of many. She will be greatly missed by her family and friends.

Viola was born on Jan. 30, 1919, to Matt and Wilhelmina (Koyola) Paavola on Section 30. When she was two years old her family moved to rural Babbitt where she grew up. She attended rural school but continued her education in Duluth, graduating from Central High School in the class of 1937. Viola married Leonard Lamppa on April 18, 1938. They were lifelong residents of Embarrass, with the exception of a couple of years residing in Hawthorne, Nev. They had three daughters, Arlene, Judy and Diane.

Viola was appointed the career clerk of the Embarrass Post Office, while her husband was the Postmaster. They both retired in 1973 and spent many enjoyable years traveling. During her early years she was active in the Fireman's Auxiliary, the PTA, and was a member of the Aurora Moose Club. Viola's greatest joy was supporting her daughters in whatever activity they participated in. She loved politics and kept up with the latest news until the end. Above all, Viola took the greatest pleasure in her family. In 2001, Viola moved to the Laurentian

Apartments where she lived independently until 2017, when she moved to an assisted living facility in Tower.

Viola is survived by her daughters, Arlene Johnson of St. Paul, Judy (Bob) Syrjanen of Soudan and Diane (Leroy) Lempia of rural Tower; grandchildren, Bradley (Jodene) Syrjanen of Esko, Wendy (Jim) Tuominen of Soudan, Sherri (Brian) Johnson of Proctor, Dana (Alysha) Johnson of Oakdale, Sonja (Mark) Schular of Panama City, Fla., Kirk Johnson of St. Paul, Tanya Maquire of Oakdale, David (Lauri) Lempia of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, Daryl (Jodie) Lempia of North Branch and Renee (Steve) Zupancich of rural Tower; fifteen great-grandchildren; seventeen great-great-grandchildren; and a very special niece, Vivian Haugen of Phoenix, Ariz.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Leonard; sisters: Mary and Vienna; brothers: Lauri, Ed, Robert, Ralph and Matt; great-grandson, Corey Tuominen; and her parents, Matt and Wilhelmina Paavola.



Arlene I. Smith

Arlene I. Smith, 87, of Rockford, Ill., and Orr, left this world on Tuesday, Sept. 4, 2018, to be reunited with her loving husband Elmer in Heaven. A gathering of family and friends to celebrate her life will be held after the regular Sunday church services in the lower level of Calvary Lutheran Church in Orr at 10 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 23.

Arlene was born to Ernest and Bernice Cave on Sept. 14, 1930, and grew up in the same neighborhood as Elmer. They met while tobogganing, became childhood sweethearts, and were married on June 7, 1947. They had just celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary when Elmer was called home to be with Jesus in 2009. They have five children, Valerie (Jim) Schumacher of Roscoe, Ill., Vaughn (Michele) Smith of Elk River, Varlene (Dennie) Milne of Machesney Park, Ill., Vanessa (Ray) Ingebretsen of Crane Lake and Vanetta Rennock of Brooklyn Center.

In Rockford, she was a Girl Scout leader, a Cub Scout leader, enjoyed playing cards or games of any sort, and believed that just because you were a little kid it didn't mean that you could automatically win. She enjoyed archery, was on a bowling league at Wesmor Bowling Alley for many years, loved to host Halloween parties for the neighborhood kids, and usually was dressed as the bride of Frankenstein with Frankenstein (Elmer) by her side. She was employed at Blue Cross, Globe Imperial and lastly at Amerock.

In 1976, Arlene and Elmer bought Wagon Wheel Resort in Orr, which they later renamed Aspen Lodge. They experienced so many one-of-a-kind adventures while they were there that she wrote a book entitled "Dream To Reality". She was a member of the Antique

Snowmobile Club of America, the Pine Town Players and the Pelican Lake Resort Association, which she also served as president. She was a member of Calvary Lutheran Church and was involved with the youth group and religious release time. She liked to do needlepoint and especially liked to crochet. Her famous crocheted "beer can hats" were always for sale in the lodge and she once crocheted a two-piece bathing suit and wore it many times. She liked watching Nascar races and was a lifelong White Sox and Green Bay Packer fan.

She is survived by her five children, 14 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Arlene was preceded in death by her husband, Elmer; sisters, Lucille Weddle and Shirley Rowland; brother, Ralan Cave; and grandson, Spencer Weed.

Gretchen Lobe

Gretchen Webber Lobe, 102, of Ely, died on Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2018, at Carefree Living in Babbitt. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 24 at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Ely. A gathering time for family and friends will begin at 10 a.m. Inurnment will take place in the Ely Cemetery.

Memorials are the preferred way to honor Gretchen's life, and may be directed to the John and Gretchen Lobe Helping Hands Fund at the Vermilion Community

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

She is survived by her children, Joneene Lobe of Ely, Vincent (Paula) Lobe of Pittsford, N.Y., Larry Lobe of Roseville and John P. (Michelle) Lobe of Woodburn, Ind.; grandchildren, Michael (Josie) Lobe, Sarah Lobe, Charlie (Lynn) Lobe, Katie (Mark) Farr, Siiri (Aaron Bubb) Lobe and Ian (Sarah) Lobe; great-grandchildren, Max, Evan, Hunter and Arlo; extended family and friends, including special friend, Nancy Bement.

Sylvia E. Lehrke

Sylvia Ester Arvola Jauhola Lehrke, 87, of Virginia, passed away on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018, at her residence. Funeral services were held on Friday, Sept. 14 at Range Funeral Home with Pastor Joel Hasz officiating. Burial was at Florenton Cemetery. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her children, Bonnie DuFresne of Makinen, Peter Jauhola of Tower, Jeffrey Jauhola

of Cook, Susan (Mike) Pollack of Jacksonville, Fla., Greg Jauhola of Cook and Russ (Karla) Jauhola of Wuori Township; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; nieces and nephews.

Francis L. Lamppa

Francis "Pete" Leroy Lamppa, 84, passed away on Saturday, Sept. 8, 2018, at Carefree Living in Virginia. A memorial gathering will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 25 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia. Memorials are preferred to the Alzheimer's Association. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by his friend, Mary Prijatel of Ely; sons, Reid (Terry) of Waskish and Kerry (Holly) of Albuquerque, N.M.; daughters, Stacey Lamppa of St. Louis, Mo., Stefanie (Dan) Olson of Duluth and Darcie (Robert) Clark of Charleston, S.C.; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brothers, Herbert Lamppa of Tower, Roger (Joan) Lamppa of Virginia and Fred (Karen) Lamppa of Britt.

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Outdoors

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Wildflower Watch

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The **Flat-topped White Aster** *Doellingeria umbellatum*, is one of our most ubiquitous fall wildflowers. The white, flat-topped flower clusters of this three- to four-foot-tall plant can be seen poking up along roadsides and wet places all across our area.

Its cluster of half-inch wide, white flowers often stretches six inches across or more and, as the name suggests, are noticeably flat on top. The plant's leaves are long (3"-6") and narrow.

Outdoors briefly

DNR seeking comment on area state forest trails

REGIONAL — The Department of Natural Resources invites anyone with an interest in recreational trail systems and motorized recreation in the Kabetogama and Sturgeon River state forests in northern St. Louis County to attend a public meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 26.

The meeting will provide an opportunity to review a set of proposals that include changes to trail systems in the state forests. The meeting will be from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Cook Community Center, 799 Third Ave. SE, Cook.

Draft recommendations include new all-terrain vehicle and off-highway motorcycle trails, permitting ATVs and off-highway motorcycle use on portions of snowmobile trails, designating portions of the Taconite State Trail to allow ATV/OHM use, and designating existing hunter-walking trails.

The DNR invites the public to visit the meeting to review maps of existing and proposed trails, discuss the DNR proposals, submit comments and suggest changes to the recommendations. The DNR will also accept written comments through 4:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 11.

Comments received at the meeting and during the public comment period will be used to develop a final recommendation that will be submitted to the DNR commissioner for approval. Changes to state forest trail designations must be made by commissioner's order and published in the State Register.

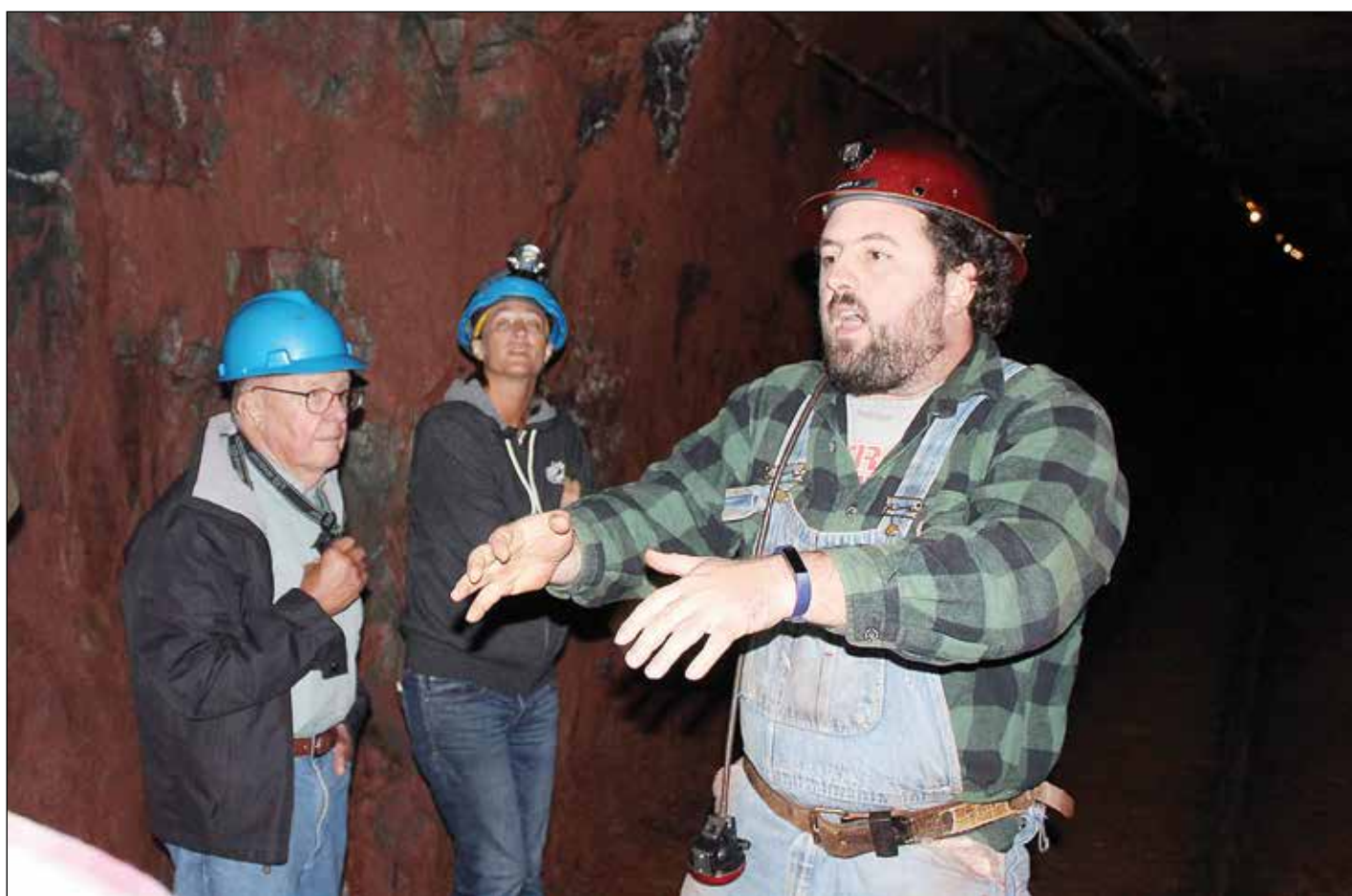
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SOUDAN MINE

Stories down under

New walking tour gives visitors an deeper understanding of mining history and geology

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

S O U D A N UNDERGROUND MINE—Minnesota's first and deepest iron ore mine still holds some of the purest hematite ever found on earth. But during the eighty years that this mine operated, finding that rich ore was like searching for a needle in a haystack, which is why this famous underground mine ceased operations more than half a century ago.

That was just one of the fascinating revelations revealed during a two-hour walking tour of the mine's 27th level with James Juip, an interpreter with Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Juip, who has served as a mine interpreter for the state park here for the past six years, tells the story of the history, the people, and the geology of the mine with infectious enthusiasm.

He tells jokes, sings songs, and gushes excitedly as he points out how geological forces billions of years ago created the small pockets of pure hematite that for eighty years were integral to the production of steel in the United States.

"My girlfriend will tell you I can talk until the ears fall off your head," he mentions at least twice. And there's little doubt that he could, at least when regaling an enthusiastic audience of about 20 people with stories of this remarkable mine.

The walking tours of the mine are new and are being offered weekdays at 2 p.m. through September. The walking tour, which is different from the regular tours that the DNR has offered at the mine for decades, gives visitors the chance to explore the mine on foot, learning much more about the geology that created the mine and some of the dangers that mineworkers



Take the tour...

The state park will be operating the mine walking tours each weekday at 2 p.m. through the month of September. For more information about the tours or to find out how to reserve a spot on an upcoming tour, call the park at 300-7000.

faced as they tried to locate and extract the valuable ore. Along the way, visitors can feel and examine up close the tortured rock through which miners dug to access the rich ore deposits that put Tower and Soudan on the map.

While the public often thinks of the ore deposits at Soudan as vast columns of hematite that extended from the surface down into the earth, in fact, most of the hematite was found in small pockets located within a vast formation of two billion-year-old metamorphic greenstone. The geologists who worked in the mine, said Juip, were under constant pressure to locate pockets large enough to justify extraction. "They generally had to be the size of a two-story house [to be viable]," said Juip.

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Right: Interpreter James Juip demonstrates how geologists used hollow drills to take core samples of the rock in a continuous effort to find the pockets of high-value iron ore located inside vast amounts of worthless greenstone.

Top: Soudan mine interpreter James Juip talks about the geological forces that led to the formation of rich iron ore at Soudan.

Above: A recent walking tour group moves through one of the iron ore stopes.

Below: An excellent example of banded jasper, which is common in the mine. all photos by M. Helmberger



HUNTING

Productive waterfowl season expected

Season gets underway Saturday morning

REGIONAL — Duck hunting is expected to be good when Minnesota's regular waterfowl season opens a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, Sept. 22, according to the Department of Natural Resources.

"The number of breeding ducks in Minnesota and North America has remained

fairly high in recent years, so hopefully that will result in a good duck season," said Steve Cordts, DNR waterfowl specialist. "We also heard favorable reports on the number of duck broods over the summer."

Wetland habitat conditions are variable across the state, with some dry condi-

tions in the northern portion of the state.

"Canada goose hunting should improve as the season goes on," Cordts said. "We had a poor goose hatch this spring and hunting success so far in September has been fairly low."

Duck season will be open for 60 days in each of the three waterfowl zones:

In the north zone, duck season is Sept. 22 through

Tuesday, Nov. 20.

Goose season

Minnesota's goose season will reopen in conjunction with the duck season statewide on Sept. 22, with a bag limit of three dark geese per day the entire season. "Dark" geese include Canada geese, white-fronted geese and brant. The daily bag limit for light geese is 20.



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The geologists drilled thousands of expensive test cores in a sometimes-desperate search for new deposits. "Talk about a high-pressure job," said Juip, noting that one early geologist who had miscalculated in his search for ore was later found drowned in Lake Vermilion. Over the years, men in the mine drilled thousands of miles of core, notes Juip, starting at the surface and moving further into the earth as the mine expanded downward and outward. "We could take all the cores from Soudan and lay them out right here and we could run them out to Seattle and there'd be maybe a mile or two left over," said Juip.

And locating a deposit was only part of the process. Once located, men called "drifters" were deployed to blast tunnels, or drifts, through the greenstone to reach the new deposit, and that process could take years. Standing near the main shaft at the 27th level, Juip pointed down the drift that miners built here in the 1950s. "Geologists told us there was ore three-quarters of a mile in that direction, and it took them three years of constant drilling and blasting to drive this drift out to the pocket of ore."

The cost of production in such a mine was extraordinary, but the absolute purity of the hematite found at Soudan made it a crucial component of steel production for most of eighty years. "This ore

is so pure that you can weld two chunks together," says Juip. "It's 99.9125 percent pure." Before the discovery of the Soudan hematite, most steel produced in the U.S. was of relatively low quality due to high levels of impurities. Adding Soudan ore (about 100 pounds for every ton of steel) to the mix, however, helped to strengthen the steel significantly, which made the ore valuable enough to justify the high cost of production. But by the late 1950s, steel production technology had changed and the Soudan ore was no longer necessary, which meant there was no longer an economic justification for producing ore that was many times more expensive than the newfangled taconite pellets being mined on the Mesabi Range.

While most of the Soudan ore was found in relatively small pockets, there was one exception, according to Juip—the Montana ore body, which extended from the surface at least as far down as the 27th level, located a half mile underground. "This is the ore body that kept us in business," says Juip, "It's the only pure column of ore," he said, and it extends one thousand feet across in many places. "If it wasn't for this ore body, we probably would have quit mining here about 1910 or 1920."

Tough conditions

While conditions at Soudan were safer and more pleasant than in

most underground mines, it took its toll on many who worked underground. While the miners who blasted and loaded the iron ore generally maintained their health, the men who dug the miles of drifts through the greenstone suffered the effects of the rock's high silica content. "This stuff is about 80-percent silica," said Juip. "This dust will give you silicosis and kill you," he said. "The men who created these drifts here in Soudan, every single one of them died within six years of the mine closing. And a number of them had lung cancer and they didn't smoke."

In the earlier years of the mine, before the establishment of unions and the transition to underground mining, the conditions were far worse. While record-keeping was limited in the mine's early years, says Juip, "we know that at least 150 men died in the open pits," and the

number could be as high as 220, he said.

"Believe it or not, here in Soudan, the underground mining was actually safer than open pit mining," he said. "I definitely wouldn't have wanted to be a guy in the open pit. It must have been a terrifying experience."

For the mine's owners, notes Juip, the deaths of miners were considered just another cost of business and that the mine's early superintendent, D.H. Bacon, urged the creation of a night shift as early as 1885 even as miner deaths rose. In a recently-obtained 1885 letter from Bacon to mine owner Charlemagne Tower, Bacon noted that with a steady stream of new workers who appeared at the mine daily, the mine could operate 24 hours a day. "Every day," wrote Bacon, "there are more than 50 people standing waiting for work. If we put those people to work on the night shift, with

the acceptable losses that we discussed, there's still enough people coming in on a daily basis that we can replace the people lost and actually make a profit with a day and a night shift."

"That's the way things were looked at in the 1880s," said Juip, "and there's written proof of that."

Signs of life, on Mars?

Some of the deepest bore holes in the mine are located on the 27th level and Juip notes that some of those holes accessed pockets of ancient sea brines that have been trapped underground for billions of years. And found within those brines are previously unknown iron-eating bacteria that require no free oxygen and that appear able to survive temperatures as hot as 2,000 degrees and as cold as near-absolute zero.

That's one of the reasons these ancient brines have attracted

research attention from NASA, as Juip recently learned from one of the visitors to the mine who explained the reasons for the interest. "He told me that chemical for chemical, the rocks you guys see here today are like the rocks that were picked up by the last Mars rover probe. Iron, banded iron formations, and greenstone, all that stuff was also found on Mars."

Given the ability of the bacteria in the brines to survive extreme conditions, NASA scientists believe very similar bacteria could very well exist on Mars today. "So he said, 'we're studying this because we think maybe our first contact with alien life is the same bacteria that makes this water right here kind of yellowish color.'"

"How cool is that?" asks Juip.

How cool, indeed.

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MINUTES OF BOARD OF EDUCATION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 707 Nett Lake, Minnesota 55772-8122

REGULAR MEETING
August 13, 2018

MEMBERS PRESENT:
Brandon Benner, Chairman
Beverly Steel, Vice-Chairman
Karlene Chosa, Clerk
Jane Villebrun, Treasurer
Corinne Whiteman, Secretary
Marilyn Geshick, Director

ALSO PRESENT:
Jim Varichak, Supt./Prin.
Christine Hampson, Bus. Mngr.

ABSENT:
Tara Geshick, Director

Chairman Benner called the regular meeting of the Board of Education of Independent School District No. 707 to order at 8:10 a.m.

19-008 Motion was made by M. Geshick and seconded by Villebrun to approve the agenda. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

19-009 Motion was made by Chosa and seconded by Steel to approve the July 16, 2018 regular meeting minutes. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

19-010 Motion was made by M. Geshick and seconded by Villebrun to approve the bills in the amount of \$29,328.28 (list attached) MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

19-011 Motion was made by M. Geshick and seconded by Steel to approve the July 31, 2018 Financial Report. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

Superintendent Report was given:
Summer School was successful this year. We took the kids down the Edge in Duluth for swimming. Next year we may do something different, looking at doing 2 different Summer Schools, one for older students, and one for older students. The Maintenance staff started cleaning inside and outside of the building. They are power washing getting rid of cobwebs/dust, they are fixing the ceramic tiles, they are fixing the lights and the light posts. We sent in water samples to test the lead in the water, we didn't receive no results yet. Once we get the results back we will notify the public. There is a School Board Election, the deadline to file is August 14th, 2018, at 5:00 p.m. There were only 2 people that came in and filed. I sent out an Instant Alert reminding community about School Election. The Instant Alert went out to only the parents that have students that attend Nett Lake School. The School purchased 2 trophy cases, please check to see

they are ok, after the meeting, before we install. These trophy cases will be used for Bill King's Orr Braves memorabilia.

Technology Report was given.
Mr. Varichak was informed by Randy Long the Computer Switches were outdated. Mr. Varichak will check with Ira to see what will happen next.

Discussion on Board Members visiting Red Lake School. The Red Lake Superintendent suggested the board to come visit school after school is in session so the board can see what is going on, if the board goes before school is in session, that's all you will see is an empty building. Let the superintendent know what you would like to see.

Mr. Varichak informed the board the Air Handler system needs to be updated this year, and the cost of the project will be \$30,360.00. The sidewalks in front of the school need to be fixed. We check with Joel Astleford from Public Works to see if they can help with sidewalks.

19-012 Motion was made by Steel and seconded by Chosa to approve the consent agenda. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

19-013 Motion was made by Chosa and seconded by M. Geshick to deny the Boys' and Girls' Club request,

and to continue with Lease Agreement at \$2.00 a square foot. The Lease Agreement with the Boys' and Girls' Club will go back to \$3.00 a square on October 1, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

19-014 Motion was made by Chosa and seconded by Steel to hire Julie Whiteman as a .4FTE Music Teacher for the 2018-2019 School Year. Her salary will be at BA Step 5 prorated a .4FTE effective August 27, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

19-015 Motion was made by Steel and seconded by M. Geshick to hire Kathy Thompson as the Head Cook. Her starting rate of pay will be \$15.00 an hour, effective August 27, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

19-016 Motion was made by Steel and seconded by Villebrun to hire Joan Whiteman as Assisted Cook. Her starting rate of pay will be \$12.00 an hour, effective August 27, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-1

19-017 Motion was made by Chosa and seconded by Steel to approve the contract for Malita Kletschka-Spears as the Indian Education Director, for the 2018-2019 School Year. Her salary will be \$30.00 an hour, and not to exceed \$12,000 a year. Her start date will be August 13, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

19-018 Motion was made by Villebrun and seconded by M. Geshick to approve the Bois Forte Head Start and Early Head Start-Child Care Food Contract. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

19-019 Motion was made by Steel and seconded by Villebrun to hire Lance Kingbird as Type III Vehicle Driver at \$11.11 an hour, effective today, August 13, 2018. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

19-020 Motion was made by Villebrun and seconded by M. Geshick to hire an Internal Reading Coach with a stipend of \$500.00 a year. This is a requirement of the Reading Corp. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

19-021 Motion was made by Steel and seconded by M. Geshick to adjourn the meeting at 9:06 a.m. MOTION CARRIED 5-0-0

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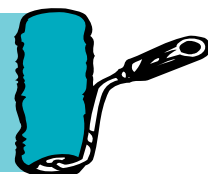
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Elite names in show biz
 - 6 Food-cooling chest
 - 12 Impetus
 - 20 Make allusion (to)
 - 21 Long rant
 - 22 Evenly paired
 - 23 French cabaret figure
 - 25 IRS probe
 - 26 Acey -
 - 27 All right
 - 28 Three-time Frazier foe
 - 29 Airport area
 - 30 Using a blast furnace for
 - 32 Mia Hamm, for one
 - 37 "— Rose" ("The Music Man" song)
 - 38 Old brand of hair remover
 - 40 Calhoun of old Westerns
 - 41 Get sour
 - 42 Bronco
 - 45 Singer Zadora
 - 46 Wear for nighty-night
 - 49 Movie units
 - 50 Suffix with trick
 - 51 Rant, maybe
 - 52 "That feels ni-i-ice!"
 - 53 Duncan toy
 - 55 Unborn child
 - 60 In the capacity of
 - 63 "Jay — Garage" (CNBC series)
 - 66 Seasonal tunes
 - 67 Hawaiian goose
 - 68 Boxers and briefs, briefly
 - 70 Something associated with eight answers in this puzzle
 - 72 Squirrels' cheekfuls
 - 74 Vast time stretch
 - 75 Dashing actor Flynn
 - 76 Proclaims, in the Bible
 - 78 Australian Open unit
 - 79 Fifth-degree black belt, say
 - 83 "The Daily Show" host Trevor
 - 85 Ending for Peking
 - 86 Graph line
 - 87 Island with Pearl Harbor
 - 90 Sporty 1980s Pontiac
 - 94 Rouge color
 - 95 Barber's job
 - 96 It's just been fired
 - 100 Yuletide tree
 - 101 Richard of "Chicago"
 - 102 Victim of Cain
 - 103 — Ana County, New Mexico
 - 104 One giving up gambling, maybe
 - 109 With all in agreement
 - 111 "Jenny" actor Alda
 - 112 See 96-Down
 - 113 She clucks with bribery
 - 115 Associated with Rolling Stone interviewee
 - 119 Laced holiday quaff
 - 123 String in a sneaker
 - 124 Family divisions, in taxonomy
 - 125 French for "queen"
 - 126 Donations
 - 127 Attached with rope, e.g.
 - 128 X-ray, e.g.
- DOWN**
- 1 Pigskin path have them
 - 2 Source of element #82
 - 3 In case it's necessary
 - 4 In a way not related to religion
 - 5 Piece of land
 - 6 "— be my honor"
 - 7 What a U.S. spy may be
 - 8 "Cubesmith" Rubik
 - 9 Spine sites
 - 10 Lyric work
 - 11 Kid of a boomer
 - 12 Of varied character
 - 13 TV studio alert
 - 14 Oaxaca loc.
 - 15 Plato's "H"
 - 16 Nutty treat
 - 17 The present time
 - 18 Put together
 - 19 Taxi fixture
 - 24 TLC series about a tattoo studio
 - 28 Land division
 - 30 Bit of slander
 - 31 Liam of films
 - 33 Bobby of ice hockey
 - 34 Bus. entities
 - 35 Go to press
 - 36 Reluctant
 - 39 Over — top
 - 43 "— Mio" (Italian tune)
 - 44 Ball in space
 - 45 Bic buys
 - 46 Superheroes
 - 47 Actress Dru
 - 48 Most mousy
 - 51 Russian river
 - 54 "Of course"
 - 56 Low joint
 - 57 Young guy, in hip-hop
 - 58 Cravings
 - 59 Composer Brian
 - 60 Giant in oats
 - 61 Disquiet
 - 62 Truly loved
 - 64 Sticky pods
 - 65 Dated letter opener
 - 69 Win — walk
 - 71 Military bed
 - 72 From — Z
 - 73 Irritate
 - 75 Let out
 - 77 Hardens (to)
 - 80 Left unsaid
 - 81 Wealthy
 - 82 Mythical flier
 - 84 Secret treasure
 - 88 "I get it now!"
 - 89 Very hot pepper
 - 91 Self-esteem to a fault
 - 92 Skedaddle
 - 93 Put — act
 - 96 With
 - 112-Across, blind alley
 - 97 Irritate
 - 98 Get the point
 - 99 Mitten's kin
 - 100 Snitched
 - 101 Sci-fi and mystery, e.g.
 - 104 Strident
 - 105 Lanai "Hi!"
 - 106 Brunch meat
 - 107 Jerk the knee, e.g.
 - 108 Ruhr's outlet
 - 110 Pola of silent films
 - 114 Barely made, with "out"
 - 117 — -pitch softball
 - 118 Plato's "T"
 - 119 SFPD rank
 - 120 Architect I.M. —
 - 121 Fouts of football
 - 122 "Hot diggity!"

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