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RECREATION

County planners delay Daisy Bay vote

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook/Orr Editor

Second Lake Vermilion resort seeks RV park expansion

L A K E V E R - M I L I O N – A second Lake Vermilion resort is seeking the county’s permission to include an RV park on their property. The St. Louis County Planning Commission heard arguments late last week for and against a plan at the Daisy Bay Resort, but delayed a final vote on the plan because of a clerical error that cited the wrong address of the resort in public notices. The proposed expansion would see up to 40 RV sites added to the resort. The plan also anticipates new ownership, as local businesswoman Christine Schlotec plans to purchase the property if the county approves the proposed expansion. In addition to the new RV sites, Schlotec said she plans to have the resort open year-round to allow ice fishing off the lakeshore. She said she planned to seek more docks for the property as well.

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ELY WOLFTRACK CLASSIC

Prime conditions



11th annual sled dog race set for Sunday

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – With Ely wrapping up another Winter Festival celebration, final plans are being made for the 11th annual WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race, scheduled for Feb. 23-24. Cold temperatures and recent snowfall should make for a great racing experience this year. The race is a mid-distance event with two classes, a 30-mile six-dog race and a 50-mile eight-dog race. The race starts and finishes at the Ely Softball Complex on Old Airport Rd. on Sunday, Feb. 24. As of Wednesday, there were 16 six-dog teams and at least 11 eight-dog teams signed up for the race. At least 30 teams took part in the race last year, and more are expected to participate this year.

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The WolfTrack Classic begins Sunday morning at the Ely softball field and heads down the Taconite Trail, above, toward Bear Head Lake State Park, before looping back to Ely. Recent Bear Grease Marathon winner Blake Frekking, kisses his daughter, Elena, for luck prior to the 2016 WolfTrack.

file photos by K. Vandervort



LEGAL PUBLISHING

Official decision

Ely City Council reaffirms vote for the *Timberjay*

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY– Following a month of controversy over the issue, the city council here opted by a 5-1 vote to stick with the *Ely Timberjay* as the city’s official newspaper for 2019. The decision, which is expected to save the city thousands of dollars in legal printing costs this year, was in line with the recommendation of a city task force that looked into questions about the bids the city received from both the *Timberjay* and the *Ely Echo*. “We decided to reaffirm the original award of the legal publishing in 2019 to the *Ely Timberjay* due to there not being any substantial reason to reject their bid,” said council member Albert Forsman, who served with fellow council members Paul Kess and Heidi Omerza on the task force. The group, which also included city attorney Kelly Klun and clerk-treasurer Harold Langowski, met on Friday, Feb. 8 to discuss the matter and make a recommendation to the council. “This decision has not been taken lightly,” Forsman continued. “There

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SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Native musicians bring culture, history to Northland

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook/Orr Editor

NETT LAKE - Chaz Wagner and Tony Parson are making a statement with their new band, War Bonnet. The duo has entered the northern Minnesota music scene with their debut album, *The Ghost Dance*, and are bringing songs of history and culture from

the streets of Nett Lake to the downtown theaters of Duluth. “I’ve had dreams of having a band like this,” Wagner said. “I put it off for years, finally I said we have to start this band, this Native American band. The name is powerful in itself. It is a spiritual headdress that high chiefs wore into combat.” The album title is a reference to the Ghost Dance

popularized in the late 1800s by Wovoka, the spiritual leader of the Northern Paiute of Nevada, California and Oregon. “They [American Indians] had a vision to do this dance that nothing will harm you in life and war,” Wagner said. The dance was meant to summon a person’s ancestors to shield them and help them in battle and came to prominence during clashes

between Natives and European colonizers as the United States expanded westward. The music of the album is an artistic rendering of history that Wagner and Parson hope will build bridges between communities and give a new voice to dark events of the past. With song titles such as

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

MUSICAL EVENT

Boundary Waters Choral Festival to feature 125 voices

10th Anniversary concert takes to the stage on Friday, March 1

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

ELY- High school singers once again take the stage at Ely's Washington Auditorium on Friday, March 1 at 7 p.m., for this year's Boundary Waters Choral Festival. This annual event gives area high school students the chance to sing as part of a larger festival choir, as well as to participate in a full day of workshops, rehearsals, and specialized choral instruction with college music professors from the University of Minnesota-Duluth. The performance is free and open to the public, but freewill donations are welcome to help cover the expenses.

This is the 10th year the choir festival has been held, and each year the event has grown in professionalism and style. Most of these students are in school choirs that may number fewer than 20 singers. Singing in a large choir is a once-a-year opportunity for them.

Special guest this year is Grammy Award-winning singer-songwriter Carrie Newcomer. The BWCF Choir will perform three of her compositions: "Room at the Table", "Lean In Towards the Light", and "A Gathering of Spirits", the theme song for this year's BWCF.

Ely choir teacher Mike Rouse and his wife Billie are lifelong fans of Newcomer's music. Newcomer will also be leading a singer-songwriter workshop for BWCF students who are interested in songwriting, the night before the festival.

"It is not every day that aspiring high school composers in our area have the opportunity to be guided and coached by a Grammy Award-winning composer!" said Mike Rouse. "This will be a great kick off to the festival."

Concert day includes a full schedule for the



Festival conductor Matthew Olson posed with singers at the end of last year's concert.

students. Some of the choirs will be leaving their home schools as early as 5 a.m. in order to make it to Ely Memorial High School for the beginning of rehearsals at 9 a.m. The choral students from Ely Memorial, Eveleth-Gilbert, International Falls, Mt. Iron-Buhl, North Woods, and Vermilion Country high schools will spend the day rehearsing the festival music selections, which they have been practicing as individual choirs, and by the end of the day, under the direction of Dr. Matthew Olson, they will become one unified 125-voice choir in a performance you will not want to miss. This will be Olson's sixth year as festival conductor. As the talent of the students has grown year to year, he is able to select more difficult and beautiful music for the group to perform.

The concert will include individual choir performances; most will sing the two selections they will be performing the following week at the Minnesota State High School League Choral

Music Contest. Then the choral students from all six schools will combine into a 125-voice "festival choir."

Under the direction of Dr. Matthew Olson, the festival choir will join voices to perform "Jenga Imani" from the kwaya music tradition of Tanzania. Israel Kagaruki composed the piece as a song of encouragement. With the number of lives lost or those living with AIDS in Africa, this piece is intended to encourage those struggling to keep going and never give up, even in the midst of their hard times. The text is in Swahili. They will also be performing "Somewhere" from West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein. Sometimes referred simply as "There's a Place for Us" ... it is a wonderful song of inclusion ... pleading against prejudice, separation, and injustice.

"It takes a village to offer an opportunity like this to our area choral students," said festival organizers Mike and Billie Rouse. "We wish to thank the Mesabi Symphony

Orchestra for their kindness and willingness to be our fiscal sponsors." This event is made possible through the generous contributions of its major donors: the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council thanks to appropriations from the Minnesota State Legislature's general and arts and cultural heritage funds, the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust, Essentia Health Community Contributions, Dr. Crystal Chopp, Northshore Mining, Lake Country Power, MN Power Positively Powerful, Shopko, Adventure Inn, as well as countless private donations.

In addition to those supporting the BWCF through their donations, this day would not be possible for the choral students without the hard work and dedication of their local choir teachers who prepare them for this day. They are Reida Forsman, Eveleth-Gilbert; Kathy Tompkins, International Falls; Karin Schmidt, Vermilion Country School; Raye

Roettger, North Woods; Susan Lindmeier, Mt. Iron-Buhl; and Mike Rouse, Ely Memorial.

"This event is a chance for students to come together, not to compete, but rather in the spirit of cooperation to accomplish something bigger than any of them can attain as individual choirs," said Mike Rouse.

And, Billie Rouse added, "Maybe the biggest winner in all of this is the communities involved who have the opportunity to attend an incredible choral concert and witness the talent and passion of these wonderful singers and students!"

Guest instructors and soloists

During the day, students will get to work with college music instructors from UMD. Rachel Inselman, soprano, is a Professor of Voice at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. She has performed numerous opera roles as well as appeared as soloist with symphony orchestras throughout the

United States including the Cleveland Orchestra, Baltimore Chamber Orchestra, Toledo Symphony, and Lincoln Symphony Orchestra.

Alice Pierce, soprano, is an Instructor of Voice and Director of Opera Studio at UMD. She received a BM and MM in Vocal Performance from Indiana University. Early in her career, she served on the faculty at the University of North Carolina-Wilmington and the North Carolina School of the Arts. During these years, she was a Metropolitan Opera Regional finalist twice, singing often in concert and opera.

Elias Mokole, baritone, serves on the faculty at UMD and is equally at home in recital, musical theatre and orchestral concerts, as well as opera. Praised by both Opera News and the Washington Post for his "powerful, rich warm baritone," Mokole's performance highlights include: Germont in La Traviata, Enrico in Lucia di Lammermoor, Sharpless in Madame Butterfly, Scarpia in Tosca, Ford in Falstaff, as well as Elijah in Elijah, Juan Perón in Evita, the title role in Gianni Schicchi, and soloist for the Brahms Requiem.

Matthew Olson is Artistic Director of Oratory Bach Ensemble, a professional chamber orchestra and choir based in Minneapolis. He also serves as: Assistant Conductor of the 40-voice professional choir, The Singers; Instructor of Voice and Music at North Hennepin Community College; and Director of Choirs at Westwood Lutheran Church. He studied choral and orchestral conducting at St. Olaf College, The Oregon Bach Festival, Michigan State University, The Canford Conducting School (U.K.), and The University of Minnesota.

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POLYMET PERMITTING

EPA sued over refusal to release PolyMet comments

Federal agency has failed to respond to Freedom of Information Act request from Duluth-based Water Legacy

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL—The federal Environmental Protection Agency is facing a lawsuit over allegations that it prevented its own environmental specialists from providing written comments to Minnesota regulators documenting concerns over a proposed state-issued water discharge permit to PolyMet Mining.

The suit, filed by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, or PEER, on behalf of Duluth-based Water Legacy, seeks to compel the EPA to produce written comments that were produced by EPA staff but that were allegedly suppressed by top supervisors

appointed by President Trump.

Water Legacy is seeking the comments as part of its ongoing lawsuit against the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency over its December 2018 decision to issue a water pollution permit to PolyMet. The mining company proposes to build the state's first copper-nickel mine near Hoyt Lakes, but the project faces a slew of legal and financial hurdles before that can happen.

Water Legacy legal counsel Paula Maccabee first made a Freedom of Information Act request for the EPA comments on Oct. 19, 2018, and was assured at the time that the request was "very simple" and that processing it "should not take very long." EPA officials also indicated

that given the limited nature of the request it would likely not require the payment of any fee.

The EPA's FOIA process typically allows for twenty days to respond to a FOIA request. Yet more than four months later, Maccabee has yet to see the documents she requested and is now asking a court to require the EPA to release them. It appears the government shutdown and bureaucratic mishandling of Maccabee's request could have played some role in the delay, although Maccabee states that she has information suggesting the delay is due to apparent intervention from top EPA officials in Washington, D.C., who are now reviewing her request.

Prior to Trump's election,

the EPA Great Lakes Regional Office had submitted detailed comments to the MPCA as well as the state's Department of Natural Resources, both of which have permitting authority over the project. Plaintiffs in the lawsuit contend that those concerns have not yet been addressed, but that top political appointees in EPA's regional office have kept its own professional staff from forwarding those concerns in writing to state regulators. Instead, it appears that EPA staff verbally read some of their concerns over the phone to MPCA staff, which state regulators recorded in handwritten notes. According to the MPCA notes, EPA remains concerned about excess mercury discharge,

inadequate monitoring, and lack of numeric limits on mercury and other toxic chemicals in the discharge permits, among other problems.

Water Legacy's efforts to obtain the full written staff comments through a Freedom of Information Act request have been rebuffed by the agency, prompting the lawsuit.

"It is ridiculous that EPA can only conduct kabuki oversight since staff may only read but not register serious objections about potential pollution violations," stated PEER staff Counsel Kevin Bell, who filed the FOIA lawsuit seeking release of the undelivered PolyMet comments.

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DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

Audit: Poor oversight, contractor flaws led to MNLARS mess

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— A long list of factors, including poor oversight of a private contractor, led to the botched roll-out of Minnesota's online vehicle registration and licensing system, known as MNLARS in 2017. That's according to the legislative auditor, who released a report on the troubled system late last week.

The report comes a full decade after officials with the state's Department of Public Safety had determined that the state's existing vehicle registration and licensing system needed to be revamped, and it chronicles how the state's lack of in-house

technical expertise limited the options for agency leaders as they tried to develop a large and complex new information system.

"The problems started early when agency officials initially selected a private vendor to build the system," notes the legislative auditor.

"Despite a detailed contract and 'statement of work,' there were disputes about what the vendor was supposed to deliver, and the vendor's initial work products were unsatisfactory." Development of that contract, with Hewlett-Packard, had taken more than a year and, at more than 200 pages, was one of the most detailed contracts the state officials working on the project

had ever seen.

State officials believed such a detailed plan was necessary given the number of spectacular failures by private contractors who had been hired around the country to develop similar online systems. Such projects had resulted in "missed deadlines, litigation, and rarely (if ever) successful implementation," notes the report, citing state officials.

Despite the detailed agreement, state officials said HP failed to abide by the terms almost from the beginning, and that as the state tried to make adjustments, the company would raise the price.

Deadlines that the state had set for the company were routinely missed and company

representatives appeared non-responsive to concerns raised by state officials. After two years of disagreements, the state finally discontinued its contract with the company, having already spent \$18 million. During that time, the company had delivered just two small components of the overall system, none of which worked well, leaving the state with little to show for the time and money expended on the project.

State officials interviewed by the auditor were clearly frustrated by their experience with private IT contractors. "Some MNIT and DPS leaders expressed cynicism about private information technology contractors in the wake of the HP experience," notes the auditor.

"A former DPS official told us: 'These companies are vultures.... They want to come into a state, they want to do it their way, they want to make a profit, they hire people that aren't very qualified to do these systems, and they either succeed or fail, but either way they make money.'"

With HP no longer in the picture, state officials, over the next three years, attempted to cobble together a working system using what technical expertise was available within state government as well as an assortment of outside contractors who worked on pieces of the overall project.

The resulting online system

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OPINION

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Editorial

BWCAW reservations

Many, including private contractors, played a role in the recent misfire

Representatives of the U.S. Forest Service, particularly those serving on the Superior National Forest, have been under fire in recent weeks as a result of the breakdown in the Boundary Waters reservations system.

In part, that’s just because they’re the easiest and most accessible targets. Forest Service folks rarely try to defend themselves, even in cases, like the current one, over which they had little control. Let’s be clear— no one on the Superior National Forest was involved in creating the online system that failed on Jan. 30. The coding that goes into the creation of such online systems might as well be ancient hieroglyphics to the vast majority of us, and that includes the folks who work on the Superior.

If we’re looking for a *convenient* target for the justifiable frustration of Boundary Waters users and cooperators, the Forest Service certainly fits the bill. Yet we wonder when those of us who rely on these online government systems will start to raise the more fundamental question about who is really behind some of the spectacular failures we’ve experienced in recent years at both the state and federal level.

From the hobbled roll-out of the MNsure online health insurance system to the disaster over the state’s online licensing program, known as MNLARS, to the latest reservations fiasco, we’ve seen that private contractors have frequently delivered systems that failed to do the job. In the case of MNLARS, a private contractor was paid \$18 million over three years for work that the state ultimately had to scrap. Time and again, we the taxpayers have gotten burned.

While businesses that rely on a working Boundary Waters reservations system are justified in their displeasure, we should all keep in mind that the government workers who now must suffer the slings and arrows of that displeasure had no role in the selection of the private contractor, Booz Allen Hamilton, or

BAH, which clearly failed to do the job it was hired to do. BAH was supposed to maintain the federal recreational reservations system serving the National Park Service, the Bureau of Land Management, the Forest Service, and other federal agencies that operate recreational sites around the country. BAH is a very well-connected company politically, owned mostly by the Carlyle Group, that makes its billions of dollars in annual revenue almost exclusively from federal government contracts, particularly in the national security and defense sectors.

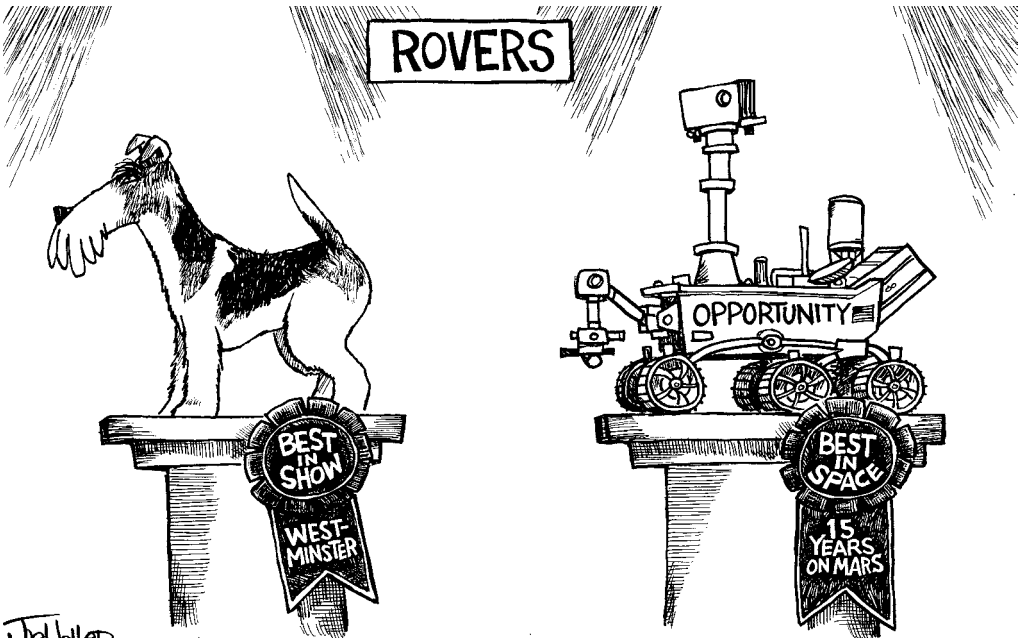
Clearly, making sure the Boundary Waters reservations system worked when it went online on Jan. 30 was not a high priority for the company’s very well-paid executives, none of whom will ever have to listen to the frustrations of an area outfitter or resort owner whose 2019 season was suddenly cast into disarray.

Instead, it’s the local Forest Service folks, who earn a pittance compared to the BAH executives, who are the public face of the breakdown.

We know some folks are blaming the latest breakdown on the Forest Service’s controversial decision to add some motor-use permits to the online reservations system this year. Those permits had been subject to a lottery system before this year, and so were not reserved through the federal system, known as recreation.gov.

Yet, it’s not clear that there’s any connection between that change and the fiasco that occurred this year. The vast majority of Boundary Waters reservations, including some motor-use permits, have been handled through the online reservations system for years, without any major breakdowns.

We have argued for years for greater government accountability. But how about some accountability for the thousands of private businesses that provide services to the government? When they fail to do their job, it shouldn’t be government officials, alone, who take the heat.



Letters from Readers

Thanks for an outstanding performance in Ely

Thank you, thank you to the Mesabi Symphony Orchestra for giving us a wonderful afternoon on Saturday. The orchestra’s music director Benjamin Nilles chose six short, lively, melodic pieces. Many of us recognized the melodies. After intermission, the Virginia High School Orchestra and the Mesabi Chamber Ensemble joined the orchestra on stage. It must have been a wonderful experience for those kids. The stage was full. And what sound! It seemed like the acoustics in the Washington Auditorium were designed for classical music. It’s fun to see Ely musicians up there, and thanks to Peter Kess for his perennial tech expertise.

Carol Orban
Ely

Thanks for ending the battle of the attack letters

Kudos to the *Timberjay* for putting a stop to all the “tit-for-tat” nonsense that seems to go on endlessly in Greenwood Township.

Wouldn’t it be to the benefit of the whole township if we banded together and worked at solving problems instead of creating hard feelings?

Between now and election day, let’s spend that same amount of time telling God that “I/we are willing to let You change my/our heart and mind and we ask You to place into these offices the better person for moving our community forward in peace and unity.” Then trust that HE will do that!

Marilyn Mueller
(former P&Z Dir.)
Greenwood Twp

Bassing believes in due diligence

As Legislative Chairs for one of the area’s Veteran Service organizations, my wife and I understand the absolute necessity of accuracy in the reports we provide

to that group. This involves a considerable amount of time fact checking, both from known reliable sources on the internet and by way of phone conversations with the proper contacts for verification or other details. Before we ask our membership to make contact with the appropriate State or Federal Offices pertaining any pending legislation concerning Veterans issues, we want those members accurately informed. Our credibility depends on it.

It’s no secret that we’ve been supportive of John Bassing. We know for a fact John does his due diligence and research producing documentation in the process as well. He avails himself of the annual training available to our elected township officials as not only a refresher but also knowing full well from previous experience that changes to local governance can and do occur on a yearly basis. He’s also experienced in determining what the township operating expenses currently are and looking ahead determining what we may be facing going forward, making the appropriate adjustments to the levy.

Rick and Julie Stoehr
Greenwood Twp

Greenwood board made the right call

Congratulations to the current Greenwood township board for their victory in a federal Department of Labor ruling. The DOL received a complaint from a fire department member regarding non-payment of course study time. He was paid for the course and time while attending. At one township meeting, some citizens felt the board should simply pay for the study time and be done with it. That approach could have set a costly precedent for all future training. The DOL ruled in favor of the township, allowing us to avoid potential training compensation issues. Great job, township board! Apparently, the board does conduct business with the diligence required.

Steve Rodgers
Greenwood Twp

Thanks to all who helped with the Ely Winter Festival

The board of the Ely Winter Festival wants to thank the many people who helped make the 2019 Festival a wonderful ten days! Thanks go out to our volunteers, our generous sponsors, the snow sculptors, the restaurants who gave our carvers meal tickets, the Chamber of Commerce, the City of Ely, the Ely ArtWalk, the Ely Folk School, and the people who put on the huge variety of events. We couldn’t mount this festival without so many people working together. Nobody does winter better than Ely!

The Ely Winter Festival is funded in part by grants from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council (thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund) and the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust.

The Ely Winter Festival Board
Ely

Journalism vs. public relations

Regarding your articles about Tower Clerk-Treasurer Keith and *Ely Echo* Editor Swenson: Both reminded me that “journalism” is printing what someone else does not want printed. Everything else is public relations.

Duane Behrens
Ely

We welcome your letters

The *Timberjay* encourages letters to the editor. You can submit letters by mail at PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790, or email letters to marshall@timberjay.com.

We ask that letters be limited to 300 words.

Letters are subject to editing, primarily for length and clarity.



Keeping the keel down when it so darn cold

Wow! Another -30 below morning. Dozens of pine gro-beaks are lined up in formation on the electric wire that connects the house to the pole stationed just outside the kitchen window. They are waiting for feed, lots of feed, bags and bags of feed to keep them sustained in these



KATHLEEN MCQUILLAN

bitter times.

It happens to be a clear morning with a blinding sun streaming in from the east. At least for now, it appears calm out there. None of those snow devils I so often see racing across the open field, dancing among the clumps of willow brush that dare to slow them down.

The days are getting noticeably longer. Now, when I rise around seven there is color in the sky. I light the gas range under the coffee pot to heat the water I’ve set out overnight to reach room temperature in an effort to conserve fuel. It’s become ever more important to find little things I can do to conserve. As the bumper sticker on my refrigerator reads, “Together we CAN make a difference”.

Ironically, I snatched it from the stream of junk mail

that arrives daily in my mailbox, retrieved from endless requests for money, mostly for good causes, always goading me to also notice my sometimes careless use of paper. After all, we are in a strategic position to monitor northern Minnesota’s once tall, handsome aspen woods which lined our many miles of back roads, now reduced to miles of clearcuts in varying stages of regrowth. (I still haven’t found a way to curb that crazy, mostly unread, stream of paper that

ends up in my recycling bag everyday.)

Back to that refrigerator sticker.... “CONSERVE” it reads, on a beautiful background of frogs, birds, salmon, apples, an ocean and children! It’s telling me that I have a role to play, right here at home, in my backyard, along my road, in my town, my state, my country, the world. Each time I open the fridge to reach for a snack, I’m reminded

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COMMENTARY

Facebook, at 15, has prompted remarkable change

Facebook marks 15 years, but do we really understand what it is?

Isn't it strange how time flies? The last post you saw on Facebook or Instagram from 10 minutes ago could feel like years in the fast-paced movement of social media. But would it surprise you to learn that the largest social media site, Facebook, turned just 15 years old earlier this month?

It's hard to believe that a fixture that is, today, so embedded in our culture, didn't even exist a mere 16 years ago.

Facebook wasn't the first kingpin in the world of social media. There were, of course, MySpace and Yahoo Chat rooms, among many others, but those are mostly old news more than a decade on from when Mark Zuckerberg decided to launch the now (in)famous website from his Harvard dorm room.

And we, as a society, have struggled to reckon with it ever

since.

By now, most of the drawbacks of the social media behemoth are quite clear.

Whether it has been passive data collection (which the company still does), or allowing users posing as political authorities or media outlets to post false news articles as genuine fact, the consequences of our own misunderstanding of social media are becoming clear.

Multiple studies have shown that we don't know what we're doing on the web. People are unaware that Google and Facebook track their every move online. As a result, what they see is predetermined by mathematical equations, or algorithms, that are tuned to deliver gratification and self-serving information rather than the truth.

Here's a quick experiment to prove this, if you're curious. Next time you're on your computer, open Facebook and Google at the same time. Search for the same topic repeatedly

on Google (at least 10 times) and then refresh your Facebook window. All of the advertising you see will likely change to mirror what you just searched.

While there are many reasons to dislike social media, there are many reasons to embrace it as well. It sounds cliché at this point, but never in history have we as people been more connected. Entire movements have lived and breathed online. And while, yes, bad political change has resulted from social media, so too has positive change.

The spread of news is now measured in seconds. And when truth flows through the internet, billions of people can see it as it happens. When disaster strikes, we can see people "marked safe" when other lines of communications fail.

Even here, at the *Timberjay*, a small weekly paper in a remote region, we now have the ability to reach readers around the country, and even the world, with a keystroke seven days a week at any hour. We can watch our readers engage over our stories in real time online before the print news even hits the stands on Thursday morning.

When breaking news

happens, as was the case with the Cook Zup's fire in November, a small print paper, like ours, can provide you, the reader, with faster and more updated coverage than television news simply by being at a story with a cell phone in hand. When we posted a remarkable letter to the editor from the late Tom Rukavina, it spread virally across the web, and was read by more than 25,000 people across the planet in just a two-week period last month.

But with the potential reach that social media provides to just about anyone, comes a need for all of us to be more responsible and cautious in how we conduct ourselves online, and to understand how our behavior online affects us, and others.

In her book, "Reclaiming Conversation", author Sherry Turkle, a researcher at M.I.T., shows case study after case study where users of social media have become disconnected from typical social behaviors in search of instant gratification caused by many who fear missing out on the latest news and posts.

Anyone who has spent time on Facebook, Twitter, or other social media undoubtedly recognizes how average people

behave online is vastly different in many cases from their in-person interactions with others. Anger, vitriol, and inflammatory rhetoric are common on social media at a time we desperately need deeper and more reasoned communication. And it's not just feelings that can be hurt. Cyberbullying appears to be a major factor behind the increase in rates of suicide among young people. That's a real and troubling consequence.

With all inventions, social media is what we choose to make of it, and as a society, even with almost two decades of constant social media presence in many of our lives, we are still only at the tip of the iceberg when it comes to understanding the true effects. Perhaps that's because when it comes to social media, most of us are still just teenagers, just like Facebook. Hopefully, as all of us mature as social media users in the years to come, we'll begin to understand better how to use it more responsibly and, possibly, even, as a force for positive change.

WINTER...Continued from page 4

that I am part of the "bigger picture"!

When it gets this cold and I'm hunkered down waiting for the plow to come in or the car to start, with the view out the window a seeming frozen wasteland, it's easy to start wondering, "What the heck are we doing here?" I chuckle at my efforts to stay positive, trying to convince myself that it's "all good", that winter is a time to slow down, reflect, "go inward" and discover what really matters. I'll scan the bookshelf for a good escape novel or one of those "self-helpers" written by a highly enlightened being just back from a world-wide speaking tour,

whose insights will guide me on the journey toward acceptance and contentment. And lo, it helps!

My mornings usually begin with a ritual donning of appropriate layers of clothing for that first frigid step out the front door, then shoveling a path to the bird feeder where I'll then toss buckets of seeds to my hungry winged "companions on the journey" swarming so close around me that I feel a little like Francis of Assisi. Pure wonder and joy!

Once back inside, I relish the exquisite pleasure of that first sip of freshly ground coffee, and delight in the comforting warmth of that steamy

cup clutched between my hands. In that moment, I'm free of even a hint of anxiety or frustration from the blind, fearful, or silly struggling I'm prone to over the challenges before me. As hard as it seems sometimes to care (and worry) about the planet and all the people I love, I know that my heartfelt concern inspires me to take action, and that's exactly what I need to just "keep on keepin' on"!

Being here in this wild country with its harsh winters, grants me the privilege of time — time to visualize the world still inhabitable for my grandson and future generations. Current events

coupled with something deep inside call on me to do what I can to make that vision the reality, no matter how hard or how small my actions may seem. So, where does this all lead?

Despite all the time spent digging out and cursing cold fingers, all my longing to be on a sunny beach somewhere drinking Corona under a cabana, or imagining picking up plastic trash on a Pacific island with a couple of conservation-minded surfer dudes, I know that I'm really happy right where I am. Yes, the weather can be brutal but how can I complain?

I've got a hefty stockpile of dry firewood, a

snug little house to come home to, and a lot more to be grateful for. So what if my life moves at a rate of a 33-1/3 RPM record when the world around me is speeding along at rates measured in terabytes per second. Even at a glacial pace, I can still contribute something meaningful from my remote, hunkered down location.

In addition to the bookshelf I have the Internet that connects me to kindred spirits near and far, also invested in creating a meaningful life and a better world. Now, I can read the "Green New Deal" in its entirety with a click of a mouse. I can weigh in on policy deci-

sions by emailing support for our nation's transition to renewable carbon-free energy sources. I can discover new ways to steward our natural environment and its wildlife. I can act globally by sending support to people elsewhere who are already facing the effects of our changing climate. And, I can work in my own community to help it thrive. That is, once the car starts. There is no argument. Our weather tests us to the limits! But given a minute, when asked, we know exactly why we live here.

Wow! The temp just broke zero! Time to celebrate another beautiful day in paradise!

AUDIT...Continued from page 3

proved a failure as soon as it went live in July of 2017. The system took five times as long to process vehicle title applications as before, leading to lengthy backlogs. Specialty license plates, such as those for the disabled, could not be transferred to other vehicles, and the system was initially unable to produce titles for auto dealers and others. The system also failed to accurately compute taxes owed on

some transactions.

While some improvements have been made since, state officials agree that more work remains to get the system functioning as it should. Gov. Tim Walz, earlier this month, told legislators that he needs \$15.7 million in stopgap funding to keep MNLARS repairs moving forward. He's also expected to address the project, as well as other IT work, in his budget recommendations.

In the end, despite spending nearly a decade and more than \$100 million on the 2017 release, the auditor found that "agency leadership did not take sufficient steps to ensure that this large and risky project would succeed."

The legislative auditor names two MNLARS managers, Paul Meekin and Susan Rohde, as sharing blame for the system's flaws, as well as others who it said failed to

keep the project on task or didn't do enough to spot flaws early on.

None of them are still employed by the state due to retirements, resignations or, in the case of one, a change in administrations.

Rohde, in a letter included in the report, said she came on in April 2015, after the state had cut ties with Hewlett-Packard and state lawmakers were ratcheting up the pressure over the lack of progress

with MNLARS.

"The direction I was given was to do the best I could with a bad situation and deliver MNLARS, which I and many other dedicated individuals achieved," she wrote,

adding she was "greatly disturbed by the anonymous and unsubstantiated opinions used to impugn my character."

Minnesota Public Radio News provided reporting for this story.

LAWSUIT...Continued from page 3

"EPA apparently wants to ensure there is no paper trail evidencing the very real concerns of career professional staff."

EPA's withdrawal from regulatory oversight is not limited to PolyMet, according to PEER, which alleges that EPA employees from other regions are reporting similar limits being placed on their ability to oversee state

pollution control efforts. Many cite an Oct. 30, 2018, memo issued by Acting Administrator Andrew Wheeler directing EPA regional offices to exhibit "general deference to the states."

"The purpose of federal environmental laws is to guarantee a uniform safety net for clean water, air, and soil throughout the nation," explained PEER

Science Policy Director Kyla Bennett, a scientist and attorney formerly with EPA. "At EPA, oversight now means to overlook since political consensus is prized over EPA's commitment to public health and the environment."

PEER has previously pursued litigation faulting EPA for routinely prevent-

ing creation of records documenting the basis for its actions under former EPA head Scott Pruitt. Wheeler won dismissal of the suit by promising reforms, but the PolyMet case and other instances raise new questions as to the efficacy of those reforms, according to a press statement issued by PEER.

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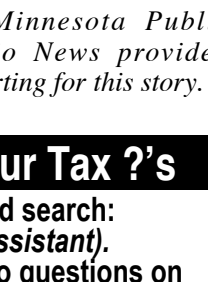
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Left: Kasen reads his card just handed out by Serah. Above: Brielle hands out candy boxes to her first-grade classmates.



Left: First-grader Deniko opens her cards. Above: Kindergarten teacher Wendy Jordan does science experiments with conversation heart candy and elicits wows from her class. photos by J. Summit

HOCKEY DAY IN SOUDAN

Tower takes the prize at Hockey Day Soudan



SOUDAN- The annual Tower vs. Soudan hockey game at the Soudan rink on Feb. 16 brought another win for Tower, for the third year in a row, much to the disappointment of Soudan players who won the honors 15 times in the past. The winning title was earned after winning two

out of three games. Tower won the first game 5-3, Soudan the second 5-4, and Tower took the third round for the win 5-0. "Both teams played really hard," said Nate Dostert. Terry Anderson was referee.

Alexander Hjelm from Sundsvall, Sweden, came back to play for Soudan for a second year. Hjelm has been visiting his friend Brian Zak, who has been skating in Tower and Soudan since childhood.

Greg Dostert, one of the organizers for the event, said this was the "best hockey day in years for weather." The warm temps brought out about 30 players and 75 spectators, and contributed to strong feelings of community and camaraderie.

Hockey Day for Kids

Kids had a blast at the youth hockey game held on Sunday. Two teams of six players each got out on the ice and played three games. Some players were experienced, but all were learning and developing their skills as they played. Nate and Greg Dostert coached the kids.

Chimpy's skating party that day brought out a huge crowd, about 75 kids and their parents. The kids enjoyed burgers, brats, pizza, chips, and root beer floats. Kids learned to skate and made friends while enjoying the warm(ish), sunny day on the ice.

Tasha Trucano and Stephanie Ukkola contributed to this story

Above: Players in the Tower vs. Soudan game, along with some fans, posed for a group shot before the start of the games on Saturday.

Below: This year's game included a cheering section with signs, including these two young hockey fans. photos by T. Trucano



Below: Kasen Dostert blocks a shot during the youth Tower vs. Soudan game on Sunday. No scores were kept for the youngsters game. photo by S. Ukkola



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HISTORY

Tower-Soudan Historical Society fire hall restoration fundraiser seeks pledges

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Historical Society’s sustainable fund drive to support the restoration of the old fire hall on Main Street is still seeking support. The fund’s goal is to raise \$10,000 per year over the next five years that will be used for matching funds for the grants that will pay the bulk of the cost of restoring the important piece of Tower’s history.

TSHS is asking funders to pledge a specific amount for each of the next five years.

So far, the fund is almost halfway to its annual goal, but more sustaining donations are needed.

The projected cost to restore the building is over half a million dollars.

The fire hall building, which is the oldest public building north of Duluth, housed the 1891 horse-drawn steam fire pumper James Tippet while in service at the turn of the 20th century. According to the National Register Nomination it is “the oldest community fire hall on the Iron Range.” Grant requests to the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and other funders will be submitted over the next four years to complete the project.

The historic fire hall is on the National Register of Historic Places and thus eligible for MHS funding. MHS has funded smaller fire hall planning and pre-construction projects over the past four years. Unfortunately, TSHS’ large grant request for Phase 1 Stabilization of the building was denied funding last November because TSHS did not have a proposed Department of



Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation grant secured or community financial support at the time of its submission.

This pledge drive will create the base of community support needed to secure the additional grant monies to complete the project.

TSHS is also seeking donations from the city of Tower and neighboring townships.

Pledge forms are available on the TSHS website (towersoudanhs.org) or from any TSHS board member: Doug Workman, President; Nancy Larson, Vice-President; Linda Folstad, Secretary; Diane Meehan, Treasurer; Cookie Bonicatto; Barb Burgess; Wayne Dahl; Corrine Hill, Pauly Housenga; Desirae Larson; Mary Shedd; Kathy Siskar.

TSHS would like to thank the 36 donors who have pledged at this time: Helen Adkisson, Steve Al-

tenburg, Mary Batinich, Lawrence and Marsha Bonicatto, Broten Construction, Kathleen Cargill, JoAnne Coombe, Allen Dahl, Robert Desannoy, Sandra Coughlin Desannoy, Mary Lee Erickson, Ann Flannigan, Peanuts and Linda Folstad, George Gutman and Janis Schonauer, John Hagemeyer, Mike and Joan Hatlestad, Gary and Linda Haugen, Donald and Dorothy Hilligoss, John Housenga, Pauly Housenga, Jordan Kotzian, Tim and Nancy Kotzian, Nancy Larson, Tina Larson and Bob Carlson, Tom and Kate Larson, Peter and Elaine McGillivray, Eric and Carol Norberg, Mary Shedd and Steve Wilson, Theo Sigford, Kathy Siskar, The Timberjay- Jodi Summit and Marshall Helmberger, Tower-Soudan Agency, Lee and Greta Tuominen, Doug Workman, Cathy Wright, and Mary Yapel.

Sweet On Guatemala fundraiser, Feb. 23 at the Tower Civic Center

TOWER- Pastor Liz Cheney from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower has led a mission team once a year since she has been the pastor at Immanuel. The churches, communities, friends and neighbors have be an integral part of each one of those four trips by participating in fundraisers, donating raffle items, financial support, prayer support, and so much more. Thank you for that!

On Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Tower Civic Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., missionary and executive director of Recycled Lives, Shawn Johnson will join the last mission team made up of three moms and three of their daughters

to show thanks to our donors, supporters, friends and family as well as get “sweet on” Guatemala and Recycled Lives through sharing an evening of fun.

While this is a fundraiser of sorts, it is also an opportunity to come and learn more about Recycled Lives as an organization, meet its founder and missionary, enjoy some sweets, and support this organization through your free will offering as well as other opportunities to support specific ministry projects such as the monthly food distribution, school supplies, students that need sponsors, and just general giving that allow the missionaries to continue day to day

ministry activities.

The theme for the evening is Candy Land, just like the game you played when you were a kid or maybe still play with your grandkids. There will be different “sweet” stations to snack at as you wander through the candy “lands” and learn about Recycled Lives along the way. There will be a formal presentation by Johnson as well as by the mother/daughter team. There will be plenty of time to wander around, fill up on sweets, and visits with neighbors, bring a friend. You can always learn more by going to Recycled Lives Website, www.recycledlives.org.

Shrove Tuesday pancake meal at St. James

TOWER- St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower is hosting their annual Shrove Tuesday Pancake Meal on Tuesday, March 5 from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. There will be pancakes, sausages, fruit, and a beverage served. Meal is by free-will donation.

Learn what to do in an active shooter situation, Sunday, March 3

TOWER- What would you do during an active shooter situation? Lieutenant Shene of the Duluth Police Department will teach techniques that may help prevent becoming a victim on Sunday, March 3 at 2 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower. This presentation is open to the public and free of charge. Coffee an’ will be provided after the training, in the fellowship hall.

Being able to survive in any violent situation requires much more than an idea of what tactics or techniques may work. You must understand what you, at any point in your life, are capable of doing. This presentation is based on the belief that all of us are much more capable than we may think we are. In order to tap into that potential it is important that we first understand what “violence” is and how it affects us physiologically. With this understanding we can confidently discuss what we are capable of doing, and what tactics may work for each of us. In short, we do not have to be victims.

Lieutenant Shene is a 22-year veteran of the Duluth Police De-

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partment. He has served in numerous capacities including patrol, homicide investigations, sexual assault investigations, predatory offenders, domestic violence, and crimes again children. He is currently assigned as the commander of the tactical response team and the shift commander for patrol group B.

Gabriella Suihkonen named to Bemidji State Dean’s List

BEMIDJI- Gabriella Suihkonen, of Tower, has been named to the Dean’s List at Bemidji State University for Fall Semester 2018. The list represents the university’s high expectations concerning academic excellence. Gabriella is a senior, majoring in social work. She will be attending the masters degree program in social work at University of Minnesota-Duluth this coming fall.

Chimpy’s Skating Parties

SOUDAN- Chimpy’s skating parties at the Soudan Rink are now underway. This weekend, Feb. 23 and 24, there will be skating parties from 12 noon - 2 p.m. This weekend’s parties are sponsored by Tower-Soudan Joint Powers and Starkovich Distributing.

Children of all ages are welcome to stop by for skating, fun, and food. Loaner skates are available in the warming shack.

Chimpy is planning to host skating parties on Saturdays and Sundays, weather-permitting. The warming shack regular hours are weekdays from 4 p.m. to closing, and weekends from 11 a.m. to closing.

Mardi Gras family night on March 1 at St. Martin’s Catholic

TOWER- St. Martin’s Catholic Church invites you to join us for Mardi Gras 2019 to be held in the church social hall on Friday, March 1. Festivities get underway at 5:30 p.m. and run until 9 p.m. This is an open house style event– you can come when you want, and leave when you want! Fun for the whole family. Admission is by freewill donation.

Each person receives a ticket for entry into the door prize drawings. Drawings will be held throughout the evening at 6:30, 7, 7:30, 8 and 8:30. You must be present to win one of the door prizes. A prize will be given for the best costume.

We learned much from last year’s event and have improved this year’s celebration. There will be a kids’ activity area (cake walk, bean bag toss, and a table of stuff to keep them busy and occupied). The piñata will be back again this year – breaking of the piñata is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Each child receives a treat bag when they come in.

Bingo will begin at 6:45 p.m. Cost for bingo is \$5 for 10 games. There will also be ping pong, foosball, cribbage, bean bag toss, and dice games.

We hope that you will join us for a feast before the start of Lent. Some of the items you will find on the menu are jambalaya, appetizer meatballs, wings, Mardi Gras meringues, strawberry beignets, meat and cheese tray with crackers, plus more.

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 are 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 Feb. 25

Monday- Chili in a Bread Bowl

Tuesday- Lasagna, Dinner Roll

Wednesday- Cheese and Bean Enchilada

Thursday- Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes and Gravy, Dinner Roll

Friday- BBQ Riblet Sandwich, Baked Beans

Week of Feb. 25

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 March 19.

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

Wednesday

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

Thursday

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

Vermilion Country School Board- Meetings posted online at vermillioncountry.org.

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on Tuesday at the Grand
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Feb. 26 - Betty
Firth and Paul Schurke
- An Update on the Ely
Folk School and their
connection with the Lac
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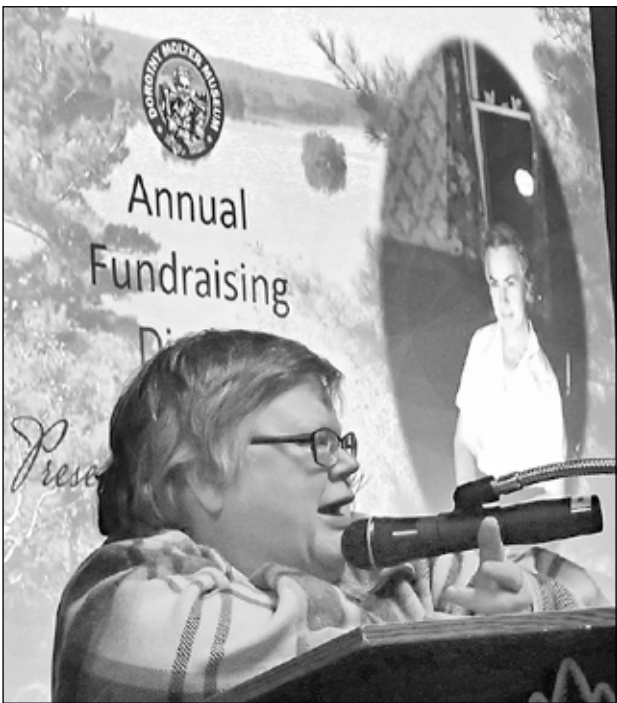
BOUNDARY WATERS CANOE AREA WILDERNESS

Keeping the legacy alive

Dorothy Molter Foundation honors BWCA legend

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – More than 100
supporters and friends
of the Dorothy Molter
Foundation gathered at
the Grand Ely Lodge last
Friday for the organiza-
tion's annual fundraising
dinner.
Themed, "Keeping
the Legacy Alive," the
evening paid tribute to
the last non-indigenous
resident of the wilderness
north of Ely now known
at the Boundary Waters
Canoe Area.
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The Dorothy Molter
Museum is a widely re-
cognized educational orga-
nization, highly valued
for its historical integrity
and educational impact.
The Museum's Board
of Directors adopted a
new, five-year strate-
gic plan for 2018-2023
through a collaborative
process between the board,
staff and volunteers. This
plan guides and informs
museum leadership in
decision-making and plan-
ning through established
goals.
Jess Edberg succeed-
ed Sarah Guy-Levar as
executive director of the
museum last year. "In her



Dorothy Molter Foundation Board Chair Pam Brunfelt, above, talks to supporters at the museum's annual dinner last Friday night. Board member Sherry Abts, below, keeps the museum's bird feeders filled.
photos by K. Vandervort

short time here, Jess has
made the museum run so
efficiently," said board
chair Pam Brunfelt. "She
brings bright new ideas
and is a superb director."
Brunfelt went on to
thank the staff and volun-
teers at the museum "who
make the job of us board
member very easy."
She described 2018
as a marvelous year at the
Dorothy Molter Museum,
despite uncovering a few
problems with the stabil-
ity and condition of the
cabins. "Thanks to quick

1934 to help Bill Berglund
who owned and operated
the Isle of Pines Resort.
Dorothy spent a lot of
her time there, returning
a portion of some winters
to the Chicago area to pick
up holiday hospital shifts
for extra income and to
maintain her nursing cer-
tification.
An independent
thinker from early on,
when given the opportuni-
ty to stay and work at the
resort full-time, she again
flouted conventions, even
at the disapproval of her
family.
When Bill passed
away in 1948, Dorothy
became the owner of the
resort. She operated the
Isle of Pines Resort from
1948 until her death in
1986. Many people in the
region knew of Dorothy
because of her root beer,
but just as many knew her
for her kindness, generos-
ity and willingness to help
others.
Her training as a nurse
was widely known among
travelers to the wilder-
ness and her location was
pointed out on maps by
outfitters to their vacation-
ing clients heading into the
lake country.
To many, she was
known as the "Nightingale
of the Wilderness." Despite
her geographic isolation,
Dorothy gradually became
one of the most celebrated
and well-known residents
of the Northwoods.



HALFWAY RANGER STATION OPEN HOUSE



Visitors to the U.S. Forest Service Northern Research Station walk along a narrow path in the snow toward the main building during a recent open house event. The historic site is located on Highway 1 outside of Ely. Northern Bedrock received nearly \$200,000 in grants to make structural improvements to the area. photo by K. Vandervort



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PUBLIC SAFETY



New tactical response equipment for Ely Police Department
Asa Burger, 2, son of Ely Police Sgt. George Burger, inspects the new tactical equipment presented to the police department during the Ely City Council meeting Tuesday night. Seven vests and equipment, valued at \$1,500 for each set, were purchased from Shield616 by three Ely-area church organizations, Oasis Church, St. Anthony’s Church and Ely Gospel Men’s Group, and Twin Metals of Minnesota. Look in next week’s Timberjay for more coverage. photo by K. Vandervort

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

St. John’s men’s chorus to perform in Ely



ELY - The Saint John’s University Men’s Chorus will appear in concert at St. Anthony’s Catholic Church, 231 E. Camp St., on Saturday, March 2, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

The concert is part of the choir’s 2018 – 2019 Concert Season. Under the direction of Dr. Axel Theimer, a native of Austria and a former member of the Vienna Boys Choir, who has been on the music faculty at Saint John’s University and the College of Saint Benedict since 1969, the 26-member chorus will perform concerts throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin and, during the day, visit high schools, sharing their music with music lovers of all ages.

Traditionally, the program features a wide variety of sacred and secular music, ranging from polyphony of the Renaissance to masterworks of the 21st century. This year’s performance will include compositions by Rosephyn Powell (Sorida), Mitchell Sandler (Byker Hill), Ethan Sperry (O Saya), Anton Bruckner (Ave Maria) , Naomi

Shemer (Yerushaleyim Shel Zahar), HansLeo Hassler (Cantate Domino), Carl Maria von Weber (Jägerchor), Eric William Barnum (I come singing), Stacey Gibbs (arrangement of Sit Down Servant) and the always popular O Mister Moon.

Admission to the concert is free but donations are suggested and welcome to help defray travel costs.

For more information, contact Jim Lah at jlah@ely.k12.mn.us, or the church office at St. Anthony’s:,218-365-4017.

Yesterday’s news, this week

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

February 21, 1919

Aliens are given a chance

The meeting at the Washington Auditorium Monday evening was the opening of what is destined to be of vast benefit to the alien residents of the vicinity. By a new order issued a short time ago on the part of the government, it is now possible to secure first papers in this city and at the future terms of court held here, second papers will also be issued.

Years ago it was possible to do this and the court then traveled about for the purpose of issuing naturalization papers. The matter of naturalization was made more strict later and the “court on wheels” was abolished. Since Ely was designated for regular terms of district court, an effort was put forth to get the privileges of issuing naturalization papers here.

Deputy Clerk of the Court U.G. Holloway of Virginia will be here several days each month for the purpose of issuing first papers and also to receive petitions for second papers. These petitions will be heard at the regular terms of court. Clerk of the Court J.P. Johnson of St. Louis County was in the city Tuesday and assisted Mr. Holloway during the rush that followed on that date. The clerk will be here again in the last week of March.

Judge Martin Hughes, who had been advertised to make the address at the meeting Monday night was detained in court at Hibbing with a criminal case and substituted Judge Edward Freeman to act in his place. While his words were not distinctly heard in all parts of the large auditorium, those in the immediate vicinity were more than pleased with his remarks. He spoke of the efforts now being put forth throughout the United States to get the status of the aliens in regards to this country and his intentions toward America. He spoke of the efforts being made to educate the aliens in the language and customs of the land and the chances of the foreign-born man to become everything but president here providing he made the effort.

News in Brief



Winter Festival Medallion found
Congratulations to the Hacker family who found the Ely Chamber of Commerce Winter Festival Medallion last Wednesday morning. The prize was hidden at the Dorothy Molter Museum nestled along the paddle fence. They were able to keep the medallion and also received \$250 in Chamber Bucks. More details at www.ely.org/medallionhunt. submitted photo

Senior Center hosts Smear tournaments
ELY - Smear tournaments are held the first and third Mondays at the Ely Senior Center, 27 S. 1st Ave E, starting at 6 p.m.

There is a \$5 entry fee, plus 25 cents per set.

DFL Listening Session is Saturday
ELY – Area Democrats will hold a listening session on Saturday, Feb. 23, from 5-7 p.m. at Vermilion Community College classroom CL 128. The gathering is open to the public.

For more information, contact Carol Orban at 218-365-3346.

CL 128 is in the Classroom Building.

Donald C.

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

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

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS: 12:00 noon on Wed., March 27

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

Call 365-2639 or email info@gardnertrust.org

Youth Grant applicants must contact Keiko by March 1 to schedule a grant review meeting.

Notices

Winter Reading Programs

COOK - The Cook Public Library is ready for winter, offering programs and events for all ages. The programs kicked off in January and run through March.

Adult Winter Reading: Curl up with a good book and enter to win prizes during the Winter Reading Program. Prize entry tickets will be given for each book or audio book checked out from the Cook Public Library. This includes items requested from other libraries. Write your name, phone number and prize number on your ticket and turn it in at the front desk. Prize bundles are on display at the library. Drawings for prizes will be held on March 13.

Teen Winter Challenge (Grades 7 – 12):

Check out 25 books or more and get an invite to an all-day Saturday party at the library in March.

Preschool – Sixth-Grade Reading Challenge:

Every time a child checks out a book she or he will receive a mitten cutout to hang in the library window. If 400 mittens are in the windows by March 8, we'll have a pizza party at the library.

Winter Events at NWFA Gallery

COOK - Northwoods Friends of the Arts (NWFA) Gallery winter hours for viewing the exhibits and shopping are in effect now until April: Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Every Saturday is Open Studio Art Space at NWFA Gallery from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Note the ending time is 12:30 to accommodate transition to the writers group.

Woodcarving for Beginners to Expert meets every Tuesday night at 6 p.m. at the gallery.

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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PARENTS NIGHT



North Woods senior girls basketball players with their parents. Left to right: Matt and Kristy Rutchasky with daughter Allana and her little sister; Connie Stone (Chad behind her) with daughter Kate; Steven and Stacey Ratai with daughter Regan; Nichole and Bryan Chiabotti with daughter Bria. photo by B. Smith

EMPTY BOWL



Fundraiser returns today

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP - Students at North Woods will be serving up a piping hot bowl of soup for the annual Empty Bowl Fundraiser this evening beginning at 4:30 p.m. The event, now in its seventh year raises money for local food shelves by selling handmade bowls created by high school students.

From Chicken noodle soup to chili and even a spicy soup or two will be available for tasting for \$10 a person, which includes the bowl and a tasty dessert.

Art teacher Rachel

Betterley said about 100 of her students are involved in this year's fundraiser.

"Students are in charge of making the bowls," she said. "Others volunteer during the actual event."

Aside from bowls of soup, Betterley said attendees will also get to watch live demonstrations on how the bowls are made, courtesy of the school's Art Club.

The current reigning Outstanding Teen from Miss Minnesota, Eden Webb, will also be signing autographs and taking photos with guests. Betterley said the students hope to raise about \$2,000 over the course

of Friday evening, and that the day was chosen to coincide with a home basketball game to guarantee plenty of foot traffic from area residents who might want to donate to the cause. Betterley added that people are encouraged to show up early to ensure they get to pick out the bowl they want as well as eat the freshest soup.

Bowls that will be up for sale are currently on display just off the North Woods commons area near the entry to the art room. Besides donating to area food shelves, student volunteers will also be collecting separate donations for the Art Club.

GOING ONLINE

Businesses asked to use Google

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK - Businesses here are being encouraged to put themselves out on the web. At the city council meeting here last month, City Administrator Theresa Martinson said the Grizzlies Broadband Committee was encouraging businesses in the city to explore utilizing "Google Profiles" in order to give them higher visibility online. That's especially true for business searches using apps like Google's Assistant and Apple's Siri.

One of the businesses already using the free service offered through Google is the Montana Café. Owner Megan Brodeen said, at its peak, she was seeing 120 inquiries through the service every two weeks during the summer.

"Not being on the highway, it shows people what's downtown," she said.

While the search engine traffic is quite a bit less during the winter months, only about 40 inquiries every two weeks, she said having the information online gives the business exposure it wouldn't usually have.

"All you have to

do is go on your phone and see what's in town," Cook Building Center owner, Eric Burckhardt said. He said the service had helped him find his way around other towns, and as a result he set up the building center on Google in order to help others.

Burckhardt said the Chamber of Commerce had published a map of the businesses at one time, but now with the internet, the ability to see all of the businesses from a simple web search would only better serve the community.

"It can be really refreshing to see what the town has to offer," he said. "It makes the town a destination, not just a place to pass through."

Additionally, the profiles allow customers to submit reviews, something Burckhardt said a few of his past customers have done. The reviews only enhance the visibility of the business online since it shows that people are actually walking in the door.

While neither Brodeen or Burckhardt have decided how they will use the service in the future, they are happy with the positive results they have seen so far.

Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



The Dames would love to comment about the warming weather, but "never mind" is the only comment that is possible. The below-zero nighttime temps continue, and with the predicted snowfall yet to present it-

self, February is projected to have the heaviest snowfall since 1962! Reports from local towns are of snow accumulations being hauled away, as there is nowhere left to pile anymore! Both of the Dames are spending some of the winter in the "south"; it looks like this year, that was a very good decision!

Our beloved Sandy Bodkin was discharged from the hospital in Duluth and is receiving therapy in Grand Rapids. Best wishes, Sandy, for a full recovery.

On Feb. 18, we celebrated Presidents Day, the holiday honoring Presidents George

Washington and Abraham Lincoln, both born in February. Two other Presidents were also born in February, the shortest month of the year. William Henry Harrison, the ninth president, died only a month after taking office. His Presidential Acceptance Speech was so long and the weather was so cold that he became ill, and he never recovered from the illness. Ronald Reagan served two full terms in the White House. He was also born in February. What month did the largest number of presidents celebrate their birthdays? If you guessed October, you would be correct. A to-

tal of six presidents were born in that month: John Adams, Rutherford B. Hayes, Chester Arthur, Teddy Roosevelt, Dwight Eisenhower and Jimmy Carter. Perhaps someday we will honor past presidents in the month of October. Whenever YOU decide to honor them, hope you enjoyed your day off and the long weekend it gave us.

On Valentine's Day in 1962, Jacqueline Kennedy gave a televised tour of the White House after a massive renovation project was accomplished. She had searched for and found missing historical art-

work and furniture. Because of her extensive research, she was able to tell CBS reporter Charles Collingwood about every piece and room without notes or a script. In fact, she was so good that there was only one scene that had to be filmed again, when she got one person's name wrong. Even though February is a short month, it has a lot of history packed into its few days.

The Crane Lake Challenge is coming soon. Hope the weather cooperates—we don't need any more Harrison's in town! Put on your "long johns", your snowmobile suits, your

earmuffs, your scarves, your warmest mittens and boots and come to Crane Lake. The people are friendly, the pubs warm, the food good, and the event is fun! You will be warmed from the inside out.

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 at 218-757-3233 and it will be added.

Until next week, the Teapot Dames are singing off!

ART CLASS



Class attendees show off their work at the NWFA Gallery. submitted photo

Local artist teaches in Cook

Retired school teacher once did art for Alcoa, Chrysler

COOK - As a gift to the community, well known artist, Thomas Chapman, presented a free class in Cook at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery on Saturday, Feb. 16.

The students participating came from towns throughout The Range.

“A Study in Light and Color” was a two hour talk with participation by the students, who had the opportunity to create a color spectrum and a value scale study. Mr. Chapman discussed the history of light and color, why it works and how to use light and color in art projects.

Thomas S. Chapman, known for his stunning watercolor paintings, studied at the Toledo Museum of Art and received a BFA at Cleveland Institute of Art, receiving awards for his art from Alcoa Aluminum, Chrysler Corp and many others.

He taught painting and drawing in Cook, Virginia and Hibbing for three years. Thomas and his family now live and work in Angora at their own company, Art Unlimited, celebrating 34 years of business. Chapman is one of the founding members of Northwoods Friends of the Arts.

GRIZZLY UPDATE

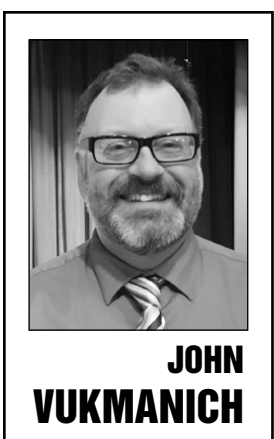
Meet Dr. Reggie Engebritson

Principal John Vukmanich interviews a selection of educators and coaches at the North Woods School

School systems have many staff with different roles, from paraprofessionals and support staff to teachers, bus drivers, kitchen staff, nurses, mental health specialists, principals, deans, activity directors, business managers, and technology specialists, to name some. We all have different roles and responsibilities within the school and district. The head of the district is called the Superintendent. The “Super” as many call this person, is directly responsible for other district administration, like principals, and works with the school board to manage policy and help direct the fiscal management of a school system among many other things. It’s a big job! In our district, the Super works with five separate school sites within ISD 2142 along with overseeing Mt. Iron-Buhl. This person is Dr. Reggie Engebritson.

Mr. V: Where are you originally from, and where did you attend high school and college?

Dr. E: I am from Maple Grove and went to Osseo High School. Go Orioles! I went to college at SCSU, and later the U



JOHN VUKMANICH

of M, Twin Cities Campus.

Mr. V: Who were some teachers who influenced you, and what qualities did they have that were important?

Dr. E: Mrs. Hanson, my third-grade teacher, loved reading and inspired a love of reading in me. She was nurturing and caring, and even taught us how to knit, which I still do. My college advisor, Dr. Elisabeth Rogers, inspired me and encouraged me to get my Doctorate. She had a great sense of humor and worked with me to cultivate my qualities for leadership.

Mr. V: What is your current role and your background in education?

Dr. E: I am the Superintendent for ISD



REGGIE ENGBRITSON

2142 and MI-B. My background is as a Special Ed director and Special Ed teacher.

Mr. V: Why did you choose education as a career?

Dr. E: In 6th grade, I met some kids with disabilities and helped them on the playground. At that time, I knew I wanted to help kids with disabilities.

Mr. V: What are your hobbies?

Dr. E: Knitting, movies, reading.

Mr. V: What is something that you like about our school district?

Dr. E: I like the individuality of the schools, the small school atmosphere, all staff working together to meet the needs of our kids, and the positive atmosphere.

Mr. V: What is a professional goal for you?

Dr. E: To create systems in our school that guarantee all kids receive the tools they need to be successful after high school, regardless of the path they choose.

Mr. V: What is something you love about Northern MN?

Dr. E: The beauty and the sunrises.

Mr. V: Do you have a favorite saying or expression?

Dr. E: “Tell me the story”, “Can’t fix what I don’t know about”, “Ensure that all kids learn.”

Mr. V: What do you hope that you will be remembered for?

Dr. E: For helping to establish systems in our schools that ensure all students learn at their individual highest level.

Thanks Dr. E for spending some time letting us get to know you a little better! Thanks for working hard to make our school district the best that it can be.

Go Grizzlies!

John Vukmanich

Briefly

Local church has Sweet On Guatemala fundraiser, Feb. 23

TOWER- Pastor Liz Cheney from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower has led a mission team once a year since she has been the pastor at Immanuel. Local churches, communities, friends and neighbors have been an integral part of each one of those four trips by participating in fundraisers, donating raffle items, financial support, prayer support, and so much more. Thank you for that!


On Saturday, Feb. 23, at the Tower Civic Center from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., missionary and executive director of Recycled Lives, Shawn Johnson, will join the last mission team made up of three moms and three of their daughters to show thanks to donors, supporters, friends and family as well as get “sweet on” Guatemala and Recycled Lives through sharing an evening of fun.

While this is a fundraiser of sorts, it is also an opportunity to come and learn more about Recycled Lives as an organization, meet its founder and missionary, enjoy some sweets, and support this organization through your free will offering, as well as other opportunities to support specific ministry projects such as the monthly food distribution, school supplies, students who need sponsors, and just general giving that allows the missionaries to continue day-to-day ministry activities.

The theme for the evening is Candy Land, just like the game you played when you were a kid or maybe still play with your grandkids. There will be different “sweet” stations to snack at as you wander through the candy “lands” and learn about Recycled Lives along the way. There will be a formal presentation by Johnson as well as by the mother/daughter team. There will be plenty of time to wander around, fill up on sweets, and visit with neighbors; bring a friend. You can always learn more by going to the Recycled Lives website, www.recycledlives.org.

Daddy-Daughter dance at North Woods, March 1

FIELD TWP - Tickets are on sale now for the North Woods Daddy-Daughter Dance. It will be on Friday March 1 from 6 - 8 p.m. in the school commons area. Advance tickets are \$12 and must be purchased by Feb. 22. At the door, the cost will be \$15. Forms for the dance are available through North Woods PTO. Refreshments and photographers will be available. Attendees are to be “best dressed.”



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Ruby’s Pantry held Feb. 23 in Babbitt

BABBITT- Ruby’s Pantry will be held on Saturday, Feb. 23 from 10-11:30 a.m. at Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Drive. A \$20 cash donation buys an abundance of food, no checks will be accepted. There are no income or residency guidelines. Please bring two large boxes or baskets. Ruby’s Pantry is sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church and is always held the fourth Saturday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome.

Grief education and support group begins Feb. 25

VIRGINIA- An eight-week grief education and support group will begin Monday, Feb. 25 from 6-8 p.m. at the Peace United Methodist Church, 303 9th Ave. S in Virginia. There is no cost for the group. The group meets every Monday evening until April 15.

Experiencing the death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. Learning about the grief process and having support from others can help a great deal. Please consider reserving your spot to participate in this eight-week grief education and support group. It is open to anyone in the area who has experienced the death of a loved one.

For questions or to register, please call 1-877-851-2213 or 218-749-7975 by Friday, Feb. 22.

This program is sponsored and facilitated by Essentia Health St. Mary’s East Range Hospice.

Vermilion Country School annual meeting set for Thursday, Feb. 28

TOWER- The Vermilion Country School, a grades 7-12 charter school in Tower, will hold its annual meeting and election on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 5:45 p.m. at the school, which is located at 1 Enterprise Dr. in Tower (behind the new harbor). The meeting is open to the public and will include an overview of the current school year. Eligible voters for a charter school board election include current school staff, board members, and parent/guardians of current students. The charter school board consists of parents/guardians of current students, community members, and teachers. There are currently openings in each of these categories. For more information, contact Board Chair Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

Northland Events website now available to list or find area events

REGIONAL- Northland Events is a website available for any local events happening in the Northeastern Minnesota region. The website is a central, easily-accessible site for people to learn about events happening in their communities. Listing your event is free and paid advertising is also available. It is easy to list an event, and no event is too great or too small. Use Northland Events as a resource when you want to get out of the house and do something fun. You can look at the calendar by visiting www.northlandevents.org/calendar. Northland Events is a collaboration between Recharge the Range and the MN Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation. These groups continually look for ways to strengthen northland communities; one way to do this is to get together with neighbors. The website’s service area is listed at www.northlandevents.org/submit-an-event. This will be a fantastic resource for not only finding local events but sharing those events. When you are looking for something new and fun to do, check out our event calendar and Facebook page. As more people use this resource, we will have more events to spread the word about!



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MINING
Judge extends deadline for legal arguments in Twin Metals lease case

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The recent partial federal government shutdown has prompted a federal district court judge to provide more time for all parties in the ongoing litigation over the Trump administration’s decision to reinstate cancelled mineral leases for the proposed Twin Metals copper-nickel project near Ely.

Plaintiffs in the case, including the Voyageurs Outward Bound School and several other northeastern Minnesota businesses, Friends of the Boundary Waters, and the Wilderness Society, will now have until March 8 to submit their joint legal arguments for summary judgment in the case. The federal government defendants will now have until April 5 to respond.

In an order issued Feb. 8, Judge Trevor McFadden stated that he was extending the timeline “in the interest of ensuring that each party to this action has a fair opportunity to present its case and is not prejudiced by the stay that resulted from

the lapse of appropriations,” during the shutdown.

By moving towards summary judgment, the parties in the case will avoid the time and expense of a trial. Instead, the judge will make his decision based on the administrative record and legal arguments submitted by the parties. Based on the latest timeline laid out by Judge McFadden, a decision in the case could be issued as soon as this fall.

At issue is the May 2, 2018, decision by then Interior Secretary Ryan Zinke to renew two federal mineral leases located along the South Kawishiwi River. Both the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management under President Obama had denied renewal of the leases in December 2016, a decision that had all but halted work on the Twin Metals mine proposal being advanced by Chilean mining giant Antofagasta.

But the Interior Department’s legal counsel Daniel Jorjani, a former counsel to the Charles Koch Foundation, issued an opinion late last year that argued that the Obama

Interior Department had committed “legal error” in determining that the department had the authority to deny renewal of the leases. Jorjani argued that the federal government had no choice but to renew the claims given the language in the original leases, first issued to the International Nickel Company in 1966. Those leases allowed for three ten-year renewals, but added: “unless at the end of the primary term of this lease, the Lessee shall not have begun production.”

Because INCO never began production, legal counsel for both the Reagan and Obama administrations had determined that renewal was discretionary and those opinions, along with concerns about environmental impacts, formed the legal basis for the 2016 decision to deny a third renewal. Mine opponents say that denial is a final decision, and that the Interior Department has no authority to simply reinstate cancelled mineral leases nearly a year and a half later.

Mesabi Community Band plays Feb. 28 in Mt. Iron

MT. IRON- The Mesabi Community Band, under the direction of Paul Helfter, will present “A Mid-Winter Concert” on Thursday, Feb. 28 at 7 p.m., in the Merritt Elementary School Auditorium in Mt. Iron.

The concert will feature member Norman “Skip” Ferris on the tuba. Skip will be performing Steamboat Stomp, an original Dixieland composition featuring a tuba solo, by Swiss composer Marcel Sauer. The band will also present Great Themes from Great Italian Movies, Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire, St. Louis Blues March, and many other light classical music and marches for your listening pleasure.

Skip attended Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa. Majoring in music, he transferred to Mankato State University and received his BS in K-12 Music Education. Skip has been a member of Mesabi Community Band since 1977, is a past president, and is currently treasurer. He is also a member of Mesabi Symphony Orchestra and the 5 Seasoned Brass Quintet. He



Mesabi Community Band member Norman “Skip” Ferris will be featured in the Mesabi Community Band’s upcoming “A Mid-Winter Concert.” Skip will be performing Steamboat Stomp, by Swiss composer Marcel Sauer. submitted photo

is employed through the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency as Head Start director.

The band looks forward to presenting this concert to the public. Admission is \$5 for adults and no

charge for students 18 and under. Refreshments will be served after the concert.

Iron Mining Association donates to local food shelves

REGIONAL- Members of the Iron Mining Association of Minnesota (IMA), a trade association representing Minnesota’s iron mining industry and its supporters, has donated more than \$7,000 this year to support local food shelves. This month, the association raised \$2,700 and collected two boxes of food during a food drive fatw its annual Funspiel curling event.

22 local businesses contributed \$100 or more to this fundraiser, including: American Bank of the North, ArcelorMittal Minnoka Mine, Benetech, Dealers Transmission Exchange, GPM Inc., HDR, Industrial Welders and Machinists, J.F. Brennan, Jamar, Komatsu, Mielke Electric Works, Nelson Williams Linings, Northland Constructors, Northshore Mining, Petro Choice, PolyMet,

Premium Plant Services, Tricon Wear Solutions, TUFCO Inc., U.S. Steel, Viant Crane, and Vic’s Crane and Heavy Haul.

In total, IMA members were able to donate \$900 to the Ely Food Shelf, Hibbing Salvation Army, and Virginia Salvation Army each. These entities were selected in an effort to best serve the largest number of Iron Range residents.

A food drive was also held at the event, and IMA members donated a box of non-perishable food items to both the Hibbing and Virginia Salvation Armies. This is the sixth year the IMA Funspiel has collected money for local food shelves – and the fourth it has included a food drive.

Earlier this year, the association also donated \$5,000 to Hunger Solutions as part of Sen. Tom Bakk’s “Stock the Shelves” fundraising ini-

tiative. That donation went to help Cook residents affected by last year’s fire that destroyed the town’s only grocery store.

For more than 25 years the IMA has represented the thousands of people who work in Minnesota’s iron mines and companies across the nation that provide goods and services to the iron mining industry. This year, the association expanded to include businesses, organizations, and individuals who do not work in iron mining but want to show their support for the industry, which contributes more than three billion dollars to the state’s economy each year. For more information on the IMA, visit www.taconite.org.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

“Surrender Yourself” at Mesabi UU, Feb. 24

VIRGINIA- On Sunday, Feb. 24, Rev. Suzanne Wasilczuk will take up the topic “Surrender Yourself.” Surrender is not valued in the West. We want control while denying that there are limits to our control. In Buddhism, detachment is cultivated. Detachment is not a failure to care, but an acceptance of what is beyond our control. The service is at 10:30 a.m. at Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church, 230 7th St. S in Virginia. The church is handicapped accessible.

Gardening for a Healthier You, Feb. 28

MT. IRON- Do you know the five healthiest vegetables and how to grow them? St. Louis County Extension’s first gardening workshop of the year will answer these questions and more. Gardening for a Healthier You is scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 28 from 12:30 - 4:30 p.m. at the Mt. Iron Community Center, 8586 Enterprise Dr. in Mt. Iron.

Topics will include growing the five most nutritious vegetables– cabbage, broccoli, cauliflower, Brussels sprouts, and kohlrabi; growing apples in our

northern climate; plus growing peppers and tomatoes. There will be a session on mastering gardening essentials - soils and fertilizers. Speakers will include Bob Olen, St. Louis County Horticulturist, and Ron and John Sikkila from the Cherry Greenhouse.

The program is a part of the St. Louis County Healthy Foods Initiative. The cost of the program is \$23 which includes program materials, variety list, and refreshments. For more information, contact the St. Louis County Extension Office at 218-749-7120 or online at www.stlouiscountymn.gov/ext.

Greenwood to ask voters for levy increase

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well. Unlike the proposal at BayView Lodge, the changes at Daisy Bay would not increase the overall footprint of the resort, nor would they require an alteration of the Lake Vermilion Overlay since the required zoning is already in place. A county staff report presented by county planner Jared Ecklund said the expansion was within the stipulations of the Lake Vermilion Plan, although he said some water drainage issues on the property raise concerns.

With the steep terrain at the resort, Ecklund said the property developers would have to take care to ensure seasonal runoff would be mitigated if the natural landscape was altered. Ecklund said the county was asking for a storm water plan to be submitted for the site.

Furthermore, subsequent development of the area would not be allowed beyond the current plans because of the water runoff issue.

Neighbors to the resort raised concerns about the project.

"I appreciate the quality of the water in my well, I do not want to lose drinking water out of my faucet," Pauly Housenga said. She noted that she can already hear spring runoff flowing through

the property and she was concerned that it would only get worse with more intensive development at the site.

Aside from water, Housenga said she did not want any increase of light pollution.

"We appreciate the night sky," she said. "During the winter it (resort lights) reflects off the lake and it shines into the house. I refuse to have to put up drapes. I want to see the night sky through my windows."

Another resort neighbor, Todd Betterley, asked if the resort was actually expanding or whether it was transitioning to a new business model and

structure, something he believes is not covered in the Lake Vermilion plan.

"That is my biggest concern - does it fit with the neighborhood?" he asked. "No one has a problem with the resort, but this is transitioning a small business into a big one."

He said an increase in traffic to the site, something specifically noted in the county staff report, would go against the Lake Vermilion plan.

The steepness of the hills and the ability to navigate larger vehicles into the resort was also a concern for Betterley.

Housenga asked why the board was moving

so quickly since many residents near the resort were away for the winter.

Ecklund said the county had to take action within 60 days after the planning commission had received the application. He also said that those not in the area could submit their feedback through mail or email.

Housenga said she doubted many would even get the notice in time because of mail having to be re-delivered at an alternate address.

Even with the complaints, property owners who spoke out against the proposed RV park did praise the resort for being a good neighbor and

providing some services, such as a small grocery, to residents in the area.

Since the planning commission delayed their vote on the proposal, planning commissioners did not discuss the matter. They'll have that opportunity when the proposal is reheard on Thursday, March 14 at the county's public works building in Virginia.

The public will have a second opportunity to speak on that date as well. A time for the hearing had not been set as of the *Timberjay's* Wednesday presstime.

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Great White Sea, about the colonization of North America, or Manifest Destiny in Reverse, about reclaiming native ways and land, the album speaks openly of the effects colonization had on tribes across the continent.

"There was a lot of blood shed from the founding of America," Wagner said. "We just wanted to open up who we are with this album and make something positive out of something that happened to us."

The sounds of the album incorporate every-

thing from driving Native drum beats to the sound of jingle dresses, tied together with riffs from Wagner's electric guitar.

The sound is constructed layer over layer with overlapping vocals to create unique tracks.

"It's not experimental or contemporary. It is meant to be its own genre," Wagner said. "I want other artists to be the same - to be true to their vision and think outside the box. Not everything has to be in the box to get noticed." Wagner added that too many Native artists try

to recreate established musical norms and genres. "They try to sound like R&B or folk or rap. So, I don't want to sound like that. I want to pioneer this music."

The imagery of Native American history and culture isn't just represented in the music of the album, but in its art as well.

The album cover features original artwork commissioned by Rabbit Strickland depicting the spiritual figure, Nanaboozhoo. The physical CD also contains a dream catcher and parts

of a war bonnet headdress, the namesake of the band.

"Art and music go hand and hand," Wagner said. "The album should have art that coincides. There is all kinds of symbolism."

While the music is unapologetically Native in tone and content, Wagner said he wants the music to be a source of pride for not just his own people, but everyone who listens.

"I want people to diversify their thoughts and their tastes," he said. "I want them to feel part of something even if they aren't Native. I want them to feel what I feel. They should feel proud of their heritage and where they come from. I want it to help unite people. Let's

be human, let's be one."

While this is Wagner and Parson's first venture into producing music, the two have been jamming together for years. The duo originally met in eighth grade when they bonded over the music of Faith No More and Black Sabbath.

Wagner said he had just recently picked up a guitar after hearing his dad play.

The Ghost Dance album is just the beginning for the two. They have brought on more local musicians to begin development of a second album planned for next winter.

They are also working on a music video for a song called, "Ikwe" about missing and murdered

indigenous women.

And all of the work so far will pay off when they play for their largest audience yet on the opening night of Duluth Homegrown on April 28. Homegrown is one of the largest independent music festivals in the Upper Midwest. The band is set to play the Zeitgeist Arts Center stage.

Wagner said he hopes to get radio airplay for some of their work as well and is planning to submit the album to the Native Grammys.

The band can be found on iTunes and Spotify as well as on their webpage, www.warbonnetofficial.com.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA

Gov. Walz proposes gas tax increase and more money for schools, health, roads

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Minnesota Public Radio News

REGIONAL - Gov. Tim Walz unveiled a nearly \$50 billion, two-year budget plan on Tuesday that calls for raising the state's gas tax by 20 cents a gallon and for more spending on education and health care.

Walz, in his first budget plan as governor, also proposed cutting taxes for low-income Minnesotans, farmers and small businesses as part of conforming state taxes with recent federal changes.

The \$49.471 billion, two-year plan pays for those priorities by using a \$1.5 billion budget surplus as well as new taxes.

It's a plan that may need to be adjusted when the state's newest budget and economic forecast projections, complete with a new surplus estimate, arrive next week.

"Minnesotans want to bring down the cost of health care, provide a quality education to their children and grandchildren and ensure that communities across this state are prospering," Walz told reporters. "The budget that I'm unveiling today will ensure that we are making significant strides toward achieving these priorities."

He added that he would address affordable housing separately, proposing \$150 million as part

of a \$1.27 billion bonding bill he's expected to introduce next week.

To turn his wish list into reality, Walz will need to get buy-in from a divided Minnesota Legislature.

He'll have an easier time in the House, which is newly controlled by DFLers. But he's facing a challenge in the Senate, where Republicans in control are already pushing back on his plan to raise taxes and increase state spending.

Minutes after Walz laid out his budget plan Tuesday, Senate Majority Leader Paul Gazelka, R-Nisswa, slammed some of the proposals, including the 70-percent increase in the gas tax.

Gazelka also dismissed Walz's health care expansion as "government-run health care for all" and a "disaster."

Overall, he derided the Walz budget as something that would transform Minnesota into a "cold California."

House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt, R-Zimmerman, was similarly unimpressed.

"My jaw was hitting the floor when I was hearing what I was hearing," he said of Walz's budget plan.

The GOP leaders did say they wanted to work with Walz, especially on infrastructure and closing the student achievement gap. But they made it clear the gas tax increase will be a flashpoint at the Capitol.

Walz's office said it would raise \$1.9 billion, for road and bridge construction, when it's fully phased in by 2022-23. The governor also wants to raise motor vehicle sales and registration taxes.

"This is not a choice between whether we want the gas tax or not," Walz told reporters. "It's a choice between living in a state with the best transportation system in the country or one with crumbling roads and bridges."

Here's a look at proposed changes in some of the state's biggest spending areas.

Health care

Walz's budget creates a subsidy program to reduce premiums on MNsure, the state-sponsored health plan exchange.

It establishes a tax credit to help with costs on the marketplace and establishes a "OneCare" public buy-in option.

Walz's plan continues the two percent tax on providers, which is scheduled to end in 2019.

"What Minnesotans want from their health care is simple," Walz said. "They don't want to get sick in the first place, but if they do, they want care at a price they can afford at a location close to home."

Education

Walz's plan would increase the per-student education funding formula by three percent in the first

year and two percent in the second year, for a \$523 million increase from the current budget.

His overall boost in education spending would run \$733 million, about five percent more than current funding, including \$77 million for special education and \$8 million to get more teachers of color in Minnesota schools.

He also calls for spending \$8 million to expand full-service community schools, a model that brings health care and other non-education services into school buildings.

Walz's budget also proposes more funding for the state grant program for college students, and his bonding bill will focus on repair projects on higher education campuses.

"As a former teacher I've seen firsthand the power of investment in a

child," he told reporters.

Transportation

Walz is proposing to increase transportation funding for roads and bridges in counties and cities by 35 percent with much of that paid for with his gas tax hike.

His budget plan would also increase sales taxes in the seven-county metro area by .125 percent to expand regional buses and and transit lines, which will raise roughly \$770 million over 10 years.

Among his other proposals, Walz's plan would: ➤ Spend \$70 million on a border-to-border broadband program.

➤ Spend \$15.4 million next year followed by \$8.7 million for cybersecurity efforts.

➤ Expand the working family tax credit, lowering taxes for Minnesota families by an average of \$227

per household for some 46,000 households.

➤ Spend \$550,000 in funding managed by the Department of Public Safety to address "gun violence prevention" programs and to "modify and maintain" the gun permit background check system.

Revenues have been trickling in slower than expected over the last several months, which could mean a smaller surplus in the revised forecast. Walz is also required to revise his budget with the new numbers.

The governor will swing around the state in the coming days to pitch his budget plan to the public.

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CULTURAL GATHERING

Sisu Heritage annual meeting will be held on Sunday at the Embarrass Town Hall

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage, Inc. will hold its annual meeting at 2 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 24 at the Embarrass Town Hall, 7503 Levander Rd. Agenda items include the president's and other committee reports, election of four board members, and approval of the 2019 budget.

The business portion will be followed by members of The Farmstead Artisans, speaking on The Nelimark Museum: History and Hospitality. They will present the history and current mission of this

little gem of a destination in Embarrass. Some regular visitors to the museum will also speak - about why they come and the value of this community gathering place.

There will be door prizes and coffee and will be served. All Sisu members are encouraged to attend. Interested residents of surrounding communities are invited to attend and to consider joining Sisu Heritage. Membership is just \$10 a year. Call 218-984-3024 with any questions.



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were minor discrepancies that were explained to be simple oversights. This is the way that we are going to have to address this now.” He suggested that council members could alter the legal publishing bid process in the future. “For this year, this is our recommendation.”

That decision did not sit well with *Echo* General Manager Nick Wognum, who criticized the city council for not allowing him to attend the task force meeting or even allowing him to know who was on the task force. “That was either intentional or sloppy, you pick,” he said. The *Ely Timberjay* was also not made aware of the task force meeting date.

Wognum also maintained that the results of the task force meeting were never made available to the public. In fact, the minutes of the meeting, along with the names of members who met, were available to the public as of Friday, Feb. 15.

“Your communication skills are lacking,” Wognum asserted.

He complained that city officials “went out of town” to solicit a bid for the legal newspaper. The *Ely Timberjay* is one of three regional editions of the *Timberjay* published in the area. The *Ely Timberjay* is available in the city by subscription or is available at various outlets around the city.

“You ignored the facts or fit them into the conclu-

Contrary to what the representative of the *Echo* said, you actually acted in the best interest of the taxpayers by saving us thousands of tax dollars this year.

Laura Butterfield, Ely resident

sion you wanted to reach. That’s wrong, plain and simple,” Wognum said.

He accused city officials of not being fiscally responsible for also going out of town to obtain the services of economic development advisor John Fedo, from Hibbing. Wognum inaccurately put Fedo’s salary at \$48,000 per year. In 2019, Fedo is being paid \$3,500 per month for his services. “You didn’t ask for bids or proposals,” he said. “I know about that job. I did it for free in the early ‘90s. There are some pretty good people here that could do that job for less and save money.”

In fact, it was the city’s desire to save money that led to the city’s decision on its legal publishing, and which led to the 5-1 vote to stick with the *Timberjay*. Only council member Angela Campbell voted to reverse the decision.

Wognum, clearly unhappy with the council’s decision, walked out the chambers before the meeting concluded.

City resident Laura Butterfield spoke to the

council during the open forum portion of the agenda at the end of the meeting. “I want to thank you for your vote to approve the bid made by the *Timberjay*,” she said. “I am not employed by either newspaper. Contrary to what the representative of the *Echo* said, you actually acted in the best interest of the taxpayers by saving us thousands of tax dollars this year. Thank you.”

Spiraling costs for official publishing

Since the *Ely Timberjay* had declined to submit bids for official newspaper the past two years, the *Echo* had raised its legal publishing rates for the city of Ely by 100 percent in 2018, which came on the heels of similarly huge increases in previous years. The price hikes not only caught the attention of some city officials, they may have also violated state law that appears to limit rate increases for public notices to just ten percent per year.

For decades, compe-

tition between the *Echo* and the *Ely Timberjay* had kept the city’s publishing rates in check. As recently as 2016, the *Echo* had bid just \$5 to publish a small sample ad that the city has used each year in an effort to get apple-to-apple quotes from the city’s two newspapers.

But just two years later, after the *Timberjay* had declined to bid in 2017, the *Echo* raised its rates dramatically, charging \$17.40 for the same sample ad. The paper hiked that further, to \$18.27, in their bid submitted to the city in January of 2019. That’s a 365-percent increase over the past three years.

Concerned about the astonishing rate increases from the *Echo*, some city officials urged the *Timberjay* to offer a bid. The *Timberjay* submitted a bid that was largely in line with previous years. That same sample ad that the *Echo* wanted \$18.27 to publish would cost the city taxpayers just \$8.85 in the *Timberjay*.

For a story in the Feb. 15 *Ely Timberjay* comparing the cost of legal publishing between

the two newspapers, the owner of the *Echo* was asked by email to justify growing advertising costs to Ely taxpayers. Anne Swenson did not reply to the *Timberjay*.

Instead, in a column in the Feb. 16 *Echo*, Swenson admitted she didn’t know the difference between a pica and point in the legal publishing business. “Oddly enough, the city of Ely never specified a type size for display advertising nor did they direct any complaint or request to us about ad print size,” she wrote. “No discussion was initiated by the city to make the *Echo* aware of any dissatisfaction on its part. That seems odd unless this is all politically motivated.”

The last time the *Timberjay* served as Ely’s official newspaper, back in 2014, the newspaper billed the city a total of \$4,766 for legal publishing for the year. In 2018, with its newly increased prices, the *Echo* billed the city just over \$21,000, and that didn’t include the cost of printing things like city envelopes and stationery. With the *Echo*’s latest rate hike instituted for 2019, the city’s taxpayer could expect to pay more than \$22,000 for the same amount of publishing with the *Echo*.

Taxpayers can expect to pay about \$6,000 with the *Timberjay* based on the newspaper’s 2019 quote, a difference of \$16,000.



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NORDIC SKIING

Ely has Top 10 finish at state

Sophomore Jasper Johnston finishes 11th out of 160 competitors

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

GIANTS RIDGE—Ely sophomore Jasper Johnston was the top finisher for the Timberwolves boys Nordic ski team during state competition held here Thursday, Feb. 14. Johnston finished 11th overall against a field of 160 racers from across the state of Minnesota to help lead the boys team to a sixth-place finish among the 16 teams that took part in the meet.

“Jasper had a really good day,” said Ely Nordic Ski Coach Paula Anderson. “He was very happy with 11th place.”

Johnston scored a combined time of 31:11.8 in pursuit competition, which includes both freestyle



and classic races. Junior James Schwinghamer, meanwhile, finished in the 48th position overall with a combined time of 32:55.4, while classmate Kjetil Midttun was close behind in 52nd place with a time

of 33:14.9. Fellow junior Nate Netfee finished 71st with a time of 33:55.1.

As a team, Ely was in seventh-place following the freestyle competition, but strong finishes by the Ely skiers helped them



improve in the standings following the classic portion of the competition. The Ely boys skiers had been ranked sixth or seventh in the state for most of the season, and Anderson said the

rankings proved pretty accurate.

Unlike many high school sports, there are no classes in Nordic skiing, which means that small schools like Ely must compete against some

Left: Junior Kalyssa Eilrich leads off the race. Right: Jasper Johnston races by.
photos by L. Anderson

of the largest schools in the state, and Anderson said the competition was tougher than they had faced so far this season in the section. “They’ve got a lot of kids down there in the Twin Cities, and some are very good skiers,” noted Anderson.

In girls competition, Ely eighth-grader Zoe Devine was the top Ely finisher, with a combined time of 39:54.4, good for 61st place. Devine had finished 47th in the freestyle portion of the competition, an outstanding finish for an

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Goggleye gets 2000th career point

Grizzlies dominate going into final week of regular season before tourney

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP – North Woods senior Cade Goggleye set another career milestone here on Monday night as he scored his 2,000th career point in a matchup with Fond du Lac. The Grizzlies went on to rout the Ojibwe, 103-34.

“The amazing thing about his scoring mark is that he has done it while being a very unselfish player,” said Head Coach Will Kleppe. “Only scoring when it benefits his team really makes it more impressive. If Cade wanted to hit 2,000 points, he could have done it a long time ago if that was what he wanted to do.”

Goggleye scored a total of 19 points during

the game, while notching six steals and seven assists as well.

Freshman guard T.J. Chiabotti actually led the team in scoring against Fond du Lac, scoring 24 points with eight assists and seven rebounds. Junior forward Trevor Morrison added another 20 points with 11 rebounds, for a double-double.

Last Friday night, the Grizzlies took their winning streak on the road to Mesabi East, where they topped the Giants, 77-66.

Morrison again led the team in scoring with 22 points along with 11 rebounds, while Cade Goggleye posted 18 points, four rebounds and three assists. Senior forward Ian

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Right: Cade releases a three-pointer to make his career 2,000 points.

Below: Chase Kleppe drives the ball past Jesus Delapaz.

photos by C. Stone



Local basketball legend retires

Paul McDonald steps off the court after 29-year career



by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY—The Vermilion Community College gymnasium was packed this past Saturday as hundreds of area fans turned out to watch men’s basketball coach Paul McDonald command the sidelines on his home court one last time, when the Ironmen hosted Rainy River Community College.

All on hand knew it was the end of an era. Well-wishers hugged McDonald and congratulated him as he went through his pre-game routine with the officials, the opposing coaches and his own players. VCC Provost Shawn Bina presented McDonald with

a token of appreciation before the tip-off and the crowd responded with thunderous applause.

McDonald had announced his retirement last winter, after 29 years serving as the men’s basketball coach, instructor and athletic director at VCC. Part of one of the most iconic basketball families in Minnesota and the upper Midwest, McDonald’s teams amassed 14 of the last 17 MCAC Northern Division championships and 15 Ironmen have earned

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Paul McDonald discusses plays with his team.

photo by K. Vandervort

Sports week

BOYS B-BALL

Friday Feb. 22
Ely hosts South Ridge, 7:15 p.m.

North Woods hosts Chisholm, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday Feb. 23
Ely at Sacred Heart (Greenway), 1 p.m.

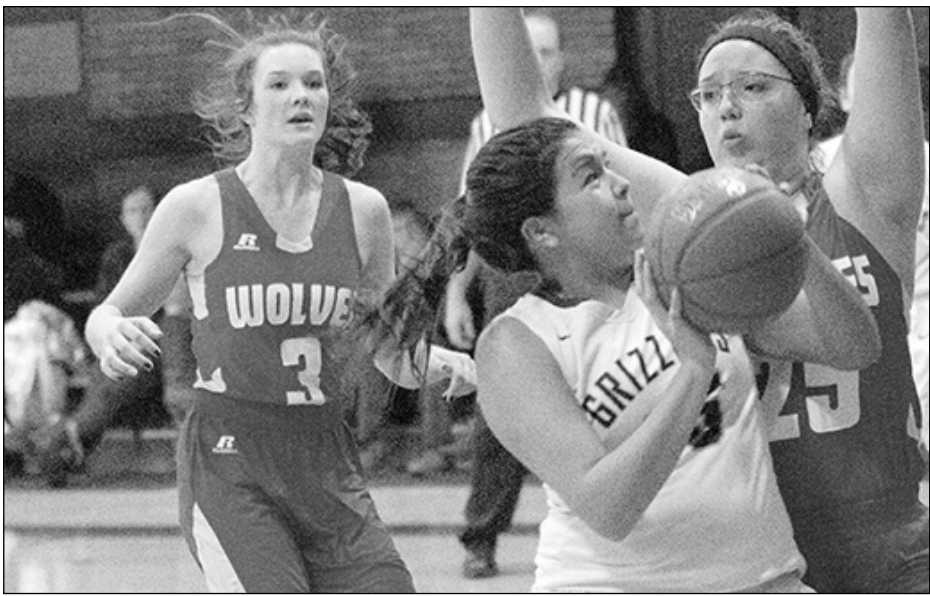
Tuesday Feb. 26
Ely vs. Littlefork-Big Falls, 7:15 p.m.

North Woods at Carlton, 7:15 p.m.

Friday March 1
Ely at Wrenshall, 7:15 p.m.

North Woods at Deer River, 7:15 p.m.

GIRLS BASKETBALL



Sasha Strong pushing past Winter Saino to the hoop. photo by C. Stone

Wolves edge Grizzlies

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

E L Y — T h e Timberwolves managed to stay just one step ahead of the Grizzlies and came away with a 53-49 win in Section 7A girls basketball action here last Thursday.

“It was a match-up of two very comparable teams,” said Ely Head Coach Darren Visser.

Ely, at 11-9 on the season coming into the contest, had the better record over 8-14 North

Woods, and it played out mostly as would be expected on the court. The Wolves led throughout, but the Grizzlies never let them put the game out of reach. Ely led 30-24 at the half and North Woods narrowed that gap slightly by the final buzzer.

“Both teams fought hard all game long,” said Visser. “In the end we were able to hold onto the lead, hit a couple of free throws, and get the win.”

Junior guard Erika

Mattson continued her dominance on the court, tallying yet another double-double with 20 points and 12 rebounds. Brielle Kallberg was right behind, with 17 points and ten boards for her own double-double. Lida Dodge and Sarah Visser scored four points apiece.

Senior guard Bria Chiabotti led the scoring for North Woods, with 17 points, while senior forward Kate Stone added 11.

Mixed bag for Grizzlies

by MARCUS WHITE
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP - The Grizzlies edged out a win here Tuesday night over Littlefork-Big Falls, topping the Vikings, 53-49.

“The team played with their heart and we were able to get our fast break going,” said Head Coach Robbie Goggleye. “We were able to fix mistakes and get some good defense. The key was rebounding.”

Goggleye said the senior players led the way, making the most of

their final game on their home court. Senior Bria Chiabotti poured in 17 points while classmates Regan Ratai and Kate Stone adding 14 and 12 points respectively.

Last Friday, it was a different story, however, as the Grizzlies fell to Red Lake, 103-60.

“Red Lake was a buzz saw,” Goggleye said. “They played at a fast rate and we couldn’t keep up. They have three 1000-point scorers and we dug a hole too deep for us to recover.”

Chiabotti was the only

North Woods player to reach double digits, scoring 15 points. The rest of the scoring was even across most of the team with Stone adding eight points and senior Alanna Rutchasky and eighth-grader Hanna Kinsey each adding eight.

The team was set to play their final regular season game Thursday night at Floodwood.

Goggleye said his players would need to execute a flawless game to beat the Polar Bears.

Tipoff was set for 7:15 p.m.

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Sherman rounded out the top scorers with 12 points.

“In both games we played some good basketball,” Kleppe said. “Everyone is playing some good defense.”

The team remains ranked sixth in the state going into their final regular season games, the first of which will be tonight at home against Chisholm. The Grizzlies

then hit the road next Tuesday facing Carlton before ending the season at Deer River next Friday. Tipoff for all games is 7:15 p.m.

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eighth-grader, according to Anderson.

Ely junior Kalyssa Eilrich finished in the 96th position with a combined time of 41:16.3. Anderson said both Devine and

Eilrich were pleased with their performances in their first-ever state Nordic ski meet.

While the girls team narrowly missed qualifying for the state meet,

Anderson sees plenty of potential down the road. “The entire girls team is really young,” she said. “There’s some potential coming up, some eighth- and ninth-graders who are

HOCKEY

Ely falls hard in playoffs

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

DULUTH – Ely’s brief playoff run came to an end on Tuesday, as the Timberwolves fell 9-0 to Duluth Denfeld in the quarterfinal round.

The Hunters wasted little time on offense, putting their first point on the board at the 44-second mark. They made it 2-0 three minutes later and went on to add two more before the end of the first period.

It was all Denfeld the rest of the way, as the Hunters added two more in the second period and three in the final stanza to rack up their final margin.

The Wolves managed just 14 shots on goal, while the Hunters bombarded Goalie Chase Sandberg with 47 shots on the night.

The Wolves had advanced to Tuesday’s quarterfinals after edging International Falls 4-3 in Saturday’s opening round of the playoffs.

It was Ely’s first postseason win in eleven years and came against a team that had previously defeated the Wolves in 62 consecutive contests.

Ely took an early lead for one of the few times this season, as junior Luke Olson opened the scoring on an assist from Dalton Schreffler and Dean Boese. Senior Nick Mattila made it 2-0 shortly after on an Olson assist as the Wolves would take a 2-0 lead into the second period.

The Broncos got on the board in second, with a single goal in an otherwise scoreless period.

The final period proved a crowd pleaser, even as the home ice Broncos failed to advance. Olson drew first blood on an unassisted goal to start the period. Mattila soon added his own unassisted to put the Wolves up 4-1. But the Broncos weren’t going down without a fight, putting up back-to-back goals in the final

minutes to close the final gap to one.

Goalie Chase Sandberg had a huge day, brushing away 49 of 52 shots for a .943 save percentage.

Mattila and Olson finished with two goals apiece, while Schreffler, Boese, and Olson all had assists.

Ely spent eight minutes in the box on four penalties while the Broncos sat for six minutes on three infractions.

Ely ends its season with a 5-16-1 record and faces uncertain prospects for next year. The team will lose seven seniors to graduation, including Mattila, who was second overall in scoring for Ely this year, with 25. Junior Luke Olson, who is expected to be back next year, led scoring for Ely, with 35 goals.

BOYS BASKETBALL

Ely boys lose on the road to Rangers

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

MT. IRON — Ely lost a heartbreaker Tuesday night as Mt. Iron-Buhl’s Joe Buffeta drained a three-pointer with two seconds left to break a tie game and give the Rangers a 64-61 win. It capped a second half comeback for the Rangers, who had trailed the Timberwolves by as many as nine points in the stanza.

Turnovers proved costly for the Wolves, according to Head Coach Tom McDonald. “We had 18 turnovers which cost us the game. We just didn’t take care of the ball well enough down the stretch.”

It wasn’t the only lead change of the night. The Rangers had jumped to an early advantage but

watched as Ely rallied to take a 34-31 lead into the break. The Wolves padded their margin in the early minutes of the second half, but let the Rangers claw their way back in the final minutes.

“We had our chances,” said McDonald.

Ely had strong performances from several players despite the loss. Junior forward Dylan Fenske led Ely scorers with 16 points and added six rebounds, while junior Eric Omerza notched his second straight double-double with ten points and 12 assists. Senior Patrick Vanderbeek and sophomore Will Davies tallied 12 points apiece.

Playing in Ely last Friday, the Wolves had better luck against Chisholm, dropping the

Bluestreaks 74-64. “It was one of the most complete games we have had this season and we got really balanced scoring which was nice to see,” said McDonald.

Omerza posted another double-double with 16 points and ten assists, while Fenske added 17 points. Vanderbeek tallied 15 points and Davies and senior Trevor Mattson scored 13 apiece.

Ely, now 12-7, hosts South Ridge on Friday, with a 7:15 p.m. tip-off. They travel to Greenway on Saturday to take on Sacred Heart in a 1 p.m. matinee. They wrap up their regular season next week against Littlefork-Big Falls and Wrenshall.

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NJCAA All-American status while competing under McDonald’s steady guidance.

McDonald has been with the Ironmen for all 29 of his years at the college level, and has been a leader, mentor and instructor at the campus.

VCC reached the NJCAA National Tournament in 1999, 2001, 2002 and 2006 and enjoyed 18 seasons of 20 wins or more.

Despite a winning tradition, for McDonald it was as much about service and leadership as it was about victories on the hardwood. McDonald served on the Board of Directors for the Minnesota State High School League, helping to guide and advise one of the

largest high school sports and activities associations in the U.S. When he was not coaching in a game, McDonald still found ways to contribute to high school and college sports in Minnesota, working as a well-respected basketball and football official in both the high school and college ranks. The Minnesota Community College Conference, established in 1967 and known later as the Minnesota College Athletic Conference, was fortunate to have McDonald in several leadership roles, including his service as MCAC men’s division president through March, 2018.

McDonald is a Chisholm High School

graduate and was an integral part of the 1973 and 1975 Bluestreaks state championship teams. Upon graduation, McDonald accepted a scholarship to the University of Nebraska in Lincoln, competing in the Big Eight Conference, taking on the likes of Kansas, Kansas State, Missouri, and Oklahoma State, among others.

After lettering as a Cornhusker freshman, McDonald transferred to South Dakota State University where he earned both All-Conference and All-Region accolades in his career. McDonald still holds the individual record for consecutive free throws made by a men’s basketball player at SDSU.

Many of McDonald’s milestones have been chronicled during his decades-long career, including several benchmark wins along the way leading to stories from journalists such as the *Star Tribune*’s Patrick Reusse.

Just as important, McDonald influenced hundreds of young men seeking to advance both their athletic and academic careers, using VCC as a stepping stone to four-year college programs that have recruited dozens of former VCC student-athletes coached by him.

Nine former players went on to win scholarships at the NCAA Division I level, with several more going on

at NCAA Division II, Division III and NAIA programs across the country.

McDonald’s success has, by now, become a family tradition. His father, the legendary Bob McDonald, served as the head coach at Chisholm High School and is the all-time high school wins leader in Minnesota. Upon his retirement in 2014, Bob McDonald’s record stood at 1,012 wins and 428 losses across a remarkable 53 seasons of coaching in Minnesota high school basketball.

While the 2018-19 basketball season marks the final chapter in Paul McDonald’s coaching career at Vermilion, he will continue his work

and service to Ely and northern Minnesota as the newly-elected Fourth District Commissioner on the St. Louis County Board. He assumed that office in January, replacing his longtime friend, the late Tom Rukavina.

At the conclusion of the Vermilion-Rainy River contest, friends, fans and followers gathered at Zaverl’s Bar in Ely in celebration of not only an amazing and influential coaching career, but also the next chapter of service by Paul McDonald to the Iron Range of Minnesota.



Outdoors

Our lives in the Northwoods

ENVIRONMENTAL LEARNING

New exhibit coming soon to International Wolf Center

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY — Since it first opened in 1993, the “Wolves and Humans” display has been an educational mainstay for the International Wolf Center. Yet visitors to the center will soon find a new and highly-interactive exhibit in its place, one that will highlight the role that wolves play in nature.

“The innovative exhibit will use interactive technology and powerful stories to teach kids and adults about the roles that wolves play in ecosystems, and how they are managed to co-exist with humans,” said Rob Schultz, executive director. “Board members, wolf biologists, volunteers and staff have been planning with the design



Left: This longtime fixture at the International Wolf Center in Ely will soon be replaced by a new exhibit that explores the role of the wolf in natural ecosystems.
Courtesy Int'l Wolf Center

team for nearly a year.”

To prepare for the new gallery, center staff are documenting the current exhibit, which is now closed to the public, before they begin to dismantle it.

The rest of the Wolf Center will remain open to visitors on

weekends for its usual winter hours. Visitors will still be able to watch the center’s ambassador wolves, listen to numerous programs in the auditorium, and watch wolf-related movies in the theater.

Since the original exhibit

was built in the early 1980s by the Science Museum of Minnesota, the world has learned much more about wolves. Scientific research is evolving, the climate is changing, research is expanding, and biologists now have a deeper understanding of wolves

and wolf behavior than when the original display was created.

“The new exhibit will give visitors, especially families, an opportunity to experience wolves in fun, creative ways,” Schultz said. “A howling room will simulate what it’s like to hear wolves at night in the wilderness, an airplane cockpit will recreate the unique birds-eye view that just a few biologists experienced while tracking and observing wolves from the air, and a science lab will help children of all ages

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RE-LIVING MY YOUTH

Having a blast at the Ridge

I’ve been re-living my youth the past few weeks at Giants Ridge — and it’s been a blast.

It was my 58th birthday last month that motivated me to make the drive to Biwabik. Some guys reach that age and buy a Harley, a sports car, or have a fling.

Me? I went downhill skiing.

As a teenager, I loved to downhill ski. We had a ski club at school and my friends and I were out on the slopes all the time, constantly daring each other to do something ever more crazy. We bombed the steepest hills, lived for the toughest moguls, and looked at every jump as yet another opportunity to kill ourselves. By the end of the season, we usually had bruises from head to toe, but we were young and healed quickly and, more importantly, usually forgot all about our past injuries by the time the snow started to fly the following winter.

We hit most of the local ski hills in the Twin Cities area at various times, although living just north of the Minnesota River

in Bloomington, Buck Hill was my usual hangout.

As ski hills go, it wasn’t much, with a middling 262-foot vertical drop, but I lived on the Milk Run, which was short and steep and full of moguls most of the winter.

But my teenage years turned to adulthood and my ski buddies and I went our separate ways. My ski gear was stuck in a back corner of the garage and left to gather dust. Over the years, I hit the slopes once or twice out West, and even a couple times at Giants Ridge, but even that had been at least 25 years ago.

Soon a mild Jan. 11 this year I decided to give the Ridge another try with some friends. It was my first time on these newfangled shaped skis, which I rented at the Ridge. I asked for the traditional straight skis, but they don’t even carry them anymore because the industry has gone totally to shaped skis, and after a few runs I understood why. They handle great compared to my 1970s vintage Rossignols, which disappeared somewhere over the years.

A few runs in, it all came back to me, like riding a bike. It was a beautiful day, in the 20s, with sunshine, and I couldn’t believe how much fun I was having. And I especially couldn’t believe how few people were at the Ridge on a mild Friday in January. I’ve been back twice since then, for their \$25 evening ski special, which includes rental, and I keep wondering where the kids are these days. Sure, there’s a few out with their snowboards, and some young families teaching their youngsters to ski, but I remember waiting in lines as a kid to get up the chairlift at Buck Hill.

I wonder if folks realize what a fantastic resource our region has in Giants Ridge. Its cross-country ski trails are the best in the state and the downhill skiing blows most other ski areas in the state away. Only Lutsen and Spirit Mountain have a greater vertical drop and only Lutsen has more runs. And with snowmobile and snowshoe trails and a tubing hill, anyone interested in winter recreation is going to find something they like to do — so bring the whole family.

At a time when many ski areas have struggled to survive, with a shorter season, the incredible cost of upgrading facilities,

Top: The editor takes a moment to pose with friends Tore and Beth Detlie at the top of Giants Ridge near Biwabik.

and the shifting interests of young people, it’s great to see that Giants Ridge is continuing to make sound investments for the future, thanks to the ongoing financial support of the IRRRB. If you haven’t ridden the Sarajevo Express to the top of the mountain, you’ll be surprised. It’s smooth and fast, getting you right to the top.

I know I’m gushing a bit here, but I’ve been impressed at all the Ridge has to offer. And \$25 for four hours of skiing under the lights, including full rental? That’s crazy cheap.

Even with dinner at the Burnt Onion, it’s an affordable night out for just about anyone.

Of course, it’s like any amenity. If we want to keep it, we need to use it, which is one reason I’ll be back a few more times before the season winds down. They can use the business. Still, there’s that ultimate reason I’ll be back — it’s just too much fun to stay away.

See you on the slopes!



MARSHALL HELMBERGER

Outdoors in brief

Snowshoe trek offered into area peatland

LOST LAKE SWAMP- Want to explore a portion of the vast Lost Lake Swamp without getting lost? Then you’ll want to take part in a family-friendly, naturalist-led snowshoe trek into the swamp this Saturday, Feb. 23, from 1-3 p.m. Naturalists from the DNR’s Scientific and Natural Area program as well as the Lake Vermilion-Soudan Underground Mine State Park will help lead this event. You will learn about this incredible ecosystem and how to identify the unusual plants that reside in northern Minnesota bogs, all while getting a great workout.

Participants are encouraged to bring their own water bottle, snack, and snowshoes and to dress for the weather. A limited number of snowshoes will be available to lend out, but please call ahead at 218-763-3962 to reserve a pair.

Fishing reports

Ely fish

Walleye fishing in the area has pretty much fallen by the wayside. The lack of decent size fish and low numbers have caused anglers to hang up their rods earlier this season just shy of the closing of walleye and pike at the end of February. Some pike are still being caught, but these too have been on the small side.

Trout have been the go-to fishery for a good number of people this year. Whether it be lake trout on the larger lakes such as Burntside and Snowbank, or rainbow and splake on Tofte, and High and Dry, the success rate remains fairly consistent. Some larger splake have hit the ice anywhere from five to seven pounds from Tofte and High lakes. Rainbow trout have been the best performers with many from twelve to twenty-one inches in length. Small jigs tipped with wax worms, small salted minnows or actively jigging small spoons have produced the best results.

Crappie fishing is beginning to pick up as ice conditions have improved considerably. Best way to travel these days is by snowmobile as it opens up opportunities to venture into the under-utilized lakes.

Courtesy of Babe’s Bait, located at Ely’s west entrance.

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explore the biology of wolves.”

The new exhibit is made possible through a \$1 million grant from the Minnesota Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund, as recommended by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources. “The International Wolf Center Board has been deeply appreciative of support for the project by Rep. Rob Ecklund, Sen. Tom Bakk, Ely Mayor

Chuck Novak, and the Ely City Council,” Schultz said.

Installation of the new exhibit will begin in early April, and the staff anticipates it will be open to the public by May 1, in time for the busy summer tourist season in Ely.

The center’s winter hours are from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sundays.

For more information, visit wolf.org.

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from NOAA weather

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FIELD TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Field Township, County of St. Louis, and State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

The election poll hours will be from 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect by ballot: One Supervisor for a term of 3 years One Treasurer for a term of 2 years

The Board of Canvass will meet following the Election.

The Annual Meeting will commence following the Board of Canvass to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meetings will be held at the Field Town Hall.

The Reorganization Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 19 at 7 p.m. (in case of inclement weather will be on March 26).

Pat Chapman, Town Clerk,
Field Township

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CITY OF ELY
ORDINANCE NO. 330,
2nd Series

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ELY, MINNESOTA, ADDING TO THE ELY CITY CODE, CHAPTER 20, SECTION 20.13.31, ENTITLED VACATION OF A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY IN KAPSCH GARDEN TRACTS

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ELY DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

SECTION 1. A new Section shall be added to Chapter

20 as Section 20.13.31, of the Ely City Code to read as follows:

SEC. 20.13.20 VACATION OF A PORTION OF CITY-OWNED PROPERTY. The City of Ely shall vacate the public rights-of-way legally described as:

a portion of Pattison Street lying East of 14th Avenue to 17th Avenue in the plat of First Re-Arrangement of Kapsch Garden Tracts, and

a portion of James Street lying East of 14th Avenue to 17th Avenue in the plat of First Re-Arrangement of

VERMILION LAKE TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Vermilion Lake Township, County of St. Louis, and State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

The election poll hours will be from 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect by ballot: One Supervisor for a term of 3 years One Treasurer for a term of 2 years One Clerk for a term of 1 year

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:15 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meeting will be held at the following location: VERMILION LAKE TOWN HALL 6703 WAHLSTEN ROAD

The Board of Canvass will meet following the Annual Meeting.

Stephen Peterson Jr., Town Clerk

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Kapsch Garden Tracts, and a portion of Boundary Street lying East of 14th Avenue to 17th Avenue in the plat of First Re-Arrangement of Kapsch Garden Tracts

SEE ATTACHED EXHIBIT A (Exhibit A can be found at www.ely.mn.us – Ordinances)

Said parcel contains 0.45 acres.

SUBJECT to the reservation of utility easements in favor of the City of Ely.

SECTION 2. Effective Date:

Pursuant to Section 3.08 of the Charter of the City of Ely, Minnesota, the adoption of this Ordinance is effective immediately after final adoption and publication.

First Reading: February 5, 2019 Second Reading: February 19, 2019

Adopted this 19th day of February, 2019

Chuck Novak, Mayor
Harold R Langowski, Clerk/Treasurer

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MORCOM TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING
AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Morcom Township, County of St. Louis, and State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

In case of inclement weather, the election and meeting will be postponed until Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

The election poll hours will be from 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. at which time the voters will elect by ballot: One Supervisor for a term of 3 years One Treasurer for a term of 2 years

The Annual Election will be held at Bear River School

12512 Highway 22, Cook, MN 55723

The Board of Canvass will meet following the Election.

The Annual Meeting will commence at 8:00 p.m. to conduct all necessary business prescribed by law.

Sasha Lehto, Town Clerk, Morcom Township

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BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, TUESDAY, MARCH 12, 2019

The Annual Town Meeting for Bearville Township will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019, beginning at 6:30 pm at the Bearville Town Hall, to set the levies, and to conduct any and all other business proper to be conducted when the Annual Meeting is convened. The Fire Hall Committee Report will be presented at this meeting. Residents of Bearville Township that are eligible to vote may vote at the Annual Meeting. All meetings are open to the public.

In case of inclement weather, the Annual Town Meeting will be held one week later on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at the time and place stated.

Kathy Cressy, Bearville Town Clerk
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EMPLOYMENT

AMBULANCE DIRECTOR-
CITY SAFETY OFFICER
The City of Cook seeks a qualified, energetic person to serve as our Ambulance Director-Safety Officer.

This full-time position manages all duties of the Cook Area Ambulance Service, serves as City Safety Officer and Coordinator of Emergency Management.

Major areas of accountability include: Daily operations, legal compliance, purchasing, budgeting, recordkeeping and reporting. Position is responsible for managing all staff and vehicle/equipment/building and grounds maintenance.

Candidate must possess: a High School Diploma or equivalent, current EMT-B certification as approved by the state's EMSRB, at least two years of field experience providing emergency medical services, a Valid Minnesota Class D driver's license and must have attended an emergency vehicle driving course approved by the licensee. Completed NIMS (National Incident Management System) 100/200/ 700/800 series or ability to obtain.

Normally serves Monday through Friday day-time call. Response time requirement applies. The position is under the direct supervision of the Ambulance Medical Director and City Administrator.

To learn more about the Ambulance Service and the position, refer to the city's website at www.cookmn.us.

Full pay range equals \$15.87 to \$21.36. Starting wage depending on qualifications. This position is eligible for Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) benefits, health insurance, long-term disability insurance, sick, vacation and holiday pay. For a full employment application packet, please contact the Cook City Hall by calling 218-666-2200 or stopping by 127 South River Street – Cook, MN. Application packets are also available online at www.cookmn.us. Applications are due no later than Noon on Monday, March 11, 2019. 2/22

Feb. 15 puzzle answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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For additional information, call Jackie at 218-365-4695 Ext 126.

Feb. 22 puzzle answers

Super Crossword

Answers

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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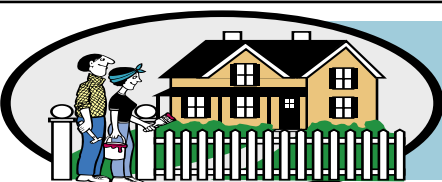


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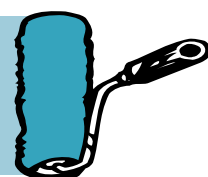
Super Crossword

ACROSS	DOWN	ACROSS	DOWN
1 Mrs., in Munich	1 Cheese that crumbles	51 Comfort given by the last Stuart monarch?	51 Performs like Kanye West
5 Spa offering	2 Chicago mayor — Emanuel	56 Sponge (up)	56 Henchman helping Hook
12 Tartan wearer	3 Territory	59 Yeats' — and the Swan	57 Blogger Klein
16 Second afterthought in a letter, for short	4 Like surprise guests	60 Tyne of TV party game	98 Grassland hosp. test
19 Work for	5 "Siesta Key" channel	61 108-card	102 Certain
20 Barber's tool	6 Shapiro of radio	62 Gray shade	105 Most meager
21 Made cloth	7 "Yes, yes!," to Pedro	64 Weaken	107 Hasty, sloppy application of talc?
22 Arena cry	8 "24: Legacy" actor Jimmy	65 609-homer Sammy	111 Arduous walk
23 Ghost of a bricklayer?	9 Saunters	68 Lovers' deity	112 Taunting remarks
26 A bit more than zero	10 Actress Sarah Michelle —	70 Person hugging, say	113 Eternally, to bards
27 Kitchen range brand	11 Poetic "prior to"	72 Has an affinity for people who are calming influences?	114 Post-op areas, often
28 "— never fly"	12 Football player Lynn	73 Food, archaically	116 Qdoba dip
29 Toronto's prov.	13 Sam's Club alternative	77 "— it a pity?"	120 Year, to Pedro
30 Fall bloomer	14 — -lacto-vegetarian	78 "Cheerio!"	121 Stupefying someone with liquor away from a horse-racing venue?
32 Passport stamp	15 Lessees	79 "Norma —" (1979 film)	126 Sea, to Pierre
35 Put herbs and spices on a James Bond actor?	16 For the time being	80 Pencil wood	127 Gloomy
38 Greek vowels	17 Chain of bakery-café	81 Lilt syllable	128 Entered furtively
42 Mr., in Mysore	18 Singer Crow	83 Backpack fill	129 Ohio or New York county
43 Ideal	24 Finger part	85 Fine spray	130 'Zine team
44 Deicing stuff	25 Bovine noise	87 Naval acad. grad	131 Modern
45 Stable baby	31 Sulky mood	88 More rational hunch?	"Seize the day!," for short
47 JFK's veep	33 Den fixture	93 Decide on, with "for"	132 Gives a nod
50 Suffix with final or novel		95 See	
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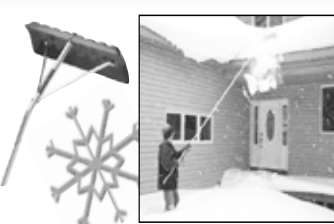
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PUBLIC NOTICES

LEIDING TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Notice is hereby given to the qualified voters of Leiding Township, County of St. Louis, and State of Minnesota, that the Annual Election of Town Officers and Annual Town Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

In case of inclement weather,
the election and meeting will be postponed
until Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

The election poll hours will be
from 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
at which time the voters will elect by ballot:
One Supervisor for a term of 3 years
One Treasurer for a term of 2 years

The Board of Canvass will meet
following the Election.

The Annual Meeting will commence
following the Board of Canvass to conduct
all necessary business prescribed by law.

The Annual Election and Meetings
will be held at the Leiding Town Hall.

The regular monthly meeting of the Leiding
Town Board will be held on Wednesday,
March 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Leiding Town
Hall.

Marie Milan, Town Clerk, Leiding Township

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OBITUARIES AND DEATH NOTICES



Arlene R. Sipola

Arlene Russell Sipola, 82, of Orr, passed away on Tuesday, Feb. 5, 2019, in Livingston, Texas. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 23 at the Orr American Legion.

Arlene was born to Russell and Irja (Brandt) Sellman on April 25, 1936, in Virginia. She attended school in Orr, graduating from Orr High School in 1955. After graduation, she pursued a nursing degree as a surgical nurse. She worked

as a nurse in Grand Forks, N.D.

In 1958, Arlene moved back to Orr to help her grandmother with the family farm. She also worked for Dr. Hines at the Cook Hospital. In the 1960s, she began a dairy operation of her own. While operating the farm, she shipped her own milk by can and by bulk tank to AMPI in Duluth, until she went to Grade A. Along with farming, she drove truck and installed heating systems for GWG-Graham Grilley. She also operated an adult foster care home out of her own home for 23 years.

Arlene loved going to the fair to show her prized Guernseys. She won many state fair trips over the years. She loved gardening, growing flowers, entertaining, cooking and canning. She always said her children were her prize possession; she loved her family with all her heart.

Arlene is survived by her children, Avery (Marie Cloyd) Sipola and

Angelene (Patrick) Aker; stepson, Lester (Donna) Sipola; grandchildren, Joshua Sipola, Amanda Sipola, Lance Sipola and Ashley (Ryan) Becicka; great-grandchildren, Riley and Skyler Sipola and Desirae Becicka; sisters, Debra (Bill) Whittanen and Sandy (Earl) Chamberlin.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Andrew Sipola; parents, Irja and Russell; brother, John Finni; grandparents, Axel and Sandra Brandt; stepson, Danny Sipola; granddaughter, Nikki Rae Sipola; and sister, Delores Barber.

Audrey L. Kuehl

Audrey Louise Thom Kuehl, 71, a longtime resident of Embarrass, died on Monday, Feb. 18, 2019, in her home, surrounded by her family after a two-year battle with cancer. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Feb. 21 at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Virginia with Pastor Evelyn Weston offici-

ating. Spring interment will take place in the East Pike Cemetery. Family services provided by Bauman-Cron, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her husband of 51 years, Ed Kuehl; children, Christopher (Angela) Kuehl of Flagstaff, Ariz., Ingrid Kuehl of Brainerd, Emilie (Kevin) Eisen of Minneapolis and Cheryl (Todd) Engseth of Cambridge; siblings, Mary Meder of Fergus Falls, Elsie Emery of Erhard, Beverly Keil of Dent and Barbara Kiono of Fergus Falls; grandchildren, Linnae, Liam, Justin, Hasan, Ali, Nadiya, Braeden, Aili, Clayton, Chad, Derek, Megan and Dillon; great-grandchildren, Emme, Layna, Kooper, Axel and Madeleine; numerous nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

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