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TOWERGATE

City, clerk-treasurer ink separation deal

Agreement includes severance payment, health benefits thru end of year

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER— The city council here, at a special meeting on Monday, gave its unanimous approval to a separation agreement that ends the employment

of Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith effective on Aug. 31, 2019. Keith has been on paid suspension from her duties since June and the agreement approved by the council provides her a modest lump sum severance, payment of accrued vacation time, and

health benefits through the end of the year.

Under the agreement, Keith gives up her rights to continued employment per her union contract and surrenders all rights and potential claims against the city.

Attorney Mitch Brunfelt,

who the council hired earlier this summer to investigate a laundry list of allegations against Keith, told the council that the agreement was “an economic decision,” that saved the city money and provided a guaranteed outcome. Brunfelt, along

with mayor Orlyn Kringstad, council member Rachel Beldo, and interim clerk-treasurer Ann Lamma, had negotiated the deal with Keith and her representatives during a five hour-long

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AMERICAN LEGION BASEBALL



Tourney Town

Legion baseball championship in Ely makes a big impression

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY— Sitting on the third base side at Veterans Memorial Field here last Friday afternoon, Deb Augedahl let out an ear-splitting scream as a Caledonia player belted a two-run homer to break a tie game in the bottom of the seventh inning and beat Luverne in the first round of the American Legion Division II state tournament.

Augedahl is the wife of the coach for Caledonia and her son Eric pitches for the team. She was busy video recording the game and she had been

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Top: Ely Legion players wait to play on Friday. photo by K. Vandervort
Above: Veterans Memorial Field photo by C. Ellerbrook/Corvid Images

POLYMET

Judges put hold on mine permit

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The Minnesota Court of Appeals has ordered a stay on PolyMet Mining’s water discharge permit pending further action by the courts.

The order, issued Tuesday, is a major victory for environmental groups and the Fond du Lac Band, who had sought the stay while the courts investigate a host of irregularities in the process used by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in approving the permit, known as an NPDES permit.

The Court of Appeals had referred those questions to the Ramsey County District Court back in June after determining that Duluth-based Water Legacy, the Fond du Lac Band, and other environmental organizations had presented sufficient evidence that the process may have been undermined by politics and other intrigue to warrant further fact-finding by a district court.

“On the unique facts of this appeal, we conclude that staying the permit is warranted,” wrote the three-judge appellate court panel. “A substantial issue has been raised as to the regularity of the MPCA’s proceedings in granting the permit, and this court has ordered the exceptional remedy of

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GUATEMALA

Mission trips highlight Lake Vermilion connections

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER— “People go on a mission trip thinking they will change lives,” said Shelby Vaske who has been to Guatemala over a dozen times to provide assistance to struggling communities, “but the life that

will be changed the most is their own.”

Seven individuals with ties to the Lake Vermilion area gave a presentation on July 29 about experiences they’ve had volunteering with non-profits in Central America, during a program sponsored by the Lake

Pastor Liz Cheney, of Cook, just returned from her now-annual mission trip to a small community in Guatemala. submitted photo

Vermilion Cultural Center in Tower.

While many might think traveling to this area of the world is foolhardy, many non-profits,

often with religious ties, have been working for years in this majority-Christian country,

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Ride, Raffle, 'n' Roll for ALS to be held on Saturday, Aug. 17

EMBARRASS- The Fourth Annual Ride for ALS will take place on Saturday, Aug. 17. Registration and check-in will be at the Embarrass Timber Hall from 8-10:15 a.m., a group photo will be at 10:20 a.m., and kickstands up at 10:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 per rider if pre-registered; pre-registration ends Aug. 10. Day-of registration is \$25 per rider and \$10 per passenger. The ride starts and ends at Timber Hall.

Breakfast, open to the public, will go from 8 to 11 a.m. There will also be lunch, a dice roll, 50/50 pot, and rider raffle.

All proceeds benefit the ALS Association MN/SD/ND Chapter through the 2020 Black Woods Blizzard Tour. For more information, contact Travis Erickson at 218-780-8944, Matt Roggenbuck at 218-410-4737, or Char Roggenbuck at 218-290-7887.

Beware of new DNA testing kit scam

REGIONAL- Callers claiming to be from Medicare are asking people for their Medicare numbers, Social Security numbers, and other personal information in exchange for DNA testing kits. The callers might say the test is a free way to get early diagnoses for diseases like cancer or just that it's a "free" test. The truth is that Medicare does not market DNA testing kits to the general public.

If you want to read more about this, please visit the Senior Medicare Patrol website, <https://www.smpresource.org/News/20190719/295/Medicare-Does-Not-Give-Out-DNA-Kits.aspx>.

Stay vigilant on the subject of Medicare fraud and other scams that target seniors. Perhaps you'd like to lead a presentation in your community; we have the PowerPoint presentation and handouts for you. The presentation runs from one to one and a half hours.

Medicare does not give out free DNA kits. Don't give out your Medicare number, Social Security number, and other personal information if callers ask you for your information.

35th Annual Blackberry Farm and Antique Show, Aug. 10-11

BLACKBERRY TWP- Enjoy seeing how things were done in the old days? Join the members of the North Central Minnesota Farm and Antique Association for a living demonstration of how farming and life in the country was during the last century. The show features steam engines, horses, and hundreds of vintage tractors. Watch a circle saw turn logs into lumber, see how barrels were made, see and smell grain as it is being threshed in a massive separator. Stop in at the Sears House, watch a blacksmith at work, and sit in an early one-room schoolhouse.

The event features delicious food and musical entertainment. There will be a pancake breakfast starting at 7 a.m., demonstrations starting at 9 a.m., a mobile equipment display at 2 p.m., and a flea market all day. Cost is \$10 for the weekend. Persons 18 and under are free with paid adult. Campgrounds are available on-site.

The fair is located seven miles east of Grand Rapids on Hwy. 2. For more information, call 218-247-7350. Service dogs only.

Open knitting at Sisu Designs in Ely on Saturdays

ELY- Sisu Designs in Ely hosts Open Knitting/Learn to Knit sessions on Saturdays from 1 - 3 p.m. All level of knitters are welcome to stop by. There is no charge, and store staff can help beginners choose their first projects. "We are very patient and gentle with our new knitters," said owner Anna Shallman.

ANGORA



Micah and Jacinda Hodge are organizing this first-ever Viking-themed public festival on their property in Angora. submitted photo

Locally organized Viking-themed festival set for Aug. 10-11 in Angora

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

ANGORA- Skalds were the keepers of history, the poets and storytellers of the ancient Norse. Micah and Jacinda Hodge, of Cook, are keeping these traditions alive through their home-based business, Iron Ranger Arts, which for the first time is sponsoring a public festival, this weekend Aug. 10-11 in Angora.

The couple has been selling their wares at area Renaissance Festivals for about seven years. They sell handmade primitive archery equipment and quills, leather bags, journal covers, and primitive weapon replicas in metal, bone and wood.

This local festival will include over a dozen different craft vendors, live entertainment both days, and food booths. Jacinda said this will be the third year they have held an event at their property in Angora, but the first time the event is open to the public. The event is family-friendly and alcohol-free. Admission is only \$2 per person for ages 5 and up, or \$1 plus a canned good for the Cook Food Shelf.

Jacinda said the event will be like a small Renaissance Faire, but

with a Viking/Nordic theme.

Festival entertainment

- ▶ Primitive Archery with Iron Ranger Arts
- ▶ Mustafa Ali - Mystic, Musician, Poet, Storyteller
- ▶ Viking Encampment, LLC - Viking Edutainment! They're Vikings!, What's more to say??. Skol!
- ▶ Steve's "Overpopulated" One-Man Band - (Saturday only). A Proud Finnish Man of many talents - Strolling Accordionist, Kantele (Finnish Harp), Stilts, Juggling!, and all the One-Man Band Comedy you can handle .
- ▶ Axe Throwing with Jesse the Axe Throwing Guy - Sharp objects also for sale.
- ▶ Dragon Hunter Safety Course - It's imperative you do not try to hunt Dragons without first attending this very informative safety course. "Official" Dragon Hunter Certificates will be available, but only to those who complete this comprehensive 30-minute course.
- ▶ Stories with Gloria - (possibly Saturday only)- Skalds were the poets, storytellers and historians of the Olde Norse. Gloria is our Skald!
- ▶ Crafters will be selling many

unique gift items along with baked goods. There will be primitive weapons, archery equipment, leather goods, chain maille, Viking knits, Medieval and Renaissance festival style clothing and accessories, books, wooden spoons, jewelry, original artwork, rune casting and fortune readings.

The festival runs both days from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Jacinda works at First National Bank in Cook, and Micah has a business repairing band and orchestra instruments. The couple has three children, who also travel with them to festivals.

You can also find Iron Range Arts selling their wares at the Cook Farmers Market, Saturdays from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. when they are not on the road travelling to other festival. You can find more information at <https://ironrangerarts.com/> or on Facebook, search for irawshop.

The festival entrance is at 8182 Carpenter Rd., located off of Goodell Rd. in Angora. The location is in Sturgeon Township, south of Hwy. 22, between Hwys. 53 and 73.

The event is being sponsored in part by the Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club

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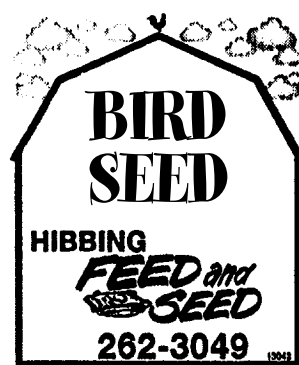
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CITY OF TOWER

Managers: Campground upgrade project went awry

Sewer upgrades, RV site expansion plagued by minimal oversight, poor workmanship, and higher-than-projected costs

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER— The 2018 addition of seven seasonal RV sites and an upgrade to aging wastewater infrastructure at the Hoodoo Point Campground fell far short of the expectations of the managers of the city-owned campground, and the final cost nearly doubled the original estimate for the project.

Those are the findings of a *Timberjay* investigation into the troubled project, which remains caught up in recriminations and a standing demand by the contractor for final payment on the project.

The campground managers, Randy and Julie Pratt, say they recognized the need for replacement of aging sewer laterals and other sewer infrastructure at the campground and were hopeful that the addition of seven new seasonal RV sites would help pay for the project. But they became increasingly alarmed as the project got underway. They say they attempted to alert project managers and now-former city officials about sloppy work by the contractor, Eveleth-based



Left: Julie and Randy Pratt take a moment from a busy morning at the campground store to talk about their concerns over the handling of a recent improvement project.



Above: New RV sites at Hoodoo Point.

photos by M. HelMBERGER

Utility Systems of America or USA, and questionable engineering and oversight by the city's engineering firm, Short, Elliott and Hendrickson, or SEH. Yet those former city officials, according to the Pratts, appeared more interested in keeping the problems under wraps than working to get the project back on track. In the end, the couple believes the taxpayers of the city were poorly served by SEH, USA, and by former city officials who largely ignored their pleas to intervene.

While unhappy about the project overall, the couple continues to enjoy their work at the campground, which provides a popular and friendly "place at the lake" for countless visitors during the course of the summer.

The couple say they had wanted to speak out for more than a year about what they saw as a poorly-executed project, but worried that former city officials would retaliate if they did so. Current city officials in Tower recently gave the Pratts permission to speak to the *Timberjay*.

That's a marked change from the previous administration. The Pratts say that both former city clerk-treasurer Linda Keith and former mayor Josh Carlson had told them last year they could no longer speak to either the contractors or the engineers, after the pair had tried to intervene when the engineers and contractors were making obvious errors. "I was called to

the office twice and got my a... chewed out, threatening me, that if you talk to them again, you're done," recalls Randy Pratt.

Obvious errors
Among the most obvious errors, according to the Pratts, was the improper location of utilities at the new RV sites.

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CITY OF ELY

Council still talking trash...contract, that is

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Council members were reluctant to move forward this week with changes to the city's sanitation service contract without hearing the views of citizens through a public hearing process, as well as legal considerations from the city attorney.

Following an extensive study session last week, council member Paul Kess looked to bypass the sanitation committee's deliberation on the subject and made a motion Tuesday night to remove commercial business garbage service from the city contract that is up for renewal at the end of October.

G-Men Environmental

Services currently holds the rights to collect garbage in the city for both residential and commercial customers. At least one local grocery store owner voiced his desire to the sanitation committee last spring to have weekend trash pick-up. The issue has been discussed at the committee level and council members weighed in at a study

session that included comments from G-Men owner J.J. Day and a number of local business representatives who voiced support for G-Men.

Mayor Chuck Novak raised concerns about Kess's motion noting that it might be premature as the city is attempting to follow the guidelines of the League of Minnesota Cities. "And we

haven't had a public hearing on the matter," he said. "The study session was not a true public hearing."

With the city attorney absent from the meeting on Tuesday, Novak said he was reluctant to move ahead without additional legal consultation.

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Editorial

The evangelist of hatred

Trump sees political gain in sowing racial animosity. Will America prove him wrong?

President Trump may believe that stirring up racial hatred is good politics, but it is hurtful to America and its place in the world. We, as voters, need to recognize the deep immorality at the heart of Trump's current re-election strategy — and how his words and deeds have contributed to the rising tide of white supremacist violence in America and elsewhere.

There is a very real terrorism threat in this country, as last weekend's mass shooting in El Paso demonstrates yet again. By and large, that threat comes from young, white males, whose inchoate anger has been stoked by a president who undeniably believes that his power and influence is advanced by denigrating African-Americans, Muslims, or immigrants, both legal and illegal.

President Trump demonizes communities of color not just because he views them as inferior, but because he believes doing so will tap the latent racial sentiments that lie within all of us, allowing him to energize, for his own purposes, those who are most vulnerable to this kind of manipulation.

While some presidents have used racially-charged code words in the past, none has so intentionally used language to stoke division and to needlessly inflame Americans. In doing so, President Trump cannot escape his own personal responsibility for the blood that has been shed by so many of his fellow white supremacists. It's no coincidence that the language that appears in many of the so-called "manifestos," frequently published just in advance of such mass killings, read like a compendium of Trump's tweets.

He attacks specific media as the "enemy of the people," and those same institutions are targeted with explosives. Prominent Democrats, including former President Obama, are targeted as well, with letter bombs. The death threats against four new members of Congress, including Minnesota Congresswoman Ilhan Omar, have come by the hundreds in the wake of Trump's vile attacks on the four women of color. Trump is more than happy to put the lives of these women, and of their families, at risk because he believes it will motivate his followers. In doing so, he reveals the deep darkness at his very core.

Trump, who is quick to denounce even the slightest

act of violence perpetrated by a Muslim extremist, appears all but mute in the face of the rising death toll from white supremacists, like the shooters in recent attacks in El Paso, and Gilroy, Calif. Americans today are far more likely to die at the hands of a white supremacist than any other type of extremist. Trump may mouth scripted words in the aftermath of such massacres, but his true feelings are exposed almost daily in his divisive tweets.

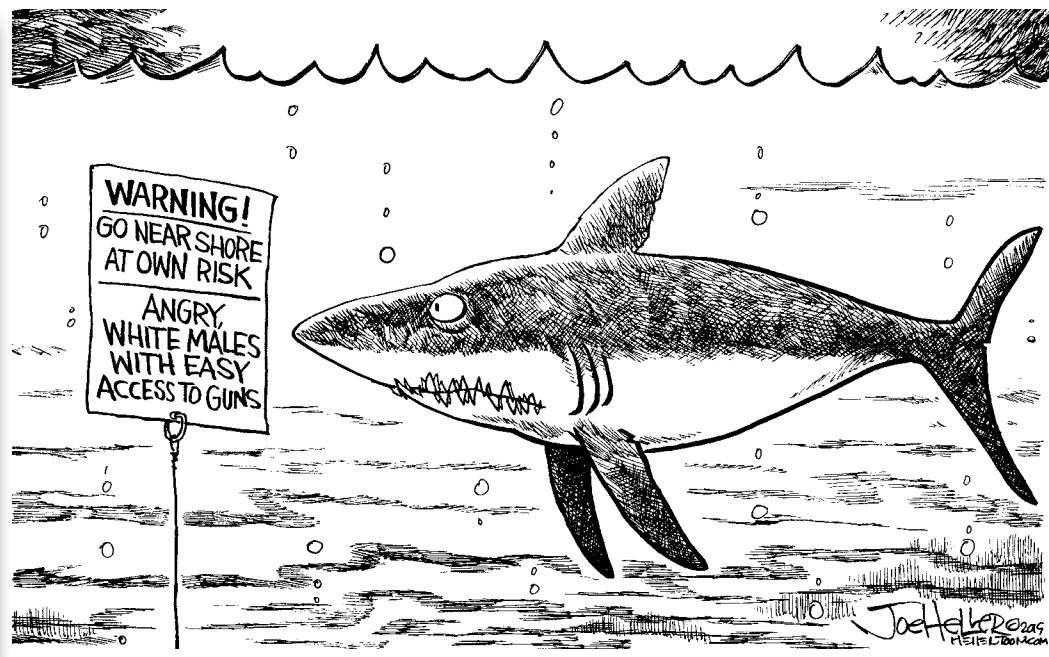
Trump isn't the first president to tap racial tensions as a candidate. But, once elected, even presidents who may have harbored racist views, recognized that, as the leader of the whole nation, they had an obligation to keep racial division at a minimum, for the good of the country.

For decades, social pressures and occasional healing words from the White House, helped to keep racial animosities in check, so much so that it was possible to elect the nation's first African-American president in 2008.

Trump's willingness to race-bait on an almost daily basis threatens the progress we had made and reminds us that racial tensions continue to exist in America, waiting to be inflamed at any time by a demagogue who cares nothing about the damage he wreaks on society.

Empirical research has thoroughly documented the degree to which Trump's election as president has led to a surge in hate crimes across the country, including for race, ethnicity, and sexual preference. It's been dubbed "the Trump Effect" and research has found that the rise in hate crimes has increased the most in those counties where support for Trump is the highest. In other words, hate crimes have increased because perpetrators believe such violence has become socially acceptable under this president.

President Trump's supporters would do well to re-examine their own thoughts on race and bias of all kinds and recognize the degree to which they may be falling victim to Trump's overtly divisive appeals. They might want to consider if they truly believe that stoking racial hatred is good for the country. If not, they might want to reconsider their support for an overt racist who is willing to divide our nation and put the lives of our fellow Americans at risk, for his own political gain.



Letters from Readers

Climate change deniers will be exposed for fools

Climate Change Theory. Germ Theory. Ignore either at your peril.

Germ Theory was a much scoffed at idea until one hundred and sixty years ago. Now anyone who would question it would be held an idiot. So let's consider Climate Change Theory, how will we be judged?

Timothy McKenzie
Wolf Lake

Are Iron Range lawmakers taking lessons from Trump?

"We hold our companies to high standards." Thus wrote Iron Range legislators in a letter to this paper last week. Really? Why is it then that US Steel was in blatant violation of its tailings basin water discharge permit for over two decades? Because Iron Range legislators pressured the MPCA to turn a blind eye — the law was flouted, responsible stewardship scorned, the MPCA neutered. If we can't adequately regulate taconite operations, how can anyone believe the state will do any better regarding dangerous copper-nickel-sulfide? On the issue of industry regulation and enforcement for mining companies, the credibility of Sen. Tomassoni and his colleagues approaches zero. What they say pales before what they do.

Recent revelations about potential MPCA malfeasance in the PolyMet permitting process, the apparent 'bait-and-switch' in PolyMet's mining plan, and the criminal behavior of Glencore, are not "downright fabrications." These issues were not invented by citizen groups, but reported by this newspaper, the *Minneapolis Star Tribune*, the *New York Times* and other reputable journalists. In regard to this priceless news media function, our elected officials write, "Enough of the fake news already." Seriously? As we all know, this is the Donald Trump tactic when he holds an indefensible position and

wishes to discredit the truth. I find it disgusting that our local officials would stoop to this juvenile measure; but it's also revealing — the tactic of choice when facts do not support your argument.

Over thirty years ago, George Perpich, a noted Iron Range legislator famously said that if mining companies were left to their own devices northern Minnesota would end up "Too thin to plow and too thick to paddle." Exaggeration, of course, but perhaps less so than the dubious contents of our legislators' letter. As Trump might tweet: Sad.

Peter M. Leschak
Side Lake

Thanks for the great jazz entertainment

Whiteside Park has been the scene of lots of fun events this summer. One of those happened thanks to the Ely United Methodist Church, who sponsored the Jumpin' Jehosafats jazz band concert on Wednesday evening, July 31. From the enticing announcement on the State Theater marquee, to the last toe-tapping note, it was a gift to the community. And as it turns out, to the Young Life youth ministry, as well — about \$600 was donated during the course of the concert. Thanks also to Pastor Craig Haberman's generous hospitality while the band was in Ely.

Emily Brown
Morse Township

Put these facts in your pipe and smoke 'em

Please ponder, seriously and in solitude, three statements of fact from Harper's Magazine — INDEX of August 2019. Planted in firm ground, they stand facing Stephen Miller and Bannon, Gorka, Kris Kobach, Hannity — all those making sour broth for frightened people, stooping and mumbling like small Men of Oz behind a dark curtain.

The three facts, followed by one well-earned statement of opinion from the closing of

Ernest Hemingway's novel, *For Whom the Bell Tolls*:

1. Three times as many immigrants with criminal records are caught at the Canadian border than at our border with Mexico. (U. S. Customs and Border Protection)

2. About 45 percent of Mexican immigrants to the United States are without documents. (Pew Research Center, Washington, D. C.)

3. According to data kept by our own U. S. Department of State, National Institute of Migration, 95 percent of U.S. immigrants to Mexico are undocumented.

4. At the end of *For Whom the Bell Tolls*, Robert Jordan, the doomed but politically savvy hero, is asked a relevant question. His Spanish Civil War compatriots, with whom he has been fighting the fascist Franco regime, want to know if he thinks the United States could ever be infected by this disease, this thing, this fascism.

His reply, a Truth with a capital "T": "There are many who do not know they are fascists but will find it out when the time comes."

"Now," like Grandfather Olof used to say — whether snapping down two face cards and an ace, or pointing out the window at the coming unavoidable fact of an approaching thunderstorm, "put THAT in your pipe and smoke it!"

Steve Larson
Ely

Kudos for a crime story well told

I just really enjoyed your story on the Pelican Lake robberies and your segue into the arrests of the presumable perps. And such delicate handling of the identity of the protected person. Just damn fine writing. Kudos.

Dave Porter
Minneapolis

Where the
North Country
Sounds Off!

A fall from grace gives an inside look at our health care system

With the combination of a just-mopped floor and bare feet, I managed to land myself in a world of pain, headed for the universe of Healthcare, USA. When my feet went out from under me, I somehow managed to have a four-point landing, breaking my elbow, bruising my tailbone, wrenching my



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knee, and pulling a muscle under my ribs. At 4:00 the next morning, I was headed to Duluth for a 9:00 surgery with a dear friend chauffeuring me.

Accidents or illness can give you the luxury of time to reflect. Am I being forced to slow down and reflect on what's going on in my life, to assess my choices, and to

consider alternatives? Is some kind of message trying to get through that I'm not getting? It's not that I can't think of anything I could or should change in my life. Rather, it's that there are so many possibilities for change, but which one is knocking me off my feet?

What was very clear to me is that our healthcare system is full of amazing technology, talented and caring people, and procedures to serve a lot of people quite efficiently. However, that same system is riddled with

regulations and limitations that make no sense, whatsoever, at least in light of what might be in the best interest of the patients. One glaring example of this is the increasing categorization of surgery as "outpatient" which is what happened in my case. After surgery and post-op recovery, I was taken to the outpatient area where I had started the day. A very kind, competent nurse was in attendance. The surgeon came in for a brief follow-up, and I was given discharge information, while quite fuzzy-minded

from anesthesia, and pain medications. I was not pressured to leave quickly, but once that ball is rolling, it seemed like the best thing to do was to get out of there even though I was feeling miserable and off-balance.

The whole process felt brutal compared to the last time I was in the hospital when I did stay overnight. It was less than 24 hours but it made the whole process much easier. After post-op recovery, I had been

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Letters from Readers

Make SEH pay for its costly errors

SEH Engineering needs to reimburse the city of Tower for the added expense to change out the wrong air filtration system they installed in the new Lamppa Manufacturing facility. Why should the city suffer for SEH's mistake? They were given the type of system we wanted, needed, and would only accept before the facility was built, but they didn't follow directions and never consulted with us.

The current system noise level is too high for our workers (OSHA) and the filters that need to be cleaned are 12 feet in the air (unsafe to maintain). The system we wanted (as described in a brochure we provided to them) is an outside unit with only the ductwork in the building, and little or no noise and heat loss occurring (for the same price).

Now SEH wants to stick the city with a \$115,000 change out order. Crazy! They even had the audacity to bill the city for a project management fee of \$75,000 and never even had weekly or monthly meetings to keep us abreast of progress and what was being put into the facility. After all, we are the leaseholders. Plus, it appears they will be screwing up our Sept. 1 move-in date again, which is already a year late.

It's time for the city to give SEH the boot!

**Daryl Lamppa
Tower**

Mining company promises worth little

A recent guest editorial in another Ely newspaper contends that Twin Metals' switch to a 'dry stack tailings' (DST) method means the company has now "eliminated any risk."

Unfortunately that's not true:

1) The Minnesota DNR says DST does not stop pollution and questions whether the method will work in Minnesota's cold and wet climate.

2) All tailings liners leak, according to the U.S. EPA. Liners placed under dry stacked piles will eventually leak and release toxic metals and other pollution into the watershed.

3) DST proponents cite Greens Creek Mine on Alaska's Admiralty Island, where DST is used in a cool and wet climate. But in nearby Hawk Inlet toxic dust, stack leakage, and spills have raised concentrations over heavy metals far above normal pre-mining levels (lead levels up to 646 times higher, and mercury levels up to 73 times higher), and local villagers are discouraged from fishing.

4) Proponents also note that Twin Metals contends its

mine waste will not generate acid. But Twin Metals offers no proof and the EPA describes the ore body as acid generating. In fact, a bulk sample site at one of Twin Metals' own deposits has generated toxic run-off for more than 40 years.

5) For years, Twin Metals said it would send waste far outside the Boundary Waters watershed. But the proposed dry stack will be in the watershed. Ely cannot count on Twin Metals to keep its promises when its majority owner, Antofagasta of Chile, is calling the shots.

Twin Metals' DST announcement distracts from the key questions: Does it make sense to operate an industry described as "America's most toxic" next to our nation's most visited wilderness area? Does it make sense to embrace foreign mining conglomerates with notorious reputations? Antofagasta has a record of environmental pollu-

tion, labor strife, and corruption, including a credible allegation of bribes to family members of the President of Chile. Now attention is focused on the unusual connection between the Chilean billionaire behind Antofagasta and President Trump's family.

What about the jobs they promise? Mining companies are notorious for inflating job projections to gain public support for risky projects. A New York study found that after that state pushed through a controversial expansion of extractive industries based on employment promises, only about one-tenth of the projected jobs were ever actually realized. And will these proposed Minnesota mining jobs be unionized? Twin Metals has made no commitment to using union mining labor.

**Paul Schurke
Ely**

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wheeled to my room, unable to sleep, have some dinner, and get a warm blanket when I wanted it. It gave my body and mind some time to adjust to the trauma of the accident and the surgery, both insults to the body, before having to deal with the stimulation of conversations, noise and distractions in the outside world. I later said that my bruised body felt like it had been tied to a car and dragged down the road. The outpatient surgery experience was like being in some kind of hospital cart race with someone else pushing the cart, which then hit a wall, dumping me out into a day I wasn't ready to navigate and had

no way to soften.

I later learned from a nurse who called to follow up that patients can ask to stay overnight, but that was never mentioned as an option. I do understand that the risk of infection in hospitals is very high, so it's considered a benefit not to have to stay in that environment very long. I do wonder about the deleterious effects of pushing patients out the door, not giving their minds and bodies time to recover at a more humane pace, nor giving their condition professional monitoring for a longer time.

Hip and knee replacements along with many other types of surgeries

have become so common that I think we've fallen into thinking of surgical intervention as routine, an inconvenience we should recover from quickly, treating our bodies like automobiles with parts that can be replaced easily.

Another jarring aspect of this experience was that many people seemed to be operating on automatic pilot. The nurses in post-op recovery seemed to be quite oblivious to those of us coming out of anesthesia. They were talking loudly across our carts, even across the room, about personal issues like problems with teenagers, shopping, and joking around. None of that is

a problem except they seemed to be unaware that their voices are going to seem a lot louder to those of us in recovery. It felt to me like they were shouting. My nurse mentioned they were understaffed. Perhaps that was one way of dealing with the stress of handling more patients, but she was certainly buzzing around on autopilot. At one point she asked the oft-repeated question, "So how's your pain level?" and then walked away before I answered. At least that made me laugh. I was parched and kept asking for ice chips, which she would bring but never offered or asked if I needed more. The phrase comes

to mind, "You only had one job..." Then another nurse was loudly teasing her because I had asked for ice chips from someone who wasn't "my nurse."

I do honor and appreciate people who work in the medical field. It's hard work, which I'm sure is often tedious and boring, and they have to sometimes interact with difficult people, both patients and co-workers. Most of the people I've met have been very caring, competent, patient, and present, making those who are not stand out rather glaringly. When someone speaks in a disconnected manner, it is harder to comprehend, absorb, and retain what

they're saying. Those who are truly present with their patients are giving an amazing gift. They are able to listen, to really hear their patients and understand their concerns or areas where there is confusion, and able to give information in an understandable form, resisting the tendency to go on autopilot. Who can calculate the value of that in the healing process? Who can calculate the value of that gift of being truly present in our daily lives with the people around us? I am deeply grateful for the friends who have given me that gift in many forms and helped my healing process.

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Virtually all RVs in use today position their utility hook-ups, including electric, water, and sewer, on the driver's side of the vehicle. But they said the plans that SEH engineer Jason Chopp developed had utilities positioned on both sides of the vehicle pad where RVs are supposed to park when utilizing a campsite. That would have required each RV user to run an extension cord around or under their vehicle, had the Pratts not pointed out the mistake, which contractors then had to redo. USA operator Dan Lamppa said his crew was just following the plans drawn up by SEH, and said his company billed the city for the additional work to fix the mistake.

It was just one of several such errors.

A campground water spigot, which was designed to provide water access for tent campers at the campground, ended up being located in the middle of one of the new RV campsites. "Randy asked them 'why was it in the middle of somebody's site?'" recalls Julie, who added that one of the engineers on the site assured him it would be in the right location once everything was done. "It's not even close," she said.

Perhaps the most upsetting to the Pratts is the

fact that the layout of the new RV sites meant they were smaller than they had expected, which means they can't house the large RVs that have become increasingly popular with RV campers. "We can only put small pull-behind campers, or pickup campers in those spots," said Randy.

Electrical work for the project proved another challenge, and not only because the electrical connections needed to be relocated. According to Randy Pratt, the electrician told him the project's specifications weren't consistent with the state's electrical code. "He told me he wasn't going to do any more work and I said well then don't. Stop right now until you figure it out." When the electrician walked off the job, Pratt said city officials blamed him for shutting the project down.

Perhaps the biggest outstanding issue remains the repair of a sewer main leading from the campground, which USA workers installed at a shallower grade than called for in the project specifications. A city inspection of the line also shows dips, apparently due to uneven settling, that can create backups over time. Jim Pucel, an engineer with

USA, said soft soils along portions of the line should have had more foundation material installed, but said that requirement would have had to have been in the original plan, or been directed through a change order once the soil deficiency became apparent during construction.

While the line appears to be operating for now, city officials, SEH, and Pucel recently met to try to determine who will take responsibility for repairing the dips. For now, it appears that city officials have decided that the current slope of the line is adequate, even if it's less than what was specified.

USA's Lamppa said he offered to split the cost of repairing the dips but, so far, the parties have yet to reach an agreement. "They're still holding \$34,000 of our money," said Lamppa.

Lack of communication

Both the Pratts and USA's Lamppa cite poor communication and flawed project management as among the biggest factors leading to the poor outcome of the campground project. "The main problem is they didn't have a qualified person on site," said Lamppa. "We tried to explain some of the issues, but they didn't have good

representation on the job to make changes as they were needed."

The Pratts say they felt they had clearly communicated the project as they envisioned it to SEH's Chopp but found it difficult to reach him once the project was underway. "We're not sure that Linda (Keith) wasn't the fault on that, said Randy. "Everything we did had to go through Linda to get to them."

The Pratts say they tried repeatedly to get someone from the city to come out to see the issues for themselves. "But no one would come out because they said they were too busy. We just wanted to talk to someone to say this wasn't what we wanted, but it was falling on deaf ears."

Pratt said calls directly to SEH mostly went unanswered.

And while the Pratts are critical of USA, who they say dragged its heels much of the time, they agreed with Lamppa that SEH's project oversight was almost non-existent. While SEH did maintain an inspector on site during construction, both the Pratts say it made little difference. "The guy was useless," said Randy. "He never left his truck."

Julie said she went to

city hall one day in frustration to talk to Keith. "I told her straight out, we're on an island all by ourselves and taxpayers are paying for junk. And she's like, you're not on an island. I know exactly what's going on out there. She said she talked to Jason [Chopp] every day. I told her Jason hadn't been out there in three weeks."

As the city, SEH, and USA argue over who's to blame, Julie suggests there's plenty to go around.

"They're deciding who's responsible for this? Is it the guy who sat here in his truck and didn't correct things or is it the contractor who didn't follow the plan?"

Randy put it bluntly. "SEH dropped the ball on this big time," he said.

Costs spiraled

The project, which the former Tower City Council approved in 2017, was supposed to cost about \$290,000, according to an initial engineer's estimate. Extra revenue from the seven new seasonal sites, planned as part of the project, was expected to cover the payments on a revenue bond that was to provide the funding.

But costs soon spiked sharply as construction bids came in far above projections. But the higher

costs didn't prompt city officials to take a second look. Instead, in fall of 2017, they approved the low construction bid from USA for \$412,391. So far, the city has actually paid out \$366,317 to USA, and it remains uncertain whether the city will pay the remainder of the contract given some of the issues with the company's work.

Questions about SEH's performance don't seem to have impacted their payday from the project. To date, city records show that SEH has received \$113,406 for its handling of the project. That amounts to just under 24 percent of the total project cost, which is well above the norm for engineering and project management.

"I said from the very beginning this was a taxpayer rip-off," said Julie. "I told Linda that when I went to her office and she did not listen to me."

The *Timberjay* reached out to Chopp, fellow SEH engineer Matt Bolf, and SEH representative Mike Larson, with questions and an opportunity to respond to criticisms leveled by others in this report. More than three weeks later, no one from SEH has provided comment or answered questions.

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Novak asked for support for Kess's motion, but lack of a second prompted Kess to withdraw the motion.

Meanwhile, an Aug. 6 letter from City Attorney Kelly Klun included a copy of the city's current contract with G-Men, a memo from the League concerning solid waste management, and the state

statute identifying specific powers of the council for council members to consider in her absence.

The city attorney also informed council members that correspondence from Bobbi Davis, of G-Men, apparently showed evidence of a violation of the business's contract with the city. "It appears from pictures that in-town

collection of refuse is occurring by a third-party vendor," Klun wrote.

Klun forwarded to the council photographs, provided by Davis, apparently showing active waste collection in town at approximately 1 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 5, by Northern Routes Rolloff LLC at Wildlife Liquors on First Avenue and at a

city property owned by Phil Hegfors.

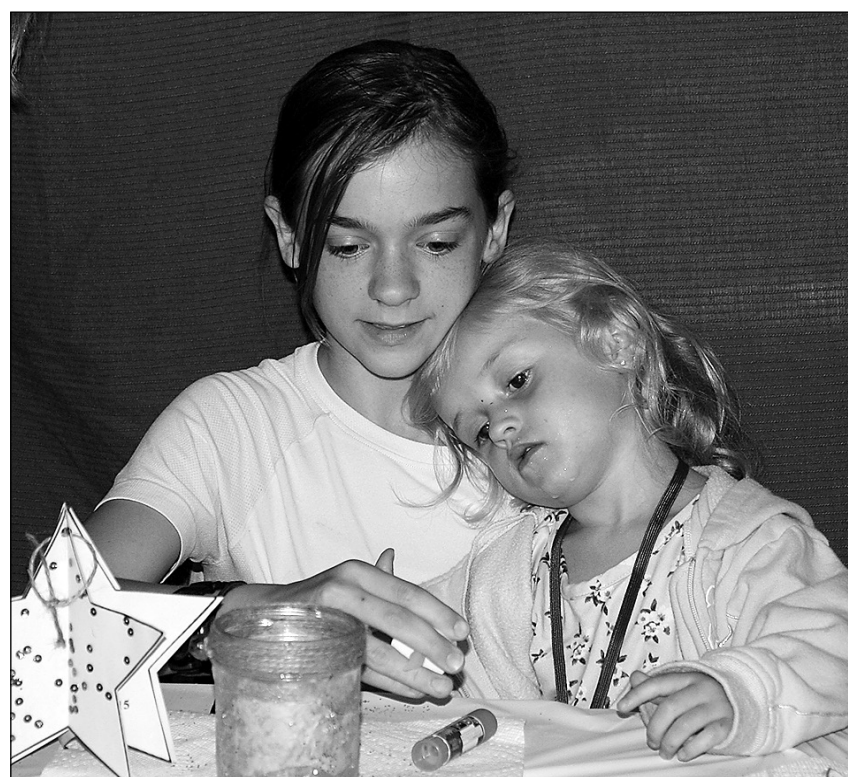
"Northern Routes Rolloff LLC is not a licensed contractor by the city of Ely," Klun wrote. "The council will likely want to take affirmative action to direct the city attorney to issue a cease and desist notice to the said third parties until the expiration of this contract."

At the end of the meeting, Novak reiterated that the existing solid waste contract must be enforced until its expiration on Oct. 31, 2019. In light of the evidence of the third-party violation of the contract, initial communication will be sent from the city clerk's office to Northern Routes Rolloff, according to Novak, and a cease and desist order

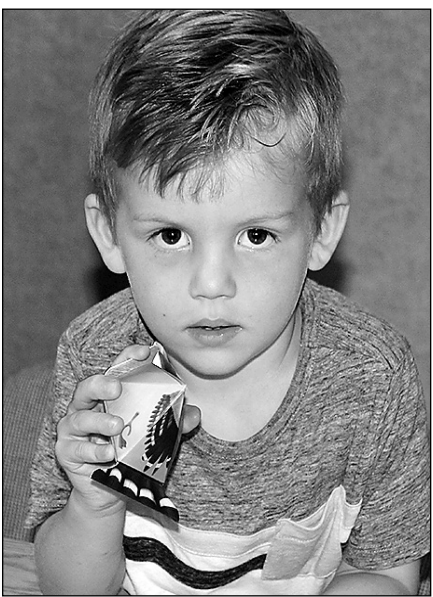
will be sent from the city attorney if needed.

"We have a licensed (contractor) and we must report to the Pollution Control Agency that the business is licensed by the city and conforming to state and county collection requirements," Novak said. "We have a legal obligation to maintain that contract."

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible Schools were held in Soudan (jointly sponsored by Soudan Baptist and St. Paul's Lutheran) and in Tower (jointly sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran and St. James Presbyterian) earlier this summer. Pictured clockwise from top left: Taimi plays a game with help from volunteer teacher Terry Vagle. Jossy and Addy do a crafts project in Soudan. Eddie works on a project with volunteer teacher Cindy Pettinelli. Volunteer teacher Sabrina Larson works alongside Zaija. A group discusses on a Bible lesson. Lucia and Hudson do a crafts project in Tower. photos by S. Ukkola



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COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Yin Yoga on Thursdays in August

TOWER- The public is invited to an ongoing gentle Yin Yoga class at the Tower Civic Center from 10 to 11 a.m. on Thursdays. Please arrive 10 minutes early to set up your yoga space.

This class is a gentler, more passive style of yoga which allows your body to slowly open as we hold the poses while supported with blocks, bolsters, and blankets. It's great for post-surgery, injury, illness, or for those who just no longer want to participate in the more active yoga flow style. All poses are done on the floor.

Class dates are Aug. 15, 22, and 29. The pre-paid monthly fee is \$25, drop-in rate is \$15. Call or text Nancy with questions at 218-750-7514.

Morning Yoga on Tuesdays and Thursdays

TOWER- Start your day with stretching and quieting your mind, relieve your body of aches and pains.

Bring a mat or use one of our mats at no cost. The class is open to all ages, male and female, beginners and experienced yogis. A variety of modifications are offered to help you move within your own range of motion. The class is intended to help you take the practice of yoga on the mat to a full, vibrant practice of life off the mat.

Morning Yoga in Tower continues into August at the Tower Civic Center from 8:30 to 9:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Class dates are Aug. 13, 15, 20, 22, 27 and 29. The pre-paid monthly rate is \$55, drop-in rate is \$15. Call or text Nancy Larson with questions at 218-750-7514.

TOWER CEMETERY FUNDRAISER



The "Lure" of the Wall

TOWER- Joanne Connell, of Tower, has created a rather unique fundraiser for Tower's Lakeview Cemetery. She has decorated the outside wall of her husband Jerry's "he-shed" with his old fishing lures, along with some "antique" fishing rods and reels. Jerry died three years ago, and was an avid fisherman. In all, there are as many as 250 very-well used and well-loved lures for sale. All the proceeds from the sales will be donated to help with upkeep at the Tower Cemetery.

Some specific items in the fundraiser sale are an Abu Garcia reel, Ganca Mitchill reel, Shakespeare Wonder Rod #55.140, Pfluger 646 reel, Cabela's Predator, Mohawk Green River Rod, Shakespeare Reel #1927, and a Fenglass Woodstream Rod.

The collection can be seen at 5695 Hoodoo Point Rd. in Tower, or by calling Joanne at 218-753-5241.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

at a time. Call Janna at 749-2186 or Mickey at 984-3951 with questions about who can sell, what can be sold, or any other details.

Art Events and Classes in Cook

COOK- Northwoods Friends of the Arts offers one last "Summer Art" FREE class for children and adults. The 2019 theme is "Art and Heritage: Passing Down Creative Techniques That Speak To Family Traditions and/or Cultural Backgrounds".

A weaving class will be held on Friday, Aug. 16 - "Elsie Hyppa's Native American Weaving" from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cook Public Library for ages eight - adult.

Students must pre-register for a class by calling Lisa at 218-780-1151. Also check the website for new classes and events at NW-FAMN.ORG. Thanks to Summer Art sponsors, Art Unlimited and Operation Round Up®.

More events and classes at the NWFA Gallery next to Dream Weaver Salon and Spa, 210 S River St. near Hwy 53 (no need to pre register):

Every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. is OPEN STUDIO ART. Enjoy doing art using any medium with other artists...everyone of all ages welcome.

Tuesday, Aug. 13: The last meeting of the "NWFA Summer

Writers Group" from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Winter meeting schedule to be announced this fall. All those interested in writing and talking about writing are invited to attend this group facilitated by Dr. Ellie Larmouth.

Wednesdays features "Music In The Park" at the gazebo in Cook. Aug. 14, "Robert Walker's Outlaw Country," a collection of originals and contemporary country music. Food and beverage concession by St. Paul's Lutheran Church. Bring your lawn chair! Music In The Park is sponsored also by Cook Lions Club, Cook VFW Post and Auxiliary 1757, Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club, Cook Fire Association and Lisa Hyppa Consulting.

Donations for this event will be appreciated.....

Saturday, Aug. 31 is our first-ever "Pop Up" Fundraiser Sale. Donated art, antiques and artifacts will be on sale from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at NWFA Gallery. See nwfamn.org@gmail.com.

Thursday, Sept. 5, the Woodcarving Group meets at the gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. and will be meeting every Thursday. The curious and carving beginners of all ages are encouraged to attend and share the learning experience together. Call Howard Hilshorst for more information at 218-741-7941.

Heiam Foundation 26th Annual Benefit set for Saturday, Aug. 17

COOK- The annual summer benefit of the W.C. Heiam Medical Foundation will be held on Saturday, Aug. 17. It will be a fun evening with excellent food, all for a good cause. The benefit will be held at the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade hall from 5 to 9 p.m. Cost is \$125 per person, which includes live music, silent and live auctions, complimentary beverages, and dinner catered by Boom-Town Woodfire Grill. RSVPs are required by Monday, Aug. 5. To register, please contact Tiffany at 218-750-1352 or email info@heiamfoundation.org.

Tower Farmers Market every Friday, 4-6 p.m.

TOWER- The Tower Farmers Market is now open for the season, every Friday from 4-6 p.m. at the Tower Depot - same time, same place, and same great offerings as in previous years. Throughout the season, local vendors will have fresh produce, bread, sweet baked treats, eggs, pickles, bacon, sausage, jams, jellies, BBQ sauce, wood carving, furniture, rugs, photography, jewelry, soap and much more. Hope to see you there!

Vendors can commit to the whole season or pay for a week

Week of Aug. 12

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

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

Tower City Council-regular meeting on Aug. 12 at 5:30 p.m. at the Herb Lamma Civic Center

Tuesday
Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Aug. 20.

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

Greenwood Town Board- 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 13

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.

Red Hat Belles to meet Thursday, Aug. 22

GREENWOOD TWP- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet on Thursday, Aug. 22 at 12 noon at Bayview for dinner and games. Call Pam Lundstrom at 218-753-3006 or Kathy Vogh at 218-753-2530 if you will be attending.

Tower-Soudan Class of 1969 to hold 50th reunion on Aug. 17

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Class of 1969 will gather on Saturday, Aug. 17 at 5 p.m. at the Wilderness Grill. RSVP by calling or texting Marian Greene at 612-432-1283 or Wayne Dahl at 218-290-2118.

Little Church meeting, Aug. 10

VERMILION LAKE TWP- Supporters of the Vermilion Lake Little Church are invited to a meeting on Saturday, Aug. 10 at 10 a.m. Anyone who is interested in keeping The Little Church preserved and maintained is welcome. In addition, a men's group meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. for coffee and conversation. All are welcome. The Little Church is located in Vermilion Lake Township on Cty. Rd. 26/Wahlsten Rd. at the Pike River. For questions, contact Len Hujanen at 218-749-2014.

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



Dear Hearts,

If you should drive by and see the shades down, Hilda saw a yellow leaf on a tree and sank into her yearly autumn funk.

For Hilda and many of my readers this is not the sign of the start of that long slide into winter, it's the warning that school is just around the corner. When you are in a mall this time of year and see people of a certain age sitting weeping beneath those huge posters of jolly parents waving to jolly children being greeted by a jolly bus driver... nine times out of ten, they are teachers.

What causes teachers to regret their job choice this time of year is not the students, the

weekly tests, the bad coffee in the cafeteria... it's the fall teacher workshops. Every year there is a new 'expert' with a new method of teaching who has been hired by the school board to teach teachers, who have been doing quite well since chalk was invented, to teach.

This generally is the last time many teachers in many schools will see the administration.

I just hope we can make it through these opening days without another of those 'mooning escapades' after her retirement.

Also, for Hilda and many of you, this is the BEST TIME OF THE YEAR...the bulb catalogs arrive in the mail: Van Engelen, Breck's, Spring Hill, White Flower Farm. Next to a check from the IRS, a garden catalog is the best thing you can find in a mailbox!

When the K. Van Bourgondien catalog arrives, Hilda goes into some sort of horticultural

trance. She drinks way too much coffee and makes list after list of bulbs and little maps of the gardens, and then big maps of new gardens.

After the flourish of spring bulbs our gardens are bare. Hilda doesn't garden after tulip time is over, and for Moose flower beds just make mowing a problem.

We do not segue into summer vegetables and fall squash. We are generally up to our hips with fresh garden vegetables from our neighbors.

One neighbor planted loofah last summer, so we now have enough sponges to last a lifetime!

Clinic time last week! I am always amazed at the waiting rooms which seemed to be geared to young children. Piles of those Golden books about happy pigs and little girls with ringlets. Come on-when is that last time you saw a little girl in ringlets?

Then there all sorts of games and wooden toys which I would as-

sume are pretty germ by now!

If your kid gets measles after a clinic visit- get your kids rubber gloves or just keep spraying them with Lysol.

If you are an adult, unless you bring your own reading material, you are out of luck.

My doctor's waiting room offers medical magazines, advertisements for new drugs and lot of travel brochures- that is why my doctor is so tanned, I guess.

Nothing wrong except the further advancement of old age and athlete's foot.

I always wondered about the last medical billet doux...athlete's foot. I have never ever been involved in any situation that you might call vaguely athletic.

Well, ta ta loves, have a nice summer day.
Ms. Vera Milion

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, Aug. 21, Sept. 11, Oct. 2, 23	
Bois Forte Boys/Girls Club	11:00-11:30 a.m.
Greenwood Town Hall	12:00-12:30 p.m.
Soudan Fire Hall	1:45-3:00 p.m.
Tower Civic Center	3:15-4:15 p.m.
Embarrass, Four Corners	5:15-6:00 p.m.

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

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Support groups

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Mondays, St. Anthony
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schedule is listed below.
All talks are at 12 noon
on Tuesday at the Grand
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Aug. 13 - Barb
Jones - A Tour Of The
Neighborhood

Aug. 20 - Lee
Frelich - Boreal
Refugium Project

Aug. 27 - Chuck
Dayton - Review of
"Half Earth"

Play Smear

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

Ely Free Clinic

ELY - The Ely
Community Health
Center is open every
Thursday evening from
5:30-7 p.m. in the AFU
Building, 111 S 4th
Ave. E.

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5678, or visit their
website, www.elycommunityhealth.org or
Facebook page.

Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2019



such an abundance
raspberries and blueberries
busy pie maker

OUTDOOR RECREATION



Volunteers work on a portion of the Prospectors Loop ATV trail recently near Ely. submitted photo

Work continues on Prospectors Trail

REGIONAL - A
new ATV trail system is
under construction by the
Prospectors Trail Alliance
in northeastern Minnesota
connecting Ely, Babbitt,
Embarrass, Tower and
the Lake County Regional
ATV Trail. Work contin-
ued last weekend near
Spruce Road outside of
Ely. Over 250 miles of

trails will be available
when completed.
The non-profit group's
goal is to create a new
ATV trail system that will
connect five communities
(Ely, Babbitt, Embarrass,
Soudan and Tower), and
two state parks (Bear Head
Lake and Lake Vermilion).
Currently the section
between Tower and

Embarrass is open as well
as a section from Babbitt
to the Knotted Pine tavern.
These sections are signed
and open to Class 1 and
2 ATVs along with off-
-highway motorcycles.
The section from Knotted
Pine to Trestle Inn is being
worked on. There are many
trees down from a winter
ice storm and the signage

has not been installed.
The Prospectors Trail
Alliance considers the
availability of destination
travel routes throughout
the northland, a key con-
sideration in providing
public access through
ATV use to many desired
locations.

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Ely Area Concert Association season starts soon

ELY - The Ely Area Concert
Association season returns this
soon. Four concerts will be held at
Washington Auditorium between
October and May.

2019 - 2020 Season

**Take Me Home - The Music
of John Denver - Starring Jim
Curry - Oct. 21, 2019**

The untimely death of John
Denver in 1997 was a tragedy felt
the world over. Such a void in the
musical landscape left fans demand-
ing his music survive. CBS television
responded by producing a made for
TV movie: "Take Me Home, the John
Denver Story" in which Jim Curry
landed an off-camera role singing as
the voice of John Denver.

This experience inspired him
to produce full-length John Denver
tribute concerts. Now, some 20 years
later, Take Me Home - The Music
of John Denver - Starring Jim Curry
is the most sought after tribute show
going. His natural voice, his natural
look, the sound of the band, all create
a remarkable memory of the original.
Rocky Mountain High, Annie's
Song, Eagles & Horses, Thank God
I'm A Country Boy, Country Roads,
Calypso and many other classics are
all there.

**Jason Farnham, Piano - Nov.
22, 2019**

Take George Winston, Victor
Borge, Schroeder from Peanuts,
and Beethoven on steroids. Throw
in blender. Mix well and serve.
An Evening of Piano with Jason
Farnham delights audiences around
the U.S., again and again.

Fans have affectionately dubbed
him "Schroeder" from Peanuts
because of his toy piano, his witty
Victor Borge-style piano comedy
antics and the clever way he inter-
acts with the audience. The variety
includes contemporary romantic
piano, jazz, bossa nova, blues, stride
piano, and classical with a modern
twist! Jason is always looking for an
interesting spin on the status quo, a
way to take a classic and turn it on
its ear.

**Sultans of String - March
19, 2020**

2017 JUNO nominees and
SiriusXM winners Sultans of String,
thrill their audiences with their
genre-hopping passport of Celtic
reels, flamenco, Gypsy-jazz, Arabic,
Cuban, and South Asian rhythms.

Sultans of String celebrate
musical fusion and human creativity
with warmth and virtuosity. Acoustic
strings meet with electronic wizardry

to create layers and depth of sound,
while world rhythms excite audienc-
es to their feet with the irresistible
need to dance.

**Sundae & Mr. Goessl - May
5, 2020**

This husband and wife (guitar/
vocal) duo put on a vintage and
inspired show that blends blues,
swing, country and Latin sounds.
Performing hits from the roaring
20's to modern classics and origi-
nals, Sundae & Mr. Goessl utilize
technique, technology and unique
instrumentation to give this little
band its big sound.

Mr. Goessl's mesmerizing
finger-style guitar dazzles and
inspires while Sundae's sultry vocal
interpretations drip with charm and
nostalgia. Combined with a quirky
and humorous onstage demeanor,
Sundae & Mr. Goessl take audiences
on a fun and familiar ride through
vintage and classic jazz standards.

Subscriptions are available:
Adult, \$40; Student, \$10; Family,
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Concert Association, 644 E James
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A TASTE OF SLOVENIA



With a proud grandmother (Francine Zobitz) in the background, sisters Bria, 5, and Juliana, 7, LaMontagne served authentic Slovenian food Saturday at the annual Taste of Slovenia event at St. Anthony's Church. photo by K. Vandervort

ON THE WAY TO ELY



Former Ely resident Glenda Harbaugh, who studied at Vermilion Community College and now lives in Hartland, Wis., was driving into her favorite town at the end of the road last Wednesday and encountered this traveler pushing a canoe down the road. She couldn't resist snapping a photograph. "A tough way to get to the Blueberry Fest," she said. submitted photo

AROUND TOWN

History Night series ends Aug. 16

ELY - David Kess will speak on the subject of the clashes that never developed between the ethnic cultures on the Iron Range. The final History Night program for this summer will be on Wednesday, Aug. 16.

History Night programs are held in Classroom 104 of Vermilion Community College, beginning at 7 p.m. Programs are about an hour in length and

questions and comments are welcome. They are free and open to the public. There is no charge for these programs but a free will donation is always welcome.

It has long been thought that there must have been clashes between various ethnic groups in Ely, especially between the Finns and the Slovenians. Each of those groups comprised roughly 40 percent of the population

until about 1950 with the remaining 20 percent made up of Cornish, Italians, other Balkan countries, and Scandinavians.

By now these groups have intermarried to a large extent and others have moved into the area. Kess's research has found scant evidence of any real clashes between any groups except in one instance. That related to the hiring of Slovenian miners as scabs during

the 1907 strike. What eventually followed was a very harmonious relationship between the different ethnic groups.

Kess taught math and history in Aurora-Hoyt Lakes, retiring 20 years ago. Since then he has been active with the Ely-Winton Historical Society, arranging displays and writing articles on local history for the Ely newspapers. He has also written a book, "More Than Just Ore."

WILDLIFE ADVOCACY

International Wolf Center goes west

'Wolves at Our Door' goes to states with rebounding wolf numbers

ELY - Wolves have undeniably begun to reclaim portions of their historic range in the western United States. As their numbers in the western U.S. quickly grew after being reintroduced at Yellowstone National Park 24 years ago, education about these predators hasn't always kept pace.

The International Wolf Center is reaching out to help.

According to Chad Richardson, IWC administrator, many organizations based in the western United States have worked to educate the public about wolves, but the problem is greater than any one organization can solve, so the International Wolf Center is expanding its Wolves at Our Door program to those western states.

The program educates more than 15,000 students in Minnesota every year. "Now, the Wolf Center is teaching partnering organizations how to launch the program and share it with schools in their states," Richardson said. Two training sessions have been held with these organizations, one here in Ely, and one in Brooklyn Park.

During the local session, representatives from the Columbia Gorge Discovery Center in



Luna is one of several ambassador wolves at the International Wolf Center's Interpretive Center in Ely. photo courtesy of Heidi Pinkerton/Root River Photography

Oregon and Museum and the Sequoia Park Zoo in California were flown to Minneapolis and then driven by the Wolf Center to Ely.

"Over three days, those representatives got a full wolf education by retired Wisconsin wolf

biologist Dick Thiel, as well as background on the program by the Center's Outreach Director, Misi Stine," Richardson said. The group returned to the Twin Cities for further education with renowned wolf biologist Dr. Dave Mech, who founded the

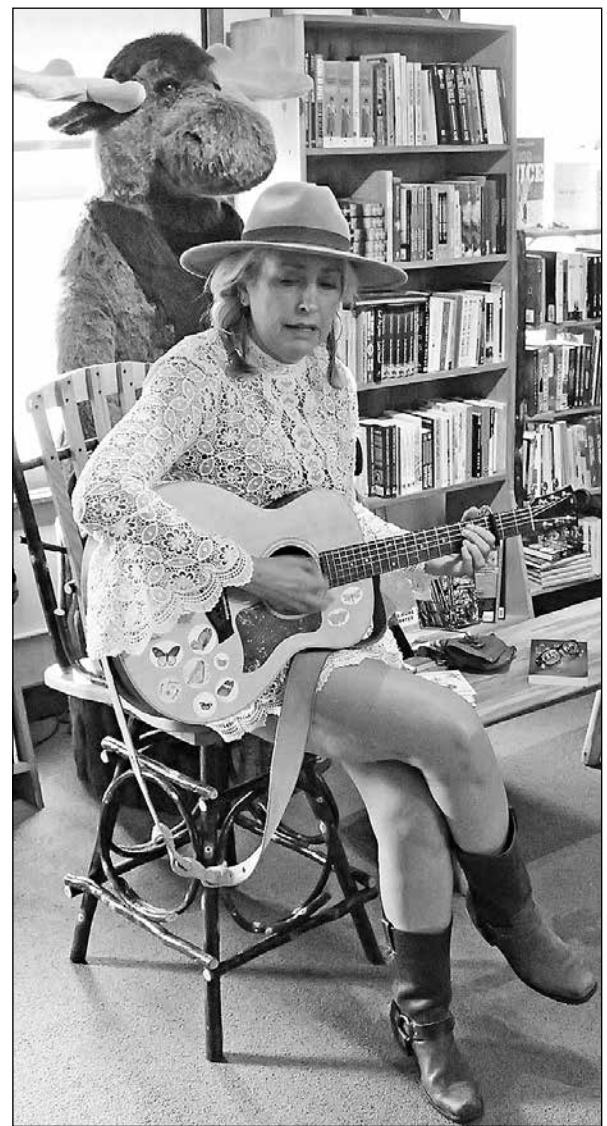
Center in 1985.

"There's no question that many of those who live in the western United States have strong opinions about wolves," Richardson added. "For some, those opinions aren't formed from facts but rather are formed from myths and fears. We're trying to change that with these programs, which are based wholly on science."

The Wolf Center presents many sides to the wolf debate during its Wolves at Our Door program and encourages attendees to make up their own minds about wolves, only after hearing the science-based facts, he added.

"As I've traveled around Minnesota to present these programs, I've found two sources of misunderstanding," Stine said. "When I speak to school children, their only exposure to wolves has typically been through fairy tales. When I speak to adults, many have formed their opinions based on what they heard in a 20-second newscast or through an exaggerated report on the evening news. So many people just don't have the facts to support their strong opinions. Hopefully we can continue to fix that."

News In Brief



Author and musician Courtney Yasmineh held a reading and singing event at the Piragis Northwoods Co. bookstore last Thursday. She read passages from her first novel, "A Girl Called Sydney." The Minnesota artist, who said she was greatly influenced by the music of Bob Dylan, also held a concert at the Tofte Lake Center while in the Ely area. photo by K. Vandervort

Taxi service starts Monday in Ely

ELY - A new taxi service is coming to town starting Monday morning, Aug. 12. The veteran-owned and family-operated service was announced this week on Facebook. A2B Taxi Service bills itself as commercially-insured and having experienced drivers with more than 20 years of professional driving experience.

According to Tenisha Butler on a "What's Up Ely" post on Facebook Tuesday afternoon, hours of operation will be seven days a week, 7 a.m.-1 a.m. first come first served, and 1 a.m. - 7 a.m. by appointment only. "This is a taxi service dedicated to the town of Ely/Winton, with a radius of 30 miles," Butler said. "This will ensure that our customer has a maximum wait time of 60 minutes."

For more information, call 218-235-7145.

Higher Education

Local students honored at BSU

BEMIDJI - Three local students, Abbie Edman, Ryne Prigge and Anna Urbas, all of Ely, earned President's List honors from Bemidji State University at the conclusion of the Spring 2019 semester.

To be eligible for the President's List, BSU students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a perfect 4.0 GPA during the semester. A total of 351 students earned Spring 2019 President's List honors from the university.

Morgan Housey, also from Ely, earned Dean's List honors from BSU for the Spring 2019 semester.

To be eligible for the Dean's List, BSU students must be enrolled for at least 12 credits and earn a 3.5 GPA during the semester. A total of 681 students earned Spring 2019 Dean's List honors from the university.

Nelson sisters honored at St. Olaf

NORTHFIELD - Ely students Anna and Lily Nelson, daughters of Jeffery and Marja Nelson, were named to the St. Olaf College dean's list for the spring 2019 semester.

The dean's list recognizes students with a semester grade point average of 3.75 or higher on a 4-point scale.

Have coffee with a cop

ELY - Join members of the Ely Police Department at the Front Porch Coffee and Tea Co. on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. for Coffee with a Cop.

The program was started as a community-police initiative to build relationships between law enforcement and the community they serve. "This event will provide a way to meet a police officer from the Ely Police Department in an informal and relaxed setting," said Chief John Lahtonen.

Feel free to stop by, grab a cup of coffee and have a chat with the police officer, who will have discussion topics on hand for those who just want to listen.

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COOK CITY GOVERNMENT

Council ceases annual bowhunt event

by CRYSTAL DEY
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK – The once-annual Cook city bowhunt has come to an end after council members split last month on a vote to authorize the event, designed to control the deer population within the city limits.

During the council’s July 25 meeting, Mayor Harold Johnston and council member Kim Brunner opposed the hunt while council members Jody Bixby and Elizabeth Storm supported it.

“After speaking with our city attorney, a tie vote consti-

tutes a ‘no’ vote, as it requires a majority vote,” said Theresa Martinson, city administrator.

Councilmember Karen Hollanitsch was not in attendance at the July meeting. Martinson said Hollanitsch is on excused absence and will not be able to vote until after the appli-

cation deadline for the special hunt.

Typically, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources issues an announcement during the first full week of August and permits can be issued after the public is notified. Martinson said the deadline date for

accepting applications is Aug. 22 and the full council will not be able to convene prior to that date.

The council may address the hunt after additional information gathering, however this year’s event won’t proceed. “I think review of the effectiveness and safety of the hunt along with public comment may be addressed,” Martinson said.

NATIONAL NIGHT OUT



Cook Volunteer Firefighter Jon Rothluetner helps Grant Bixby Meehan, 8, hoist a hefty hose at the mock firehouse during National Night Out in Cook on Tuesday, Aug. 6.

Cook entertains while it rains

by CRYSTAL DEY
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK – Residents sprinkled into the Cook Community Center grounds before the rain hit Tuesday during National Night Out. The event took place from 5 to 8 p.m.

Families visited with local law enforcement, ambulance and fire personnel while learning about their roles in city safety. Outside the center, Cook’s Country Connection entertained with a pop-up

petting zoo. Just before the raindrops threatened to dampen spirits, the ladies with Friends of the Parks moved their free snow cone and cotton candy treat stand under the pavilion.

Inside, event attendees enjoyed tacos in a bag, cake, conversation and face painting.

Emergency medical information forms for people to place on their refrigerators and kids safety emergency information cards were also distributed.

Photos by C. Dey



Timothy Carlson, almost 1-year-old of Cook, curiously observes goats at the Cook’s Country Connection pop-up farm.



Diane Brunner, Sue Thomas and Carrolle Wood (left to right) offered guests free snow cones and cotton candy courtesy of Friends of the Parks.



Baby goats pranced in their pen.



Visitors were given the opportunity to explore emergency vehicles in the Cook Community Center parking lot.



Caroline Roesch helps son Sullivan, 4, of Cook out of the ambulance after he explored the rig.



Above: Tracey Robinson paints the face of Maren Foss, 2, of Cook inside the community center.

Left: Lois Pajari with Cook’s Country Connection chats with folks visiting the mini-petting farm.

Cook-Orr Calendar

Community Events

Saturday, Aug. 10
LADIES LUNCHEON: Ladies of the Lake will host their annual event in Crane Lake on Saturday, Aug. 10. "A Fish Story," begins with social hour at 11 a.m. followed by a 12:30 p.m. luncheon on Nelson's Resort in Crane Lake. Proceeds benefit the Crane Lake Chapel. Door prizes, silent auction, raffles and music will be featured. Advance tickets only, call Jody at 320-249-4302. Reservations also available through Nelson's Resort or Handberg's Marine.

ART: Northwoods
 Friends of the Arts hosts Open Studio Art every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 210 S River St. All ages and medias welcome.

Sunday, Aug. 11
GOLF BENEFIT: Golfing for Cancer Awareness will be hosted Sunday, Aug. 11. Tee off is at 1 p.m. at Vermilion Fairways. Entry fee is \$25 per person, men and women are welcome and you do not need a full four-person team. The event includes golf, fellowship, food and prizes. Attendees are asked to wear lavender, the color associated with all cancers. If unable to participate, monetary donations can be sent to: Vermilion Fairways Women's Club, 2407 Vermilion Dr., Cook, MN 55723. Register with Carol at 218-666-2679

or CJG62@aol.com. Net proceeds benefit local cancer support groups.

Wednesday, Aug. 14
CONCERT: Music in the Park on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at 6 p.m. at the Cook City Park Gazebo. Robert Walker's Outlaw Country will play a collection of originals and contemporary country.

Friday, Aug. 16
WEAVING CLASS: Northwoods Friends of the Arts hosts Elsie Hyppa's Native American Weaving, Friday, Aug. 16 from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Cook Library. Ages 8 to adult. Pre-registration required by calling 218-780-1151. Visit nwfam.org for upcoming classes and events.

LIBRARY: Arrowhead
 Library System presents Brave Girls & Wise Women, a storytelling event led by Rose Arrowsmith DeCoux, on Friday, Aug. 16, at 3:30 p.m. at the Cook Public Library. The 60-minute program is intended for ages 7-12.

Saturday, Aug. 17
BENEFIT: The W.C. Heiam Medical Foundation will host its annual summer benefit on Saturday, Aug. 17 from 5 to 9 p.m. at the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade hall. Cost is \$125 per person, which includes music, silent auction, live auction, complimentary beverages and dinner catered by BoomTown Woodfire Grill. RSVP required by Monday, Aug. 5 by contacting Tiffany at

218-750-1352 or info@heimfoundation.org.

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Wednesday, Aug. 21
CONCERT: Music in the Park on Wednesday, Aug. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Cook City Park Gazebo. Hunter Bunch will play folksy Americana and traditional hits.

Saturday, Aug. 24
ART: Northwoods
 Friends of the Arts hosts Open Studio Art every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 210 S River St. All ages and medias welcome.

Wednesday, Aug. 28
CONCERT: Music in the Park on Wednesday, Aug. 28 at 6 p.m. at the Cook City Park Gazebo. Beefeater Brothers, Erick and Mike, close out the summer concert series with a musical variety.

Thursday, Aug. 29
LIBRARY: Arrowhead
 Library System Bookmobile, Thursday, Aug. 29: Nett Lake Community Center 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.; Crane Lake Ranger Station 11:15 a.m. to 12 p.m.; Orr Lake Country ReMax building 1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.; Kabetogama Town Hall 3:15 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. For more information, visit www.alslib.info, call 218-741-3840 or write Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald



"Silent Whispers from the East," (shown) will be featured during the month of August at MacRostie Art Center Gallery in Grand Rapids. Artist Cathryn Peters, of Angora, was one of 28 artists selected from a field of 102 submissions featuring art inspired by Minnesota, Wisconsin, and North and South Dakota. Selected artists' works are included in the 27th annual juried art exhibit. Peters created the large woven wall sculpture using two naturally-shed fallow deer antlers as a focal point.

Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768.

Saturday, Aug. 31
FUNDRAISER: Northwoods Friends of the Arts will host the first ever "Pop Up" Fundraiser Sale on Saturday, Aug. 31 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the NWFA Gallery, 210 S River St. in Cook.

ART: Northwoods
 Friends of the Arts hosts Open Studio Art every Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 210 S River St. All ages and medias welcome.

Sunday, Sept. 1
5K RUN/WALK: Crane Lake 5K "Haakyn Strong," will be on Sunday, Sept. 1, at 9 a.m. at Nelson's Resort. To register for the race or send a donation, call Brenda Pohlman

at Nelson's Resort, 218-993-2295. Pre-registration by Aug. 18 guarantees a t-shirt. Registration fee is \$30 for the race and t-shirt or \$40 for a t-shirt alone. Race day registration will be from 8 to 8:45 a.m. at the resort. Nelson's breakfast and lunch buffet and Bloody Mary bar will be open for refreshments.

Thursday, Sept. 12 and Friday, Sept. 13
ART CLASS: Watercolor Workshop on Thursday, Sept. 12 and Friday, Sept. 13 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Northwoods Friends of the Arts features a two-day autumn watercolor painting workshop taught by Mary Beth Downs. Pre-registration required cost is \$60 for NWFA members and \$75 for non-members. Workshop will

take place at the Cook Community Center, 510 E Gopher Dr. Register by calling 218-666-2153 or write NWFA, PO Box 44, Cook, MN 55723.

Meetings & Groups

Tuesday, Aug. 13
WRITERS: Northwoods Friends of the Arts Writers Group meets from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Aug. 27
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To submit an item for consideration in the Cook-Orr community calendar please email crystal@timberjay.com. Please send two weeks prior to the event to ensure timely placement.

NEWS FROM THE LAKE

Amid amazing August



How could the Dames have forgotten to mention last week that our favorite season is nearly here? Vikings are in training camp! Football is the king, and the Vikings are the princes of the game. First play-off game is at 7 p.m. on Friday, Aug. 9, in New Orleans. Might we see the Vikes playing against Teddy Bridgewater?

Carla Wheeler of Highland, Calif., is visiting the Crane Lake area where she was born and raised. The daughter of Lou and Linda Wheeler, while here, she hosted a gathering at the gravesite of her mother, Linda. The service began with Rob Wheeler singing and playing guitar. Carla read a few remarks honoring her mother, who passed away Feb. 3, 2019, in Highland, Calif., at the age of 90. Local friends will remember Lou as a pilot at Handberg's, and Lou and Linda as the owners/operators of Wheeler's Trailer Camp. At the conclusion of the service, guest were treated to a delicious lunch

at Voyageaire Lodge. The entire community wishes Carla sympathy on the loss of her mother.

Zelda Bruns has returned to her home in Spartanburg, S.C. She thoroughly enjoyed seeing old friends and spending time back in the "north woods." She can now be reached at: 227 Santa Ana Way, Duncan, S.C. 29334.

Were you aware that Aug. 5 is a special anniversary? On this day in 1861, Abraham Lincoln imposed the first federal income tax by signing the Revenue Act. Due to the lack of cash from the Civil War, Lincoln and Congress agreed on a three-percent tax on annual incomes over \$800. By today's cost of living, it would have been approximately \$16,000. Congress repealed Lincoln's tax law in 1871. However, in 1913, Congress ratified the 16th Amendment, which had passed in 1909, and set in place the federal income tax system used today. And we are still paying... and paying...and paying!

Aug. 5 is also another anniversary; Marilyn Monroe was found dead, sprawled across her bed with empty prescription bottles nearby. Peter Lawford, brother-in-law to Jack, Bobby and Ted-

dy Kennedy, was the last person Marilyn spoke with before her untimely death. Lawford said she had seemed depressed and sounded as though she had taken some type of drug due to her slurred speech. She was found at 3:30 a.m. by her housekeeper, who then called her psychologist and personal physician. Her funeral was arranged by Joe DiMaggio, her second husband. Her body was interred at Westwood Village Memorial Park cemetery in Los Angeles. DiMaggio had roses delivered to Monroe's resting place regularly for the next 20 years, and his last words were that he would finally get to see Marilyn. Word has it that the deck at Voyageaire was packed Saturday evening between 4 and 7 p.m.; many came to enjoy the music provided by the Divas. They are local entertainers and a popular group. Even out on the water, lucky boaters could enjoy their performance.

August is now in full swing! The flower of August is the gladiolus. August has two birthstones. The peridot is among the oldest known gemstones and ranges from olive to lime green. Sardonyx is a gem with white and brown bands, and it is believed to have mysti-

cal powers. It is said to eliminate negative thinking. National Watermelon Day occurred on Aug. 3; Aug. 13 is Vinyl Record Day and National Left-handers' Day. You can celebrate Lemon Meringue Pie Day on Aug. 15; lemonade was first served in Paris on Aug. 20, 1630. On Aug. 24 in 79 A.D. Mount Vesuvius erupted, destroying Pompeii. Aug. 30 is National Toasted Marshmallow Day. Wow, there just went the month of August! Time really does fly!

The Dames want to leave you with a final question: Why shouldn't you tell secrets on the farm? Because the corn has ears, the potatoes have eyes, and the beanstalks!

Until next week, the Teapot Dames are

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BLT Night returns on Aug. 23

TOWER- BLT Night is back! After a year's hiatus, the Tower Farmers Market is again partnering with Randy and Carol Semo and the staff at Good Ol' Days to offer the best BLT on the Iron Range, for one night only. Mark your calendar for Friday, Aug. 23, under the tent on the back patio, starting after the farmers market closes at 6 p.m.

Come get a fabulous BLT made with local ingredients - bacon from Bear Creek Acres, Karl's bread, lettuce and tomatoes from market vendors - accompanied by chips and dilly beans. Desserts will be sold separately. Beverages can be ordered from the bar.

Good Ol' Days Bar & Grill is located at 314 Main St. in Tower. Proceeds from BLT Night are shared with the Tower Area Food Shelf.

Pat and Donna Surface to play at Community Night Out, Sept. 8

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage of Embarrass is celebrating their annual Community Night Out on Sunday, Sept. 8 from 4-7 p.m. at the historic Seitaniemi Homestead. Come for a free concert, tours of the housebarn restoration project, visiting with friends and neighbors, and good food. Chili, cornbread, homemade pie, coffee and soft drinks will be for sale, or bring your own picnic to enjoy on the lawn. There is lots of room for children to run and play. The musical entertainment will be Pat and Donna Surface of Ely.

Freewill donations are gladly accepted. All proceeds go to the restoration and upkeep of Sisu's historic properties in the Embarrass area. The Seitaniemi Homestead is located on Comet Road, north off Hwy. 21, in Waasa. Watch for signs. Call 218-984-3402 with any questions.

Workshop for small and hobby maple syrup producers, Oct. 23 in Duluth

DULUTH- The Minnesota Maple Syrup Producers Association (MMSPA) will be hosting "Celebrating Superior Sweetness," the North American Maple Syrup Council's (NAMSC) and International Maple Syrup Institute's (IMSI) annual convention, in Duluth from Oct. 21 to 24. We invite smaller maple syrup producers and hobbyists from across the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin to attend a one-day session on Wednesday, Oct. 23 to learn more about their craft. Program fee is \$35 for the day and includes entry into the largest maple industry trade show in Minnesota history, technical sessions on best practices, value-added products, syrup quality, chainsaw safety, a group luncheon, and a program book.

Convention Planning Committee co-chair Stu Peterson and Director of the MMSPA says, "This is a great one-time opportunity for small and beginning maple syrup producers. The trade show, workshops, and speaker topics will include equipment and presentations that apply to the small producers who are so prevalent in Minnesota and Wisconsin. The one-day registration option is intended to make the program available to those on busy schedules. It will be the best \$35 a producer can spend learning maple."

Additionally, on Oct. 24 and 25, the International Maple Syrup Institute will conduct a maple syrup grading school in Duluth, which will be an opportunity to learn about proper grading equipment and techniques, off flavors, and quality control. Pre-registration is required for both events. Visit www.mnmaple.org for more information.

EMBARRASS

Embarrass Region Fair runs Aug. 23-25

EMBARRASS- Mark your calendars for the Embarrass Region Fair happening Aug. 23-25. Fairgrounds are located at the Embarrass Timber Hall, 4855 Hwy. 21. In addition to the vendors, artisans, fair food, team penning, horse show, mud runs, demolition derby, and judging, check out the great music planned for the weekend.

The Miss Embarrass Region Queen Coronation will be on Friday, Aug. 23 at 6 p.m. with popular band Sweet Freedom to follow. Saturday Night Country Live on Saturday, Aug. 24 will feature local musicians starting at 4 p.m. with 1/2 Way to Heaven,

Robert Walker at 5:05 p.m., The Hutter Bunch at 5:55 p.m., Robert Walker encore at 7:10 p.m., and Back Roads at 7:45 p.m. Music lineup and times are subject to change. On Sunday, Aug. 25 the annual Karaoke Contest, hosted by Rising Sun Entertainment, will begin sign-up at 10 a.m. and competition begins at noon.

Fair admission is \$4 at the gate or \$10 for a weekend wristband. Children under ten are free with a paid adult. All music is free with admission. There are additional entrance fees for the mud run and demolition derby.



CELEBRATIONS

Bear River Fair set for Aug. 17 and 18

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

This year's fair is set for Aug. 17 and 18 and marks the 109th anniversary of that exposition. People still gather. They come from all over the country to use this weekend as a "reunion" of sorts - a time to catch up with friends and families. Through the years more activities have been added. This year activities include special music, a Flea Market, Bazaar, Games for Kids, and Softball Tournament. Outdoor worship services will be held in the pines on Sunday morning at 10:30 a.m.

First and foremost, the fair is here because of exhibits. Local folks still bring in the harvest from their gardens along with canning, baking, flowers, arts, crafts and many more examples of their talents. Each year, the Bear River Fair has attracted community members and visitors alike to take a look at the creativity and crops that abound throughout the area. The Exhibit program is very important to the fair, and we need you to take part in that as well. Have you made anything in the past year? Photos?

Crafts? Woodworking? Bring it! Do you have a garden? Bring some fruit or veggies! How about house plants? Take 'em along! Please enter at least one item to make this year's fair the best ever! You do not have to be a resident of the area to exhibit. We'd love everyone to enter a few items. The more the merrier! Come and win bragging rights!!! There are categories for both adults and youth. Regulations and premium lists are available at www.BearriverMn.com or from Jane Bartlett at 218-376-4556. Exhibits must be entered on Saturday morning, Aug. 17, between 9 a.m. and 12 noon.

Treasures old and new are found by poking around at the Bear River Fair Flea Market booths. You never know what you will find - from antiques and gently-used items to wonderful items from Direct Sales companies, to newly crafted products and fresh baked goods. Contact Jane at 218-376-4556 for further information regarding setting up a table. More shopping may be done at the Mini Bazaar where you can purchase new items crafted by some of the incredibly talented people in the area. Hazel is the contact person for the Bazaar, and you may contact her at 218-969-3755.

There's food, too. A good gathering, after all, must have good food - and lots of it! Along with the outdoor food booth, there will be a wonderful pig roast on Saturday night - including live music from 3 - 7 p.m. by the "Lake Street Gang."

Tickets are available in advance or at the door. Contact Jane at 218-376-4556 for advance tickets - or get them from anyone involved with the fair. Sunday brings a morning worship service followed by a dinner of Swedish meatballs with mashed potatoes. Leave room for dessert, because the Bear River Church Pie Social follows the dinner. Casey Aro, a favorite for all ages, will be providing music and stories on Sunday afternoon from 1 - 3 p.m.

The Softball Tournament has become a great part of the fair, and will be happening on Saturday and Sunday. Come to watch, and to cheer for your favorite team! Back this year is the Dunk Tank where you can share in the fun by getting all wet - or getting someone else all wet! (If you're willing to take a dip in the tank, let Jane know!)

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

The Bear River Community Center/Old Bear River School is handicapped accessible and is located at the intersection of Hwys. 22 and 5.

Ely-Winton Historical Society

Summer History Nights Program

The program begin at 7 p.m. in CL 104 at Vermilion Community College. It is free and open to the public. A free-will donation is appreciated.

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Obituaries and Death Notices

Beverly C. Skogen

Beverly Caroline Skogen, 79, was released from her physical body, five years after being diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease. Her daughters were by her side. A Celebration of Life will be held at the Isabella Community Center at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Aug. 18. Burial will follow at the Isabella Cemetery.

She was born in 1939 to Clarence and Dorothy Bildeaux. She spent her early childhood in and around Danbury, Wis. For the next 25 years she lived in logging camps in NE Minnesota. She lived many years in Ely, where she raised her family and worked at several restaurants and stores, including Pamida and Piragis Northwoods Company. She was a natural

caretaker. She was there no matter what the circumstance. She saw the good in everybody. She enjoyed picking agates and berries, hunting deer and grouse, and loved being outside.

She was proud of her Ojibwe heritage and learned all she could so she could pass that on to her family. Her family was her greatest joy. She savored every moment she had with her grandchildren.

Beverly is survived by her daughters, Debby (David) Gravunder, Sherry (John) Williams and Dana Stroschein; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother, Tom (Sonny) Bildeaux; and many nieces and nephews.

his wife of almost 57 years, Dorothy of Lake Vermilion, Tower; daughters, Cynthia (James) Skubic of Virginia, Michele Van Baak (Jerry Lang) of Bowstring Lake and Karen Van Baak of Chisholm; six grandchildren, Laura Skubic, Erika (Jason) Strahan, Sara (Bailey) Felix, Marisa Wollenzien (Matthew Prokosch), Conor Wollenzien and Jack Bryan; and one great-grandchild, Thatcher Strahan.

Agnes M. Lozar

Agnes M. Lozar, 91, of Ely, passed away on Monday, Aug. 5, 2019, at Carefree Assisted Living in Ely. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, Aug. 8 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

Gerard J. Van Baak

Gerard "Gary" John Van Baak, 76, passed away peacefully, at his home, on Monday, July 29, 2019. Per Gary's wishes, there will be a private family service on a later date. He is survived by

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TRANSPORTATION

Range Regional Airport records highest single-month passenger count in a decade

REGIONAL - The Chisholm-Hibbing Airport Authority (CHAA) experienced the highest passenger count in a single month since July 1998.

A total of 1,788 passengers departed the Range Regional Airport in July 2019. Combined airline service provided by Delta / SkyWest Airlines and SunCountry

Airlines has resulted in a nine-percent growth over last year at this time. The Range Regional Airport has experienced an annual average growth of eight percent

for each of the past five years, resulting in a recent expansion of the airline terminal parking lot. The Airport Authority attributes the

increase to three factors:
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competitive rates; and
 ▶ Passengers recognizing the cost benefits of flying local, saving time and money.

TRAFFIC SAFETY

Ely man hurt in rollover crash

ELY - Alcohol appears to have been a factor in an early morning accident last Wednesday that resulted in injuries to an Ely man after he rolled his pickup truck in Morse Township.

Aaron Wallace Anderson, 38, was southbound on Hwy. 169 near Boundary Road about 6:45 a.m. on July 31 when his 2001 Dodge Ram drifted off the road, hit an embankment and rolled, according to the Minnesota State Police.

The road was dry and the weather was clear, according to the incident report. MSP Sgt. Neil

Dickenson said Anderson sustained non-life threatening injuries, and was transported by air ambulance to St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth.

"A blood sample was drawn by medical personnel at the hospital to determine Anderson's blood-alcohol level, and an analysis will determine if any charges will be filed," he said.

St. Louis County Sheriff's Department, Ely Area Ambulance, and Morse/Fall Lake Township Fire Department responded to the accident. The highway was closed for a brief time to allow the helicopter to land on the roadway, Dickenson added.

One injured in accident

BRITT - Mary Richard, 65, of Britt (and Lake Vermilion), was injured on Monday, Aug. 1, while driving on the Britt Bypass Rd. in rural Britt.

She had been driving northwest when her pickup crossed the centerline, traveled down into the oncoming lane's ditch and hit an embankment, sending her pickup airborne before it hit a large tree.

She was transported to the Virginia Hospital and was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. Virginia Fire and Ambulance, and Pike-Sandy-Britt Fire Department and First Responders responded to the scene.

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mediation session at city hall last Wednesday.

The deal, made public on Monday, pays Keith a lump sum severance of \$11,200, minus withholding, plus accumulated vacation pay of \$3,902, which the city is obligated to provide under her contract. The city will also pay \$4,504 to the Teamsters group health plan to provide for Keith's health insurance through the end of the calendar year. Keith will continue to be paid her regular salary and health benefits through the end of August.

Brunfelt explained that state law gives employees 21 days to make a final decision to sign a separation agreement, which is why the deal won't take effect for three weeks. Keith has already signed the agreement although she also has up to 15 days to change her mind.

City officials had been considering terminating Keith following the recent filing of criminal charges against her by the St. Louis County Attorney's Office, but Brunfelt noted that Keith's union contract allowed her to challenge any such termination through a binding arbitration process. Brunfelt said the legal fees and other costs associated with such a process can easily run \$20,000-\$25,000, while often taking six-to-twelve months to resolve. "And there's no guaranteed outcome, even in cases like this," he said. "If you take the \$20,000-\$25,000 and allocate toward a buyout, you get a guaranteed outcome."

Council members made it clear they weren't happy having to pay Keith anything under the circumstances. Keith has allegedly engaged in a wide variety of questionable conduct, including falsification of city records, false statements to the council, and mismanagement of city projects and finances. "People stop me in the street and ask why we would pay her anything, with some of the things that have happened," said council member Mary Shedd. "I agree it's a tough pill to swallow," said Beldo. Yet, in the end, councilors all agreed that it was the best course of action for the city. "We have a lot of work to do," said Kringstad. "We need to move on."

Brunfelt said the agreement amounts to a "pretty typical" settlement for such a separation, estimating that it amounts to about

six months total salary including the roughly two-and-a-half months that the city will have paid Keith while on suspension.

The agreement pertains solely to the employment relationship between the city and Keith, noted Brunfelt. "This has no relation to what happened in the case being brought by the county attorney," he said. Keith is set to appear in a Virginia courtroom on Aug. 30 to face charges that she falsified city records in order to remove Marshall HelMBERger as the president of the Tower Economic Development Authority last year. She faces a single gross misdemeanor count in that case for "misconduct by a public official." Former Tower Mayor Josh Carlson was also charged in that incident.

At the same time, the agreement means that Brunfelt will likely never complete the investigation he began last month into at least a dozen separate allegations against Keith. Brunfelt said he had largely completed his investigative work as of last week's mediation but had not yet begun to write up his report to the council.

While last week's mediation was ostensibly to address a separate grievance issue that Keith had filed, Brunfelt said the filing of criminal charges against Keith just days earlier had provided an opportunity to push for a broader settlement of her employment situation. "The timing worked out well," he said.

While the agreement eliminates all legal claims

that Keith might have toward the city, it does not prevent the city from pursuing a possible legal claim against Keith stemming from her intentional destruction of a city-owned laptop computer that was under her control.

The agreement also clears the way for the city to begin the search for a permanent replacement of Keith, who has worked for the city since 2012. The council will likely take up a job description and posting for the position at their regular meeting on Monday, Aug. 12.

Interim clerk-treasurer Ann Lamppa is expected to continue in her position until a permanent replacement is hired and trained.

Bridge loan approved

In other business, the council gave quick and unanimous approval to a \$500,000 grant anticipation loan from Frandsen Bank and Trust to cover the cost of a \$449,803 bill from Nordic Group for trail work done around the city's harbor. The city has yet to receive any reimbursement, to date, from a \$679,000 state grant, and needs to show payment of the bills on the project in order to receive reimbursement. The council, later in the meeting, approved payment of the Nordic Group bill.

While cities typically cannot borrow from a financial institution, like a bank, grant anticipation loans are allowed under state law. Mayor Kringstad said he expects the loan to be very short-term in nature

and to be repaid as soon as reimbursement funds are available to do so.

The council also approved a contract with Community Coaching, a community development business operated by Nancy Larson, of Soudan. Larson has been assisting the city in recent weeks to address longstanding problems and lack of reimbursement on several city projects financed with grant dollars. To date, Larson has worked on a volunteer basis, but she will now be paid for her grant-writing and project management services on an hourly basis of \$75 per hour.

"She has helped us tremendously," said

Kringstad. "She's very professional and will provide us with detailed reports going forward. I really see this as an investment in Tower rather than an expense."

In other business, the council postponed a decision on how to proceed with the change-out of fume extraction equipment at the new Lamppa Manufacturing facility. An estimate for the work, provided by the project's general contractor, Lenci Construction, came in at \$115,000—a figure that gave city officials pause.

Since then, Lamppa plant manager Dale Horihan has been in contact with the equipment manufacturer and a local installer

and is confident the work can be done for far less if the city has the work done itself. Lamppa officials say they are eager to get access to the new building and can work in the new facility even while waiting for removal and replacement of the existing fume extractor.

TEDA vice-president Marshall HelMBERger told the council that TEDA is willing to pursue the option of terminating the project with Lenci and moving forward with the modest change orders independently. The council is likely to take up the issue at their Aug. 12 meeting.

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SULFIDE MINING

MCEA looks to the courts for answers from PolyMet

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY — Representatives of the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy presented an update on pending litigation efforts against PolyMet Mining's proposed new copper-nickel mine to a Tuesday Group gathering here.

MCEA Chief Executive Officer Kathryn Hoffman, along with Staff Attorney Evan Mulholland and Director of Public Engagement Aaron Klemz, spoke to about 100 people as they outlined the status of as many seven separate lawsuits they are involved with that concern the PolyMet project. Their comments came just hours before a three-judge panel of the Minnesota Court of Appeals issued a stay on PolyMet's water discharge permit while a district court undertakes additional fact-finding into irregularities in the permitting process.

Earlier this year, PolyMet obtained all the state and federal permits required to open the state's first copper-nickel mine, near Hoyt Lakes. The company is seeking financing for the estimated \$1 billion cost of construction of the facility. No timeline exists for when the mine might

open, and this week's court developments could well create further delay in the company's plans.

"We were founded 45 years on the premise that the environment needs good lawyers to help protect it," Hoffman said. "Our particular niche is to provide legal and scientific expertise. In terms of the PolyMet mine process, we have come to the point where litigation is the primary tool that we have."

PolyMet's environmental review process began as early as 2005. "Through the review process leading up to the permitting late last year, we did see changes to the project for the better," Hoffman said.

For example, back in 2010, the project was going to let the water flow freely from the site into a nearby river after closing. "We pointed out that it is a big problem under the Clean Water Act, and they came back with a proposal to capture and treat the water before releasing it."

"However, we still have significant concerns," Hoffman added.

She joined MCEA in 2010 as staff attorney and works to support energy and mining issues. She was named CEO in January 2017. She holds a Masters in Public Policy with a concentration in

science, technology and the environment from the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs, and also serves as adjunct faculty at the University of Minnesota Law School.

"We are in federal court. We're in district court. We're in the Minnesota Court of Appeals. It's a lot," she said, as she described many of the lawsuits. They include a challenge of a U.S. Forest Service-PolyMet land exchange, as well as a suit seeking a supplemental environmental impact statement to study PolyMet's plans for a much larger mining operation than originally studied. MCEA has also launched litigation seeking better state sulfide mining rules, as well as challenges of air, water, and wetlands permits issued to PolyMet by both state and federal regulators.

Mulholland noted that the water discharge permit has captured recent state-wide and national media attention over claims both federal and state regulators tried to keep scientists' concerns over the proposed permit under wraps.

Klemz suggested PolyMet could be subject to a tailings dam collapse, as recently occurred at a mining operation in Brazil, noting that the same Illinois-based engineer who has minimized the

Court upholds state non-ferrous mining rules

REGIONAL — A coalition of environmental groups have argued in court for months that Minnesota's nonferrous metallic mining rules are too vague to be enforceable and don't readily protect the environment. But a three-judge panel of the state's Court of Appeals found otherwise this week. It was a victory for the Department of Natural Resources and PolyMet Mining in a week in which a second panel of appeals court judges put the company's water discharge permit on hold.

The lawsuit over state mining rules is among several filed by conservation and environmental groups after the state approved PolyMet Mining's controversial proposal to build Minnesota's first copper-nickel mine late last year.

The Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy and Friends of the Boundary Waters are the primary complainants in the current case over state rules.

The appeals court panel found that the state's mining rules governing nonferrous mining are valid, and

provide needed flexibility to regulate under various circumstances. In its decision, the three-judge panel said the conservation groups' complaint that the law does not impose specific limitations on copper-nickel mining is more appropriately directed to the state Legislature or the DNR.

PolyMet officials lauded the decision. "Minnesota's standards for nonferrous mining are among the strictest anywhere in the world, and we demonstrated through the extensive environmental review and permitting process that we can meet or exceed these standards," said PolyMet CEO Jon Cherry.

But MCEA legal director Kevin Reuther suggested his group will ask the state's Supreme Court to consider the issue. "Nonferrous mining presents new and unknown dangers," Reuther said in a statement, "and DNR's rules are not sufficient to protect Minnesota's resources. The state's highest court should review these rules given what's at stake."

risks with PolyMet had said the Brazilian dam had little chance of failure mere weeks before it collapsed.

"We're seeing a lot of patterns emerge where our agencies push this through in spite of the fact that there are red flags," he said.

A video clip of the dam failure prompted a suggestion from the audience that all state legislators should view the catastrophe. "A picture is worth a thousand words,"

said one audience member.

"PolyMet is the snowplow and the other mine projects are lined up behind it," Klemz said. "As we get into permitting, the precedents that are set here are very important, and it is not just legal precedent, but there is also political and social precedent as well. How are we going to use our regulatory tools to protect our water and our people? We are extremely concerned that the prece-

dents that are being set are not protecting our water."

During a brief question and answer period, Klemz responded to the recent dry-tailings option announced by Twin Metals as part of its own proposal for a copper-nickel mine near Ely. "It has the advantage of avoiding a catastrophic kind of failure, but it also has other issues, such as keeping all water out of the stack," Klemz said.

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a transfer to district court to hear and determine those irregularities."

The decision, in effect, puts a key permit for PolyMet's proposed copper-nickel mine near Hoyt Lakes on hold until further court action is completed. It's unclear how long such court action might take, but it could well take several months.

"What this means is that the court has given us time to find the truth," said Paula Maccabee, legal counsel for Water Legacy. "Not just a fragment of the truth, but the whole truth."

The primary "truth" at issue is whether the MPCA acted improperly by asking

the federal Environmental Protection Agency to withhold written comments on the draft NPDES permit for PolyMet and did so in order to keep the EPA's concerns out of the administrative record. Appellate courts are required to limit their examination of the appropriateness of agency decisions to the facts and documents that are contained in the administrative record, so keeping critical comments out of that record could have given the MPCA an advantage in any court challenge.

The MPCA's alleged actions were uncovered through a series of revelations, including a

public records request by Water Legacy as well as statements from a retired EPA staff attorney who voiced concerns from whistleblowers inside the federal agency. A union representing EPA employees later leaked an email from the MPCA's Shannon Lotthammer, which appeared to make the request that the EPA delay its submission of written comments.

Based on the revelations, the EPA's Office of Inspector General has launched an investigation of the handling of the permit. Minnesota's legislative auditor is also investigating the actions

of state officials involved in the permitting process.

The court's decision comes barely a week after nearly two dozen state legislators wrote Gov. Tim Walz asking for a stay of the permit while the court case proceeded. A group of Iron Range lawmakers responded, calling concerns that the process was flawed "fake news" in a letter to the editor distributed to area newspapers last week. Walz had opted to let the Court of Appeals decide the matter, which it now has done, suggesting that the concerns over process are widely-shared.

Environmental groups hailed the court's decision.

"Today's ruling is a victory for clean water and clean government," said Chris Knopf, Executive Director of Friends of the Boundary Waters. "Evidence of a cover-up at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has been growing for some time and we applaud the Court of Appeals' decision to stay the permit until these matters can be investigated fully."

Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy CEO Kathryn Hoffman, who spoke to Ely's Tuesday Group this week, called it an important ruling. "This stay recognizes that the PolyMet mine should not be allowed to move forward while the court takes the time necessary to get to the bottom of what happened here, and what impacts the suppression of comments has had on the underlying permit."

PolyMet officials did not respond to questions and a request for comment on the court decision. MPCA spokesperson Darin Broton expressed the agency's confidence, despite the ruling. "PolyMet's 479-page NPDES permit is a result

of an extensive collaborative process between the MPCA and EPA that protected Minnesota's most valuable resource — its water," stated Broton in a statement. "The MPCA gave the EPA extensive opportunities to provide feedback and comments on the permit, including 60 days for a formal review. MPCA is prepared to show the court that it addressed EPA's comments throughout the permitting process, and the EPA ultimately concluded that the permit was legally enforceable."

Meanwhile, the various parties to the case were set to appear in Ramsey County District Court on Wednesday to discuss the scheduling of further proceedings in the case. Maccabee said she planned to ask for full discovery to allow the parties to depose witnesses and subpoena documents. "There are a lot of important things we still don't know and a lot of important documents we still don't have," said Maccabee. "The question is, what does the court see as the appropriate level of discovery?"



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nervous with the score knotted right up to the final inning.

"That's why I love this game so much," she said, as Caledonia players rounded the bases. "It can be so exciting."

As she packed up her gear to catch up with her team, she admitted that this was her first time in Ely. "This is a pretty amazing field here, and the community is so full of really nice people."

She was impressed that the Luverne team members were allowed to get their food first at the opening night banquet because they drove the furthest to get to Ely. "They are seven hours away and we are only six hours away," Augedahl said. "They won that one, but we won today when it counts."

From a roster of 126 teams in playoff action for the last several weeks, the road, to the state title ended at, well, the end of the road with the final eight teams competing here all weekend for the championship trophy.

This past weekend's competition added another chapter to Ely's rich history of hosting major American Legion baseball tournament at the venerable Veterans Memorial Field on the ISD 696 campus.

In the past 50 years, as many as nine state Legion tournaments have been hosted by Ely. "After a six-year absence we again have major tournament action in 'Tourney Town USA,'" said Ely baseball coach and tournament organizing committee member Tom Coombe.

The events last weekend marked the culmination of a year-long community effort and a \$45,000 investment to make much-needed improvements to the ball park to showcase Ely's commitment to the game.

The Ely Baseball Association hosted the event, that brought players from all around the state to compete for the state title. American Legion baseball is the highest level of youth baseball, with participants ages 19 and under.

Competition started Friday morning. A pause in the action Friday evening for an opening ceremony and a salute to local military veterans preceded Ely's first game of the tournament.



The 2019 Ely American Legion baseball team stands at attention last Friday during the opening ceremony of the state championship tournament at Veterans Memorial Field. photo by K. Vandervort

Bill Erzar, a U.S. Air Force veteran, was one of about two-dozen veterans who took part in the opening ceremony. "I think we have one of the nicest baseball fields in the whole state," he said. "The whole complex is first-class."

Erzar recalled other big baseball tournaments in Ely's past. "I was right here back in 1980 when we had the American Legion World Series. I met Ted Williams and Bob Fellers, and we had a terrible storm that Saturday night that flooded out the whole field. It looked like it would never drain, but the tourney never missed a beat."

Erzar was quick to commend the Ely Baseball Association. "They sure know how to run a tournament."

Lyle and Cheryl Mattson traveled from Virginia on Friday to watch their nephew, Trevor, play ball for Ely. They said they liked the improvements to the ball field, and always like coming to Ely. "My best part is just watching the games," Cheryl said. Denise Bishop, an Ely Memorial High School grad who is now a nurse in Madison, Wis., said on Facebook, "The American Legion State Tournament in Ely makes me reflect on my younger years and my dad, Dick (A.J.) Foy, who coached Little League in Ely for many years in 1970s and 1980s. I grew up at the baseball field and remember the first World Series at Legion Field."

Cori Housey, who has a son, Tyler, on the Ely team, also helped to organize the tournament. "There was a lot of hard work that went into this. It was a big challenge getting the field into shape along with the rest of stadium," she said. When the Legion officials came up to inspect the field, they were really impressed."

Major sponsors for the weekend included Ely Dairy Queen, Twin Metals Minnesota, Steger Mukluks, Zup's Food Market, Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, Mesabi Bituminous/Nemanich Trucking, Fortune Bay

Resort Casino and the North American Bear Center.

Augedahl said she was hit with one more big impression at Veterans Memorial Field, "I like that they have indoor plumbing!"

Results

While Ely, as host, was among the eight teams taking part in this weekend's tournament, they struggled throughout, falling 9-0 in the opening round to the tournament's eventual champion, Dilworth-

Glyndon-Felton, or DGF. Ely went on to lose 4-1 to Luverne and 7-1 to Breckenridge.

The team from Caledonia took third place in the tournament, so had something to cheer about on their six-hour journey home.



A young Ely baseball fan greeted the Legion team members as they took the field last Friday for their first game in the Division II state championship tournament. photo by K. Vandervort

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doing their part to improve living conditions for families, and trying to help create more sustainable communities.

Guatemala, which lies just south of Mexico, is the most populous country in Central America with about 16 million residents. Poverty, crime, and climate change (recent droughts have caused extreme food shortages for almost 840,000 people according to the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization) have caused unprecedented numbers of Guatemalans and other Central Americans to migrate north in recent years.

Vaske, a summer resident on Lake Vermilion who is well-known for the homemade pies she sells at the Tower Farmers Market, has been leading mission trips to Guatemala for many years as part of the San Lucas Mission project. The mission, which was established by the New Ulm Diocese of Minnesota, was started in the 1960s in the central highlands of the country. Father Greg Schaffer was initially sent on a two-year mission there, but ended up staying the next 50 years, Vaske said. The mission is now operated as its own non-profit and employs around 100 Guatemalans. San Lucas has established a Women's Center, hospital and health clinics, and an elementary school. The mission also provides business support services for small coffee growers and roasters, crafters and artisans, and builds homes.

San Lucas sponsors mission trips which are cross-cultural volunteer experiences. Participants explore the local culture and communities, as well as work alongside Guatemalans on service projects such as building



Lauren and Shelby Vaske spoke about their Guatemala mission work last week at the Tower Civic Center. photo by J. Summit

simple homes.

Shelby's daughter, Lauren Vaske, now lives in Guatemala full-time. She started working as the volunteer coordinator for San Lucas Mission but is now the country director for Sharing the Dream in Guatemala, a group that works with 90 different groups of crafters and artisans, providing technical and marketing assistance, providing sales outlets, and creating sustainable jobs. The goal is to create jobs that will support the local families.

"We make sure they are paid fairly," she said.

Profits from the program (and from sales of the hand-crafted items in stores in South Dakota) help fund a health clinic, student scholarships, and an elder center which provides meals and health services.

Guatemala does not provide any sort of social security, Lauren said.

"The elders are the poorest of the poor," said Lauren. "There is no social safety net. You work until you are no longer able to, and then hope a family member will take care of you."

Sharing the Dream also raises funds by offering sponsorships for either elders or students. They also offer trips that focus on learning about Guatemala's culture, cooking, and artisans.

Bergetta Indihar, from Tower, went on her first mission trip with Shelby this past year. Indihar became interested in Guatemala when her niece, Erin McGillivray, served there while in the Peace Corps. Indihar said she knew she'd never be able to do a stint in the Peace Corps, but she jumped at the opportunity to travel to San Lucas.

"The focus of the mission trip wasn't necessarily what we were going to do," she said, "but what we were going to learn." While the trip did include some heavy labor, like mixing cement by hand while helping to build efficient indoor cookstoves for families, it also included plenty of time learning about and visiting the community, as well as some more recreational side trips.

Pastor Liz Cheney,

of Cook, is currently in Guatemala, on a mission trip for Recycled Lives. Cheney, who is the minister for Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower, went on her first mission trip in 2011, and has led a mission team to work in a community in San Gabriel every year since 2015. The community, of several hundred people, is located on a large garbage dump. Community members make a meager living scavenging and selling items found on the dump site. Many live outdoors right on the dump.

Recycled Lives was founded by a couple from Minnesota, Brad and Shawn Johnson, who moved to Guatemala to continue their mission work full-time. They build simple concrete houses for homeless families, and also build efficient indoor cookstoves and bunkbeds. The group also distributes food to 130 families once

a month and does outreach activities with both adults and children.

Recycled Lives has a goal of building relationships, with a hand up, not a handout.

"We see you. We love you like Jesus does," said Pastor Cheney in a recorded video. "Each year I return to visit the families I've worked with. I get to watch their children grow up. We are all connected. Though they live a very hard life, they are like me and you. They all have the same hopes for their children and families."

It costs about \$4,500 to build a home for a family, said Angie Gurius, another volunteer for Recycled Lives. The cookstove program provides an efficient, indoor cooking stove along with pots and pans for \$200 per family. The group also builds bunkbeds which are installed in the home so children have a space of their own, off the floor. They also supply corrugated tin to repair existing homes and roofs.

"I've never worked so hard in my life and enjoyed it more," said Kathy Siskar, another local Recycled Lives volunteer. "I did things I never thought I could do, mixing concrete by hand and hauling it in wheelbarrows."

Cheryl Lamppa is another local volunteer, having completed an earlier mission trip as part of a Thrivent Builds for Habitat trip to Guatemala, as well as a recent Recycled Lives trip.

Jet Galonski, another area resident, has done work with Living Water International, now called

Unbound, which sponsors children in Guatemala and many other countries. Unbound also goes into communities and teaches women how to become community leaders, giving out small loans to empower them, he said.

Vaske also serves on the board of another group, Stoves for Guatemala, started by a retired cabinetmaker from Minnesota. The group raises money and then hires a local crew to build cookstoves in the San Gabriel area. Their goal is to be able to fund the crew year round. Right now the crew is able to work five months a year.

While going on a mission trip is certainly a worthwhile experience, Indihar said that now that she has done a trip, she is more likely to simply donate money to one of these groups.

"I went for the experience," she said, "and if I could convince any of you to go on a mission trip anywhere I'd feel like I've accomplished something." But personally, she said, she has seen how much relatively small amounts donated to groups in Guatemala can do, and said monetary donations are a very worthwhile goal.

The cost to go on one of these mission trips varies from around \$1,500, plus airfare, to about \$3,000, participants said.

To find out more about the organizations represented at the event, please visit these websites:

- recycledlives.org
- Sanlucasmision.org
- Sharingthedream.org
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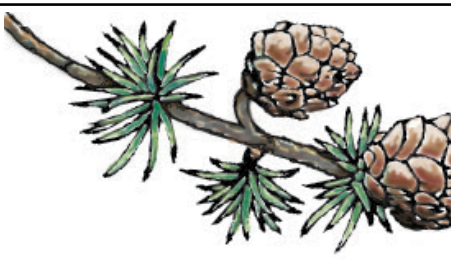
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BOIS FORTE

Nett Lake band 'War Bonnet' to perform at Duluth music fest

by CRYSTAL DEY
Cook-Orr Editor

NETT LAKE – A band bound to the North Country will be gracing the stage at Wild Waters Music Fest in Duluth next week. Native to Nett Lake, the band War Bonnet is a natural fit in the concert lineup. Wild Waters is part of a campaign to protect the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, located near reservation land.

War Bonnet is Chaz Wagner, 42, of Nett Lake and Tony Parson, 43, of Buhl. The two write all their own material, drawing from personal experience and passions.

"We're going to bring a lot of emotion to our show," Wagner said. "We're connected to this land."

Wagner said War Bonnet's involvement in the Wild Waters Music Fest is befitting, as the Boundary Waters are in territory that originally belonged to Minnesota tribes, but was later ceded to the United States through the 1854 Treaty.

Parson explained the festival is tied to the heavily-debated copper-nickel mining controversy.

Wild Waters Music Fest is an environmental awareness effort created in part by the Campaign to Save the Boundary Waters. The campaign, led by Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness, aims to educate people about the effects of proposed sulfide-ore copper mining near the Boundary Waters and its watershed.

"It's too much to risk, if something goes wrong, and it probably will," Parson said. "It's just the wrong spot to have a mine. Copper-sulfide isn't like steel or iron ore mining." Parson voiced concern that the companies planning to mine the area are not local and do not have to live with the consequences.

"We're not anti-mining; our dads worked in the mines," Parson said. "The festival is to raise awareness about the dangers of mining."

Wagner said the one message he most wants to give listeners is to honor the earth.

"In today's society we create so much pollution and cause so much harm to the environment. We should really look back to the past and what Native Americans were doing for answers on how we can be more ecofriendly," Wagner said.

War Bonnet is one of nine Minnesota artists and groups selected to perform at Wild Waters. The band will be joined by five other musicians who make up the War Bonnet performance ensemble. Joining Wagner and Parson on stage will be vocalist Becky Frichek, Eric Krenz on lead guitar, bassist Sean Zarn, Tom Frichek on drums and Alex Mehne playing euphonium. Wagner said each member of the ensemble has a personal connection to



War Bonnet and their performance ensemble will be performing at Wild Waters Music Fest to Save the Boundary Waters on Friday, Aug. 16 at Bayfront Festival Park in Duluth. Left to right are: Tom Frichek, Chaz Wagner, Tony Parson, Alex Mahne, Becky Frichek, Sean Zarn and Eric Krenz. photos by C. Dey

Waking at Wild Waters

the land and the Bois Forte reservation.

"Out of all the great bands in Minnesota, they chose us," Wagner said. "It's an honor."

The festival takes place on Friday, Aug. 16 at Bayfront Festival Park in Duluth. Tickets are \$33 and can be purchased through TicketMaster.com. A portion of ticket proceeds will be distributed to Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness.

Beyond the Boundary Waters

Topics of War Bonnet's music extend beyond wilderness protection. The yet-to-be released song "Ikwe" brings awareness to the current issue of missing women in the U.S. and Canada. "Ikwe" is the Ojibwe word for "woman."

Wagner explained although the "Ikwe" video was shot in Nett Lake and shows images of indigenous women, the song and video are meant to bring awareness to missing women everywhere.

"It's going to feature some of the indigenous women who are still missing today and some that have passed on. It's going to be really emotional," Wagner said.

Diversification is a key component in War Bonnet's lyrics. The band has used some Ojibwe, as in "Ikwe," and also incorporates Lakota in other songs. Presently, the band is working on collaborating with Ojibwe rapper, WahWah Tay.

"Music speaks universally," Wagner said. "It's really not about being Native or not Native, it's about being human."



Becky Frichek sings "Ikwe" during rehearsal for the War Bonnet set. The seven-person War Bonnet ensemble practiced on Sunday, Aug. 4 in Cook.

"Ikwe" will be released on the next album scheduled for completion by the end of 2019. Wagner said War Bonnet, along with their performance ensemble, will debut 'Ikwe' at the Wild Waters Music Fest.

Instrumental inspiration

War Bonnet has pioneered a new sound different from any other genre of music. The band describes their music as "indigenous rock."

Wagner said War Bonnet's music

can fit into rock, folk, new-age and Native fusion among other genres. Activist, poet, musician and actor John Trudell remains a major influence in their music.

"It can be complex...there's a lot going on," Wagner said.

Rhythmic instrumentals, organic vocals and electronica are some elements found in the War Bonnet sound. Parson said their first album, "The Ghost Dance," helped them create their sound, and the second album expanded on that creation. Parson vocalizes primarily in the studio but is working on incorporating his voice into more live performances. He also plays keyboard. Wagner provides lead vocals and rhythm guitar.

"Our next album is going to eclipse 'The Ghost Dance,'" Wagner predicted.

War Bonnet's message embodies a balance between celebrating Native American heritage and bridging the gap between communities with music. Wagner said it is important for people to have pride, but to also celebrate differences.

"I would gauge our success by the shows we play and our audience reception," Wagner said. "It's been amazing. When people come to see us it's not what they expect at all but they come away with some feeling of pride."

"And self-empowerment," Parson added.

War Bonnet's music can be found on YouTube. Their songs are also included in the KBFT radio lineup at 89.9 FM where Wagner is a project manager.

EDUCATION

Frank Zobitz takes leadership role at Vermilion Country School

Tower native happy to be "back home"

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- For Frank Zobitz, education is a family tradition.

His father, Francis, was a well-loved and long-time teacher at the Tower-Soudan High School. Most of his seven siblings went into education as well, and his wife, Suzanne, teaches high school Spanish at Cretin-Derham Hall in St. Paul.

And the tradition continues. The couple's oldest daughter, Hannah, is an elementary teacher at a charter school in Minneapolis.

Zobitz is now back in Tower, as the new school administrator at the Vermilion Country School, and he brings a solid resumé in education, both at the high school and college level, along with extensive experience in

computers and technology. He most recently worked for the state of Minnesota as an Information Technology Specialist and Senior Project Manager. He has a bachelor's degree in business administration, graduate coursework in education, a Minnesota teaching license for grades 7-12 in business education/economics, and a master's degree in Management of Technology.

Zobitz's technology background is coming at a crucial time for the grades 7-12 charter school, which just received a Blandin Foundation grant to upgrade the school's Internet technology and take advantage of recently-installed fiber optic cable at the school. "Being connected through fiber is key to being a part of the global community," said Zobitz. "There is a lot of stuff out there we can



tap into."

The broadband grant will also allow the school to offer community education classes to the wider community, as well as offering students many more online opportunities in both

academics and the arts.

Zobitz will be working with the school's staff to make sure the grant dollars are used in ways that will benefit the school and the community well into the future.

Zobitz has plenty of expe-

rience working with teenagers, having taught high school for eight years. And he is eager to provide leadership at the school and continue the school's advances in meeting the educational needs of its student body.

"I want to continue the progress that the school has made," he said. This past year VCS was given a five-year contract extension from its authorizer, Audubon Center of the Northwoods, which is one of the largest charter school authorizers in Minnesota. VCS was the only school given a five-year contract last year, and the decision was based on the school's strong record of showing measurable academic progress for its students.

Zobitz said the school's largest challenge at this point is enrollment. The school attracts

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students from a 30-mile radius but would like to increase student numbers from the low 40s to closer to 50, which would allow the school to hire additional teaching staff.

Zobitz said providing a solid educational foundation, which VCS does, will help in recruiting new students.

Zobitz is also looking forward to providing support for the school's teaching staff.

He noted that the teaching staff at VCS is experienced and dedicated to what they do.

"There is energy here that is fun to see," he said.

Given his family's involvement in education, he knows how busy and stressful the lives of teachers can be. "I want our teachers to enjoy coming here every day, and make their work less stressful," he said.

Zobitz said his goal is to provide organizational direction without micro-

managing. The school has a teacher-team model, with the licensed teaching staff overseeing curriculum, classes, and student life.

Zobitz's first day on the job was Aug. 1. While he began getting familiar with the school and his new responsibilities, he worked with returning school staff as they planned out teacher and staff training to be held later in the month.

VCS also has two new teachers coming on board. Kelly Wilkinson is the school's new special education teacher, and Bradley Neyens is the new social studies teacher. All the school's other staff are returning for the new school year, including teachers Paula Herbranson, Karin Schmidt, and Allan White; and paraprofessionals Michelle Maki, Morgen Carlon, and Mandy Northrup. Office manager Jolene Herberg and kitchen manager Cindy Pettinelli are both returning, along

with the school's transportation team. Former school administrator and social studies teacher Kevin Fitton has left for a new job after his five-year stint at VCS.

Zobitz and his wife bought a home on Pike Bay several years ago, not far from where his mother Joan still lives. They've been spending as much time as possible there the past few years, and now Frank is happy to be here full-time, and Suzanne is hoping to follow him up here permanently soon.

"We really appreciate what northern Minnesota has to offer," he said. "And personally, I was ready to get out of the rat race in the cities."

VCS is planning a community open house and first day of school celebration on Thursday, Aug. 29. Students will attend all day, and the public is invited from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Anyone interested in learning more about the school or scheduling a tour can call the school at 218-753-1246 (please leave a message, school staff is part-time in the summer), or by emailing Frank Zobitz at fzobitz@vermilioncountry.org.

'American Pickers' TV show to film in Minnesota

REGIONAL - Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are returning to Minnesota. They plan to film episodes of the hit series "American Pickers" throughout the state in October.

American Pickers is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on The History Channel. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and

learn the interesting stories behind them. As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue forgotten relics.

Along the way, the pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen

before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

American Pickers is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to americanpickers@cinetflix.com, or call 855-OLD-RUST.

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2-3:30pm	Dorothy Molter Museum: Camp KWITCHURBELIAKIN, outdoor learning, Kids 4-12. Registration recommended
2-4pm	Pioneer Mine/Ely Arts & Heritage: Historic Ely Pioneer Mine Museum Open
4pm	Historic Walking Tour: Meet Your Guide in front of City Hall
5-7pm	Whiteside Park: Farmers Market/NLAA Artist Market
5:30-6:30pm	Mealey's Tiki Deck-Music: Shagawa Shorty
7-9pm	Mealey's Tiki Deck-Music: Jef, Matt and Andy
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PUBLIC NOTICES

**CITY OF ELY
Council Minutes
July 16, 2019
Regular Meeting
Ely City Council – City
Hall, Council Chambers**

Langowski indicated that the four properties on Boundary Street do not want to be annexed in to the City.

Committee to direct the City Attorney and City Staff to work with the Nimmo's concerning the request for the vacation of the ROW, transfer of the cemetery property and ensure an easement is retained to access the cemetery. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent.

descriptions to include the duties covered in the MOU. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent.

upcoming events at the library which can be located on the Library Website.

requested the city provide an easement access route through the Wastewater Treatment Plant to that parcel. This easement would follow along the southerly boundary of the Wastewater Treatment Plant allowing access of a 30 foot easement into the property owned by the City of Ely and St. Louis County. Attorney Klun indicated that the city also has the first right of refusal if the intent of the county was to ever sell that parcel. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent.

Attorney Klun stated that the \$100 fine is statutory. Mayor Novak stated that we owe it to the citizens that live in the neighborhood. Omerza indicated that we need some way to get his attention to get these items remedied. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent.

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Novak called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:30pm

CONSENT AGENDA: Omerza/Campbell moved to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman absent.

Callen/ Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from the Projects Committee to apply to the IRRR for the remaining funds needed to complete the Hidden Valley Mt Bike Trails. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent.

Emergency Management Update: Minutes included in the packet

Police Chief
Chief Lahtonen indicated that they sold the 2007 Expedition to the Town of Morse for \$7500.

City Engineer

NEW BUSINESS:
Callen/Kess moved to approve Resolution 2019-024 Resolution Authorizing to Execute Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement For Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition. Roll Called: Council Member A.Forsman-Absent, Kess-Yes, Debeltz-Yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-Yes, Campbell-Yes and Mayor Novak- yes. Motion Carries 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent

PRESENT: Council members Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, Callen, Campbell, and Mayor Novak
ABSENT: Council member A.Forsman

REQUESTS TO APPEAR:
Greg Knutson – Walker, Giroux & Hahne – Audit Presentation
Greg Knutson, CPA with Walker, Giroux & Hahne presented a review of the 2018 Audit. The only deficiency noted was the Segregation of Duties which occurs due to the limited number of personnel within the City's administration office, the segregation of accounting functions necessary to ensure adequate internal accounting control is not possible. It was recommended that officials and management should constantly be aware of this condition, attempt to segregate duties as much as possible and provide oversight to partially compensate for this deficiency.

Callen/Omerza moved to approve recommendation from the Projects Committee to approve the installations of the signs donated from Rotary as recommended by Sergeant Burger, near the school, Whiteside, and Semer's Park. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent.

Housing & Redevelopment Authority: Minutes included in the packet

City Attorney
Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the Note and Mortgage for James Reed and Ronda Reed at 1350 N 18th Ave E for a \$10,000 Residential Rehab Loan. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent.

COMMUNICATIONS: Matter of Information Correspondence on Land Exchange
RAMS July 2019 Newsletter
Correspondence from the Embarrass Region Fair

Campbell/Omerza moved to approve the Residential Rehab Loan for Danette Carlson at 132 E Boundary St for new windows and doors for \$10,000, pending proper paperwork and fees and to direct Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and to proceed with loan processing. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent.

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D E P A R T M E N T A L REPORTS:

Callen/Omerza moved to approve Resolution 2019-025 Resolution Establishing the City of Ely's Intent to Vacate a Portion of Power Street.
Attorney Klun indicated that this street splits the owner's property on Chandler Street. Roll Called: Council Member A.Forsman- Absent, Kess-Yes, Debeltz-Yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-Yes, Campbell-Yes and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion carries 6-0-1 with A.Forsman absent.

CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:
City and EUC claims for July 16, 2019 – \$15,777.64
Benchmark Engineering Invoice #1907-23 for the Voyageur Country ATV Trail for \$3,215.00.
SEH Invoice #369911 for the Voyageur Country ATV Trail for \$2,391.03
Omerza/Callen moved to approve the Claims for Payment items A-C. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent.

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Langowski stated that the Sheridan Street trees did not survive well this winter. The speculation is that with the early winter and late spring and that the boulevard is a tough environment for the trees to survive in. Langowski indicated that we will be working with the Tree Board about what to do with the trees.

Hazardous Material Inspection for proposed demolition of Ely-Winton Historical Society building on W Shagawa Road.
Langowski indicated that the Ely Winton Historical Society has received an IRRR grant for the demo.

Callen/Omerza moved to schedule a Public Hearing for the Vacation of Power Street on August 20, 2019 at 5:15pm. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent.

OLD BUSINESS:
Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve Rita Koch to be appointed to the Tree Board Term expiring April 2, 2022. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent.

OPEN FORUM
John Esse discussed the junk car ordinance and that a junk vehicle should be enclosed in a building. Esse stated that a policy statement needs to be made in order to be able to take care of junk cars around town. Esse indicated that the police commission and police chief should look at this policy.
Chief Lahtonen indicated that the police commission will not be having a discussion on this, the police commissions job is for the hiring, firing, and discipline of the police officers.

MAYOR'S REPORT
Mayor Novak indicated that the Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities conference is next week. Council member Omerza and Novak are going to the conference, Mayor Novak put Council Member Callen in charge in case of an emergency.
Mayor Novak indicated that a supervisor for the Town of Morse is pushing the land swap request. This is an issue between St. Louis County and the City of Ely. The Town of Morse is requesting a memorandum of understanding from the City. Mayor Novak indicated that the City has given the Town of Morse all the other information. Mayor Novak suggested that the City send a letter to Town of Morse to put together the Memorandum of Understanding.

They also recommend that adjusting journal entries be recorded to make corrections to any batches previously posted to the general ledger. An adjusting journal entry will provide an "audit trail" for the activity in the account code. Langowski commented on the management point. The grant process is quiet complex and it is a big task to put all the projects together with all the grants.
Omerza stated that she has asked other Minnesota cities about the segregation of duties and a lot of cities get that deficiency.

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Omerza stated that anyone wanting to help water the trees to let the clerk's office know and they can get you in touch with a tree board member.

Hazardous Material Inspection for proposed demolition of Ely-Winton Historical Society building on W Shagawa Road.
Langowski indicated that the Ely Winton Historical Society has received an IRRR grant for the demo.
Omerza/Callen moved to approve the quote from NTS for the pre-demolition hazardous material inspection for the proposed demolition of the Ely-Winton Historical Society Building on West Shagawa Road for \$1166.50. Langowski indicated that the historical society will be responsible for the cost of the inspection and will be invoiced for the work. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent.

Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance No. 336 2nd Series An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Adding to the Ely City Code, Chapter 20, Section 20.13.23, Entitled Vacation of a Portion of City-Owned Property, Power Street. Roll Called: Council Member A.Forsman-Absent, Kess-Yes, Debeltz-Yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-Yes, Campbell-Yes and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carries 6-0-1 with A.Forsman Absent

21 W Shagawa Rd – Sherwood Building Official Whitney indicated that Sherwood has completed several items, but the biggest item to be completed is the front porch is still in disrepair. In Whitney's inspection report he indicated that the following items are not completed: a) removal or repair of the front porch and ensure access is code compliant, e)Entire roofing structure must be completely code compliant (soffits and fascia), f) Proper building permits shall be pulled prior to execution(need permit for garage), Note) the side porch was removed and replaced with a deck, partially done.
Mayor Novak asked for a recommendation.
Whitney indicated a \$100 fine could be given for the items not completed on time.
Omerza/Kess moved to impose a \$100 fine for each of the four items that are not completed per week until the items are completed.

ADJOURN
Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:52pm without objection.

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COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Standing/Special Projects Committee
Callen/Omerza moved to approve the recommendation from the Projects

Ely Economic Development Authority
Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from EEDA to change the EEDA Meeting to the last Tuesday of the month at 5:30pm and to have the Study Session at after the EEDA meeting starting in August 2019. Motion Carried 6-0-1 with A.Forsman absent.

Telecommunications Advisory Board : Minutes included in the packet

Easement Required for Lockhart ROW Vacation
Omerza/Campbell moved to approve the Easement between the City and St. Louis County for a 33 feet wide roadway easement over, under, and across the south boundary of Government Lot 2, Section 28, Township 63 North, Range 12 West, St. Louis County, Minnesota. Attorney Klun indicated that this easement has to do with the ROW vacation that Haugen has requested on Lockhart Street. The County has asked that access not be blocked to their fractional interest in land that is adjacent to the wastewater treatment plant. The County

Casey Velchiff
Deputy Clerk

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rates if they would like and we can see if any other companies compete.

8) Schedule of Collection it stated that collection will be performed not before 6:30am and Monday through Friday. Langowski stated that we could look at picking up seven days a week. The last time the contract was up the Sanitation committee put a lot of time in to the contract. The contract was put it out for bids and we only received the one bid from Gmen.

ment. Day stated that he has made a sizable investment in equipment to provide the services requested in the current contract. Day read a letter he sent to the council for reconsideration of the termination of the Sanitation Contract with Gmen and the City of Ely. Day stated in his letter that it is unfortunate that one formal complaint have such a detrimental effect on a business and community as a whole. Gmen will continue to carry on with business as usual. Day indicated that his business and employees are part of the Local 49 Union. Day stated that he has made numerous charitable contributions to many organizations in the Ely Community and listed some of the things he has donated to. Day has also done a lot of community services including helping with the new playground set up at Whiteside, storm damage and many other things. Day stated that the 15 year term was the largest factor in investing in the business with the roll carts and new equipment. Day stated that nobody has to use Gmen, they can haul the refuse themselves, it is not mandatory that they use Gmen in the contract. Day discussed the customer service and emergency services he has provided for his customers and for the City of Ely. Day indicated that his office is open 7am-5pm Monday-Friday and his cell phone is listed on the voicemail in case of emergency situations. Day read a letter from Chris McKinney SGT USMC. McKinney stated that he supports JJ and the Gmen. McKinney stated that Day finds many different ways in which to show his willingness to lend a helping hand, and is always looking to do more for the community. McKinney stated that Day is known for his passion for his employees, business ethos, customer focus, integrity, and attention to detail means the business will operate at high levels. Day stated that he has not had many internal complaints. One complaint that he received was because the refuse did not get picked up for a customer, but that was because the customer did not pay their bill. Day indicated that he has

been more than willing to work with the commercial businesses and the particular business customer that has complained. Day indicated that the particular customer has a commercial container that doesn't get used and that Day's employees have to go into this business to get the trash. Day stated that he has been more than willing to work with this customer, but he has been cussed at and ran out of their store. Day indicated that he has pictures of this establishment that they take daily if anyone would like to look at the conditions. Day stated that he has tried to pass cost savings on to this customer worth over \$5000 per year, but they are not upset about the cost, and they have no other complaints other than they feel like they should have service 7 days a week. Day stated that we live in small town of Ely, Minnesota; we are not a metropolitan city. If there was a problem that Gmen could not provide a service that they need, that would be something that Day would be concerned about. Day stated that he has the service there, he has multiple containers that they could use, but they don't want them and they won't use them. Day indicated that there is illegal commercial collection going on currently by another hauler in the City of Ely which is against the contract. Day stated that he knows for a fact that this is happening as it just happened yesterday by the other hauler at 3:30pm. This has been brought up in the past at the sanitation committee that they have had commercial containers out in town. Day indicated that his rates have increased by 28% with St. Louis County since 2011 and Gmen has only increased the Commercial rate 1.5% since he purchased the business. Rates today are \$1.27 cheaper from when they rolled out the cart program. Day stated that they also offer pay as you throw, this is a cart with a different color lid that customers can put out when they need their garbage picked up, this program does have a \$.63 monthly minimum service fee in addition to the garbage removal. They also offer a flat rate program with at 32 gallon cart for \$55 per

quarter or a 64 gallon cart for \$74.61 per quarter.

a huge service he provides for business owners. Merhar indicated that it is wrong to only give him 5 months to potentially lose the contract after the investment he has made to this community. Day provides job security, livable wages and offers his employees to be a part of the Local 49. Merhar indicated that anything Day makes goes back into his business and employees; he cares about his employees and gives them livable wages. Merhar stated that he always supports local sports and events and numerous things we don't even know about, he does more than meets the eye for this community.

CALL TO ORDER
Mayor Novak called the study session to order at 5:30pm.

Campbell indicated that the contract term is a 15-year contract with the renewals and that is a long contract.

Kess indicated that he is advocating for a residential contract and for no commercial contract. Businesses can go to whoever they want for refuse removal. Kess stated that he does not see a need for a commercial contract.

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Mayor Novak indicated that this will be brought up to the Sanitation Committee, the meeting will be published on the City Calendar on the website.

Paul Ivancich- Owner Ely Dairy Quanc
Ivancich indicated that when the city could no longer recycle cardboard Gmen took on the task. Ivancich stated that Gmen picks up cardboard from his business two times a week and the service has been invaluable. Ivancich stated that Day has invested in scales on the truck to make the bills fair for refuse services. Ivancich also warned the council that going out for bids doesn't necessarily mean getting lower rates; the Gmen's rates are fair. Ivancich stated that the Gmen does a great job and JJ reflects well in the community.

Jay Poshak – Owner J & L Hardware
Poshak stated he is not here to bash anyone, no one has said anything bad about the service that the Gmen provides. Poshak indicated that the City should give the commercial customer a fair chance, in life a commercial business is not stricken to do business with one person or one vendor. Just give it a fair choice for the commercial businesses.

PRESENT: Council Members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, Callen, Campbell, and Mayor Novak

A.Forsman stated that he is happy with the current rates, St. Louis County's rates have gone up and Gmen has not raised the rates.

Mayor Novak asked if anyone wanted to discuss recycling.

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Ron Moen- 34 E James St
Moen asked why they have to charge for one pick up every month whether you have garbage out or not.

Misty Merhar – Business Owner of Ace Hardware
Merhar stated that the cost of the Gmen services has not gone up in 5 years. They are always on time and if you need an extra pick up they are there within 24 hours. They provide great service. Merhar stated as far as complaints, there have not been any formal complaints. If a complaint has not been written down and shared with all the council members it should not be considered. Merhar stated that the Gmen and JJ have made a significant investment in the roll carts and equipment that he has purchased. Cardboard is

Kathy Brandau – Mayor of Winton
Brandau stated that when the City of Winton has a complaint it is in writing or if she hears a complaint on the street she tells the person to put their name on the agenda. If the complaints are just on the street and did not formally come to the council it is not a valid complaint. Brandau stated that she has not seen more of an excellent business owner than JJ, the things he donates and does for the community is unbelievable. When it comes to the council's decision keep all these good things that Gmen and JJ have done for the community in your mind.

ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA:

Omerza asked where it discusses recycling in the contract.
A.Forsman stated that it came up when Ely Safe Ride brought up wanting to do recycling.
Kess indicated that on page 1 of the Sanitation Contract Section 3) 1) it gives the definition of "Refuse" which included bottles, cans, glassware, paper etc. In Section 3) 7) it indicated that the following refuse and garbage will be collected and disposed of by the contractor including cans, bottles, etc. Attorney Klun indicated that recycling can be one of the things looked at.

Langowski indicated that recycling is not "free"; it comes out of the waste assessment fee on everyone's property taxes, St. Louis County pays for the recycling out of the waste assessment fee. How can we go from something that is seemed to be "free" to pay for a service if people want curbside pick-up, unless we attach it to everyone's property taxes or attach it to the levy.

A.Forsman indicated that people that were talking about doing recycling were willing to pay for curbside pickup. Someone should provide this service for the people who would like to pay for curbside pickup.

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A.Forsman stated that this was never about JJ and the Gmen, if someone complains he is going to bring it forward; he is here to represent the community. Forsman also stated that he does not believe in evergreen clauses, he does not believe anyone should have a 15-year contract.

Omerza stated that she is against splitting the contract; Day has made all of these investments and has done a lot for our community.

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Omerza stated that she has asked other Minnesota cities about the segregation of duties and a lot of cities get that deficiency.

Callen indicted that he would like to hear from the residents and business owners.

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Mayor Novak indicated that he has not heard any complaints about residential, just the commercial part of the contract.

Mayor Novak indicated that he has not heard any complaints out of anyone tonight or at past sanitation meetings. With the current contract Gmen was required to offer certain services and equip-



Outdoors

Our lives in the
Northwoods

HUNTING SEASON

Unclaimed bear permits now available

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — More than 150 unclaimed bear permits in northeastern Minnesota went on sale as of Tuesday this week, creating a potential opportunity for anyone still looking to take part in the 2019 black bear season, which gets underway on Sept. 1. Most of the remaining permits were for hunting

in permit areas 25 (52 permits remaining) and 31 (67), which include the northern third of St. Louis County, the eastern half of Koochiching county and all of Lake and Cook counties (outside the BWCAW). Permit area 22, which encompasses the boundaries of the BWCAW had just 15 permits remaining as of Tuesday.

The extra bear permits can be purchased over-the-counter

at any location that regularly sells hunting and fishing licenses. A resident adult bear license costs \$45, while youth ages 13-17 can purchase a license for just six dollars. Youth ages 10-12 pay just one dollar for a bear permit.

The DNR awarded most of the bear permits for 2019 as part of the annual permit lottery. The remaining licenses now available were never

claimed by hunters who were awarded them during the lottery. Last year, more than 21,000 prospective hunters applied for approximately 3,350 available permits, with similar numbers expected this year.

While the season is still nearly four weeks away, hunters can begin baiting starting next Friday, Aug. 16.



Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower
SPOTTED JEWELWEED



The **Spotted Jewelweed**, *Impatiens capensis*, likes to keep its feet wet, which is why you'll most often find it along streams, lakeshore, and other damp areas, where it is blooming right now. This is a distinctive plant with stems that are nearly translucent and a flower reminiscent of a horn of plenty.

It's also called "touch-me-not" because of its exploding seed pod, a trait that it shares with its domesticated cousin, the impatiens. This plant is popular with practitioners of herbal medicine, as its juice is widely-known as a good salve for bug bites and other things that itch. Which means, around here, it's a good plant to learn to identify.



SOUNDS OF NATURE

A song like no other

For centuries, humans have marveled at the rapturous voice of the hermit thrush

"If you listen to the thrush and hear a thrush, you've not really heard the thrush. But if you listen to a thrush and hear a miracle, then you've heard the thrush."

— Zen parable

For me, the turn of the calendar to August generally marks the end of the season of bird song. With summer warmth beginning to ebb and the days growing noticeably shorter, the pace of life is quickening for birds in our northern forest. The vast majority of birds, that will soon head south, are often already beginning their transition, forming small, mixed flocks in the forest that are focused on fattening up for the long journey ahead.

Most birds have long since abandoned the territoriality of the breeding season, and so have little need to advertise their borders, which is among the primary purposes of bird song.

There is, however, one exception this time of year, and for that I am eternally grateful. Come early morning, or evening, or even on a cool and overcast afternoon, the song of the hermit thrush can still at least occasionally be heard reverberating through the red and white pine that line the

Above: The large eyes of the hermit thrush help this bird see in low light conditions, which is when it prefers to sing its spectacular song.

Right: A light breast with brown streaks make the hermit thrush among the more nondescript birds in the forest, until, that is, it opens its mouth.

photos by M. HelMBERGER

edge of our ridge overlooking the Lost Lake Swamp.

From the perspective of a human, it's easy to understand why. If any of us could open our mouths and pour forth the ethereal beauty captured in the song of a hermit thrush, I'm sure we would waste no opportunity to display our talents.

I imagine even the hermit thrush must surprise himself most mornings with the recognition that he has been gifted with one of the most stunningly beautiful songs in the bird world.

The hermit thrush has awed us humans for centuries and elicited some of the most rapturous writings from observers who have been moved to wonder at their remarkable song.

"Listening to this strain on the lone mountain, with the full moon just rounded on



the horizon, the pomp of your cities and the pride of your civilization seems trivial and cheap," wrote the American naturalist John Burroughs, in the late 1800s.

While all thrushes—a sizable family of birds which includes the American robin—are accomplished singers, the hermit thrush stands out even among this illustrious group.

Its song is not only ethereal, it is complex, comprised most often of four primary phrases, each subtly different,

with the final phrase a rising, yet simultaneously softening, crescendo that seems to trail away into the mist.

It is no surprise that humans have long associated the song with the heavens, as if it were sung by an angel. Burroughs described it as "rising pure and serene, as if a spirit from some remote height were slowly chanting a divine accompaniment. This song appeals to the sentiment of

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MARSHALL HELMBERGER

Fishing reports

Kab-Nam area

The weather has been hot and so has the fishing. With no major bug hatches occurring, fish are being caught with regularity throughout Kab with the best fishing being around reefs using live bait rigs. As you read the guide reports below you will see it continues to be a great fishing season!

Trent Snyder

This week the fishing was on fire. Rock piles and drop-offs in the 17-20 ft. are producing, as are weed lines earlier in the morning. Lindy or jig— either one works. Minnow was the bait of choice for me. It's been a walleye frenzy.

Travis Carlson

Kabetogama is hot! And I'm not just talking about the weather. The best fishing for me has been in depths 22-28 ft. using leeches on live bait rigs, however worms and minnows have all been working as well. Mid-lake structure as well as island points are producing good numbers of fish. It's a great time to be on Kabetogama! See you on the water!

Tim Snyder

Regardless of your fishing technique, jigging, live bait rigs or casting swim baits, the bite on Kabetogama is awesome! Try fishing around rock piles in about nine-18 ft. of water, with a jig and minnow. Good numbers of walleyes are being caught around reef structures as well, in anywhere between 24-31 ft.

Courtesy Gateway Store, Lake Kabetogama

Fishing reports



Ten-year-old Bennett Coppola, of Decorah, Iowa, caught this fish of a lifetime on Basswood Lake recently. His walleye measured 29 inches and weighed-in at ten pounds. submitted

Outdoors briefly

DNR wildlife officials to talk deer at upcoming public meetings

TOWER — Local DNR wildlife managers across the state are again inviting the public to come to open house meetings to ask their deer-related questions and offer thoughts on deer issues.

The DNR is dedicating time from mid-August to early September to discuss deer-related topics including upcoming hunting regulation changes that will be released in early August.

These local, open house meetings are a way to encourage conversations about deer and deer management, enhance local relationships and foster two-way communication between the DNR and the public.

In addition to discussing general concerns about deer, individuals can ask DNR staff about last year's harvest data, provide topics that the DNR's deer

advisory committee should be aware of, and discuss upcoming hunting season changes. Regulations for the 2019 season will be released in early August and reflect disease management needs, as well as public input.

The open houses do not include formal presentations, so people can arrive any time during the scheduled meeting times. Open houses in northeastern Minnesota include the followings locations and times:

► Tower area- to be held from 5-6:30 p.m. on Aug. 27, at the Mt. Iron Community Center, located at 8586 Enterprise Dr.

► International Falls area- to be held from 5-6:30 p.m. on Aug. 28, at the International Falls Area DNR office, located at 392 E. Hwy. 11.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather

Friday



73 52

Saturday



76 52

Sunday



75 52

Monday



72 52

Tuesday



71 50

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WATCHING WILDLIFE

Three-legged bear returns to Shute sanctuary

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ORR — A popular three-legged bear has returned for another summer at the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary here, proving that even a bear with a significant disability can live to a ripe old age. The bear, named Schwinn, was first seen as a young bear at the sanctuary in 1999 and has been a regular at the sanctuary ever since. He is believed to be 22 years-old, or about four years older than the average life span for a wild black bear in areas without significant hunting pressure. Even as a young bear, Schwinn was missing most of his front left leg, although it isn't clear whether it was from an accident or a deformity.



food becomes almost insatiable as they seek to put on weight for their coming hibernation.

Despite his missing leg and older age, Schwinn is still thriving. The only thing he is unable to do is climb trees like other bears. Although it takes him a little more energy to move around the sanctuary, he still holds his ground and

other bears know to move out of his way. You can see Schwinn with his laid-back temperament at the sanctuary lounging on the cedar pile or cooling off in the creek. Schwinn is an incredible bear to see and photograph, yet he is just one of the many fascinating wild bears at the sanctuary.

The American Bear Association, a 501(c)(3) non profit, which operates the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary, was formed in 1995 and is dedicated to promoting a better understanding of the black bear through education and observation. Thousands of people visit the Vince Shute Wildlife Sanctuary viewing platform every year to observe and learn about black bears from Memorial Day weekend through Labor Day weekend. Hours of operations are from 5 p.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday- Sunday. For more information visit their website at www.americanbear.org.

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the beautiful in me, and suggests a serene religious beatitude as no other sound in nature does."

Ben Mirin, a naturalist and author who travels the world recording and utilizing bird song in music notes that the beauty of the hermit thrush song is tied, in part, to the nature of the surrounding forest and reflects the feeling that so many

of us share of the deep woods as hallowed ground.

"If you hear a hermit thrush ten feet away from you, it's a nice sound, to be sure, but the sacred beauty of a hermit thrush call really comes from the way it bounces around the forest," said Mirin. "That gives it an irreplaceable musical quality that brings to bear the voice of the land as

well as the voice of the bird. Having that in your mix, as a producer, it's like, 'Oh my god, I'm not really an artist. I'm a messenger.'"

Here in the North Country, that message won't be heard much longer, at least not this summer. Like all good things, this one will soon come to end, marking the culmination of another season of song.

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FREE! 2019 Ely Living with Fire Speaker Series

AUGUST 12 and 26
Ely Senior Center, 27 First Ave East

August 12, 2019 Monday, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Wildlife and Wildfire Field Trip
Sarah Malick-Wahls, Wildlife Biologist, Superior National Forest
Includes a short presentation at Ely Senior Center highlighting Northwoods wildlife habitat needs as they relate to fire, then we will visit sites up the Echo Trail where forest managers used fire for restoration purposes.
Plan for moderate walking along forest trails.

August 26, 2019 Monday, 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Fire and Water
Emily Creighton, Hydrologist, Superior National Forest
Learn about the effects of fire on hydrology, water quality, aquatic connectivity, aquatic wildlife and overall watershed health. Also what you as a homeowner can do to minimize impacts.

Snacks provided!

Questions? Contact Gloria Erickson, 218-365-0878
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MEMBER APPRECIATION DAYS

Tuesday, August 13:
Mountain Iron Service Center
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Wednesday, August 14:
Kettle River Service Center
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Thursday, August 15:
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11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Ely Study Session minutes...from page 3B

Attorney Klun to look if the sanitation contract would fit in with professional services. Discussion on the process to enforce the Blight Ordinance. Attorney Klun stated that in the packet is Ely City Code Section 10.22 with regard to the enforcement of Blight. Attorney Klun understands the concern is we have

multiple individuals that are responsible for oversight and can issue tickets relative to blight. In Subd.7 it states that the enforcement officers are the Building Official, the Clerk/Treasurer and the Chief of Police. Attorney Klun stated that there has been some confusion as to who is primarily in charge of blight and the process that we use. the ordinance states who is responsible, but we don't have a process as to who, what, where, and when of who takes care of each issue. Who does each step? Langowski stated that if it is civil enforcement issue it is the police, building issues the building official. Right now the way it is working is if someone has an issue with blight they can go to Chief

Lahtonen, Building Official Whitney, or to himself. If the council hears about a blight concern the council can let one of them know the issue and they can investigate or send a letter to the blight property owner.

Langowski stated that some blight issues could be brought up to the sanitation committee to get a second opinion.

A.Forsman stated that blight is more than one factor. If a property is ignored and deteriorating that is blight. If a property is well maintained and may have some blight issues on it that should not be considered blight. To have someone going around looking at alleys trying to find blight issues, that is a stain on this community, which is a real problem with a community that cannot get along. When you have someone going around trying to find something to destroy their

neighbors, we have to stop this vigilante that is out there doing things like this.

Mayor Novak stated that when we end up with these issues it affects the neighbors and their property values.

A.Forsman agreed that we do have a responsibility to our neighbors. It is more of an accumulative thing. You can have a well maintained property that might have something that is considered blight, but the owners should be able to utilize their property.

Whitney stated that he usually an informal sends a boiler point letter to the homeowner and he usually gets compliance. If he does not get compliance he sends a more formal violation letter. For the most part 80% of people that get letters will comply. Whitney indicates he works complaint by complaint process, and he works on the worse of the worse first.

ADJOURN Mayor Novak Adjourned the meeting without objection at 7:00pm.

Casey Velcheff, Deputy Clerk

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CITY OF ELY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The City of Ely is calling for interested applicants to fill the following vacancies on the

- Airport Commission: 1- Mid-Term
Cemetery Committee : 2- Mid-Term
Library Board: 1- Mid-term

Please remit a letter of interest and qualifications by 4:30 p.m. on Monday, August 19, 2019 to the Ely City Clerk's Office, 209 E. Chapman Street, Ely, MN or email casey.velcheff@ely.mn.us. Questions, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer's Office, 218-226-5449.

Casey Velcheff, Deputy Clerk

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CITY OF ELY PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

The Ely City Council will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 5:15 pm in the Council Chambers at Ely City Hall to hear public comment regarding considering Vacating a portion of Power Street described as follows: a portion of Power Street running adjacent to Lot 1, Block 14 and Lot 2, Block 13, Chandler Addition to Ely. (A Map of the potential vacation can be found at www.ely.mn.us - Ordinances) The area to be vacated is 189 ft in length with a width of 33 ft.

Harold R Langowski, Clerk/Treasurer

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KUGLER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF MEETINGS

The Kugler Town Board will meet on Tuesday, August 20, 2019, at 6:00 p.m. at Kugler Town Hall to hold their:

Budget Meeting, followed by the Closing of the Annual Meeting, followed by the Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

Julie Suihkonen, Town Clerk

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EMPLOYMENT

TRUCK DRIVER NEEDED

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Head Start Teacher (Nett Lake)

The Head Start Teacher will provide educational services to preschool-aged children in an assigned classroom setting. Provide educational and support services to families of enrolled children, while assuring that confidentiality is maintained in a professional manner. Incumbent will implement the Head Start Early Childhood Education Plan and provide the full range of early childhood services through the curriculum, meet the Performance Standards, including mental and physical health and safety, culture and nutrition activities.

- Experience: One year experience in a preschool classroom.
Education: Baccalaureate or advanced degree in early childhood education; or a baccalaureate or advanced degree and coursework equivalent to a major relating to early childhood education, with experience teaching preschool-aged children.

Please visit the Bois Forte website at www.boisforte.com for a full job description and to download an application

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Early Head Start Child Care Teacher (Vermilion)

The Early Head Start Child Care Teacher will implement the Early Head Start Education Plan and provide a full range of early childhood services through curriculum, meet the Performance Standards, including mental and physical health and safety, culture and nutrition activities. They will develop individualized education plans for all children, taking into account the information from staffing, on-going assessments and outcomes done with each child, as well as utilizing parental input and will implement a full range of early childhood activities, including play, learning, mealtimes, and diapering.

Experience: One year of experience working with children in a classroom setting
Education: Associate's Degree

Please visit the Bois Forte website at www.boisforte.com for a full job description and to download an application

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Head Start Teacher Aide Openings in Nett Lake and Vermilion

The Head Start Teacher Aide is responsible in assisting the Head Start Teacher in carrying out the classroom activities and component plans and will provide support through classroom and playground supervision of all children. Must work closely with parents and families to secure the needs of the children in the classroom.

- Experience: One year experience working with preschool aged children.
Education: Must possess a high school diploma or GED equivalent.

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EMPLOYMENT



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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

9x9 Sudoku grid with some numbers pre-filled: Row 1: 7, 9, 2, 1; Row 2: 3, 8, 5; Row 3: 4, 5, 6; Row 4: 2, 9, 8, 7; Row 5: 3, 2, 8; Row 6: 5, 1, 9; Row 7: 3, 4, 9, 1; Row 8: 6, 3, 2; Row 9: 1, 7, 9

Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 9-box square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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Dentist

The Dentist provides dental services assisting in implementation and operation of the dental program which includes preventive, educational, and corrective dental services. The incumbent also performs a full range of professional dental duties in connection with the treatment of commonly encountered dental disease or dental health programs requiring standard corrective, restorative, or preventive measures.

- Experience: Two year post graduate experience.
Education: DDS or DMD Degree from a dental school accredited by the Commission on Dental Accreditation.

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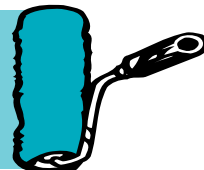
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