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TOWERGATE

Former clerk disables city hall computers

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

Linda Keith's alleged mischief prompts new software purchase, security audit

TOWER— Despite her dismissal this past summer, former Tower City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith continues to create problems and expense for the city.

The council here, on Monday, approved the purchase of new computer

software and the hiring of Aurora-based Roger's Online to conduct a security audit of city hall's computer systems after Keith remotely deactivated the system on Oct. 17.

Keith's action left the city's computers inoperable for about five

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hours according to new clerk-treasurer Victoria Ranua.

Keith was able to knock out the city's computer system, which runs primarily on Microsoft's Office 365, by changing the password to the city's account, which Keith had improperly established as a personal account in her own name, using city

funds.

In so doing, Keith violated the city of Tower's charter, which states: "All contracts, bonds, and instruments of any kind to which the CITY is a party... shall be executed in the name of the CITY."

Ranua stated that

Keith's use of the personal version of Office 365 for government work also violated the licensing agreement with Microsoft and also had exposed the city to legal liability.

Whether Keith vio-

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WINTER TOURISM

New owner for Ely sled dog race

Chamber takes lead in WolfTrack Classic event

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – The Ely Chamber of Commerce is the new owner of the WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race. Eva Sebesta, the Chamber's executive director, cited the historic winter activity, which has been a part of Ely's winter season since the 1960s, as essential economic development for the community.

"Our area is a drive-to, not a drive-through, location," Sebesta said. "As with our other events,

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Survey shows strong support for referendum

School district considers borrowing for building renovation projects

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – Ely school officials, this week, received a preliminary look at public sentiment on a proposed school facility renovation project. A recently completed survey by School Perceptions LLC showed support for a bond referendum of as much as \$9 million.

School Perceptions LLC, an independent firm with expertise in school district surveys, is helping Ely school officials gauge public support for facility renovations and new construction that could cost anywhere from \$5 million-\$20 million.

The survey reportedly went out to all school district residents this fall with an Oct. 14 return deadline.

Of all residents surveyed, 71 percent said they supported the Ely School District exploring a bond referendum to update the school. "Of those respondents who are non-parents and non-staff, the most important category, 62 percent are in favor of exploring a bonding referendum," said Bill Foster of School Perceptions. "Clearly a majority of voters told you to go ahead

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COMMUNICATIONS

High interest in high-speed internet in Greenwood

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

State Rep. Rob Ecklund (DFL- 1 Falls) talked about state funding efforts for rural broadband at Greenwood Township Tuesday night. photo by J. Summit

designated telecommunications service provider in Greenwood and much of northeastern St. Louis County.

Bohler was one of over a half dozen local elected officials and representatives of telecommunications companies and state agencies who came to speak at a roundtable-style meeting here on

Tuesday to discuss telephone and internet issues in the township. About 50 area residents filled the town hall at the Oct. 29 meeting.

Frontier currently supplies DSL level service in many areas of the township. "Most homes can get 10 mbps service," said Bohler,

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES



Purchase your ice candles by Nov. 15

EMBARRASS- With the change of the season, we are now thinking about the Embarrass Ice Candle Holiday Celebration. As in past years, they will be \$3 each this year. We will be selling ice candles until Nov. 15. If you plan to buy a candle in remembrance of a loved one, please let us know as soon as possible by stopping by the Clerk's office or calling us at 218-984-2084. The Ice Candle and Holiday Gathering will be held this year on Saturday, Dec. 14 at the Embarrass Cemetery with Christmas goodies to follow at the Embarrass Town Hall located at 7503 Levander Road. Mark your calendars!

Vermilion Dream Quilters to meet at St. Martin's on Thursday, Nov. 6

TOWER- The Vermilion Dream Quilters will be meeting on Thursday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the St. Martin's Catholic Church social hall in Tower. The program will feature two challenges, which are both due at the November meeting for those wishing to participate. The first is the Un-Finished Objects, or UFO, challenge, and the second is the Brown Bag challenge, Make a Ditty Bag. Please bring your item for the second challenge in an undecorated bag for a blind exchange.

The Biggest Little Farm showing at Comet Theater on Nov. 16

COOK - The Cook Area Farmers Market, Virginia Market Square, and the Arrowhead Regional Farm Bureau are proud to bring "The Biggest Little Farm" to the Comet Theater in Cook for a showing on Saturday, Nov. 16 at 5 p.m. Admission is free to the public, but seating is limited, so arrive early.

A testament to the immense complexity of nature, "The Biggest Little Farm" follows two dreamers and a dog on an odyssey to bring harmony to both their lives and the land. The film chronicles eight years of daunting work and outsize idealism as John and Molly Chester attempt to create a utopia. When the farm's ecosystem finally begins to reawaken, so does the Chesters' hope. But as their plan to create perfect harmony takes a series of wild turns, they realize that to survive they will have to reach a far greater understanding of the intricacies and wisdom of nature and of life itself.

As we strive to regenerate a strong farming community to supply our neighbors with local foods, our area farmers markets, in cooperation with Arrowhead Grown and the Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability, are making "The Biggest Little Farm" a reality in our communities.

Embarrass Region Fair Association to host Pancake Breakfasts

EMBARRASS - Join us at the Timber Hall the first Saturday of each month from Nov. 2 - May 1 from 8-11 a.m. for all-you-can-eat pancakes, your choice of ham or sausage links, a fruit cup, juice, and a bottomless cup of coffee. Adults \$5, children (6-10 years) \$3, and under 5 years free. Proceeds go to support the Embarrass Region Fair.

VIRGIE HEGG HOSPICE

29th Annual Lights of Love Campaign kicks off in November in Cook, Orr, and Tower



The annual tree-lighting ceremonies will be held on Dec. 6 in Cook, Dec. 7 in Orr, and Dec. 8 in Tower. Pictured above is the tree-lighting ceremony in Tower last year. This year's tree-lighting will be outside of the Tower Civic Center. file photo

COOK - The 29th annual Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners (VHHP) Lights of Love campaign begins in November to commemorate National Hospice Month and National Family Caregivers Month. We invite you to continue the tradition of remembering and honoring loved ones by supporting VHHP through this Lights of Love campaign. Your tax-deductible donation will help light the trees at holiday celebrations in Cook, Orr, and Tower in support of local hospice and hospice-eligible patients and their families. Donations may be given in honor or memory of a loved one. Ice candles, which will be displayed as part of the tree-lighting ceremonies, are also available for purchase. All Lights of

Love contributions and dedications will be published in local newspapers during the month of January, unless otherwise indicated.

Please mark your calendars and join us for the Lights of Love tree lighting ceremonies and caroling. Ceremonies will take place on Friday, Dec. 6 at 5 p.m. at the Cook Library & Gazebo, Saturday, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m. at the Orr Community Center, and on Sunday, Dec. 8 at 4 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. There will be coffee, cider, and treats available after each ceremony.

Our mission is to bring comfort care services to enrolled hospice patients and their families in our local communities. We are able to achieve our fundraising goals through the

dedicated efforts of our Board of Directors, working together with a community of supporting individuals and businesses. Last year's Lights of Love raised approximately \$5,600.

VHHP also sponsors two education scholarships for North Woods and Tower enrollment area students pursuing medical careers and one for college students.

For more information about VHHP, visit www.vhhp.org or contact Program Director Becca Bundy at 218-780-5423 or Chairperson Ivette Reing at 218-290-6177. To make a donation, please use the form on our website, PayPal, or send a check payable to VHHP Lights of Love to PO Box 244, Cook, MN 55723.

Join 100+ Ely Women Who Care to support local nonprofits; meeeting set for Sunday, Nov. 10

ELY - Ely Women Who Care invite all women who care about Ely to participate in a powerful giving circle that will have a positive impact on our community. The group meets for one hour, twice a year, and donates \$100 per person or team to a deserving local nonprofit charity. Join us for our next event on Sunday, Nov. 10 from 4-6 p.m.

at the Ely Senior Center. The event includes social time and a selection of a local charity using a process of nominations and votes. It's quick, simple, and fun. Go to 100ElyWomenWhoCare.org for more details. Whether or not you have donated in the past, please register in advance. You may still donate, even if you are unable to

attend.

Since April 2017, we have given more than \$37,000 to five worthy charities in Ely. Your donation is multiplied by more than 100 other women. That's a huge impact! Come experience how collective giving is a powerful means to making a difference in our community.

Immanuel Lutheran hosting program on hospice services on Sunday, Nov. 3

TOWER - There will be a presentation and conversation about hospice services at Immanuel Lutheran Church at 2 p.m.

on Sunday, Nov. 3.

Everyone should experience the peace of mind that comes with being prepared when facing the end of life. For individuals and their loved

ones, no care decisions are more profound than those made at that time.

Understanding what services are available in our local area and information to guide us will be pre-

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POLYMET MINING

Court maintains permit stays

Judges express concern about Glencore, financial assurance in oral arguments

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — A court-ordered stay on two key permits for PolyMet Mining’s proposed NorthMet copper-nickel mine near Hoyt Lakes, will continue, at least until sometime in early 2020. Chief Judge Edward J. Cleary issued that order on Oct. 24, which means that DNR-issued permits, including PolyMet’s dam safety permit and permit to mine, will remain suspended until the court rules on ongoing litigation over those permits. That decision is expected sometime in late January.

A coalition of environmental groups and the Fond du Lac Band challenged the DNR’s decision to issue those permits along with its decision not to conduct a contested case hearing that would have allowed mine opponents to challenge, before an administrative law judge, some of the conclusions the DNR reached regarding the permits

“Based on the record and the arguments of the parties, we conclude that is appropriate to continue the stay through this court’s disposition of the appeals,” wrote Judge Cleary in his order.

Lawyers for the environmental groups, the Fond du Lac Band, the DNR, and PolyMet offered oral arguments before a three-judge panel of the Court of Appeals, which included Cleary, on Oct. 23. The court had issued a stay back in September pending the Oct. 23 hearing. In a nine-page order issued on Sept. 18, Cleary had written: “The DNR shall be prepared to advise the court on the status of post-permit developments, including its evaluation of the Brumadinho dam failure and its consideration of whether Glencore will be added as a co-permittee.”

The continuation of the stay suggests that the judges may have been less than satisfied with the DNR’s answers on those questions, and the judges’ skepticism came through at times during the questioning.

Chief Judge Edward Cleary repeatedly questioned attorneys for both the DNR and PolyMet about the role of Glencore in the project, the appropriateness of the DNR’s financial assurance plan, and whether the agency developed sufficient detail in the permit to mine to ensure that the operation meets water quality standards.

“Has Glencore agreed to be a co-permittee?” asked Cleary of DNR attorney Jon Katchen.

Katchen’s answer was non-committal, telling the judges that the DNR has “an ongoing process” to determine what role, if any, Glencore will play in the proposed mining operation.

Glencore currently owns about three-quarters of outstanding PolyMet stock, which gives it the ability to control PolyMet’s board of directors.

Cleary also questioned the financial assurance scheme that both the DNR and PolyMet developed, particularly during arguments from PolyMet attorney Jay Johnson, suggesting that the plan was too dependent on surety bonds and letters of credit, rather than cash, in the early years of operation. “It looks like a backloading situation that looks like copper mining addresses shareholders’ desires rather than the citizens’ of the state of Minnesota,” said Cleary. “The price of copper goes up and down. Environmental

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COOK CITY COUNCIL

Cook Fire hopes to partner with training group

by E. M. SCHULTZ
Staff Writer

COOK - The Cook Fire Department will be starting a new training process for 2020. Shane Johnson presented the proposed plan to the council at their regular meeting here on Thursday, Oct. 24, as well as this month’s report. The new training, which would be provided by the Minnesota Public Safety Group, would help remove liability from individual training officers, as well as the department and the city. It will also help bring the department up to spec and hopefully drop the city’s fire rating by one point.

The council strongly supported the plan, which would cost \$850 per month, saying they would budget accordingly. They emphasized how much the city appreciates the work the fire department does, and noted that this is a rare request. As Johnson put it, “They’re not asking for a raise, they’re asking for training. The council also approved the purchase of new turnout gear, the money for which will come from a 50/50 grant the fire department received, and the current gear funds.

Training was a concern for Cook Area Ambulance Director Tina Rothleutner, as well. She asked the council to approve a \$150 per month stipend for a training officer, telling the council that she would open the position up to anyone who wanted to

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JUDICIAL ACTION

Attorney suggests more charges pending against former clerk-treasurer

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

VIRGINIA — A planned hearing on a motion to dismiss criminal charges against former Tower Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith was postponed until Nov. 20 upon the request of her attorney. At a brief court appearance on Oct. 25, Keith’s attorney, Andrew Poole, said it’s his understanding that Keith may be facing additional charges and he’s hoping to fully understand her legal situation before determining how to argue the case.

While Keith’s attorney did not elaborate on the nature of any additional charges, the *Timberjay* can confirm that city officials in Tower have submitted their own complaint for Keith’s admitted destruction of a city laptop computer. Assistant county attorney Jessica Fralich stated on Sept. 27 that the city’s complaint is “pending review for charging.”

The nature of those charges remains unclear, but city officials contend that the cost to replace the computer, which Keith acknowledges she destroyed, is in excess of \$1,000, which could leave the former city clerk-treasurer subject to a felony charge.

Keith maintains that the computer, which was approximately six years old, had ceased operating and that she and her son cooperated in the destruction of the device, including shooting it, running it over with a pickup truck, and ultimately burning the remains in a fire.

Keith is already facing gross misdemeanor charges for alleged falsification of official city records for altering the terms of office of members of various city committees and commissions in order to facilitate the removal of former Tower Economic Development Authority president Marshall Helmberger from his city post in retaliation for critical reporting and editorials regarding actions of the city, including actions of the city clerk.

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OPINION

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Editorial

A true gift to Ely

Many thanks to those who made the restoration of the State Theater a reality

The Ott family and the new nonprofit organization, Ely’s Historic State Theater, (EHST) have delivered a monumental gift to Ely and beyond. The impeccable restoration of the State Theater was clearly a labor of love— a sustained, five-year effort to bring back a masterpiece of the art deco era and an iconic fixture of downtown Ely. Perched at the top of the hill, the theater’s classic marquee once again lights up Sheridan Street, showcasing the possibilities that entrepreneurship can bring to the end of the road.

We can’t even imagine how much the Otts and their company, Alley A Realty, must have invested to bring this facility back to its former glory. By the time the Otts purchased the building, it was well on its way to total decay. Built in the early 1930s, the building had suffered from neglect for decades. For years, water poured into the back half of the theater every time it rained, leaving theatergoers to prop their feet up on the seats in front of them as small rivers rushed forward between the seats. After the theater closed in 2008, few believed it could ever be restored.

But the Otts undoubtedly saw the potential of the theater’s restoration, both for its historical significance as well as the symbol it represented of Ely’s renaissance.

Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the restoration effort took longer than it might have, but the Otts were careful and methodical in ensuring that the restoration remained true to the original construction. Such a project involves a million tiny details, all of which take time, consideration, and funds. It’s a remarkable testament to perseverance that this project is finally nearing its completion and that handover to the nonprofit group that plans to operate the facility as a spectacular venue for the cinematic and performing arts is near.

Getting the doors open will take a bit of help from the community, including about \$200,000 for the purchase of a new or newer projector and screen for the main hall, a new audio system and stage lighting, as well as a projector for a second, smaller screening room.

Keeping the doors open will require creativity and ongoing community support and interest. Running a movie theater in a small town was always a challenge, but it is all the more so today given the many alternative forms of media available to the public.

Even so, there is nothing like watching a movie on the big screen, and the remarkable restoration of the State Theater will make that movie-going experience even more enjoyable for area residents. For many of us, it will be like turning back the clock.

Of course, it will take more than movies and popcorn sales to keep the doors open, which is why the board of directors of EHST is focused on alternative uses for the facility. The theater stage has been expanded to make room for theatrical performances, concerts, and other events. The front rows of seats can be removed to accommodate dancing or larger group activities.

Creative thinking is the key to sustaining small town theaters. Just ask Carol Carlson who has kept Cook’s Comet Theater operational for the past couple decades through diversification. A gift and antique store and a coffee shop all help keep the cash flowing and the bills paid, and that’s the key to success for most small businesses here in the North Country.

But few could hope to undertake a project of the scale that the Otts committed to with the restoration of the State Theater. That took deep pockets, total commitment, and a long-term plan involving a credible partner, like EHST. Here’s to their success!



Letters from Readers

Republicans now forced to do their own rioting

This is in response to the 25-plus Republican congressmen rioting in the basement of our nation’s capitol on Wednesday, hoping to disrupt the regular and normal processes of our government and Constitution. This time, they’re just trying to take our attention away from the facts justifying impeachment of President Trump.

Last time, it was called the “Brooks Brothers Riot” in the hallways of the Miami-Dade Courthouse, where people were trying to count the ballots that would have meant Al Gore would be President instead of Bush Junior. That one was named for the very expensive suits being worn by the rioters - most of whom were on the federal government payroll as staff members for Republican congressmen.

Then there were the homeless people hired and fed and clothed and bused to be “Tea Party demonstrators,” filling the hallways in the Congressional office buildings around the country.

Maybe things really are going downhill for the Republicans. They’re having to do their own rioting now.

Dave Porter
Minneapolis

City of Tower should restore ambulance funds spent elsewhere

These are the comments I made and then discussed with the Tower City Council at their Monday, Oct. 28 meeting.

I believe that the council needs to commit to restoring the money to the Ambulance account that has been transferred out to cover unrelated city general fund expenses. Ambulances are profitable. Funds earned by the ambulances need to stay in the ambulance account and be spent on needs there. The city council is not committed to that yet:

My recent letter to the council contains more detail, but I just wanted to highlight a few things concerning the ambulance fund money and the proposed subsidy increase from the townships and the city:

The council needs to produce a complete, understandable, accurate financial statement of when, how much and where money from the ambulance fund has been transferred to. The *Timberjay* newspaper on April 12, 2019 reported a “\$1.1 million-dollar balance in the general fund” with “\$883,000 of that sitting in the ambulance account.”

The council needs to decide if the money that the ambulances generate is going to be transferred into the city’s general fund where it will continue to be spent on city expenses unrelated to the ambulance service or not. This wording needs to be spelled out in the proposed new Ambulance Service Agreement that townships are being asked to sign on to, one way or the other. That is only fair. Until the *Timberjay* began reporting it, folks out in the townships were unaware that money was being transferred out of the ambulance account to pay city bills. And we were unaware of the dire straits that the city’s finances have been in. That is not of our making.

Considering that there is “somewhere in the neighborhood of \$883,000 in the ambulance account,” it is questionable if there is a need for such a large increase in the subsidy from the townships—if any increase at all.

Lee Peterson
Greenwood Twp

Impeachment investigation should remain behind closed doors

I don’t agree with last week’s editorial in the *Timberjay*. The impeachment process is only in the exploratory phase now, taking testimonies under oath. The investigating committees have

equal amounts of Republicans and Democrats, with equal times for questioning.

It should not be open to the public until the impeachment articles are filed to prevent witnesses from collaborating on their answers and/or being able to anticipate the direction of questioning. It keeps the public from getting overly excited until the articles are set. Then it will be in full view.

Check out Chris Cuomo at 8 p.m. each night for great insights.

Daryl Lamppa
Tower

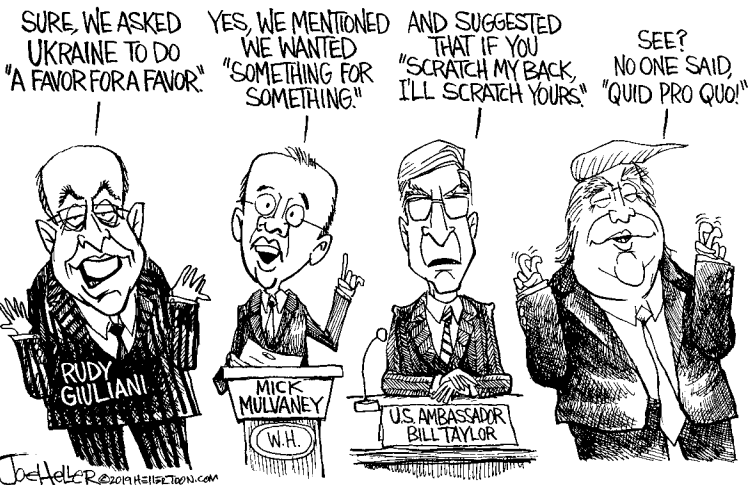
Don’t criticize an attorney for doing his job

Jon Rice is a good attorney, doing a job that any defender would do on Josh Carlson’s court case. Then, once Marshall Helmberger did not agree, he went on to do a very opinionated report that Rice had a checkered history as a lawyer. As he wrote, “According to the *Duluth News Tribune*, Rice was reprimanded by the MN Supreme Court in 2012 and placed on a two-year probation for providing incompetent legal representation and charging unreasonable fees.” I was recently charged \$45 for an obituary notice in the *Timberjay*. I think that fee was unreasonable and did not know it was coming. Family members of the deceased be aware, or “beware” of unreasonable fees.

All I can say is leave the lawyers and the judges alone. They are doing their jobs to represent all of us. Don’t label an attorney with a “checkered past” just because you don’t like his way of handling a court case.

Amy Berglund
Soudan

Editor’s Note: The Timberjay charged the funeral home in question \$35 for the publication of an obituary, which is our standard fee. That is less than many other newspapers in the area.



Baby boomers experienced Halloween at its best

This time of year, when the ghosts and goblins are about, I think of how Halloween has changed from when I was young. I think that the generation that grew up in the 1950s and '60s experienced the best of this cultural phenomenon. It was still an age of innocence in



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America, where free range kids were the norm rather than a controversial parents’ movement, and that reality manifested itself on Halloween like no other night of the year.

Unlike these days, when adults have largely converted Halloween to a night of structured activities, or when

kids are rarely allowed to trick or treat after dark without adult chaperones, Halloween in our day was a night when kids were let loose on the neighborhood. Regardless of the weather, it was always a blast.

Growing up in what was then the outskirts of suburbia, just north of the Minnesota River in Bloomington, we had only one rule in our house on Halloween— you couldn’t go out trick or treating until *after* dark, a remarkable contrast with

Halloween in today’s world, when many parents require youngsters to be home before it gets dark. Where’s the thrill in that?

Our parents, meanwhile, remained at home to serve up treats to the legions of neighborhood kids who kept them attending to the front door almost constantly for three or four hours. That left us on our own as we ventured far afield, roaming the surrounding suburban grid in search of our Halloween plunder.

That suburban grid of the 1960s was the ideal environment for Halloween. The houses were laid out efficiently, which meant you could cover a lot of doors in an evening. While, these days, kids go trick or treating with their little plastic pumpkin-shaped buckets, such things would have never held our Halloween loot. We carried pillowcases and by the end of some evenings we could barely lift them we had so

COMMENTARY

We need regular ways to hold presidents accountable

"I ask how and why this decision was reached," Utah Sen. Mitt Romney said in the Senate recently. He was calling for an investigation into President Trump's decision to pull U.S. forces out of Syria. "Was there no chance for diplomacy? Are we so weak and so inept diplomatically that Turkey forced the hand of the United States of America?"

Good questions, but there's a wager: If the Senate does launch an investigation, would you bet that Romney or any other senator will even get close to posing them directly to the President? I didn't think so.

We have a presidential accountability problem that has significantly worsened over the years. We're losing — or maybe we've already lost — the ability to call presidents to account on a regular basis for their actions, their conduct, and the way they fulfill the responsibilities of office.

Sure, we have the big guns: an election after the first term, in which voters could choose to end a President's time in office, and impeachment, in which members of Congress can choose to do the same. But these are drastic one-time steps, hard to employ and infrequently available.

What I'm talking about is a way for knowledgeable people to step beyond the White House's control of presidential appearances, ask tough questions, and get real answers so that the American people can judge the President's actions and reasoning. Instead, these days presidents appear only in highly structured circumstances, avoid specificity and candor, and sidestep detailed discussion of the issues and policies they're pursuing.

It didn't used to be this way. When Franklin Roosevelt was President, he would call the Washington press corps into the

Oval Office and hold extended conversations. Reporters could ask anything they wanted; Roosevelt of course used them for his own purposes, but the press corps had plenty of opportunities to hold his feet to the fire.

When more formal press conferences took hold, they were frequent and generally free-wheeling affairs. Americans learned a great deal both about the men who inhabited the Oval Office and their thinking. Over time, however, press conferences became infrequent, stage-managed performances. All of us remember Ronald Reagan walking by a group of reporters, holding his hand up to his ear and answering only the questions he wanted while claiming he couldn't hear the rest. President Obama held only a handful of formal gatherings with the press each year. President Trump holds almost no solo press conferences.

So how do we get the President to outline the thinking behind a policy? Or go into details on what led to a given decision? How do we even ask

a President questions these days, or more importantly, ask the follow ups? Even when presidents do hold press conferences, they rarely answer the follow-up questions that actually pin them down on what they're doing; instead, they move on to the next questioner. They like to appear they're being fair. Really what they're doing is avoiding more pointed second questions.

I contrast this with the British "question time," which takes place for an hour four days a week, in which government ministers — including the prime minister — must face questions from members of Parliament. It would be refreshing to see a President put in a position where he or she had to answer questions about policy and politics in public, with no restraints on what could be asked. When I was in Congress, I actually submitted a bill to this effect; it was pretty much laughed out of the room.

But the principle holds. True, when Congress is working properly it can hold presidents and their administrations accountable through hearings, probes,

and formal investigations. These are vital, but they don't offer a regular window into what's going on, and they don't have the President himself or herself answering questions before the American public.

Simply put, that's what we should be doing: On a regular basis, presidents should have to answer questions about their thinking and their policies, put to them by people who know enough to dig deep. In a representative democracy, that's how we citizens can judge whether our chief elected leader is representing us and living up to his or her responsibilities.

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LEE HAMILTON

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much candy. My stockpile typically kept me bloated with candy right through Christmas.

While suburbia was efficient, it wasn't like trick or treating among apartments, townhouses, or other urban settings. While the houses had their porch lights glowing, the spaces between the houses were pitch dark, leaving plenty of opportunity for either us, or our imaginations, to run wild with Halloween fervor.

Actually, for me and my friends, Halloween wasn't just one night. We considered the entire month of October to be part of the Halloween experience. In those days, daylight savings time ended early in the month, which meant that it was always dark by the time

we had finished supper. For me and my friends, that left us a few hours to play outside in the dark and we did our best to scare ourselves silly. We'd imagine every kind of scary thing out there in the dark. From kidnappers to zombies, we imagined it all. We imagined the bare and twisted branches of the big bur oak trees in the yard as the gnarled fingers of witches. When the wind blew at night, we always insisted there was something moaning not too far off in the distance. When the unraked leaves blew across the yard, we heard the footsteps of approaching monsters. I still remember shivering with the delight of it all.

Regularly, our October antics included a bit of mischief, even though it seems

awfully tame by today's standards. When we were younger, our nighttime trouble-making was typically directed at the family who lived just up the block. I'm not really sure why the neighbors always looked down on the Carters, although I suspect it was that given their heritage and background — Scotch-Irish — we thought of them as hillbillies somehow misplaced in the land of fastidious Germans and Scandinavians.

Fair or not, we were happy to play along with the local sentiment by ringing their doorbell after dark and running away. We had a hideout on the opposite side of the street where we would dash and then peek out as the mother or the daughter would come to door, then

step out momentarily to look around before going back inside.

Then we'd spend the rest of the evening running from imaginary cop cars, who we naturally assumed had set up a dragnet in the neighborhood in hopes of tracking down ten-year-old doorbell ringers.

As we got older, our October forays would include more of the usual Halloween trickery, although by then we had other targets than the long-maligned Carters. We would often gather at an underground lair we maintained, where we hatched our various plans. We had, at one point, expanded a hole that someone had dug in the woods in a vacant lot. We then covered it with plywood sheets, then tossed a light covering of

dirt and leaves over the top to keep it hidden. On one end we had an entrance through which we could wriggle inside, where we kept a handful of candles, sitting in little dug-out alcoves in the walls, for light.

The ceiling wasn't very high, so we had to lie down inside, usually on a bed of freshly-fallen leaves we had moved inside. From there, in our underground bunker, we would map out the evening's activities, which would depend mostly on the types of supplies we had managed to sneak out of our various houses. Toilet paper, eggs, firecrackers... our mischief was all pretty cliché, but at least it kept us busy. Our parents, of course, never knew a thing, and rarely

even inquired about our nighttime adventures.

It was a different era, one where kids enjoyed a level of freedom (and occasional danger) that seems almost unimaginable these days.

Sadly, in many places, unaccompanied nighttime trick or treating, that was such an iconic part of the life experience of the baby boom generation, is almost entirely a memory.

Kids are mostly gone from the old neighborhood and Halloween has become a night of indoor parties rather than a night of kids roaming free. Perhaps it's a good thing that kids these days have no idea what they're missing.

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problems occur. It seems that the trust fund should be front-loaded rather than backloaded and that the DNR perhaps didn't follow their own consultant's recommendation."

Katchin, who called the DNR's review of the project "unprecedented" in scale and scope argued that the project had undergone extensive review and that it meets all legal requirements and offers enough protections to safeguard taxpayers and the environment.

But Ann Cohen, an attorney for the Minnesota

Center for Environmental Advocacy, said the permit fails to specify how important elements of the project will be undertaken, and how mine closure will eventually be done. "Many of the plans and designs are not complete," said Cohen. "The DNR's position can be summed up as, 'Trust us,'" said Cohen. "The Legislature has made one thing perfectly clear. In four separate statutory provisions, the DNR is not allowed to permit a mine except on the basis of an existing technique... the concept is clear: do

not permit on the basis of hope."

Water Legacy attorney Paula Maccabee argued that many of the concerns raised by the court could best be addressed through a contested case process, during which an administrative law judge would assess the mountains of information and expert testimony assembled by all the parties and issue findings of fact.

The Court of Appeals, back in August, had also placed a stay on PolyMet's water discharge permit over allegations that offi-

cials with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency pressured top administrators in the Region 5 office of the Environmental Protection Agency to withhold written comments raising concerns about the permit's compliance with the Clean Water Act. Litigation over those allegations and the discharge permit is continuing.

Impact on the project

PolyMet's lawyer told the judges that the company is continuing to seek financing for its project and that Glencore,

at least at this time, is not considering financing mine development. It appears, however, that investor interest in the project continues to be lackluster. PolyMet's stock price has plumbed new lows in recent trading, with a share price hovering around 30 cents.

PolyMet spokesperson Bruce Richardson said the continued uncertainty over the fate of several of its permits is not helping. "As we told the court, the stay makes it more of a challenge to secure financing," said Richardson.

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apply. The stipend would cover the time required for training prep work, as well as computer work following the trainings. The officer currently puts in 6-10 unpaid hours doing this work. The council approved both the stipend and gave the ambulance director authority to establish the job description for the position.

The city also has plans in the works to purchase the old St. Louis County public works garage for the maintenance department, which is in need of a new water treatment facility. The money for the purchase, which will total \$190,673, will come from the designated sales fund. This will be a larger building capable of housing the

department and will even have room for offices and a restroom. The council is not yet sure what will happen with the current public works building after the sale is complete.

A special council meeting was set to be held on Wednesday, Oct. 30 regarding the Zup's project. Bids for the remaining portions of parts two and three of the project were slated to be opened on Oct. 28, and the council was expected to award bids on Wednesday evening, after the Timberjay's weekly presstime. The next regular council meeting will take place on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 6 p.m.

In other business, the council:

► Heard from

Councilor Karen Hollanitsch regarding the Cook Airport. A handful of trees will need to be removed by January, as they are above the current height limit.

► Approved three payments to JPJ Engineering: One in the amount of \$11,340 for the TH 53 commercial corridor (Zup's rebuild), a second in the amount of \$700 for the library site plan, and a third in the amount of \$1,404.90 for the River Street bridge.

► Approved the designation of the community center as the city's 2020 polling place.

► Approved the hiring of Walker, Giroux, and Hahne for the 2019 audit, which will be conducted in January.

► Approved the use of designated funds for sealing cracks in the concrete, beginning with the downtown areas.

► Approved a request to apply on behalf of the city to CDBG for work on the community center. The center needs work done on the doors, the ramp, and the sidewalk.

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TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY

New sensory path helps busy bodies focus on learning

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- A series of colorful, sturdy vinyl stickers now decorates the floor in the lower elementary hallway at Tower-Soudan School. The new sensory path has students hopping, skipping, stomping, twirling, and clapping as they loop along the corridor stretching past the Kindergarten, first, second, and third-grade classrooms.

Third-grade teacher Jacque Horvat said the elementary teachers got the idea at a district-wide staff meeting, and then applied for a grant from the Tower Fire Department Relief Association, which funded the project, at a cost of a little over \$350.

Sensory paths are built for repeated wear, as well as normal everyday cleaning, in a school environment.

Sensory paths are fun for all students, but especially help those who have sensory needs, such as students with ADHD, autism, or other learning issues.

"The kids just love it," said Horvat.

By moving their bodies in specific ways, the path helps children to stay calm and regulate their bodies during learning times.

First-grade teacher Jo Holen said the sensory path has created a new rule for her students, who are only allowed to do one of the path's activities on their way to the bathroom.

"I really like reading the letters and clapping," said Ivy

Russel.

Harley Banks said the path makes the hallway really fun.

Fourth-graders Jack Ranua and Dane Pecchia said the path is like a fun new game.

Kindergarten students were eager to show how the path worked, especially on a rainy afternoon when recess was being held indoors.

The project also took some student elbow-grease. Students in grades five and six helped apply and smooth out all the sticker decals.

Right: Sherrie Peters hops along the hallway, while Maleah Boshey follows close behind.

Below: Brendin Villebrun.
photos by J. Summit



COMMUNITY NOTICES

New time for Tower-Soudan Area Singers rehearsal

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Area Singers will begin rehearsal at 5:30 p.m. starting on Monday, Oct. 28. Please note the change in time. The group meets on Monday evenings at Tower-Soudan Elementary's music room (use the door on the north side of the building/by the main clinic entrance), in preparation for their holiday concert on Sunday, Dec. 15.

St. Paul's Chili Feed on Nov. 5

SOUDAN- St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Soudan is holding their annual Election Day Chili Feed

and Craft Sale on Tuesday, Nov. 5 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Cost is \$7 for chili, bread, beverage, and dessert. Take-outs are available by calling 218-753-5341.

Vacancy on TEDA board

TOWER- There is an opening on the Tower Economic Development Authority (TEDA). The board generally meets monthly at Tower City Hall. Any area resident with business experience who is interested in this volunteer position should send a letter of interest to: Steve Peterson, President, TEDA, c/o Tower City Hall, PO Box 576, Tower, MN 55790.

Get your tickets now for TSAA Fall Auction on Thursday, Nov. 7

TOWER- Tickets are now available for the Tower-Soudan Athletic Association Fall Auction on Thursday, Nov. 7 at the Wilderness at Fortune Bay. Tickets are \$25, and must be paid in advance. Payment can be dropped off at the Timberjay office in Tower, or mailed to TSAA, c/o The Timberjay, PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790.

This once-a-year event features an appetizer buffet, live and silent auctions, karaoke, and many games and raffles. While the event is known as a "ladies" night, men are also welcome to attend. A cash bar is available.

All the funds raised go to

youth activities in Tower-Soudan. This is the group's only fundraiser each year, so please consider helping out this important community event.

Estate Planning 101 set for Nov. 13

TOWER- Local attorney, Kelly Klun, from the Klun Law Office in Ely, will lead a free class to take you through key factors to drafting and personalizing wills and trusts, preparing probate documents, creating documents for long-term health care, drafting a durable power of attorney, and preparing health care directives. Class will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 13 in the library at the Tower-Soudan Elementary School at 4 p.m. You must

pre-register. Please text or call Leone Graf to pre-register at 218-343-3744. If no answer, please leave a message with your phone number.

Annual Ladies' Christmas Luncheon at St. James set for Tuesday, Dec. 17

TOWER - St. James Presbyterian of Tower will host its annual Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on Tuesday, Dec. 17 at 11 a.m. This a free event and all women of the community are welcome.

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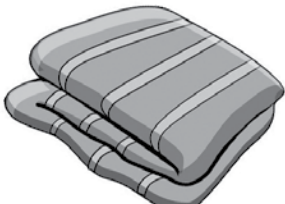
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7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass
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Thu: 10am-5pm

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5345 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia
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GOING ONCE, GOING TWICE...



Live auction action at Tower Civic Center

by E. M. SCHULTZ
Staff Writer

TOWER – Antique collectors, curious onlookers, and other interested parties gathered at the Civic Center here on Saturday, Oct. 26 to bid on a number of different items. Countless antiques and collectibles

were up for auction during the event, which was hosted by Sellers Auction Duluth and put on by Ubetcha Antiques and Uniques of Tower. Good Ol’ Days was also on hand with coffee, pop, brats, and burgers to help keep bidders sharp. The auction featured a number of unique and interesting items, from a working Diamond Willow lamp to a handful of classic Pez candy dispensers.

Sellers Auction is an auction hosting company out of Duluth. For more information, head to www.sellersauction.com.

SOUDAN POST OFFICE HISTORY



Get your very own Soudan Post Office box front plate at the sale on Nov. 7.

Own a piece of local history

Soudan Post Office box fronts for sale

SOUDAN- The front plates from the antique post office boxes at the Soudan Post Office are now available to purchase from the Township of Breitung. The front plates of each box are being sold, since the boxes themselves share a common partition. The old boxes have been replaced with keyed boxes.

All current box holders have first chance at buying their current box number. Others who are interested can also purchase a box plate.

Call Lori Tomsich at 753-4220 to reserve your box number. They

are being sold for \$25 each.

Proceeds from the sale of these vintage post boxes will be used towards the purchase of tables and chairs for the new community center in Soudan.

The plates can be picked up on Thursday, Nov. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the new community room of the Township of Breitung in Soudan.

Own a piece of local history! If you have any information on the history of these boxes, please call and let the township know.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Free computers available on Saturday, Nov. 14; Must meet income guidelines

TOWER- The Blandin Broadband Group has free computers from the PCs for People program to give away on Saturday, Nov. 14 from 3-5 p.m. at the Vermilion Country School. To be eligible for the free computer, you must receive or qualify for any one of the following programs: MFIP, GA, SNAP, NAPS, WIC, Child Care Assistance, Head Start, Section 8 Housing, Energy Assistance, or have your family income at or below 200-percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

The computers will be given away on a first-come, first-served basis, but if demand exceeds supply, the group may be able to get additional computers.

The computers are refurbished desktops with monitors. The computers come with Windows 10. They include a computer mouse and all necessary cables.

You’re Invited ... to a Christmas Bazaar!

TOWER- St. Martin’s Catholic Church is hosting their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 10 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

We are very excited about this year’s event. There is a lot going on. Right now, we have twelve private vendors participating. St. Martin’s will have their “usual” tables– crafts, Christmas Elephant, and the Bucket Raffles. The Cookie Patch (last year named Cookie Walk) will return– featuring thirteen different types of cookies; you will create your own cookie box. We will also be drawing for the winner of our Christmas Quilt.

Two children’s events are planned– the Make-and-Take Table and the Christmas Shop. The Make-

and-Take table will offer a variety of decorations that the children can make at no cost. The Christmas Shop is only for children – they can do their own Christmas shopping for family and friends.

As always, the St. Martin’s Café will be open, featuring five different soups, plus caramel rolls, bars, coffee, and tea.

We hope that you will join us on Nov. 16. If you’re not a bazaar shopper, you can still stop in for lunch.

Community Thanksgiving Meal at St. James on Thursday, Nov. 28

TOWER- St. James Presbyterian Church of Tower will again provide an annual community Thanksgiving Day meal, where all are welcome to enjoy the plenty of harvest. The meal will be served in the church fellowship hall, Thursday, Nov. 28, at 1 p.m. Take outs will be available beginning at 1:30 p.m. This meal is free of charge, but there will be a donation basket for anyone who wishes to contribute. Contact the church at 218-753-6005 to make a reservation and for any questions you may have. Happy Thanksgiving to all and “Bon Appetit.”

Movie Night at St. James on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m.

TOWER- From Executive Producers Tim Tebow and Robby Tebow, “Run the Race” tells the story of two desperate brothers willing to sacrifice today for a better tomorrow. Reeling from his mother’s death and his father’s abandonment, Zach (Tanner Stine) finds glory on the football field, working to earn a college scholarship and the brothers’ ticket out of town. But when a devastating injury puts Zach– and his dreams– on the sidelines, his brother David (Evan Hofer) laces up his track cleats to salvage their future and point

AEOA Senior Dining Menu

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

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

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

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

Week of Nov. 4
Monday: Chicken Sandwich
Tuesday: Taco Salad
Wednesday: Spaghetti w/Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread Stick
Thursday: Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Green Beans
Friday: Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans

Week of Nov. 4

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- 5"30 p.m. on Oct. 29 at City Hall.

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 Nov. 19.

Greenwood Fire Dept.- Meetings on the first (business meeting) and third (drill) Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

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

Breitung Town Board- 12 noon on Oct. 23. Meeting location TBA.

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

St. Paul's hosting this year's Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service

SOUDAN- This year’s Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, Nov. 27 at St.

Paul’s Lutheran Church in Soudan at 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.



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Thursday Noon-6 pm
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Tuesday Group

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All talks are at 12 noon
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Ely Lodge.

Nov. 5 - Dani Pertos-Harvest Nation Survey Results and Feedback

Game night

ELY - Smear tournaments are held the first
and third Mondays, and
cribbage tournaments are
held the second and
fourth Mondays at the
Ely Senior Center, 27 S
1st Ave E, starting at 6
p.m. There is a \$5 entry
fee, plus 25 cents per set.

Ely Free Clinic

ELY - The Ely
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Center is open every
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Building, 111 S 4th
Ave. E.
For more information,
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visit their website,
www.elycommunityhealth.org.

Breathing Out

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dusk hangs heavily
suspending lights, darks, and time
fall ends very soon

Home is where the heart brings you

New residents share their path to Ely

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – New residents of this community, whether here as a lifelong dream or just here because of wanting something new, shared their stories at a recent Tuesday Group at Grand Ely Lodge.

Topics of discussion at the weekly lunchtime gathering can vary greatly, and periodically Elton Brown will gather new people he thinks should introduce themselves to the group.

Rob Ebel started his search for a new home in the north country by checking out the North Shore of Lake Superior. He found an interesting place for sale in this community and contacted a real estate agent to look at it. “I’ve never been to Ely before,” he said, “But I learned about the house at the Minnesota State Fair back in 2006 as it was a showcase house for a log builder and window company.”

He thought at the time that it would be a great house to live in when he retired someday. Apparently, karma does exist. He is here now. “The first thing is, I noticed right away how friendly everyone is,” Ebel said. He was a naturalist who followed in his father’s footsteps.

He has lived much of his life in the Twin Cities, and has been active in the LGBT community there. “I consider myself an activist for human rights, and protector of our natural resources, especially in northern Minnesota,” said. “Copper mining up here should never be allowed, in my opinion.”

Kate Cowley and Bud Ahrens met randomly in Ely and now make the community their full-time home. Kate, a Minneapolis native, was introduced to the area through the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness and a canoe trip for her 30th birthday. After she met Bud, they maintained a long-distance relationship for the past three years.

Bud has been a program director at Voyageur Outward Bound School for the past 10

OUR COMMUNITY



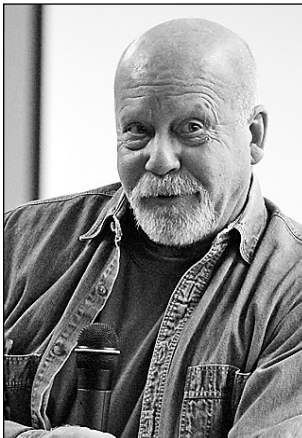
Kate Cowley and Bud Ahrens, top, Cathy and Hunter Bell, right, Rob Ebel, bottom left, and Erik Holmstrom, bottom right, are fairly new Elyites.
photos by K. Vandervort

years. Kate now works as a counselor for Vermilion Community College. They bought a home together this summer on Boundary Street. “We just love it here,” Kate said. “I really wanted to just be in Ely. We are so grateful to both find jobs in our professions to be here.”

Cathy and Hunter Bell met in the 1980s on a winter Outward Bound adventure. Their careers took them to Montana where they spent the past 25 years. “We came to a point in our lives where it was time for something different. Ely was the place we wanted to be if we left Montana.”

Cathy works as a nurse at Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital, and her side gig is weaving. “I’m having a wonderful time here,” she said. Hunter said, “I’m the same as Bud who you previously heard from. I grew up outside of Chattanooga. I worked at Outward Bound schools here and Texas and Montana.”

Hunter remains semi-retired and works part time as a wildland



firefighter. “I’m on a national team, based out of Montana, and work on structure protection, to protect communities from fire,” he said.

Erik Holmstrom grew up in Duluth and said he was skeptical about moving to Ely when his wife came here to interview with the hospital. “I took a BWCA trip when I was a kid and was okay for a day,” he said. “I like showers and hotels.”

Erik and his wife Becky have lived in Bismarck, N.D., for the last six years. Becky is a

nurse and Erik has been an entrepreneurial center director and college business instructor.

Erik wasn’t sold on moving back to Minnesota, but Cathy got the job here at EBCH and they moved with their four children in September. “Our first day here was also the first day of school and was quite a whirlwind. “We love it here and look forward to making our home here,” he said.

SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS

DAV vehicle program launched in Ely

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – The Disabled Veterans of America organization launched a new transportation service here this week for ambulatory veterans, through the Twin Ports DAV Clinic. A vehicle was presented to the VA Clinic on Monday.

According to Daniel Welsand, transportation coordinator at the Twin Ports Clinic, in Superior, Wis., the program provides transportation to ambulatory veterans in northeast Minnesota, helping them get to their Veterans Administration-approved appointments. The DAV of Minnesota currently has 30-plus vehicles strategically placed in Minnesota communities.

By the numbers

DAV of Minnesota, 2018:
➤ 1,479,064 miles driven by volunteer drivers
➤ 28,775 veterans transported to VA



A Disabled Veterans of America transportation program is now available in Ely. photo by K. Vandervort

approved appointments

➤ 67,963 hours invested by volunteers transporting veterans

DAV of northeast Minnesota, 2018:

➤ 156,181 miles driven by volunteer drivers in 2018

➤ 4,147 veterans transported to VA-approved appointments

➤ 6,186 hours invested

by volunteers transporting veterans

The vehicle presentation took place at the St. Louis County Commissioner Office on Miners Drive in Ely, County Commissioner Paul McDonald accepted the vehicle. “Thank you to the DAV for providing a vehicle for use for our Ely-area veterans,” he said.

“We are always here in support of all our veterans and thank them for their service.”

“We are a volunteer program and are always in need of new volunteer drivers in all our areas,” Welsand added. To volunteer, call him at 715-398-2416, or email dan@davmn.org.

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'Keep Warm' project returns to Vermilion Community College



Volunteers shown organizing items for the Vermilion Community College "Keep Warm" project include, from left, Cindy Bina, program co-chair, Tim Cook, Adam Selseth, Dayna Mase, program co-chair, and Marcia Chambers. photo by K. Vandervort

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – The 6th annual "Keep Warm" program is under way at Vermilion Community College. "Keep Warm" provides boots, coats, gloves, hats and other items to VCC students unprepared for the winter months here in Ely.

Distribution of winter coats and items is held every Tuesday and Thursday, 2:30-3:30 p.m. through Nov. 19, in the game room at the VCC residence hall.

On the first day of dis-

tribution, volunteers gifted 25 students with various items to keep them warm this winter, according to co-chair Dayna Mase. "It was great way to start the program, but we need more contributors to step forward," she said.

Mase added, "Last year, we provided 60 students with a "KW package," and had over 200 coats donated by local people. We estimate that over the past five years, 200 students have received boots, and over 700 coats."

This year, eight Ely-

area churches are helping in collecting coats and financial assistance to purchase items, including Grace Lutheran Church, LedgeRock Community Church, First Presbyterian Church, Ely Gospel Tabernacle Church, United Methodist Church, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Oasis International Church, and St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

Additional contributors to the program, according to Mase:

► Piragis Northwoods

Company (generous discount)

► Northern Tier Boy Scouts (donated 60 pairs of winter boots!)

► R & R Transfer (donated boxes for churches to collect items)

► VCC Student Services Staff (helping to distribute and get the word out to students)

"Ely Surplus gives us a generous discount and we purchase boots, gloves, hats and gaiters from them," she added. "It does take a village to keep people warm, too!"

AROUND TOWN



'Scrooge in Love' coming to VCC

ELY - Rehearsals for the Northern Lakes Arts Association Holiday musical show, "Scrooge in Love," are in full swing. Performances at the Vermilion Community College Fine Arts Theatre are set for Thanksgiving weekend, Saturday, Nov. 30, at 2 p.m., Sunday, Dec. 1, at 2 p.m., as well as Friday and Saturday, Dec. 6-7, at 7 p.m.

"Scrooge in Love," takes place a year after the events of A Christmas Carol. The four ghosts (Jacob Marley and the Ghosts of Christmas Past, Present, and Future) return with a new goal: to reunite the new and improved Ebenezer Scrooge with his long-lost first love, Belle.

All of Dickens' familiar characters return in this romantic and festive sequel to the perennial classic. The score, with lyrics by Kellen Blair and music by Larry Grossman (known for SNOOPY!), bubbles with energy and lyricism.

"Scrooge in Love" is directed by Mike Rouse and Crystal Poppler.

For more information, contact Sara Skelton at Vermilion College at 218-235-2142 or email her at s.skelton@vcc.edu.

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.

Ely Winter Festival seeks sponsors

ELY - The Ely Winter Festival, scheduled to run Feb. 6-16, 2020, seeks sponsors, including businesses and organizations in the Ely area, to help support the independent, non-profit organization.

The group relies and depends on sponsorships, grants, and gifts in kind to keep the festival running, marking 26 years.

Despite support from all sectors of the Ely community, and having received a grant from the Minnesota State Arts Board for specific expenses, they still depend on sponsors for their ongoing operation.

If you are interested in being a sponsor, contact the festival at 365-SNOW or at their website, at <https://elywinterfestival.com/>.



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Letter to the Editor

Grocery stores of yesterday

Dear Editor:

In an article about early Ely grocery stores a few weeks ago, the names of known businesses were listed. Readers were encouraged to inform me or the historical society if they had additional information. Since then the names of two other businesses have surfaced: the Ely Finnish Stock Co. and the Blue Ribbon Market. If any reader has further information for us please call the historical society at 218-365-3226.

David Kess

News In Brief

School sports meeting set for Nov. 5

ELY – The Memorial High School winter sports meeting will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 5, beginning at 6 p.m. in the high school gym.

This meeting is open for all students who want to take part in boys basketball, girls basketball, hockey and dance team. Coaches will be on hand to offer preseason information and details about practices.

Winter practices begin either Nov. 11 or Nov. 18, depending on the sport. For more information, contact the school's athletic director, Tom Coombe, at tcoombe@ely.k12.mn.us.

Happy Days Halloween party is tonight

ELY - Happy Days Preschool is hosting a Halloween Costume Contest on Friday, Nov. 1 at the Grand Ely Lodge. The fundraising event, for children pre-K through fifth grade, will be held from 5-8 p.m.

Happy Days, a private, self-funded preschool for children three to five years of age, is celebrating its 50th anniversary in December.

"Part of the success of the preschool depends on the contributions from local businesses and sponsors who generously donate various educational items and monetary donations," said board member Zoe Lampman.

Costume contest judging will begin at 7 p.m. During the contest, there will be door prizes with carnival-style games, such as "Witch-Hat Ring Toss," "Feed the Ghost," "Monster Grab," "Pick-a-Duck," and more.

Crafting activities will also be available to include rock painting, pumpkin decorating, and make a monster. The best deal for game participation will be \$5 for 10 tickets.

All proceeds will benefit Happy Days Preschool, which strives to provide quality and hands-on education for its students. "Come on out and enjoy this fun family event," Lampman said.

Free flu shots available in Ely

ELY – Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital is providing free flu shots again this year. Community flu shot clinics, held at a variety of locations, continue through the middle of November.

New this year, according to EBCH officials, high-dose vaccinations will be available for patients 65 and older with the presentation of a Medicare insurance card. These vaccinations will still be provided at no cost to the patient. Limited supplies available.

The flu shot clinic schedule includes:

ELY-BLOOMENSON HOSPITAL

► Thursday, Nov. 7 – 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES

► Tuesday, Nov. 12 – 3:30-7 p.m. at Washington Elementary School

► Thursday, Nov. 14 – 3:30 – 7 p.m. at Ely Memorial High School



Ely Memorial High School Medallions

ON SALE NOW!

The Ely-Winton Historical Society is selling pewter

medallions with the replica of the Ely-Memorial High School engraved on them. These medallions are 2-1/2" wide by 2" tall and come with loop and cord for hanging. They cost \$15 each plus \$3.50 postage and handling for those ordering from out of the area.

Call the Ely-Winton Historical Society at 219-365-3226 or email: ewhsmuseum.com@ewhsmuseum.com.

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NORTH WOODS SCHOOL

Piatigorsky Foundation brings music to area students



There were plenty of chances for North Woods students to ask and answer questions during an afternoon concert on Oct. 28. Pianist Nicholas Shaneyfelt (pictured above talking with students on the bleachers) and tenor Kelly Burns performed for the elementary along with the high school choir students. photos by E.M. Schultz

by E. M. SCHULTZ
Staff Writer

COOK - North Woods students from grades K-6 and the high school choir were treated to a delightful afternoon concert on Monday, Oct. 28, featuring tenor Kelly Burns and pianist Nicholas Shaneyfelt. Over the course of an hour, they heard a variety of songs sung in English, Spanish, and French, as well as a couple of solo piano pieces.

Burns and Shaneyfelt began the concert by introducing themselves and explaining the style of

music they would be performing. The duo also took turns addressing the students in between pieces, asking them questions about the type of music they enjoy and giving them background information on each of the songs. They encouraged the children to pursue their dreams - especially those in the arts - using their own stories as an example of the hard work and dedication it takes to be successful.

The kids were especially interested in the final song, "Hardhearted Hannah," about a woman from Savannah. Other

songs performed included "Embraceable You," "Love's Philosophy," and "El Vito." Burns and Shaneyfelt have performed all over the country. The concert at the school was the last stop on the pair's Minnesota tour.

Professional musicians perform at North Woods each year, providing the students with a unique educational experience. This particular concert was sponsored by the Piatigorsky Foundation, the Northwoods Friends of the Arts, the Cook Lions Club, and the Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club.



Cook-Orr Calendar

Cook Seniors to meet on Nov. 6

COOK- The Cook Senior Citizens will hold their monthly meeting on Wednesday, Nov. 6 at 1 p.m. in the senior citizens room at the Pioneer Apartments (use the front entry) at 131 5th St. SE.

The meeting will include news about the group, plans for having card games, and other activities. Refreshments will be served. All are welcome. The group is not just for seniors!

Readers and Rappers to discuss "The Matriarch"

COOK - The Cook-area book club Readers and Rappers will meet on Tuesday, Nov. 12 at 1 p.m. to discuss "The Matriarch" by Susan Page, a vivid biography of former First Lady Barbara Bush. Ellie Larmouth will act as hostess, while Alberta Whitenack will serve as the moderator. Readers and Rappers meets the second Tuesday of every month, except for July. In December, the book to be discussed is "Eleanor Oliphant" by Gail Honeyman. New members are always welcome!

North Woods Teacher Conferences and School Closings

FIELD TWP- North Woods School Teacher Conferences for par-

ents and guardians will be held Thursday, Nov. 7 and Thursday, Nov. 14. Conference hours on both days are 3:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. The conference schedule is also available on the North Woods School website. There is no school on Monday, Nov. 4 due to a teacher in-service day and no school on Friday, Nov. 15.

Friends of the Library Basket Fundraiser

COOK - Friends of the Cook Library will be sponsoring a combined silent auction and dollar raffle ticket fundraiser beginning on November 12. A variety of baskets, containers, and items will be on display for the event at the Cook Public Library. Everyone is invited and encouraged to browse and bid, while enjoying everything the library has to offer. Winners will be drawn on Dec. 12, so be sure to stop in often to make bids. All proceeds will benefit the Cook Public Library.

Reception on Friday, Nov. 1 for Ely artist, Cecilia Rolando

COOK- An opening reception for the public will be held on Friday, Nov. 1 from 5 - 7 p.m. at Northwoods Friends of the Arts, 210 S River St. in Cook. Enjoy this exhibit, refreshments and

the whole gallery while meeting Ely artist Cecilia Rolando and other artists. The exhibit will be on display through Nov. 22, with winter gallery hours Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

What makes Cecilia Rolando's art of interest is she never tires of experimenting in various media including watercolor, acrylics, fabric, glass, metal, beadwork, paper, and more. Rolando may spend several years learning each medium as she creates. Her fascination for what she can create from new materials leads her down various paths with her work. Faces, as well as flowers, are her favorite subjects.

Woodcarving group meets Thursdays

COOK- The NWFA woodcarving group will meet on Thursdays at the gallery from 6 to 8 p.m. Dates are Nov. 7, 21; Dec. 5, 12, and 19. The curious and carving beginners of all ages are encouraged to attend and share this learning experience together. Call Howard Hilshorst for more information at 218-741-7941.

Triple Espresso at the Backus on Nov. 5

INT. FALLS - The Backus Community Cen-

Scan your photos and documents at the Cook Library, Nov. 5-7

COOK- Do you have photos or documents you'd like to preserve in digital format? Bring your documents, letters, photos, slides, or negatives to the Cook



Public Library during regular hours on Nov. 5-7. The library will have professional scanning equipment provided by Minitex and the Minnesota Digital Library that the public can use.

All scanned items will be converted to a digital format, so please bring your

own USB flash drive in order to save them. Scanning is free but the number of items may be limited depending on time. To pre-register for one-hour time slots, please call 218-666-2210.

If you have old photos of Cook and would be willing to share them, please contact the library.

This program is made possible by the Arrowhead Library System.

ter has been selected as one of the venues to host the Minnesota-grown hit show "Triple Espresso" during its first-ever Minnesota tour. The show tells the story of three hopeful entertainers whose bid for fame and fortune ended in four minutes of magnificent failure on national television. Combining magic and comedy, original music and parodies, physical humor and a touch of audience involvement, it's an experience not quite like any other.

The show will take place on Tuesday, Nov. 5 at 7 p.m. with doors opening at 6:30. Tickets may be purchased in advance at City Drug,

J&D Foods in Littlefork, Betty's in Fort Frances and the Backus Community Center office or at the door the night of the show. Adult tickets are \$12, kids ages 6 to 18 are \$5, and kids 5 and under are free.

"Triple Espresso" was written by Minnesota natives Bill Arnold, Michael Pearce Donley, and Bob Stromberg and is directed by William Partlan. It has been described as "a highly caffeinated comedy" and has delivered laughs to more than two million people in six countries. This season's tour has been made possible by an Arts Tour Minnesota Grant. For more information, please call

Backus Community Center at 218-285-7225 or go online to www.backusab.org.

Open Studio Art at NWFA Gallery on Saturdays

COOK- On Saturdays, artists meet at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook to enjoy working on their art from 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. All artists and would-be artists are welcome to share the time and space on Saturdays.

NORTH WOODS SCHOOL

The importance of community and relationships



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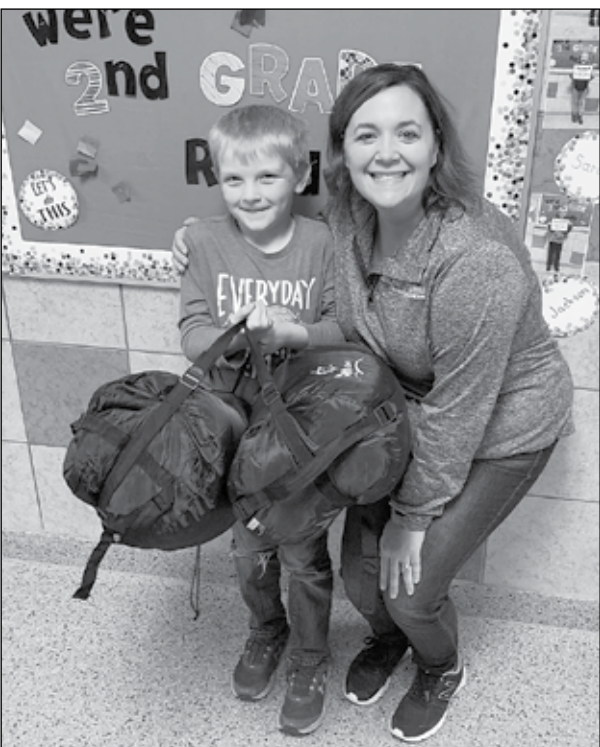
This past week on Thursday, Oct. 24, North Woods School hosted our annual Family Fun Night, sponsored by North Star Credit Union of Cook. This event is an example of the connections that schools and communities have the ability to foster through the building of relationships. Dozens of families were in attendance to enjoy numerous games, food, displays, educational opportunities hosted by the U.S. Forest Service, a walk in the school forest, and free ice cream provided by Ruby’s Pantry.

Our main partner for this event is North Star Credit Union. Jody Feist from North Star assists the school weekly with our school store and a student financial club, B.O.S.S., or “Bunch of Students Saving.” They also assist us with a financial readiness book that they put together for our students. It teaches financial literacy in many areas including loans, savings, credit cards, and financial planning to name a few. In addition,

they assist us with another program called “Mad City”, which teaches kids the importance of budgeting. Kids are given a “mock job” along with the salary and benefits of that job, and then need to live within the budget they are allowed. For the Family Fun Night itself, credit union employees work with set-up, tear-down, obtaining many of the games, food, the bouncy house, renting the photo booth, obtaining raffle prizes, and general organization. The North Woods School teachers volunteer at the different stations, along with setting up, tearing down, and helping supervise. Ruby’s Pantry, along with staff, students, and parent volunteers unloaded and reloaded thousands of pints of ice cream through Halo Top!

Our Title I program is integral to this event too. This event covers the requirement that schools with Title I programs host events that involve families outside of the regular school day. They work to sign in our families, survey parents, and distribute information about the Title I program.

What is Title I? It is a federal funding program that allows schools who financially qualify to hire additional staff for academic assistance for students who need a little extra help. Title I staff need to meet the same



Above: Ava Eggert (pictured above) and her sister Natalie won the new tent in the raffle.
Left: Jackson Long, proud winner of two brand new sleeping bags, with his teacher April Glass.

requirements as a classroom teacher. Our Title I teachers are Amy Nelson, Kristi Sopoci, and Nathan LeBeque.

Back to the relationships part. Our partnership with North Star is valued not just because of their role in this event, but also because of the relationships we have built with the people who work there, and hopefully vice-versa. It feels great to be supported in education by an entity that some may think would not have a role in what happens at a school, but actually does, especially through the financial education piece. Personal relationships may have been changed forever due to the influence of

electronic media, but I am too old to depend on that. I can say that I am an “in-person” guy. This article is not all about me, but as I walked around last night in the commons, I realized that one of the bank employees is a friend’s neighbor, and I also had their children in school. Another is a former school employee. Two are former students of mine from my previous school. Several have children at North Woods. Several are still folks who I only see once a year, but if I bumped into them in public I would certainly remember where they work. One of the parents I saw last night was a former student 15 years ago in a community far

this type of opportunity to converse with him. I found out that we have so much in common! I hope he enjoyed it as much as I did. I had never formally met the parent and her daughter. Again, I thought it was very nice to have the chance to interact and weave our way through the puddles, over the water holes, and down the path. Thank you for hiking with me.

When you buy a car, you may go to the salesperson you know. When you are at the grocery store, you feel more at home when the cashier knows you. If you have kids, you will get to know their friends over time, and trust them more. The examples are endless.

As a school we hope that we are earning your trust by building relationships with you, our families. It’s why events like this are so important.

To everyone who helped out at the North Woods Family Fun Night, thank you. To all who attended, we look forward to continuing to get to know you and work together to help our kids be the best they can be.

John Vukmanich
Principal

NWFA Curious and Creative Winter Classes

COOK - Winter classes at the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery (NWFA) are still in development, but there are several already on the schedule. All classes will take place at the gallery. For more information on these classes and NWFA, visit www.nwfamn.org or send an email to nwfamn.org@gmail.com.

➤ Vickie Lange will be teaching Beginning Knitting on Saturday, Nov. 9 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. You will learn and practice four basic techniques: cast on, knit stitch, purl stitch, and bind off. Bring size 8 knitting needles and a skein of 4-ply yarn. Class size is limited to five, so be sure to register early by calling Vickie at 507-412-1117.

➤ Susan Archbold

will be hosting Create a Cool Needle-Felted Viking on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. You will need to purchase a kit for \$20. The class itself costs \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members. Call Alberta at 666-2153 to pre-register for this event.

➤ Lyn Reed will be teaching a Lino Print class on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 1-3 p.m. You will be able to design, carve, and print your own piece. Materials will be provided. Class size is limited to ten, so be sure to pre-register by calling Alberta at

666-2153.

➤ Kris Musto will be teaching a class on Contour Drawing on Monday, Nov. 25 from 6-8 p.m. You will learn drawing techniques in a non-judgmental environment that will encourage drawing freedom. See world-renowned drawings and learn exercises to help spark your inspiration. No drawing experience is necessary, and all levels are welcome. To pre-register, call Alberta at 666-2153.

➤ Kris Musto will also be hosting Clay Play on Tuesday, Dec. 3 from

10 a.m.-12 p.m. You will create a small, polymer clay turtle or other critter that can be worn as a necklace or pin. Materials will be supplied by NWFA. Class size is limited to ten, so call Alberta at 666-2153 to register early.

➤ On Saturday, Dec. 7 from 1-3 p.m. there will be a class called “Pen and Ink, Watercolors and an Introduction to Masa Paper.” You will learn about masa paper and draw Minnesota lake creatures. Call Alberta at 666-2153 to register.

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Vendors needed for Tower Holiday Craft Show set for Saturday, Dec. 7

TOWER- The Tower Holiday Craft Show will be held on Saturday, Dec. 7 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. Tables are \$20 each (limit two 8-ft. tables per vendor) and must be reserved and paid for in advance. Checks can be made out to Friends of VCS and mailed to Vermilion Country School, PO Box 629, Tower, MN 55790 or can be dropped off at the charter school or at the Timberjay office in Tower. For more information, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

Indoor Walking at Timber Hall begins Monday, Nov. 4 from 7:30 - 9 a.m.

EMBARRASS- All are welcome to attend indoor walking at Timber Hall on Hwy. 21 in Embarrass on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Thursdays from 7:30-9 a.m.

Finnish Americans and Friends to honor Oiva Ylonen on Nov. 5

HIBBING- Finnish Americans and Friends will be holding a tribute on Tuesday, Nov. 5 in honor of long-time member Oiva Ylonen, who recently passed away. Rodney Ikola will deliver David Kess’ presentation “Getting Along (or Not),” a reflection of our ancestors’ experiences as they arrived in the early part of the last century. The presentation begins at 2 p.m. at the Grace Lutheran Church in Hibbing. Coffee an’ to follow. All are invited to attend.

Come hear Mozart’s Requiem and more; concerns on Nov. 15 and 17

REGIONAL - The Mesabi Symphony Orchestra and Range of Voices are proud to present Mozart’s Requiem, along with other works, on Friday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m., at the United in Christ Lutheran Church in Eveleth and on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 2:30 p.m. at the Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Virginia. Tickets are \$8 for students, \$12 for seniors, \$15 for adults, and \$25 for family groups. They may be purchased at the door or online at www.mesabisymphonyorchestra.org.

Councils, Crusades, and Reformers: History of Christianity from 1054 to 1600 C.E.

VIRGINIA - Reverend Ellen Taube will present “Councils, Crusades, and Reformers: History of Christianity from 1054 to 1600 C.E.” at the Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, Nov. 3 at 10:30 a.m. This presentation will review the Roman Catholic Church, the Crusades, and the Protestant Reformation.

Sons of Norway host silent auction

VIRGINIA - Sons of Norway Haarfager Lodge 40 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 7 in the Virginia City Hall Club Room. A silent auction will be held with proceeds going to the Sons of Norway Foundation. Members are encouraged to bring items for the auction. There will also be some vintage Norwegian items available for purchase. Pat Sleeman, Sara Palazzari and Gale Rostvit will act as the serving committee. Anyone interested in Norwegian culture and heritage is invited to attend.

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TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, Nov. 4 at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m. Senior Bingo is organized by the Friends of the Vermilion Country Charter School. In case of inclement weather school closure in Tower, bingo will be cancelled. Questions, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

Upcoming dates for 2019/2020:

Monday, December 2
No bingo in January
Monday, February 3, 2020
Monday, March 2, 2020

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MAJOR LEAGUE EATING

3rd annual World Indian Taco-Eating Championship set for Nov. 2 at Fortune Bay

VERMILION RESERVATION- On Saturday, Nov. 2, the number-three-ranked competitive eater in the world, Geoffrey Esper, and other top-ranked eaters will gather in Tower to seek the title of Indian Taco-Eating Champion of the World at the third-annual Fortune Bay World Indian Taco-Eating Championship, hosted by Major League Eating (MLE). This competition will take place at 5 p.m. in the Woodlands Ballroom.

Competitors will have eight minutes to eat as many Fortune Bay Indian Tacos as they can. At last year’s championship, Geoffrey Esper ate a record-setting 30.5 tacos in eight minutes. He will face fierce competition from up to 15 top-ranked competitive eaters, including Miki Sudo, Matthew Raible, and Gideon Oji.

Major League Eating (MLE), the world governing body of all stomach-centric sports, conducts more



Geoffrey Esper (above right) is returning to Fortune Bay on Saturday to defend his world championship Indian Taco-Eating title. Also pictured is Joey Chestnut. file photo

than 80 events annually. The competitive eating community consists of more than 8,000 veteran and rookie athletes. For more information, visit www.majorleagueeating.com.

LAKE COUNTRY POWER

Ely Community Health Center can offer assistance in applying for MNSure

Enrollment period runs from Nov. 1 – Dec. 23

ELY- The State of Minnesota recently announced that the periods for Open Enrollment on MNSure (the ACA Insurance Exchange for residents of Minnesota) will commence on Nov. 1, 2019, and run through Dec. 23, 2019, for coverage beginning on Jan. 1, 2020.

The process for submitting an application is fairly simple although it can seem confusing at times. This is why the Ely Community Health Center has reinstated their Certified Insurance Navigator status which allows ECHC to help you go through the process of completing the application for insurance, whether it is for Medical Assistance, MinnesotaCare or MNSure.

As part of this process, we will investigate all of the various financial assistance options available to our residents to identify the most

cost-effective options available.

All Minnesota residents who are currently covered by health insurance provided from the MNSure exchange will receive a Renewal Notice which will state if they are re-determined to be eligible for a qualified health plan for the coming coverage year (2020). This notice will contain information that needs to be reviewed for accuracy and then you can either review other available options or, if you do nothing, you will be automatically renewed in your existing policy or one that is similar if the existing plan is not available this year.

However, our experience is that most Minnesota residents end up with health insurance that is more costly than if they go through the open renewal period to investigate all of the available financial support

options, as well as looking at the other policies that are available. Based on various surveys of Minnesota residents, many people do not understand how the two public options work nor how the available tax credits can be used to reduce the monthly premium for their health insurance.

If you would like to schedule an appointment with ECHC to assist you with your application, please contact ECHC at director@elycommunityhealth.org or call 218-365-5678. We will be scheduling appointments commencing the beginning of November, so go ahead and reserve your spot for assistance.

MNSure Navigators are also available through the AEOA in Virginia (218-748-7356) and Range Mental Health in Virginia (218-749-2881).

Beginning knitting class offered in Cook

COOK- NWFA begins new classes for winter. The Curious and Creative Classes are ongoing all winter and developing constantly so be on the lookout at Northwoods Friends of the Arts in Cook.

On Saturday, Nov. 9, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.. Vickie Lange will hold a “Beginning Knitting” class for ages 12-100. No experience necessary. Class size will be limited to assure individual assistance. Expect to learn and practice the four techniques basic to all knitting patterns– cast on, knit stitch, purl stitch, and bind off. Participants will be able to

start a small project (dish cloth or scarf). Vickie recommends the group arrange a follow-up session for further practice and assistance.

What do you need to begin? A lunch break (your bag lunch or a visit to a nearby eatery) will be encouraged to rest fingers and brains. You will be required to supply your own pair of size 8 knitting needles and a skein of 4-ply yarn available at Material Girl in Virginia or Joann Fabrics & Crafts in Hibbing.

Call Vickie Lange to register and for questions and more specific yarn recommendations at 507-412-1117.

NWFA is a non-profit membership organization dedicated to inspiring, nurturing and celebrating the arts in all forms in the region of Cook. The website is NWFAMN.ORG and email may be sent to nwfamn.org@gmail.com. The Gallery is located next to Dream Weaver Salon on Main St. near Hwy 53, 210 S River St. The Gallery is open for shopping and viewing Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., and on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Embarrass Ice Candle Holiday Celebration



With the change of the season, we are now thinking about the Embarrass Ice Candle Holiday Celebration. A reminder to buy your ice candles! Like past years, they will be \$3 each this year. We will be selling ice candles until November 15. If you plan to buy a candle in remembrance of a loved one, please let us know as soon as possible by stopping by the Clerk’s office or calling us at 218-984-2084.

We would like to get all the marked stakes put out by the grave sites by the first week in November. The Ice Candle and Holiday Gathering will be held this year on Saturday, December 14 at the Embarrass Cemetery with Christmas goodies to follow at the Embarrass Town Hall located at 7503 Levander Road. Mark your calendars!

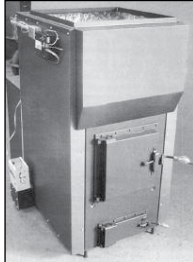


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lated any laws through her action is unclear, but Ranua did report the incident to the Breitung Police Department. Police chief Dan Nyland told the council on Monday that an investigation is ongoing. Mayor Orlyn Kringstad said information so far has been forwarded to the St. Louis County Attorney.

“What we don’t know is if the former clerk-treasurer is still using the software that was paid for by the city,” said Kringstad.

The city had paid for a year-long subscription to the program back in February, so the city will, at Microsoft’s recommendation, dispute the charge for the remaining months of the contract, which could eliminate any access to the program that Keith still maintains.

In her report to the city council on Monday, Ranua stated that she established a free trial on a business premium version of Office 365, that runs through Nov. 17. The council authorized Ranua to purchase either the basic business software or the business premium version based on her discretion. The annual subscription is likely to run an additional \$960 a year, possibly less. The software operates the computer system for the clerk-treasurer and the deputy clerk-treasurer.

The cost of the security audit approved by the council is \$2,450 and will investigate any potential remote access that the former clerk-treasurer might still maintain

to city computers and help strengthen the city’s computer security going forward. “We need to make sure that there are no more backdoor accesses to systems at city hall,” said Kringstad. “That’s why Roger’s Online is recommending an audit of the systems.”

The incident raised other concerns as well, since city officials have confirmed that Keith had informed her longtime political ally, city ambulance director and fire chief Steve Altenburg, of her decision to disable the city’s computer system the day before, but Altenburg never informed any city officials who might be affected prior to the arrival of the clerk-treasurer and deputy clerk-treasurer on the morning of Oct. 17.

Budget update

Ranua provided the council with an updated report on the city’s precarious finances, including current fund balances as well as identified liabilities. As of Monday, the city had \$864,097 in its general fund, but Ranua noted that that number is significantly inflated by the \$750,000 in loan funds that the city has received in recent months as well as a recent \$350,000 reimbursement from the LCCMR for a portion of the harbor trail project. Ranua recommended that the LCCMR funds be used to pay off about two-thirds of the \$453,651 remaining from a grant anticipation grant

that the city took out with Frandsen Bank this past summer.

Ranua said she was still working to better understand the city’s existing liabilities and noted that the city currently has at least ten loans or other bonded debt, totaling \$2.67 million. Councilor Sheldon Majerle said the city debt should also include the \$140,000 insurance settlement that the city received for the fire that destroyed the former ambulance and fire garage, which the city spent for other purposes without rebuilding the desperately-needed garage.

Ranua also provided the council with an improved budget printout including spending year-to-date, with easy-to-track totals for each sub-category.

Other business

In other action, the council took several steps to advance a planned water treatment upgrade and water main project in cooperation with Breitung Township. The council adopted recommended changes in the city’s joint powers agreement with the Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board and greenlighted a proposal by engineers SEH to develop design drawings and conduct soil borings for the proposed replacement of the nearly 80-year-old water main that connects the water tower to the city’s distribution system.

The TWWB has

already applied for funding for that work as well as construction of a new water treatment plant to address concerns about emergent bacterial seepage from the East Two River. The water treatment plant is estimated to cost up to \$3.4 million, which would be split between Tower and Breitung. The city would have to pay the full estimated \$1.1 million cost of the new water main on its own. The combined projects are currently ranked number two in the state with the Public Facilities Authority, which means loan funding is nearly assured. But the city will also be exploring grant opportunities to help write down some of the cost.

In related action, the council authorized a new community household income survey in hopes of better documenting the city’s low-and-moderate income population. Due to poor response during the 2010 census, the city lost its eligibility for funding under the federal Community Development Block Grant program, which is designed to help lower income communities. City grant writer Nancy Larson said she is hoping to get as much as \$350,000 from CDBG for the water main if the city can document that it qualifies as a low-and-moderate income community.

In other business, the council:

➤ Discussed establishing a format for city department reports to ensure that relevant infor-

mation and any action items are included with the reports to better assist the council in its decision-making. The format is likely to be similar to the one-page memos that Ranua is now providing to the council for most items on the agenda. Ranua is now providing the memos as well as the council packet to members of the council along with their meeting agendas, which gives council members time to inform themselves before attending meetings.

➤ Heard and discussed correspondence and public input from Greenwood Township resident Lee Peterson focusing on the spending of past ambulance surpluses for other city expenses. “Until the *Timberjay* started reporting it, the townships were unaware that money was being transferred for city spending,” said Peterson, who encouraged the council to backfill the ambulance reserve. Peterson also encouraged the council to produce a complete and comprehensive accounting of the ambulance funds and where they went.

➤ Approved on a 4-1 vote, spending \$17,690 for a five-year extended warranty for three Zoll EKG units for the city’s three ambulances. Based on information provided by ambulance director Steve Altenburg, Ranua told the council that the extended warranty was required to maintain the licensure of the city’s ambulances, but that turned out to be

incorrect. State law only requires that ambulances have working EKG units. The contract will be paid out annually at a cost of \$3,538 per year.

➤ Approved a contract with Nancy Larson’s Community Coaching for preparation of grant and loan requests for the city’s water treatment and main line project, at a cost of up to \$1,500. Larson noted that 50 percent of that cost could be written down through the IRRRB’s grant-writing grant program.

➤ Approved retaining Duluth-based Johnson, Killen and Seiler law firm to provide representation to the city should the Teamsters Union pursue the grievance filed on behalf of former clerk-treasurer Linda Keith. The city will be required to pay a \$10,000 retainer, although any unused funds would be reimbursed.

➤ Approved moving ahead with the reconstruction of the dilapidated city sidewalk along Spruce Street, in front of the Tower Elementary School and the Scenic Rivers Clinic, at a cost of \$34,000. The city council had approved the reconstruction and accepted bids for the work last year, but the city never followed through due to lack of funds. But Ranua said the sidewalk is used frequently by children and the elderly and should be a high priority for the city. “It’s in horrible condition,” she said.

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they become economic drivers bringing thousands of people to our community. Could late February use a strong economic driver? Absolutely. We also do a phenomenal job putting on events that entice people to come back year after year.”

Sebesta said the WolfTrack Classic board of directors recently approached the Ely Chamber of Commerce about taking over the race. “As with the Ely All-American Race decades prior, finding volunteers to serve on the board proved challenging,” she said. “Everyone on both sides agreed a sled dog race is part of Ely’s history and engrained in our culture, and recognized the importance of continuing the race.”

Ellen Cashman, one

of the original founders of the WolfTrack Classic has served as the race director, board president, volunteer coordinator and in many other positions, and she will maintain the integrity of the event, Sebesta noted. “(Ellen) has served as part of the race for many years and knows the requirements of planning and executing a long distance race,” she said. “Fifty years since the first sled dog race in Ely was launched in 1970, the Ely Chamber of Commerce, is proud to keep the sport of sled dog racing alive and well here.”

In the beginning

Back in 1969, Ely’s Action Committee was tasked with starting a winter event. On Jan. 17, 1970, the Minnesota Arrowhead

Championship Sled Dog Race began. The Ely Chamber of Commerce, along with the Winter Activities Committee of the Ely Action Group was one of the original sponsors and organizers. Within a few years, the race was renamed the Ely All-American Sled Dog Race. “It’s important to note the Ely race began before Alaska’s Iditarod race,” Sebesta said. “For more than 20 years the Ely All-American ran down Sheridan Street and headed off into remote areas on an epic quest.”

According to Sebesta, the Ely sled dog race was such a notable event, drawing thousands of spectators, that Dr. Grahek, Ely mayor in 1979, proclaimed Ely the Sled Dog Capital of the World. “Those

who remember the days of the race can attest to the excitement created as mushers and their teams prepared for launch. The howling, barks and clamor was incredible,” she said.

In the mid-1990s, the challenge of maintaining a large race with limited coordination and volunteers, along with other races coming on the scene, brought the race to a close. “Approximately 10 years later, in 2006, a hearty group of sled dog mushers started a conversation about creating a new race in the spirit of the Ely All-American,” Sebesta said. By 2008, plans were in place and the first WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race was launched. During the last twelve years the race has grown and adapted based on

feedback and identifying Ely’s unique niche in the sled dog racing world.

The race now has two categories. The eight-dog race is 50 miles long and winds along the Taconite Trail, into Bear Head Lake State Park and across Bear Head Lake before turning back towards Ely. The six-dog race is 30 miles in length and also follows the Taconite Trail with a shortened loop traveling into the Purvis Lake area.

2020 race details

The upcoming two-day race event, Feb. 22-23, 2020, includes a spaghetti dinner fundraiser for Vermilion Community College’s Wilderness Club. “The dinner is open to the public and provides an opportunity to meet the mushers before the race,”


Sebesta said. Following the dinner is the Musher Meeting where the race marshal reviews race rules and course conditions.

On Sunday morning, the mushers begin arriving at the Ely softball complex around 7 a.m. and the race kicks off at 9 a.m. sharp when the eight-dog teams head out.

“The WolfTrack Classic appeals to professional racers like Jen and Blake Freking and Ryan Anderson,” Sebesta said. “Many young mushers new to the sport also compete. The race has always strived to be family-friendly and supports mushers of all experience levels.”

An awards banquet at the Grand Ely Lodge follows the end of the race.

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SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Ely school halls alive with 'Sound of Music'

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

High school musical presented next weekend at Washington Auditorium

ELY - A person walking down the halls of the Washington Elementary School any afternoon or evening will likely hear students singing one of the heart-warming songs of "The Sound of Music."

This year's high school musical production boasts a cast of 27 students. As always, this musical promises to send the audience home singing, "Doe, A Deer." Speaking of deer, the play opens on the first weekend of deer hunting season with a performance on Friday, Nov. 8 at 7 p.m. The second performance is Sunday, Nov. 10 at 4 p.m. All tickets are \$5. Enjoy "The Sound of Music" in the Washington Auditorium.

"As in all productions of this play, students have to take on the roles of nuns and Nazis," said Director James Lah. The biggest challenge to casting is finding a five-year-old student to play the irrepressible Gretl. "Fiona Olson has the verve that the role demands," he said. Of course the play's



lead is Maria Rainer, played by Cora Olson. Mother Superior is played by Apolonia Homer. "Out of nowhere, Ethan Bremner came to tryouts, and his voice earned him the role of Captain Von Trapp," Lah said.

Other seniors with

notable roles are Nils DeRemee as Max, Erika Mattson as Elsa, Raif Olson as Rolf, Holly Dirks as Sister Sophia, and Brooke Pasmick as Sister Berthe. "We also have four elementary students who play the roles of the younger Von Trapp chil-

dren," Lah said.

Almost everyone over the age of 30 knows of this famous musical. What was most shocking to Lah, was the fact the most of the students had never seen the movie version of the musical. "This innocence makes the directing of the



The lead character in "The Sound of Music" at Ely High School is played by Cora Olson, at left, with a cast of singing children. As in all productions of this classic musical, a gaggle of nuns is required. photos by K. Vandervort

play exciting," he said. "You cannot substitute anything for good musical composition. The students naturally respond to it."

Lah did the same musical 21 years ago. "When you decide on a

play for the year, you have to look at the potential of the students and the roles that need to be filled," he said. "I was considering the talent of the women we have, and 'The Sound of Music' fit the bill."

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and explore a referendum. That's good news."

The \$5.9 million base plan project for school facility improvements, including the updating of building systems (\$3.4 million), connecting the buildings (\$1.9 million), and improving safety and security (\$600,000) received the most support. The responses were weighted on a scale of one to 10, according to Foster. "If everyone said yes, the numbers would all show 10, and if everyone said no the response would show one," he explained.

The responses were 8.34 (building systems), 7.65 (connections), and 7.27 (security) for the three categories. "Anything over 5.5 would show strong support, so if a referendum were held today, I would say with a great deal of confidence that the base plan would pass," Foster said.

As many as 72 percent of respondents said they

would "definitely" or "probably" support a bond referendum for a \$5.9 million base plan. About 18 percent of respondents indicated "probably no" or "definitely no" on the question.

As for the other facility project components, Foster said there was above-average support for Washington and Memorial building restroom improvements (\$620,000), Science and Tech education classrooms (\$962,000), and Washington and Memorial classroom renovations (\$2.4 million).

Other facility improvements such as locker rooms, music and art classrooms, cafeteria, gymnasium space, and parking lot renovations indicated dwindling or flat support, according to Foster.

The survey data showed that non-parent residents, about 75-percent of all the respondents,

would support about \$8 million or \$9 million in property tax impact on a bonding referendum. "I have a pretty high level of confidence that you would have support to borrow that much," Foster said. "It would be a stretch to get to the \$11 million mark, and at \$14 million it would be difficult to get support."

He suggested that a second bonding referendum question could be presented to gauge support above and beyond the base plan.

"Clearly, there is support for the base plan (\$5.9 million), and there is some support for some more projects up to about \$4 million," Foster said. "If you reach the \$10 million mark, you are probably pushing it too far. Ask for the base plan bonding referendum and then consider adding a second question for other projects. That way, you won't risk losing everything if you ask for too much."

The survey results may not include as much feedback from Winton residents as expected, as there is some question whether all Winton residents received the survey in time to respond. That prompted the school district to resend surveys to all Winton residents, who will now have until Nov. 20 to respond.

Any additional responses from Winton are unlikely to change the level of support by any significant degree, Foster said, and he noted that the response rate was significantly higher than average already.

So far, Ely area residents returned a total of 739 responses, which represents a 25-percent participation rate. Foster said that of the more than 10,000 surveys his company has participated in, the typical response rate is between 18 and 20 percent. "You are doing great from a statis-

tical standpoint," he said. "There is a margin of error of 3.6 percent."

As many as 40 percent of the returned responses are from residents who are 65 years of age or older. "When it comes to voting on a potential bond referendum, the older folks turn out at a much higher rate than younger folks. We are biased toward older (respondents), and that's a good bias," Foster said.

About 58 percent of respondents live in the city of Ely, 31 percent of respondents live in the Town of Morse, and so far just one percent of respondents live in Winton.

As many as 56 percent of respondents are graduates of the Ely School District, and 48 percent of respondents are parents/guardian of Ely graduates.

Overall satisfaction with the Ely School District showed high marks. About 79 percent of respondents are very satisfied or satisfied, and just 13 percent of

respondents indicated they were not satisfied or very unsatisfied.

Respondents who described themselves as non-parents and non-staff made up approximately 75 percent of all surveys received, according to Foster, and those opinions weighed heavily in the survey. Delivering a high-quality educational experience and providing a safe learning environment received high rating marks, while keeping the public informed and maintaining school facilities were rated just fair.

A final report on the survey, including any Winton-area responses received by the Nov. 20 deadline, could be ready by the end of November, Foster said.

School board members will discuss the survey results at their next meeting.

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Young BWCA advocate honored with national award

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

Joseph Goldstein founded Kids for the Boundary Waters

ELY— A youthful advocate for the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness is the winner of a national award for public-spirited young people.

Joseph Goldstein, now 18, of Springfield, Ill., was awarded the 2019 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes. Each year, the Barron Prize celebrates 25 young people from across the United States and Canada who have made a positive difference to people and the environment. Fifteen top winners each receive \$10,000 to support their service work or higher education.

Goldstein is no stranger to the Ely area. He founded Kids for the Boundary Waters (www.kidsfortheboundarywaters.org) to lead young people in protecting the BWCAW. Goldstein has attempted to raise awareness of the potential threat from sulfide-ore copper mines proposed near the edge of the wilderness.

Goldstein first fell in love with the Boundary Waters as a six-year-old on a weeklong canoe trip out of Ely. His family has returned every summer –



Joseph Goldstein, 18, of Springfield, Ill., was awarded the 2019 Gloria Barron Prize for Young Heroes. Goldstein and his family are frequent visitors to the Ely area and the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness. He founded Kids for the Boundary Waters to lead young people in protecting the wilderness area. submitted photo

and some winters – for the past 12 years.

At age 13, he was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia. Facing three years of chemotherapy and confinement, he decided to take what he was learning about fighting cancer and use it

to fight for the Boundary Waters. He wrote blogs and countless letters, made phone calls, and when treatment allowed, traveled to Washington, D.C. to meet with lawmakers.

Soon after taking his last chemotherapy pill in 2018, Joseph officially

launched Kids for the Boundary Waters. His non-profit organization teaches young people how to advocate – write letters, make phone calls, and follow-up with decision makers. He recently organized the group’s second Fly-In, when 80 kids

traveled to the nation’s capital for several days of trainings, meetings, and lobbying.

“I’ve learned that this work is all about taking the small steps forward,” Goldstein said. “Change happens when you suit up and show up, over and over and over. It may not be enormous, instantaneous change, but many small steps over a long period of time add up.”

The Barron Prize was founded in 2001 by author T. A. Barron and was named for his mother, Gloria Barron. Since then, the prize has awarded more than half a million dollars to hundreds of young people who reflect the great diversity of America.

“Nothing is more inspiring than stories about heroic people who have truly made a difference to the world,” Barron said. “And we need our heroes today more than ever. Not celebrities, but heroes – people whose character can inspire us all. That is the purpose of the Gloria Barron Prize: to shine the spotlight on these amazing young people so that their stories will inspire others.”

Goldstein, who is studying at Middlebury College in Vermont, said one of the most visible things his nonprofit does is its “fly-in” to the nation’s capital, putting teen leaders directly in contact with decision-makers, like the U.S. secretaries of agriculture and the interior. The “fly-in” this past June included 80 students.

Goldstein’s nonprofit will use part of the prize money to start an essay contest for students who haven’t traveled to the Boundary Waters because of finances or other circumstances.

He said his almost four years of battling cancer “have definitely been challenging,” but it’s also spurred his activism more intently.

“I came through stronger because of it,” said Goldstein. “You don’t get to choose what happens to you, but you get to choose how you respond to it.”

For more information, visit www.barronprize.org.

The State-Journal Register, Springfield, Ill., contributed to this story.

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“or a little higher if they are near a terminal node.”

For rural telecommunications providers, it comes down to numbers.

“Folks here are spread out,” said Bohler, noting that raises the cost per household for providing upgraded service. “State funding is vital in making the projects economically viable,” he said.

Fiber optic cable has already been installed in several of the more populated areas of the township, but at present, only the town hall has been connected to the broadband-level service. This fiber, installed by the Northeast Service Coop, stretches down Echo Point as far as the Bois Forte Reservation, down Birch Point, Moccasin Point, and toward Frazer Bay. But whether that fiber could be used to connect to individual homes and businesses in those areas is still an open question.

Audience members stressed the need for reliable service at speeds that would allow residents to work from home, having the township apply for state or federal grant funding to get a project started, and making sure the quality of internet service is sufficient for the needs of area businesses.

First steps

Speakers all agreed that conducting a feasibility study was the most

important first step. That study helps to determine how many residences and businesses desire high-speed service, how much they can afford to pay, and exactly where they are all located in the township. The study is also a prerequisite for any request for any kind of funding application.

Such a study is about to begin, thanks to the efforts of the local Blandin Broadband Committee, which is being led in large part by Greenwood residents Joanne, John, and Kate Bassing. The township has committed to help fund the feasibility study, which ensures that data on Greenwood’s needs and residents will be part of the study. The Blandin Foundation is providing matching funds for this study and will host a kickoff event for the feasibility study on Nov. 8 in Aurora. The local broadband committee is partnering with two other groups on the East Range. They will be hiring an engineering firm to conduct the study and identify possible providers, as well as getting initial cost estimates. Then the next step will be to find sources of funding.

Joanne Bassing told the town board that Greenwood can send three people to be part of the feasibility group, either town board members or township residents.

Finding funds for such an effort could be a challenge. Rep. Rob Ecklund, who was the chief author of the bill funding the state’s Border-to-Border grant program, noted that the \$20 million set aside for this year, and \$20 million for next year, is nowhere near the amount needed to fund projects already in line for funding. He noted that the IRRR is able to provide some matching funding to projects that do receive other grants. There are also federal grants available for these projects.

Get organized and work

Townships that are organized and make a concerted effort to obtain funding are more likely to be successful, according to Steve Howard, from Paul Bunyan Communications, a co-operative headquartered in Bemidji. Howard talked about the efforts in Morcom Township, which was spearheaded by their township clerk, Sasha Lehto. Paul Bunyan is now partnering with Morcom to get service to that township.

“She was on the ball,” he said. “She got letters of support. She went door-to-door and got letters from over half the people there.”

Howard said their company is more than willing to work with local townships, but said there are many, many commu-

nities asking for help.

“But when she got that kind of support,” he said. “It was a real easy sell to our board of directors. You need to get fired up and push.”

Howard said they see a lot of people eager to move from major metropolitan areas to the rural north, and said many of them need more than 30 mbps service. “They also need high upload speeds,” he said.

Joe Buttweiler from CTC, a Brainerd-based cooperative that is already beginning to provide some service in the area, agreed that upload speeds are important. “Upload equals economic development,” he said.

Buttweiler told the crowd that it is important to plan for the future by getting technology able to support speeds higher than the goal of 100/20 mbps.

“Shoot for a big number,” he said. “Shoot for good technology.”

CTC has been working with Bois Forte on a broadband project for Vermilion Reservation to bring fiber to every home there. That project applied for state funding through the Border-to-Border program and they hope to get good news later this year.

Sidra Starkovich, who works for Bois Forte Planning and Community Development, said it is important to reach for the goal of 100/20 speeds

right now.

Installation costs

Howard said it costs about \$20,000 - \$25,000 per mile to bury fiber optic cable, but that cost could double if the ground has bedrock, which is common in the area. “It does make us cautious about working in this area,” he said. “They don’t call it the Iron Range for nothing.”

Howard said Paul Bunyan prefers buried cable, because it is more reliable than fiber on poles, which can be easily damaged during ice storms.

When asked, Howard said the typical residential customer pays about \$60 per month for their most popular high-speed package, which comes with unlimited usage. Installation is free, he said, if the customer commits to a six-month contract, and their driveway is less than a half-mile long.

Priority for economic development

Steve Giorgi, director of the Range Association of Municipalities and

Schools (RAMS) said that getting broadband to rural areas and small towns has been a priority of his group for the last three years.

“People want to come up here and work from their homes,” he said. “But they are not coming.”

Giorgi was recently appointed to a state broadband task force, and said RAMS is also lobbying St. Louis County to assist in a broadband application.

“We need gigabyte service all over,” he said.

Giorgi is also on the board of a statewide group that lobbies for rural broadband funding, and is trying to get the state legislature to add consistent funding for the Border-to-Border program, and also to increase the yearly allotment to try to start to match the demand from rural areas.

Rep. Rob Ecklund, St. Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald, IRRR Commissioner Mark Phillips, Jon Loeffen from the Northeast Service Coop, and Whitney Ridlon from the IRRR also attended and spoke at the meeting.

News In Brief

Cocaine seized at Canadian border

INTERNATIONAL FALLS – Officers from the U.S. Customs and Border Protection Office arrested a Canadian man here on Oct. 17 for possessing 135 grams of cocaine. Officers apprehended the man after finding the illicit drugs in his BMW sedan. They had stopped the vehicle for further inspection with a K9 unit. After seizing the

cocaine, CBP turned the drugs and the man over to the Koochiching County Sheriff’s Office.

“While CBP’s number one mission is to prevent terrorism in our homeland, CBP Officers also work to keep narcotics out of our communities,” said Pembina Area Port Director Jason Schmelz. “Our officers work tirelessly to secure our border, ensuring that illicit items are not entering the country.”



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CROSS COUNTRY

Ely boys runners headed to state

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

CLOQUET – The Ely boys cross country team, led by all-stater Luke Olson, finished second overall as a team and qualified for state competition this weekend in Northfield. The Timberwolves nipped at the heels of 7A champion Greenway, coming up just three points shy of the title.

Olson, who was Ely's lone participant last year in the state meet, took third place overall on Thursday in his final Section 7A meet on a cold, blustery day in Cloquet.

Junior Emmett Faltesek took eighth. Junior Jasper Johnston and sophomore Gabriel Pointer also finished

in the top 20 to seal Ely's second-place team finish. The top two teams advance to state. Ely finished well ahead of third-place North Shore in the field of 22 teams.

"The boys had an awesome race," said Coach Jayne Dusich. "Luke had a personal record time of 16:11.9. Emmet (Faltesek) who was eighth with a time of 17:01.6, and Jasper Johnston (17:32.3) and Gabriel Pointer (17:33.4), who finished 19th and 20th, really ran their best races to pull the team into second place with their own personal records."

Ely senior Dylan Fenske took 50th in 18:16.09. Senior Ethan Bremner was 89th

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The Ely boys cross country team poses with their second-place sectional tournament plaque. The second-place finish qualifies the team for state competition on Saturday in Northfield. Pictured are (front l-r) Gabriel Pointer, Ethan Bremner, Emmett Faltesek, and (back l-r) Dylan Fenske, Jasper Johnston, Luke Olson, Harry Simons, Joey Bianco, and Raif Olson.

photo courtesy M. Devine

SECTION 7A VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Ely heads to semis after topping Tigers

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

Were set to face Carlton for trip to section finals as Timberjay went to press

ELY — Last year, Carlton ended the Timberwolves playoff run in the semi-final round. This year, the Wolves were looking for sweet revenge on Wednesday night following the *Timberjay's* weekly presstime (see results Thursday at timberjay.com).

That's when second-seeded Ely was slated to take on the top-seeded Bulldogs for a trip to the Section 7A championship.

Ely earned their bid in this week's semi-finals after outpacing Cherry last Friday, 3-1, to improve their season record to 25-3.

"We had a great start and then faltered in the second set," said Ely Head Coach Andrea Thomas.

The Wolves dominated set one, downing the Tigers 25-15, before the momentum switched in the second set. "We just couldn't keep the momentum on our side long enough to get something started during that second set," said Thomas. They fell behind and lost the set 13-25.

It looked like set three could be a repeat, said Thomas, until the Wolves' defense kicked into gear. "We were really covering the floor well and had a nice rhythm by the end of the set, which carried into set four." The Wolves took the final two sets 25-20 and 25-18.

Several Ely players put up big numbers on the night. Senior Erika Mattson posted 16 kills and 13 digs, while fellow senior Brielle Kallberg



Senior Jenna Merhar grimaces as she stuffs an attempted kill back at Nashwauk-Keewatin's Addy Gangli.

photos by J. Greeney

“Cherry has a great team and they definitely challenged us.

Head Coach Andrea Thomas

added 14 kills and nine digs. Junior McKenna Coughlin added a dozen kills, nine digs and two ace serves, while senior Jenna Merhar tallied eight kills and two blocks. Senior setter McCartney Kaercher tallied 45 assists.

"Cherry has a great team and they definitely challenged us," said Thomas. "It helped

that we were able to spread out our offense among a number of players. The girls had some great numbers in the kill category."

The Wolves faced Cherry in the quarterfinals after sweeping Nashwauk-Keewatin in the opening round on Oct. 23.

Coughlin had a strong night, posting nine kills and as many digs, while Mattson added ten kills and six digs. Kallberg posted six kills, two ace serves and two blocks, while Winter Sainio added five kills and five ace serves. Merhar added four kills and two blocks, while Kaercher posted 30 set assists.



Ely junior McKenna Coughlin delivers a kill shot during last week's game against the Spartans.

SECTION 7A VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Grizzlies fall in heartbreaker

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

CHERRY — For a while, it looked like the Grizzlies were headed for another straight-sets defeat at the hands of the Tigers. But a team that has come a long way this season reached deep enough to make it a five-set match.

"It was quite a rollercoaster," said Grizzlies Head Coach

Kandi Olson, who came away satisfied despite her team's season-ending loss to Cherry.

The Tigers came out hard in the early going, beating North Woods 25-19 and 25-8 in the opening sets. "We started stagnantly and knew we'd have to do something drastic during the third game to turn the match around," said Olson. "We made a slight rotation change and it was enough

to start us on the uphill climb."

The Grizzlies took the next two sets, 25-18 and 25-20, forcing the match to a deciding fifth set.

"In the final game, we had too many little errors early in the game that made it difficult to recover," said Olson. The Tigers took a fast lead in the short set and held on for the

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SWIMMING

Pasmick claims first in Pumpkin quad

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

AURORA — The Nighthawks swimmers claimed a number of strong performances here during the annual Pumpkin quad meet held Tuesday. Senior Brooke Pasmick posted the team's sole first-place finish as she edged

Ellie Jankila of Eveleth-Gilbert by a second to take the top spot in the 100-yard backstroke. Pasmick finished with a time of 1:08.86. Pasmick also took third in a 12-swimmer field in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 27.27.

Freshman Lily Tedrick had

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WORKFORCE

New mines might bring new jobs: but where are the workers?

by WALKER ORENSTEIN
AND ERIC KILLELEA

This story is a collaboration between MinnPost and the Hibbing Daily Tribune/Mesabi Daily News.

REGIONAL—The promise of thousands of jobs from a boom in copper-nickel mining has won the new industry broad political support on the Iron Range. But where a rush in employment creates opportunity, it may also present a challenge.

The state is facing an escalating workforce shortage sparked by retiring baby boomers. There are more than 146,000 job vacancies in the state, including nearly 8,000 in northeast Minnesota, and industrial sectors of the economy such as manufacturing have not been spared from the labor crunch.

Workforce leaders and two companies that hope to build Minnesota's first copper-nickel mines, PolyMet Mining and Twin Metals Minnesota, are not predicting jobs would go unfilled if the projects are eventually approved and built. But they have been setting the groundwork to raise a sizable new labor force. PolyMet says it plans to directly employ 360 people at an open-pit mine near Hoyt Lakes and create more than 600 spinoff jobs. Twin Metals says it expects to hire 700 at an underground mine near Ely and create 1,400 indirect jobs.

But the implications for the area's workforce would be "crazy," said Michelle Ufford, executive director of the Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training, as the number of jobs tied to the high-wage copper-nickel industry would test the region's job training systems while putting a strain on other,

lower-wage employers already struggling to find workers.

"I live in constant fear that we're not doing enough" to prepare, Ufford said.

What the mining companies are seeking

If built, most of PolyMet's direct employees would be in positions that generally require completion of two-year technical programs, rather than associate degrees or other higher education. Spokesman Bruce Richardson said those jobs include everything from truck drivers and heavy equipment operators to quality assurance technicians, surveyors and mechanical maintenance workers.

The company also expects to hire between 25 and 30 people for professional and administrative positions like Human Resources and IT — jobs that typically need certifications or associate degrees. Finally, between 35 and 40 people are needed for what Richardson said are specialized jobs, like geologists and engineers, that require college and advanced degrees.

Richardson said PolyMet plans to hire "as many folks from northeast Minnesota as possible," and he and Ufford said they expect to see people return to the Iron Range who had left for jobs elsewhere. PolyMet might have to hire from outside the area for a few "specialty" jobs tied to the unique nature of copper-nickel mining, Richardson said. But the company believes "almost all of the skills and talent we'll need are on the Range."

Although the industry is a new one in Minnesota, copper-nickel mining is similar to iron ore and taconite mining, which has a skilled and experi-

enced mining workforce already in place, Richardson said. "It might be to the detriment of other operations, but we have had a lot of interest from Iron Rangers who want to work at PolyMet."

Twin Metals promises even more jobs, though it may not ever open. The company plans to submit an operating plan to state and federal regulators this year for environmental review. There is no expected timeline for that to finish — PolyMet's permitting process took nearly 15 years — and the proximity of Twin Metals to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness has drawn significant political opposition from those who warn it's likely to pollute the protected wilderness.

Yet Twin Metals, too, is already preparing to build its workforce. Spokesman David Ulrich said the company will also need specialized workers who are experts in the process of copper-nickel mining. Unlike PolyMet, however, Twin Metals will be an underground mine, the region's first in roughly 60 years. "There's just not that technical talent base here" for some of those jobs, Ulrich said. "We've reached out across the world to find some of the premier folks on Earth to come and help us with this project."

The local landscape

While many on the Iron Range have clamored for the new mining jobs, PolyMet and Twin Metals could open amid significant challenges in finding qualified labor. The region has lost more than 3,500 workers since 2009 and job vacancies are climbing. The main cause is an aging population.

The tight labor market has been felt all over the state, but it

has been especially acute in the construction and manufacturing sectors, which have a workforce with similar qualifications as the mining industry. In its annual survey of the manufacturing sector, Enterprise Minnesota said the top concern of businesses in 2019 was hiring and keeping workers.

In northeastern Minnesota, the food service industry has by far the most vacancies, with more than 7,000 unfilled jobs. But there are still hundreds of construction and extraction jobs open, according to the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

So while the new mining companies expect to compete for existing workers and have the benefit of a seasoned iron ore industry, PolyMet and Twin Metals have been active in promoting the region's education system and vocational training programs.

Mike Raich, interim president of the Northeast Higher Education District (NHED), a consortium of five colleges in the region, said representatives from the mining companies sit on an advisory committee discussing how the current curriculum involving mechanical, electrical and welding programs could benefit the projects.

NHED might have programs relevant for most of the projected jobs, but the colleges are facing their own shortage: declining student enrollment due to an aging population. "We can have the programs, but will there be enough students?" Raich said.

Spinoff effects

Ufford predicted copper-nickel mining companies would not struggle to fill their jobs should they materialize.

Even with tough competition for workers, she said those positions will be highly sought after since they often come with high wages and good benefits. "That's the place where everybody wants to go," Ufford said.

But spinoff jobs could be tougher to fill, Ufford said. Competing manufacturing businesses and other industries in the skilled trades on the Iron Range could lose workers to the mines and face trouble finding new ones if they can't pay as much. That fear has driven much of her push to reinvigorate interest in young people to seek out vocational training and education.

Meanwhile, cities are also thinking ahead on how to accommodate what they hope will be a surge in new residents.

In 2016, the city of Ely funded a study from Maxfield Research and Consulting, which estimated the mining projects could boost the local population up to 5,000 by 2025, an increase of about 30 percent over the 2010 census numbers. The firm projected the city needed to build 705 housing units in that time frame to meet demands.

Ely Mayor Chuck Novak said city officials plan to build up to 12 structures over the next year to include four townhouses each. "Folks can go there on short-term until they're established in the area," he said.

City officials have actively sought out several million dollars in bonding from the Minnesota Legislature to help with housing development and infrastructure-related projects. "When you look at the Bakken, they didn't know what was coming and when they hit they were overwhelmed," Novak said. "We have a pretty good handle on things."

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19:39.9 and sophomore Harry Simons was 91st, 19:45.2.

The Ely girls team finished eighth in the 7A sectional. Freshman Zoe

Devine was in the mix for her second state berth with a time of 20:23.7, but settled for 17th overall, just four places from a state trip.

"Zoe was so close and ran her best time this season," Dusich said. "The other girls ran their best or close to their best times of the season."

The other Ely girls runners, with place and time, included: Phoebe Helms 43rd, (21:47.9); Sydney Durkin 45th (21:48.1); Sarah Isbell

66th (22:38.6); Cora Olson 68th (22:40.1); Laura Holmstrom 73rd, (22:59.1); and Brynn Vollom 74th, (23:00.7).

held Saturday at St. Olaf College in Northfield.

The state meet will be

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15-5 win.

North Woods senior standout Coley Olson had another big outing, racking up 13 kills and 18 digs, while fellow senior Karlyn Pierce posted 13 kills. Sophomore setter Morgan Burnett added 30 assists, six kills, and 13 digs, while senior Kayla Tschida added four kills and 12 digs.

Coach Olson said she was thrilled with the progress her team demonstrated throughout the season. "They are a great bunch of girls and I was proud to be their coach this season. Looking forward, we have some great, young players who are planning on working hard to fill in the gaps that will be left by these outstanding seniors."

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a strong outing as well, finishing second in the 100-yard freestyle with a time of 1:00.98 and third in the 200-yard individual medley with a time of 2:34.82.

In the 200-yard freestyle, freshman Morgan McClelland finished in third place with a time of 2:23.50 and took third in the 500-yard freestyle with a time of 6:35.15.


The Nighthawks' 200-yard medley relay team took third in that event, with a time of 2:11.90.

The Nighthawks swim in the sectional meet next Thursday, Nov. 7.

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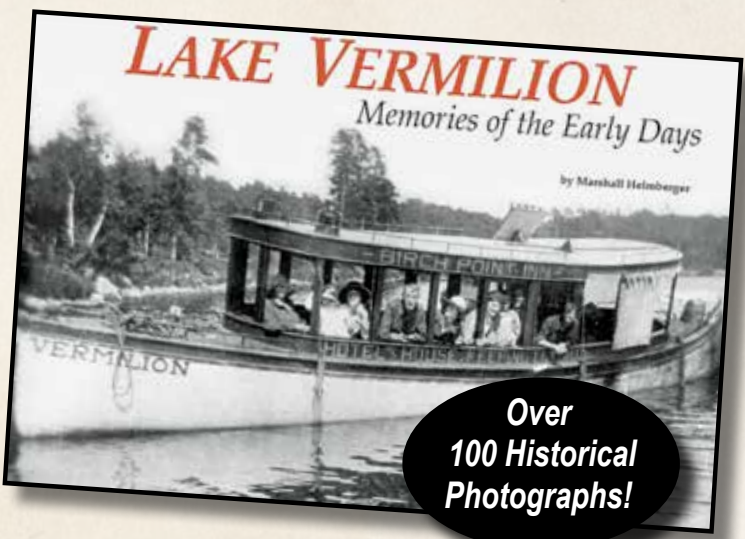
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Arrowhead Transit may expand service in Babbitt, Embarrass

by E. M. SCHULTZ
Staff Writer

REGIONAL – Arrowhead Transit is reaching out to residents of Babbitt and Embarrass to see if they would benefit from a fuller bus service schedule to Ely or Virginia. The company currently offers a commuter bus to Virginia on Monday through Friday with pickups in Babbitt and Embarrass. It also has a bus that runs between Ely and Virginia on Mondays; however, the bus only makes this trip if a minimum of five people reserve it by the previous Friday at noon. Ely City Council Member Angela Campbell would like to change this by making the route a regular one. Gaining riders from Babbitt and Embarrass, as well as Ely, would help make this a possibility.

According to Larry Rodgers, the marketing coordinator for Arrowhead Transit, Campbell actually rode one of the buses

from Ely to Virginia with some of her friends last spring. According to her, Arrowhead Transit is a “really amazing” public transportation system with buses that pick you up “right in front of your house.” This kind of service is something that she wants residents to be aware of because it would help a lot of people.

“With the Shopko gone, it’s a long drive down to Virginia,” says Campbell. “It’s a lot of gas. People should go down in groups and take the bus, instead of five people driving down in five different cars.”

Campbell also mentioned that there are many people in Ely who don’t have cars. This is likely true for residents in other areas as well. Rodgers believes this is an area where the company could be helpful.

“We recognize transportation as one of the basic needs people have in order to have



a decent quality of life,” says Rodgers. “Arrowhead Transit is all about making sure as many people as possible have access to good and affordable public transportation.”

According to Rodgers, the buses are available for anyone to use but are especially helpful for the elderly, young parents with children, and individuals with disabilities.

“Each of our buses have seats with built in child restraints and a wheelchair lift with tie downs for three to five wheelchairs,” he says.

Rodgers, along with all of Arrowhead Transit, would like to know if there is anyone in Babbitt or Embarrass who believes they or someone they know could make use of the bus service. Interested parties should

call Rodgers at 218-735-6815.

Arrowhead Transit is part of the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency, or AEOA, which is a primarily government-funded community action program. For more information, visit www.arrowheadtransit.com. To arrange a ride with Arrowhead Transit, call 800-862-0175 and select option two. Once you tell the dispatcher where you need to be picked up and where you need to go, he or she will give you a more precise time for your pickup and drop off. Transit rides cost \$3 each. If you make reservations for four other people, your ride is free. Rides are also free when you use the Dial-A-Ride bus in Virginia; just be sure to let the dispatcher know that this is the bus you will be using.

Obituaries and Death Notices



Jerelyn R. Martinson

Jerelyn “Jerry” Renae Martinson, 72, of Cook, was called to Heaven on Monday, Oct. 21, 2019, at the Cook Care Center. Funeral services were held on Monday, Oct. 28 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Jerry was born on Nov. 13, 1946, in Cook, to Milton and Norma (St. Jacques) Karvala. As a child, she loved riding bike and playing with her neighborhood friends. She attended Cook High School where she met her high school sweetheart, Roger Martinson Jr. Jerry graduated in 1964 and upon Roger’s completion in the Air Force, they were married on June 12, 1965, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook. The couple lived in several towns on the Iron Range before returning

back to Cook where they bought a farm and raised their family. Jerelyn was happy to be a stay-at-home mom for most of the children’s growing up years. She then started working at the Cook Hospital as a housekeeper where she created many new friendships and was regarded as someone who put a smile on her coworkers’ faces.

In later years, after raising their children, Roger and Jerry moved to the Pioneer Apartments where they resided. Jerelyn enjoyed reading, baking, picking berries, and having her family and pets around her. Jerry inherited the gift of talking and storytelling from her dad, which many will remember her for. Jerelyn’s amazing faith was a pillar of strength that always allowed her to get through any obstacle.

Jerelyn is survived by daughter, Sarah (Kevin) Sheffer and grandsons, Elias and Hudson Sheffer of Angora; son, Jason Martinson of Virginia; son, Stewart Martinson and grandson, Nathan Martinson of Cook; sister, Carol (Mike) Keister; brother, Verne Chesney of North Dakota; sisters-in-law, Kathleen Sarazine of Cook, Coralee (Greg) Mihm of Vermilion Dam-Cook, Valerie (Jerry) Ohotto of Cook and Bonnie Martinson of Eveleth; brother-in-law, Grant Strand of Virginia; and numerous other family members.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Roger Martinson Jr.; parents, Milton and Norma Karvala; nephews, John Michael Keister and Brett

Chesney; brothers-in-law, Raymond Sarazine and Barry Martinson; and sister-in-law, Gloria Strand.

Roger J. Salo

Roger James Salo, 65, of Babbitt, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 23, 2019. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 1 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia with visitation beginning one hour prior to the service. Pastor Roth will officiate. Following the service, a Celebration of Life will be held from 5-7 p.m. at the Hide-A-Way in Babbitt. Burial will be at the Argo Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

Roger was born on April 26, 1954, in Winton, to Roger and Barbara (Nelson) Salo. He attended JFK High School where he played football and hockey, graduating in 1972. He served in the Navy from 1972 to 1974. He attended Dunwoody College, graduating in 1976. Roger worked as an FCC general radio and telephone operator and engineer, electrician, instrumentation analyst, and air quality pollution control analyst for Minnesota Power for 30 years. He also worked at CH2M Hill from 2013-2014, and was a commercial fisherman in Alaska from 2007-2013.

Roger was an NRA life member. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 535 and 1539, Masonic Lodge 239, Instrument Society of America, and Air and Water Management

Association. Roger was an avid fisherman, hunter, shooter, trapper and outdoors man. He enjoyed golfing, bowling, pool and darts. He was a farmer and a socialite. Roger was a grandfather, father, brother, coach, and friend to many.

Survivors include his children, David Salo of Mt. Iron and Laurel Salo of Plymouth; grandchild, Thomas Salo of Mt. Iron; brothers, Russell Salo of Embarrass and Bill Smith of Babbitt; sisters, Kathy Salo of Babbitt and Cynthia (Frank) Dilegame of Prescott Valley, Ariz.; and mother, Barbara Nelson of Babbitt.

He was preceded in death by his father, Roger William Salo in 2003.

Adolph E. Schmidt

Adolph E. Schmidt, 86, of Embarrass, passed away on Friday, Oct. 11, 2019, at Waterview Pines Nursing Home in Virginia. Graveside services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 2, 2019, at the Embarrass Cemetery. A luncheon will follow at the Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church in Pike Township. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

Survivors include his wife, Karen Schmidt of Embarrass; four children; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Mary Alice Perushek

Mary Alice Orlovski Grosell Porthan Perushek, 91, of Ely, passed away peacefully on Friday, Oct. 25, 2019, after a short stay at the Boundary Waters Care Facility. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at

Kerntz Funeral Home in Ely. Memorial gifts can be made in Mary Alice’s memory to Ely Bloomenson Hospital Auxiliary or the Humane Society.

Survivors include her brother, Leo Orlovski; her stepdaughter and son-in-law, Francine (Perushek) and Richard Schaefer; granddaughters, Jacqueline Berry and Lynda Keetch; and numerous great-grandchildren.

Allen A. Swanson

Allen Arthur Swanson, 81, of Cook, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 22, 2019, at the Cook Care Center. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, Oct. 29 at the First Baptist Church in Cook. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Melvin M. Luhta

Melvin Matthew Luhta, 88, of Waasa Township, peacefully passed away on Sunday, Oct. 20, 2018, at Babbitt Carefree Living. A Celebration of Life was held on Wednesday, Oct. 30 at the Hideaway in Babbitt. Interment was at the Waasa Cemetery. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by his brother, Wilbert (Joan) Luhta; niece, June (Wesley) Boyle; grandniece, Tammy (Mark) Phillips; and grandnephew, John (Sara) Robich.

Marion Saranpaa

Marion Lilly Pyhala Saranpaa, 94, of Embarrass, passed away on Thursday, Oct. 17, 2019, at Waterview Shores Assisted Living in Two Harbors. She was the

youngest and last surviving of the 17 children of Mike and Anna (Kujala) Pyhala. A funeral service was held on Saturday, Oct. 26 at Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church in Pike Township with Pastor Jon Salo officiating. Burial was in the Waasa Cemetery. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her son, Steve Saranpaa; grandson, Jeff (Janell) Saranpaa; granddaughter, Julee (Kyle) Borg; son, Kirk Saranpaa; daughter, Kathy (Mike) Duich; granddaughter, Angela Duich; and many, many nieces and nephews.

Ellen J. Kahn

Ellen J. Perkola Kahn, 93, of Cook, passed away on Tuesday, Oct. 15, 2019, at Carefree Living in Cook. A memorial service was held on Thursday, Oct. 31 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her son, Fred (Patti) of Billings, Mont.; grandchildren, Allison, Emily (Jake) and Peter (Nadege); great-grandchildren, Jonah, Owen and Charlotte; son, Steve of Grand Rapids; granddaughter, Rachel (Jim); great-grandson, Cade; son, Tom (Marla) of Cook; grandchildren, Dustin and Ryan (Trichell); great-grandchild, Aasun; son, Randy (Deb) of Cook; step-grandchildren, Crystal and Luke; five step-great-grandchildren; sister, Dorothy; and several nieces and nephews.

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Slow down when approaching road kills

Motorists are striking bald eagles, which can be slow to get out of the way

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — As winter approaches, area deer are feeding heavily along roadsides and that presents hazards both for drivers, deer, and other wildlife, including bald eagles.

Road-killed deer are common along area highways this time of year, and they make an attractive food source for ravens, as well as

migrating vultures and bald eagles.

While ravens are usually pretty savvy around highway traffic, Tower Area DNR Wildlife Manager Tom Rusch notes that larger birds, like bald eagles, can be slower to get out of the way of speeding vehicles.

“Eagles are a big animal with a seven-foot wingspan. They just can’t get out of the way as quickly as other

birds can,” said Rusch. And that means a road-killed deer can quickly lead to more victims. In fact, just last week, two bald eagles were struck by motorists passing road-killed deer on Hwy. 53, in northern St. Louis County, on the same day. One of the birds had to be euthanized, while the other ended up in rehabilitation at the Raptor Center in St. Paul.

While two injured eagles

Right: Bald eagles are commonly found feeding on roadkill deer this time of year, making them vulnerable to speeding traffic. photo by M. HelMBERGER

in one day is unusual, Rusch notes that such calls are surprisingly common this time of year, and he urges drivers to slow down when they approach a road-kill

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Left: St. Louis County Extension educator Troy Salzer makes a point during the Oct. 22 St. Louis County Board meeting held at McDavitt Town Hall. Local residents expressed concerns about a plan to introduce elk to the region.

photo by J. Ramos
Duluth Monitor

SPEAKING OUT

County board hears from elk introduction opponents

by JOHN RAMOS
Duluth Monitor

REGIONAL — A proposal to introduce elk in northeastern Minnesota proved a hot topic at the Oct. 22 St. Louis County Board meeting held at McDavitt Town Hall.

At issue was a plan, promoted by the state and the Fond du Lac Band, to introduce elk into parts of the Arrowhead. A number of residents opposed to the idea voiced their concerns.

In August, a group of researchers released the results of a public opinion survey on the elk introduction, along with a habitat study of three potential introduction zones, the largest located in the Cloquet Valley State Forest. That’s the zone that had some McDavitt residents concerned. The Cloquet Valley State Forest, a 366,000-acre area located about 20 miles north of Duluth, was identified as having suitable habitat in the report. The forest, which is owned primarily by the county and the state, is managed by the Department of Natural Resources and is currently used for a multitude of purposes, including timber harvesting, hunting, fishing, trapping, ATV and snowmobile riding, hiking, camping, and wildlife management.

McDavitt Township lies about six miles west of the Cloquet Valley Forest. Many of those who spoke to the county board were area farmers worried about the effects that elk could have on their nearby

farms.

“You never really consulted with any of the people [the plan] affects, and it affects the area farmers,” said Tony Zupancich, representing the St. Louis County Livestock Association. “We just went through a deal with [bovine tuberculosis] TB that

“You never really consulted with any of the people [the plan] affects, and it affects farmers.”

Tony Zupancich

was started up in the northwest corner [of the state] with elk, and our whole state was quarantined for a number of years. We couldn’t ship any cattle out of state. Over the years we were able to progressively eliminate all of the TB through testing and ... elimination of herds, so this will affect the area farmers greatly.”

Farmer Tom Schroeder had other concerns as well. “Right now, very few of the farmers have to carry crop insurance, but if you bring the elk in, and they start eating your hay fields ... and wrecking your fences, you’ll have to carry crop insurance to get

reimbursed,” Schroeder added that this meant farmers would essentially be subsidizing the few people who would be able to hunt the elk.

Another farmer, Jim Takala, shared that concern. “We [grow] about 1,500 acres of high-quality ... alfalfa for our dairy cattle,” said Takala, which totals about 5,000 bales. “Those are big draws [for elk], because they’ve got to eat something.”

Takala owns one of the last dairy farms in St. Louis County, with 12 employees and a herd of nearly 900 head (including dairy cows, heifers and beef cattle).

Takala also cited concerns about TB, and noted that he had just sent a load of cattle to Saskatchewan. “TB would just shut that right down,” he said. “Canada [is] a good market for us. It’s probably \$300 a head more than we could get within the state of Minnesota.”

St. Louis County Extension Educator Troy Salzer concurred, “We saw approximately a 30-cent-per-pound decline in our beef prices when that [TB outbreak] occurred. It took us multiple years to get back the TB-Free status.”

Concerns over livestock weren’t the only ones raised at the meeting. Scott Dane, representing the Associated Contract Truckers and Loggers of Minnesota, said he opposed the elk project because he feared it would place additional restrictions on the logging industry. Dane noted

that loggers were already prohibited from operating on certain roads during turtle breeding season, and he said “there’s been a lot of talk about” restricting logging due to its impact on the long-eared bat as well. Dane thought elk would have a similar effect. “It’s just going to be a matter of time before the Friends of Something-or-Other or Save This-or-That uses the elk as another means to stop logging operations.”

A total of 14 citizens addressed the board, all of them opposed to introducing elk to the Cloquet Valley State Forest. During the board’s Committee of the Whole meeting which followed, Commissioner Keith Nelson (who represents McDavitt) said he intended to introduce a resolution in November which would declare “a moratorium on the introduction of cervids [members of the deer family] into St. Louis County.”

The TB outbreak

While a number of speakers raised concerns about the spread of TB, Minnesota’s TB outbreak does not appear to have originated with elk.

Northwest Minnesota does have a small elk population, but genetic testing of the TB strain conducted in 2015 strongly suggested that the TB originated with a cow imported from Mexico or the southwestern United States

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ENFORCEMENT

Ely man cited for walleye possession violation

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ELY — A St. Louis County judge has fined an elderly Ely man \$1,850 and taken away his fishing privileges for a year for possessing too many walleyes. Babbitt-area DNR conservation office Anthony Bermel issued the citation against John Esse, age 83, after finding frozen filets from a total of 74 walleyes in his home freezer.

Both Esse and his wife have a valid fishing license, which meant they were allowed to have no more than 12 walleyes combined in possession under state fishing regulations.

Esse says he and his wife go south every winter and that the couple planned to give the fish away before leaving, as they have done before. Esse typically fishes several times a week during the warmer months on Shagawa Lake, and the stockpile of walleye filets was the accumulation of several months of fishing success.

Bermel acknowledges that Esse told him that he gives a lot of fish away. “But that kind of pressure on one fishery can really make a difference,” Bermel said. There is no evidence that Esse exceeded his limit on any given day, but only that he had not utilized or given away the filets quickly enough.

Bermel stumbled upon Esse’s possession violation after following up on a report of early bear baiting last summer. According to Bermel’s complaint, Esse had been dumping fish guts and other remains in plastic bags along a powerline not far from the Ely golf course. Bermel had installed video surveillance equipment at the site and soon recorded Esse visiting the site on his ATV, with plastic bags on the front. That surveillance footage led to a search warrant of Esse’s home, which revealed the possession limit violation.

Esse, in a written response to the *Timberjay*, challenged Bermel’s contention that he had dumped nearly a dozen plastic bags along with the fish entrails at the site. “I have reviewed the photos of the field camera ... and I could find no evidence of ten plastic shopping bags full of fish remains,” said Esse.

“When Officer Bermel came to my home, after dark, I explained to him that I had

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because of the likelihood that scavengers might be present.

“We hear all the time about the dangers of lead with eagles, but we’re killing a lot of eagles right on our highways because we’re not slowing down,” he said. “There are a lot of eagles coming through right now. I’ve seen up to six on a single road kill.”

While wildlife managers have made some effort

to document the number of eagles impacted by lead poisoning, Rusch said there doesn’t appear to be any systematic accounting of the number of eagles killed by vehicle crashes. “But I can tell you it’s a lot.”

That’s why Rusch has a simple message for drivers this time of year. “Slow down, especially around deer or road kills. Wildlife is unpredictable.”

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and spread to the wild deer population from there. Though the possibility of elk carrying TB should not be minimized, the disease was never identified within Minnesota’s herd.

Minnesota’s bovine TB problems began in 2005, when a beef cow in the northwestern part of the state was found to have the disease. Testing revealed that more cows within the herd had the disease, and it was later confirmed that it had spread to four other nearby herds as well as the wild whitetail deer population. Based on these findings, the entire state lost its “Bovine TB-Free” rating, which led to new trade restrictions and greatly increased the testing requirements for cattle.

By 2009, a total of 12 cattle herds had to be destroyed after TB infections were confirmed, all in a four-county region

in northwest Minnesota. A significant portion of northwest Minnesota’s deer population was also killed and tested in an effort to control the outbreak. Of 9,783 deer killed between 2005 and 2010, 27 had TB. The last deer to be found infected with TB was killed in November 2009. Minnesota regained its TB-Free accreditation in 2011.

The story of bovine TB in Minnesota is a cautionary and expensive tale. According to a 2011 report, the U.S. Department of Agriculture spent \$70 million, Minnesota’s Board of Animal Health spent \$12.5 million and the DNR spent \$3.5 million in order to control the disease.

The biologist’s view

Fond du Lac biologist Mike Schrage cited a number of reasons for bringing elk to the region.

“They are a native species in Minnesota that

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once numbered in the thousands, and now numbers maybe 130, confined to two small groups out in northwest Minnesota,” said Schrage. “So it’s bringing back a native species. I think it’s also preparing to adapt to climate change. Northern Minnesota is kind of where things change from boreal forest wildlife to southern wildlife, and with climate change that line is probably going to move north, out of Minnesota.” Schrage said that elk are adaptable to warmer conditions. “Elk will do just fine with climate change,” he said.

Schrage also noted that hunters would be able to hunt the elk eventually. “I tell people it’s not likely to happen in a couple years. It’s likely to take a long time to grow up a herd to where there’s enough animals to have a sustainable hunting season. But, yeah, that’s the idea,

is someday there’d be enough animals for some hunting.”

As for farmers’ concerns about elk damaging their property—Schrage said it’s one reason there aren’t more elk in northwestern Minnesota. “But, you know, the Cloquet Valley State Forest doesn’t have very much for farms, other than hay pasture and limited livestock operations. Elk do like hay bales, but stored forage is really easy to protect against elk. You put it in a barn or you put a fence around it—and the state helps providing money for farmers that want to do things like that.”

According to Schrage, farmers who suffered losses due to elk can also file a claim with the state for compensation.

While Schrage also acknowledged that elk could carry TB, he said he considered chronic wasting disease (CWD) to

be a more serious concern. “That’s something that elk and moose and deer can all get, and that’s the disease we have to be most concerned about, if we’re going to undertake an effort like this ... making sure we’re not moving infected elk.”

It is unclear how much support Commissioner Nelson’s resolution opposing elk introduction will garner. He introduced a similar resolution in August, but withdrew it from the agenda. Nelson’s case may be complicated by the fact that, in 2015, the St. Louis County Land Department, along with Pine County and Carlton County, gave the go-ahead to the state and Fond du Lac Band to undertake the elk habitat study and issue a public opinion survey pertaining to the project.

Nevertheless, Mike Schrage told me that the county’s 2015 letter did

not signify that the county wanted the project implemented. “The way I pitched it to the counties when we initiated this study and were looking for support back in 2015, is at this point we’re studying it to see if it’s a workable idea. Do we have the habitat? Do we have the public support? We have not made a decision to put elk here. We’re only looking to see if it’s a workable idea. We’re not asking any county to say, ‘Yes, we want elk’ or ‘No, we don’t.’ Just, you know, ‘Hey, we support doing a study.’ And that’s [all] the counties agreed to.”

For the project to proceed, funding would need to be secured. An even greater obstacle, as demonstrated by the strong public opposition represented at the McDavitt Town Hall meeting, may be the acquisition of political support.

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picked up those temporarily dropped off bags. I also explained to him that I had previously used my pickup truck to pick up seven loads of discarded tires, bottles, cans, oil cans, used

car parts, a commode that was sitting on a side rail and took all of that out to our landfill. Also removed were a discarded snowmobile, a washer, a dryer, and a shell of an old car,

all of which I pulled down to the old city garage for disposal. So, why would I have left bags out off of the trail?”

In the end, the walleye filets were put to good use.

Bermel said they went to a local assisted living facility. The staff there put on a walleye fry for the residents, which was very much appreciated, Bermel added.

Esse said he was pleased to hear it and said he would have otherwise given them to others in the community who can no longer fish for themselves. “Stockpiling for the

winter?” he said. “Nope, we are generous people and will remain that way.”

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CITY OF ORR NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT

The Orr City Council will conduct a Public Hearing in accordance with Article XX, Section 20.40 of the Orr Zoning Ordinance, hereafter called "ordinance" on Tuesday, November 12, 2019, at 5:00 PM at the Orr City Hall, 4429 Highway 53, Orr, MN 55771, to consider a Conditional Use Permit Application from William Hoffer, 10443 Suliin Road, Orr, MN 55771, hereinafter called "Hoffer".

Hoffer is seeking a Conditional Use Permit to remove gravel from his property on the Suliin Road, Parcel No. 180-0060-00060, in the City of Orr. The property is zoned Agricultural-Forestry (AF-1). Article XI, Section 11.30(8) of the ordinance provides for the issue of a Conditional Use Permit for the operation of quarries, mines and gravel pits.

Questions regarding the Public Notice process or hearing should be directed to Cheri Carter, Clerk/Treasurer, City of Orr, telephone 218-757-3288, or Orr City Hall, 4429 Highway 53, PO Box 237, Orr, MN 55771.

The Orr City Council invites all interested parties to attend the public hearing.

Cheri Carter, Clerk/Treasurer, City of Orr

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MORCOM TOWNSHIP CHANGE IN MEETING DATES FOR NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

Morcom Township Board Meetings have been changed to the first Wednesday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Bear River School. This will be for the months of November and December 2019. Meetings will resume back to the first Thursday of the month at 6:00 pm at the Bear River School starting in January 2020. -Sasha Lehto, Clerk

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16 Dol. fractions
19 "Tell Mama" singer James
20 The Christian gospel, old-style
21 Author Roald
22 Noted coach Parseghian
23 Having the tidy quality that spotted horses are known for?
25 Per — (daily)
26 Pt. of MCAT
27 Outs, in court
28 Car engine
30 Sprint rival
32 Coeur d'—, Idaho
33 Berlin's land: Abbr.
34 Meeting to generate enthusiasm for a tummy-soothing product?
36 School org.
37 And so on: Abbr.
40 Allays
42 Diva Melba

- 43 Sentry in front of a Japanese shrine?
46 Cartoon cry
48 Swarm
49 Fictional Jane
50 Kid gloves
51 Serum vials
55 Muse who lifts poets' spirits?
62 Actress Zadora
65 Bristol brews
66 Sleekly designed
67 Canada's Nova —
68 Tree remnant
70 Bird feed bit
72 Cork, e.g.
75 Intermediary
76 Knee injury
78 Fit nicely
80 Certain part of speech
82 Pal of Curly
83 Comment after someone describes how state-run gambling games work?
88 Pasta dish
89 Three wise men
90 Had being

- 94 Decade, e.g.
98 Maya of architecture
99 Middle of a right-hand book page?
102 Up-front
104 Intended (to)
107 Fossil fuel
108 Org. archiving movies
109 "Serpico" star using his high singing voice?
111 Pt. of NCAA
113 Really into
115 Tiny baby
116 Human trunk
118 Prison warden, to Brits
120 French pal
121 Window ledge
123 Epic poem division about night crawlers?
126 Writer Anaïs
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128 Even a tiny bit
129 Schnitzel meat
130 Flying expert
131 Skiing stuff
132 Electrician
133 This, to José

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5 Lucy's man
6 Longoria and Mendes
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9 One giving the cold shoulder
10 Riga dweller
11 Yachts' kin
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13 Bonnie of blues rock
14 "I'm a Believer" pop group
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17 Vine-growing frame
18 Part of a forlorn face
24 As red as —
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31 Ointment
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33 Simple sugar

- 35 False: Prefix
38 Add up
39 Striped gems
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79 Web, to a fly
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- 87 Have
91 Bric-a-brac stands
92 Configure anew
93 Activist Brockovich
94 Doo-wop group at Woodstock
95 Strong verbal attack
96 "Training Day" director Fuqua
97 A noble gas
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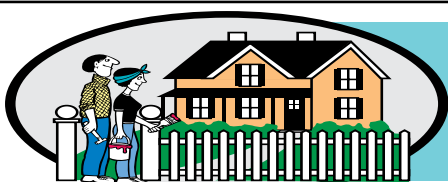
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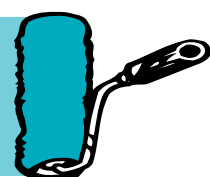
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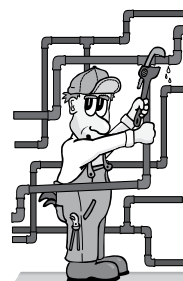
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