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CITY OF TOWER

Engineers asked to pitch in over project error

Council again rejects request for paramedic training over lack of information

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER— The city council here voted Tuesday to ask its engineering firm, SEH, to contribute \$5,000 to a maintenance fund to address errors committed during the installation of a sewer line at the Hoodoo Point Campground in

2018. And the council was unwilling to approve a settlement of an outstanding claim by the project's contractor, which would require payment of the bulk of a \$36,000 bill that remains outstanding.

Mayor Orlyn Kringstad proposed the settlement as a way to finish off the project, which has spent nearly two years in limbo as the city, SEH, and Utility

The Hoodoo Point Campground sewer project has been in limbo for nearly two years. file photo

Systems of America, or USA, debated who was to blame for three sags in the sewer line that are likely to require

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VETERANS DAY 2019



Area schools hosted Veterans Day programs on Monday. Tower/Soudan Elementary students, above, recite the Pledge of Allegiance. U.S. Navy veteran Jessica Kellogg, left, spoke at the Ely school program. North Woods student Brynn Chosa, below, danced with the drum group. Timberjay staff photos



ELY SCHOOLS

Going after the money

ISD 696 hires lobbyist in funding efforts for facilities renovation

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY – With a multi-million dollar facility renovation on the front burner, ISD 696 school board members hired a lobbying firm this week to help them explore potential funding options above and beyond any property tax increase needed to fund the project.

“It takes money to make money,” said Superintendent Erik Erie in recommending the school board hire the Costin Group after the board listened to a presentation by Gary Cerkvenik and Jeff Anderson.

For a retainer fee of \$2,000 per month for a one-year term, the Costin Group proposes “to perform government relations, public relations, and related services directed and approved by the superintendent of the Ely School District.” Such services will include representation at the Minnesota Legislature and its committees, state agencies, and the governor's office in order “to promote the mission of the Ely Public Schools in northeastern Minnesota.”

In making his case to represent the school district, Cerkvenik noted that Ely's distance from other schools makes it difficult to collaborate extensively, which could qualify the district for certain funding sources.

“You do have a story to tell, however, where you are already collaborating in several things including your business manager, some sports relationships, like

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CITY OF ORR

Orr appoints Klun Law Firm as city's new legal counsel

by E. M. SCHULTZ
Staff Writer

ORR — Ely-based Klun Law Firm will serve as Orr's new city attorney following council action

here on Tuesday. The city will use the firm for a probationary period until January, when the city conducts its annual reorganization. At that time, the council will

decide whether to go with the Klun firm on a more permanent basis.

Klun was one of three firms to be considered for the opportunity. The city had also reached out to

the Trenti and Sellman firms, but Trenti was the only other firm to respond. Council members didn't immediately agree on Klun, and spent some time discussing the pros

and cons of both firms. Ultimately, the council opted for Klun because of the firm's experience with civil matters and the work they have done in Ely as the legal counsel there.

The city of Orr was in need of new legal counsel after their previous attorney, Andy Peterson, won an appointment to the Sixth

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Early Deadline for Nov. 29 Timberjay

TOWER- The deadline for the Nov. 29 issue of the *Timberjay* will be on Monday, Nov. 25 at 10 a.m.. This special holiday edition will be mailed on Tuesday, Nov. 26 for delivery on Wednesday, Nov. 27. The *Timberjay's* annual North Country Christmas magazine will be included in this issue, full of holiday stories, recipes, and great gift ideas. We wish all of our readers a Happy Thanksgiving holiday.

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.

'Homestead Holidays' at the Nelimark on Dec. 6 & 7

EMBARRASS – The Nelimark Homestead Museum has been redecorated for the holidays and will be open to the public on Friday, Dec. 6, and Saturday, Dec. 7 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Holiday baked goods and home-crafted gifts for all ages will be available. Stop by to enjoy the company of others in the community and great conversation. Hyvaa Joulua!

Quiltmaker's Gift auditions set for Nov. 17-18; performances in January

ELY - Auditions for "The Quiltmaker's Gift" will be held on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 3-5 p.m. and Monday, Nov. 18 from 6-8 p.m. in the basement of the First Lutheran Church in Ely. The show is a one-act play designed for a cast of ten and will serve as the inaugural theatrical event at the newly-restored State Theater. Not all parts will require singing, but you should still come prepared to read, sing, and learn simple dance steps. Performances for the show are scheduled to take place on Jan. 24 at 7 p.m. and Jan. 25 and 26 at 2 p.m. There will also be a daytime dress rehearsal performance for students on Jan. 23.

Friends of the Library and the Ely Public Library, Ely Rotary Club, Ely Chamber of Commerce, Ely ISD 696 art department, Ely Community Resources Reading Pals, Ely Watercolor Club, Ely Folk School, Heart Of The Woods Quilters, and the Kiwanis Club of Ely are all a part of this production. For more information, call Play Director Laurie Kess at 218-349-7237 or Music Director Irene Hartfield at 218-235-6107.

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COMET THEATER

Free screening of film about hiking the Appalachian Trail at the Comet on Sunday

by E. M. SCHULTZ
Staff Writer

REGIONAL – A thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail takes a person on a 2,180-mile journey through fourteen states over the course of several months. Of the thousands of hikers who attempt the challenge each year, only one in four is able to complete it, with twenty-five percent of those successful being women. For filmmaker and photographer Lindsay Taylor Jackson, however, the dream wasn't to finish the hike herself, but rather to shine the light on those who do.

A free screening of the film is set for Sunday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. at the Comet Theater in Cook.

Jackson decided to film "Navigating THRU" when she met and became friends with Patrice Kincade during a biking trip in the Czech Republic. The pair got to talking about their shared interest in the Appalachian Trail, the outdoors, and the fact that they were both avid hikers. One thing led to another, and they soon found themselves planning a life-changing trek.

Prior to their decision to pursue this project, the duo talked at length about film and the way women are portrayed in the media. They agreed that the images we see every day are not realistic or helpful. Moreover, both were amazed at their inability to find films that revolve around female



hikers. They decided to change both of these issues by contributing more positive and empowering images of women to the film industry.

"With this film, my hope is that not only women but everyone who sees it will be inspired to go after dreams that seem impossible," said Jackson.

Going after a seemingly impossible dream is precisely what Kincade and Jackson did when they started their journey. Over the course of six months, Kincade hiked 2,189 miles from Springer Mountain in northern Georgia to Mount Katahdin in Maine. She isn't the only successful hiker featured in the film. Lindsay Clark and Jill Aubin, an Iron Range native, also had their incredible accomplishment highlighted.

Aubin's decision to hike the Appalachian Trail was just as spur

of the moment as Kincade's. Hiking in northern Minnesota with her cousin one day, she decided it was time to give the trail a try. She began researching the trek and purchasing the necessary gear, fully intending to see the plan through with or without her cousin as a companion. In 2015, she began her journey but was unable to see it through due to a severely sprained ankle, which she tried to ignore at first. Eventually, though, she was forced to leave the trail.

Aubin wasn't about to let this minor hiccup deter her from her overall goal, however. She returned to the trail three months later, this time with her daughter. This was when she began to hear about the filmmakers, who she hoped to meet along the way. She did bump into them eventually and they hiked together off and on until Pennsylvania, where Kincade and Aubin officially became a hiking duo. In the end, Aubin hiked a total of 1,900 miles, which was short of the trail's total but still a massively impressive feat.

"It was one of the physically

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Mesabi Symphony presents Mozart's Requiem; performances set for Friday, Sunday

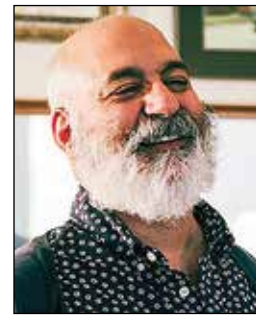
REGIONAL - The Mesabi Symphony, in collaboration with the Range of Voices chorale, presents two performances of Mozart's Requiem, on Friday, Nov. 15, at 7 p.m., in Eveleth's United in Christ Lutheran Church, and on Sunday, Nov. 17, at 2:30 p.m. in Virginia's Gethsemane Lutheran Church.

Tickets are available at the doors or online at the orchestra website: www.mesabisymphonyorchestra.org.

Besides the Requiem, the audience will hear Brahms's Tragic Overture, a lesser-known masterpiece written as a counterpart to the Academic Overture, and Schubert's Unfinished Symphony.

MSO Maestro Ben Nilles and RoV Maestra Angela Cantlon have enlisted four talented area performers for the solo parts in the Requiem:

► Sara Skelton, soprano, is a Duluth native who took her Vocal Performance degree at St. Olaf. At the University of Minnesota, she earned an MFA in Acting along with a BS in English and Theater Education. She has sung with Minnesota Opera, Opera St. Paul, and others. She now lives outside Ely and teaches Humanities Theater and Music courses at Vermilion Community College. Last spring, she sang with the MSO for the sympho-



Elias Mokole



Sara Skelton



Erin Bremner

ny's North of Broadway concerts, and she's a frequent guest during the Northern Lights Music Festival.

► Mezzo Kathryn Hamm, of Duluth, frequently performs recitals and in regional oratorios. She came to Duluth to do her graduate work at UMD, and liked it enough to stay.

► Dr. Erin Bremner, tenor, has been Ely's optometrist for 15 years. While studying for a biology degree at Anderson University in Indiana, he minored in music and toured with the university's chorale. He took time off from his studies in England at the University of Birmingham to sing the role of Judas in Jesus Christ Superstar.

► Elias Mokole possesses a "powerful, rich, warm baritone," according to *Opera News* and the *Washington Post*. At home in recital, choral works, and operas, he has

performed over 800 times on five continents. Familiar roles include Sharpless in *Madame Butterfly* and the High Priest of Dagon in *Samson et Delila*. More recently he performed a solo in the Minneapolis Chorus Polaris performance of *Carmina Burana*.

These concerts are sponsored by the Minnesota Power Foundation, Great River Energy, and the Cliffs Foundation. The MSO 2019-2020 concert season is funded, in part, by the Eveleth Area Community Foundation Fund, an affiliate of the Duluth Superior Area Community Foundation Fund.

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Briefly

Nett Lake woman dies in car crash

REGIONAL – A Net
Lake woman died as a result
of injuries she suffered in
a car crash on Hwy. 53, near
Orr, on Friday, Nov. 8.

Lorraine Connor, 75, was heading north when her car entered the southbound lane and struck another vehicle, driven by 22-year-old Joshua Jarvela, head on. Jarvela's vehicle spun and rolled, striking an oncoming Freightliner semi. Connor was declared dead at the scene. Jarvela and his passenger, Alexander Mannila, also 22, were both taken to the Cook Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries. Abdirizak Ali, the driver of the semi, suffered no injuries.

It is unclear at this time if alcohol was involved in the crash.

with OSHA and said the department will be in compliance with OSHA rules by Nov. 22, as required.

"All the documentation is done," he said. "All we have to do is fill out the mandatory progress forms." Woringer noted that the department had been conducting the required safety training, but just hadn't been documenting it properly.

At their Nov. 12 meeting, the board thanked Worringer for all the time and work he has put into the process. Worringer is the newly-appointed safety/training officer, and was not in charge during the period the deficiencies were noted.

The board also approved some changes to the department's Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) to add an organizational statement to the document.

Worringer noted this was a recommendation from OSHA, but not the result of any penalty. The changes explain the purpose of the fire department and add details of the types of training that are required.

In other fire department news, Worringer noted that half of the current fire department members are also Emergency Medical Responders, and the board approved having two additional members taking an upcoming First Responder course.

The board approved a request from Fire Chief Dave Fazio to increase the annual PERA pension amount from \$1,900 to \$2,500 per year, with the increase to be paid out starting in 2021. Fazio noted the current pension account is funded at 200-percent and could support an even larger pension amount. He suggested

the board consider increasing the pension amount on an annual basis. When the department switched its pension to the PERA system, they were required to keep the amount stable for five years (which ends in 2020).

The board also approved reinstating Howard Ankrum to the department. Ankrum had recently retired but decided to rejoin.

New computer station

The township's new public computer station is now up and running. Township residents are welcome to use the equipment during regular clerk office hours. A computer printer is also available. The clerk's office is generally open Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., and

EMERGENCY SERVICES

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER— City officials are working to develop a new purchasing policy that is intended to bring a greater level of accountability and control to city spending here. The new policy is likely to rein in spending, in particular, by the Tower Area Ambulance Service (TAAS), which has spent thousands of dollars a year on unusual purchases for a public agency, such as groceries, frequent meals at restaurants, cases of soft drinks, and high-end queen-sized mattresses, apparently for its ambulance quarters.

A *Timberjay* review of TAAS vouchers over the past two

years suggest that the vast majority of the department's spending is for legitimate purposes, such as purchases of equipment and supplies, and salaries and wages for its emergency responders.

But the extent of spending on groceries, dining out, and equipping ambulance crew quarters came as a surprise to some city council members and interim clerk-treasurer Ann Lammppa after the suspension of former clerk-treasurer Linda Keith in June. It appears that some of the spending, particularly the thousands of dollars spent to equip and furnish the TAAS employee quarters, may not have been properly authorized by the city council.

The TAAS often spends

hundreds of dollars each month on meals at restaurants, mostly when ambulance staff transfer non-emergency patients to medical facilities in Duluth. The amounts spent can vary considerably depending on the number of transfers and the destination of those patients, but the amounts do add up. This past August, for example, the TAAS spent \$558.21 on meals at Duluth-area establishments like the Texas Roadhouse, The Olive Garden, and the Outback Steak House. In September, the TAAS spent \$515.02 on meals at places like Buffalo Wild Wings, Tavern on the Hill, and Grandma's Saloon and Grill. In July, when the TAAS staff was busy with a record volume of emergency

calls, crews spent less, a total of \$294.46 for meals at many of the same locations.

The purchasing of meals for crews undertaking transfers is a longstanding practice for the TAAS, although it started at a time when non-emergency transfers were relatively rare, so the costs associated were not as high as they are today. And Lamppa notes that in those earlier years, the limited wages “paid” to ambulance crews went toward their pensions and were not paid directly, as they are today, which made a meal a relatively modest incentive for what were essentially volunteers.

Incentive or not, most other ambulance services in the area do not pay for meals for their

staff while on the road, and none allow their crews the use of a city debit card to make such purchases. The TAAS maintain a separate “petty cash” account at a local financial institution to pay mostly for meals and fuel for the ambulances through the use of a debit card. The account has been maintained by regular transfers of city funds to the account, which vary from a few hundred dollars a month to as much as \$2,000.

City officials in Orr shut down a similar account, that the Orr Area Ambulance had established for the purchase of various supplies, after the city's auditor raised questions about

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Editorial

The risks of inequality

Taxation of wealth is the only way we can afford to reinvest in America

What’s the number one threat to the continued success of the U.S. and international economies? It’s the growing inequality of wealth and income, particularly in the United States.

And that’s not just according to Bernie Sanders or Elizabeth Warren. A recent analysis by Deutsche Bank reaches the very same conclusion— and with good reason.

Economies work best when everyone has an opportunity to take part and be successful. But that’s increasingly difficult when so much of the new wealth that the economy creates winds up in the hands of those at the very top.

The supply-side theory behind the latest round of Republican tax cuts for corporations and the rich has, once again, proved the point. As the monthly economic data demonstrated yet again, the Republican supply-siders completely misunderstand how the economy works. They promised that slashing the corporate tax rate from 35 percent to 21 percent would prompt businesses to invest more in U.S. industry. That investment would create more jobs and incomes, and generate more, not less, revenue to the government.

That, of course, is what supply-siders always say. And while they are invariably proven wrong, the data from the most recent round of tax cuts is even starker than usual. Despite the biggest corporate tax cuts in history, weak business investment has been one of biggest drags on economic growth. While the economy’s service sector, which is fueled mostly by consumer demand, has remained relatively strong, the manufacturing sector, which often drives much business investment, is already in recession and shedding jobs. In fact, the sector lost 36,000 jobs in October, according to data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics earlier this month.

And you can add the roughly three dozen permanent job cuts announced this week by both Minntac and Keetac to the growing list.

The tax cuts that President Trump sold as good for workers are putting much more money in the hands of top corporate executives, but new job creation in 2019 is running well behind the pace of the last year of the Obama administration.

And all those new federal revenues the supply-siders promised? Sorry, but revenues have fallen, as every sensible

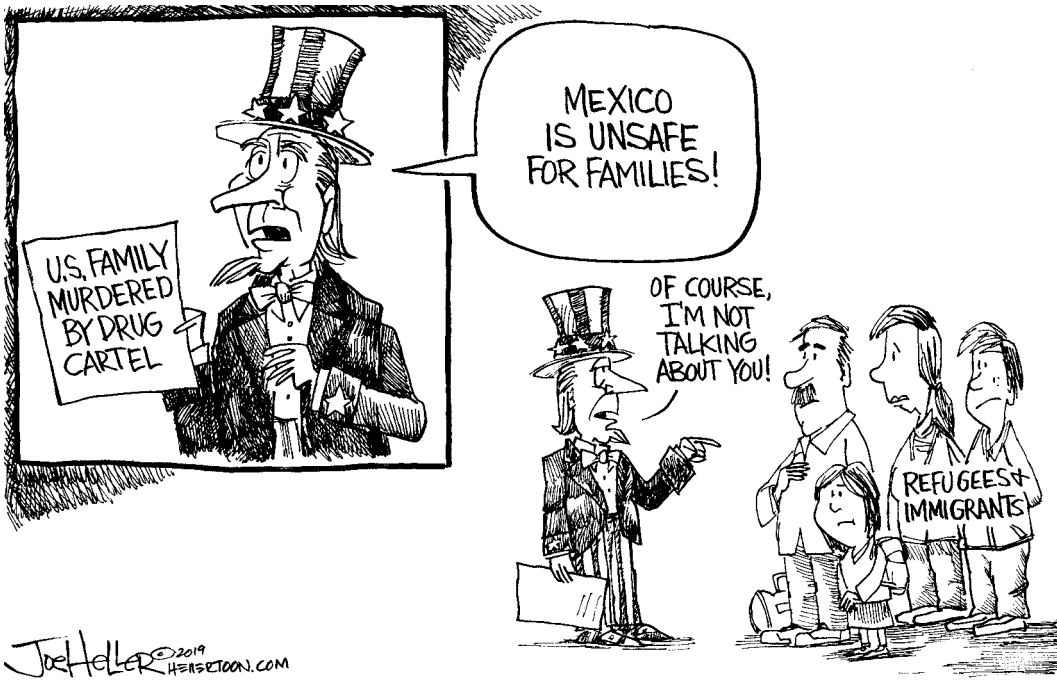
economist predicted, and the U.S. deficit climbed to \$984 billion in fiscal year 2019, which ended Sept. 30. That’s an all-time record budget deficit outside of a period of economic calamity.

What’s still fueling the economy? Consumers, which has been the case for decades in the U.S. If you want to build an economy that works for average Americans, you need to put more money in the hands of workers, not their bosses. And you don’t need tax cuts to do that. You put more money in the hands of workers by raising taxes on those at the top and using those resources to invest in the country. That includes investing in a national infrastructure that is increasingly falling into Third World status in many parts of the U.S. That means putting real resources into improving economic conditions in rural regions and small towns. That means making sure that people aren’t discouraged from pursuing success in fulfilling careers by the burden of massive debt due to education or medical costs. These burdens are a major reason that social mobility in the U.S. is now among the lowest among developed countries. It means passing laws that make it much easier for workers to unionize to push for a bigger slice of the pie.

It’s no coincidence that the high point of the American middle class came at a time when the country was making enormous investments in infrastructure, when unionized employees made up just over a third of the workforce, and the top marginal tax rate on the wealthy was 92 percent.

And it isn’t just the economy that suffers from wealth and income inequality. The implications for our politics are even more dire. It’s no wonder that the top GOP priority is always tax cuts for the rich, because those are the people who keep them in power. While most of the big money goes to Republicans, plenty also goes to those Democrats who are willing to play along, and all that money has warped policymaking in Washington to a degree we haven’t seen in the U.S. since the Gilded Age.

We don’t need more tax cuts for the rich and more wealth accumulated by those at the very top, who are now paying a lower percentage of their income in taxes than the average steelworker, teacher, or cop on the beat. It’s time to put some of that wealth to good use.



Letters from Readers

Please give to help address local needs

Vermilion Community College students are supporting the Ely Area Food Shelf this holiday season by collecting canvas bags and pet food. Students have created donation boxes to be placed at the Gifts That Give Fair on Nov. 23. These specific collections will continue throughout the holiday season at area businesses and churches. In addition, the students have created two donation-specific boxes to support the VCC student food pantry. Personal need products, such as toothpaste, tampons, toilet paper, Vitamin D, cold prevention remedies and health items can be donated as well as baby food and diapers—difficult items to find currently at the food shelf.

In support of this project, six Ely girls will be selling DIY products (and canvas bags) to raise funds to attend Camp Atsokan for Emerging Young Women Writers. A purchase from the girls can be a “double donation,” supporting them as well as the Ely Food Shelf/VCC Food Pantry.

The fair will be held this year at First Presbyterian Church (226 East Harvey) on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10-3. Please consider attending this event and supporting local non-profits and young girls and their dreams.

Jeanette Marie Cox Ely

We should focus on the real crimes our leaders commit

Maybe this guy in the White House will get kicked out (I hope so) but the process is an ugly one. The holier than thou Democrats against the Republicans. When Nixon was forced to resign during the impeachment process against him it was for spying on the Democrats at the Watergate Hotel. So, in my opinion, big deal! He wasn’t tried for his sending military supplies to Indonesia (with that criminal Kissinger) which were used

to kill their own people or supporting the military coup in Chile that cost the lives of many in Chile or the war against the Vietnamese and the killing of hundreds of thousands of them. I challenge any who think Vietnam was a threat to the U.S. So Nixon wasn’t impeached for his murder of innocent people and supporting dictatorships but for spying on the Democrats. And the Democrat Johnson killed the other half of the three million Vietnamese. He wasn’t impeached.

Obama wasn’t impeached for bombing Libya, for supporting Saudi Arabia in its murder in Yemen, for supporting the military coup in Honduras, or for his support of genocidal Israel over the Palestinian victims. Trump won’t be impeached for his threats against democratic governments of Venezuela and Nicaragua. He is a dirty operator but his impeachment will be for something other than for his murderous policies abroad.

I am sick of the criminals that always reside in the White House whether it be this Republican or the Democrats. When it comes to decency the bottom of the barrel is what always ends up in the White House and it’s pretty much the same for Congress.

It’s sad to know that the citizens of the U.S. have so little control over what Washington does to our brothers and sisters in other countries. You pay taxes of which 60 percent goes to the military. We pay for the murder that Washington is guilty of yet we can’t stop it.

George Carlin once said, “It’s a big club and you ain’t in it.”

Steve Johnson Ely

Let’s turn the field trip buses north

In light of the ongoing financial problems of our schools, I have made some observations. I have expressed these to many parents and young adults in our area, and they encouraged me to submit my suggestions in this manner.

I have been looking at why so many of our students move out of the area after graduation

and wonder if we, as educators and parents, are training them to do so. Look at our “field trips.” Why is it that we send our kids to the Mall of America, Minnesota Twins games, the Metrodome, the Minnesota Zoo, Valley Fair, the Guthrie, etc. when we have many of these activities in Duluth, Grand Rapids, Bemidji, Grand Forks, Hibbing, etc.? Talk to the students. They say there is nothing in northern Minnesota! What about the Wolf Center, the Lake Superior Aquarium in Duluth, trips to the Laurentian Divide to discuss the glacial period and geological findings, Lake Itasca—the source of the Mississippi River, Grand Mound west of International Falls, tours of historical societies, local corporations, the mines, and numerous other educational resources right in our own back yard and north of St. Cloud?

Two years ago, my son and I spent a week at the Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center in Finland, near Ely. The experience was very educational and an outstanding experience for both of us. On our way home we stopped at Gooseberry Falls, the Split Rock Lighthouse, the Two Harbors Shipping Museum, the Duluth Ore Docks, and numerous natural sites along the way. Riding in the car my 10-year old son spoke with a wisdom beyond his years. He said, “Dad, instead of the schools always taking us to the cities for field trips, why don’t they turn the buses north and go to places like these?”

It was an excellent question. I recall chaperoning a trip to a Minnesota Twins game for the school one time. On the way home I questioned sixty-six kids on that trip. Two students knew the final score of the game and five knew who the Twins played. The trip lasted about twelve hours. I thought, for what?

Maybe it’s time to seriously look at the experiences we are trying to provide for our children. What are the expenses involved and the outcomes achieved? Maybe my son had a novel idea. Let’s start a campaign to turn the buses north.

Brian Carlson Grand Rapids

National Novel Writing Month... a mixed bag

Since 1999, November has been known to writers around the country as National Novel Writing Month, or NaNoWriMo. Across the nation, writers and would-be novelists gather together online and in person to write individual first drafts of a



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manuscript of at least 50,000 words. The goal isn’t to have a quality product by the end of the month but to simply get all the words written down, so the writer may then edit them at their leisure.

It’s not difficult to see the point of an event such as this one: motivate people to do something they’ve likely been putting off. What could possibly be wrong with that?

Well, one of the ways the event attempts motivation is through inspirational letters, or pep talks, from well-known authors.

The letters seem to employ an attitude of “writing is awful but so are all jobs, so keep working at it even when you want to quit.” Here’s the thing, though: if you’re genuinely miserable to the point where you want to give up altogether, maybe writing isn’t for you. That’s not to say there won’t be days that are hard or even days when you don’t feel inclined to write. But if you truly

love wordsmithery, you won’t ever want to quit.

In fact, you likely won’t be able to. When you have a genuine passion for writing, you’re faced with a constant dilemma: finding the time to write down every little thought lest you forget the important ones, which, if you’re anything like me, you’re practically guaranteed to do. This constant, aching desire to write isn’t something from which you simply walk away. Rather, it is something you carry with you no matter how difficult the load

becomes to bear.

When I foolishly decided to pursue writing as a career, I had no idea what I was getting into. Up to that point, it had been something I did for school and maybe sometimes for fun. Once I embraced it as my career choice, however, it didn’t take me long to realize I could never go back to doing anything else. I was finally free, and I would fight to the death to keep that freedom. Besides, how could I possibly

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Letters from Readers

Thanks to the Tower Ambulance Service for taking care of me

I want to say a special thanks to Steve Altenburg and the Tower ambulance crew that took care of me on the way to the Ely Hospital after my recent fall at school. Thanks to the quick and professional work, I was able to return home after a short stay at the hospital and care center. For a small town, we are very lucky to have a crew like this to take care of us senior citizens when we need help.

**Lucille Svatos
Tower**

I think the letter writer is brainwashed

I read the letter from Peggy in Aurora titled “It’s either Trump or socialism,” and then re-read her basic statements, from brain washing via certain news media, her being tired of listening to those who have a different opinion of our current president, to her to her comment that if you

don’t believe her way...MOVE!

I thought I’d write in to remind her that the right to not agree with a president, or any situation [political or not], being outright and vocal, is one of the most basic rights “we the people” have in America. So, I would suggest to Peggy, that if she does not understand that simple reasoning, and right of the people to free speech and ideas..... In Peggy’s own words, “it is freedom or not, and how hard is that to understand?” Then using her other statement, I would also suggest she take her own advice, “please leave us alone, please go, because you will want to be back here in a short time”. I think it is Peggy that has been brainwashed.

**Barry W. Tungseth
Ely**

How about a few facts to spice up the recent rant?

I tried to resist, but I just had to respond to Ms. Goodwin’s letter in the 11/8/19 *Timberjay*

that filled me full of wonder. I have often said I really want to talk with some Trump supporters and hear what they value about the current president, and why, because I think that his supporters are largely hurt by his policies. Ms. Goodwin’s letter left me wanting more: more facts, that is, more concrete reasons as to why she thinks President Trump is her idea of a president “who has surpassed all.”

I’ve thought that of him myself, but I’m pretty sure she and I mean very different things by those words. That made me wonder about quite a few other words and how she defines them, words like “America.” What does she mean when she says, “America?” I think Trump means corporations, the very wealthy, and some of the white people as long as they’re not gay, disabled, or have different opinions than he. How does she define “great” and “again?” When was America last “great” in her opinion and why?

What I read in her letter was a lot of unsubstantiated opinions which amount to a rant. I get

rants, I do them fairly often; they’re kind of fun, but they’re the easy way out.

So, I’d like to invite her to step up to the plate a bit, and tell us, say, three things that this president has done that she admires that have made this country better for all of our citizens, not just the ultra-rich, because that is the mandate for the office of the president, to represent all citizens and work toward the common good.

The actions and proposed future actions I’ve seen this administration support are aimed at reducing funding to undermine public education, Medicare, Social Security, the nation’s infrastructure, the protection of our public parks and forests and the health-giving environment, to name only some. It makes me wonder if Ms. Goodwin doesn’t recognize how these benefit herself, her family, friends, and neighbors. Does she not know or care about anyone who receives Social Security and would be destitute without? Does she not have parents or friends who rely on Medicare for decent health

care, which they’ve paid into throughout their working lives? Are there no children in her family or acquaintances whose future lives depend on getting a good education?

I wonder if Ms. Goodwin read my column on the same page as her letter listing the accomplishments attributed to Democrats? If not, I invite her to do so, and then imagine a country without them. I wonder if she gets her information from Fox “News” because they have definitely set the bar for the brainwashing she alludes to. I always wonder how people can say they love America when they hate a majority of its citizens and disparage the social programs that have made this country one of the best places to live on Earth. So, please, Ms. Goodwin, write back or give me a call so we could meet for coffee and have a good conversation, but bring your facts, ma’am, just the documented facts.

**Betty Firth
Ely**

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quit something that I’d be entirely lost without?

That’s not to say I haven’t quit a particular writing project. I can’t begin to count the number of written works I’ve discarded or set aside in order to pursue other writing interests. When I started my aptly named blog, Erratic Ramblings, I was writing about every topic under the sun and thought I’d be doing so for the rest of my life. Now, I write poetry, plays, and prose for a literary website called Curiously Enticing, which I run with my sister, and I work part-time writing news for the

Timberjay. Meanwhile, Erratic Ramblings has fallen completely to the wayside. What I’ve learned over the years is that as long as you’re writing something, what that something is doesn’t matter all that much.

You see, what we think we should be writing and what we’re actually working on are often two different things, and there’s something to be said for allowing creativity to reign. Despite how well you believe you know your own writing, you can almost never be sure what will resonate with others, or with your

future self. It’s amazing how often I’ve looked back at something I wrote and gleaned new insights. Ultimately, crafting words isn’t something that can or should be forced, which is where NaNoWriMo falls flat.

Rushing the creation of a novel manuscript may seem harmless at first glance. Participants in this month-long event don’t stand to lose, really. At worst, they only write a handful of words, and at best, they have a full first draft written. But the work doesn’t end there. It’s barely begun.

Now, imagine being

one of the participants who didn’t finish a manuscript. While there is a slight chance that you’d still feel accomplished, there’s also a decent likelihood that you’d be disheartened, especially as you’re watching others celebrate their success. It might lead you to question your abilities, even though there are numerous reasons as to why they may have finished, and you did not.

In the end, how and what you write aren’t nearly as important as making the choice to do so. Here is perhaps the only advice you’ll need going forward: spending too

much of your time reading about your fellow writers’ experiences, or seeking out their advice, will not help you with your own writing. Similar to many other things in life, writing is an incredibly personal experience. What works well for one person might actually be detrimental to another. It’s also surprisingly easy to get so caught up in learning about the “best” way to write that you never actually do any yourself.

Not everyone will be negatively impacted by an event such as NaNoWriMo, of course. There are plenty of people who will likely benefit

from the added pressure and support system it provides. For some, it’s simply a good way to connect with others who share an adoration for the written word. For others, it’s the push they desperately need in order for them to pursue a dream. If there’s something you’ve been wanting to write, but keep pushing off, embrace the spirit of this month and take the first step. Don’t worry about the length, or even the content for that matter, but rather focus on the act itself, because if there’s one thing that National Novel Writing Month is all about, it’s putting pen to paper.

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the legality of such a fund.

Orr Clerk-Treasurer Cheri Carter said the city council there also rejected a request from ambulance personnel in 2016 for meal reimbursement for longer distance travel. While some on the council were concerned about the legitimate public purpose of such expenditures, Carter said the council had other concerns as well with allowing ambulance crews to stop in Duluth or elsewhere for sit-down meals after transfers. “That just puts the ambulance out of commission that much longer,” noted Carter. “I don’t know how you can justify that. That’s our ambulance and we want it back in our coverage area as quickly as possible.”

The city of Cook takes a similar approach toward meals for its ambulance staff, according to city administrator Theresa Martinson.

The Ely Area Ambulance Service, which is run as a private non-profit entity, used to allow a food stipend up to \$15, but director Geoff Galaski said the practice was discontinued after crews rarely applied for reimbursement. Instead, he said, the EAAS added \$15 to the rate of pay for transfers to Duluth, which raised the average wage to \$24.16 per hour.

The Virginia Ambulance Service does

allow ambulance staff to submit reimbursement requests for meals if they are involved in transfers over 90 miles, which is a practice governed by a collective bargaining agreement. Fire chief and ambulance director Allen Lewis said he has no problem providing reimbursement in such cases. “I would never begrudge a crew a meal when the city could be making thousands of dollars on a transfer,” he said.

At the same time, however, Lewis said it has to be done on a reimbursement basis, with proper receipts and other documentation, or else the meals would likely qualify as taxable income.

Indeed, according to rules promulgated by the Internal Revenue Service, meals purchased by the employer while an employee is traveling are considered taxable unless the trip is considered overnight travel, where an employee is required to be away from home for at least one night, typically at a hotel. Employers are allowed to provide meals to employees on the employer’s premises, but only if doing so is for the employer’s convenience, rather than as an incentive or perk for employees.

Tower’s new city clerk-treasurer Victoria Ranua confirmed that, to date, the city has not

tracked meal allowances for ambulance staff as a taxable fringe benefit, which may put the city out of compliance with federal tax laws.

Other spending questioned

The TAAS isn’t only spending money on restaurant meals. According to city records, the grocery bill for the fire and ambulance department has run hundreds of dollars a month over the past year at the local Zup’s grocery store alone. Council member Sheldon Majerle said a manager at Zup’s had even questioned him about the unusual amount of grocery spending by members of the department.

In October, TAAS members spent hundreds of dollars on a wide range of grocery items. On Oct. 2, a TAAS member spent \$53.53 on a variety of cookies, licorice, a 138-ounce box of Tide detergent, M&Ms and assorted toffee. On Oct. 7, a TAAS member spent \$77.13 on more cookies, crackers, granola bars, beef sticks, chips, fancy grapes at a cost of \$4.99 a pound, and a 12-pack of cherry Coke. The receipt claims the items were purchased for an ambulance commission meeting.

On Oct. 21, a fire and ambulance staff member spent \$84.82 for packs of meatballs, bacon, pota-

toes, onions, chili sauce, grape jelly, brown sugar, a family-sized pack of Oreos, ground mustard, pumpkin pie spice, sour cream, cheese, a pound of butter, and a 38-ounce package of peanut M&Ms. The receipt states that the groceries were purchased for “fire training.”

On Oct. 24, a TAAS staff member spent \$18.60 for kitchen bags, air freshener and a pumpkin for the ambulance quarters. Other spending ahead of the fire department’s Halloween party pushed the total spending, at Zup’s alone, to \$745 for the month.

In recent years, city officials have increasingly used almost any gathering as justification for purchasing significant amounts of food.

Fire or ambulance trainings now include elaborate meals for members. Until recently, city hall meetings during regular business hours routinely included large plates full of fresh-baked cookies from the local coffee and pastry shop, few of which were typically eaten during the meetings. At a meeting of the Ambulance Commission earlier this month, Altenburg provided a meat and cheese tray to the half dozen attendees, although the event was used to justify a number of other grocery purchases that did not appear to be available at the

meeting. In the end, commission members largely ignored the offerings that Altenburg did provide.

Where all the leftover cookies, meats, and cheeses from such events end up isn’t clear. Ambulance director Steve Altenburg declined to respond to a number of questions about TAAS spending posed by the *Timberjay*. He also failed to respond to a request for the service’s purchasing policy.

While any one example isn’t large on its own, Lamppa, during her tenure as interim clerk-treasurer, described a consistent pattern of unnecessary spending on things that appeared to lack a public purpose.

The department under Altenburg has also spent lavishly to equip a local residence which serves as quarters for the ambulance service’s paid duty staff. When purchasing beds for the staff, Altenburg ordered high-end mattresses from a company called Purple, in Utah, which manufactures the trendy beds. Rather than purchasing single-size beds, which would be typical for one person in such quarters, Altenburg bought queen-sized mattresses for \$1,000 apiece. Special platforms manufactured by the company pushed the price of the beds to just under \$1,300

each. When the ambulance service purchased a television for the house, Altenburg purchased a 50-inch Samsung flat-screen television, for \$481 with tax. This past January, the TAAS spent \$107.36 for a Sony product, ostensibly for the ambulance quarters. The device, which was purchased from Target, was classified under “Entertainment-Electronics.”

Altenburg, again, did not respond to questions posed by the *Timberjay* about these purchases.

It’s not clear that such purchases were ever authorized by the city council, as required. Under the city charter, the clerk-treasurer’s spending authority is limited to \$1,000, so the purchase of the mattresses and beds at a total cost in excess of \$2,500 certainly exceeded that spending level. Under the city’s charter, neither the ambulance director nor the fire chief has any identified spending authority. The city council did approve the rental agreement for the private residence that the TAAS uses for staff quarters, but that agreement is silent on whether the premises would need furnishing.

The *Timberjay* did request that Altenburg provide documentation of the council motion or resolution that authorized such expenditures, but he did not respond.

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Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Other business

In other business, the board:

► Had a discussion on the subsidy payment to the

Tower Area Ambulance. The issue will be reported in depth in next week’s paper.

► Heard that the parking lot paving will be done in the spring, as

well as repair work on the paved trail.

► Approved a donation of \$15,000 from Bois Forte to the fire department.

► Approved a dona-

tion of \$190 from the Greenwood Quilters.

► Approved putting the question of whether or not to have a town clerk and town treasurer hired by the town board, instead of

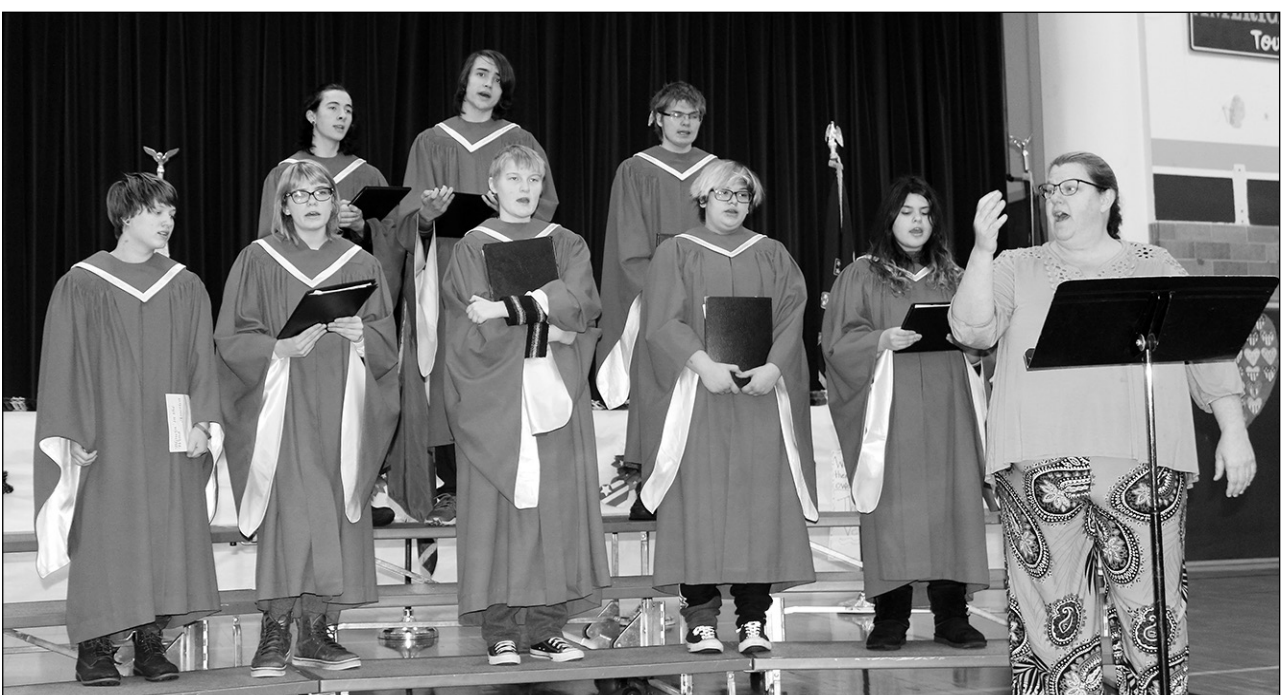
elected by voters, on the March township ballot.

► Discussed, but took no action, on the idea of assessing property owners on Birch Point Extension for the cost of brushing

along that roadway. The board did rescind their previous motion to put this question on the ballot.

► Approved a letter of support for the Vermilion Trail project.

VETERANS DAY 2019



Above: Vermilion Country School Choir members, and choir director Karin Schmidt, led the audience in song. Right: The Legion Color Guard entered with flags to begin the program. Below: Tower-Soudan Elementary Students sang a series of patriotic songs. Below right: VCS Director and former Tower-Soudan student Frank Zobitz accompanied the VCS choir on piano. photos by J. Summit



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tower-Soudan Civic Club meets Wednesday, Nov. 20

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Civic Club will meet at the Tower Civic Center on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 7 p.m. Penny Jackson will give a presentation on Barn Quilts. Please join us; visitors and new members are always welcome.

Annual Ladies Christmas Luncheon at St. James on 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 commu-

nity are welcome.

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.

St. Martin's Bazaar set for Saturday, Nov. 16

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 the harvest. The meal will be served in the church fel-

lowship hall on 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 Zach toward hope. [PG]

Northeast Range Band concert on Nov. 21

BABBITT- The Northeast Range School will be hosting their fall band concert on Thursday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. in the school's auditorium. This concert will feature both the high school and elementary bands made up of students from Babbitt, Embarrass, Tower and Soudan. Everyone is welcome to attend.

The Northeast Range Music Boosters will also have raffle tickets and business discount cards available for sale. They are \$10 each. Proceeds from these sales will go towards an upcoming trip to Florida this spring.




Embarrass Vermillion FCU is doing our 4th Annual Blanket Drive Project with all donations going to Gillette Childrens specialty healthcare in St. Paul.

October 1st - December 1st

Blanket material requirements:
New fabric/Yarn must be used, single or double sided flannel blankets, knitted & crocheted blankets, quilts with light batting, knitted & crocheted blankets and fleece tie - blankets - a favorite of the patients.

Common sizes: (approximate)
Infant/toddlers - 1.5 yards x 1.5 yards = 54"x54"
Pre teen/teen/adult - 2 yards x 1.5 yards - 75"x54"

Blankets may be dropped off at any of our 3 branches Embarrass, Tower or Aurora before November 29th, so we may deliver them before the end of the year.



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Christmas Bazaar

Saturday, November 16
10 AM - 1:30 PM
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Pampered Chef, Norwex, Cookie Patch, Custom Embroidery, Hand Crafts, Gift Wrapping, Christmas Cards, Wreaths, Recycled Sweater Mittens, Boiled Wool, Paper Crafts, Christmas "Elephant" Sale, Quilts, Homemade Soaps, Poticas

Just For Kids
Make & take Christmas decorations,
Gift shop-for their Christmas shopping, Candy Canes

Café
Various homemade soups, Assorted bars, Caramel rolls, Coffee, Tea, Lemonade-Bottomless Cups

Bucket Raffles, Door Prizes, Quilt Raffle,
Drawing at 1:10 PM
(need not be present to win)

BREITUNG

New town hall building completed



New signage was installed at the post office, fire hall, and community building. photo by S. Ukkola

Breitung clerk/treasurer office, fire department moved back in

bySTEPHANIE UKKOLA
Staff Writer

SOUDAN- Breitung renovations are now complete. The township clerk and treasurer, as well as the fire department, are enjoying their newly-remodeled building and are getting settled in. Officials had hoped to be moving last week in time for the Wednesday meeting, but a delay in furnace installation pushed move-in day to Friday, Nov. 8.

The board has conducted maintenance director interviews and an official hiring decision will be made at the Tuesday, Nov. 19 meeting at noon which will be held in the new township community room.

A mishap by contractors surprised post office workers when

they noticed that water was dripping from the ceiling. A bill for repair by Nelson Roofing that totaled \$525 dollars was forwarded to Lenci, though it hasn’t been established exactly who was responsible for the mistake.

In other news, the town board:
➤ Acknowledged a letter from Lee Peterson of Greenwood Township concerning the Tower Ambulance fund.

➤ Pulled an application for a CDBG grant request in order to focus the township’s funds on debt repayment from the remodel and the training of a new full-time maintenance director.

➤ Paid an invoice to ARI Architects for \$1,495.

➤ Will purchase speakers for the inside of the Breitung skating rink’s warming shack. The two

speakers and installation will cost \$692 and will be paid for with the Hockey Day Soudan fund.

➤ Heard that maintenance director Dale Swanson will remove boulders on Puncher Point Road.

➤ Set a date for police contract negotiations with Teamsters Local 346 on Dec. 3 at 6 p.m., a closed meeting.

➤ Set the Breitung Town Hall as the designated polling place. The next election will be the first Tuesday in March for presidential primaries. The township’s election will take place the following week. Clerk Polly McDonald and Supervisor Greg Dostert’s terms will both expire. McDonald has stated she is retiring and will not run for reelection.

Vermilion Country School Honor Roll



TOWER- The following students have been named to the first

quarter honor roll at Vermilion Country School.

A Honor Roll

Talyn Hedin, grade 8
Alex Dorman, grade 11
Alyssa Pratt, grade 12

B Honor Roll

Caleb Ramponi, grade 7
Brody Anderson, grade 8

Emilie Wojcik, grade 9
Preston Tyndall-Robich, grade 10
Leah Anderson, grade 11
Jaicee Krings, grade 11
Mariah Mitchell, grade 11
Michael Stellmach, grade 11
Todd Zibrowski, grade 11
Jacob Dorman, grade 12
Danica Starkman, grade 12

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



Dear Hearts,

We are getting into that special winter mood here at Chez Vera....a few more of those light sprinklings of snow, and we won’t have to rake the yard. Yardwork is always better when it is a bit warmer and all those kids that passed their driver’s test will do anything for gas money.

We have the gardens ready for winter’s blast. I always like the piles of snow if I KNOW there are all sorts of bulbs napping, waiting for spring.

A friend down the road, who is always looking for new plants with which to stun the neighbors, ordered some items online (whatever that means). They were a little spendy, airfare and all that, but who cares how much things cost if you want to see the neighbors turn green.

We happened to be at

her home when the padded package arrived from the ‘Mysterious East.’

She ripped the package open and out rolled three twigs which, if you saw them in your yard, you might add to the compost pile.

Silence filled the room (always wanted to use that term).

Hilda, who always tries to look at the bright side, said cheerily, “Maybe they just need a little water!”

We all knew, even Hilda, that there wasn’t enough water in Lake Vermilion to revive these bits of whatever.

There was ALSO what was allegedly a peony root– which looked like that hot dog you find at the bottom of the saucepan the morning of July fifth.

Silence filled the room as Hilda picked up the package and read the label:

State Unitary ENTERPRISE
TOJIK POST
QUTBI Kirom1

Street
DUSHANBE TADJKISTAN (which we could not find in any world atlas).

The kicker, as we used to say, was the de-

scription of the contents... PLASTIC TOYS.

We did what every plant fanatic would do in this situation...we potted them up, gave them a good ‘drink’ of water and put them on a sunny windowsill...time will tell. Our neighbor awaits a visit from some government agency and an extended prison term.

Well, so much for international relationships on Lake Vermilion!

Being of a certain age I have taken to making lists of essay ideas that ‘pop’ into my mind. I have to work fast because sometimes they zoom through my head faster than one of those Indy 600 (whatever) RACE CARS.

Here is this week’s list:

Shopping spees (sprees?)

Quinoa Seeds
Drinking heavily
Binge Eating
Obesity
Sop Lifter
Forgetfulness?????

We got our FIRST Christmas card of the season from a fuel oil company:

“A WARM SANTA....means more gifts for good boys and girls.”

I thought telling EV-

ERYONE how happy and serene I have become since I joined the Bahai Temple in Ely would save me from the card deluge.

Do you get as many plant catalogs as Christmas catalogs this time of year?

I am buying plants this year entirely by name!

So far, my list is:

Hosta: Honey Bells
Iris: First Touch of Mahogany
Burnt Toffee
Babylon Queen, and drum roll please....

THE INDEPENDANCE OF POLAND!

Aren’t those the BEST names? It may instill in me the need to create the establishment of ‘Vera’s Trip Around the World Floral Salute,’ garden...doesn’t that title just reek of....TAX EXEMPTION?

Ta Ta loves....

P.S...Start going to church so when you arrive on Christmas Eve your appearance will NOT cause serial heart attacks among the congregation.

Ms. Vera Milion

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. 18

Monday: Breaded Pollock, Baked Potato, Bread Stick
Tuesday: Tater Tot Hot Dish, Dinner Roll
Wednesday: Lasagna, Dinner Roll
Thursday: Turkey Dinner
Friday: Pizza

Week of Nov. 25

No school all week, no lunch served

Week of Nov. 18

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, Dec. 4

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

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

Transfer station

Soudan Canister

Expanded hours year-round

Monday	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wed.	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Saturday	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

For info: 1-800-450-9278

Hwy. 77 Canister

Winter hours now in effect

Thursday	12 p.m. - 5 p.m.
Sunday	12 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Recycling canisters available at the canister site when open.
For info: 1-800-450-9278

Libraries

Ely library

Hours: Monday — Friday,
10 a.m.-6 p.m.
Saturdays — 8 a.m. to noon
Closed on Sundays
Phone: 365-5140

Babbitt library

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

Support groups

AA - Alcoholics
Anonymous
AA - 7 p.m. Mondays,
and 7:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, First
Lutheran Church,
915 E. Camp St., Ely
WOMEN'S AA - Noon
Mondays, St. Anthony
Church basement, Ely
BABBITT AA - 7 p.m.
Tuesdays, Woodland
Presbyterian Church
AL-ANON - Sundays
8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's
Catholic Church in Ely.
For persons who encounter
alcoholism in a
relative or friend.
BABBITT AL-ANON
Thursdays, 7 p.m. at
Woodland Presbyterian
Church.
CO-DEPENDENTS'
12-step support group,
noon Fridays, St.
Anthony's Catholic
Church, Ely.
ELY FOOD SHELF -
Third Wednesday each
month, 15 W. Conan St.
ADULT BASIC
EDUCATION
GED - Study materials
and pre-test available.
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Call 365-3359, 827-3232,
or 1-800-662-5711.

Tuesday Group

ELY - The upcoming
Tuesday Group
schedule is listed below.
All talks are at 12 noon
on Tuesday at the Grand
Ely Lodge.
Nov. 19 - Jon
Erickson - Ely
Community Health
Center
Game night

ELY - Smear tour-
naments 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
Community Health
Center is open every
Thursday evening
from 5:30-7 p.m. in
the AFU Building, 111
S 4th Ave. E.
For more infor-
mation, call 218-365-
5678, or visit their
website, www.ely-
communityhealth.org.

Breathing Out

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as temps drop ice forms
flat white replaces grey waves
liquid becomes solid



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WINDOW INTO YESTERDAY

Christmas greetings through the decades

by MARGARET SWEET
Ely-Winton Historical Society




A Christmas card scene of Chapman Street, above. Ely children, below, singing Christmas carols. photos courtesy of Ely-Winton Historical Society



Yesterday displays. These
cards, postcards really,
are written in Finnish to
people who lived right
here. They feature winter
scenes for the most part and
we wish we could read the
messages hand-written on
the back. One was to Mrs.
M. Harkkainen of Winton
while another was to Katti
Harkkainen of Ely. Fauna
Hyvarinen of Ely also
received a card that came
all the way from Finland.
There is an example of
a card sent out by the Trygg
Land Office to friends and
business associates that
dates from the 1950s.
Other cards date from
World War II and were sent
home by John Strucel to
his wife and children from
overseas. The messages
are of his longing to be at
home with his family and
assuring them he will be
home as soon as he can.
The history of the
Christmas card dates back
to England in the 1840s
when Sir Henry Case, the
man who helped set up the
British Post Office, won-
dered how the new service
could best be used by the
average person. He and
an artist friend designed
the first cards and sold
them for one shilling each.
That's about eight cents
today. One thousand of the
tri-fold cards were printed
and sold. If you could find
one of them today it would
be worth a fortune.
The very first "person-
alized" card was sent out
by sharp-shooter Annie
Oakley in 1891. It had a
picture of her on it. She
reportedly designed the
card herself.
In the 1920s and 30s,
handmade cards were
popular. They were very
fragile, designed with lace
and ribbon and usually
hand delivered as they
were too delicate to send
through the mail.
Today's cards range
across many subjects from
Santa to churches, from
carolers to animal scenes.
One man I knew who
lived in California sent his
family cards with Santa
doing typical California
things, surfing, sunbath-
ing, hiking, and so on.
Often people include long
letters filled with the
family "doings" of the
year. Others write notes in
the cards themselves.
This new display fea-
tures gift ideas which
can be fulfilled at the
Ely-Winton Historical
Society's office at VCC.
There are book ideas and
the new commemorative
pewter medallion. For
more information on those
items, please contact the
EWHS office at 365-
3226 or at ewhsmuseum@
gmail.com.

OUR COMMUNITY



Ely School District Athletic Director Tom Coombe accepts a donation from Ely Lucky Seven Manager Aleks Nagel in the amount of \$787.18 to be used for school activities. The funds were raised during a recent Edwards Oil and Lucky Seven Customer Appreciation event.
photo by K. Vandervort

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 commu-
nity-police initiative to build relationships
between law enforcement and the commu-
nity they serve. "This event will provide
a way to meet a police officer from the
Ely Police Department in an informal and
relaxed setting," said Chief John Lahtonen.
Feel free to stop by, grab a cup of coffee
and have a chat with the police officer,
who will have discussion topics on hand
for those who just want to listen.

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, https://elywinterfestival.com/.
The Ely Winter Festival and Ely ArtWalk are funded in part by
grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board, the Arrowhead Regional
Arts Council (thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and
Cultural Heritage Fund), the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust,
and the Ely Chamber of Commerce.

ELY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

The Sound of Music

ELY - This year's high school musical production of "The Sound of Music" boasted a cast of 27 students. As always, this musical sent the audience home singing, "Doe a Deer."

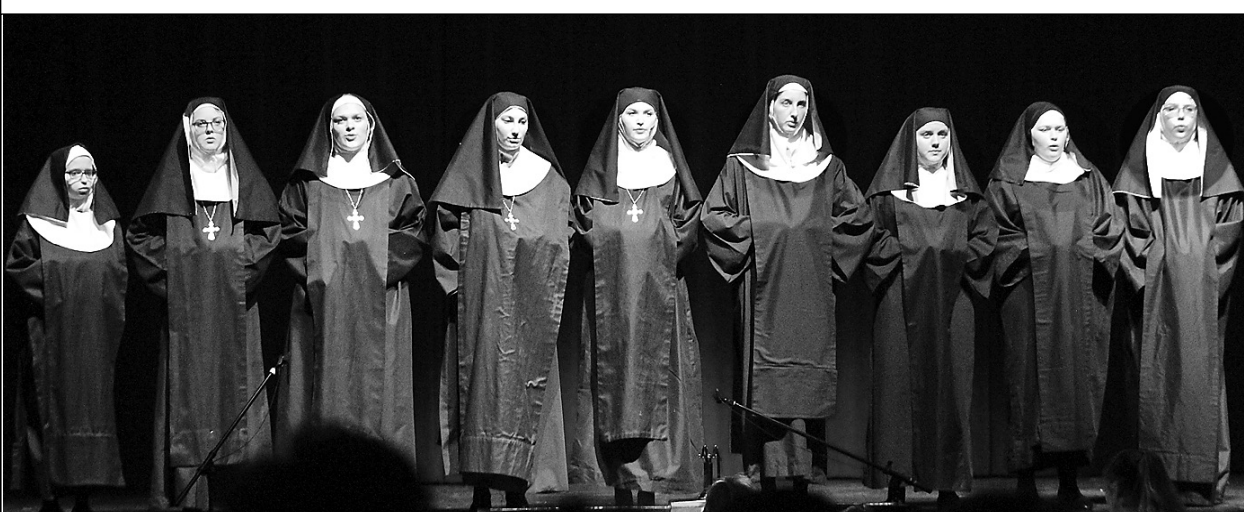
"As in all productions of this play, students have to take on the roles of nuns and Nazis," said director James Lah. The biggest challenge to casting is finding a five-year-old student to play the irrepressible Gretl. "Fiona Olson had the verve that the role demand."

The play's lead was Maria Rainer, played by Cora Olson. Mother Superior was played by Apolonia Homer. "Ethan Bremner and his voice earned him the role of Captain Von Trapp," Lah said. Other seniors with notable roles were 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 had four elementary students play the roles of the younger Von Trapp children," Lah said.



More than two dozen Ely school students participated in the production of "The Sound of Music" last weekend. Washington Auditorium was full for shows on Friday night and Sunday afternoon. Cora Olson, above, played the lead role of Maria Rainer in the iconic musical. photos by K. Vandervort



AROUND TOWN

Northland Foundation aids Ely programs

ELY - The Northland Foundation recently awarded 52 grants, totaling \$450,895, to benefit the people and communities in the seven counties of northeastern Minnesota.

Ely Community Resource, Inc., and Northwoods Partners each received funding for their programs:

► ECR - \$5,000 to engage older adults in helping boost academic achievement through the Reading Pals program, and \$15,000 to support intergenerational programming through the Rural Aging Initiative;

and

► Northwoods Partners - \$5,000 to support the implementation of the Aging Mastery Program, an evidence-based health promotion program for older adults. And \$4,448 to support innovative programming to raise awareness of dementia and provide services to caregivers and those with dementia.

The Aging Innovations Program offers competitive grant awards for fresh approaches to helping older adults age in place with indepen-

dence and purpose.

"We appreciate the important work of all our Rural Aging Initiative community partners," said Tony Sertich, President of the Northland Foundation, "to help older adults in our region access needed services - and positive social engagement opportunities - that enhance their quality of life and ensure that our rural region 'works' for people of all ages."

Quiltmaker's Gift auditions scheduled

ELY - Auditions for the production of "The Quiltmaker's Gift," the inaugural theatrical event at the newly restored historic State Theater here, will be held Sunday and Monday, Nov. 17-18. This one-hour, one-act play, designed for a cast of ten, is scheduled to open in late January.

According to Director Laurie Kess, there are roles for singers and non-singers: a child of about age 10, either male or female; an old man who appears to

be in his sixties; a silver-haired quiltmaker who also appears to be in her sixties; a chorus of seven members, plays the king throughout the play except in the first and last scene; six other chorus members - tenor, alto, soprano and bass, play numerous parts as required.

Auditions will be held downstairs at the First Lutheran Church, 915 E. Camp St., on Sunday, Nov. 17 from 3-5 p.m. and Monday,

Nov. 18 from 6-8 p.m. "Come prepared to read and sing and learn simple dance steps," Kess said.

Performances will be on Friday, Jan. 24 at 7 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 25-26 at 2 p.m. A daytime dress rehearsal will also be held on Thursday, Jan. 23 for students.

"Based on the award-winning, best-selling children's book written by Jeff Brumbeau and illustrated by Ely's own Gail de Marcken, this is a fable

for our times that celebrates the joy of giving," Kess said.

At times mystical, hilarious, gently provocative and touching, this intimate musical, performed throughout the United States, has delighted parents and children alike, Kess added.

For more information, call Kess at 218-349-7237 or Music Director Irene Hartfield at 218-235-6107.

News in Brief

Community brush disposal sites available in Fall Lake Township

FALL LAKE TWP - "Got brush?" Between this year's windstorms and spruce budworm infestation, woody brush is piling up around homes and other structures. Even with all the rain this year, it's still a wildfire hazard, and it's a good idea to clear it away from buildings. But where to put it?

In partnership with Fall Lake Township and the U.S. Forest Service, Lake County offers a few community brush disposal sites for homeowners to deposit woody vegetation.

"Homeowners have been good at keeping their woody material small and clean so it can be safely reduced by burning, which helps conserve space and reduce overall wildfire risk," said BJ Kohlstedt, Lake County Emergency Manager.

The community brush disposal sites in Fall Lake Township are listed below. Most are only for homeowners' brush, not for contractors. Contractors can contact Fall Lake Township or private sites for information on where to bring larger quantities of brush or woody vegetation.

► USFS Moose Lake and Ojibway Lake sites are open for homeowner brush.

► Fall Lake Township Transfer Station is open for homeowner woody brush on Saturdays from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Contractors, call for information.

► Lake County Ernie's Road site was recently added for Firewise project contractors only to reduce community risk, but not for homeowner brush disposal.

► USFS Snowbank site, DNR Cloquet Line pit, and Lake County Glipi pit are not currently open for homeowner or contractor brush.

Please note that only clean vegetation is allowed in the brush disposal sites. Do not dump stumps, roots or soil. All sites are monitored for illegal dumping. Report illegal dumping to the Lake County Sheriff's Office at 218-834-8385. Lake County is under a gypsy moth quarantine, which means no woody materials can be transferred from Lake to St. Louis County.

Burning of brush on site (with 3 inches of snow cover or with DNR permit) is another option for some homeowners. Contact Lake County Emergency Management for a brochure on "Hand Piling Woody Debris for Burning" at bj.kohlstedt@co.lake.mn.us or 218-226-4444.

"These sites and programs make us all safer by helping homeowners and community partners reduce

Gifts That Give Sale set for Nov. 23

ELY - The Annual Gifts That Give Sale will be held on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, 226 E. Harvey St. The sale is sponsored by St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

The Gifts That Give Sale, offers holiday gifts that give twice. Everything at the sale benefits people and organizations in need, including world relief groups like Rotary's End Polio Now Campaign and SERRV/A Greater Gift, and local organizations including Ely PTO, Northern Lights Clubhouse, Vermilion Community College's Vet Tech and Forestry and Wildlife clubs, and the Ely Winter Festival.

Items available to buy are unique, varied, and affordable. Get a jump on that holiday gift list, feel good about giving to people in need, and learn something new about the many service and relief organizations served by the dedicated volunteers in our community.

Range LP buys Blomberg and Sons

ELY - Range Cooperatives of Virginia recently purchased the Blomberg and Sons business, including stores located on the west end of this city and in Babbitt.

The name of the business will not change and as many as 25 employees at the two facilities will continue to work for the new owners, according to published reports.

For more than 54 years, Blomberg and Sons, founded in 1965 by John and Carol Blomberg and their three sons, provided oil delivery and gasoline sales under the Cenex franchise.

Range LP sells propane, appliances and furnaces, and does repair work.

The businesses' tobacco license transfer to the new owners was authorized last month by the Ely City Council.



An Open Letter To Our Contributors

We at the Ely-Winton Historical Society want to take this opportunity to speak directly to all those people who have contributed to our Building Fund.

Lately we have been asked where our storage building project stands. We can tell you that at this point we have raised enough money to pay for the demolition of our current building and the site preparation for constructing a new building. That is a great start and we owe the ability to do this to all of you - our contributors.

This is where our project has come to rest until next year. We will have to find a location in which to store the items currently in the concrete block building to be replaced. To date such a place has not been found.

Our problem lies in the inability to borrow startup funds because of our non-profit status. Finding the start-up funding is our major hang-up. Once that is in place we have more than enough help coming from the public sector but that money relies on our ability to jump start the project.

We thank all of you for your generous donations. Without you we wouldn't be as far along as we are. Our goal remains the same: the construction of a new building in which to store a multitude of items which depict life in Ely as it was.

Sincerely yours,
The Ely-Winton Historical Society Board of Directors

VETERANS DAY 2019

North Woods students honor veterans at Nov. 11 program



by E. M. SCHULTZ
Staff Writer

COOK – Students, staff, and respectful onlookers gathered here in the North Woods gymnasium on Monday, Nov. 11 to honor our nation’s veterans. There to present the colors and lead the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance were members of Cook VFW Post 1757, Orr American Legion 480, and the Nett Lake Honor Guard, led by Dick Fontana. Once the flags were placed, the North Woods band played “The Star-Spangled Banner,” followed by “Service Medley,” during which those who had served stood when their branch’s portion of the song was played.

The Nett Lake Drummers were also on hand to provide music for the day. They started off with “The Flag Song,” later playing “The Veteran’s Song,” while North Woods student Brynn Chosa performed a tribal dance. The drummers also ended the morning’s program with “The Traveling Song,” which they played while students respectfully returned to class, though some stayed back to join Chosa in her dancing and to personally thank the veterans present.

In between the musical piec-

es, President of the Cook VFW Auxiliary Julie Stoehr explained the importance of the day to the students. She showed them how and where the Buddy Poppy is to be worn and gave them a little background on why it is significant. Stoehr also presented first, second, and third-place Patriot’s Pen Awards to Jonah Burnett, Aiden Hartway, and Sierra Shuster; first and second-place Voice of Democracy Awards went to Brandie Walker and Coley Olson for their patriotic essays.

VFW member Dave Stanton took a few minutes to read out the active duty list during the program as well. It was the moment when the elementary students left the stands to individually hand cards to each of the servicemen and women present, which really highlighted what the program and the day were all about: honoring those who have and continue to serve.

Above: The bleachers were full as North Woods School held its annual Veterans Day program. Above right: Brynn dances while the Bois Forte Drummers play “The Veteran’s Song.” Right: Elementary students handed out cards to the vets.
photos by E. M. Schultz



Baytree Field 4-H Club selling bag clips

ANGORA – The Baytree Field 4-H Club is raising funds for their organization by selling large bag clips. Each sturdy clip holds up to 50 lbs. and is great for dog and cat food, potting soil, sidewalk salt, feed bags, and more. The clips are available at the Vermilion Vet Clinic for \$12 each.

Baytree Field 4-H is actively engaged in the community. They have made centerpieces for the Cook and Orr Community Thanksgiving dinners, organize the Timber Days Pet Show, and participate in the St. Louis County Fair, the Northeast Livestock Show, and the Minnesota State Fair. For more information, contact Nicole Kudrle at 218-749-7120 or vande422@umn.edu.

Cook-Orr Calendar

Cook Carefree Living seeks holiday donations

COOK – With the holiday season fast approaching, Cook Carefree Living is seeking donations to help provide something for each resident to open on Christmas. Personal care items, calendars, postage stamps, tissues, dental care items, and treats or

snacks are always appreciated by the residents, but other items are also acceptable. If you are unable to donate items, please consider stopping by to visit or joining us for events. Any type of donation goes a long way to making the holidays a little brighter for those who call Carefree Living home. Carefree Living currently has 25 residents. Please call 218-

666-0200 with any questions you may have. Have a safe and happy holiday season.

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 Tuesday, Nov. 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 Thursday, Dec. 12, so be sure to stop in often to make bids. All proceeds will benefit the Cook Public Library.

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NORTH WOODS SCHOOL

What do we do on a teacher workshop day?



JOHN VUKMANICH

What do teachers do on workshop days? The kids are all gone. No traffic in the hallways. The cafeteria is empty. Desks and tables sit vacant in classrooms like a western ghost town, tumbleweeds and all. A gentle breeze blows the dust across the hallway, and in the distance the lonesome howl of a coyote and the screech of a buzzard crease the silence. Time stands still. Teachers are meeting in darkened corners, their faces illuminated in the darkness by the screens of their computers. Some are meeting in small groups to come up with tests and homework that bring the definition of “impossible” to a whole new level.

Certainly, school is different when there are no students here. I have worked in non-education jobs before becoming a teacher and principal. I worked long hours for \$3.25 washing cars and running parts for a local car dealership. I worked at an auto glass/auto body supply store and learned to mix paint, order windshields, and run the cash register. I even worked in a lumberyard loading trucks and delivering building materials to job sites on a big Ford flatbed. Even though my job now is education, for me, going to work on a workshop day feels more like a “regular job.” Predictable. No anticipation of someone getting in really big trouble. No playground issues to

sift through. I get to eat lunch. Basically, no surprises. It is far from a day off, though.

Many careers feature “on-the-job” training. There’s no doubt that teachers learn on the fly, too, but getting legitimate training from another professional is really challenging in education. Why? There are kids everywhere! We use workshop days to teach teachers. We share information about improving our classrooms. We discuss what works for certain kids and classes, and help each other solve problems.

One important topic we work on at teacher in-service days is student-centered instruction. In this model, teachers change their role from the presenter of information to more of a facilitator. Instead of kids sitting in rows of desks eagerly awaiting an awe-inspiring lecture on the causes of the Civil War, the teacher may have students split up into small groups. The individual group members will be assigned different roles such as discussion leader, recorder, presenter, and questioner, to name a few. All group members will have a responsibility, but also the similar role of being a part of the discussion. The teacher may pose the question to the class, “What are some of the causes of the Civil War?” Students will take some time to discuss, and then share out the thoughts of their group. As groups share, other groups will have the chance to discuss and question. Through this, the teacher will encourage active participation and help lead discussion as needed. As kids learn this new model, they are encouraged to have thorough and respectful con-



High school students in Ms. Twedten’s Career Writing class in small groups as they work.

versations, even if they disagree. Please do not think that teachers are passing the buck to their students; it initially takes far more work for teachers to plan for this type of lesson than to simply give out information and expect kids to recite it. This model will hopefully lead our kids to a higher level of involvement in their learning, higher engagement.

Similar strategies may take place in math. A teacher may, for example, have students watch a short video on a math concept. Then the teacher may put some example problems on the board. Students will then work on similar problems in small groups and have the chance to ask each other questions, as well as get feedback from the teacher. Afterward, the teacher may show another example, more complicated, or introduce another concept. Later, students will have a chance to again work on problems and get a feel for how the concepts apply. All the while, the teacher is able to spend time with individual students and small groups who need help,

while students who have a higher understanding can work ahead or show mastery of multiple concepts.

Elementary classes are using centers, a rotation of stations that provides students with different modules, techniques, choices, and different levels of teacher and aide supports. Kids are able to work independently in small groups, giving the teacher a chance to rotate every group through for more individual attention. There may be stations that use technology, hands-on, silent reading, or an activity related to the daily learning target. Teacher aides (paras), Title I teachers, and Special Education teachers are often all located in the classroom and may also work with different smaller groups of kids. This gives teachers the ability to tailor the instruction to all of the different abilities and learning styles in a classroom.

This strategy is a fairly new concept, and most teachers, even those who are brand new, have been trained in the more traditional teacher-led model. Ultimately, our

goal is to empower students to take an active role in learning. Modern companies state that the number one quality they want in their employees is the ability to work together as a team to solve problems. Team members will likely have varying abilities, strengths, interests, and opinions. Just like kids at school!

I hope that our teachers find our workshop days motivating and thought-provoking, and that our students see the benefits of teachers who have the resources needed to make North Woods the best place to learn. For us, it isn’t just a day off from our students.

As a follow-up to last week’s article on technology, I would like to add a reminder for parents about their children’s technology access. Many students struggle at school because of a lack of quality sleep at home. A big part of this is technology access at night when kids should be sleeping. As a parent, talk to your kids about

this and set up some guidelines for technology use. Many would agree that limiting technology at night by requiring that devices are put away or placed in a location outside of the bedroom is a good idea. Sometimes the temptation to play video games or access social media at night is more than our kids can handle. Tired kids don’t do well in school, and sometimes they even get a little crabby!

As November is upon us, good luck chasing your trophy deer. Hunt safe. Also, our appreciation goes out to all of our veterans for the contributions that you have made to give us all the freedoms that we have. It’s been 100 years since the first “Armistice Day” was celebrated, and the men and women of our armed forces still form the backbone of our great nation. Thank you veterans!

John Vukmanich
Principal

Curious and Creative: upcoming classes

COOK - Grab a snorkel mask and let’s paint! Let’s dive down under the lake or local mine pit and capture the creatures we find with pen, ink, watercolor, and masa paper at the Northwoods Friends of the Arts (NWFA) gallery in Cook on Saturday, Dec. 3 from 1-3 p.m. The class, “Pen and Ink, Watercolors and an Introduction to Masa Paper,” will explore techniques with Japanese masa paper and participants will do their own hands-on water coloring using the new techniques they will learn. Students will also employ pen and ink details to create Zentangle-inspired art.

Create a high, low, or medium key portrait of a Northern, Walleye, or other Minnesota fish, and don’t be afraid to bring in a reference photo of the big ‘un you caught last summer.

► 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.

► 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.

► William Conger will present “Combo Jazz Music of the 50s and 60s” on Monday, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. This event is open and free to the public.

► 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.

► 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.

Curious and Creative fall/winter classes at the NWFA gallery are \$10 for members and \$20 for non-members, unless otherwise stated. Membership is \$25 annually. Visit www.nw-famn.org for a full list of classes or to become a member.

Class sizes are limited. Please register for classes early by calling Alberta at 666-2153.

NWFA Writers Group meets on Saturday, Nov. 16

COOK- Are you interested in writing? The Northwoods Friends of the Arts Winter Writers Group meets in Cook on Saturday, Nov. 16 from 1 – 3 p.m. at NWFA Gallery on the main street of Cook. No pre-registration or membership is required to attend.

This group is open to anyone who enjoys writing and spending time with others who share an interest and passion for putting words together to tell a story. Individuals share personal writing as

well as writing together as a group on an assigned topic during the meeting and in-between

meetings...if you like.

Just for November, the meeting has been changed from the second Saturday to the third Saturday, so writers will

meet Saturday, Nov. 16, from 1-3 p.m., and then meetings continue on Dec. 14, and the second Saturday each month all winter.

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Kabetogama Town Hall	3:15 - 3:45

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

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Road Runners Special Olympics Holiday Bingo on Dec. 1

GILBERT – The Road Runners Special Olympic team will be hosting a holiday bingo fundraiser at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Gilbert on Sunday, Dec. 1, beginning at 2 p.m. \$5 will get you one card for a total of 20 games. The event is sponsored by the Gilbert Knights of Columbus and will include raffles, as well as a 50/50 split the pot. Refreshments will be served. If you have any questions, please call Jeff at 750-7938 or Leola at 741-5068.

Ruby’s Pantry Food Distribution

BABBITT – Ruby’s Pantry will be distributing food on Saturday, Nov. 23 from 10-11:30 a.m. at the Babbitt Municipal Center. Registration will begin at 9 a.m. A \$20 cash donation will buy you an abundance, so please bring two large boxes or baskets. There are no income or residency requirements for this event, which is sponsored by St. Pius X Catholic Church. Volunteers are always welcome.

And Despite it All...

VIRGINIA – Reverend Eric Northard will present “And Despite it All...” at the Mesabi Unitarian Church in Virginia on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 10:30 a.m. There are clear links between well-being and gratitude, but let’s face it, we live in a challenging time. It’s easy to get despondent and yet, this is the season to remind ourselves of the importance of gratitude. How can we capture this in a world where we see so much that seems askew? Together, we will explore how to keep gratitude in our minds and hearts, to help us navigate the world around us.

Learn about Iron Range career opportunities at Engineering Mentor Night

REGIONAL – The Range Engineering Council, along with educational and industry partners, will host two Engineering Mentor Night for local high school and college students and their parents. The first will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 20 from 5-7 p.m. at BARR Engineering in Hibbing. The second will take place on Thursday, Nov. 21 from 5-7 p.m. at Komatsu Mining in Virginia. These events are open to the public and will provide information on potential career paths, explain the necessary schooling for these paths, and connect interested students with local higher education institutions.

Edina Realty opens office in Virginia

VIRGINIA – Edina Realty, the largest residential real estate company in the state, is expanding its reach to the Virginia market. The new office will take the place of Coldwell Banker Properties North on 8th Street S. The office will be staffed with seven experienced, local agents: Lindsey Agenes, Cathy Brunfelt, Rich Campbell, Melody Chopp, Greg Hoffman, Tim Lillquist, and Mary Jacobsen. To contact a realtor at the new office, please call 218-749-8222. For more information on Edina Realty and the current state of the real estate market, visit www.edinarealty.com.

NORTHERN PROGRESSIVES

How to talk about climate change; presentation by Northern Progressives on Nov. 20

REGIONAL- Talking about the climate crisis with family, friends, and colleagues can be so difficult that we choose not to do it at all, even when we feel passionately about it. How can we overcome our reluctance to have these important conversations? And how can we talk about this issue in a way that tears down walls and allows for real, meaningful connections?

Northern Progressives will host a video presentation, “How to Have Difficult Conversations About Climate Change,” on Wednesday, Nov. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Crescent Bar and Grill, 9257 Olson Road in Cook.

In the video, Post Carbon Institute speakers Karin Kirk and Dr. Susanne Moser, experts in climate change communication, talk about the best ways to approach this crucial topic with the people in our lives, especially those who may disagree with us. They address topics including:

- How can we talk about the climate crisis in a way that inspires



action?

- What role does compassion and understanding play in discussing such a daunting and frightening topic?

- How do we express the urgency and magnitude of the situation in a way that draws people into the conversation—rather than drives them away?

The goal of the conversation is to come away with a deeper understanding of the strategies that work, to gain the inspiration to connect with

people in our communities, and take away real world examples of how to make these conversations have a real impact on the people in our lives.

The event is free and open to the public. If you’d like to share a meal, come early and order off the menu.

For more information on Northern Progressives, contact Leah Rogne, 218-787-2212 or leah.rogne@gmail.com. For more from the Post Carbon Institute, go to <https://www.postcarbon.org/>.

SCHOLARSHIPS

2019-2020 Alworth Scholarship recipients named

REGIONAL – Sixty students from thirty-one Northern Minnesota high schools are now furthering their education at colleges and universities around the country, thanks to funding from the Marshall H. and Nellie Alworth Memorial Fund. Recipients included three students from Ely Memorial High School: Charles Dammann, Madalene Johnson, and Shane Spangler; two students from Northeast Range High School: Sophie Lenz and Mikayla Mellesmoen; and two students from Virginia High School: Kelsey

Knutson and Jack Zupetz. These students received scholarships of \$20,000 each, to be distributed over eight semesters, beginning with the 2019-2020 school year.

The Alworth Memorial Fund, which celebrated its 70th year Oct. 24 with a ceremony in Duluth, has distributed \$52 million among 5,100 motivated young people since 1949. The Fund is available to students in 60 high schools, plus home schools, located in these 10 northern Minnesota counties: Aitkin, Beltrami, Carlton, Cass, Cook, Crow

Wing, Lake, Itasca, Koochiching and St. Louis.

High school seniors wishing to apply for next year’s round of scholarship awards may do so online. Students must have an interest in pursuing a bachelor’s degree in mathematics or scientific fields of study. Visit www.AlworthScholarship.org to learn more about the memorial fund, as well as eligibility requirements.

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hardest things I’ve ever done,” she said. “About three-quarters of the way, I just kept repeating, ‘every step is going to get me closer to my goal.’”

Now, Aubin not only has completed the Appalachian Trail but is also in the process of getting a permit to hike

the Pacific Crest Trail, a roughly 2,650-mile trek. She says she simply can’t help herself. The struggles she faced and the hardships of the hike, such as a seven-mile downward trek and spots where she was forced to climb practically straight up, ended up teaching her life lessons she will never forget.

“Navigating THRU” was also a learning experience for Jackson, who may have “only” hiked 630 miles of the trail but spent nearly four years of her life bringing the project to completion.

While she’s no stranger to making films, this project was special because it was the first she completed as an independent filmmaker rather than part of a team. For her, the film is a chance to look back at the time she dedicated to it and to understand how she’s grown as a filmmaker and

as a person.

In order to draw attention to the amazing women who are able to complete a thru-hike of the Appalachian Trail, Jackson had to make many sacrifices and spend quite a bit of money. She shot the film using minimal gear but was determined not to let this deter her from her end goal. Regardless of what was thrown her way, she was not going to give up on what she was trying to accomplish.

Through interviews at trailheads and at the end of the trail, Jackson met about thirty women in total who were attempting to overcome the challenges of the lengthy Appalachian Trail, as well as their personal fears and concerns. This drive to overcome is something Jackson hopes the film is able to instill in others. She wants people to feel inspired to go after any

feat to which they’ve been aspiring, no matter how impossible it may seem.

As Aubin put it, “To really overcome your fears when you’re heading into an unknown thing, you just have to take a step forward.”

Jackson and Aubin will be hosting a free screening of “Navigating THRU” at the Comet Theater in Cook on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 6 p.m. with doors opening at 5 p.m. Prior to the film, there will be a Q&A session. This is an opportunity to learn more about the trail, the film, and the incredible people who were a part of this project. The event is open to all, and freewill donations to help curb the costs of film contests are greatly appreciated.

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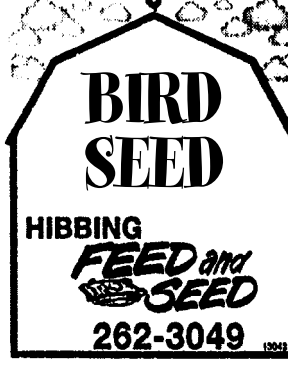
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ongoing maintenance.

The parties have agreed that digging up the line and reinstalling it would likely create as many problems as it would solve. And the line has since operated for two seasons at the campground without any major issues and without any additional sagging. The city's maintenance staff believes the line will need to be flushed periodically to prevent a buildup of sediments in the sagging portions of the line, so city officials are looking for both USA and SEH to contribute \$5,000 each to a city maintenance account to pay the cost of occasional flushing over the next 25-30 years.

USA has already agreed to deduct \$5,000 from their remaining \$36,000 bill for that purpose, but SEH engineer Matt Bolf said he thought it was unlikely his company would agree to do so. "We certainly didn't design a line with three sags in it," he said. "I can say pretty confidently that there will not be agreement from us."

SEH may not have designed a sagging line, but the company was paid to maintain an inspector on site and that inspector has previously come under criticism from campground managers who contend the inspector rarely left his vehicle during installation of the new campground infrastructure. Since January 2018, the city has paid SEH a total of \$489,358 for its various services.

Kringstad asked the council to approve

the settlement with or without SEH's contribution, but his request found plenty of resistance. Council member Steve Abrahamson said he felt USA's contribution was minimal given the extent of the problem and noted that the city has had issues with the company's work before. Council member Mary Shedd agreed. "I look at that \$36,000 and ask why aren't we keeping the whole thing?"

Kringstad said he felt the inspection reports on the project were incomplete. "It's hard to pin blame on one side or the other and doing so would take more time and more money. I'm just looking for a solution that solves this, even though the line isn't perfect."

Hanging over the issue is the possibility that USA could file a lawsuit to recover the money it believes it is owed for the work that was done. But council members ultimately opted to hold off on Kringstad's solution and will likely consult with the city's new law firm before making a final decision.

In the end, Kringstad's motion to approve the settlement failed on a 4-1 vote, with Kringstad as the sole yes vote.

Legal representation

With the city's former attorney now sitting on the Sixth District bench in Virginia, the council considered proposals for representation from two Virginia-based law

firms—Colosimo, Patchin, Kearney and Brunfelt, Ltd., and the Trenti Law Firm. The two proposals generated discussion but no immediate decision as councilors indicated they wanted a clearer understanding of the differences in the proposals before opting for one over the other. The council directed clerk-treasurer Victoria Ranua and Kringstad to review the fee structures proposed by the two firms and report back on the financial implications of each option. Shedd and fellow council member Rachel Beldo will check references upon permission by the two firms.

The results of those inquiries should be available at the next meeting, which should allow the council to make a decision later this month.

Ambulance request

The council, once again, tabled a request by ambulance director Steve Altenburg to pay for paramedic training for up to two members of the ambulance staff due to a lack of information that the council had previously requested. Altenburg had faced a similar result with his request last August, at which time council members indicated they required a clearer understanding of the full financial implications of the cost of implementing part-time Advanced Life Support service. The Tower Area Ambulance Service's finances have been in

question since Altenburg implemented 24-hour paid staffing back in April of 2018. Spending by the TAAS has ballooned since that decision and it remains unclear whether those sharply higher operating costs will be covered by additional revenues.

Altenburg pegged the cost of training two employees at \$24,600, but council members noted the bigger costs could come over the longer term due to higher payroll costs, equipment upgrades, and other costs associated with ALS service.

"I'd like to see this proposal's cost in context over the next several years," said Shedd. The council has repeatedly asked Altenburg for cash flow projections for the existing operation given the nearly 85-percent increase in TAAS spending over the past year and a half, but Altenburg has consistently resisted those requests.

Some on the council expressed some frustration over the lack of clear financial information. Shedd reiterated the need for a cash flow projection. "That's kind of what we asked for the last time," she said, urging that the matter be tabled.

Kringstad interrupted Shedd's argument, however, and proposed to have a public meeting or open house with Virginia Ambulance Director Allen Lewis to talk about the ALS issue. The council first approved a motion to table the discussion and then unanimously

approved a motion to request Lewis to present a Power Point presentation he has developed on the subject of ALS and related issues in the region. Kringstad said he'd like to invite township residents and representatives to the presentation as well, and host the event before the next scheduled council meeting.

Commendation

The council unanimously approved a commendation for extraordinary service to water and wastewater supervisor Matt Tichel. Since a lightning strike in September knocked out automatic controls at the Tower-Breitung water filtration plant, Tichel has had to operate the facility manually, requiring an average of 32 additional hours of work time per week. "While he was financially compensated for his time, this also required personal sacrifice that was also borne by his family," notes the commendation. The city will follow up by providing a written commendation to the Tower-Breitung Wastewater Board to place in Tichel's personnel file.

Other business

In other business, the council:

- Declined to act on a request by Ranua to commission an energy audit at city hall. In a report to the council, Ranua noted that the city spent between \$7,000-\$8,000 a year over the past two winters for

propane to heat city hall. She said the extensive frost buildup on city hall windows suggests the windows are inefficient. Instead of an energy audit, Ranua said she would look at installing plastic on the windows for the winter to reduce heating costs.

- Accepted Ranua's recommendation to maintain the current lease with American Tower, essentially rejecting the company's request to make a one-time payment for a perpetual lease. Ranua noted that the city's charter specifically requires that building and maintaining any fixture for the purpose of a public utility requires a franchise from the city, and that the city's ordinance specifically prohibits the granting of a perpetual franchise. The charter further requires a public vote for any franchise term offered in excess of 20 years.

The company has indicated a willingness to purchase the land, but the council expressed little interest in that suggestion. In the end, after input from Bolf, the council asked SEH to look at the American Tower proposal and come back with recommendations or options.

- Approved a resolution designating the Tower Civic Center as the city's official polling place. That designation is required annually.

- Approved a motion declining to waive tort liability limits set in state statute.

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swimming with Northeast Range School, and the potential to explore some industrial (arts) activities with them."

The Costin Group, according to Cerkenik, proposes to bring their skills, "in partnering with you and where the opportunities could be to try to get more incentives started to bring a good package to the voters."

Anderson, an Ely High School graduate, said possible school facility renovations were talked about when he was a student back in the early 1990s. "It will be exciting to work with you on this, with new leadership at the helm and some new energy and excitement that you have something special to bring to the voters," he said.

Board chair Ray Marsnik pressed Cerkenik to elaborate on the results of a recent survey used to judge taxpayer support for a bonding measure and whether funding options might be available through the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation.

Cerkenik indicated that the renovation proposal survey focused too heavily on paying for school building improvements rather than increasing technology and increasing academic offerings, especially through reaching out to other school districts through collaboration efforts.

"A walkway between buildings is really important, we know you have to do that," he said, "but is that exciting? Probably not. A new roof is not exciting, but it is something you

have to do."

He said he was looking at things that could be packaged to advance academic performance. "Talk about these things, with passion and enthusiasm, to the public and policy makers, along with the things you need to keep your hundred-year-old buildings operational. That was lacking in the survey."

Cerkenik warned against moving too quickly on presenting a bond referendum to school district voters. "Don't put something on a ballot until you get a package that is based upon your survey and you think about it more," he said. He also added that all opinions must be considered, including those yet to come in from Winton voters, many of whom did not receive surveys initially.

He also suggested that board members engage with community members about the project. "Get a little more reaction back from the survey, too. Survey the survey, if you will," he said.

He said he was pleased with the survey's 25-percent response rate. "You have the people's interest and that is really positive. It is also a recognition that the community is pretty knowledgeable about the condition of your buildings," he said. "Taxpayers are more likely to support a project if they know they will receive some outside assistance."

There is no guarantee that the \$24,000 to be paid to the Costin Group over the next year will bring in any new money for the school renovation project. "We don't try to oversell

what we do," Cerkenik said. "We are lobbyists, and we try to listen to what you want, give you feedback, listen to policy makers and what they're saying about their goals, and help package things in a more efficient way rather than you going at it alone. We provide a practical staff and assistance."

He agreed that any funding from IRRR should be identified before the school board goes to voters with a bonding referendum. "That is our primary task," Cerkenik said. "Right now, we can't give you an idea of what that dollar amount will be."

School board member Tom Omerza stressed that the district needs to "keep our foot on the gas" in terms of moving forward with the renovation project. "Like Jeff said, these same issues were here when he was a student. I don't want to be

sitting here in four years with still no connections to the buildings, and no help for our lack of gym space, or more curriculums for our students. If anything, we've had our foot on the brakes too much over the last many years."

The board voted 4-0, with two members absent, to hire the Costin Group for lobbying services. Either side can end the agreement with a 30-day notice.

Board members will consider the updated survey results and discuss their next steps regarding the renovation project at their Nov. 25 study session.

Other business

In other action the board:

- Heard from Architectural Resources Inc. about roof repair for the Memorial school building. According to

ARI's Scott Sosalla, the roof can be replaced for an estimated \$280,000 with a 20-year warranty, or repaired at a cost of \$52,000 with a one-year warranty.

- Approved paying dues of \$400 to the Ely Community Economic Development Joint Powers Board.

- Nominated Ray Marsnik for a two-year term on the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools Board of Directors.

- Hired Victoria Scarborough for the para-professional position.

- Approved Paul Kienitz and Donald Klick as substitute teachers.

- Approved the following assistant coaches for the 2019-2020 school year: Jake Myers, assistant hockey coach, Shelby Swanson, junior high girls basketball coach, Mike Keller and Max Gantt,

junior high boys basketball coaches, Stan Skelton, volunteer assistant hockey coach, Tyler Fish, assistant Nordic skiing coach, Jerrett Johnston and Liz Anderson, junior high Nordic skiing coaches, Travis Durkin, Heather Durkin, Barb Thompson, Will Helms, Jen Stouffer, Jeff Nelson, Molly Olson, Carl Skustad, Molly Johnston, Mark Olson, Mark Grayson, Heather Cavalier, Christian Cavalier, Heidi Favet, Sarah Sponholtz, Mark Sponholtz and Madeline Swenson as volunteer assistant Nordic skiing coaches.

- Approved lane changes for Autumn Boedeker, Mary Fleetwood, Cory Lassi, Kelly Noble and Megan Wognum.



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VETERANS DAY 2019

Fallen Ely-area veterans honored with graveside wreaths

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - A group working together to honor

military service members ahead of Veterans Day endured freezing temperatures last weekend to place more than 130 Christmas

wreaths at the graves of service members buried at the Ely Cemetery.

Jeremiah Heesaker, his friend Theresa Miller,

and her grandson located more than 130 graves of service members at the Ely Cemetery, adding a wreath with an American flag on

top of each one.

"It's a way to honor local veterans and their families before the holiday season," Heesaker told a Duluth television station. He was joined by Miller, a Babbitt bait shop owner, and her grandson, in laying the wreaths.

"We wanted to put them out before Veterans Weekend so all the families, when they come up to see their veterans' graves, they can see the flag, the wreath and all that for their family member," said Heesaker.

"I served in the military, in the 101st Airborne and Band of Brothers. I was active duty in the Army, and I served overseas. I want everybody

to know that veterans and their sacrifices will always be remembered," Heesaker said.

Heesaker and his small group were participating in the Wreaths Across America program. "We've had volunteers and friends, and it's a group effort. Everyone pitched in, and we got it done. So we're happy," he said.

Miller's Just Bite Me Bait Shop supplied the materials, and she has helped make the wreaths for the past two years. "We put together 130 wreaths to get ready as fast as we can," Miller said.

The Ely Gospel Tabernacle Church also donated to the project.

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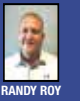
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More than 130 veterans' graves at the Ely Cemetery are adorned with Christmas wreaths thanks to the Wreaths Across America program. photo by K. Vandervort

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District bench in Virginia. With two blighted property cases on their agenda, including the former Orr General Store, which may need to be demolished, the council is likely to need legal representation.

According to the council, the owners of both these properties have received multiple notices of their deficiencies. The owner of the property on Pine Drive was given until the end of September to clean things up, and now the city has no choice but to have its own maintenance staff do the work, which the city will bill to the property owner.

Similarly, the city has now given the owner's of the Orr General Store a year to address the concerns with that property. Given the owners lack of action, the city will likely have to condemn the building through eminent domain. The store must be demolished due to a serious mold problem. Council members are also concerned that the roof is close to caving in and that the abandoned building has become a fire

hazard and a hot spot for squatters.

In other business, the council:

➤Held a public hearing prior to the regular meeting regarding a request from William Hoffer for a special permit that would allow him to use a portion of his land as a gravel pit, which the council granted.

➤Approved city expenditures in the amount of \$59,480.57.

➤Designated the Orr City Hall as the city's official 2020 polling place.

➤Approved a payment to MacQueen Equipment for repairs done to a Freightliner Pumper truck that belongs to the Orr Fire Department.

➤Approved a resolution allowing the continued government sponsorship of the Voyageur Snowmobile Trail, which is maintained by the Voyageur Trail Society, Inc. This resolution remains in effect for five years.

➤Adopted a policy statement regarding tampering and theft of water and wastewater services.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Ely Library marks five years of big changes

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - Five years ago, the Ely Public Library was in the middle of big changes. The new library building was almost complete; books and items were moving out of the old Community Center and up the alley to their new home. Plans for a grand opening were being finalized, and library patrons had thousands of circulating items checked out to help with the move.

"I can't believe we've been here five years already," Librarian Rachel Heinrich said on Tuesday during a five-year anniversary party. Fun activities and refreshments were part of the celebration.

So, after five years, what changes has a different location brought to the library?

"One big thing is the jump in library use," Heinrich said. "In 2013 (the year before the move), library users checked out 63,338 items from the library (located in the former Community Center. In 2018, that number had increased to 73,932; an increase of 14 percent in just five years."

Use of the library's computers also increased in the same period from 12,740 sessions to 37,492. "But, most dramatically, those sessions using the library's wireless connection jumped from 3,665 to 39,572 over that same



Ely Public Library patrons, above, tend to stay at the new facility for longer periods of time. The new library, below left, was built in the summer of 2014. Volunteers helped assemble book cases, below right. photos by K. Vandervort

five-year period," she said.

Library clerk Tricia Flake noted that people tend to stay longer in the new library, "coming in to sit and read," where before they would often not linger after making book selections.

Other differences show in the library's physical changes. The library now has a permanent art collection that displays work from over 30 local artists, according to Heinrich. "We have a front lawn that allows us to hold some programs outside during the warmer months," she said. "Outdoor seating also allows patrons to take

advantage of a wifi service that covers the entire library grounds or they can just enjoy a sunny day."

The accessible design of the main entrance makes it easier for patrons who have physical challenges to get to the library since there are no longer steps to climb, she added.

Heinrich noted that one of the bright spots about the new building for the staff is they no longer need to carry multiple bins of books and other materials up a flight of stairs from the outside book return, "particularly on days where snow and ice made it difficult to access the books in the return."

Small study rooms give a private spot for patrons to work while the overall open floor plan makes it easier for the library staff to know what's happening across the library while they are at the desk, she added.

Other changes have taken place since the new library building opened.

The city of Ely partnered with Minnesota Power late last year to install a solar array on the library's roof that powers electric car charging stations in the parking lot. "This five-kilowatt solar panel installation was paid for by Minnesota Power, and any energy produced above what is used by the electric car charging stations is credited to the city," Heinrich said.

The charging stations are rated for use to 22 degrees below zero to make them compatible with Minnesota winters, and the solar panels themselves were manufactured in Mt. Iron. "In the first year, the charging stations saw a small group of regular users through the summer and into the fall," she said.

The Ely Library was also accepted into the NASA@My Library program and became one of 75 public libraries across the United States, and the only one in Minnesota, to have NASA-developed programming kits to use with their patrons.

"This program started a cycle of science programming for kids and adults at the library that

has included a scale model of the solar system on the road between the library and Babbitt, a visit from actual lunar rocks brought back from the Apollo moon landings, night sky viewing activities, and many other great science activities," Heinrich said.

Families can check out NASA backpack kits that include books, a robotic coding toy, and a small telescope. Additional science tools for checkout - a large telescope, a microscope, and a Snap Circuit set - have also been purchased by Friends of the Ely Library using a bequest from the Merle Lunceford estate.

The library has increased and expanded its programming in general over the last five years, Heinrich added. In 2013, the library had 91 programs with a total attendance of 2,122 of all ages. In 2018, there were 165 programs, with total attendance at 3,705.

"Programming is now spread more evenly across the year instead of concentrated in the summer, and the library has added special programming events, like the teen summer reading sleepover and Harry Potter late nights, outside of regular library hours," she said.

"All library events are free, and as library clerk Jessie Dunn regularly tells patrons, 'this is the happening place.' when they are looking for something fun and free to do."



In Brief

Fire destroys lodge

REGIONAL - The Voyageur Park Lodge has been left in ruins after a fire broke out there on Monday, Nov. 11 around 5 p.m. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, the Kabetogama Fire Department, and the Little Fork Fire

department responded to the scene of the fire, but they were unable to save the building. No one was present at the lodge during the time of the fire, and the incident remains under investigation by the Sheriff's office and the Fire Marshall's office.

Correction

In response to last week's story on the possible restructuring of the Northeast Higher Education District, officials with NHED pointed out that the while the number of colleges involved in a possible merger would be five (as we reported),

the number of campuses involved would actually be six. Mesabi Range College includes campuses in both Virginia and Eveleth. The *Timberjay* regrets any misunderstanding.





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SECTION 7A SWIMMING FINALS

Nighthawks set new team records at sectionals

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

HIBBING— Team records fell here Nov. 7-9 as the Nighthawks girls swimmers performed well during the Section 7A finals. Against a large field, senior swimmer Brooke Pasmick and freshman Lily Tedrick both earned individual medals, while the team’s 400-yard freestyle relay team of Pasmick, Tedrick,

Abby Koivisto, and Morgan McClelland medaled as well.

The relay team set a new team record, with its time of 3:59.49, topping the old record of 4:02.19.

Pasmick just missed a trip to state competition, finishing in third place in the 100-yard backstroke with a new team record time of 1:05.55. That was just 16-hundredths of a second behind second-place finisher

Siiri Hakala, of Mesabi East. The top two finishers in individual events qualify for the state tournament.

Pasmick also medaled in the 50-yard freestyle with a time of 25.89, good for eighth-place.

Tedrick set two new team records, including in the 200-yard individual medley, with a time of 2:27.33, good for sixth place. She also set a new team mark in the 100-yard butterfly,

with a time of 1:08.17, besting the previous mark by just 0.38 of a second.

The Nighthawks were up against strong competition from ten other teams from across northeastern Minnesota. Mesabi East took home the section title for the second year in a row, with 375 points, while second-place Hibbing tallied 331 points.

Other team finishes included:

- 3. Two Harbors, 319 points.
- 4. Eveleth-Gilbert, 225
- 5. Proctor-Hermantown, 179
- 6. Duluth-Denfeld, 176
- 7. Virginia, 172
- 8. Cloquet-Esko-Carlton, 154
- 9. International Falls, 139
- 10. Northeast Range/Ely, 95
- 11. Chisholm, 51.

MUSIC



What’s next for War Bonnet?

Local band was a nominee for Best New Group of the Year at Native American Music Awards

by E. M. SCHULTZ
Staff Writer

NETTLAKE- Local band War Bonnet is rapidly gaining attention on a national level. Chaz Wagner, a founding member of the group, recently returned home from a trip to New York, where he attended the Native American Music Awards (NAMA). War Bonnet’s debut album, “The Ghost Dance,” was a nominee for the New Group of the Year award at this year’s ceremony. The band also garnered a nomination for Best Rock Recording with their single “War Horse.”

This year’s show took place at the Seneca Niagara Resort and Casino in Niagara Falls, New York on Nov. 2. While War Bonnet was not among the award winners, Wagner said it was an honor just to be nominated and recognized for their innovative music. According to Wagner, the entire day was an amazing experience, highlighted by the opportunity to perform live at the awards event with fellow local musician Keith Secola. He also had the chance to meet and speak with iconic Native Americans such as Wes Studi, the first Native American actor to ever receive an Academy Award, and Mickie James, a WWE wrestler who was inducted into the NAMA Hall of Fame last year. Wagner also had the chance to meet members of the band Portugal the Man, who said they knew of War Bonnet and had heard their music.

“It was pretty amazing to get that kind of acknowledgement from a band like that,” he said. “It was



an awesome experience just to go out there and interact with those people.”

With the award ceremony behind them, War Bonnet is now focused on their next project: the release of a music video and a second album. The album, “The Ancestral

Legacy,” is slated to come out in early 2020, while the music video for the song “Ikwe” should be released later this month in honor of Native American Heritage Month.

“Ikwe,” the Ojibwe word for woman, is about missing and murdered Native American women. In the past few years, this issue has slowly gained national attention as an epidemic. Wagner said he himself has lost family members, as well as community members, to domestic violence and the band hopes to draw attention to these tragedies through their video, which was shot by Cecelia Martinez, Wagner’s cousin and an up-and-coming film maker.

“She’s definitely got a cinematic eye, and I wanted to bring her talents out by including her in the project,” he said. “Hopefully we can



make a difference through music.”

According to Wagner, “Ikwe” was instrumental in helping the band become more serious about their music. Up to this point, they had been in a more experimental phase. Now, they’re focused on heavier topics that cover the “mysterious and darker” parts of Native American ancestral music. This comes from Wagner’s desire to incorporate Native music with a live band rather than to simply create a familiar sound.

“Our music is very innovative,” he said, “it’s very creative. People who study music grasp that. Even if you don’t, you know something different is going on when you listen to our music. I think that gives the listener something exciting to grasp onto.”

Wagner believes War Bonnet’s sound is unique, in part, due to their influences. According to him, just about anything can be a

Top: The band poses near Nett Lake this past summer.

Upper left: Chaz Wagner is interviewed on the red carpet at the Native American Music Awards recently held at Niagara Falls, New York.

Above: Chaz poses with Academy Award-winning actor Wes Studi, who attended the awards event.

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SUSTAINABILITY

Harvest Nation readies for June launch

Native-owned business seeking funds to start aeroponics on the Range

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

VERMILION RESERVATION- The dream of having a year-round source of locally-grown vegetables is getting closer to a reality as Harvest Nation is wrapping up its business planning for an indoor aeroponics CSA (community-supported agriculture) farm that will be located, at least in its start-up phase, in the Virginia area.

Harvest Nation President Dani Pieratos gave a presentation on the results of their planning process at a community meeting on Nov. 8 at the Vermilion Social Center. She also spoke to the Ely Tuesday Group earlier in the week.

Pieratos said the original plan to site the pilot facility on the Vermilion Reservation had to be abandoned because the only available building turned out to be too small to make the project financially viable.

“We need 2,250 square feet of indoor growing space,” she said. “It’s just not feasible to do it here in the space that we have.”

Pieratos said they have identified two possible locations in Virginia and are currently negotiating lease prices. Once the pilot facility successfully proves that their concept can work on the Iron Range, they can explore bringing a facility back to the reservation.

“This farm idea can be done anywhere,” she said. “It gives us local production, local control, and affordable access to culturally appropriate and healthy foods.”

The business plan calls for Harvest Nation to operate as a CSA, where families commit to purchasing a “farm share” on a regular basis, year-round. The business plan calls for half the estimated 100 farm shares to go at market rate, which they have determined to be \$35 per week, with the other half at a reduced price to make it affordable for other lower and moderate-income families.

The market research they just completed estimated that the average family is currently spending a little over \$40 per week on fresh vegetables.

Pieratos said they intend to finalize their business plan by the end of this month, followed by a search for start-up funding. If all goes as planned, Harvest Nation will be supplying locally-grown

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food to area residents by June 2020, said Pieratos.

The technical plans for the aeroponic design and software needed to run the system are also nearly finalized. Dani's mother, Denise, an architect with software design experience, has adapted designs that have been proven in other aeroponic operations, including one in southern Minnesota, and has been working with experts at the University of Minnesota- Duluth on the plans and methods needed for a successful operation.

The availability of the new relatively low-cost full-spectrum LED lighting makes indoor agriculture cost-effective, said Pieratos.

Aeroponics is different from the more conventional indoor farming technique of hydroponics. In aeroponics, plants are suspended in the air, with the roots exposed. The system can stack rows of plants upwards, making more efficient use of the indoor space. Continual misting of the roots provides the needed moisture and nutrients.

Aeroponics requires about ten percent of the growing space and half the growing time of con-

ventional outdoor farming, which could make it a valuable method of sustainable food production.

HarvestNation's business plan has mapped out the rotations needed to produce 10 to 15 different vegetables per farm share per week. They have identified the vegetables they feel they can offer initially, including: lettuce greens, carrots, cucumbers, bell peppers, Yukon gold potatoes, several varieties of tomatoes and cherry tomatoes, sweet potatoes, blue potatoes, garbanzo beans, green beans, broccoli, red potatoes, peas, onions, basil, dill, edamame (fresh soybeans), and black beans. Some will be part of most weekly share boxes, and other items will rotate in and out every few months.

Harvest Nation is hoping that a successful launch of their idea will allow such indoor farming centers to sprout across the country.

Growing fruits is a longer-term process, Dani said, so would need to wait until the vegetable growing is well underway.

Dani said their market research also looked at local families and their relationship to food and

healthy eating. They looked at barriers to healthier eating, including the distance to grocery stores, especially for families in Nett Lake, the cost of fresh food, and the lack of time to prepare healthy meals.

The fact that many people, especially children, would rather eat more highly-processed or fast food is also a barrier, Dani noted.

"We plan on sending out recipe cards with each farm share box," she said, "and hope to send out a kitchen gadget once a month, to make cooking more fun." Cooking classes, and other community outreach ideas, are also in the works.

Some in the audience had ideas that might be incorporated into the business plan, such as adding value to the produce they are growing by providing ready-made dishes from an onsite commercial kitchen. Others suggested they find a use for the leftover plant matter, such as composting it for sale.

Aeroponic gardening can reduce the need for pesticides, though water-borne diseases can be a problem. Pieratos said their system is designed to be flushed out on a regular



Left: Dani Pieratos makes a point during her presentation on the findings of a recent survey conducted by Harvest Nation that explored local interest in healthy locally-grown foods.

photo by J. Summitt

Vermilion and Nett Lake.

Dani said they estimate one-time start-up costs to be around \$400,000, and that annual income from 100 farm shares will be approximately \$182,000. The business will be operated on a for-profit basis. During the start-up process, they have been working with the Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability, which is acting as the fiscal agent for the grant they received from the Blandin Foundation for their planning work.

More information is available online at www.harvestnationinc.com.

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source of inspiration. He listed off several musical influences, including Metallica, A Tribe Called Red, and Keith Secola, but made it clear that it's not always other bands that impact their music.

"It could be art, or a historical person," Wagner said. "We draw a

lot of inspiration from stories about Geronimo or Sitting Bull. The poetic philosopher John Trudell, a political activist, is a huge influence on our stuff."

Wagner has also drawn a lot of inspiration from his life on the reservation. He believes it's important

to have a sense of pride no matter what ethnic background you come from as this is what shapes you and helps you become who you're meant to be. This message should be loud and clear in the band's next album, he said.

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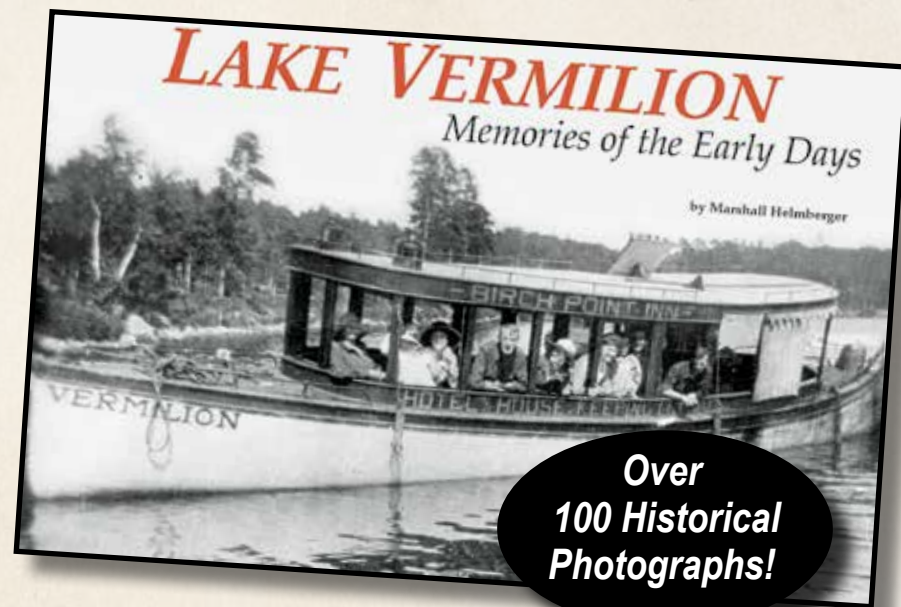
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GREENWOOD

Greenwood to have broadband interest survey completed

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOODTWP- At their Nov. 12 meeting, the Greenwood Town Board heard an update on the broadband feasibility study meeting held on Nov. 8. Supervisor Mike Ralston said he had had some follow-up discussions with St. Louis County Commissioner Paul McDonald and Rep. Rob Ecklund, as well as some potential service providers. Ralston said that CTC, one of the broadband providers, is willing to conduct a free survey of township residents to determine how many people are interested in broadband services, and the prices they are willing to pay.

“We need to get this information,” he said, “regardless of where it comes from.”

CTC would do the survey online, and then report the data by parcel code.

It was also noted that Paul Bunyan Communications can do a similar survey.

Supervisors said that CTC appears to be more willing to use existing fiber-optic cable already installed in portions of the township. Chairman Carmen DeLuca said the town board should consider adding some funding for broadband projects into their upcoming budget.

“The funders like to have the township financially involved,” he said, as the township seeks grants for the project.

“We are moving in the right direction,” said Joanne Bassing, who also serves on the local broadband committee.

The township has already made a financial commitment to help fund the feasibility study. Broadband projects in the township have already received money from the state’s Border to Border program, which paid for the installation of the fiber optic cable that is now online at the town hall and runs down several of the major roads in the township. But that project did not provide any service to homes or businesses.



The township’s new public computer station is now available for use by township residents. Residents are welcome to use the equipment during regular clerk office hours. A computer and printer are available, as well as access to broadband speed wifi, both indoors and in the parking lot (available 24/7). The clerk’s office is generally open Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. -3 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Pictured above is Clerk Sue Drobac with the new township-funded computer station. photo by J. Summit

Ely Community Health Center can offer assistance in applying for MNSure

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).

Obituaries and Death Notices



Lorraine E. Connor

Lorraine Elizabeth Connor, 75, of Nett Lake, passed away on Friday, Nov. 8, 2019. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Nett Lake Baptist Church in Nett Lake. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. There will be a meal to share by all immediately following the service. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Lorraine was born to Lawrence Connor I and Ida Mae Day on July 21, 1944. Lorraine grew up and attended school in Nett Lake and Orr, graduating from Orr High School. She furthered her education by attending Bemidji State University. She became a seamstress and tailor at 18, working for Liberty Garments in Minneapolis. She had a natural talent and was a quick study. She could fashion any kind of garment or professional suit from a pattern and then construct them with machine and hand-tailoring. Lorraine lived and

worked in Georgia for a short time before returning to Minnesota.

Lorraine loved to boat, both in Minnesota and Georgia. She also loved to cook large meals for her family when they would visit. Lorraine loved to watch the birds and placed several bird feeders in her yard so that she could enjoy them all year long. Lorraine also enjoyed growing many types of flowers.

Lorraine is survived by her siblings, Jonathan Connor, Daniel Connor, Paul Connor, David Connor, Marybelle Isham, Laura Isham and Esther Connor; and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Henry Connor and James Connor; sisters, Gloria Connor and Joyce Skadsheim; and half-siblings, Ruth Isham, Lawrence Connor II and Gladys Goggleye.

Bonnie J. Adams

Bonnie Joy Adams, 63, of Ely and formerly of Virginia, died on Saturday,

Nov. 9, 2019, at Essentia Health - St. Mary’s in Duluth. A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 at the Bauman-Vermilion Funeral Home Chapel in Tower. Michael Wefel will officiate. Family services are provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower.

She is survived by her special sibling and friend, DeAnn Schatz of Ely; siblings, Cheryl J. Adams of Chisholm, Kathleen (Henry) Sande of Virginia, James (Evie) Adams of Niles, Mich., Kenneth (Marie) Adams of Toney, Ala., Linda (Chuck) Pendgraft of Council Bluffs, Iowa, Patty (Paul) Briardy of Grand Junction, Colo., and Dennis Johnson of Omaha, Neb.; numerous nieces and nephews; and many extended family members and friends.

Scott C. Sickel

Scott C. “Scotty” Sickel, 66, of Cook, died peacefully at his home on Lake Vermilion on Saturday, Nov. 9, 2019. A celebration of life will be held from 2-4 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 15 at Cron-Sheehy Funeral Home in Eveleth with a sharing of memories facilitated by Pastor Jeffrey Jones at 3 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred.

He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Vicki; son, Craig (Christi) Sickel; daughter-in-law, Tracy Sickel; grandchildren, Kyle, Abigail, Bailey, Jacob, Ethan and Cooper;

mother, Ruth Sickel; sister, Cheryl Lammi; brother, Keith (Susan) Sickel; brothers-in-law, Gary (Candy) Butala and Keith (Annette) Butala; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Jane S. Planton

Jane S. Planton, 66, longtime resident of Duluth, originally of Soudan, died on Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2019, in Duluth. A Memorial Mass was held on Wednesday, Nov. 13 at St. Martin’s Catholic Church in Tower with Father Nick Nelson as the celebrant. Inurnment was in Lakeview Cemetery in Tower. Family services were provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower.

She is survived by her brother, Jim (Becky) Planton of Lake Vermilion-Soudan; several cousins and friends; and her cats.

Larry Sabart

Larry Sabart, 62, of Pike Township, passed away unexpectedly in his home on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2019, after a five-year battle with numerous illnesses. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Nov. 16 at Range Funeral Home with a gathering of friends one hour prior to the service. Deacon Brenda Tibbetts will officiate. Friends can also gather on Friday, Nov. 15 at Range Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by his wife, Ann; daughter, Katie Maki; stepchildren, Michael and Amanda Schug; granddaughter, whose smile always filled his heart with love, Hailey Adams; siblings, David Sabart, Kathy (Larry) Meyer, Thomas (On) Sabart and Linda (Kevin) Haney; in-laws, Bruce (Barbara) Maki and Carron Keenan; sister-in-law, Amy Martinich; and many nieces and nephews.

Thomas H. Smith II

Thomas “Tom” Henry Smith II, 57, passed away in his home with family by his side, on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2019. A celebration of

life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 30 at Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service. Lunch will follow at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook. “Tom would welcome anyone to be comfortable in their favorite flannel shirt and jeans.”

He is survived by his daughter, Kaitlyn (Bryce); son, Andrew; stepsons, Jason and Eric; granddaughter, Tovi; mother, Carolyn Fendt; sister, Monica; nephews, Scott, Nathan, Victor, Kaleb and Benjamin; uncle, Glen; aunts, Evelyn, Elaine and Gloria; and many special cousins.



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2019 FIREARMS DEER SEASON

Deer harvest down across the North Country

Cold temperatures and windchills likely discouraged hunters

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Variable deer numbers and winter-like chill for opening weekend appears to have affected the deer harvest so far this season, at least in northern St. Louis, northern Lake, and Koochiching counties. Preliminary deer registrations in those areas were down noticeably through the first three days of the season, according to data made

available by the Department of Natural Resources.

“Sunday was pretty brisk and yesterday was even colder,” said Jeremy Maslowski, assistant wildlife manager with the DNR’s Tower area office. “The deer probably weren’t moving that much.”

Windchills on Monday remained well below zero throughout the day and temperatures bottomed out Tuesday

morning at anywhere from ten to twenty-below-zero across the region, all of which kept most hunters off their stands. Hunter success is typically proportional to the amount of time hunters spend in the woods, so cold temperatures and windchills can significantly impact the deer harvest.

Lower harvest numbers in permit areas 177, 176, and 178

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Area Deer Harvest

Results through Monday, Nov. 11

Year	Bucks	Antlerless	Total
2016	2,618	499	3,117
2017	2,081	965	3,046
2018	2,203	838	3,041
2019	1,730	648	2,378

Preliminary harvest totals for permit areas in northern St. Louis and Lake counties, including 108, 117, 118, 119, 130, 176, 177, and 178.



A LIFE IN THE WOODS

Orr’s woodswoman

At 96, Marion Long still has fond memories of her days working and hunting near Kinmount

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ORR— When Marion Long went in for heart surgery recently, she told every doctor or nurse who stopped by her room that they had to make sure she pulled through, because she had a big day coming up. Monday was Long’s 96th birthday and she celebrated in longstanding tradition, surrounded by her large family and heaping helpings of venison and pancakes.

It was the basic kind of fare that Long grew up on with her family, who lived near Kinmount. Her mother worked as a cook in logging camps and her father trapped to keep the family fed in those days.

While many young women of that era might have been eager to leave an often-difficult life in the woods behind for the promise of the big city, Long embraced it with a passion, becoming a trailblazer in more ways than one. She was an avid deer hunter, who shot countless deer over the years with her trusted 30-30, to help put food on the family table. “I only stopped hunting three years ago,” said Long during an interview earlier this year. “I love to be out in the woods. I had my own trails I liked to go out on.”

Long was also one of the only women working in north-



ern Minnesota’s timber industry during the 1940s through the 1960s. She learned the life from her parents and later worked in the woods with her husband, Bob, cutting down trees and hauling them out of the woods. Eventually, she started driving what she describes as an “ancient International” logging truck and, according to her daughter-in-law Judy Long, was the first woman to ever deliver a truckload of pulp to the mill in International Falls.

“I was raised in the woods, and I married a man who lived and worked around here and there wasn’t much else,” she said. “It was unusual to have a woman work in the woods, but someone had to do it.”

While in the woods, Long said it rarely bothered her that

she was usually the only woman in the male-dominated industry. “But I felt kind of uncomfortable when we hauled the wood to town. It just wasn’t done back then, even though no one ever said anything that I heard.”

Where most loggers lived in gypso shacks during the logging seasons, Long and her family found a home on a farm and commuted to the sites where her husband had contracted to log, working mostly for the old Manitoba and Ontario logging company.

During her twenty years as a logger, the technology of the industry began to change.

“We did everything by hand back then,” Long said. “We had saws and when you got a tree that leaned, you got a pole to push it until it went the

Top: Marion Long poses with her favorite 30-30 rifle, which she used often during her decades of hunting deer north of Orr.

photo by M. White

Above: Nearly 20 members of Long’s family gathered for a group photo at her 96th birthday celebration on Monday.

Courtesy W. Long

right direction. That all went away when hydraulics were introduced.”

While Long eventually quit working in the woods, she stuck with the wood industry, taking a job working on machinery at the Hill Wood Products plant in

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Outdoors in brief

CO looks for help on wasted game violation

COOK— Local DNR conservation officer Shane Zavodnik is looking for the public’s help in finding the individual responsible for discarding a white trash bag full of plucked ducks along the shore of the Willow River. Anyone with information about this violation of game laws is asked to call the Turn-In-Poachers (TIP) line at 1-800-652-9093. People with information in the case can remain anonymous.

In other news, local conservation officer Marc Hopkins, of Tower, was involved in an enforcement action over the illegal harvesting of spruce tops for holiday decorations.

TRADITIONS



Send us your hunting stories

REGIONAL— Deer season is a time of tradition, family and fun. It’s also a time for great outdoors stories and we’d like to hear yours— so we can share the best with our readers.

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FIRST DEER



Four generations at meadow hunting club

LAKEVERMILION—Hunting success at the “meadow hunting club” has reached a fourth generation, according to State Sen. Tom Bakk, whose father was one of the founders of the club way back in 1938. Located just south of Lake Vermilion and surrounded by hundreds of acres of public land, the club has drawn the friends and family of club members during the hunting season for more than 80 years now. Sen. Bakk’s oldest

grandson, Ben, became part of that tradition on Friday, Oct. 18, when he bagged his first deer during the special MEA weekend youth hunt. Ben turned ten on Sept. 30, qualifying him to participate in the hunt. Ben’s father Mike was with him for the hunt. “We enjoyed a hind quarter roast with all the guys,” said Bakk, in celebration of Ben’s success. “We had a toast to Ben, the shack’s newest deerslayer. It was priceless.”

Area reports

Kab-Nam area

Deer opener around the Kab area was somewhat of a disappointment with some seeing a few and many hunters seeing nothing at all. We registered twelve deer over the weekend but that can be misleading as with the online registration system those numbers aren’t a good indication of true harvest numbers.

Many hunters reported seeing more grouse than deer. The hunters supper at the Kab town hall was a big success with just under 200 attending. The food was fantastic! Thank you to all the volunteers who put in hours of preparation and the clean up involved afterwards!

Courtesy Gateway Store, Lake Kabetogama

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were behind the drop in registrations. Through Monday, hunters had registered 398 deer in PA 177, a sizable drop from the 530 deer registered during the same period last year. The decline was even sharper in PA 176, where hunters had registered 400 deer as of Monday evening. That’s down 35 percent from the 613 deer registered there through the first three days of the season in 2018. PA 178 saw a similar decline. Meanwhile, in the border country, hunters seemed to be improving on last year’s numbers. Hunters had registered 408 deer through Monday in PA

108, a modest increase over the 371 deer registered in that same period last year. Hunters registered 254 deer in PA 118 during the first three days this year, up slightly from 249 last year. Registrations were off in PA 119, where hunters registered just 99 deer through Monday. Hunters will have an opportunity to improve on their opening weekend success with a forecast for milder temperatures for the season’s second weekend. Highs are expected to warm to close to freezing, with on and off chances of snow.

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Cook. “I was able to work all year round instead of just seasonal,” she said. While women were rare in the industry back in her day, she says that’s changed as well, even though the field is still dominated by men. “Women drive truck and everything now,” she said. “There are at least a few women around here who do it.” Still, she said, her heart was still back in her beloved woods, and she

would often go hunting as a way to reconnect with the woods as well as provide for her family. “She shot many, many, many deer,” said Judy Long. “Venison was their staple. It’s what they lived on.” It’s a tradition she’s most recently passed on to her grandkids, Ryan, Jason, Tommy, John, and Randy, who have all learned to hunt with guidance from their grandmother. “She’s been out in the woods with

all of them,” said Judy. “They’ve just been inspired by her.” While Marion just turned 96, she remains as sharp as a tack, according to Judy, and enjoys doing the crossword puzzles in both the *Mesabi Daily News* and the *Timberjay*. “And she almost never misses a word,” said Judy. Must have been all the venison and pancakes...

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CITY OF ELY
REQUEST FOR QUOTES

The City of Ely is requesting quotes for the demolition of a residential property located at 530 East Camp Street on behalf of the property owner. A copy of the plans and specifications can be reviewed at Ely City Hall starting the week of November 12th. The City of Ely reserves the right to refuse any and all quotes and to award the project in the best interest of the City of Ely. We will be accepting bids until 3 pm on Tuesday November 19th.

Submit quotes to the Ely City Clerk’s Office, 209 E Chapman St., Ely, MN 55731. Questions, please call Harold R. Langowski at 218-235-3083.

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CITY OF ELY
Public Hearing Notice

The Ely City Council will hold two (2) Public Hearings starting at 5:00 pm Tuesday, November 19th, 2019 in Council Chambers 2nd Floor City Hall, 209 E. Chapman Street, Ely, MN 55731.

Hearing #1 at 5:00 pm is to consider a request by Tim and Monica Cunningham to purchase City-owned property described as:

Lots 7-8, Block 12 and Lots 12-15, Block 14, Auditors Plat Chandler Addition to Ely.

Hearing #2 at 5:15 pm is to consider a request by Tim and Monica Cunningham for the City to vacate a portion of Park Street running adjacent to Lots 7-8, Block 12 and Lots 8-15, Block 14, Auditors Plat Chandler Addition to Ely. Vacation of this portion of Park Street would allow for the orderly development of lots owned by the applicants.

A map showing the location of the proposed sale and vacation of right-of-way is available for view on City’s website or at the Clerk’s office in City Hall.

Comments may be submitted to the Council for consideration by e-mail at pzadmin@ely.mn.us, by phone (218) 226-5449, or in person at the public hearing. Your name must be attached for your comments to be presented to Council.

Tim Riley, Planning and Zoning Administrator
209 E Chapman Street, Ely, MN 55731

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CITY OF ELY
RECYCLING CENTER NOTICE

The Ely Area Recycling Center will be temporarily closed starting Thursday, Nov. 14 for the construction of the new entrance to the Trailhead Facility. This work is anticipated to last until Friday, Nov. 22. During this time the recycle center will be completely closed and recycling and brush or mulch will not be accepted. During this time you are encouraged to utilize the transfer site on Hwy. 21 if you need to recycle. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

Harold R. Langowski P.E.,
Clerk-Treasurer, City of Ely

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Experience:

- At least 21 years old
- Successfully completed 30 hours of training during the two years immediately prior to the date of hire or before provision of direct services in all of the following areas: recipient rights, receipt-centered individual treatment planning, behavioral terminology, mental illness, co-occurring mental illness and substance abuse, psychotropic medications and side effects, functional assessment, local community resources, adult vulnerability, resident confidentiality, and:

Meets the qualifications in sub item (A) or (B):

(A) Has an associate of arts degree or two year full time post-secondary education in one of the behavioral sciences or Human Services; is a registered nurse without a bachelor’s degree, or who within the previous 10 years has:

1. 3 years of personal life experience with a serious and persistent mental illness
2. 3 years of life experience as a primary caregiver to an adult with a serious mental illness or traumatic brain injury or
3. 4,000 hours of supervised paid work experience in the delivery of mental health services to adults with serious mental illness or traumatic brain injury or

(B) 1. Is fluent in the non-English language or competent in the culture of the ethnic group to which at least 20 percent of the mental health rehabilitation worker’s clients belong;

2. Receives during the first 2,000 hours of work, monthly documented individual clinical supervision by a mental health professional.
3. 18 hours of documented field supervision by a mental health professional or practitioner during the first 160 hours of contact work with recipients, and at least six hours of field supervision quarterly during the following year;
4. Review and co-signature of charting of recipient contacts during field supervision by a mental health professional or practitioner and
5. 15 hours of additional continuing education on mental health topics during the first year of employment and 15 hours during every additional year of employment.

Education: High school diploma or equivalent

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TRUTH IN TAXATION
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

CITY OF ELY
PROPOSED 2020 BUDGET
AND PROPERTY TAX LEVY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Ely will hold a public hearing on November 26, 2019 at 6:00pm at Ely City Hall Council Chambers, 209 E Chapman St., Ely MN on its budget and property tax levy it is proposing to collect to pay for the costs of services the City will provide in 2020.

All Ely city residents are invited to attend the public hearing of the City Council to express their opinions on the proposed 2020 budget and property tax levy.

Harold R. Langowski, City Clerk/Treasurer
City of Ely

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Position Opening - Ely Public Schools
Substitute Paraprofessionals

Ely Public Schools is taking applications for as needed substitute Paraprofessionals for the 2019-2020 school year: \$14.52/hr.; background check required. Applications available at: General Office, 2nd floor of Memorial Building, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731 or on our website at www.ely.k12.mn.us, click on district, then on Job Openings; then Application for Employment in Non-Licensed Position. Return application to: ISD #696, Attn: Superintendent, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731. 11/15

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Ely Public Schools is taking applications for as needed substitute custodians for the 2019-2020 school year: \$14.52/hr.; background check required. Contact Facilities Director Tim Leeson at (218) 343-3457 or tleeson@ely.k12.mn.us if you have questions. Applications available at www.ely.k12.mn.us or in the District Office, 2nd floor of the Memorial Building; return application to: ISD #696, Attn: Superintendent, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731. 11/15

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What is a qualifying relative?
For agricultural property, a qualifying relative includes the child, grandchild, sibling, or parent of the owner or of the owner’s spouse. For residential property a qualifying relative also includes the owner’s uncle, aunt, nephew, or niece.

When do I apply?
You must apply on or before Monday, December 16, 2019.

Contact the assessor by December 16, 2019 if the occupancy or use of the property you homestead has changed in the past year.

If you sell, move, or for any reason no longer qualify for the homestead classification, you are required to notify the county assessor within 30 days of the change in homestead status.

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- 1 Tropical tree
- 5 Des — (capital of Iowa)
- 11 Cartoonist Addams, familiarly
- 15 Floor mop
- 19 Berry of a Brazilian
- 20 Practically no time
- 21 — Hashana
- 22 "Relax!"
- 23 Poker hand of four clubs and one heart, say
- 25 Itty bit
- 26 Judicious
- 27 Old TV's "Remington —"
- 28 Test for univ. seniors
- 29 One of the Gandhis
- 31 Weep noisily
- 32 Country singer Clark
- 33 Field of a homebuilder
- 36 Farm tool
- 38 No-charge
- 39 Moisture, as poultry
- 40 What a patent or copyright might grant

- 47 "E pluribus —"
- 49 Wear out
- 50 Plotting aids
- 51 Many a critic
- 53 Org. for Roger Federer
- 56 Oatmeal bath brand
- 58 Outback locale
- 62 Cube creator Rubik
- 63 Post-Kantian philosopher Georg
- 64 Somewhat
- 65 Duplicated
- 67 Beatles song that's an apt alternate title for this puzzle
- 70 Lower baseball leagues
- 72 Taylor tyke of old TV
- 73 Clip, as wool
- 74 "High Voltage" band
- 75 Facial feature of Mark Twain
- 81 Island of Venice
- 84 Foxlike
- 85 Haunting one

- 86 Capital of Jordan
- 88 Sage guide
- 89 Smelter junk
- 90 Luxury airport transport
- 93 Moses' peak
- 96 Chachi player Scott
- 98 "— So Fine" (1963 hit)
- 99 A shoulder shrug
- exercises it
- 105 Flunkies' responses
- 110 Get decayed
- 111 Amend
- 112 So-so mark
- 113 Put in a box
- 114 Army division
- 116 Yarn
- 117 For no particular reason
- 119 Little bay
- 120 Added stipulations
- 121 "The Jeffersons" actress Sanford
- 122 Tread
- 123 Body part with the ACL
- 124 Get lippy with
- 125 Soft caps
- 126 Female fowl

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- 2 Piercing beam
- 3 Cutting hat
- 4 Priestly hat
- 5 Formed
- 6 See 115-Down
- 7 "Send me!"
- 8 Island nation in the Pacific
- 9 Double curves
- 10 "Zip it up!"
- 11 Wince
- 12 Thick, head-hiding top
- 13 Sean of "50 First Dates"
- 14 Pottery piece
- 15 Hem, e.g.
- 16 Pants parts
- 17 Put in groups
- 18 "Ta-ta!"
- 24 1910s senator Root
- 29 Memo start
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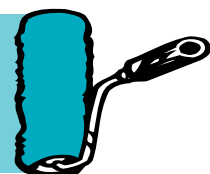
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- 55 High degs.
- 57 LA-to-MI dir.
- 59 Actress Birch of "American Beauty"
- 60 TKO caller
- 61 Cut coverer
- 65 Dairy beasts
- 66 Milky gem
- 67 Ergo
- 68 Part of SW
- 69 Grain bit
- 70 Hitchcock film of 1964
- 71 Here, to Luc
- 73 Bad city air
- 76 More unsightly
- 77 "— Na Na"
- 78 GoPro, e.g.
- 79 Med. group
- 80 Bird of the
- 58-Across

- 82 —TV (cable channel)
- 83 Suffix with resin or peril
- 87 Court great Arthur
- 89 Trunk gunk
- 90 Green fruit
- 91 Chit letters
- 92 "Gone" boy band
- 93 Slapped, e.g.
- 94 Patch variety
- 95 Endemic
- 96 Intensifies
- 97 Evaluate
- 100 Sorority letters
- 101 First ex of Donald
- 102 "— me?" ("What'd ya say?")
- 103 "Dog whisperer" Millan
- 104 Don't disturb
- 106 Digital dough
- 107 Fry a bit
- 108 Ruhr's chief
- 109 Leaks slowly
- 113 Slippery swimmers
- 115 With 6-Down, start a round of golf
- 117 Sloop sail
- 118 Lay odds

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