



We wish all of our readers a safe and happy New Year.
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COMMUNICATIONS

New probe launched into Frontier

Those with billing, customer service issues encouraged to contact Commerce

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The state's Department of Commerce has launched another investigation into Frontier Communications, this time focusing on the compa-

ny's billing and customer service practices.

The latest investigation is set to determine whether Frontier failed to inform customers of their service options and whether Frontier enrolled customers in long distance service plans that



customers did not want or use. "We are concerned about Frontier's practices when

customers are signing up for service and the prospect that Minnesotans are being over-charged for their phone service," said Commerce Commissioner Steve Kelley.

Minnesota consumers should reach out to the

Department of Commerce at 651-539-1883 or telecom.commerce@state.mn.us if they have experienced any of the following, or other issues related to Frontier's billing and customer

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SWEET CELEBRATIONS

I'll make the cake

Ely cake artist strives to add sweet fun to all celebrations

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY—"...And I'll make the cake." That simple phrase launched a new career for Susan Laine since moving here two years ago. Her cake decorating skills have gathered quite a following around Ely.

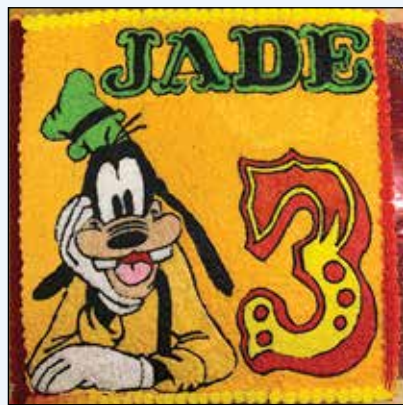
"I have been made

aware that I even have my own groupies," Laine said recently in the kitchen of her Pattison Street home, located within reach of a long home run over the fence of Veterans Memorial Baseball Field.

Susan, who has been making cakes for more than two decades, is assisted on

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Ely cake artist Susan Laine will put just about any design on a cake. She will soon be moving from her Pattison Street home to a new studio in downtown Ely. photos by K. Vandervort



DEVELOPMENT

Ho Ho Ho

IRRR hands out \$3.6 million for area infrastructure projects

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

EVELETH— The Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation offered up a holiday bag full of gifts to more than two dozen area cities, economic development authorities, and mining companies at their Dec. 19 board meeting.

Locally, the cities of Cook and Ely, and the township of Embarrass, were among the communities to receive community infrastructure grants during this funding cycle. The developers of Ely's State Theater also received a \$300,000 bridge loan to cover expenses as they work to complete an application for historic preservation tax credits.

The \$3.633 million handed out to area communities for local infrastructure is expected to help leverage about \$41.5 million in total investment from local, state, federal, and private sources.

The funding approved included \$63,400 for the city of Cook to assist in paying for the construction of an ADA compliant ramp, sidewalks, bathrooms, and parking lot upgrades for the city's new community center. The IRRR funds will be supplemented by \$86,081 in CDBG funding as well as a \$50,000 investment by the city.

The board also approved \$200,000 to the city of Ely for water, and sanitary and storm sewer upgrades along James Street. The work will be completed in conjunction with the planned reconstruction of the road by St.

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TRUTH IN TAXATION

Cook City Council approves five-percent levy increase for 2020

by E. M. SCHULTZ
Staff Writer

COOK— The city council here voted to approve a 5-percent levy increase to cover rising city expenses for next year. The council made its decision after no one

appeared for the annual truth-in-taxation hearing.

The council set a preliminary increase of five percent in September and opted not to reduce that amount. The increase was higher than the 3.5-percent levy increase the council approved last year and will

help with several capital improvement projects the city is considering, including upgrades to the airport and community center.

The council also approved starting a bid process for a new ambulance to replace one with over 100,000 miles on it

and has become a safety issue. City Administrator Theresa Martinson says she will work with the department to find a grant to help defray the cost of the new rig, which could total over \$200,000. The new rig would be slightly longer and larger than

the previous one and would be four-wheel drive rather than two-wheel. The money for the new ambulance will come out of the Cook Area Ambulance budget, which is funded in part by the hospital levy. The bid process will likely take at least a month, then

it will take roughly a year for the new rig to be built.

In addition to the new ambulance, the department will now be able to keep staff on hand rather than on call during the holidays. The council

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Vermilion Dream Quilters first meeting of the year set for Jan. 9

TOWER – The Vermilion Dream Quilters' (VDQ) first meeting of the year will take place on Thursday, Jan. 9 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Martin's Church social hall in Tower. Each person may list four incomplete projects for their PhD, or Projects Half Done, which could include a kit bought but never opened, fabric held on to for years, embroidery, knitting, or any other hobby. At the January, April, July, and October meetings, we will draw a number from 1-4 and that will be the project we work on. At the end of the year – voila – four finished projects!

The January program, Quilting with Panels, will be presented by Nancy Andreae, Donna Filson, and Michele Sherwood. Cheryl Harelstad, JoAnn Anderson, and Alberta Whitenack will be our hostesses. Please bring panel quilt projects and/or pattern ideas if you have them. We also look forward to seeing everyone's Show & Tell.

VDQ members are from all over the Iron Range. We encourage, instruct, and share tips with each other. Guests and visitors interested in quilting and creative sewing are welcome. For more information please contact Corrine Hill at 218-753-4600.

NORTHERN PROGRESSIVES

Megan Bond to speak to Northern Progressives on Wednesday, Jan. 8

COOK - Megan Bond, a member of the Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) Party's Environmental Caucus is coming from International Falls on Wednesday, Jan. 8 to be the featured speaker at the Northern Progressives meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Crescent Bar & Grill in Cook. Bond will talk about the agenda of the Environmental Caucus, which works to educate and mobilize the citizens of Minnesota to protect, preserve, and restore the natural environment. She will update the group on the legislative proposals the caucus is supporting as we move into the next state legislative session, as well as solicit ideas for priorities and strategies from audience members.

Bond is an attorney in International Falls, where she specializes in family and criminal law for the Ninth Judicial District. She received her J.D. and M.A. in Public Policy and Leadership from the University of St. Thomas. She has worked in environmental policy and community outreach in both local government and for non-profit organizations since

1998. Currently, she is the Secretary for the Executive Committee of Senate District 3 and is also the Outreach Officer for the Koochiching County DFL Organizing Unit. She has a long history of activism and leadership in various units of the DFL.

Bond began her law and policy work in water conservation in southern Nevada. In Minnesota, she's been an advocate on land and water preservation in Voyageurs National Park and in the St. Louis River and Rainy River watersheds. She has sat on the Executive Committee of the DFL Environmental Caucus since June of 2018 and is currently co-chair of the Caucus' candidate endorsements sub-committee for Congressional Districts



7 and 8.

The Crescent is located just north of Cook. Attendees may choose to come early and order from the menu. For more information, contact Leah Rogne at 218-787-2212 or leah.rogne@gmail.com.

TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY



Students in grades two through six performed a mini-musical called "How the Penguins Saved Christmas," at their concert on Dec. 19. Above: The entire elementary joined together for the finale. photos by J. Summit



First-graders recited a humorous poem.



The penguins try to convince Santa Claus (played by Nico Lenci), who has lost his memory, that he needs to get ready for Christmas Eve.

That's a lot of penguins!



Second-grader Daniko Dupree sang a solo.



The Emperor Penguin, played by Kellin Pratt, is able to help Santa regain his memories.

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PLANNING AHEAD

Festival changes could shut out local nonprofits

Ely Chamber says shrinking space at Whiteside Park will mean fewer booths at Blueberry, Harvest Moon

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - The Chamber of Commerce's recent removal of the nonprofit category for participation in the city's festivals, starting next year, will affect more than a dozen local organizations that rely on the Blueberry/Art and Harvest Moon festivals for a large portion of their annual fundraising efforts.

"The decision to remove the nonprofit category was not an easy one and something that was not taken lightly," said Executive Director Eva Sebesta. "Due to challenges with operating the festival, it became necessary to make a change for its health and continuation. Prior to making the final decision, we consulted our attorney who offered recommendations. This was a conversation we had over the course of months as options were discussed."

Both the Blueberry/Art and Harvest Moon festivals are traditionally billed as art and craft shows, and the Chamber is trying to keep to that theme. "We are very grateful to have offered an opportunity for those nonprofits



A visitor to the Blueberry/Art Festival looks at the wares for sale at the Dorothy Molter Museum booth. The museum and other local nonprofits may be barred from the festival space next year. file photo

to participate under the nonprofit category. However, things have dramatically changed," Sebesta said.

"As an event organizer, we

plan festivals around the existing footprint of (Whiteside) park," she said. "The Blueberry/Art Festival map used through last summer has existed for more

than 10 years. With the ongoing park changes, we have literally been trying to put 15 pounds of potatoes in a 10-pound sack. The Blueberry/Art Festival demands every inch of usable space, which has dramatically decreased."

She noted that Whiteside Park is a beautiful location, but changes continue to occur. "Trees mature, die and are replaced," Sebesta said. "Benches, picnic tables, playground equipment and other amenities are added, shifted or expanded."

The Blueberry/Art Festival has traditionally accommodated more than 300 booths, according to the Chamber. "We are remapping the festival, which tracks the existing park features and then overlays booths within the usable space," she said. "We know we will lose, at minimum, 12 booth spaces. It is possible we will lose over 20 booths."

Sebesta explained that if the non-qualifying nonprofit groups feel they can fit into one of the art, craft or food categories, they are welcome to apply to either or both festivals using the appropriate jury application. "For the nonprofits that have reached out

to us, we have taken the time to listen to their concerns and offer additional opportunities," she said.

The Ely-Winton Historical Society is on the list of non-qualified organizations. "The EWHS and many other non-profits that represent Ely are worried about what happens when the 'essential Ely' is removed from these festivals," said EWHS Director Margaret Sweet.

"While we were encouraged to move our booths to the (Ely Ice Arena), that still cuts down on our sales by one day as the arena is not open on Sundays. It also eliminates Harvest Moon entirely as the Blue Line Club, which operates the flea market sales in the arena has not participated in that festival," she said.

Sebesta said the arena location is an opportunity for nonprofits to exhibit during Blueberry/Art weekend without having to create a new event. "The hockey arena is adjacent to the park within walking distance," she said. "Should non-profits choose to participate

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COUNTY SCHOOLS

School board hires new T-S community ed coordinator

by E. M. SCHULTZ
Staff Writer

REGIONAL — Tower-Soudan officially has a new coordinator for its community education program. The school board approved the hiring of Amy Banks at a special meeting here on Thursday, Dec. 19.

Banks, who has already been active in the role since early December, says she is working hard to "learn the ropes." Since the departure of the previous coordinator, the hours for the position have been cut from just over thirteen per week to seven. According to Superintendent Reggie Engebretson, the cut in

hours is a temporary measure until she has a "better understanding of the programs we (the district) will be offering in the future and the amount of time needed to oversee the program."

This is not the only change that school personnel will be experiencing. The board voted to ratify new union contracts for

support staff, such as paraprofessionals and teachers' aides, as well as food service employees and Indian Education employees. Each of the new contracts adjusts the salary schedule from six steps down to four and includes pay bumps at each step.

Approval of the new contracts wasn't unanimous, as

board members Chris Koivisto and Pat Christensen both voted against their ratification. Their concerns stemmed from the new salary schedule, as well as a lack of wording specifying the necessity of a bachelor's degree for certain positions. Koivisto

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Editorial

Climate change denial

Trump administration works to undermine the future of the planet

Next week, we begin a new decade knowing that the clock is ticking. The overwhelming scientific consensus is informing humanity with increasing urgency that climate change threatens to create a cascade of increasingly dire effects, many of which are expected to manifest themselves within the next ten years.

As we’ve already learned, climate change is not just a future threat. It is already wreaking havoc around the planet, from the melting Arctic to the deserts of Australia and the Middle East, that have recently experienced temperatures not previously thought possible on Planet Earth. The changes brought on by climate change are altering ecosystems in profound ways, sparking what many biologists are calling a new mass extinction event. Extreme events, from drought and wildfires, to unprecedented flooding, are already having major impact on economies and generating the beginning of what is certain to be essentially permanent and increasingly dire flows of human refugees.

In the face of what is truly an existential crisis for all life on this planet, we have a President of the United States who has not only turned a blind eye to the crisis, but who takes willful steps to make it worse. Even as dozens of U.S. states are working to meet commitments made under the Paris Climate Accord, the Trump administration is actively fighting those efforts in court. While the rest of the world is rightfully focused on reducing emissions of heat-trapping carbon, President Trump is using the power of his office to actively increase carbon emissions to both worsen and hasten the effects of climate change.

Such policies border on insanity, and not only because they threaten the future of life on Earth, including humanity. Such policies also harm America’s economic future.

The world is going through a transformation that longtime energy analysts like Jeremy Rifkin call the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Renewable forms of energy, like solar and wind, have fallen dramatically in price and are now the cheapest form

of new energy production capacity available. While the Trump administration may tout a return to dirty coal-burning power plants, utilities are going in the opposite direction, both because of consumer demand and because those who make such decisions for power companies live on this planet, too, and are perfectly aware of the unprecedented risks associated with the status quo.

President Trump, in his efforts to turn back the clock to an America where the air was unhealthy to breathe and rivers caught fire, demonstrates his lack of understanding of what is happening elsewhere in the world, and how his backward policies will leave America far behind the curve in terms of innovating, producing, and implementing a new energy future. Forget about a return to greatness. Donald Trump’s policies, if continued much longer, will make America Third World again.

Unfortunately, bad policy in the world’s most critical nation inevitably brings ripple effects. The collapse earlier this month of the U.N. Climate Summit in Madrid was, in part, the result of a lack of strong leadership. The United States, under President Obama, provided that leadership in 2015 and it resulted in the signing of the Paris Climate Accord, upon which the Madrid summit was supposed to build.

Instead, the Trump administration has withdrawn from the Paris Accord and sent virtually no one to the Madrid conference, a decision that undoubtedly contributed to the breakdown in the talks. Rather than leading the world toward a sustainable future, President Trump spent this critical time as he so often does, issuing childish tweets directed at his perceived political enemies. America has never been so lacking in leadership at so critical a time in human history.

Fifty and one hundred years from now, our children and grandchildren will look back on this period of human history with justifiable anger that we understood and recognized the problems posed by climate change, and yet, the leaders we needed to address the threat simply failed to act. As a society, we should be ashamed.



Letters from Readers

The little town that could, and still can!

Dear citizens and friends of Tower:

My wife Marit and I are still newcomers to Tower, and I guess we always will be, even though its residents honored me (us) with their vote and elected me as their mayor in November 2018. This was not in our plan four years ago when we moved to town, but is an honor I will always treasure – believe it or not.

We are grateful for our many friendships in Tower and the surrounding townships and cities – including Ely, Cook, Virginia and other Range cities.

We moved to Tower in December 2015 with a clear desire to live smaller, lighter, quieter and become a part of the beautiful nature that surrounds us. We had, and still have, a vision to contribute to the quality of life that a small town affords, to help maintain a vibrant economy, to preserve the historic quaintness of this small town that stole our hearts, and which deserves to provide the same for the generations that follow us.

It’s true that 2019 was a difficult year, both for our elected officials, and for the citizens of Tower. The heading of this letter is of course a take-off from the children’s story “The Little Engine That Could,” about the struggle of a small locomotive pulling a load up a mountain side. It is commonly used to teach children the value of optimism and hard work. I think it’s a good example of the somewhat painful past year in Tower. Many people with optimism and vision for Tower (too many to name) have worked hard to climb the mountain that was 2019. We have another mountain ahead of us in 2020 but the same optimism will see us through then, as long as we maintain trust and work together.

Tower does not stand alone. We serve as a commerce center for the ring of townships that surround us, and especially

Soudan (Breitung) which I have always regarded as a sister-city. There are many economies of scale that in the future should be incorporated, paradoxically perhaps just so that each can maintain their own unique individuality.

I would be remiss if I did not also express sadness that a few people in Tower who had veered off-track, knowingly or unknowingly, were hurt during the process of fixing the administrative and financial operations of the city. Long-time citizens living in Tower gave their time and talent serving on the city council, committees and commissions. Many are back enjoying their private lives, and some are serving Tower in other ways. All are valued citizens of Tower and for the sake of all of us we need to look to the future and not be distracted by bygones. Let them be, as the saying goes.

I would like to request the same for Marit and me as founders of Tower Vision 2025, which first spawned a visionary project and then an independent company, Tower Harbor Shores, LLC. We have been fully transparent in our divestiture of any holdings we had in Tower Harbor Shores, but we retain personal ownership in “our” vision, Tower Vision 2025, which is currently non-operational. Any attempt to indicate otherwise is malicious mischief. Any serious inquiry should be directed to the proper authority.

On a final note, I feel that Tower’s current city hall management, and maintenance and emergency services staff are the finest we could wish for. During the past year we have seen many improvements in procedures, services and communication – and there are more to come. I feel I must mention Lamppa Manufacturing, a home-grown, three-generation, world-class company which has proven that true economic development can happen in Tower. Lamppa Manufacturing, Your Boat Club, and rethinking/restarting the Harbor development are only the beginning. There is

unlimited potential for Tower to once again have a thriving Main Street, a strong labor force, good-paying jobs, and growing families.

I just left the Tower-Soudan grade school’s Christmas Concert and was moved nearly to tears watching the talented young people perform – they will reap the benefit from the development already underway in Tower. I am extremely proud of my little town and am enthusiastic about our potential over the next decade!

Thank you to all the terrific volunteers who make us great! This little engine that we call Tower is going to continue to successfully climb mountains!

Marit and I wish all of you a Joyous Christmas holiday season and a prosperous New Year!

Orlyn Kringstad
Mayor of Tower

Thanks to those who helped with the Eco-Ely house

Thank you to the *Timberjay* and all our sponsors and especially to the high school students and adults who participated in the educational piece of our building project. The teaching aspect has been the most rewarding part.

The next stage will be the study of the house’s performance over the course of five years. This would include monitoring yearly energy use, performance of the windows, insulation package, and mechanicals. What worked well and what might need improvement.

We will be sharing this information in an annual report via the *Timberjay* and our website www.ecoely.com which includes the opportunity to add additional sponsors.

Andy and Paula Hill
Eco-Ely House Project

Where the
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Hindsights and insights can help us in 2020

On a bitter cold Tuesday night, Dec. 17, well over two dozen people gathered on a street corner in Virginia to support the impeachment of Donald Trump. It was a bold decision to grab our signs and brave the blistering winds. And honestly, we didn’t think the political climate out there



KATHLEEN MCQUILLAN

wouldn’t be much warmer. But we did it anyway. By most reports, we were there because we felt we didn’t have a choice. Somebody had to do it and it was us!

We “brave souls” as some branded us were acting upon our Constitution’s First Amendment right to “peacefully assemble” and

express our political convictions. Americans along with people all over the world have been doing this for centuries.

A quick delve into history provides some of the most memorable and inspiring examples on record. Going way back to 1789, there’s the story of the French and their infamous “storming of the Bastille”, guillotine and all. These fearless, not-to-be-deterred folks continue to regularly call for nationwide strikes. In 1930, Gandhi led the “Salt

March”, a 240-mile trek to the coast of India that lasted 23 days. It shifted the world’s sympathy away from Britain to ultimately support India’s independence. Our own Boston Tea Party, an act of civil disobedience by a mere 100 people, became the precursor to the American Revolution. If we zip ahead to more recent times, one of the greatest examples of the power of protest is the Civil Rights Movement of the mid-twentieth century. In August 1963, hundreds of

thousands of people gathered on the grounds of the Washington Monument to pressure President John Kennedy to draw up civil rights legislation. Here, Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his now famous “I Have a Dream” speech, as one person put it, “elevating an event from mere protest to national drama,” with words and photographic images that would be seared forever into

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Letters from Readers

Legislators tout Twin Metals project release

A bipartisan group of northern legislators commend Twin Metals Minnesota for reaching the important milestone of submitting its mine project proposal to state and federal agencies for review. Mining is our heritage

and an important aspect of our future. We are pleased that environmental review is about to begin for a project that would provide vital economic benefits for the communities and families in our districts for years to come.

Our communities have long benefitted from an economy supported by natural resource-

es-based industries. We have an equally strong history of enjoying and protecting the environment in our beautiful part of the state. We commend Twin Metals for their commitment to build a project that meets or exceeds state and federal standards to protect the environment where we live, work and play.

We expect no less.

Our state regulatory agencies and the public will now begin the process of thoroughly reviewing and commenting on the proposed Twin Metals project. We support that process and look forward to participating in it. We hope all Minnesotans will do the same.

Senator David Tomassoni
Senator Justin Eichorn
Senator Paul Gazelka
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Rep. Dale Lueck
Rep. Sandy Layman

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

Township to host series of winter events in 2020

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA

Timberjay staff writer

Soudan- The Breitung Town Board, at their meeting on Dec. 17, agreed to host three winter-time events in 2020, including Finlander Bocce Ball, an open house at the new Breitung Community Room, and Hockey Day Soudan.

Finlander Bocce Ball will be held on Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Soudan rink and is once again being sponsored by the Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board. Good Ol' Days will provide food and beverages for the event and the rink will be closed to skating on both Jan. 17 and 18. Mixed teams of four members will compete for prizes

in the elimination-style tournament. Look for registration information in an upcoming paper.

The open house at the new community room will be held on Thursday, Jan. 23, from 2-6 p.m. The community is invited to see the newly remodeled building as well as visit with their neighbors. The new community room, at the remodeled town hall, will be available for rentals and to use for community activities and classes. Food will be served. Antique Soudan Post Office box fronts will be for sale at the event.

Hockey Day Soudan will be held on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Soudan rink, with Good Ol' Days again selling food and beverages.

The highlight of the day of hockey-related fun for all ages is the marquee game between Tower and Soudan, a rivalry that has been going on for 18 years. Tower has won the title the last three years, although Soudan won 15 straight years prior to that. Skaters ages 16 and up are welcome to play—you don't have to register or be from either town, just show up if you want to play. For more information, call Greg Dostert at 218-248-3047.

In other news, the Breitung town board:

► Heard that the police contract had been finalized, but details were not yet available.

► Will send a letter to Tom Gorsma, the new Breitung Maintenance Director, with his start date

of March 1, 2020.

► Heard that new music speakers were installed in the Soudan rink's warming shack.

► Heard that the Breitung Fire Department will not pursue getting a member certified in car seat safety due to the extensive training and time commitment required. Instead, they will invite the Ely Fire Chief, who is certified, for a one-day car seat clinic at a yet-to-be-determined date.

► Will seek a second quote for a TV mount and installation for the Breitung Community Center.

► Heard that Lenci is still working on minor details for the building renovation project.

► Paid an invoice

to ARI for \$1,495 and thanked ARI for sending a wreath.

► Heard that \$2,879 has been earned from the sale of antique post office box sales. The money will be used to purchase furniture and equipment for the community center. Boxes are still available. For more information, contact the Breitung clerk's office, 218-753-6020, or they can be purchased at the Breitung Community Room Open House.

► Heard that the wastewater project scored well for funding. The wastewater board hopes to receive funding from the state bonding bill, IRRRB, and CDBG. The \$3.4 million project would update the water filtration system from a well to

surface water treatment, resulting in better and safer water quality for Tower and Breitung residents.

► Heard that the clerk/treasurer's office will be open Monday, Dec. 23, Friday, Dec. 27, Tuesday, Dec. 31, and Thursday, Jan. 2.

► Heard that the township is considering upgrading the ballot-counting machine, which is very old. The cost to do so would be about \$2,500. The board also set the polling place to be the Breitung Community Center.

► Heard that the county will soon appraise the newly remodeled buildings.

► Set the next meeting for Tuesday, Jan. 21 at noon.

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the nation's collective consciousness.

There are some who debate the value of "marches" and "demonstrations", especially in this age of social and mass media. People of all stripes ask how effective they are and are there other methods of political protest available to us in their stead. Mark Lilla in his book, "The Once and Future Liberal" writes, "The age of movement politics is over.... We need no more marches. We need more mayors." I would agree that times have changed—dramatically so! But I still believe there is an important, even necessary, place for mass demonstrations.

It's interesting that the four largest demonstrations in U.S. history have occurred since the beginning of the Trump

Administration. Largest of all was the Women's March of 2017 with an estimated 3.3-4.6 million attending nationwide. Next largest listed is the Women's March of 2018 numbered at 1.5 million. Third is the March for our Lives in March 2018, estimated at 1.2-2 million. (Note: Estimates made by the National Park Service up to 1995 were found to have grossly underestimated the size of the crowd at the Million Man March. Since then, police data is combined with journalist, organizer and crowd science researchers' estimates to improve accuracy.) And let's not forget that while we were gathering in the U.S., so were others all around the world marching with similar concerns.

Many countries are experiencing political

shifts to the right that are threatening what we've generally considered to be beneficial gains for society as a whole. Things like greater tolerance for ethnic and religious diversity, increased personal safety for women and children, and growing numbers of women becoming civically and politically engaged. Other serious concerns backed by data involve declines in the overall health of our planet, a changing climate, and growing threats to many plant and animal species, including our own. When we consider evidence showing increased incidents of violent behaviors such as mass shootings, suicides and hate crimes, and economic policies that have led to greater income inequality, and systematic underfunding of important social programs designed

to reduce poverty and enlarge the middle class, the future begins to look crushingly bleak.

Technological developments like social and mass media have also been shown to contribute to greater social isolation and a decline in group and community engagement. Activities like team sports, civic organizations and even church attendance have seen a decline in membership. The research examining the surge in marches and other public forms of protest suggests that more people may be showing up out of a growing need to join others in opposition to these current social and political trends.

In an August 2017 online article for the New Yorker entitled, "Is There Any Point to Protesting?", writer Nathan Heller talks

about the Women's March this way. Any event that involves millions of people "on every continent, including Antarctica, in a direct action, is something to value." Independent of its measurable results, it "cannot be called a failure. At a time when identity is presumed to be clannish and insular, it offered solidarity on a vast scale."

Although our gathering in Virginia was by no means on a "vast scale", it certainly offered a feeling of solidarity. There were lots of beeps, "Thanks!" and thumbs up. We weren't alone! And maybe it meant something to those fleeting strangers to see somebody out there. They weren't alone either! Here's how Heller summed it all up.

"What was the Women's March all about? Why did it matter? Because we were there.

Self-government remains a messy, fussy, slow, frustrating business. We do well to remind those working its gears and levers that the public — not just appalled me but the conjoined us, whom the elected serve — is watching and aware. More than two centuries after our country took its first shaky steps, the union is miles from perfection. But it is still on its feet, sometimes striding, frequently stumbling. The march goes on, and someday, not just in our dreams, we'll make it home."

In 2020, let's help each other keep our eyes keenly "on the prize" and our country firmly "on its feet" through the trying times ahead.

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in the Blue Line event, they will be supporting a fellow nonprofit focusing on Ely's youth hockey program. This is a viable option for nonprofits."

Sebesta noted that the Ely Chamber of Commerce is not opposed to nonprofits. "We are strong supporters of our nonprofits and provide funding for a variety of groups in the community. However, we are losing a significant amount of space (in Whiteside Park) and need to make changes for the health and continued success of each art and craft festival."

Nonprofits remaining in the festivals, according to the chamber, include the Ely Fire

Department, Ely Jaycees, Ely Kiwanis Club, Incredible Ely and the Ely Hoop Club. "The first four nonprofits listed are in the food vendor category," Sebesta noted. "The Ely Hoop Club provides all of the garbage and recycling cleanup during each festival."

Economic driver

Both of Ely's premier festivals are promoted as art and craft events, and visitors come to town by the tens of thousands. "We need to remain true to the mission of both events, which are economic drivers bringing people to Ely for the event, and exposing them to our retail businesses, restaurants and lodging

facilities," Sebesta said.

Revenue generated from both the Blueberry/Art and Harvest Moon festivals provides the funding for all of the chamber's other events and promotions held throughout the year.

Other chamber events here include the Mrs. Claus Party, Thanksgiving Night Shopping, Smalltown Christmas, Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony, Northwoods Medallion Hunt, City Wide Rummage and Business Crazy Day Sale, Business Appreciation Day, Tuesday Nite Live, Chocoholic Frolic and the Passport to Savings Coupon Book.

In addition, Sebesta added, festival revenue also provides donations and sponsorships to local nonprofits and their events, including: Ely Winter Festival, KCPro Kids Snowmobile Racing, WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race, Peter Mitchell Days, Legion Baseball Tournament, Ely-Winton History Nights, Northwoods Partners Tree of Lights, Ely's Historic State Theater, Snowmobile FunRun, Jake Forsman Burnout and Car Show, Ely Nordic Ski Association, Washington PTO, Ely Golf Club, Happy Days Preschool, and All Night Graduation Party.

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expressed concern that some employees who have quickly reached the top of their pay scale and have no room for growth could be dissatisfied, though other board members waved off these concerns as the new contracts still allow for cost of living adjustments.

In other business, the board:

► Approved the calendar listing of regular school

board meetings for 2020. The first meeting of the new year will take place on Tuesday, Jan. 7 at 5 p.m.

► Approved the calendar for the 2020-2021 school year.

► Denied a grievance from EdMN Local 1406 regarding a teacher who failed to turn in a voucher within the allowed time-frame for work completed outside the required class-

room duties.

► Accepted the resignation of Jacqueline Bush, a secretary at Northeast Range.

► Approved the termination of part time North Woods custodian James Boutto.

► Approved the purchase of four Bluebird propane school buses. The district will trade in three of their current buses to help

defray the cost, which will total \$392,000.

► Approved an Indian

Education policies and procedures document for 2019-2020.

Ely Community Health Center

Open Every Thursday 5:30-7 p.m.

Providing NO COST basic healthcare and referrals
 111 S 4th Ave E, Ely

Volunteer opportunities also available

Local nonprofits possibly affected

-Conservationists with Common Sense
 -Dorothy Molter Museum
 -EBCH Foundation
 -Ely Field Naturalists
 -Ely Winter Festival
 -Ely-Winton Historical Society
 -International Wolf Center
 -Listening Point Foundation
 -Morse-Fall Lake Relief Association
 -NEMinnesotans for Wilderness
 -North American Bear Center
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Week of Dec. 30

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 Jan. 21.

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.

Thursday

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

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 Dec. 30

School closed all week, no lunches served. School resumes on Jan. 6.

Week of Jan. 6

Monday- Chicken Sandwich, Vegetable Soup

Tuesday- Taco Salad, Corn Bread

Wednesday- Rotini with Meat Sauce, Garlic Bread Stick

Thursday- Meatballs, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Dinner Roll, Green Beans

Friday- Mini Corn Dogs, Baked Beans

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SANTA WAS HERE



Santa Claus made a special trip to Fortune Bay Resort Casino on Dec. 14. Right: Lennon Zubke is all smiles with the jolly old man. Middle right: Axel Koski isn't quite sure what to say. Bottom right: Santa visits with his little helper Ariss Jenson, along with Dawn Frazee, and her granddaughter Flora Siemsen.
photos by J. Summit



Hudson Cobby was the lucky winner of the giant stocking filled with toys. submitted photo



BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

Monthly Summary:
Calls: 133
Citations/formal charges: 4
Monthly mileage: 2,006 (Tahoe: 970, Explorer: 1,036)



November Police Report

Breitung Police Chief Dan Nylund

Program.

Community: Chief Nylund and Lieutenant Sanderson took part in the 8th annual Stuff the Ambulance Toy Drive.

Call summary:
1 Speed
1 Probation violation
arrest
1 Felony warrant arrest
1 AOA disorderly conduct arrest
1 Drivers license restriction - reported to county attorney

Squads: Current end of the month mileage for the Gold 2012 Chevy Tahoe is 90,760. Current end of the month mileage for the 2017 Ford Explorer is 24,965. The Tahoe had repairs done on its four-wheel drive and for a tire pressure issue.

Additional shifts: During the month of November the Breitung Police worked one extra TZD shift.

Training: Chief Nylund completed an Occupant Protection Training

Safe Driving Tips: Be TireWise, because the only thing between you and the road are your tires. Yearly estimates back up that statement. On average, drivers in the United States put more than 2,969 billion miles on their tires, there are nearly 11,000 tire-related crashes, and almost 200 people will die in those crashes. Many of these crashes can be prevented through proper tire maintenance—including tire inflation and rota-

tion—and understanding tire labels, tire aging, and recalls and complaints. Because safety is our top priority, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Department of Transportation want to make sure you have the tools to avoid being in one of those 11,000 crashes. TireWise is your resource to help you make smart decisions to keep you and your family safe, whether you're in the market to buy new tires or want to extend the life and safety of the ones on your car or truck.

(Information courtesy of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration)

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Township filings open Dec. 31

REGIONAL- Township filings for area townships that hold their elections in March open on Tuesday, Dec. 31 and close on Tuesday, Jan. 14 at 5 p.m.

Breitung, Vermilion Lake, and Greenwood all hold their township elections in March. Eagles Nest, Kugler, and Tower hold their local elections in November.

Vermilion Lake and Breitung both have one supervisor seat (three-year term), and one clerk (two-year term) on the ballot. In Greenwood, which has a five-person board, there are two supervisor seats (three-year terms), and one clerk (two-year term) on the ballot.

To file in Vermilion Lake Township, you need to make an appointment with the clerk by calling 218-749-2902. The clerk's office at the Vermilion Lake Town Hall will also be open from 1 – 5 p.m. on Jan. 14.

Filings in Breitung can be done during the clerk's office hours, Tuesday through Thursday from 12 noon – 4 p.m., or by calling 753-6020 to make an appointment. The clerk's office will also be open from 1 – 5 p.m. on Jan. 14.

Filings in Greenwood can be done during the clerk's office hours, open Tuesday and Wednesday, 9 a.m. -3 p.m., and Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. Please call in advance to confirm the office will be open,

218-753-2231. The clerk's office will also be open from 1 – 5 p.m. on Jan. 14.

Soudan Skating Rink now open

SOUDAN- The Soudan Skating Rink is now ready for action! The warming shack will be open weekdays from 4 p.m. until closing, and weekends from 11 a.m. – closing. On holidays and school vacation days, hours are 11 a.m. – closing. The rink will be closed due to inclement weather, and a notice will be posted.

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

Bookmobile Schedule

Wednesday, Jan. 15; Feb. 5 and 26

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

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'
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noon Fridays, St.
Anthony's Catholic
Church, Ely.
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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
First Ave E, starting at 6
p.m. There is a \$5 entry
fee, plus 25 cents per set.

**Senior lunch
offered daily**
ELY - The Ely
Senior Lunch program
is held daily at the Ely
Senior Center, 27 S
First Ave E, from noon
to 1 p.m. Must be at
least 60 years of age to
participate.

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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ELY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Lead found in some school water fixtures

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - Some water fixtures on the ISD 696 campus are out of compliance following recent testing for the presence of lead.

The recent testing here, according to Superintendent Erik Erie, was conducted by the Institute for Environmental Assessment (IEA) as required by a 2018 Minnesota state statute (121A.335) that requires potable water fixtures in public school buildings to be tested for lead

in water at least once every five years.

“During this testing phase IEA identified some fixtures that were out of compliance,” Erie said in a notice sent to parents and district employees. “The district is actively taking steps to insure the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors to our buildings.”

Several steps to remedy the non-compliant fixtures have been taken:

- Fixtures with elevated levels have been disconnected;
- Signs have been posted on all

affected fixtures;

- Students have been notified and directed to drink only from acceptable fixtures and filtered water fountains;
- Additional sources of potable drinking water have been provided; and
- Further testing on water sources and fixtures is being conducted.

A copy of the Lead-in-Drinking Water Testing Report is available in the Ely Public Schools District Office. For more information, call Erie at 218-365-6166..

OUR COMMUNITY

Ely Food Shelf benefits from several donations

ELY - The Ely Area Food Shelf recently received several donations totaling close to \$10,000 from local organizations

Midco Communications donated 25 turkeys and 25 hams in addition to a \$2,500 check, according to Cheryl Boyes, Food Shelf director.



Ely area Midco Communications staff recently presented 25 turkeys, 25 hams, and a monetary donation to Cheryl Boyes at the Ely Area Food Shelf. submitted photo

“Earlier last week we received a check from Mike Motors for \$1,150,” she said. “They donated \$50 for each car that they sold in November. We also recently received \$6,300 through the Ely Rotary Club.” These funds were generated from the Penny Jars that are located at the businesses in Ely.

“We are grateful as well for the financial

support, and donation of time and 100 pairs of white cotton socks, from Lindsey Keen of State Farm Insurance,” Boyes added.

“We are most appreciative of these donations

as we strive to meet to our Mission: “Working to eliminate hunger through community partnerships. We are only able to serve those in need around the Ely area because of our partnerships with

individuals near and far, businesses, churches and our amazing dedicated volunteers. The Ely area is a generous supportive community.”

INTERNATIONAL WOLF CENTER

Grizzer now alone in retirement enclosure

ELY - Wolf care staff at the International Wolf Center here are working hard to keep Grizzer stimulated now that he’s the only wolf in the retirement enclosure.

According to Assistant Wolf Curator, Leanne Martin, after Luna’s recent passing, the staff is motivated to keep Grizzer active.

“One method is to open up the Pack Holding Area during morning wolf care, which allows the Exhibit Pack to come in and greet Grizzer through the fence,” she said. “During these sessions, Grizzer is locked out of the Pack Holding Area, but has full access to the east side and back area of the habitat.

Grizzer has not dis-

played any aggression toward the other wolves. “In fact, he seems eager to engage with them,” she said. “Although he could leave the fence line at any time, he chooses to stay and greet the others, often face to face.”

Once the Exhibit Pack is back in the main enclosure, Grizzer is let back out into the Pack Holding Area, and he gets to investigate the areas that the other wolves marked. “This helps keep his cognitive ability stimulated,” Martin added. “Grizzer’s current weight is 125 lbs. This is a great weight for him, especially going into winter.”

For more information, go to www.wolf.org.



With the recent passing of Luna, Grizzer is the sole ambassador wolf in the retirement enclosure at the International Wolf Center Interpretive Center in Ely. submitted photo

AROUND TOWN

Have coffee with a policeman

ELY - Join members of the Ely Police Department at the Front Porch Coffee and Tea Co. on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. for Coffee with a Cop. The program was started as a community-police initiative to build relationships between law enforcement and the community they serve. “This event provides a way to meet a police officer from the Ely Police Department in an informal and relaxed setting,” said Chief John Lahtonen.



Mrs. Claus gets her photograph taken with Mabel Nyquist, 2, and her five-month-old brother, Roger Jr., at the Ely Chamber of Commerce’s Mrs. Claus Party on Dec. 14 at Amici’s Event Center. Parents are Roger and Deb Nyquist, of Ely. photo by K. Vandervort

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Spaghetti Dinner

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ALL-U-CAN-EAT Spaghetti Dinner
Friday, December 27 • 2-7 pm
Ely High School Cafeteria

Spaghetti w/Meat or Veggie Sauce
Tossed Salad/Dressings/Bread Sticks
Cookies/Beverage

Adults \$7 • Students (with school ID) \$6
Seniors \$6 • Children Grades K-6 \$4
Age 4 And Under FREE

1 PM Girl's Basketball: NE Range vs. Wrenshall
2:30 PM Girl's Basketball: Carlton vs. South Ridge
4 PM Girl's Basketball: Deer River vs. Ely
5:30 PM Girl's Basketball: Bigfork vs. Cook County
7 PM Girl's Basketball: Isle vs. Ely



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NORTH WOODS SCHOOL

A chance to observe our teachers in their classrooms...



I almost didn't get this article written this week. The schedule is a little full. Why? It is the law that teachers are evaluated by the Principal, and that means me. Non-tenured teachers, also called probationary, are teachers who have taught for less than three years in any given Minnesota district or who have been tenured in their previous district and are in their first year at the present school. Probationary teachers receive three evaluations per year. North Woods has thirteen probationary teachers this year. That means

three evaluations each for thirteen teachers, plus meeting with the teachers individually for each evaluation. It is about an hour for each evaluation and meeting, which adds up to around eighty hours of time for me. I try to schedule evaluations in rounds over the course of a couple weeks. During the two or so weeks that I am doing evaluations, it takes the majority of my time at work. The evaluation itself is not a negative thing for me, it just takes a great deal of time, and it results in other things ending up on the back burner! That is why I almost did not get this done this week. The purpose of the evaluation is to ensure that teachers are supported in order to be as effective as possible. It's to make sure everyone is doing their job, simply put. The running joke in education is, "They didn't

teach me that at the university!" We'll get more into that in a later article. The best part of evaluations is that I get to be in the classroom with teachers and kids. What have I seen as I attend class with your kids? Lots of really good stuff. Not everything is perfect all the time, and I am not naive enough to think that a classroom is the same every day, much less the same when I am in there or not. However, I also know that what I see on a given day is at least a reasonable snapshot of a classroom and that our teachers do their best every day! What do I see? I see teachers showing an incredible amount of flexibility. We didn't get that kind of flexibility in 1980, that's for sure. I see that kids have a voice and that they are able to give feedback to teachers about their needs and wants. I see kids who

are not afraid to speak up, which happens when teachers allow students' voice in their environment. I hear music. Yup, some teachers play music while students are working. The students even get to pick the genre. I see teachers delivering material in multiple ways and styles to ensure that kids who learn visually and orally can be successful. I see kids working hands-on in small groups and with partners. I see kids getting a say in how they complete an assignment, literally having the opportunity to choose the fashion in which they complete the requirement. I see kids getting a break with movement and activity. Kids need to get the wiggles out. It's a long day having to sit in a chair for seven hours. Take it from me, I know! I see flexibility in pacing. Some students may need more time to learn some-

thing, and they usually get it. I saw a class today where students were engaged in discussion, sharing opinions on politically relevant topics. Teachers are assisting in discussion and facilitating rather than dictating to their kids. Instead of rows of desks, kids are with partners or working in groups. I see lots of technology. I see kids researching topics right in class, writing about it, and then discussing it, all in the same class period. I watched a teacher use modern music to teach a lesson on vocabulary. It was educational, entertaining, engaging, and fun all at once. I see kids as young as Kindergarten working independently on reading and spelling while the teacher works with a small group on a story. That's right folks, five-year-olds working on their own and actually doing what they are supposed to while they are

learning! Sometimes I see a teacher up front, lecturing passionately about the Holocaust or solving equations, and sometimes I hear teachers "get after" a class for talking too much or being off task. Just like when you were a kid. I even watched a teacher use flash cards today, hand-written on index cards. Old school. And that's okay. We love our kids, and really work hard to be flexible, but firm enough to hold them accountable. It doesn't look like 1980, but it isn't 1980. It is all about finding a balance, meeting people at their level, and making sure that kids feel valued while they learn to be accountable for themselves.

Go Grizzlies!
John Vukmanich
Principal

Audubon Christmas Bird Count to take place on Dec. 28

by E. M. SCHULTZ
Staff Writer

COOK – Juliann (Julie) Grahn, the designated compiler for the Cook area Audubon Christmas Bird Count, stopped by the library here earlier this month to discuss this year's upcoming count, which will take place on Saturday, Dec. 28. For over ninety minutes, she shared tips on how to identify the different bird species that are present here during the winter months, while sharing a slideshow rife with photos of said birds. Every year, from Dec. 14 through Jan. 5, the National Audubon

Society holds a Christmas Bird Count. All over the country, bird lovers and helpful citizens spend one specific day recording the type and number of birds they observe in their area or circle. They report their numbers to the designated compiler, and the compiler reports them to Audubon, which uses the data to "fuel" their work throughout the year. In Minnesota, there are roughly eighty of these circles. These specified areas help maintain consistency, which is vital to a long-term study. This is also the reason why each circle executes the count on the same day every year. Consistent data collection leads to a more accurate idea of what birds are present in what areas. The Cook area circle has participated in the count since 2002 and has seen upwards of thirty-two species during a single count. The circle around the Cook area was established in 2002 by Charlotte Jacobsen. She later moved away from the area, passing the torch to Bill Conger, who acted as the compiler for a number of years. Then, in 2014, he recruited Grahn and Dee Kuder to help him. Grahn has been the Cook area compiler ever since and has enjoyed every minute of it. According to her, anywhere from 35-45 people participate each year. "Our people are usually very enthusiastic," she says. Some of those who participate have been doing so since the beginning. Each year, they have a little gathering, which usually involves chili, at the Cook Timberwolves Snowmobile Club building for people who spend their morning in the field looking for birds. It's a

pleasant way to warm up, discuss what's already been spotted, and keep spirits high. Afterward, volunteers are welcome to head back out to count more birds or they can go home and enjoy the rest of their day. Grahn also mentioned that some volunteers have engaged in a little friendly competition in past years. She says it's fun listening to people comparing their finds and pushing each other to keep working at it. During her presentation, Grahn mentioned several reasons why someone would want to get involved with bird watching. The observation of beauty, entertainment, and an opportunity to learn something new all ranked among the reasons. Another reason she mentioned, though, was slightly less optimistic. "Birds are in trouble," says Grahn. She's received several reports from area residents who are seeing fewer chickadees and typical feeder birds than in past years, and habitat loss is a major threat. It's not all bad news, though. Some birds, such as the winter

finches that come down from the north to seek fresh food sources, aren't coming because they already have plenty to eat. Grahn is also optimistic that the future of birds can still be saved. "If we want to continue having them (birds)," says Grahn, "we need to inspire young people to get in touch with nature." Instilling an appreciation for nature in our youth will hopefully help them understand the importance of conservation and what the loss of different bird species would mean for the area and the country at large. Grahn, who's been birding for years, still gets a rush from spotting a species she's never seen before. "Any new bird is exciting," she says. One of the highlights of her bird watching was seeing an American Three-Toed Woodpecker, which she says is a rarity unless you're in an area with an insect infestation or where a recent burn has occurred. Yet, as Grahn points out, birds are wild creatures, and no matter how much humans study them, they never

cease to surprise. As she puts it, "we'll never get them totally figured out." Grahn would like area residents to know that anyone who happens to be in the circle on the day of the Christmas Bird Count is able and welcome to participate, which means it isn't limited to residents of the area. It also means that those who find themselves elsewhere during the Christmas Bird Count season could potentially participate in another circle if the timing is right. Grahn encourages people to get involved no matter where they might be at the time because it's important work, and it's a great way to meet other people who are interested in bird watching. If you would like to participate in this year's count, head to <https://www.audubon.org/conservation/science/christmas-bird-count> to find the circle nearest you or call Julie at 218-666-2450. The website will also provide information on starting a circle if you happen to live in an area where one doesn't currently exist.



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The latest probe comes on the heels of a settlement between the company and the department in late October, which followed an earlier investigation that concluded that Frontier had failed to provide adequate, reliable phone service to Minnesota customers. According to the department, the settlement aims to hold Frontier accountable for its service quality and reliability issues, as well as providing tangible remedies to Minnesota consumers. Once the Minnesota Public Utilities

Commission issues an order enforcing the settlement, the department will be able to assist Minnesota consumers in filing claims for the remedies outlined in that settlement.

The department launched its investigation back in early 2018 in response to reporting in the *Timberjay* about the company's unreliability within its northeastern Minnesota service territory.

The new investigation into sales and billing practices is getting underway as Frontier Communications teeters on the edge of bankruptcy. The company's common stock, which traded at \$125 per share as recently as 2015, was hovering

at less than 65 cents per share as of this past week. Recent media reports have indicated the company is planning to file for Chapter 11 bankruptcy as early as the first quarter of 2020. It's not clear how a Frontier bankruptcy could impact its ability to serve its Minnesota customers. A Chapter 11 filing would give the company time to reorganize its business operations and restructure or discharge its debts.

Commerce Department spokesperson Emmalyn Bauer said state officials are aware of the speculation surrounding Frontier's possible bankruptcy. "However, Frontier has not communicated that directly to Commerce, and

the agency expects the company will continue to serve its customers. If Frontier were to go into bankruptcy, the agency would actively work to protect the interests of consumers," said Bauer.

Frontier Communications of Minnesota, Inc., and its affiliate, Citizens Telecommunications of Minnesota, LLC, provide telephone service to approximately 90,000 Minnesota households and businesses, as well as internet service to many more households, in many parts of rural Minnesota and the Twin Cities metro area.

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Louis County in 2020. The IRRR funds will comprise just a small portion of the \$3.794 million reconstruction project. The city will contribute \$944,500, CDBG will add \$250,000, and St. Louis County will contribute \$2.4 million.

Ely will also receive a \$190,000 grant for the second phase of a mountain biking project located at Hidden Valley Ski Area. The project includes construction of approximately nine miles of single track trail for summer and winter riding. The second phase of the project is projected to cost \$380,601, with additional funding coming from the federal recreational trail program.

Among other area grants, Embarrass Township will receive

\$45,000 toward a \$92,500 upgrade to a wayside rest bathroom facility at the intersection of Hwy. 135 and County Rd. 21.

In addition, Crane Lake Township will receive a \$100,000 grant to go towards completion of a 5.6-mile wooded trail from Crane Lake to the Vermilion Falls picnic area. Additional federal and state funds will contribute to the \$700,000 project.

The IRRR also approved a \$450,000 grant to fund design and construction of additional miles of the Mesabi Trail. The funding will be supplemented with \$700,000 from the Legislative Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources, or LCCMR, and \$750,000 from the state's Legacy Fund. The

additional funding is dedicated for completion of the Palo Tia Rd. segment in Embarrass and to connect Lake Vermilion State Park to the Eagles Nest Town Hall.

State Theater

Meanwhile, the IRRR okayed a \$300,000 bridge loan to Ely's State Theater but not without a few questions. Sen. Tom Bakk and others questioned whether the construction work undertaken on the project met prevailing wage rates, a requirement that typically comes with IRRR-funded projects. Tanner Ott, representing the developers, told board

members that prevailing wages were not always paid, although some portions of the project would have met that requirement. IRRR Commissioner Mark Phillips said the agency had been approached by the city of Ely for the assistance and that he viewed it as community development given that it would be providing an entertainment venue for the city.

Bakk said he would be more concerned if the funding entailed a grant rather than a bridge loan, but he suggested that the agency send a letter to area communities recommending that they not submit

requests for funding for projects after they are built, as was the case with the State Theater, unless they've already ensured that the project included prevailing wages.

Sen. David Tomassoni asked about the prospects for repayment. Ott said he's been assured by consultants he's worked with that the project will qualify for historic preservation tax

credits, which will allow his company to repay the bridge loan. "Do you have that in writing?" asked Tomassoni. Ott said the State Historical Preservation Office doesn't guarantee the credits until it has reviewed the entire application, but he's confident the credits will be authorized.

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the front end of the creative process by her husband, Curt, who helps her with the design process. “He is actually the brains of the whole thing,” Susan said. She starts with receiving a request for a cake and the size of the sheet cake she will create, typically a 10-inch by 10-inch size, or 12 by 15, or something in that range. “My cakes are very tall (about four inches) so they serve more people,” she said. Almost any flavor is available.

“Here’s a little secret: Keep the kitchen quiet while the cake is baking in the oven. It keeps the cake happy,” she said. “I set the oven at 300 degrees, because 350 is just too traumatic.”

After cooling, she puts the cake in the freezer. Then she gets down to what should be decorated on the cake. She talks with the cake customer and determines the subject’s interests, hobbies and whatever special occasion they might be celebrating.

On a recent afternoon, Susan was producing a birthday cake for Ethan Tome, who was turning seven years old. “He really likes Roblox,” she said. “In this last year I have had to learn a lot about the new culture of things going on, such as video games and things like Minecraft and these Roblox that I never heard about. Mom (Helen Tome) sent me an image that Ethan created.”



Susan and Curt Laine have lived in Ely since 2017. At right, Susan works on a birthday cake for Ethan Tome. photos by K. Vandervort

Curt said that while so many images available may be copyright protected, such images can be used for personal use. “If you want to put a picture on a birthday cake, you can go ahead and do that,” he said, “but you couldn’t put that image on a greeting card and sell a thousand of them.”

Susan forwards her ideas and images to Curt who sizes and composes the image to a one-to-one ratio for transfer to the size and shape of the cake.

“There is lots of creative energy put into each design,” Susan said. “I fret over what font (letter shape design) to use. For Ethan’s cake I thought an ‘art deco’ font would be so cool.”

She will find and incor-

porate creative images of hobbies or passions of the cake subject. “For another cake I wanted to use dolphins, a basketball and roller skates. ‘I spelled out the word ‘Love’ with the roller skate as the ‘L,’ and it turned out so cool,” she said.

“I am so honored when people asked me to be a part of their family celebrations,” Susan gushed. “It is always a good celebration. No one asks for cake when something bad is happening,” although she admitted that she did do a funeral cake on one occasion.

She likes to work alone when she tackles the decorating. “Curt goes far away when I get into the zone,” Susan said.

While she has been



working on her creations in her small kitchen in their home, she revealed that early next year she will begin working out of her new cake studio, located in the former Yugoslav Home on the second floor of the Napa Auto Parts building in downtown Ely. Curt will also have office space right down the hall to use for his media production agency.

“It is set up as a commercial kitchen and will be a real joy to work in,” Susan said. “I will have more room to spread out. New flooring and a state inspection are all that need to be completed.”

Curt and Susan moved to Ely in 2017. Curt’s

grandfather moved to Ely in 1898 and his father later owned a camera and record shop, located in what is now Britton’s Café. His brother, Roger, owned Roger’s Printing until just a few years ago. Susan, originally from Altoona, Pa, moved to the Twin Cities in the mid-1990s.

“I started this cake stuff in 1995 and I can’t even count the number of cakes I have made since then,” she said.

She makes mostly sheet cakes, but created a couple of multi-tier wedding cakes. “You can have any flavor you want,” she said. “Carrot cake is the best. That’s custom made

from scratch. And we just started making keto cake.”

When Susan and Curt first moved to Ely, they would often meet up with Curt’s Ely classmates (class of 1971). “They would be talking about celebrating a birthday, and I would say, ‘And, I’ll make the cake.’ And that’s how my new business was born,” she said.

On average, she produces about 10 cakes a month, and prefers a lead time of four or five days to finish an order.

Look for Susan Laine on Facebook, or call her at 218-235-8065.

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voted to approve holiday pay for either two EMTs or an EMT and an EMR for a total of nine holidays. This will double the pay the working staff currently receives on those holidays and help ensure that someone is available to do transfers. The council will review this decision at the end of 2020 to see if it is worth continuing, which will depend on the amount of transfers performed on the included holidays.

In other business, the council:

► Heard from council member Elizabeth Storm regarding a \$30,000 Artists on Main Street grant the

city of Cook received from Springboard for the Arts, Rethos, and the Bush Foundation. Cook was one of four cities in Minnesota to be awarded the grant, which will be used to revitalize the downtown area with art pieces and performances. More details will be released after a Jan. 16 meeting, which will include representatives from the city, Northwoods Friends of the Arts, and the Cook Public Library.

► Approved 2020 liquor license renewals for the Old Muni and VFW Post 1757. The actual renewal of the licenses is contingent on approval

from the state of Minn.

► Approved a payment of \$10,862.40 to JPJ Engineering for work done on the Hwy. 53 Commercial Corridor Infrastructure project, which is part of the Zup’s rebuild.

► Approved a payment of \$304 to DSGW architects for renovation work done on the Cook Public Library.

► Approved the writing off of an uncollectable utility bill. The property is now owned by the state of Minnesota, making it impossible to collect the overdue bill. Auditors for the city rec-

ommended writing it off in order to bring the books up to date.

► Heard from councilor Storm regarding the Lake Vermilion Trail, which is moving along. The board is currently seeking an Executive Director. They have drafted interview questions and are seeking someone who will be able to help with grant writing and marketing.

► Approved the appointment of the 2020 election judges. There will be a total of three elections during 2020. The council also voted to move forward with a grant application for a new ballot counter,

which the county plans to switch over to in the future.

► Heard from councilor Storm regarding the city’s annual weed report. Purple loosestrife, a noxious weed, was found in two ditches and behind one individual’s house. If you find a noxious weed, the council recommends that you carefully pull the weed and place it in a black bag until it dies. You may then dispose of it as you please.

► Heard from administrator Martinson regarding a new requirement from the Federal Motor Safety Administration for city maintenance workers

to hold a CDL. The city may choose to follow the federal program or create its own. Martinson told the council she would have a program to present to them at the next council meeting, which will take place on Thursday, Jan. 23 at 6 p.m.

► Heard from Martinson regarding the Iron Range Partners Board, which is currently seeking a new board member. Tom Beaudry, who previously served on the board, is leaving the area, creating the opening. Interested parties should contact city hall to learn more about the position.

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REGIONAL HISTORY



How speculators destroyed the Bois Forte homeland

by MICHAEL MILLIKEN
Writer

REGIONAL—From 1890 to 1910, timber speculators and lumbermen patented most of the valuable pine lands in north-central Minnesota—the homeland of the Bois Forte Ojibwe. By the 1920s, dams and deforestation had so damaged the landscape that it could no longer support the tribe's subsistence economy, and its members were forced onto

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their reservation at Nett Lake.

On April 7, 1866, the Bois Forte Ojibwe signed a treaty that transferred two million acres of

their homeland (between Lake Vermilion and the Canadian border) to the United States. They continued, however, to live on and harvest the natural resources of their original territory.

In 1892, Congress extended the provisions of the Timber and Stone Act to Minnesota, allowing any individual to purchase 160 acres of white pine for only \$2.50 an acre. Citizens of Tower and Duluth realized that the best

tracts would be worth ten times that, and a flood of land speculation swept the area.

Wirt Cook, a Duluth timber speculator, organized expeditions to the Bois Forte area to select the best white pine. He and other lumbermen fronted the \$400 price for 160 acres. In a scheme later denounced as bribery by the *Duluth Evening Herald*, they then paid entry men and women \$50 to \$100 for each timber and stone patent, and

within ten years, lumbermen had patented hundreds of claims. But with no means of bringing the timber to market, they remained absentee landlords, and most of the Bois Forte Ojibwe continued to subsist on their ancestral lands.

Duluth land agent Charles H. Maginnis realized that he could buy land certificates given to Spanish American War veterans as a bonus for service.

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BOYS BASKETBALL

Grizz top Lions

Balanced offense lifts North Woods to 99-67 win

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

COOK — Trevor Morrison poured in 27 points to help lead the Grizzlies to a 99-67 win over Lakeview Christian Academy here on Tuesday. Morrison, who surpassed 1,000 career points earlier this month, was joined in double digits by three other North Woods teammates, including TJ Chiabotti, who notched 24 points,



Jared Chiabotti, with 16, and Darius Goggleye with 15.

The Grizzlies jumped out to an early lead and kept the pressure

on. They took a 50-33 lead into the break and continued to pad their lead in the second half. The Grizzlies' defense couldn't quite contain the

Lions' Lance Puffer, who led all scorers in the match with 31 points.

The Grizzlies will take part in the Esko holiday tournament,

beginning on Sept. 27. They'll visit Hinkley on Friday, Jan. 3 and will host Red Lake on Saturday, Jan. 4, with a 3 p.m. varsity start.



Left: Darius Goggleye goes up at the glass while Zachariah Blegen attempts to block the shot. Above: Brendan Chiabotti jumps high to make a pass. photos by C. Stone

NORDIC SKIING

Ely teams both take second at Cloquet Invite

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

CLOQUET—For the first time so far this season, the Ely boys Nordic ski team had to settle for second place in a competition. Both the boys and girls teams took second place at the Cloquet-Esko-Carlton Classic Invite on Thursday, Dec. 19.

The home team, C-E-C, just edged the Ely boys team, with 384 points to Ely's 376. Grand Rapids was a distant third, with

332 points.

Ely's Raif Olson finished at 17:25.0, right behind first-place winner Benjamin Bauer, of C-E-C, who led the field with a time of 17:11.1. Ely's Gabriel Pointer finished in third with a time of 17:34.5.

Other Ely skiers, with place and time, included: Nate Nettifee, 5th, 17:47.8; Jon Hakala, 15th, 19:13.8; Ethan Bremner, 16th, 19:18.2; Micah Larson, 20th, 19:49.8; and Adam Williamson, 38th, 22:13.3.

Based on the top four places in the 5.5K race, the Timberwolves varsity girls lost narrowly to Mesabi East, with 368 points to 376 for the first-place Giants. Duluth East was third with 363 points.

Brooke Pasmick paced Ely with a third-place time of 20:22.5. Mesabi East's Lydia Skelton was first, with a time of 19:47.4, followed by Duluth East's Clara Kramer, at 20:16.9.

Other Ely girls team racers, with place and time included:

Kalyssa Eilrich, 7th, 21:27.6; Zoe Devine, 11th, 0:21:54.9; Julia Schwinghamer, 15th, 22:15.3; Ana Bercher, 17th, 22:21.6; Phoebe Helms, 19th, 22:35.3; Gracie Pointer, 23rd, 23:38.6; Cora Olson, 24th, 23:41.1; and Abigail Thompson, 35th, 28:24.7.

The Timberwolves host the Ely Time Trials on Saturday, Dec. 28, at Giants Ridge, and return to the venue on Saturday, Jan. 4, for the Mesabi East Invite.

Sports week

BOYS B-BALL

Saturday, Dec. 28

Ely Holiday Tourney TBD
North Woods at Esko Tourney, 5:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Jan. 7

Ely hosts Greenway, 7:15 p.m.

GIRLS B-BALL

Friday, Dec. 27

North Woods at Esko Coaches Classic, 7:15 p.m.
Ely at Hoops for Hope Tourney, 3:45 p.m.
Northeast Range vs Wrenshall at Ely, 1 p.m.

Saturday, Dec. 28

North Woods at Esko Coaches Classic, 7:15 p.m.

Monday, Jan. 6

North Woods hosts Virginia, 7:15 p.m.
Ely at Littlefork/Big Falls, 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 9

North Woods at Mountain Iron-Buhl, 7:15 p.m.
Northeast Range hosts Ely, 7:15 p.m.

HOCKEY

Friday, Dec. 27

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Saturday, Dec. 28

Ely at North Shore Tourney, TBD

Friday, Jan. 3

Ely at International Falls, 5 p.m.

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Saturday, Dec. 28

Ely Time Trials at Giants Ridge, 12 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 4

Ely at Giants Ridge, 10 a.m.
Mesabi Invitational

STARTING A NEW LIFE

From Queens to the North Country

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

TOWER—It was a cable television show that brought 69-year old Vita Cavaretta from a Queens, New York, condominium to a tiny log cabin in the North Woods just in time for the coldest part of winter.

Earlier this year, Cavaretta, a widow and recent cancer survivor, had determined that she was going to leave everything she knew and strike out for a place she'd never been before. She was inspired, she says, by a show called Aerial America and a segment the program had aired on Minnesota.

"They had everything about the state," recalled Cavaretta in an accent that combines both her New York upbringing and Sicilian heritage. "It talked about the mining, and when it became a state, and the rivers and the rivers go into the lakes, and this and that. And then it says that it is most economical and has nice weather, if you like the cold. And I love the cold."

The show highlighted the state's good schools, but the clincher for Cavaretta was the state's people. "It said they have the nicest, friendliest people and it is a very safe place."

It was that testimonial that sent Cavaretta on her unusual odyssey. She said she was tired of life in New York City, where



Vita Cavaretta smiles while talking about her recent move to Minnesota in the Timberjay office earlier this month.
photo by M. Helmberger

she said emergency sirens wail all night. "And the air is so dirty you can't see the sky," she said.

So, in September, she sold her co-op apartment in Queens. She flew to Duluth with a large amount of luggage and toiletries in early October, where she took up residence in a hotel while she searched online real estate listings for her new home.

Eventually, she settled on a small log cabin tucked back in the woods just off of County Road

77 in Greenwood Township. She liked the pictures she saw online and bought it, sight unseen, closing on the deal the day before Thanksgiving. "I didn't want to go look at it," said Cavaretta. "I have a phobia. I don't like to go outside. I like to stay home and watch television. That's what I do."

Just as television is, at best, an approximation of reality, the online photos that drew Cavaretta to her cabin in the

woods, didn't tell the whole story. The cabin was far from winterized, with only a small amount of baseboard heat. It had no water and only a composting toilet, conditions that Cavaretta, who has a bad leg on top of a host of other medical conditions, had never dealt with before. It sat at the top of a ridge, accessible from a steep driveway that was already buried under nearly 18 inches of snow, with months of a North Country winter yet to come.

Yet, perhaps her biggest challenge is that Cavaretta does not own a car. That hadn't been a problem in Queens, where she ordered most of her meals delivered and could take a taxi if she needed to travel— services that can be tough to arrange here in the North Country.

But just as her TV show had suggested, she found that friendly Minnesotans have been willing to pitch in to help her out.

She said she's made friends along her journey, no doubt in part due to her outgoing personality. She talks openly and in detail about her life, her surgeries and her other ailments, even with people she's met for the first time.

She stayed a few weeks at a Virginia hotel, even after closing on her cabin, but she finally readied herself last week for the move to the woods— an effort that included the purchase of a new 55-inch flat screen televi-

sion. She asked a helpful hotel maintenance man for the name of a local handyman to assist her move and he suggested she contact the Vermilion Club for a recommendation. That call connected her to Vermilion Club owner Greg "Arch" Archibald, who volunteered to plow her driveway. "He told me I'd need a four-wheel drive to get in there," Cavaretta recalled.

She later contacted Marjo Motel operator Orlyn Kringstad, who offered to pick her up in Virginia with his four-wheel drive pickup and help her move her belongings inside. But Kringstad said he quickly realized that Cavaretta would not be able to stay in the cabin, at least during the winter months, so she's living temporarily at the Marjo while Kringstad and local real estate agents are working to locate a more appropriate accommodation, at least for the winter. Since then, Kringstad has become a chauffeur, of sorts, taking Cavaretta back and forth to appointments in Virginia and Ely.

Through it all, Cavaretta seems to be taking it all in stride. "It's been wonderful. I have never been happier and calmer," she said. "Everything they said about this place was right."

BOIS FORTE...Continued from page 1B

He could then sell these soldiers' additional homesteads (SAHs) cheaply and easily. He carefully selected his pine lands in townships that had already attracted the attention of lumbermen. To the north and northeast of Pelican Lake, he used over 450 SAHs to patent Bois Forte lands.

Maginnis sold much of his land to Cook and to timber dealers Turrish and Daniels. In August of 1901 Cook decided to begin harvesting his vast timber holdings north of Virginia. Turrish and Daniels, meanwhile, incorporated the Virginia and Rainy Lake Railroad (V&RL) and began laying track north towards the forest. To process the logs into lumber they also constructed a lumber mill on Silver Lake in Virginia. The mill would turn out 300,000 board feet of pine a day.

A year later Cook formed a partnership with St. Croix lumberman William O'Brien. Their Minnesota Land and Construction Company expanded the Virginia mill and started cutting pine on their holdings. In 1905 they incorporated the Virginia and Rainy Lake Company, and the railroad crept into the southern part of the forest.

Lumber companies associated with the Frederick Weyerhaeuser cartel were also buying timber lands in the area. Many of the SAHs patented by Maginnis were sold and resold until they were purchased by the Weyerhaeuser cartel. By 1909, Weyerhaeuser companies had bought up nearly a quarter of Maginnis's Bois Forte SAHs.

Lumberman Edward Hines of Chicago then proposed a consolidation of all the timber interests north and northeast of Pelican Lake. He and the Weyerhaeuser companies combined with Cook to

expand the Virginia and Rainy Lake Company. Hines provided the cash to double the size of the Virginia mill while Cook and Weyerhaeuser contributed close to 2 million dollars worth of timber.

With the railroad running north of Pelican Lake and the largest white pine lumber mill in the world ready to process over a million board feet of logs a day, the Bois Forte forests were under attack. Although the 1866 treaty had reserved 55,211 acres for the Bois Forte Ojibwe at

Nett Lake, as late as 1910, they still occupied 100 percent of their homeland.

The Virginia and Rainy Lake Company completed its logging headquarters at Cusson on land originally homesteaded by Jacob Kieffer. Logging Superintendent Frank Gilmore quickly set up the first logging camp on land patented by Maginnis with Missouri militiaman James R. Laurance's SAH. Edward Hines, now president of the company, decided to clear cut all timber wherever it

was logged. Within two years, his crews had cut 18 million board feet. Meanwhile, hunters on the company's payroll depleted wild game to feed the loggers.

By the late 1910s, the Bois Forte land was stripped of timber, and dams built to facilitate logging had destroyed the vast wild rice beds of the Rainy Lake watershed. Gradually, the local Ojibwe moved to the Nett Lake reservation; V&RL continued logging until 1929.

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TRAILS

Wagoner Trails Club focusing on improving Tower's ski trails

by JODI SUMMIT
Tower-Soudan Editor

New trail maps, safety signs, and groomer/tracker all set for this ski season

TOWER- A group of dedicated cross-country ski enthusiasts have breathed new life into the ski trails developed by former Tower DNR-area Forester Howard Wagoner and other skiing enthusiasts. The new Wagoner Trails Club formed two years ago. The trails had been overseen by the Vermilion Outdoor Fitness Club, but that group had not been active for many years, and the trails, though still open, needed improvements. The group's first goal, according to Mary Shedd, one of the new club's founders, was to restore the trails to prime skiing condition. This entailed many hours of volunteer work clearing brush and downed trees. It also included installing updated trail maps and new trail signage. "We installed all new, redesigned maps at each intersection on the trail, 21 in all," said Shedd. "Each intersection is numbered, with the number clearly marked on the sign post and the map," she said, "so you can see on the map where you are."

The 12 kilometers of trail are located south of Tower, on both the east and west sides of Hwy. 135. The trails feature both beginner and advanced loops, and traverse large pines, aspen, birch and conifer forest and lowland bog areas. Parking is available at the north trailhead, near the new Lamppa building, as well as the parking area 1.5 miles south of Tower on the west

side of Hwy. 135. The maps were created with generous help from both the DNR Trails office in Tower, as well as the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission in Duluth. The club is currently working on having brochures with smaller versions of the map made available in Tower. Trailhead kiosks with maps and informational signs were built by Dan Broten and are located at both parking areas. The one installed at the north end serves both the ski trails and the Prospector ATV trailhead and was funded by the ATV group. The second, at the south trailhead just off Hwy. 135, was funded by the trails club, with volunteer work by Broten, along with Wayne and Allen Dahl. The next goal of the group is to secure funding for better trail grooming equipment. Howard's son, Terry Wagoner, has been in charge of grooming and setting tracks on the trails for many years. But the equipment he uses is old and outdated. This year, the club has purchased a used groomer/ tracker, which allows safer tracking on the hillier sections of the trail. Next year the club hopes to secure funding to purchase a new snowmobile to pull the tracker, since the current sled in use is old and having mechanical difficulties. The third goal is to support wider use of area trails, for skiing, hiking, and biking. Many portions of the existing ski trails

can be converted to year-round hiking trails with some work done around the wetter areas, said Shedd. Securing funding for cross-country ski trails has become more difficult, Shedd said. The state provides some funding, but that is based on the number of cross-country ski trail licenses sold. "The number of ski passes sold is declining," said Shedd. "This means less funding for trails like these." The club receives this funding every year, which is the main source of revenue for trail grooming and maintenance. The city of Tower and its Gundersen Trust have also supplied funding for the trails over the years. Skiers age 16 and older using the City of Tower-Howard Wagoner Trails are required to purchase the Minnesota Ski Pass, which is available locally at Vermilion Fuel and Food and The Y Store, as well as online at mndnr.gov/skipass. Passes are \$10 for a day or \$25 for the winter season. The group is hoping that the trail improvements will bring more people out on the trails. "Our club members are all regular skiers," Shedd said. "We love to see new people on the trails and are hoping to continue to widely spread the word about what incredibly beautiful trails we have here." The club is also hoping to sponsor some outreach events,



to bring more skiers, especially younger skiers, to the trails. "We plan to work with our area schools to sponsor some group ski events and perhaps night skis on the lighted Northern Lights Trail loop," she said. They also hope to secure grant funding to purchase ski equipment that can be loaned out during these events. The Wagoner Trails Club is always looking for new members. Membership is \$5/year for individuals or \$10/year for families. The club has a facebook page (City of Tower Ski Trails) that posts trail information along with club meeting notices and other volunteer opportunities. You can email the club at CityOfTowerSkiTrails@



THE ARTS

City of Cook selected for 2020 Artists on Main Street program

COOK – Rethos and Springboard for the Arts have announced that Cook has been selected for the 2020 cohort of the Artists on Main Street (AoMS) program, a multi-year program that explores how the arts help address the challenges affecting Main Street communities today. It was one of thirty-nine cities to submit an application for the program. Cloquet, Mahanomen, and Two Harbors have also been named as cohorts. These four communities join the 2018 cohort of Faribault, Mankato,

and Winona, and the 2019 cohort of Northfield, Olivia, Wabasha, and Willmar. Since the launch of AoMS in 2018, over two hundred artists and creative types have attended Creative Placemaking Workshops resulting in a total of ninety-eight artist-led projects in the seven current AoMS communities. AoMS builds on the Rethos Main Streets' and Springboard for the Arts' core values of "incremental" and "lots of little" as a way to get a wide array of artists and creatives

involved with their community and to demonstrate what they love or want to change about where they live. "Artists on Main Street has already created bright spots of arts-based community development and downtown revitalization in Greater Minnesota, and we look forward to continuing the momentum with our newest communities cohort," says Sarina Otaibi, Rural Programs Manager at Rethos. During the program, Rethos and Springboard for the Arts staff work closely with leaders from

each community to develop arts-based approaches to community development by providing training and technical assistance for local leaders, artists, and residents. Each community receives support with planning and implementing artist-led projects through training, one-on-one technical assistance, and cohort exchanges to integrate the arts and creativity into addressing Main Street challenges and opportunities. AoMS communities receive \$20,000 for project funding and program implementation

the first year and \$10,000 the second year. In the coming months, each participating AoMS community will announce more information and dates on training, project

funding, and deadlines. AoMS is a program by Rethos and Springboard for the Arts, with support from the Bush Foundation.

Obituaries and Death Notices

Alan Kratz
Alan Kratz, 73, of White Iron Lake-Ely, passed away on Saturday, Dec. 14, 2019, at his home, after a short, brave struggle with pancreatic cancer. Per Al's wishes, there will be no services. We will honor Al with a Celebration of Life in February 2020. Al is survived by his loving wife and soul-mate, Kay; brothers, Keith (Jeanette) and Roger (Jennifer); sisters, Susan (Gruwell) (Mark) and Sheri Kratz Brown; four sons, Jason (Zoe), Cory (Sarah), Jeffrey (Tracy) and David Kratz; grandchildren, Rachael, Kyle and Daphne; and Mikomi Takaki, whom he loved like a daughter.

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THANK YOU!

The time between Thanksgiving and the December Food Shelf time flew by in a flash, but once again, the community stepped up donated enough to fill the needs of all the children whose families use the Tower Area Food Shelf. The Timberjay has been around for 30 years, and I think this is the 29th year we have sponsored this drive.

This effort would not be possible without the \$3,500 donation received from Lake Country Power's Operation RoundUp® program. Members of the Tower-Soudan Civic Club, led by the amazingly organized Kathy Lovgren, purchased and sorted warm clothing, socks, hats and mittens for the over 170 children who received gifts this year. They also have made winter coats and snow pants available for any children who need them. Cash donations were used to purchase toys, art supplies, and toiletries at Target in Virginia, which gave our shopping crew a special storewide discount, which made every dollar we spent go an extra 20-percent farther. We also had enough adult gifts donated to make up gift bags for the seniors who use the food shelf.

Special thanks to our helpers: Kathy Lovgren and her crew, Jodi Summit, Corky Eloranta, Gina Empey, Mike Keenan, Mary Shedd, Marshall Helmberger, Wendy and Jim Tuominen, and the crew at the Timberjay for putting up with the interruptions, mess, and piles of toys and bins of clothing stored everywhere in the office!

We would like to thank everyone who made donations this year including: Diana Sundahl, St. Martin's Catholic Church, Annette Herring, Robert and Judith Syrjanen, The Little Church of Vermilion Lake Township, Thomas and Dennis Forconi, Elaine and Peter McGillivray, Tim and Lori Tomsich, Mary Shedd, Greg Archibald/Vermilion Club, George Stefanich, Dick and Ellie Larmouth, Barb Rinne, Tim and Nancy Kotzian, The Red Hat Belles, MaryAnn Wycoff, Dan and Faye Mobilia, Steven and Lori Vukelich, Wilbert and Bertha Hill, Judy and Emmanuel Sundahl, Kathy Fuson, Zoe Planton, Barb Rinne, Steve Abrahamson, Vermilion Land Office/Donna Johnson, Kevin Norby, Jayanne Suihkonen, Ron and Sue Norha, Barb and George Peyla, St. Paul's Lutheran Women, Julia Maki, John Kauppila and Susan Kraus, Wendy and Jim Tuominen, Peter and Collette Johnson, Joanne Connell, St. James Presbyterian Women, and all those who made smaller cash donations, donated gift cards, and donated toys!

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Probate Division
Court File No.
69VI-PR-18-180

NOTICE AND ORDER FOR
HEARING ON PETITION
FOR DESCENT OF
PROPERTY

Estate of Kenneth Lyle
Perry, aka Kenneth L. Perry,
Kenneth Perry, and Ken
Perry,
Decedent

A Petition for Determination
of Descent has been
filed with this Court. The
Petition represents that the
Decedent died more than
three years ago and that
the Decedent died leaving
property in Minnesota. The
Petition requests the probate
of the Decedent's last Will,

if any, and the descent of
such property be determined
and assigned by this Court
to the persons entitled to the
property, in a consolidated
proceeding.

Any objections must be filed
with the Court prior to or
raised at the hearing. If prop-
er, and no objections are filed
or raised, the Petition may be
granted.

IT IS ORDERED and Notice
is further given, that the
Petition will be heard on Jan.
15, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. by
this Court at 300 South 5th
Avenue, Virginia, MN 55792.

1. Notice shall be given to
all interested persons (MINN.
STAT. 524.1-401) and
persons who have filed a
demand for notice pursuant
to Minnesota Statutes section
524.3-204.

2. Notice shall be given by

CITY OF ELY
NOTICE FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that
sealed bids will be received
by the City of Ely, Minnesota,
St. Louis County until Friday
January 8, 2020, 2:00 p.m.
at which time the sealed bids
will be opened at the Ely
City Hall for the following
equipment with the required
specifications. If you have a
vehicle which does not meet
all of the following specifica-
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with the equivalent specifica-
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a list of the specifications it
does not meet, it will be at
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MORCOM TOWNSHIP
Notice of Filing for Town
Offices to be Elected

Notice is hereby given that a town election
will be held in the Township of Morcom, St.
Louis County, Minnesota, on Tuesday, March
10, 2020.

The first day for filing affidavits of candidacy
will be Tuesday, December 31, 2019. The
last day will be Tuesday, the 14th of January,
2020, at 5:00 p.m.

Filings may be made with the Clerk, Sasha
Lehto. You can either make an appointment
by calling Sasha Lehto at 218-969-5812
or by email to morcomtownshipmn@gmail.
com. You may file without an appointment
by coming to the home of the clerk located
at 12059 Hwy. 22, Cook, MN, 55723 on
Tuesday, January 14th between the hours of
1:00 – 5:00 p.m.

The following terms will be expiring:
1 Supervisor Seat – for a term of 3 years
1 Clerk -for a term of 2 years
The filing fee is \$2.00

**The office of the Clerk will be closed
Wednesday, January 1, 2020 in observance
of the New Year's Day Holiday.

Sasha Lehto, Clerk, 218-969-5812

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Dated: Nov. 26, 2019

BY THE COURT
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Judge of District Court
Amy Turnquist,
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Notice of Filings

Filings for the following offices will open on
Tuesday, December 31, 2019 and close on
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Supervisor . . . 3-year term
Clerk . . . 2-year term
Filing fee: \$2.00

Candidates: File Affidavit of Candidacy at
the CLERK'S OFFICE, 6703 Wahlsten Rd.
Election will be held on Tuesday, March 10, 2020
Crystal Alaspa, Town Clerk

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LEIDING TOWNSHIP
NOTICE OF FILINGS

Filings for the following offices open on
Tuesday, December 31, 2019, through
Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 5 p.m. for the
offices of:

1 Supervisor: 3-year term
1 Clerk: 2-year term

Filing fee is \$2.
File the Affidavit of Candidacy at Clerk's
Office. Please call 218-355-0163 (cell) for the
clerk's office hours. The clerk's office will be
closed on New Year's Day, January 1.

Marie Milan, Town Clerk

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
CITY OF ORR

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Public
Hearing will be held at 5:00 p.m., Monday,
January 13, 2020, in conjunction with the
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Council at the Orr City Hall, 4429 Highway
53, Orr, MN 55771 to consider Ordinance
No. 2020-01:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE
NO. 96-01 ADOPTED AND TITLED AN
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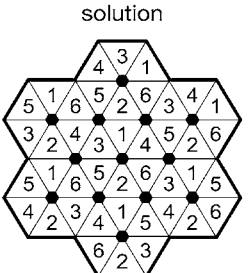
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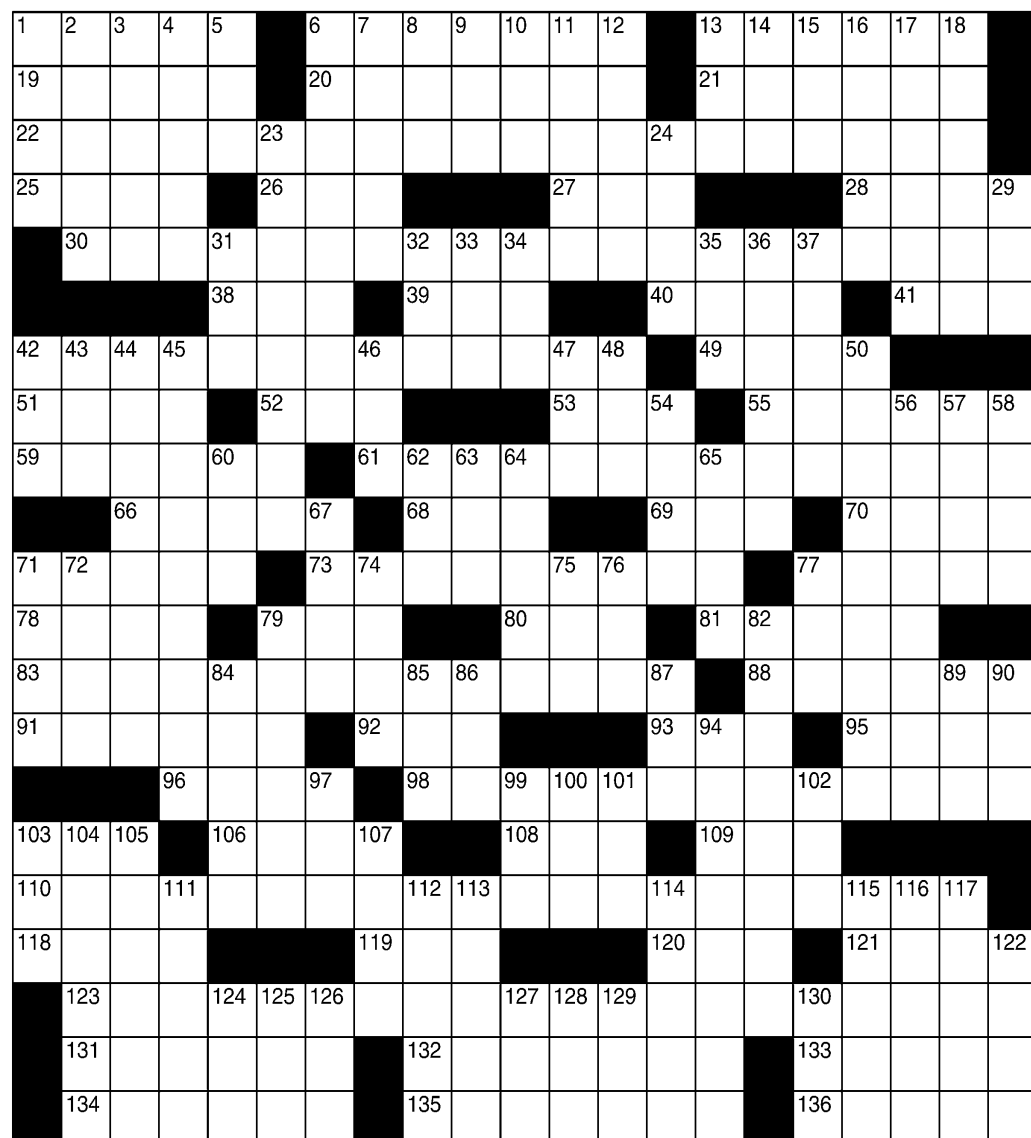
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- ACROSS**
- 1 Will, in the Bible
6 Sang like a bird
13 Modify
19 Pages, e.g.
20 Stone Age tool
21 Simple shack
22 "Well ... hop to it!"
25 Pa's ma
26 Mega-years
27 Big record label, once
28 Angers
30 "Hamlet" monologue exhortation
38 Singer DiFranco
39 Skeletal bit
40 Told fibs
41 Fancy resort
42 "Very sorry to hear that"
49 Skidded
51 Penn of film
52 Compass pt.
53 Divested (of)
55 Intl. cultural gp.
59 Like lambs
- 61 Voicing a question of curiosity
66 Bush barb
68 Misery
69 Battery size
70 Suffix with convert
71 Army sites
73 "Look ahead," to a drill instructor
77 Wicked acts
78 Regarding
79 Downed
80 Charged bit
81 — Lauder
83 Was the right thing, but didn't happen
88 Steeds
91 Set of seven
92 That dude's
93 Ad about DUI, maybe
95 Just makes, with "out"
96 Prune a bit
98 Be published
103 — Moines
106 "Back in Black" band
108 Actress Poehler
109 Many a charity gp.
- 110 Poem that's the source of the phrase comprising the first words of 22-, 30-, 42-, 61-, 73-, 83- and 98-Across
118 Viral GIF, e.g.
119 Sci-fi saucer
120 — Party
121 Cookie giant
123 Alternate title of 110-Across, with "The"
131 Director May
132 Shady giant
133 Island ring
134 Expunge
135 More diluted
136 Body of art?
- DOWN**
- 1 Like cut wood
2 Pair of drum-kit cymbals
3 "A Bell for —"
4 Unleash on
5 Airport org. flagging bags
6 Parody-filled newspaper
7 Gretzky of hockey
8 Brian of rock
9 School URL ender
10 "... — a puddy tat!"
11 Orals, e.g.
12 Clear, as a windshield
13 Boxing great
14 Bear's home
15 Bender
16 Not suited
17 Town that's home to the University of Connecticut
18 Shredded
23 Blitzten, e.g.
24 6'6", say
29 Brine source
31 Solo in films
32 Mine find
33 Game aim
34 It aired "ER"
35 Hi- — (stereos)
36 Caviar fish
37 Suburb of Minneapolis
42 "Umami" taste source
43 "— -haw!"
44 Simply must keep going
45 At variance
46 Dr. Kildare player Ayres
47 "I heard him exclaim, — he drove out of sight ..."
48 "Fine fellow"
50 Paperboy, for one
54 Gorilla guru Fossey
56 Actress Leelee
57 Pick out from others
58 Some poems
60 Plural of "el"
62 Be in debt
63 Some votes
64 Zapping ER treatment
65 Silver of statistics
67 Neighbor of Belg.
71 Party
72 Netman Arthur
74 "Uh-huh"
75 Caviar base
76 Inseparable
77 DDE's WWII sphere
79 Chocoholic, e.g.
82 Chinese port
84 Oahu patio
85 Road, in Italy
86 Seer's "gift"
87 "Fresh Air" network
89 Dusk, to a bard
90 Old Brit.
94 Airways jet
94 More heartfelt
97 PC file that's shareable
99 Fathers
100 First-aid pro
101 Writer Rand
102 Nanki- — ("The Mikado" son)
103 Block up
104 Made level
105 "Good as gold," e.g.
107 Mötley —
111 "Love Story" author Erich
112 "He's a man — words"
113 Dinero
114 "With this ring — wed"
115 Keno's kin
116 Knight's mail
117 Some pups
122 Norway port
124 Make haste
125 Blast stuff
126 Flying stinger
127 Apartment divs.
128 Archaic verb ending
129 Dernier —
130 Used a pew

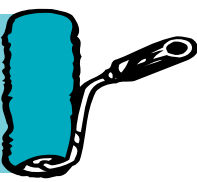


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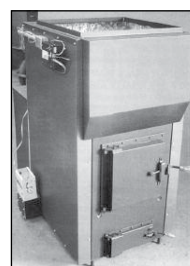


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