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## Council OKs investigation of city official

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

TOWER — The city council here, on Monday, unanimously authorized an investigation into a host of complaints that have been filed in recent months against city ambulance director and fire chief Steve Altenburg.

The decision came toward the end of lengthy council

Host of complaints filed against Steve Altenburg

discussion about the status of the ambulance service, and it came nearly six months after a female member of the city's fire department lodged a written complaint of gender bias and other questionable behavior by Altenburg.

Council member Mary

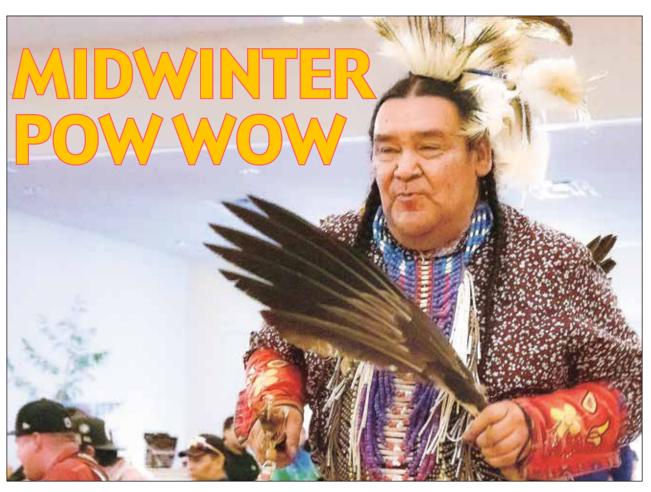
Shedd referenced that August 2019 complaint as one of several that the council had promised to address but never did. "We're failing in our duties," said Shedd. "We should address these issues, out of the need for due process." Shedd noted that guidance from the League of Minnesota

Cities indicates that cities have a responsibility to investigate almost any kind of complaint lodged against an employee. "According to the League, we need to investigate written complaints, verbal complaints, rumors, or even anonymous tips," she said. The city received at least four complaints last August about Altenburg's conduct and Shedd said she's seen additional complaints since.

Shedd said any investigation should be fair to all involved, including Altenburg, who has been accused of abusive conduct by a number of individuals

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BOIS FORTE



### Nett Lake Ojibwe celebrate the season

by DAVID COLBURN

Cook/Orr Editor

NETT LAKE— Winter is a time of story-telling among the Ojibwe, a time when people stay close to home and relate centuries-old wisdom in part to educate children about tribal traditions and the world around them.

The Midwinter Pow Wow at Nett Lake last weekend provided opportunities to get out and celebrate this seasonal activity, arena

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### Above:

Art Skead performs a traditional dance at the Bois Forte Midwinter Pow Wow Sunday at Nett Lake. Skead came from near Dryden, Ontario, for the two-day event.

Right

Gretchen Morris makes final adjustments to her son Dillion's outfit.

photos by D. Colburn



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### School board takes official action on facilities plan

Ely taxpayers to be asked for \$10 million in August

by KEITH VANDERVORT

Ely Editor

ELY – School board members here finally took official action Monday night on a school facilities renovation project that has been in the discussion phase for years. Property owners in ISD 696 will be asked in August to give their approval to a \$10 million bond referendum for a capital construction plan likely to cost twice that much.

The board gave its unanimous blessing to the document directing the district superintendent to prepare a plan for final board action in May authorizing the referendum for the first Tuesday in August.

While the resolution also authorizes the use of \$500,000 from the district's general fund, \$1.6 million in Long Term Facility Maintenance funds, and a \$495,000 state grant, the remaining \$7.5 million needed for the project is somewhat in question.

School board members are acting on faith that their plan of increased collaboration and cooperation with neighboring schools, coupled with ongoing similar programs, will convince the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation to step forward with the money to allow the Ely school district to complete the project.

Since the first of the year, school board members, district administration, Gary Cerkvenik, the district's Costin Group lob-

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### HISTORICAL INTERPRETATION

### Polar documentary to be filmed near Ely

by KEITH VANDERVORT

ELY – The history

ELY – The history of polar exploration will be in the spotlight next week in Ely, as a film company comes to town to shoot scenes for a upcoming documentary on Robert Peary's 1909 dogsled expedition to the North Pole.

Members of Robert Peary's polar exploration team and the original dogsled are shown in this 1909 photograph. A crew will be in Ely next week filming a historical documentary on the trek. submitted

The crew will be basing its operations out of Wintergreen Dogsled Lodge, located on White Iron Lake, according to Wintergreen owner Paul Schurke.

Actors, including Wintergreen guides, will be dressed in period costumes, complete with fur parkas, posing

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### COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

#### The Affirmational Power of Bathrooms and Pronouns at Mesabi Unitarian

VIRGINIA- On Sunday, Feb. 16 at 10:30 a.m. at Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church, "The Affirmational Power of Bathrooms and Pronouns" will be discussed by Kathy Hermes. This presentation will address ways to acknowledge and affirm the existence of people of a broad array of normal and beautiful gender identities. Practical and personal approaches to safely welcoming people of all gender identities into a variety of spaces will be shared. Likewise, opportunities to re-shape systems to better recognize and respond to people of all gender identities will be covered.

The church is located at 230 7th St. S in Virginia and the building is handicap accessible.

### Cottage Food Producer Food Safety Training held March 5

MT IRON- Do you make the best homemade bread, home canned pickles or cookies? Consider selling your product as a Minnesota Cottage Food producer. Join University of Minnesota Extension Food Safety Educator Suzanne Driessen at a Keep it Legal! Keep it Safe! Cottage Food Producer class on Thursday, March 5 from 1 - 5 p.m. at the Mt. Iron Community Center, 8586 Enterprise Dr. South. The class meets the Minnesota Department of Agriculture food safety training requirements to register as a Minnesota Cottage Food Producer to sell homemade baked goods, candy, home-canned peaches, pickles, salsa, jams, jellies and more.

The course focuses on food safety practices for all processes covered under the Cottage Food Law including drying, baking, confections, jams and jellies, acid and acidified fruit and vegetables, and fermentation. Participants learn how to produce, package, label, store, and transport a safe food product. Wonder if your product is an allowable non-potentially hazardous food? Bring it along to the class and have it tested to see if it meets exemption requirements under the Cottage Food Law.

Registration and \$50 per person class fee are required. To register, go to https://extension.umn.edu/courses-and-events/cottage-food-producer-food-safety-training. For more information, contact Suzanne at 320-203-6057 or driessen@umn.edu.

### NSLSWCD Tree and Plant Sale now underway

REGIONAL- North St. Louis Soil & Water Conservation District announces its annual tree and native plant sale. New for 2020, the district is offering native plant kits, which include 36 ready-to-plant perennials. Each of the three kits includes a mix of six native plant varieties: pollinator habitat, shoreland or raingarden habitat, and woodland shade area habitat. Kits are \$65 each. Plant order deadline is Wednesday, April 22.

The tree sale includes over 20 varieties of shrubs, deciduous trees, and conifers in bundles of 25 small seedlings or transplants. Each variety is reasonably priced between \$30 and \$50 per bundle. New trees this year include flame willow, tamarack, and yellow birch. Tree order deadline is Friday, May 1 or when sold out.

Plantskydd and Repellex brands of organic animal repellents are offered to help keep the critters away. All proceeds support conservation efforts in northern St. Louis County.

Order early for best selection. Supplies are limited. Pickup will be in Eveleth on Thursday and Friday, May 7 and 8.

Visit www.nslswcd.org to view product descriptions, order online, or print an order form. Email info@nslswcd.org, call 218-749-2000, or visit the office at 505 3rd St. N, Suite A in Virginia for



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### Ely celebrates 50 years of sled dog racing

WolfTrack Classic set for Feb. 22-23; special activities planned



by KEITH VANDERVORT Ely Editor

ELY- Once known as the "Sled Dog Capital of America," Ely will mark five decades of sled dog racing history in the community this year during the 12th running of the WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race on Feb. 22 and 23. Ely earned its former honorific during the historic Ely All-American Championship race series that started fifty years ago and continued into the late 1980s.

The race weekend, hosted by the Ely Chamber of Commerce, begins on Saturday, Feb. 22 with a special celebration of Ely's long history with the sport. "Will Mother Nature deliver 30 inches of new snow for race week, or will she unleash powerful winds, snow and blowing snow?" asked Race Director Ellen Cashman.

The Musher Dinner starts at 4 p.m. on Feb. 22 and goes until 6:30 p.m. at Vermilion Community College cafeteria. "The Vermilion Community College Wilderness Club will be serving a hearty spaghetti dinner," Cashman said The public is invited and tickets are available at the door: \$10 for adults, \$5 for youth 10-and-under, and \$5 for VCC students with a student ID. All proceeds will go to the Wilderness Club.

"A special part of the 2020 Musher Dinner will be the celebration of 50 years of sled dog racing here with the recognition of local legends. Don and Val Beland, and others who raced the All-American, will be on hand for the event. Don and Val will speak about the history of the Ely All-American Sled Dog Championship Race and their involvement in

that history," she said.

Also at the dinner, racer bib numbers will be announced for the 2020 participating teams and the bibs presented. The mandatory musher meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.

A new event this year is the Ely Art Benefit for the WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race.

The Art Benefit will open at 10 a.m. Saturday morning, Feb. 22, at the Grand Ely Lodge, and will remain open on Sunday through the awards ceremony. "There will be original sled dog art by local watercolor artist Nancy Ensley and photographic artist Roy Misonznick," Cashman said. "Roy and Nancy are generously donating 50 percent of their proceeds to help support the race. There will also be a silent auction with art items from other Ely artists."

The vet checks start at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Ely Chamber of Commerce. "There is no parking other than for dog teams at the Chamber office, and please leave your pets at home," Cashman added.

### Race day

The WolfTrack Classic Sled Dog Race is a mid-distance race with two classes, a six-dog, 30-mile race and an eight-dog, 50-mile race. Both races leave from the Ely Softball Complex on Sunday morning, Feb. 23, starting at 9 a.m.

"The race once again runs on the Taconite Trail through the beautiful and challenging terrain of the Superior National Forest and through a portion of Bear Head State Park and crosses Bear Head Lake," Cashman said.

"The race start is an exciting place for race followers and spectators," she



added. "Teams arrive at 7 a.m. and begin preparing equipment and the supercharged canine athletes who have known from the time they were loaded in their dog boxes, that they are going to get to do their favorite thing - run, run, run!"

The dog team area and spectator area at the start line are full of color, pageantry and a mix of excited, barks, howls and yips mixed with the announcing of the teams coming to the start line. The Ely Softball Complex is located on the east side of town off Highway 1.

When the teams are all on the trail, there are spectator opportunities along the racecourse, on the Highway 1 and Highway 21 crossings, both outbound and inbound.

"A wonderful opportunity to see the eight-dog teams in action is the warming shelter in Bear Head State Park, which is positioned as the teams step on land after a potentially challenging lake crossing," Cashman said. Spectators must have a state park sticker, available at the park, to watch from

there.

The race finish line is also at the softball complex. "Finish times are dependent on trail conditions and the weather, and we could see teams back in Ely as early as 12:30 p.m.," Cashman said.

"When the last team crosses the finish line, mushers and everyone else head to the Grand Ely Lodge for the awards presentation, musher prize drawings, drinks, a specially-prepared musher menu by Grand Ely Lodge chefs and Tales of the Trail. This all happens in the Ridgeview Room,"

"We thank the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the United States Forest Service and the city of Ely, for their support in this community event,"

Cashman added.
For more information, including biographies of the racers, go to www.wolftrackclassic.com. Race registration closes on Saturday, Feb. 15.





ELY WINTER FESTIVA

## Winter Festival marred by vandals

### Damage to sculptures now repaired

by KEITH VANDERVORT

Ely Editor

ELY—Vandals spray-painted snow sculptures, signs and a warming tent at Whiteside Park late last week just as the community's Winter Festival was getting underway.

"They tagged just about every snow sculpture here and many identification signs," Ely Police Department patrolman Adam Borchert said as he picked up an empty spray can early Friday. "They even wrote on the canvas warming tent set up for the festival."

Borchert said the vandalism likely occurred after 11 p.m. Thursday and before sunrise on Friday. The incident remains under investigation by the Ely Police Department.

It appears that brown spray

paint was the vandals' favorite color. Large "x's" and "no spaceman" appeared in many places. Many sculptures were not only painted on, but several were damaged or destroyed completely.

"Our student-mentoring block, which was nearly completed by students from the high school and college, was a beautiful wolf," said Winter Festival Executive Director Shauna Vega. "They smashed the face and ears off. Many of the sculptures that were animals had the faces or heads destroyed. I'm just sick about it. Why would anybody want to do this? This is not what our community is about."

According to the police report on the incident, the canvas tent, which was recently purchased by the Ely Winter Festival organization, is valued at \$1,900. A city worker, who remains

unidentified, told police he saw a male in the park at about 4 a.m. "shaking what he thought was a spray can. He didn't see any damage so he never called in."

Winter Festival officials were advised that there is footage of the vandal posted on the Facebook page, "What's Up Ely," but Vega could not confirm that. The police report indicated that Officer Borchert "spoke with all businesses that have cameras in the area and that he has, so far, been unable to find any leads."

Several local businesses stepped up to lend a hand. The Boathouse Brewpub and Restaurant is offering ten free pizzas to anybody providing information that leads to an arrest. "A2B Taxi, along with the Northern Tier Boy Scout Base were camping in the park over the weekend to discourage any similar behavior," Vega said.



In past years, private security guards were hired to patrol the park once the festival started. Many snow artists had just started shaping their designs late Thursday. By Saturday afternoon, all signs of the vandalism had been removed.

"I am proud to say, we are a resilient festival and we have overcome this outrageous act of hate," Vega added. "Our board rallied. The carving teams, both professional and amateur, along with the students rallied. We are thrilled to report that the sculptures have all been repaired, the signs have been replaced and the 2020 Ely Winter Festival is going to be the best one yet."

Anyone with information about the incident is urged to call the Ely Police Department at 218-365-3224.

#### COPPER-NICKEL MINING

## Minnesota Chippewa take a stance

Tribe writes in support of protecting BWCAW

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y Marshall Helmberger

Managing Editor

REGIONAL — The Minnesota Chippewa Tribe has come out in strong support of an effort to protect the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness from a proposed copper-nickel mine near Ely.

In a Jan. 31 letter to three Democratic members of Congress, signed by current president Cathy Chavers, the MCT announced its support of

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H.R. 5598, otherwise known as the Boundary Waters Wilderness

Protection and Pollution

Prevention Act.

That bill, authored by Minnesota Fourth District Congresswoman Betty McCollum, would expand the existing mining buffer zone around the Boundary Waters by

an additional 234,000 acres. The

measure, if ultimately signed into law, would preclude only the development of sulfide-based copper-nickel mining on the affected lands. It would not prevent the mining of iron ore, taconite, gravel, or granite.

The bill was the subject of a congressional hearing on Wednesday, Feb. 5, before the House Natural Resources Committee's Energy and

Mineral Resources subcommittee, although prospects for the measure ultimately becoming law appear in doubt.

The letter from the Minnesota Chippewa Tribe was presented to Congress in support of the measure. It cites the risks posed by sulfide-based mining upstream of the Boundary Waters. "As former U.S. Forest Service Chief Tom Tidwell

stated, sulfide-ore copper mining has the potential to permanently destroy the pure waters and intact forests in the area of the proposed Twin Metals mine," wrote Chavers in the letter. "The BWCA watershed is comprised of a vast area of pristine interconnected waterways that have been used by the Chippewa for

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## OPINION

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The First Amendment of the United States Constitution

### Editorial

### The king of debt

Trump's deficits at odds with his promise to voters

Donald Trump long touted himself as the "King of Debt" and he appears intent on proving he can bring the once fiscally-conservative GOP over to his way of thinking.

Trump knows that continuation of modest economic growth is his best hope for re-election, and he doesn't really care if that growth is based on government-led, debt-fueled pump priming. While you won't hear President Trump tout this statistic, he has certainly made his mark in Washington in one way— he has generated the largest expansion in government spending, federal deficits, and federal debt during any period of economic expansion in U.S. history. Trump has increased the deficit by 50 percent since he took office three years ago - in the apparent hope that all that additional cash sloshing around the economy would boost GDP growth, at least in the short term.

Despite his hyperbole on the economy, Trump's pump-priming has actually been remarkably ineffective. That's because it focused mostly on tax cuts for business and the already wealthy. Trump's approach did virtually nothing to fuel economic growth, as the data attests. Quarterly GDP growth in the last four years of the Obama administration averaged 2.4 percent. Can you guess the average GDP growth in the first three years of the Trump administration? That's right. It's 2.4 percent. For all the bluster and big deficits, Trump has merely delivered three more years of Obama-level economic growth. Sorry folks, the data is clear.

Trump's Republican supporters seem happy to go along. Indeed, the latest deficit projections from the Congressional Budget Office (CBO) barely created a ripple last month in Republican circles.

According to the CBO, the 2020 deficit is almost certain to top \$1 trillion, and will average \$1.3 trillion dollars a year from 2021 to 2030. That, of course, assumes that the policies pushed by President Trump and Congressional Republicans remain in effect.

This is extraordinary when considered in a historical context. While deficits invariably spike during recessions as the government faces more spending for things like unemployment benefits, combined with lower tax revenues as workers lose jobs or face reductions in hours. deficits normally fall during periods of economic expansion. That's because demands for government safety net spending typically decline and tax revenues generally increase as businesses and individuals earn more money.

On average, the federal deficit has run about 1.5 percent of GDP during periods of economic growth. While the

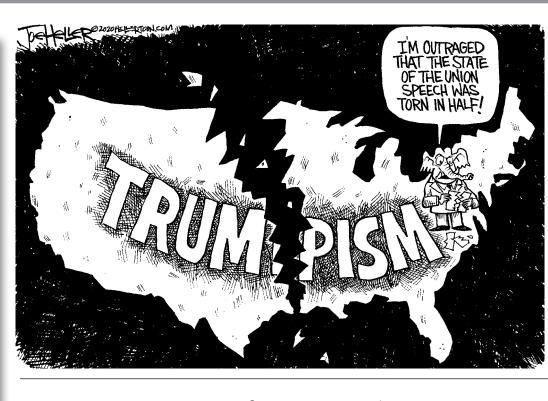
economic expansion under President Obama had resulted in a steady decline in the federal deficit, President Trump reversed that trend. Despite a continuation of the economic expansion that began under Obama, Trump's spending increases and big corporate tax cuts have Washington once again awash in red ink. This year, the federal deficit is expected to reach 4.6 percent of GDP, and the CBO projects it will reach 5.4 percent as early as next year. These are deficit levels previously unheard-of during economic expansion.

There are certainly times when it makes sense for government to run deficits, even big deficits. Were the government investing in repairing the nation's crumbling infrastructure, for example, or to combating climate change by spending on energy conservation and renewable sources of power, such spending could be justified because it will yield economic dividends by creating jobs, mitigating future risk, and putting the entire economy on a more sustainable footing. Were the government running higher deficits to provide free or affordable higher education for young people, that's an investment that pays off in the long term because it makes our workforce more productive.

Sadly, that's not the kind of investment we're seeing under the Trump administration. Instead, we're spending on wasteful military hardware that even the Pentagon's own generals say they don't want or need, or on a southern border wall that is both unnecessary and ineffective.

At the same time, Trump's massive corporate tax giveaway has simply fueled the already disastrous income inequality that exists here in the U.S. While Trump and his GOP allies promised those tax cuts would prompt a rise in business investment, the exact opposite has happened. Business investment has actually declined since the tax cuts were implemented. It's just one more example of the failure of the GOP's supply side economic theories.

Perhaps the worst part about these policies is that they leave America less equipped to respond to the next economic downturn, which is likely to arrive sooner rather than later. When we're looking at \$1.3 trillion deficits during economic expansion, what happens the next time the economy hits the skids? The U.S. could quickly see annual deficits spike to two trillion dollars or more. Is there any limit to deficits under this president? Apparently, the Republicans have decided the answer is no. The GOP has become the Party of Trump and, like Trump, the Republicans have also become the Party of



### Letters from Readers

### Minnesota can be too nice at times

Sometimes Minnesotans are too nice! Today I was parked about halfway up the first block of Chapman St., getting ready to cross the street. I was standing back on the sidewalk, nowhere near the traffic. A nice person stopped to let me cross. Behind her were two other cars which also had to stop, one halfway out in the flow of traffic on Central Ave. I waved her on. No one should stop in the middle of a block to let a jaywalker cross. It can be a big surprise to the person behind them and can cause a crash. And, of course, everyone should walk to a crosswalk before crossing, including me.

Carol Orban Ely

## The Senate hands its authority to would-be king

We face desperate times in America. We the People are being ill-served by our elected representatives. A tyrannical president has been given undue control— which has unbalanced the system of checks and balances— long held as a basic foundation and safety net of this country. The members of the Senate proved unwilling to question the ugly realities of the President's activities and actions.

How does this lack of jurisprudence affect our nation's future? What the President and his cronies are hiding shall surely be detrimental. What could not come forth through witnesses?

We the People must stand up and do our part. We must demand truth, demand honest leadership, and demand that facts about subversive activities, unwarranted use of power, disruption of checks and balances, and use of national funds for personal use—be exposed.

From the recent Senate vote, it appears the Senate is okay with having a monarch and our elections manipulated by

foreign entities, besides all the other craziness we are seeing these days.

As Americans, we expect truth and justice, or am I naïve? Unable to face up to the executive branch, the Congress has handed their power to it, while saying they will leave tedious decisions to the electorate— to be decided in November. Is this one of those "the Emperor has no clothes" situations?

Cecilia Rolando Ely

### Thanks to Mitt Romney for standing for truth

This past week, Mitt Romney gave this nation a glimmer of hope as he courageously followed his conscience, his moral compass. His actions remind us that there are still leaders who value truth and honesty, respect, and dignity. Alarmingly, the insecure manchild will retaliate with threats, bullying, and personal attacks. I am re-reading Victor Frankl's book, "A Man's Search for Meaning," a powerful reminder of what happened in Germany when a monster took over the country, demonizing and de-humanizing a segment of the population and gaining power through fear and intimidation, striking out at any who did not align with the Nazis. A strong leader does not lead with fear. A strong leader does not lead with intimidation, personal attacks, and demonizing those who fail to align with his demands. At this time, we watch President Trump striking out, raging, shouting.....punishing, retaliating. This is not what mature, healthy leaders do. In this nation, the freedom to take a stand, to speak up, to fight for truth, and to follow one's moral compass and conscience is what has made this nation a role model for the world. Today we are thrust into a world that is unrecognizable. Thank you, Mitt Romney, for your light, reminding us that in a democracy, each individual, each Congressperson, each of

us, is free to stand for truth at a time when lies are covered up and encouraged. Retaliation and revenge against those who stand for truth and honesty are frightening to watch. That is not who we are as a nation.

Ellie Larmouth Tower

### Greenwood denies wrongdoing

Most of us have heard the saying, "Ifitwalks like aduck and quacks like a duck, it's a duck." At the meeting of the Greenwood Board last Tuesday that proposition was tested. The letter from the Department of Administration stating its opinion on the question of whether the Board had violated the Open Meeting Law was read for a second time.

The Board then voted to allow all members of the public access to the minutes. In the opinion issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Administration, she states, in part, "The Board cannot restrict, via motion, something that is guaranteed in statute." In other words, stating that the Greenwood Township Board, via motion, violated the Open Meeting Law by restricting access to the meeting minutes, in response to an Oct. 1, 2019, request.

After the agenda items were completed, time was given for Supervisor comments. Mike Ralston commented on the recent letter to the editor in the *Timberjay*. He stated the following: "If you read the opinion that we just read here, ah, there is no mention of a violation of an open meeting law. I just wanted to clarify that, it's, ah, we didn't provide access but there is no open meeting law violation as stated in the letter in the *Timberjay*."

Jeff Maus Greenwood

### Rediscovering the magic of National Geographic

When my father died in 1959, the impact upon my family resulted in many of the predictable challenges when a loss of that nature occurs. As is common, our family was thrust into greater financial uncertainty. It would be a long time before we'd be counted among the middle class. It



wasn't long after my mother had graduated from Redford High School with the Class of 1945 that she met and married my father. (He was one of the few men around who hadn't been drafted into the nation's war effort to stop Hitler's Army. His ineligibility was due to a childhood disease that had left him with long-lasting effects.) Thirteen years later she found herself widowed with three young children. And with only a high school education, she entered the workforce on the bottom rung of the proverbial economic ladder.

For me and my siblings.

workforce on the bottom rung of the proverbial economic ladder. For me and my siblings, elementary school became a big source of information and support. Our teachers took us under their wings and became

a major influence on our early

development. Then, in 1962 something very special happened. Each month, a magazine wrapped in plain brown paper and addressed to "Karen, Mike and Kathy McQuillan" began arriving in our mailbox! We learned it was a gift from our "Grandma and Grandpa Mac," something more exciting than anything we could have imagined!

The cover format was unassuming. Using only text framed in gold, "National Geographic

Magazine" arched boldly across the cover in ornately styled lettering. But the nondescript cover belied what was inside. Brilliant photographic images and spell-binding stories of far-away places and the people who lived there. So began my introduction to a new and magnificent world.

My curious mind was reg-

ularly refueled by brave strangers on expeditions to foreign countries, reporting back on the

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### Time to wake up, America!

The Senate failed miserably. They were supposed to conduct a fair impeachment trial and didn't do it. There has never been a fair trial that didn't include pertinent witnesses and documents. Fiftyone GOP senators took oaths of office that ended up meaningless when they voted against key witnesses and documents that could have shed light on the truth. They should all be thrown out of office, especially their ringleader, Mitch McConnell. How can you conduct a fair trial when you're taking your cues from the defendant, President Trump?

It doesn't take a genius to figure out what the plan was. McConnell even said publicly that he was working directly with the White House for the President's benefit, which makes it a sham. Once he and Trump put the squeeze on the 51 senators, they all folded. Over 75 percent of Americans wanted witnesses and documents used to legitimize the impeachment trial.

What the Senate did here leaves quite a stain on our democracy, unfortunately heading towards a dictatorship. I'm an Independent, so if the Democrats tried to do the same thing, I'd want them tossed out too. Honesty is sorely needed!

It's too bad that John McCain isn't still with us. I'm sure 51 GOP Senators would have been escorted, one by one, into his woodshed and told to bend over. He was a true patriot who would have never remained silent while our President circumvents the Constitution, uses his office for personal gain, and allows GOP senators and his own lawyers to be big hypocrites.

Three hypocrites who really stand out are Sens. Graham and Cruz, and Trump's lawyer Dershowitz. At Clinton's trial, both Graham and Dershowitz argued that you didn't need an actual crime to be impeached, but now in 2020 they claim if it's not an actual crime, you can't be impeached. In 2014, Cruz called Trump dangerous and a big con artist, but now considers him a saint. Quite the reversal! (It appears Mitt Romney is the only one of them to upholding his oath of office.)

Can you envision one more year, or heaven forbid, five years of President Trump? He just disgraced three fellow Republicans, one a decorated war hero and another his appointed Ambassador, and a million-dollar donor to his campaign, who dared to tell the truth in the House trial. He also promised to lower the national debt and has already ballooned it over a trillion dollars. (Washington Post-15,000 lies and counting)

What's ahead now that the senators gave him the green light? Scary! Will you be behind bars if you disagree with his policies? What would that remind you of? It's wake up time!

> Daryl Lamppa **Tower**

### Bloomberg has led on climate change

At 3:22 p.m., on June 1, 2017, the President declared in the White House Rose Garden that the United States was withdrawing from the international Paris Accord that is dedicated to combating climate change. (Presently the U.S. is the only nation that is not a participant.) The announcement was to appease his fossil fuel

The next day Mike Bloomberg went to Paris to

assure participants that the U.S. would live up to its commitments. He personally paid the \$15 million that the U.S. pledged. Within months, Bloomberg secured commitments from more than 100 American cities, 20 states and 1,300 businesses that represented more than half of the U.S. economy.

The United States is the second largest contributor of greenhouses gases, after China. Bloomberg set about closing down aging coal-fired power plants causing public health issues. Thousands of deaths and hundreds of thousands of asthma attacks were caused by toxic fumes from old power plants, adding poisonous mercury to our water and the leading cause of climate disruption.

Concurrently, Carl Pope, head of the Sierra Club was seeking funding to close coalfired power plants. Bloomberg gave Pope \$50 million. The campaign "Beyond Coal," helped to retire 245 coal plants and Bloomberg's total support amounted to \$168 million. Bloomberg and Pope co-authored a best-selling book, Climate of Hope, How Cities, Businesses and Citizens Can Save the Planet.

Bloomberg had been active on a national and international scale to curtail global warming well before the U.S.'s cessation of the Paris Accord. In 2014, he was appointed United Nations Special Envoy for Cities and Climate Change. Bloomberg helped to form and is the Co-Chair of the Global Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy. It is an international alliance of over 10,000 cities and local governments in more than 130 countries working to meet and exceed the Paris agreement objectives.

Bloomberg's knowledge

and passion to counter climate change is expressed in his statement, "The only thing I know that could literally wipe out every living thing on the planet is global warming.

Gerry Snyder

### Let copper mines into the house? Better lock the doors

'Pro-mining," "anti-mining" . . . These two "groups" are much closer than you might imagine. Let me explain:

Both groups understand the benefits that come with a negotiated, living, union wage. It is, after all, how we came to have a "middle class" in this country. I mean, who DOESN'T want a nice car and a bright smile?

Both groups love the beauty and solace to be found in the woods and on the clear lakes and streams of northern Minnesota. If you've never seen a bald eagle swooping down onto sparkling water, or a wolf trotting across a frozen lake, you've missed the simple joys this land offers—and at such reasonable prices! (Free.)

Neither group wants themselves, their children or grandchildren to be exposed to the heavy-metal poisons that would be introduced to these waters and fisheries from mining waste runoff. These include lead, arsenic, and mercury.

Both groups would prefer to continue catching uncontaminated walleye, trout and bass from these clear Minnesota waters.

So that's our common ground. Now that we're all in the same room, what's next?

Well, first and foremost is to remove the corporate veil that currently protects the moneymakers. This by itself smacks of criminal deceit. mean, think about it: You don't get a loan for a house, for a car or for a business startup without first listing your name and your personal assets as collateral. Mining should be the same. These are real humans. Expose and identify them. List THEIR personal assets - all of them as collateral for the damage their actions may cause. Don't let them hide behind the pretense of a shell company, a "company" that will abandon its financial bond, declare bankruptcy and disappear the day after the ore is gone. Or worse, the day after the fish are floating upside down. All done without even identifying the perps, and without admitting to any moral, ethical or financial responsibility by the moneymakers. That's just crazy wrong. I've seen it happen twice. I so don't want to see it happen again.

Affecting the above changes will require actual participation and leadership by our elected representatives in the House and Senate. Unfortunately, from the federal legislature to the MPCA. there are currently far too many "yes" men and women, reciting the lines provided to them by the moneymakers, who in all likelihood are also contributing heavily to these people's re-election campaigns.

So, yeah, tough. But without the above changes, the phrase "environmentally responsible mining" will remain a lie, just another break-in tool taken from the sack of a burglar. Should we let them into the house? Or should we maybe have some locks installed?

Share this message. Then pick up the phone. Please.

**Duane Behrens** 

### MAGAZINE...Continued from page 4

exciting things they discovered there. I never questioned "the source" for things like accuracy or bias. My still-developing brain was just feverishly inquisitive, hungry for knowledge and absorbing every tidbit of information it could. My mother, bless her heart, created a repository in a small hall closet and kept stacking volume after volume for only god knew what purpose.

Then lo, on my eighth birthday, Mom nanded me a black three-ring binder, complete with alphabetical dividers. "My job," she explained, was to "categorize each article by its subject and create a directory of all those stories, back to our very first issue!" Thus, National Geographic became an ad hoc encyclopedia, available for our homework assignments, any complaints of boredom and answers to the many questions for which my mother lacked a response. Back then it was a trusted resource. Only much later would questions arise regarding its "correctness." New technologies coupled with growing respect for diversity would create a broader array of informational resources and cultural perspectives. National Geographic became subject to serious scrutiny regarding its biases and "blind spots." Many abandoned this once popular magazine, turning to alternative sources that in the final decades of the 20th century included the "world wide web"!

A few years ago I listened to a lengthy interview with National Geographic's newest Editorial Director, Susan Goldberg. She'd taken the reins in 2015. Goldberg acknowledged the criticisms directed at this iconic publication, admitting that changes were necessary and forthcoming. She expressed enthusiastic commitment to a new focus and format. By recent reports, it appears her vision has paid off. I've learned that the magazine received the 2019 Pulitzer Prize for both journalistic and and photographic excellence.

In December 2018, I was stumped over what to put under the tree for my twelve-year-old grandson. I recalled the interview with Goldberg and decided to give Bradley a subscription to National Geographic. While ordering his subscription, I decided to gift myself with the same. That way we'd have new things to talk about when we were together! I knew this kind of present would be competing for his attention, but I felt confident that once it started arriving, he'd surely find something interesting between those covers, just as I

once had. How could he not be "wowed" by those outstanding photographs? Yes, the world is a different place now. Young people know so much more than I did. "But still," I thought, "I'll give it a try."

Thankfully, I'm able to think critically now about what I see and read. I'm aware when I browse high-end messaging by Dow Chemical about "the future of plastics" or Grumman Corporation, knowing full well that they make much more than just canoes. I know that these major sources of funding support much of the magazine's content. But I still peruse its work with awe, and still believe in its value, nonetheless. There is something special about the way National Geographic presents information, pulling together in one issue multiple facets and perspectives on a given theme, capturing the tangible and the lesser tangible elements of some very important stories.

Now, nearly sixty years later I still vividly recall combing through hundreds of articles to list in my three-ring notebook subjects from "A" to "Z" or topics as diverse as Appalachia Algeria, auks and amoebas Zanzibar, Zambia, zebras or Zoroastrianism — a cornucopia for the imagination and our understanding. There's also a lo to be said for its longevity and relevance, as well as its power to move us closer to places we may never see and people we may never meet. And then there's Mom? I'd say... genius!

[This article was inspired after reading, cover to cover, the August 2019 edition devoted to the theme of human migration prehistoric to present day.]

### **CHIPPEWA...**Continued from page 3

centuries," the letter continued. "Low buffering capacity of water and soil and the interconnection of lakes and streams, make the BWCA watershed particularly vulnerable to the impacts of mining."

The letter notes that mining discharges are known to increase the amount of mercury in fish tissue, which is a toxin "of great concern to our members who depend on wild caught fish for their sustenance," the letter continued. Three of the six member bands of the MCT, specifically the Bois Forte, Fond du Lac, and Grand Portage, have longstanding treaty rights to hunt,

fish, and gather across virtually all of northeastern Minnesota, including the area proposed for the Twin Metals mine. "All of this is at risk if any mining proposal in the watershed moves forward," concludes the letter. "It is unacceptable to trade this precious landscape and our way of life to enrich foreign mining companies that will leave a legacy of degradation that will last forever."

While some of northern Minnesota's Ojibwe bands, notably Fond du Lac and Grand Portage, have been willing to challenge copper-nickel mining projects for some

time, other bands have been reluctant to take a more public position. That makes the recent letter a significant development in the political fight over the proposed Twin Metals

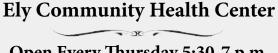
mine near Ely.

about 41,000 enrolled members, represents six Ojibwe bands in Minnesota, including the Bois Forte, Leech Lake,

The MCT, which has

Mille Lacs, and Grand bands have issued a letter

backing legal protections that would effectively block the proposed Twin Metals mine near Ely.



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by Stephanie Ukkola

Team SOUDAN-Soudan made a comeback after four years of losses against Team Tower in the annual Tower vs. Soudan Hockey Day Competition. The game has been played now for 22 years, with Soudan winning the first 17 years, Tower the next four, and now Soudan regaining its prominence.

The rivals played for the best out of three games, with the first team to five points the winner of the game. Soudan swept the action, taking the first game 5-1 and the second game 5-3. The teams played a third game just for fun. The nice weather brought out a lot of players and spectators. About 16 people were on Team Soudan and about 22 on Team Tower. Over 100 people attended the event this year.

The game started at 2 p.m. Prior to the game, local kids laced up and made use of the rink while adults practiced for the main event. Boot hockey had been scheduled to begin at 12 noon, but not enough players showed up to field teams.

The event featured a 50/50 raffle, with proceeds slated towards the possible purchase of a Zamboni. This purchase

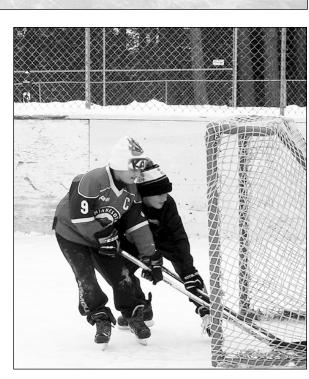




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### photos by S. Ukkola

canine distraction. Goalies were Nate Dostert for Soudan and Michelle Wagoner for Tower. Brian Bialke was Team Soudan Captain, and Bryan Morcom was Team Tower Captain. Greg Dostert served as event organizer and solo referee. Andy "Krunks" Krunkkala was Soudan's top scorer. Caz Carlson was the youngest player; the seventh-grader played on Team Tower. Jason Carlson, recent winner of the Ely Beardfest Competition, played for Team

Tower. Tower Mayor Orlyn Kringstad watched the entire game and mingled with other observers. This was his third year attending the event. He said, "It's always fun to see the two sister communities get together and have a good competitive game. We have amazingly good skaters on both sides. It was well organized and it made me proud."



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by the Breitung Town Board, but rink enthusiasts have raised enough private funding to pay for the machine. Soudan resident Keith Folstad won the raffle and donated his winnings back to the Zamboni fund, which meant \$180 was raised for the ice resurfacing machine that day. Last year, funds raised paid for a new sound system in the rink's warming shack that was just recently in-

Mikko, the dog of Soudan's goalie Nate Dostert, caused a stir when he ran out onto the ice during the game. Tower captain Bryan Morcom gave the Soudan team flack for trying to



### **Volunteers needed for Tower-Soudan Fourth of July events**

TOWER-SOUDAN-Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board needs new volunteers. Many of the faithful volunteers, many of whom have worked for 20-plus years, have decided to hang up their volunteer hats to enjoy the day with their own families. We understand this, and appreciate all of the years they have put in to help

make this single day the best we

can for all of you.

Volunteers are needed for

➤ Parade line-up help (2-3 people needed) Involves getting all parade floats/entries ready to make their way down Main

Street from the Civic Center parking lot. Time frame is 9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. ➤ Kiddie Parade help (3-4 people needed) Involves judging

and line-up of kids parade

entries and starting off parade.

Time frame is 9:30 - 11:15 a.m. ➤ Kids sawdust scramble

and races (4-6 people needed) Involves distributing coins in sawdust scramble, announcing races, line judges, winners name recorders, prize distribution.

Time frame 1 - 3 p.m. We cannot make our 4th of July celebration happen without our volunteers. Please keep our

wonderful traditions going in

Tower-Soudan.

To volunteer, please contact Julie Johnson by text or phone at 218-750-7242.

You do not need to be a Tower-Soudan resident, nor a member of our board to volunteer If you are willing to help in any way, please contact us.

### Clarification

In our Feb. 7 reporting on the Tower Area Ambulance Service subsidy issue, it was reported that "Breitung Township has yet to discuss a potential response to the city." This was after the Breitung Town Board did not discuss the issue at its late January meeting.

As of our press time on Feb. 5, this was accurate, but on Feb. 6, Breitung Supervisor Chuck Tekautz did meet with Tower City Clerk-Treasurer Victoria Ranua to discuss input for the new contract. Tekautz said the township is concerned about the miles being put on the ambulances during transfers, and does not feel that the data supports Ambulance Director Steve Altenburg's assertions that the transfers are what is keeping the department solvent. Tekautz said that his preliminary calculations showed that the transfers were significantly reducing the lifespan of the ambulances, and that the average revenue per mile for transfers was only half that of the average revenue per mile for emergency/911 calls. "Without transfers we would only need a new ambulance every six years," he said, "instead

Tekautz also emphasizes the importance of having a local ambulance service.

of every two years."

#### Shrove Tuesday meal on Feb. 25 at St. James

TOWER- In September 1992, Rev. Richard Blood accepted the call to minister at St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower. In 1994, Rev. Blood and St. James Session agreed that Vacation Bible School was badly needed in the area, and that it would take a sizeable amount of money to accomplish the project. A fundraiser was needed. The idea was brought up to have a pancake and sausage meal, and that it would fit well to have the first one be on Shrove Tuesday in 1995. Traditionally, on Shrove Tuesday, families clear the refrigerator of fats in preparation for

### COMMUNITY NOTICES

fasting during Lent. That first meal was very well received by the local Tower-Soudan community, and it has been served every year since. This year is the 25th anniversary and St. James thanks everyone who has made the project such a

This year's Shrove Tuesday meal will be served on Tuesday, Feb. 25 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at St. James, for a freewill donation. Take-outs are available. Proceeds will be divided equally between Chimpy's Skating Parties and the VBS sponsored jointly by St. James and Immanuel Lutheran.

#### St. Martin's Mardi Gras celebration on Feb. 21

TOWER- St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower will once again be hosting a Mardi Gras celebration on Friday, Feb. 21. Fun for the whole family begins at 5 p.m. and goes until 8 p.m. It's an open house style event - come when you want and stay as long as you want.

Drawings will be held throughout the evening - 6:15 p.m., 6:45 p.m., 7:15 p.m., and 7:45 p.m. You must be present to win one of the door prizes. A prize will be given for the best costume. Kids each receive one free drawing ticket, adults pay \$1 for each ticket.

There will be a kids' activity area to keep them busy and occupied. An art project for all children will be done at 6:30 p.m., followed with a Cupcake Walk at 6:50 p.m. The piñata will be back again this year - breaking of the piñata is scheduled for 7 p.m. Each child receives a treat bag at the door.

Bingo will return again - beginning at 6:45 p.m. Cost for bingo is \$5 for 10 games. New this year is a Cribbage Tournament. Cribbage will be played in teams of two; each player pays \$10 to enter, winning team takes home half of the pot. For this event we ask that you sign up with Maryann (753-

There will be a cash bar for adult beverages and lots of food.

Some of the items you will find on the menu: jambalaya, chili, a variety of meatballs and wings, Mardi Gras meringues, meat cheese tray with crackers, and more.

The cost is a freewill offering. We hope that you will join us for this feast before Lent.

#### **Red Hat Belles meet on** Feb. 20

TOWER- The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet on Thursday, Feb. 20 at 12 noon at the Tower Café. The group will order off the menu. Please RSVP by Monday, Feb. 17 to Kathy at 218-753-2530. New members and guests are alwavs welcomed.

#### **Tower-Soudan Civic Club** to meet Feb. 19

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Civic Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 19 at Sulu's. Sulu's will host a dinner to begin at 5:30 p.m. The cost of the dinner will be \$20. Please contact Linda Haugen for reservations. The program will begin at 6:30 p.m., and our speaker will be Jill Aubin from Mt. Iron. Jill will be speaking about her many adventures and hiking the Appalachian Trail. Please come join us, all are welcome to attend the dinner, program, or both.

### **Chimpy's Skating Parties** on Saturday, Sunday, and Monday

SOUDAN- Chimpy's Skating Parties are now underway. Stop by the Soudan Skating Rink on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 12 noon - 2 p.m., Sunday, Feb. 16 from 12 noon - 2 p.m., and Monday, Feb. 17 from 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.

This week's parties are sponsored by Brew Pub Pizza Company, Tower-Soudan Joint Powers, Emily Anderson, Leah Sckulte, Karl and Kristine Jonas, and the Fogarty Family from Pine Island.

These community ly-friendly events welcome skaters of all ages.

### **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 ap-

preciated the day before, or morning of, but walkins 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 218-300-1447 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 Feb. 17 Monday- No school, no lunch served

Tuesday-Chicken over Fried Rice, **Bread Stick** 

Wednesdaygna, Dinner Roll

Thursday- Hamburger on Bun, Onion Rings Friday- Pizza, Soup



### Week of Feb. 17

### 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 Feb. 18.

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.

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### THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



## Hearts,

The garden catalogs have started to pour into the mailbox. Each morning there is another one and another one.

There is hardly room on the kitchen table for coffee cups.

I dog-ear pages, circle items that I need, that will make my life complete, and make me the garden goddess of Lake Vermilion. I create separate

lists: one for annuals, another for perennials, and of course a separate page for hosta. I am going for the giant ones this year. And then I lose the list. I can't recreate the list because Hilda, in a rage of spring cleaning, has loaded all my precious catalogs into garbage bags and hauled them to the landfill.

May the guilty parties rot in peace. (I know, I know, but kids read newspapers!)

Knowing the crowd that haunts Chez Vera, I created a duplicate and it is tucked away in a safety box at Frandsen Bank & Trust.

Well, it may not be an EXACT duplicate, and it was way pricier than the first list, but there were plants I hadn't noticed. Hostas for 'special' unique gardens. I am se-

riously thinking, because

of my literary bent, to do a 'Novel' garden--'Dumbo,' 'Green Gables,' 'Jurassic Park,' and 'Sho-

Novel is in quotes because, wait for it, wait for it—there is a 'Novel'

There are people hosta, 'The Unsinkable Dr. Christiane Northrup Molly Brown,' 'David A. Haskell. Domaine de Courson,' 'Olive Bailey Langdon,' and good old 'Russ O'Harra.' After Molly Brown, I have NO idea who these people are or were.

Then there are these plants: 'Sum and Substance,' 'Sum It Up,' and 'Sum Total,' much more spectacular than their names.

As we sharpen our hoes, order exotic seeds and bags of compost, just thought you might like to find out that the best thing about your garden is the And there is a scien-

tific study: The Farm Effect:

How Dirt Makes You Happy and Healthy, published in the June 2012 issue of The Journal of Allergy and Clinical Immunology shows that Amish children who live on farms have about a 50-percent reduction in asthma, allergies, and gut-related disorders compared to children who grow up in more sterile environments. JUNE 2012 and we

are just hearing about it now???

According to Christiane Northrup, M.D., Expanded hours year-round (YES, A REAL DOC-TOR), "Dirt is not just good for children. We all need a little dirt in our lives!"

And I don't mean

The National Enquirer!

Doctors are now handing out "park prescriptions" for a range of conditions including heart disease, obesity and ADD.

#### Six More Reasons to Get Dirty

(from the website of at www.drnorthrup.com)

If getting dirty makes you happy, what else might it do? Well, it turns out dirt is good for you in more ways than one. Here are finally REA-SONS to get dirty:

➤ Being "dirt happy" lowers your blood pressure and stress hormones.

Mycobacterium vaccae in soil can improve cognitive function, as well as symptoms associated with Crohn's disease and even rheumatoid arthritis. > Bacteria on your

skin can help manage inflammatory skin conditions such as psoriasis and can even heal wounds. > Gardening (and

other dirty outdoor activities) engages your senses. Research shows that when multiple senses are stimulated, the brain is more likely to remember things and is better able to solve problems. ➤ If you're playing

in the dirt, chances are you're outside (unless

you have a kiddie pool full of dirt in your living room.) This means you are getting sunshine, which is full-spectrum light. Full-spectrum light stimulates production of Vitamin D and serotonin. It also regulates the production of melatonin, helping you get a good night's sleep.

Children who play outside become more adventurous and self-motivated and use their imagination more. They are also better able to understand and assess risk because playing in nature lets them explore in ways that they can ask questions, make observations, and see outcomes

➤ This makes perfect sense. As humans we have co-evolved for millions of years with microbes and parasites, both around and within our bodies. From the time a child can crawl, they intuitively know to get dirty and to put dirty objects in their mouth — it's a natural way of allowing their immune system to explore the environment. Ta Ta, Loves. I have

a large pot of dirt from some geraniums, I am just going to bury my face and be a happy camper....COME ON PEOPLE, LET'S GET DIRTY. Ms. Vera Milion

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ELY - The upcoming Tuesday Group schedule is listed below. All talks are at 12 noon on Tuesday at the Grand Ely Lodge.

Feb. 18 - Nancy Hernesmaa et al -Quetico Women's Trip

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#### Game night

ELY - Smear tournaments are held the first and third Mondays, and cribbage tournaments are held the second and fourth Mondays at the Ely Senior Center, 27 S First Ave E, starting at 6 p.m.

### **Breathing Out**

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### IRRR aid, private donations help renovation project

by KEITH VANDERVORT

Ely Editor

ELY – As reported last month, the city's Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) received a Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Small Grant to help with the renovation and preservation of the historic Pioneer Mine site. In addition, the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation recently agreed to help fund the project.

"We actually just got two grants, one from the MHS and one from the IRRR Mineland Fund, said HPC Chair Celia Domich. "All together, we received \$22,000 in funding help, \$10,000 from MHS and \$12,000 from IRRR, that will be supplemented with \$2,000 in private donations, to design the repair and reconstruction of the retaining wall at the mine site."

The Pioneer Mine is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and provides benefits to the community as a tourist attraction and arts center. It is owned by the city of Ely and managed by the Ely Arts and Heritage Center Group, a non-profit organization that operates

### Help preserve Ely's heritage

ELY - Applications are now being accepted for a position on the City of Ely's Heritage Preservation Commission.

The goal of the commission is to safeguard the heritage of Ely by preserving sites and structures that reflect elements of the city's cultural, social, economic, political, visual or architectural history.

The HPC has been active in several projects over the last six years including the listing of the Ely Community Center on the National Register, the Re-Use study of the Community Center, the Downtown Survey and most recently the Condition Assessment of the Pioneer Mine Site. The commission also developed and maintains the Historic Downtown Walking Tour.

Please send a letter of interest and qualifications to the Ely City Clerk's Office, 209 E. Chapman Street, Ely, MN 55731 or email casey.velcheff@ely.mn.us.

the Miners Dry Event Center as well as a small museum on the site.

"The Pioneer Mine opened in 1889," Domich said. "There were other mines in the Ely area, but the Pioneer had the largest ore deposit. It was active until 1967. During that time, it produced a total of 41,112,587 tons of ore, or 40 percent of the Vermilion Range's entire output. Its ore was of particularly high quality, making it a critical component in the industrialization of America.

"The site is an effective tool to share this

history—the history of Ely, the history of the immigrants who came here to work and the history of the entrepreneurs who saw the vision and took the risks. It also provides a venue to describe the mining process at the turn of the century and its evolution." The retaining wall that

is in need of restoration supports the Pioneer Mine Headframe and Shaft House above and protects the Trezona Recreational Trail, water access, and Miners Dry Building, below.

Constructed in the 1940s of precast concrete

Special thanks go to

cribs and steel reinforcement, there has been significant deterioration as a result of water penetration over the last 75 years.

After the completion of the 2019 Condition Assessment Study for the site, a joint meeting of Ely's Heritage Preservation Commission and members of the Ely Arts and Heritage Group identified the wall restoration as the number one maintenance priority for the site, according to Domich

The HPC is an arm of the Ely city government, with a mission to safeguard Ely's heritage by promoting the preservation and continued use of historic sites and structures. "We are very excited to receive this support from the city, the state and the IRRR," Domich said. "And we have always had the support of the community." She added, "The Pioneer Mine site is an iconic reminder of Ely's past and the people here value the site and its history. But this is only phase one of a two-phase project. The HPC will continue to seek support in the future for the money to pay for the actual construction of the repair work. And so the work continues."

### Letter to the Editor

### Ely Winter Festival rallies in response to vandalism

To the Ely Timberjay:

The Ely Winter Festival very much appreciates the support of the community, the visitors to Ely, and most especially the amazing artists who fill our park with gigantic pieces of art.

You may have heard that on the first night of the International Snow Sculpting Symposium, most of our sculptures were vandalized with spray paint, which was easily shaved off. A few sculptures had pieces knocked off. Most disappointing was destruction of a sculpture that students from the high school and college had been working on with the mentoring of some of our local professional

carvers and the college art instructor. The vandal also vandalized many of the Amateur Blocks, and our brandnew warming tent. The Ely Police Department is

investigating. The artists, professional and amateur, parents, and children all rallied. They fixed their sculptures, they talked to their children about mean people. The professionals are used to having to make adjustments due to snow and weather conditions. And while we were all shocked and disappointed, we were just as determined to come together as a community.

We are working on repairing the tent, and new signs have already been ordered. Dean and Peta Barrett who rallied to cover and repair the damage to the tent. To A2B Taxi, who stayed with the tent all night on Friday night. To the staff from Northern Tier Scout Base who stayed in the park all night Saturday night. To the BoatHouse Brewpub, who have offered a reward to anyone who helps solve this crime. To the Facebook community who rallied around us when we needed you. To everyone who came to the Kickoff

There is still an entire weekend of Ely Winter Festival events for everyone to enjoy. Please get out and enjoy the Ely ArtWalk, an Ely Folk School class,

on Friday night.

a concert, or fundraiser dinner. Go to our website and click on events, www.elywinterfestival. com.

This activity is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through grants from the Minnesota State Arts Board and the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts and cultural heritage fund as well as the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust, and the Ely Chamber of Commerce.

Thank you for your coverage, and for your support.

Linda Ganister EWF Board Treasurer

### Senior Center seeks donations

ELY - The Ely Senior Citizen Center is seeking donations to remodel their 40-year-old kitchen and dining area.

They are a nonprofit organization, and many community organizations and groups use the building. AEOA meals are served Monday through Friday and meals are delivered to the home-bound by the AEOA bus.

Donations can be sent to the Ely Area Senior Center, 27 S 1st Ave E, Ely, MN 55731 or to Ely Senior Citizen Building Fund C/O Frandsen Bank, 102 E Sheridan St., Ely, MN 55731. Contact Terri Muhvich at 218-365-4305 for more information.

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#### YOUTH HOCKEY



## **HOWLER 2020**





### Ely Wolves host 5th annual Mini Mite-Mites Jamboree

Youth hockey teams from across the Iron Range traveled to Ely last weekend for Howler 2020. Ely Mites White team's Sawyer Hegman, top, goalie Henry Fetterer, above, and Parker Niskala, left, saw plenty of action Saturday morning against the International Falls Gold Team. photos by K. Vandervort

### ELY MEMORIAL SCHOOL

### **Quarter 2 Honor** Roll. 2019-2020

\*Denotes 3.5 GPA or above

Grade 6: Brayden Akins, \*Cazimiro Carlson, \*Isabelle Chick, \*Jack Davies, \*Cylvia Debeltz, \*Otto Devine, Peyton Erzar-Tyndall, \*William Forsberg, \*Tatum Gubrud, \*Hunter Halbakken, \*Aila Harding, \*Sabrah Hart, Blake Hegfors, \*Nathan Hoffmeister, \*Makenzi Huntington, Andrew Johnson, Andrew Kvistad, \*Molly Lindsay, \*Zoe Mackenzie, \*Bria Marshall, \*Jesse Oelke, \*Ella Perish, \*Alison Poppler, \*Sadie Rechichi, \*John Schiltz, Tyler Scott, Summit Smith, \*Rhys Truty, \*Chance Wavrin, Olin Weise, Jayden Zemke.

**Grade 7:** Chloe Anderson, \*Noah Anderson, Evelyn Cavalier, \*Caid Chittum, \*Max Cochran, \*Isabella Davis, \*Carena Debeltz, \*Anna Dunn, Brady Eaton, Isabella Ferrante, \*Margaret Fetterer,

Annabelle Henry,

\*Rena Johnston, Senja Kess, Rylee Larsen, \*Anna Larson, Morgan Lassi, \*Maija Mattson, \*Wyatt Mattson, Milo McClelland, \*Alex Merriman, Madelyn Moen, Anya Moger, \*Janae Murphy, Carmen Nelson, \*Eli Olson, \*Lillian Rechichi,\*Lauren Rehbein, \*Garrett Rohr, Silas Solum, \*Ava Sundell, \*Clare Thomas, \*Kennedy Zupancich.

Grade 8: Chase Anderson, \*Esther Anderson, \*Lily Dirks, \*Kiarstin Eaton, Ryan Fenske, Bryce Ferdig, Thomas Homer, \*Abigail Johnson, Matthew Johnson, Samantha Kvistad, \*Grace LaTourell, Brielle Lindland, \*Gavin Marshall, Ella Nappa, \*Samuel Prijatel, \*Deegan Richards, \*Isabelle Schiltz, Rose Mary Schlosser, \*Ava Skustad, \*Leo Stalmer,

\*Rachel Coughlin,

\*Margaret Dammann,

Robert Towley, \*Sarah Visser. **Grade 9:** \*Joseph Bianco, Charlize Carlson, Jacob Cochran, \*Katherine Coughlin,

\*Zoe Devine, \*Sydney Durkin, \*Courtney Eilrich, \*Clayton Forsman, \*Natasha Fulkrod, \*Taylor Gibney, Gunnar Hart, \*Jackson Hegman, \*Phoebe Helms, Gabriel Mann, Morgan McClelland, \*Sean Ogburn, Cedar Ohlhauser, Elizabeth Omerza, \*Madeline Perry, \*Madison Rohr, \*Juliet Stouffer, \*Grace Sundell, \*Lillian Tedrick, \*Audrey Thomas, \*Kelly Thompson. Grade 10: \*Bryce

Fairchild, Charly Flom, \*Joseph Foster, \*Jon Hakala, \*Drayke Hanninen, \*Laura Holmstrom, \*Micah Larson, \*Sidney Marshall, \*Annikka Mattson, \*Cora Olson, Lauren Olson, \*Gabriel Pointer, \*Gracie Pointer, Edward Prijatel, \*Abigail Rehbein, \*Zachary Robbins, Chase Sandberg, \*Katrina Seliskar,

\*Harry Simons, \*Kellen Thomas, Ande Visser.

Grade 11: \*Riley

Bishop, Madisyn

Carlson, \*McKenna

Coughlin, \*William Davies, \*Grace Erickson, \*Emmett Faltesek, \*Herrly, Jordan \*Jasper Johnston, \*Cameron Kienitz, \*Brock LaTourell, \*Desiray Lawrence, Jimmy Li, Hanna Littler, Sophie Montana, Gabbrielle Motes, \*Amelia Pluth, \*Margaret Renner, \*Sydni Richards, Madelvne Roderick, Hailey Schaller, \*Julia Schwinghamer, \*Abigail Thompson, Brynn Vollom, Elsie Vollom, Davis Walsh. Grade 12: \*Ana

Bercher, \*Ethan Bremner, Nils DeRemee, \*Kalyssa Eilrich, \*Dylan Fenske, \*Apolonia Homer, Sarah Isbell, Savannah Johnson, McCartney Kaercher, Brielle Kallberg, Isabelle Kelley, Joshua Larson, \*Henry Matthys, Eric Mattila,\*Erika Mattson, \*Jenna Merhar, \*Nathan Nettifee, \*Luke Olson, \*Raif Olson, \*Brooke Pasmick, Mitchell Peterson, Seann Prigge, \*Abigail Rabe, Winter Sainio, \*James

Schwinghamer.

### Higher Education

### Prigge honored at Michigan Tech

HOUGHTON, Mich. - Michigan Technological University, in Houghton, Mich., named Ely student, Seth Prigge, to their Dean's List for the 2019 fall semester. More than 1,880 students were named to the Dean's List this past fall.

Prigge is studying mechanical engineering at the school. Michigan Technological University is a public research university, home to more than 7,000 students from 60 countries.

To be included, students must achieve a grade point average of 3.5 or higher.

### **Bria Schurke graduates with Masters** of Science from St. Scholastica

DULUTH - The College of St. Scholastica has announced graduate students whose degrees have been conferred for the Fall 2019 semester.

Bria Schurke, of Ely, graduated with a Master of Science in Physician Assistant Studies on Saturday,

### **Courtney Kellogg honored at Wichita** State

WICHITA, Kan. - Wichita State University announced that Ely student Courtney Kellogg, and more than 3,300 other students WSU, qualified for the dean's honor roll for fall 2019.

To be included on the dean's honor roll, a student must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) and earn at least a 3.5 grade point average on a 4.0 scale.

### In Brief

#### 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.

### Yesterday's news, this week

from the archives of

### THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

February 13, 1920

### Married men lose to bachelors

The unexpected happened last evening when the unmarried basketball shooters took the married shooters to school on a score of 35 to 16. Everybody said the married fellows would win in a walk in a battle owing to their constantly being in practice for any kind of scrimmage, but the dope went awry.

When seen after the game by the sports writer, one of the benedicts made the remark that, "he thought his team had been over-trained and had during their married life lost so many scraps that they were scrapless and should be scrapped." This fellow probably was sour, a fact not developed during the game which was enjoyed by a large crowd.

John Gerzin, of the high school team, did the referee work in a very satisfactory manner. The proceeds of the game went to the Frank Lozar Post. Those participating: married men, Thos. Murn, Fred Mokros, John Gianotti, Henry Merdink and Ernest Hanson; bachelors, Ray Hoffler, M. Simonson, Owney Hegman, Elmer Maki and Jack Lampi.

### **Temperate Finns**

Miss Mary E. Stillwell, county demonstration agent, was in the city Sunday on official business and while here she addressed the Finnish Temperance Society at the K.R. Hall. In addition to the address of Miss Stillwell, a musical and literary program was given.

**Trial begins** 

Several of our people are at Hibbing where the trial of Toney Startz, indicted by a grand jury for assault in the second degree, was begun in district

Startz is charged with having carved up a friend with a knife here several weeks ago.



2020 Arts Grant **Applications** 

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**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS:** 12:00 noon on Tues., March 17

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

Call **365-2639** or email **info@gardnertrust.org** Youth Grant applicants must call Keiko by Friday, Feb. 21 to schedule a grant review meeting.

#### NORTH WOODS SCHOOL

### Daddy-Daughter dance raises money for school PTO

FIELD TWP- The commons area at North Woods School looked a lot like an old time junior high dance Friday night – boys sitting off to the side while girls gleefully cavorted on the dance

However, the girls were Kindergarteners to sixth-graders, and the "boys" were fathers and grandfathers who were their escorts to the fourth annual Daddy-Daughter fundraising dance sponsored by North Woods PTO.

When the music was upbeat and blaring, most of the men sat or stood on the sidelines talking with each other while the girls twirled and ran and showed off some surprisingly well-choreographed dance moves.

John Carlson was one dad who occasionally took on a fast dance with his sixthgrade daughter Josephine.

"I came willing to embarrass myself for my daughter,"

Carlson laughed. "It's not my first rodeo, so to speak. I was born and raised in a wedding and catering business, so I watched receptions go on every weekend."

The Carlsons missed last year's dance, and with Josephine moving on to junior high next year Carlson was glad they could make it to this one.

"This gives the girls a moment to be in the spotlight," he said. "They get to be the center of attention and they deserve it. My daughter has already said she's bummed out this is her last year."

This was the first of what may be many dances to come for Bob Dundas of Mt. Iron, who was escorting his granddaughter, Gracie Bundy. Five of his six grandchildren are

granddaughter wanted her own date for this dance and she asked me to do it," Dundas said. "I'll do anything for my grandkids. I've been looking forward to

it ever since she asked me."

Dundas said he was surprised by how many people were there. So was PTO member April Wilcox, who coordinated the refreshments, decorations, and photography.

"We were only expecting 12 couples," Wilcox said. "Not a lot of people RSVP'd, so when more people started showing up than we expected it was a pretty cool thing."

Wilcox didn't mind seeing the men sitting out the fast dances.

"If they're not up dancing, the important thing is they showed up," she said.

Proceeds from the dance will be used to support several PTO activities, including providing meals for teachers during parent-teacher conferences, purchasing extra supplies for elementary teachers, and making a donation to pay for a band trip.



Top: Sixth-grader Josephine Carlson and her father, John, share a lighthearted moment on the dance floor. Below left: Danika Hoffman, left, dishes into a bowl of ice cream with Samantha Anderson. Below right: Jade Rautiola, left, and Chloe Kajala gleefully pair up on the dance floor.

photos by D. Colburn





### **JOHN VUKMANICH**

Most educators agree that reading is the single most important subject that our students need to master. It literally is the foundation for the understanding of all other subjects. Without the ability to communicate, even solving a math problem is not possible.

The state of Minnesota requires in the "World's Best Workforce Plan" that all students read at grade level by third grade. While this is no small feat to accomplish with students coming to us from widely varying backgrounds, we do indeed take our role as reading educators se-

February is officially "I Love to Read" month at North Woods Elementary. We have several activities taking place at

school to help support our kids with reading.

We kicked off our month of reading focus on Jan. 31 with a visit from local children's author Dana Sanders. Dana presented her book "The Hidden Treasure of the Sax-Zim Bog" to our second and third-graders. How lucky we are to have a local author come to our school to read us the book that she wrote!

Our next kickoff event is our annual Books and Bagels. Parents and family members are invited to come in and read with their kids, all while enjoying juice, coffee, and bagels served by our Title I staff in the commons. 160 parents and relatives attended this year's event! Title I is a federal program that allows us to provide students with additional resources in math and reading. We are fortunate to have three teachers working in our Title I program; Mr. LeBeque, Ms. Nelson, and Mrs. Sopoci all provide valuable instruction to students to improve their reading fluency. Thanks to Title I for their work

with our kids and Books

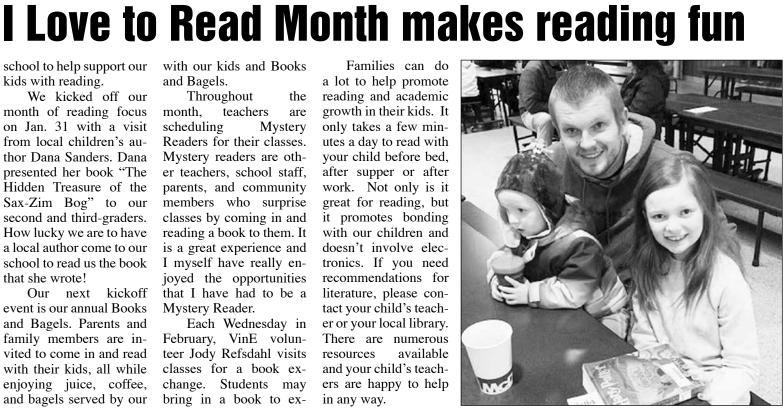
and Bagels. Throughout month, teachers scheduling Mystery Readers for their classes. Mystery readers are other teachers, school staff, parents, and community members who surprise classes by coming in and reading a book to them. It is a great experience and I myself have really enjoyed the opportunities that I have had to be a Mystery Reader.

Each Wednesday in February, VinE volunteer Jody Refsdahl visits classes for a book exchange. Students may bring in a book to exchange for a different book from the cart. It's a great way for kids to have the chance to read a different book with no cost or time limit.

The Book Bandit has been active at our school, too. Somehow the Book Bandit sneaks into lockers or desks and leaves students with a book to read and share, leaving the calling card "The Book Bandit was here." They are stealthy little critters, indeed.

Families can do a lot to help promote reading and academic growth in their kids. It only takes a few minutes a day to read with your child before bed, after supper or after work. Not only is it great for reading, but it promotes bonding with our children and doesn't involve electronics. If you need recommendations for literature, please contact your child's teacher or your local library. There are numerous resources available and your child's teachers are happy to help

in any way.



Top: This family had fun reading Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets at Books and Bagels, an I Love to Read Month event. Bottom: Local author Dana Sanders read her book, The Hidden Treasure of Sax-Zim Bog, to second and third graders.

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#### LOCAL BUSINESS

### New realty owners use a team approach

by DAVID COLBURN Cook/Orr Editor

ORR- What's a couple to do after they sell a resort they ran for more than 20 years? For Ray and Vanessa Ingebretsen of Orr, their answer came in December: Buy a real estate company and keep on selling.

The couple recently took over RE/ MAX Lake Country of Orr from former owner Deena Congdon.

"It's the same thing, whether building relationships that keep customers coming back for vacations year after year, or building a client base in real estate where the next time they buy or sell they're going to come back to you," Ray said. The Ingebretsens and their two daugh-

ters moved to Orr from Rockford, Ill., in 1995, and two years later purchased the struggling Aspen Resort on Pelican Lake. While adding another daughter to the family, they also turned things around at the resort, making it a popular and profitable destination that they sold two years ago.

Country as an agent, and Vanessa took on a contract mail route. When the opportunity to buy the business came up, Ray and Vanessa didn't hesitate. "We've been self-employed and worked

Ray went to work at RE/MAX Lake

side by side for most of our married life," Ray said. However, the Ingebretsens had one

condition - Sandy Wardas had to agree to stay on as office administrator.

"She's been here going on 14 years now," Ray said. "If Sandy was going to retire when Deena sold, we would not have bought."

Agent Jeff Miller rounds out the RE/



New RE/MAX Lake Country owners Ray and Vanessa Ingebretsen, left, pose in their Orr office lobby with office administrator Sandy Wardas and agent Jeff Miller. photo by D. Colburn

MAX Lake Country staff.

Vanessa said her goal is to take on as many of the non-agent tasks as she can to free Ray and Jeff to spend time with clients. The "tag team" approach has worked well for the Ingebretsens in the past, but Vanessa recently discovered a downside to the arrangement.

After a sale closed on a house, it fell to Vanessa to go take the sign out of the yard and the lockbox off the door.

"I pulled up to the driveway and there's no path to the door, the snow was up to my armpits, and you can't see a sign anywhere," Vanessa said. "If I would fall over I'd never be able to get up again." Vanessa found a snow shovel and went

to work, eventually reaching the lock box

and discovering a small hump in the snow that gave her a clue where to dig for the sign. Eventually, Ray showed up to check

"He pulled in the driveway," Vanessa said. "He hadn't heard from me in forever."

While the agency benefits from its affiliation with RE/MAX, Ray said the key to their success will be providing the same kind of personalized customer service that served them well at the resort.

"It seems like a lot of real estate companies get big and they don't follow up on a lot of things," he said. "Our plan from beginning to end is to follow up with the clients. Being from the hospitality side of it, we understand you need to keep people happy to keep them coming back."

### **Grizzly archers** place high

HILL CITY- North Woods students fared well at the Grand Prix Archery Meet held in Hill City on Saturday, Feb. 8. North Woods High School students placed second overall and North Woods Elementary students placed third overall.

For high school boys, Jermiah Voges placed second with 285 points. Lillian Voges placed fourth for high school girls with 281 points.

In the middle school competition, Cadence Nelson won first with 280 points in the girls league. For middle school boys, Riley Las won second with 278 points.

Fifth-grader Khloe Holland placed fourth with 250 points for girls. Fifth-grader Gus Jacobson took fifth with 234 points for boys.

In the fourth-grade boys competition, Cedar Holman placed second with 245 points. For fourth-grade girls, Kalle Nelson took fifth with 201 points.

The next meet is at Greenway on Saturday, Feb. 22.

### **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **NWFA Board of Directors to meet** Feb. 18

COOK- The NWFA Board of Directors will meet at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the gallery. Meetings usually last about two hours. Tenth anniversary planning, Spring Art Expo, and the annual photo contest will be on the agenda.

#### Original drama, "Piercing the Snow," showing Feb. 22-23

COOK- First Baptist Church of Cook's "Bleak Mid-Winter Players" have discovered a cure for the long Cook winter - preparing a feast and drama for the community. In the pursuit of memorizing lines, sewing costumes, drumming up 10th-century recipes, and pounding out a new stage set, toe-biting cold or cap-stealing winds become mere petty nuisances. It is a huge blessing for the team to once again be able to present a drama event to the community.

performances of the original drama, "Piercing the Snow," which is a tale of two brothers. The first will be a dinner theatre at the Cook Community Center beginning at 6 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22. The second will also be at the Cook Community Center, but it will be just the drama performance with a snack intermission on Sunday, Feb. 23 at 3 p.m. The snack performance will again be performed at the Gilbert Community Center on Saturday, Feb. 29 at 4

There will be three

This year, the play is a historical biography from 10th-century Bohemia. You will be the King's guests at the Prague Castle. We invite

guests to attend in period attire, but costumes are not necessary to attend.

ner theatre are \$10 per person or \$30 per family. Tickets for the other two performances are \$3 per person. We recommend buying or reserving your tickets ahead of time as performances, especially the dinner theatre, could sell out. Please stop by or call the First Baptist Church office at 218-666-5979 for any further details and to reserve or buy your tickets.

### **NWFA art groups**

COOK- The NWFA Gallery is open Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and is located at 210 S River St. in Cook. Stop in to view the gallery or attend one of our regular art groups listed below. For more information, visit the website at nwfamn. org or email at nwfamn. org@gmail.com.

Open Studio Art takes place every Saturday at the NWFA gallery from 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. All artists and wouldbe artists are welcome to share the time and space. All are welcome with no registration or membership required. The Woodcarv-

ing Group meets on Thursdays from 6-8 p.m. All skill levels are welcome to attend and participate. No registration required. Some tools are available to practice with. Call Howard at 218-741-7941 to verify.

The NWFA Winter Writers Group will meet on Saturday, Feb. 8 from 1 to 3 p.m. The group meets on the second Saturday at the NWFA Gallery volunteer educator Dr. Ellie Larmouth. All interested persons may attend. Just drop in.

### **Events at Cook** Library

➤ Friday, Feb. 14: Preschool story time begins at 10:30 a.m., This Tickets for the dinweek's selection is Planets and Stars.

➤Thursday, Feb. 20: Movie: Death on the Nile, 6 p.m. Watch the 2004 movie of Agatha Christie's Death on the Nile, 98 minutes. Popcorn and water provided by Friends of the Cook Public Library.

➤ Friday, Feb. 21: Preschool Story Time begins at 10:30 a.m. This week's selection is Little Monsters.

➤Friday, Feb. 21: Teen Escape Room, 6 p.m. All teens are welcome to "escape" from the library. Food provided by Friends of the Cook Public Library.

➤Friday, Feb. Preschool story time at 10:30 a.m. this week's selection is Let's Do Magic.

➤Thursday, March 5: One Book, One Community: "Death on the Nile" by Agatha Christie. There is plenty of time to read the book and join us at the library for a book discussion at 5 p.m.

#### **Squires named to** dean's list GHEEN-Noah

R. Squires, of Gheen, a North Woods High School graduate, ceived dean's list honors while studying Mechanical Engineering at Michigan Technological University in Houghton, Mich. Squires earned a straight-A average, a 4.0.

Michigan Technological University is a public research university, home to more than 7,000 students from 60 countries. Founded in 1885, the University offers more than 120 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science and technology, engineering, forestry, business and economics, health professions, humanities, mathematics, and social sciences. The campus in Michigan's Upper Peninsula overlooks the Keweenaw Wa-

terway and is just a few

miles from Lake Superior.

### **Take Your Best** Shot photo contest now open

REGIONAL- Grab your camera, your phone, your favorite photos and compete in the 2020 photo contest, "Take Your Best Shot," which begins now in Cook at Northwoods Friends of the Arts. The contest is a fundraiser for the arts center which provides arts education, exhibition, sales, performances and community outreach. Contestants may enter their best original photos until Saturday, April 25.

There are only two participant categories, adult and student. Students may enter three of their own original photos at no cost. A student is defined as anyone attending elementary or high school or a home school equivalent. Each original photo entry must be either 5x7 or 8x10 inches. The entry fee is \$10 per photo for adults, and students who want to enter more than three photos.

At a special reception on Friday, May 29 from 5 to 7 p.m. this fundraiser will celebrate with awards for contest winners in three categories, Student (\$25), Adult (\$75) and People's Choice (\$50). A panel of judges will anonymously judge the photos for adult and student. Each contestant is given a white mat/ sleeve for each photo entry so the whole exhibit matches for anonymous evaluation by judges. Honorable mentions are also given for special photos in the exhibit.



Dr. Jensen, Optometrist

Dr. Bechthold, Optometrist

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For the People's Choice Award, the people of the community will vote for their favorite photo when they visit the photo contest exhibit at NWFA Gallery in Cook between May 6 and 29. The gallery is located at 210 S River St.

Please enjoy a visit to view or buy arts/crafts at NWFA Gallery and enter your creative photos in the Take Your Best

Shot contest. Entry forms are available now at the gallery. Entry forms may also be acquired on the website at nwfamn.org and by email to nwfamn. org@gmail.com.



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#### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

### TEDA looking at improvements to charter school building

Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- The newlyindependent Tower Economic Development Authority (TEDA) authorized its new executive director, Marshall Helmberger, to move ahead on exploring options for repairs and renovations to the Vermilion Country School building, which TEDA

The building had formerly been managed by the city, but since it is owned by TEDA, it is now being managed by the TEDA board.

The building's roof has been leaking throughout the winter due to ice damming, damaging the roof's insulation, interior walls, and some charter school equipment and materials. The city has submitted an insurance claim for damage from the leaking roof, to help cover at least a portion of the cost of repairs. Leakage has been an ongoing problem in the school, although this winter has been particularly bad. In the past, however, city officials were unwilling to address the problem.

Longtime iron worker Greg Dostert attended the meeting and talked about some short-term fixes for the building's metal

"I installed those types of roofs for years," he said. "They are usually a very leakproof

Dostert said there were a couple of options that might work to stop the leaks and suggested that TEDA contact a commercial roofing contractor to get more information.

Helmberger said that besides

fixing the leaks, TEDA should look at making the building more energy-efficient, as well as doing some interior renovations.

"The design of the building is inconsistent with a school or office-type environment," he said, noting that the very high ceiling in the building keeps most of the heat up high creating excessive heat loss, contributing to the ice damming problem.

Helmberger will meet with a committee at the school to discuss renovation ideas, and will also investigate funding options, which could include grants to improve the energy-efficiency of the building. Helmberger noted that the

charter school has been a good tenant for the city and that an additional investment now would benefit the school by reducing utility costs, and benefit TEDA by protecting the building from ongoing damage. "The school has paid over

\$507,000 in lease fees to date," he said, noting that the school continues to pay \$6,500 a month in rent. "The original renovation cost \$530,000." Helmberger noted that the

building contributes a significant source of funding to TEDA, as well as providing good-paying jobs in the community.

The building was built in the 1990s through a non-recourse loan from the Department of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation to serve as a manufacturing facility for Powerain, which made touchless car wash systems. In 2012 the city owed about \$289,000 plus interest to the IRRR on the non-recourse loan. The IRRR, at the request of charter school founders, forgave

the outstanding balance on the loan so the city could renovate the building to house the charter

### **Loan fund raided**

Based on an ongoing investigation into the city's storefront loan renovation program, TEDA and city officials have determined that former clerk-treasurer Linda Keith transferred approximately \$112,000 out of the loan fund to cover other city expenses in 2018 and 2019, without any formal action or apparent knowledge by the city council. The city council has been overseeing the fund but officially turned over management of the fund to TEDA as of this week.

The fund contained over \$150,000 as recently as three years ago. "The current amount remaining in the account is \$44,579," said Helmberger. The transfers out of the

account began in 2018 and continued through June 2019. While Keith made some transfers back in, the net loss was \$112,000, according to Helmberger. 'This is very disturbing," he

said. "That is money we could have done some good with."

There is one outstanding loan that is in default, totaling about \$16,000 out of the original loan of \$17,910.

The mortgage on that loan was never properly recorded with St. Louis County, Helmberger said, and the loan itself was never approved by the city's storefront loan committee, which was charged with reviewing an applicant's financial information. The storefront loan committee includes representatives from the local bank and credit union.

"[The loan] went from the

former clerk to the city council without going to the storefront committee," Helmberger said, adding that the committee likely would have rejected the loan because of the financial situation of the property owners requesting it.

TEDA gave Helmberger the authority to re-issue documents for the outstanding loan and to work with the business owners on a repayment schedule.

A larger loan made from the storefront fund to Scenic Rivers for exterior renovations was repaid in full in April 2019, but that money was put into the city's general fund and spent, said Helmberger, rather than coming back to the storefront account.

#### Housing as a priority

TEDA members talked about the lack of housing options in the area, and how this affects both local businesses and families. With a growing demand for workers at Lamppa Manufacturing, TEDA members agreed that working on increasing the city's housing supply needs to be a priority to help the

"There are a lot of houses in Tower that are not occupied," Helmberger said. "We can acquire, renovate, and resell... there is funding available for housing rehabilitation." The current cost of build-

ing new housing has gotten to be very high, it was noted, so renovating existing housing is a good strategy. TEDA member Rachel

Beldo said there are also many older residents who wish to remain in their homes but cannot access in-home services. Beldo

works as a nurse practitioner at Scenic Rivers.

"We see this all the time with our elderly," she said. "Seniors need help with setting up their medications, doing laundry, getting to medical appointments. and home nursing care." Beldo said seniors are having a hard time getting services from providers, who are all located in other cities.

TEDA talked about working with Scenic Rivers to do a survey of area seniors to see what services are needed and by how many seniors. Helmberger noted that Vermilion Country School offers senior dining and can provide "meals on wheels" to homebound seniors.

TEDA also forwarded its recommendation that the city acquire a tax-forfeit lot on South Second Street that could be used for a Habitat for Humanity home project. Helmberger said that Habitat is interested but would want to find a partner family this year, for construction of a home

"The best thing for us to do is to recruit a family," Helmberger

In other business, TEDA:

➤ Appointed officers: President Steve Peterson, Vice-President Sheldon Majerle, Treasurer Joan Broten, and Secretary Rachel Beldo.

➤ Asked the city of Tower to appoint Helmberger as the TEDA representative for the Planning and Zoning Board, and to consider appointing Michael Schultz to the open term that expires at the end of this year.

#### Orr council takes aim at dilapidated general store garage a safety hazard, couldn't mendation to have the it's ridiculous when you're

by David Colburn

Cook-Orr Editor

ORR- Citing rising concerns over safety, Orr City Council took action Monday to enlist legal assistance to get a dilapidated old wooden garage behind the former Orr General Store torn down.

A seriously sagging roof and bowed south wall were issues raised by council members as evidence of the building's hazardous condition.

we?" councilor Bruce Black asked.

Councilor Tom Kennebeck asked if there was anything in the build-

"There's just junk in there," clerk Cheri Carter said. "There might be a cream separator and some nasty old lumber."

'We should do something with that outbuilding," Kennebeck replied. "It will set a precedent."

Councilors unani-"We could have the mously agreed with Mayor the property. The council building condemned as Joel Astleford's recom-

city's attorney, Klun Law Firm, draft a letter to be sent to the building's

'We could go to two or three other people if you're worried about falling down buildings," maintenance supervisor Paul Koch said.

'Well, let's start with this one," Astleford said.

Late last year the store's owners were given notice they had a year to address concerns with amended the previous blight ordinance in January to make it clear that structures or uses of structures that may be potentially harmful to the public welfare, health, and safety will not be tolerated, and that the city will penalize any person, firm, or corporation that is non-compliant.

Added to the agenda Monday was a discussion of ways to mitigate the excessive noise of train horns as they rumble through town.

"Nobody dislikes the train," Astleford said, "but

standing out there or living out there. It's loud, really Councilor Lloyd Scott

suggested federal regulations regarding noise levels could be an obstacle to a solution. "I'd like to stand out

there with a decibel meter because I think it's higher than that," Astleford said. Councilors agreed

state representative Rob Ecklund should be contacted to enlist his assistance with the issue.

In other business, the

to move ahead with an Outdoor Recreational Grant Program application for funds to rehabilitate the Bog Walk, which was originally built in the early 1990s and is in need of

➤ Approved a shortterm rental permit for- $Shane\,Halversen\,for\,10711$ Hwy. 23.

Designated Elybased Klun Law Firm as city attorney and Fryberger, Buchanan, Smith & Federick, P.A. as bond counsel.

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#### **SULFIDE MINING**

### DNR seeks review of Court of Appeals decision on PolyMet

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Both PolyMet Mining and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources filed petitions this week asking the state's Supreme Court to review a recent appellate ruling that invalidated three key permits for PolyMet's planned copper-nickel mine near Hoyt Lakes.

The petition is not unexpected since PolyMet had already announced its intent to seek review of the earlier court ruling, but the decision by the DNR to seek a second opinion would seem to increase the chances that the state's high court will take a look at the consequential appellate ruling.

The Minnesota Court of Appeals ruled on Jan. 13 that the DNR had erred legally when it declined to authorize a contested case hearing to allow mine critics an opportunity to challenge decisions made by the agency regarding PolyMet's permit to mine as well as two dam safety permits. "In filing this petition,

the DNR is not questioning the value of a contested case hearing when holding a hearing would aid the commissioner in resolving a disputed issue of fact," stated an agency press release issued Wednesday. "However, in this case, we believe the DNR thoroughly considered all of the disputed factual issues, produced substantial findings documenting the basis of our conclusions, and appropriately concluded that holding a hearing would not resolve these disputes." Specifically, the DNR

will ask for clarification on the scope of a DNR commissioner's discretion in determining whether to conduct a contested case hearing. The agency will also seek to clarify whether a mining permit requires an expiration date, as the appeals court determined. The agency will also, again, press its claim that the appellants in the case lack the standing to sue because they represent individuals who have not clearly shown they might be harmed if the mine goes forward.

Critics of the mine

who challenged the DNR's permit decisions, reacted to the agency's announcement."The DNR is digging in and doubling down on past mistakes in order to appease PolyMet and the copper-sulfide mining industry," said Chris Knopf, executive director of Friends of the Boundary Waters. "The legal remedy ordered by the Court of Appeal involves an objective look at facts and science. This is another example of DNR teaming up with the industry it is supposed to regulate.'

Kathryn Hoffman, CEO of the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, defended the earlier decision. "The Minnesota Court of Appeals ruling that struck

down PolyMet's permits was well-reasoned, and we believe it will stand," she said. "The Court properly concluded that the risks of PolyMet's proposal are too important not to be fully evaluated by an independent judge—a request DNR improperly denied during the permitting process.

The submission of the petition this week is no final guarantee that the high court will hear the case, although the high stakes, prominent nature of the proposed project, and the implications for future industrial projects would seem to increase the odds that the justices will opt to take their own look.

How long that might take is unclear and the decision to appeal does

raise its own risks, particularly for PolyMet. If the high court agrees to hear the case, that process alone would certainly take many months to even a year or more. Should the high court uphold the lower court decision in any substantive way, the appeal, in the end, may only add more delay to PolyMet's proposed mine.

Meanwhile, the company and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency face a separate legal challenge over the process used to develop a water discharge permit for the mine. That permit decision is also under investigation by both state and federal watchdog agencies.

## Ely Winter Festival





**Snow sculpturing** in Whiteside Park, above and left, is the big draw for residents and visitors at the annual Ely Winter Festival. A Northen Lakes Arts **Association Arts** Market, right, featured Lauren and Abbie Rehbein.





a ride on a kicksled Saturday afternoon in Whiteside Park. photos by K. Vandervort

### CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### Appeals Court upholds conviction of Tower man in infant death case

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

TOWER— The state Court of Appeals has upheld the 2018 conviction of Jesse Lee Bonacci-Koski for second-degree manslaughter in the death of his 11-month nephew, while remanding the case to the district court for resentencing.

Bonacci-Koski's nephew, Bentley Joe Lewis Koski, died alone in his crib of smoke inhalation on Aug. 2, 2017, as a result of a house fire in Tower. The child's parents had left Bonacci-Koski in charge of the child overnight, but he left the young boy alone to use drugs and then fled the scene after he returned to the residence only to find it filled with smoke.

When a neighbor reported the blaze, firefighters had assumed no one was at home and did not discover the infant,

who was in an upstairs bedroom, until a search of the house after they had extinguished the firstfloor fire.

The Court of Appeals, in an unpublished decision issued Monday, rejected the arguments of Bonacci-Koski's attorneys that the state had insufficient evidence to show Bonacci-Koski's actions had led in any way to the young boy's death. "The evidence reveals that B.K. [the child] died from smoke inhalation after being left along in a crib while a house fire started. Appellant placed B.K. in that situation. As B.K.'s caretaker, appellant retained responsibility for the situation that caused B.K's death.

The court also found that the jury could have reasonably concluded that Bonacci-Koski's decision to flee the scene delayed the intervention that might have saved the child's life.

The court also dismissed arguments that a biased juror had been seated into the jury over the objections of the defense. While the juror in question had questioned her ability to be impartial, she later definitively stated under questioning by the prosecution that she would abide by a court directive to remain impartial.

While the court did uphold the conviction, it also remanded the case back to the district court for resentencing because the district court had entered two convictions on the manslaughter offenses. The court cited Minn. Stat. 609.04, Subd 1, which states that "upon prosecution for a crime, the actor may be convicted of either the crime charged or an included offense, but not both."

The court concluded that "the district court cannot enter formal convictions for alternative

counts of the same crime committed against the same victim."

The decision means one of the two convictions will be vacated and that

Bonacci-Koski will be resentenced for a single violation.



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in either his capacity as ambulance director, fire chief, or his tenure on the city's planning and zoning commission. Altenburg has routinely denied all allegations against him.

Shedd's comments were initially met mostly with silence from the rest of the council, but Mayor Orlyn Kringstad eventually spoke up. "Ithink your comments are valid," he said. After some prodding

from council member Dave Setterberg, Shedd turned her thoughts into a motion, which council member Rachel Beldo seconded for further discussion. Shedd said she didn't think members of the council should be part of the investigation and the rest of the council concurred. Instead, they authorized Shedd to contact city attorney Mitch Brunfelt to have his firm conduct the investigation on behalf of the city. "It should be done swiftly," said Shedd, who suggested it might be completed in time for a special meeting of the council later this month.

Shedd made her case after the council voted to place letters in the personnel files of Altenburg and firefighter and emergency medical responder Mike Larson over Larson's recent decision to take his son on a ride on a rescue snowmobile owned by the city's emergency services. When questioned about the incident by clerk-treasurer Victoria Ranua, Larson had indicated he was using the snowmobile to burn off "old gas" and that Altenburg had given

him permission to bring his young son along for the ride. Altenburg confirmed that he had given Larson approval to bring his son, telling the council it had been allowed in the past.

But councilors clearly weren't pleased by the prospect and the potential liability it posed for the city in the event of an accident. "This was wrong," said council member Sheldon Maierle.

Ranua questioned whether Larson had the safety certificate required by state law in order to operate a snowmobile, noting that the state requirement doesn't provide any exemption for emergency responders. While it appears that

the city has no clear policy on the practice, Shedd and other councilors agreed that "common sense" should prevail and that bringing a child along on a ride on city equipment was inappropriate.

The council action on the snowmobile use came following extended discussion on a report on the city's ambulance service which the council had directed Altenburg to

As directed previously by the council, Altenburg's report provided basic inventory information, but turned to speculation on the ambulance service's finances and sometimes derogatory editorial comment on his disagreements with the current city council, stating that the city's financials "have been in complete disarray for the last six months." He suggested that the current financial figures for the ambulance may be under-reporting revenue by as much as \$21,000.

Altenburg, himself, under-reported the ambulance service's expenditures, claiming that "true expenditure are \$418,000" in his report, which was littered with grammatical and typographical errors. Yet the latest financial printout from the city, which was included in the council packet, shows total 2019 expenditures at \$513.682. Altenburg. when questioned by this reporter during the meeting on the nearly \$100,000 discrepancy, said that we wasn't including the \$65,000 in expenditures in 2019 in partial payment for the city's new ambulance. But Altenburg acknowledged that he does include township contributions to pay for ambulance replacement in his operating revenue projections. Council members

took issue with some of Altenburg's other claims in his report, including his statement that current dissatisfaction with the state of the city was discouraging people from joining the ambulance service. The service has also seen a rash of resignations and retirements in the past three years, which has depleted the ranks of responders.

When pressed for documentation to support his claim, Altenburg offered nothing definitive, other than verbal reports he's heard from others. Councilor Shedd noted that she's heard a different reason. "I hear people say they don't want to work for you," she told Altenburg. Shedd also took issue

with Altenburg's assessment of staff utilization, in which Altenburg significantly downplayed the involvement of the service's paid-per-call (PPC) staff compared to the paid on-call (POC) crews. While his own data showed that at least one PPC staff person responded to a total of 419 runs, or 76 percent of all calls, Altenburg wrote that "PPC staff only made up 33 percent of all runs." Instead, Altenburg emphasized the participation of the POC staff in runs, noting that at least one POC staff member turned out for 369 runs, or 67 percent of all runs. While Altenburg did not mention it in his summary, his own data shows that fewer than two POC staff took part in 346 runs, or 63 percent. That's despite the fact that two POC staff are supposed to be on duty 24 hours a day, five days a week, or approximately 71.5 percent of the time.

#### Township concerns

Clerk-treasurer Ranua presented concerns about the current ambulance replacement subsidy as expressed to her by area townships. In a detailed memotothecouncil, Ranua noted that townships want to see a clear accounting from 2017-2019 of the fund balance in the ambulance replacement account as well as "concise reasoning to support the rate increase from \$15 to \$18.75-\$29.30. Altenburg insisted that the account is legally-restricted and the city never took funds from it, but Kringstad indicated that funds had been tapped from the account at various times in the past, and had since been made whole.

Township officials also indicate they want a better understanding of the financial benefits, or lack thereof, from the increase in non-emergency, inter-hospital transfers. An analysis provided by one of the townships indicated that the service, based on ambulance mileage alone, generates \$9.37 per mile on emergency calls and just \$4.69 per mile on transfers. While transfers pay more than the typical emergency call, they also typically involve substantially more driving. That's one reason why some small ambulance services take few if any transfers.

The townships are also requesting that the city's ambulance commission, which includes township representatives, receives a business plan that's updated annually, quarterly bank statements for the replacement fund, and the mileage and records of maintenance for all of the ambulances at their quarterly meetings.

Ranua noted that members of the ambulance commission seemed to be unaware of some facts about the management of the ambulance replace-

ment fund and suggested that better communication might help improve their understanding.

After some discussion, the council agreed to scrap the former ambulance subsidy contract and directed Ranua to work with the city attorney and the ambulance director to write a new agreement that takes the townships comments into account.

#### Other business

In other action, the council:

> Approved the consent agenda, including continuing education for EMTs and the clerk and deputy clerk, authorizing application for two federal emergency services grants, and a land acquisition request for a tax-forfeit property on S. Second St.

that the city is on its own for the next several months for handling of its planning and zoning. ➤ Approved mainte-

➤ Heard from Ranua

nance totaling up to \$2,500 for brake repairs to the soon-to-be retired Unit 2 ➤ Approved a loan

request for interim financing for the city's water plant project totaling \$253,000. ➤ Approved expend-

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#### VOYAGEURS NATIONAL PARK

### Crane Lake Visitors Center supporters have reason for optimism

by DAVID COLBURN

Cook/Orr Editor

CRANE LAKE—A multi-purpose visitors center and campground at Crane Lake could finally start moving from longheld dream to reality if Gov. Tim Walz's request for \$6.6 million of bonding funds for the project is approved in May.

Ever since the founding of Voyageurs National Park in 1975 there's been a desire among Crane Lake residents to have a visitors center in the community. While centers were built at Ash River, Lake Kabetogama, and Rainy Lake, a fourth planned for Crane Lake never made it off the drawing board.

"We've been trying to get one here since the park was formed," Crane Lake Township Vice-chairman Jim Janssen said. "It's the gateway to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area, it's the gateway to Voyageurs National Park, and we're the closest access for people from Minneapolis. To have no center here is kind of silly."

Crane Lake Township Chairman Jerry Pohlman said efforts to move forward languished over the years until past park superintendent Mike Ward and current superintendent Bob DeGross became active proponents of a center in Crane Lake. The township board and local residents joined in increased efforts to push the project forward. The proposal's inclusion in

the governor's request is encouraging, he said.

"It's obviously good news," Pohlman said. "That's going to go a long way to bring it to fruition for us."

The township received \$950,000 from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund in 2017 to purchase the former Borderland Resort property, providing nearly 30 acres for development of a visitors center and campground.

"It's just as you're coming into Crane Lake," Pohlman said. "It's right on the end of a little inlet that leads onto the lake. When you drive in it's going to be the first thing that you see."

While the National

Park Service will be the primary user, the township will develop and own the property and lease it to the Park Service. That gives the township incentive to pursue additional tenants to generate revenue for operating expenses and paying down debt.

"We'd like to partner with the Forest Service because they have the BWCA," Pohlman said. "Maybe a satellite office for the Customs and Border. We're trying to grab as many partners as we can."

While attracting funding, the project is still at the conceptual stage when it comes to design specifics. The visitor center wlll be designed to accommodate Park

Service needs and requirements. There are numerous ideas for developing the campsite area, but as of yet no approved plan.

"It starts to overwhelm you at first," Pohlman said. "We've got a number of concept drawings. They vary anywhere from 25 camping sites to 60, depending on how things get put in there. What the final plan is going to be is down the road."

Another issue will be how users of the visitors center and campsite will access a new Department of Natural Resources boat launch and parking area to the east. Private ownership of property between the two areas will require negotiating either a purchase or access agreement.

"It's in the long-range plan that there would be at least a walking trail between the two of the them," Pohlman said. "They won't necessarily be connected."

While a 2019 funding proposal for the camp-ground area indicated it could be fully developed by November 2022, Pohlman said the complexities of obtaining funding from multiple sources and securing additional partners make it difficult to pin down a date when the entire facility will be open.

"I don't know that I can come close to answering that," he said. "We're working with government, and everything moves at the pace of Washington."

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byist, and Scott Sosalla of the district's architectural firm, ARI, have all worked together to put the wheels in motion for the renovation project.

The board, after years of discussion and false starts, finally seems settled on a plan designed to connect the Washington and Memorial buildings with a new structure that provides a secure entrance along with a host of other amenities, including an open-concept commons, an additional gymnasium, a new cafeteria and kitchen, media center and learning spaces, as well as technology upgrades, infrastructure improvements, new windows and doors, new roofs and HVAC, and classroom upgrades to the existing buildings.

IRRR staff provided feedback last month, according to ISD 696 Superintendent Erik Erie, on the cost structure of the proposal and re-emphasized the collaboration and cooperation expectations associated with funding, largely through the agency's School Collaboration Fund.

The next big hurdle for the school board and district will be convincing the board of directors of the IRRR, along with state legislators at a meeting in St. Paul, tentatively scheduled for March 18, to go along

with the project. "Ideally, we would like to get a delegation of students, parents, teachers, administration, school board members and community members to tell legislators why they should be supporting Ely and this project," Erie said. "The more faces and stakeholders that we have there, the better. We have to be able to tell them that we are doing everything we

can to make this happen."
Erie said that ARI's main contractor, Kraus-Anderson, planned to visit the school campus this week to get a general idea of the scope of the building project.

During discussion on the board's resolution, chair Ray Marsnik noted that while heating and utility costs may remain about the same for the campus with the removal of the Industrial Arts buildings, custodial and maintenance costs could increase. "I'm wondering what our operational costs are going to be and that we get some numbers on that before our final decision," Marsnik said. "I foresee that we will have to do more cleaning with an additional gym and commons area. Our custodial staff is pretty maxed out now. These are things that we have to know."

Erie agreed that there are many unknowns at this point. "We are also talking about what additional

furniture we will need. And with a schedule that emphasizes collaboration, will we need more teachers? That is also something we will have to look at."

#### **Other business**

In other business the board,

Adopted a 2020-2021 school calendar that calls for 172 student contact days, with the first day of classes to begin on Tuesday, Sept. 8, the last day of school on June 4, 2021, and graduation on June 5.

➤ Hired Abigail Maki for the para-professional position, effective Jan.

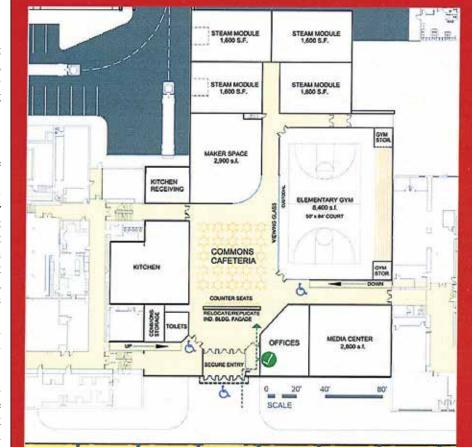
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➤ Approved the following head coaches for the spring 2020 season: Frank Ivancich, head baseball coach, Tom McDonald, head softball coach, Jayne Dusich, head girls track coach, Wes Helms, head boys track coach, Rob Simonich, head golf coach, Donna Kari, head speech

coach.

Approved membership for Ely High School to join the Iron Range Conference for boys and girls track, boys and girls cross country, baseball and volleyball.

➤ Heard a presentation from elementary staff and teachers about the district's language arts curriculum program.



The \$19.8 million facility renovation plan for the Ely school district centers around a new building to be built between the Memorial building (on the left) and the Washington building (on the right). The existing Industrial Arts building and former heating plant will be removed to make room for the new structure.

### POWWOW...Continued from page 1

director Darrell Kingbird

"In the wintertime there are a lot of teachings in the home from the mom," Kingbird said. "People get restless at home, so we have a pow wow. There are certain things we do for each season."

Kingbird estimated about 250 people from surrounding states and Canada participated in the intertribal event, some driving for up to seven hours to attend.

"We have Lakotas, Dakotas, all nations come," Kingbird said. "We've got relations across the border, but that is an English border. For us that was never there, so we have relations all over Indian country."

Grass dancer Dillion Morris of the Red Cliff Bandcame from Wisconsin with his mother, step-father, and younger brother. The 17-year-old started learning to dance when he was seven or eight, but only recently embraced the significance of this connection to his heritage.

"It took me a while because I kind of fell out of it," Morris said. "I've just started to come back again and it's becoming more a part of me. I'm carrying it on so I can eventually teach my kids and they can carry it on, too. That's what's important to me."

When he wasn't dancing, Morris could be found at one of ten drum circles in the arena. He started to take an interest in drumming when he was 10, and said it was a bit harder to pick up than dancing.

"I'm still learning," he said.

Morris's respect and admiration for his fellow dancers, particularly elders, reflected a similar theme.

"I want to get to that point to dance like them," he said. "I'm still learning from them."

Kingbird said everything that happens at a pow wow is connected by a common source.

"Our way of life – this pow wow, this drum, the sound – comes from dreams," he said. "We don't just make them. We pass them on from generation to generation. That's the same with the outfits and the bells. The rattle we use in ceremony represents the universe. That goes along with the drumbeat – that's the heartbeat of our Anishinabeg nation."

Pow wows are held throughout the year as each new season opens a new chapter in the cycle of Ojibwe life, Kingbird said.

"A lot of times when we have pow wows like this it's for a special occasion," he said. "When it comes to springtime we'll be celebrating Mother Earth waking up again.



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as members of the team. "Our Canadian Inuit sled dogs, the same breed used on Peary's expedition, will pull an exact replica of his 12-foot komatik dogsled laden with furs and supplies," said Schurke.

The film tells the story of the Ernestina Morrissey, a historic Arctic sailing ship associated with numerous early expeditions. "This ship was skippered by Peary's team member Robert Bartlett," Schurke said. "For the Ely shoot, re-enactors will play the roles of Peary and Bartlett as well as Peary's Polar Inuit companions and his career-long expedition colleague, black-American Matthew Henson."

Henson's role will be played by Marcus Landrum who is among the craftsmen, along with Peter Quinlan and Bruce Kleinhammer, of KidZibits Exhibit Design in Minneapolis, that created the replica Peary sled featured in the film.

"The Peary-MacMillan Museum at Bowdoin College in Maine, which houses the original sled, has provided technical assistance with the reproduction," Schurke said. "Landrum said he's excited to bring his family up for the filming since February is Black History Month and the event provides his daughter, Saylor, a chance to learn more about Matthew Henson's key role in America's exploration legacy.'

Film producer/director Richardo Lopes with Voyage Digital Media and NMHS has produced numerous television commercials, documentary films, off-Broadway plays and the foreign policy series "Great Decisions" for PBS. His other current documentary project is on the 2009 US Airways flight that Capt. Sullenberger glided without engine power to an emergency landing on the Hudson River.

film crews every season. "This project certainly ranks among the most unique and it will be a personal time-warp for me," he said. "The 1986 dogsled and ski expedition that Will Steger and I led to the North Pole replicated elements of Peary's

Schurke said he hosts

expedition but we didn't do it with period costumes and sleds. We weren't wearing caribou parkas," he said. Rather, they were wearing anoraks and footwear designed locally by Susan Schurke and Patti Steger that led to Ely's iconic apparel manufacturing businesses, Steger Mukluks and Wintergreen Northern Wear.

Schurke said he is hopeful the film's replica Peary sled, the only one known to exist, will find a home in Ely. "That could be at Ely's proposed Minnesota Canoe Museum (MCM)," he said. "Erik Simula, who's heading that initiative and who may serve as a re-enactor in this film, proposes expanding the MCM concept to include Ely's dog sledding legacy as well. That is especially appropriate this winter as Ely will be celebrating 50 years of dogsled racing among events at the WolfTrack Classic Race next week," he said.

Schurke said his one concern is how his Inuit dogs will do harnessed in an Arctic fan hitch, in which they'll be splayed out from the sled on long ropes. "Here in the boreal forest, they've always been harnessed two-bytwo in the tandem hitch so we'll see how they respond to a fan configuration. It could be a bit of chaos."

He also wondered how they'd recreate scenes of massive Arctic pressure ice on the flat surface of White Iron Lake. "The city of Ely's Public Works department suggested an option. Given the season's heavy snowpack, the city's snow dump site east of Ely on Highway 21 is banked with walls of snow 12 feet high. I think it will be an ideal backdrop for part of the film shoot," he said. "It looks remarkably like the walls of ice we had to negotiate with our one-ton sled loads on our 1986 expedition."

The documentary film is being co-produced with the non-profit National Maritime History Society (NMHS) of Peekskill, New York, and made possible by grant funding from Marguerite and Gerry Lenfest and the H. F. Lenfest Fund from The Philadelphia Foundation.

Schurke, of Ely, are shown with their team at the North Pole in 1986. That dogsled and ski expedition that replicated elements of Robert Peary's 1909 expedition that is the subject of a documentary being filmed in Ely.

Will Steger and Paul



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NORDIC SKIING

## Ely ski teams bound for state

### State competition set for Friday at Giants Ridge

by KEITH VANDERVORT

BIWABIK-It's going to take a bigger bus this year to take Ely Nordic skiers to the state meet, as both boys and girls teams qualified with one-two team finishes at the Section 7 meet last Thursday at Giants Ridge.

Both teams will be back in action this Friday, after the state meet was postponed for a day due to extreme cold forecasted for Thursday. Friday's weather promises to be a bit milder, warming to the low teens after an expected morning low of about minus-20

degrees.

The Ely boys team, led by Jasper Johnston's first-place overall finish, scored 385 points at last week's sectional competition. Cloquet-Esko-Carlton punched their team ticket to state with 366 points.

"The boys were really solid at sections and Jasper skied a sub-14 minute 5K in the skate race on the Silver course which was pretty impressive," said Ely Head Coach Paula Anderson. "And Raif [Olson] had the best day

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Members of the Ely boys and girls ski teams with their medals and plaques from last Thursday's sectional competition at Giants Ridge. photo by L. Anderson

### **BOYS BASKETBALL**

## Grizzlies roll to three more wins

Edge Broncos 42-41 on Tuesday

by DAVID COLBURN

Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP-The North Woods Grizzlies boys basketball team is on a roll, chalking up three wins in a barnburning double-overtime battle against Moose Lake, a runaway victory against Littlefork-Big Falls, and a second-half surge to victory over International Falls.

Tuesday's home contest against International Falls was neck and neck at halftime, with the Grizzlies holding a slim 42-41 lead at the

think International Falls came out with a lot of intensity," head coach Will

Kleppe said. "Their quickness getting to the basket really hurt us. It was kind of a wakeup call for us."

The only adjustment Kleppe made during the break was to ask his players to come out in the second half with more intensity.

"If they're not getting the job done defensively, we're not going to try to dream up some other scheme at halftime,"

Kleppe said. "We decided to lock down on defense."

The Grizzlies responded in a big way, allowing the Broncos just 20 second-half points.

Meanwhile, the Grizzlies scorched the net for 46 points, hitting 59 percent of their shots by using a strong inside game to open up scoring opportunities on the perimeter.

"Darius (Goggleye) and Trevor (Morrison)

We decided to lock down on defense.

**Head Coach Will Kleppe** 

really got things going, and once they had to collapse inside for those guys, it opened things up on the outside for TJ (Chiabotti)."

Chiabotti scored the team's only three-pointer on the way to 28 points, while Goggleye and Morrison each hit for 22.

Kleppe got the chance to give his starters some rest and bench players plenty

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**Right: Freshman** Brenden Chiabotti takes a jumper.

a 109-104 win in

double overtime.

photos by C. Stone



## Fenske hits 1,000th point in Tuesday rout

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

ELY — Timberwolves senior forward Dylan Fenske poured in a career-high 36 points here on Tuesday as he surpassed 1,000 points to lead Ely to a 93-31 rout of Lakeview Christian Academy. "Dylan needed 28 points coming into the game to reach 1,000

points and, in quick fashion, he had 28 in the first half," said Ely Head Coach Tom McDonald.

While younger players saw plenty of playing time in the mismatch, Fenske continued to add points in the second half. He also added ten rebounds on the night for a double-double.

Fenske also had help from penalties late in the game to manfellow senior Eric Omerza, who

added 17 points and nine assists and junior Emmett Faltesek, who scored 15 points. Junior Will

ufacture a 65-56 win. "We were

Davies added six assists, five boards and five steals to contribute to the cause. Playing on the road last Friday in Aurora, the Wolves took advantage of Mesabi East Aurora as well as he led Ely

tied at 56 with a couple minutes left in the game and we hit nine free throws down the stretch," said McDonald. "I thought we defended well at the end of the throws to pull away."

game and it was big to hit the free Fenske was on a roll in

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### GIRLS BBALL

### T-wolves cruise past Ojibwe

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

ELY - Freshman Madeline Perry had one of the biggest nights of her young career here on Monday as she put up 15 points to help the Timberwolves cruise past Fond du Lac 68-40. "This was a game where everyone got to play a lot, allowing us to continue developing our younger players and preparing all of them to play at the varsity level," said Ely Head Coach Darren Visser.

Senior Erika Mattson led the way for Ely with 17 points and eight rebounds. while fellow senior Winter Sainio added eight points and six boards. Senior Brielle Kallberg added seven points and nine

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## **Sports**

**BOYS B-BALL** 

Friday, Feb. 14 North Woods hosts Mesabi East, 7:15 p.m. Ely at Chisholm, 7:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 18 Ely hosts MIB, 7:15 p.m.

### **GIRLS B-BALL**

Tuesday, Feb. 18 North Woods at LBF, 7:15 p.m. Northeast Range at Nash-Kee, 7:15 p.m.

Thursday, Feb. 20 North Woods hosts Floodwood, 7:15 p.m. Ely hosts NE Range, 7:15 p.m.

### HOCKEY

Saturday, Feb. 15 Ely at Proctor, 5 p.m.

#### HOCKEY

### Ely rally falls short at Moose Lake as playoffs loom

by KEITH VANDERVORT

MOOSE LAKE - It was close but no cigar for the Timberwolves hockey team last Friday as they lost 5-3 to Moose Lake in their penultimate regular season match-up here. Ely was 3-14 on the season headed into the last regular season game on Thursday, Feb. 12 at Mora.

The Timberwolves outshot the Mustangs with 40 shots on goal to 27. Both teams were one for seven on power plays.

Moose Lake scored in the first minute of the game, and

added two more goals early to take a 3-0 lead.

The Mustangs scored the only goal in the second period to take a 4-0 lead before Ely rallied.

The Timberwolves got on the scoreboard at 5:30 in the third period. Jimmy Zupancich hit an even strength goal with an assist by Olson to cut the score to 4-1. Moose Lake answered with another goal at 7:17 to go up 5-1.

Olson scored on a power play for the Wolves at 13:23, with assists by Dalton Schreffler and Jimmy Zupancich. Kole Macho score at 16:28, with assists by Zupancich and Olson, to cut the

Ely has a quick turnaround as they transition to the playoffs next week. They could face Virginia, Hibbing or North Shore as a tenth seed in Section 7A first-round action.

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he's had yet as well so that was a real plus. The fourth skier is the one that many times clinches it for the team score."

In the girls division, Duluth East took first place with 378 points. Ely and Mesabi East each amassed 360 points and the Timberwolves won the tie-breaker to join the boys team at state this year. The top two schools from each division advanced to the state meet, along with the top six individual winners that are not on those teams.

Zoe Devine paced the girls team with a second-place overall finish in the 5.2K freestyle and 5.3K classic pursuit legs. Her overall time was

"Zoe is in a position to have some success on Friday," said Anderson. "She just keeps getting faster and I don't think she really knows yet what she can do. It will be fun to watch.'

The Ely girls team is dominated by young skiers and Anderson said this year's trip to state will provide a valuable learning experience for the team "regardless of how they do there this year." Meanwhile, on the

boys' side, expectations are a bit higher. The Ely boys team has dominated at meets so far this season, led by Johnston's powerful performances. "The boys are hoping to improve on their sixthplace finish at state last



Above and right: **Senior Raif Olson** and junior standout **Jasper Johnston** compete during last week's sectional meet at Giants Ridge.

photo by L. Anderson

year," said Anderson. "I think that they will be able to do that. They are all very calm and ready. Most of the boys team has been there before so they know what they have to do."

Johnston claimed first in last week's sectional competition with a combined time of 28:31.2. Other Ely boys racers, with place and time, included, Nat Nettifee, 5th, 30:26.3, Gabriel Pointer, 6th, 30:39.8, Raif



Olson,7th,30:44.9,Ethan Bremner, 11th, 31:39.1, Jon Hakala, 16th, 32:28.1, and Micah Larson, 20th, 32:37.0.

Following Devine, other Ely girls skiers, with place and time included Phoebe Helms 11th, 36:20.2, Brooke

Pasmick, 12th, 36:25.6, Cedar Ohlhauser, 19th, 37:32.9, Kalyssa Eilrich, 22nd, 38:02.4, Julia Schwinghamer, 26th, 38:45.8, and Ana Bercher, 28th, 39:14.4

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for the Wolves. Ninth-grader Taylor Gibney also chipped in with six points and five rebounds.

Ely found a much bigger challenge last Thursday when they fell to visiting Mesabi East, 68-38. "This was another top-ranked team that we were able to compete a little better 14 but they just had too much fire power and were able to regain a sizeable lead."

Mattson led the way in scoring again for the Wolves, with 20 points and added 12 rebounds for a double-double. Sainio added eight points and six rebounds, while

rebounds, while eighth-grader with," said Visser. "At one point in Grace LaTourell added seven points the second half we cut the lead to tallied eight boards. LaTourell scored five points on the night.

> The Wolves were set to visit North Woods on Thursday, Feb. 13. They'll host Northeast Range next Thursday in their final home game of the regular season.

### **GRIZZ...**Continued from page 1B

of playing time Friday in an 87-42 rout of Littlefork-Big Falls, courtesy of a 35-point halftime lead, 67-32.

"I played 14 or 15 guys in that game," Kleppe said. "We tried to keep guys fresh and limit their minutes. It was a good team effort all the way through the bench."

All five North Woods starters scored in double figures. Chiabotti led the way with 21, followed closely by Jared Chiabotti with 18. Morrison scored 12, Goggleye hit for 11, and Brenden Chiabotti tallied 10. The Grizzlies hit 73 percent of their shots in the first half and 59 percent for the game.

The Grizzlies needed an easy game after Thursday's thrilling double-overtime slugfest against

The teams traded leads throughout the game, and with 2:47 left in the game Moose Lake appeared to be in the driver's seat with an 83-79 advantage.

But coming out of a time out, Brenden Chiabotti and Trey Morrison punched back. Chiabotti hit a trey and Morrison scored

on a baseline spin move. After a Rebels miss, Morrison gathered the rebound and tossed a lead pass to Chiabotti for a layup, tying the score at 83-83. Another Morrison basket and two free throws by TJ Chiabotti put the Grizzlies ahead 87-83 with just 23 seconds remaining.

Trailing 89-86 with nine seconds left in regulation, the Rebels missed a three-pointer but snagged the rebound and kicked the ball out to Brady Watrin, who drained a trey from the top of the key at the buzzer to send the game to overtime, 89-89.

The Grizzlies were in position to claim a 96-94 win with seven seconds to go when Morrison forced a jump ball that gave possession to North Woods under the Rebels' basket. But Watrin stole the inbound pass and was fouled. He dropped in two free throws to send the game to a second overtime.

Morrison scored on three consecutive possessions to give the Grizzlies a 104-101 lead, but Mason Olson responded with a three-pointer for the Rebels to knot the score 104-104 with 1:19 remaining.

Brenden Chiabotti hit again from three-point range, and Goggleye deflected a Moose Lake inbounds pass to Jared Chiabotti, who was fouled with 10 second left. He failed to connect in two attempts from the line, but a desperation three-pointer by the Rebels missed, and Goggleye was fouled on the rebound. He hit two free throws to seal the 109-104 win.

Kleppe praised the play of his younger players under pressure.

"I thought in a big game and big atmosphere they did fantastic," he said. "They held their composure, they took care of the ball but were still aggressive."

He also had good words for Morrison's clutch play down the stretch while leading the team with 34 points.

"He's all over the floor, he's on the floor, he's always hustling," Kleppe said.

The Chiabottis combined for 61 points, led by Brenden with 23, TJ with 20, and Jared with 18.

### GIRLS BASKETBALL

## Tough run for Grizzlies

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

Road trips weren't what the doctor ordered for an ailing North Woods girls basketball team, as the Grizzlies were toppled 58-30 by Eveleth-Gilbert on Thursday, then steam-

rolled 59-25 by Mesabi

East on Tuesday.

"I'm not one who likes to make excuses," head coach Robbie Goggleye said, "but influenza has been running through the squad. They're trying to play coming off their illness, and we've got girls hacking on the sidelines. We rotated players a lot."

The Grizzlies kept it close early against Mesabi East, but by halftime the Giants led by 16,31-15, as North Woods consistently misfired from short range.

"We handled their press and took them out of it for a while," Goggleye said. "We actually played good, but all the easy shots just weren't going in." Mesabi East's stand-

out senior guard Ava Hill

solved the Grizzlies' 2-3 zone in the second half. driving the Giants to an easy 34-point win.

"It was just one of those games," Goggleye said. "We couldn't do anything about it." Brynn Simpson led

North Woods scorers with nine points. Shaky ball-handling

against the Eveleth-Gilbert zone press was a key factor in Thursday's loss, Goggleye said. "There were a lot of

turnovers," he said. "We

were missing the reads

where we needed to get the ball, just young mistakes." The Golden Bears had little trouble penetrating the Grizzlies' man defense,

leading 29-10 at the half. "We played tough, but they killed us on backdoor cuts," Goggleye said. "Everything they shot went up and in. When they're banking three-pointers in you just have to ride the ship out."

Hannah Kinsey scored nine to lead the Grizzlies.

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scorers with 27 points and 14 boards for another double-double. Omerza added 11 points and freshman Joey Bianco added six assists.

The Wolves were set to visit Chisholm on Friday. They'll be back home on Tuesday to take on the Rangers. Varsity game time is 7:15 p.m.



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proposals in the areas of physical activity, nutrition, mental health and substance abuse are welcome. Applications are due by Friday, Feb.

Schoolscanpropose a wellness program of their own design that will be funded by Essentia Health. Selected schools will receive up to \$2,500 to carry out their program.

2019 winners included the Maple School District in Maple, Wis.; Virginia High School in Virginia; Vandyke Elementary School in Coleraine; Lowell Elementary School in Duluth; the Spooner School District in Spooner, Wis.; and the Chisholm Kids Plus program in Chisholm.

For more information, contact communitycontributions@ essentiahealth.org.

### Connect with LCP at district meetings

REGIONAL- As time turns the calendar to a new decade, it can leave one wondering what changes will happen in the next ten years. Lake Country Power is looking ahead and committed to continuing to meet member needs for quality service, reliability,

To keep its co-op community informed, Lake Country Power will host meetings in each of its nine districts over the next three months. Members are invited to find out how their electric co-op is changing with the times, and working for them-holding down costs, automating service, sharing rebates, returning credits, and improving access to all things electric including vehicles and charging programs. Each meeting starts with dinner at 5 p.m., followed by staff updates and time for member questions.

Local meetings will be held in Orr and Ely. For Orr - District 1 the meeting will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 18 at the Orr Community Center (formerly the American Legion). For Ely – District 2, the meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 20 at Grand Ely Lodge. Each meeting is scheduled from 5 - 7 p.m. The full meeting schedule is available online at www.lakecountrypower.coop.

Co-op members are asked to RSVP if they plan to attend by calling Angie Hanttula at 218-322-4521 or 1-800-421-9959, ext 4521. Members may also email an RSVP to ahanttula@lcp.coop with name and

### **Obituaries and Death Notices**

### Terry W. Monson

Terry Wayne Monson, 56, of Kyle Canyon - Las Vegas, Nev., formerly of Embarrass, died unexpectedly when a fire broke out at his home on Sunday, Jan. 12, 2020. In honor and remembrance of Terry, funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia, with visitation for one hour prior to the service. Pastor Erik Roth will officiate. A private inurnment ceremony where he will be laid to rest will occur on a cool, breezy day come

spring. He is survived by his parents, John and Patricia (Patty) of Embarrass; children, Valerie Tervo (Aaron), Tyler (fiancé Nicolle) and Peter (Ms. Alex Wardas); grandchildren, Gabrielle and Hunter Tervo; brothers, Joel (Billie Jean), Bruce (Renee) and James (Donna); sister, Kim; former wife, Anne-Marie Erickson (Konstenius); special friends, Bryan Kirk and Teresa Fisher; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

### **Dorothy E.** Bruno

Dorothy Eleanor Nelimark Bruno. 100, of Birchwood, Wis., originally of Embarrass, passed away peacefully on Monday, Jan. 27, 2020. A celebration of her life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15 at Hope Lutheran Church in Embarrass with visitation for one hour before the service. A luncheon will follow at the Embarrass Town Hall. Dorothy will be buried with her husband of 67 years, Rosmyn Bruno, in the Embarrass Cemetery. Arrangements are entrusted to Bratley-Nelson Funeral Home

in Spooner, Wis. She is survived by her daughters and

sons-in-law, Ann and Vern Voss of Bemidji, Dianne and Tom Barkley of Birchwood, Wis., Kristina and Ron Hocevar of Eveleth and Judith and Bill DeCamp of Auburn, Calif.; grandchildren, Daniel and Mary Voss, David and Jennifer Voss, Lisa and Tim Robinson, William Barkley and Cindy Rohr, Douglas and Alison Voss, Michael Tomonovich, Thomas Barkley and Jill Kyzer; nine great-grandchildren; and one greatgreat-grandson.

### Jane V.

Villebrun Jane Vera Villebrun, 78, of Nett Lake, passed away on Sunday, Feb. 9, 2020. A Traditional Wake will be held at 5 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 14 at the Nett Lake Government and Services Center. A Traditional Native Service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Feb. 15, also at the Center. Arrangements

are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

### Sidney N. Wovcha

Sidney "Sid" N. Wovcha, 85, of Virginia and Lake Vermilion-Tower, passed away on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2020, at Diamond Willow Assisted living in Mt. Iron. Funeral arrangements are pending with Range Funeral Home of Virginia.

### Erlene M. Waataja

Erlene Marie Lemoine Waataja, 87,

of Virginia, formerly of Cook, passed away on Wednesday, Feb. 5, 2020. A funeral service was held on Thursday, Feb. 13 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.

### **Marilyn Kivela**

Marilyn Kivela, 52, of Biwabik, passed away on Wednesday, Feb.5,2020,atEssentia Health St. Mary's in Duluth. Private family services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Range Funeral

Home in Virginia. She is survived by her daughter, Amber Lammi of Virginia; father, Reynold Kivela of Virginia; grandson, Clinton Seguin Jr.; brother, Steven(Becky) Kivela of Tower; significant other, Bryan Holm;

and numerous nieces,

nephews and cousins.

### Doris J. **Eisenhart**

Doris J. Lammi Murphy Kenney Eisenhart, 88, of Ely, passed away on Monday, Feb. 3, 2020, at Carefree Assisted Living in Ely. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home

of Ely.

She is survived by her sister, Darlene "Dolly" Lammi of Minneapolis; sons, Michael John Murphy of San Francisco and Robert Kelly (JoEllyn) Murphy of Ely; Jose "Ron" Estrada of San Francisco; stepchildren, Frederic (Margy) Eisenhart of New York and Mardi (Phillip) Swatek of Maui; grandchildren, Kevin, Steven and Nicholas Murphy, Selina and Jet Swatek, and Kate Eisenhart; sister-in-law, Pat (Ray) Lammi; and several nieces and

### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

### MORCOM TOWNSHIP

St. Louis County, MN **NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL** NOMINATION PRIMARY ELECTION

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 207A.11, a Presidential Nomination Primary will be held on March 3, 2020, in the State of Minnesota, the County of St. Louis.

Presidential nomination primary voters must be registered to vote pursuant to Minnesota Statute 201.054, subd. 1. Nomination primary voters must also request the ballot of the major political party for whose candidate the individual wishes to vote. Polling place election judges must record in the polling place roster the name of the major political party whose ballot the voter requested. The county auditor must include the name of the major political party whose ballot the voter requested with the voting history of the nomination primary election. The major political party ballot selected by a nomination primary voter is private data, except that it will be shared with the chairs of the major political parties in the State of Minnesota.

POLLING HOURS: 8 am - 8 pm POLLING LOCATION: Bear River School

Sasha Lehto, Township Clerk, 218-969-5812

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#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST CITY OF ORR

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Notice is hereby given that the City of Orr will conduct a public accuracy test as required by law to test the AutoMark Assistive Voting

Tuesday, February 25, 2020 at 3:00 P.M. at Orr City Hall, 4429 Hwy 53, Orr, MN 55771

Cheri Carter, Clerk/Treasurer, City of Orr, 218-757-3288

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### LEIDING TOWNSHIP

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ACCURACY TEST Notice is hereby given that Leiding Township will conduct a public accuracy test as required law to test the AutoMark Device on Thursday, Feb. 20, 2020, at the Leiding Town Hall.

**BOARD OF AUDIT** The Leiding Town Board will conduct its Board of Audit on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2020, at 5 p.m. at the Leiding Town Hall.

Marie Milan, Town Clerk

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### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP - NOTICE TO VOTERS Presidential Nomination Primary on Tuesday, March 3, 2020, at Eagles Nest Town Hall. Polls are open 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.

As you may or may not be aware, the process for voting in Minnesota for which candidate you want to be your party's nominee for president has changed this year. On March 3, you will have the opportunity to vote in the first Presidential Nomination Primary held in Minnesota

Since 1992, the vote was taken as part of party caucus events. In 2016, legislation was passed establishing a Presidential Nomination Primary (PNP). This primary is an additional statewide election that will be held in years in which a president and vice president are to be nominated and elected (every four years). The Presidential Nomination Primary has requirements and procedures that differ from state primary elections. Here's what you should know:

Only presidential candidates from a major party will appear on the Presidential Primary ballot; all other offices with a primary will be on the Primary ballot in August. Both the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party and the Republican Party will be participating in this primary.

Instead of one ballot that contains all of the offices and candidates, each party participating in the Presidential Nominating Primary will have a ballot specific to their party. Because of this, voters must declare their party preference prior to receiving a ballot. A voter's choice of party ballot will be recorded and is private data. However, be aware that a list of who voted in a presidential nomination primary and the political party each voter selected will be provided to the chair of each major political party by the Minnesota Secretary of State, as required by Minnesota Statute 201.091, Subdivision 4a. How a voter voted on their ballot will be secret. If a voter refuses to select a party, they will not be able to vote in the Presidential Nomination Primary.

Registered voters will be able to vote at their polling place on presidential primary day or by absentee ballot starting on January 17, 2020. If you are an unregistered voter, you can preregister to vote in the election prior to February 11, 2020 or you can register at your polling place

The Democratic Farmer Labor Party will have an "uncommitted" option on their ballot. If you select this option, you are telling the party that you wish for the delegates to be sent to their national nominating convention without being "bound" to cast their vote(s) for any one of their party's candidates. If you would like further information about your party's choosing of delegates and/or their national nominating convention, please speak with your party's representatives.

The Minnesota Secretary of State's Office estimates that it will cost approximately \$11.9 million to administer the Presidential Nomination Primary statewide. Costs associated with the election are reimbursed to counties and municipalities. Current election law specific to the Presidential Nominating Primary can be found in Minnesota Statutes Chapter 207A and Minnesota Rules Chapter 8215.

One final and important note – while the Presidential Nomination Primary replaces preferential polls that previously were conducted at precinct caucus meetings, precinct caucus meetings will still be held on February 25, 2020.

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## Loon protection funds on hold

Funds come from BP Gulf oil spill settlement but face hold from state senator

by Marshall Helmberger

Managing Editor

REGIONAL—A program to educate Minnesotans about alternatives to lead-based fishing tackle is on indefinite hold until a Senate finance chair gets a hearing on the subject.

The roughly \$1.27 million in funding for the educational effort isn't coming from state tax dollars. In fact, the funds come from the legal settlement with British Petroleum reached in the wake of the 2010 Deepwater Horizon oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

But even settlement funds can't be spent by the state of

For the state to walk away from \$1.2 million for an educational effort to save loons doesn't make much sense.

**Carrol Henderson** 

Minnesota without approval of the four-person Legislative Advisory Commission, or LAC, which, last November, opted to block funds for the educational effort on lead at the behest of Sen. Bill Ingebrigtsen, R-Alexandria.

Ingebrigtsen didn't return a phone call from the Timberjay, but an aide stated that the senator plans to hold a hearing on the issue sometime early in the session.

GOP Sen. Carrie Ruud, of Breezy Point, said it appears that Engebrigtsen has concerns that the funding would provide for the hiring of two full-time positions at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. "My understanding is that that's the holdup," said Ruud. Ingebrigtsen's aide confirmed the senator's concern about the two MPCA positions.

Ruud said she supports the project and the funding and is hopeful that the impasse can be broken soon. "My constituents worked hard to get this. And we're not even talking about taxpayer money."

Supporters of the measure note that the two positions that would be created by the funding are slated to be temporary, lasting only as long as the dollars are available. The funding, however, could potentially last up to 15 years, since it can be renewed in three-year increments up to five times. If the funding is continued, it could generate up to \$27.5 million for loon-related habitat and educational efforts in the state.

Under the settlement grant, the funds could have been used beginning Jan. 1, so supporters note that the funding block is already delaying efforts to get the program underway.

MPCA officials say they're not aware of the basis for Ingebrigtsen's concerns. "The MPCA doesn't understand why the hold hasn't been lifted since loon conservation is a commonsense priority for every Minnesotan," stated MPCA spokesperson Darin Broton.

#### Research highlights the need

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which oversees a portion of the BP settlement funds, granted an initial allotment of \$5.5 million to the state, after DNR-sponsored research demonstrated that the BPoil spill had impacted Minnesota loons. The DNR's longtime Nongame Wildlife program director Carrol



Above: The MPCA's program logo.

Right: An x-ray of a dead northern Minnesota Ioon shows several pieces of lead tackle in its stomach.

Courtesy MPCA

Henderson oversaw that research with \$641,000 in funding from the Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources, or LCCMR. That research helped Minnesota stand out when the settlement funds became available. Minnesota's proposal was one of just three out of more than 400 requests submitted— that the Fish and

Wildlife Service agreed to fund. Most of the Minnesota settlement funds will actually be distributed to local organizations, such as lake associations or other conservation groups, to pay for improving loon habitat on Minnesota lakes through the use of conservation easements and the installation of loon nest platforms.

But the proposal also includes the educational effort to reduce the use of lead tackle. which is known to be harmful, even deadly, to many water-oriented birds, including swans and loons. According to Henderson, lead tackle may be killing as many as 200-300 loons per year in the state, based on population modeling. "Lead's a neurotoxin and the more we study it, the more we see what a detriment it



is to wildlife," said Henderson. "And now we have so many good alternatives, like bismuth and tungsten. There are 43 different manufacturers that are already making tackle from non-toxic materials."

Like Henderson, Ruud said she's not supporting a ban on lead tackle but believes that anglers will voluntarily make the change once they better understand the dangers that lead tackle creates for wildlife and the alternatives to lead which are already on the market. "Banning stuff is not how to get this done," said Ruud. "But, if we can educate the next generation, then I think we'll push the market.'

Henderson agrees. "We're trying to shift the market in a non-controversial way," he said, noting that it will require educating anglers as well as retailers. "Alot of times it's hard to find the non-toxic tackle even if you're looking for it," said Henderson. "We need to encourage retailers to make it more visible.

In the meantime, supporters are hoping to convince Ingebrigtsen to release the hold so the program can get underway. "For the state to walk away from \$1.2 million for an educational effort to save loons doesn't make much sense," said Henderson.

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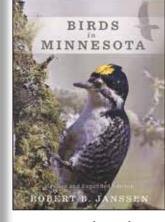
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#### **BOOKS**



New, updated version of Birds in Minnesota now available

by Marshall Helmberger Managing Editor

REGIONAL - Bird populations have changed dramatically in the state over the past half century, and those changes are among the highlights of a newly-reissued and revised edition of the landmark book, Birds in Minnesota, published by the University of Minnesota Press.

Book author Robert JanssenisoneofMinnesota's top birding experts and his original version of Birds in Minnesota has been considered a veritable bible for two generations of birders in the state. This latest edition is expanded and updated to reflect the dramatic changes in Minnesota bird populations that have taken place since the release of the original book in 1987. Janssen not only discusses these changes, he includes helpful graphs showing the population trends for many of the species included in the book. Many of those trends are deeply disturbing and reflect the loss of habitat and the effects of climate change.

The 624-page, glossy book includes 1,100 maps, 315 color photos describes when and where to look for the 443 species of birds found in the state at various times of the year. The book sells for \$34.95.

Janssen says he developed an interest in birds at a young age after observing a western meadowlark and since then he has not only logged millions of miles by car in search of Minnesota birds, he has kept copious notes of his sightings. Such detailed information helps make Birds in Minnesota a valuable addition to the scientific database on the state's birds. "Minnesota conservationists, birders, educators, and children, now and in the future, stand to benefit for decades from this new and monumental update of Birds in Minnesota," said Carrol Henderson, in a foreword to the book. Henderson was the first director of Minnesota's Nongame Wildlife program.

Janssen is past president of the Minnesota Ornithologists Union and, for years, served as the editor of the MOU's quarterly journal, known as The Loon. He also is coordinator of the Minnesota Breeding Bird Survey for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and consults with the state's Department of Natural Resources about bird populations and conservation.

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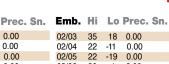






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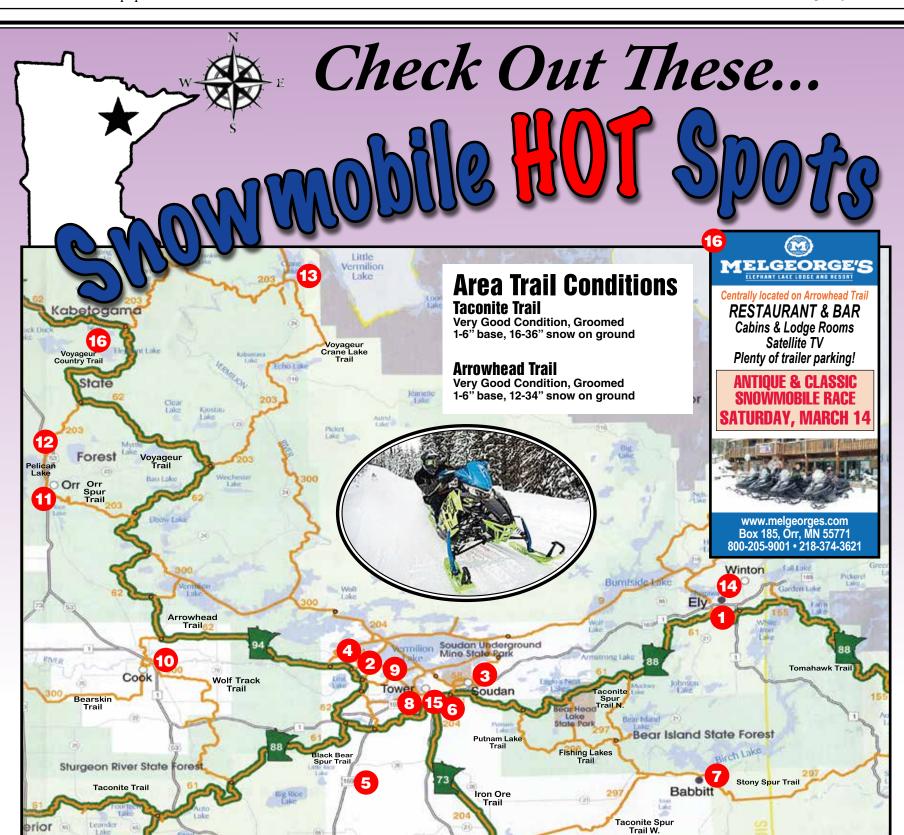
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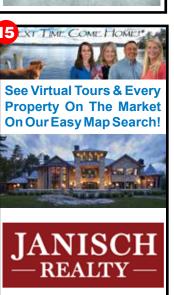


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### **PUBLIC NOTICES**

### NOTICE OF PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY

### **Leiding Township Camp 5 Township**

Notice is hereby given to all qualified voters of Leiding Township and Camp 5 Township, County of St. Louis, State of Minnesota. PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION PRIMARY will be held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020. Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Leiding Town Hall, 10707 Hwy. 23, Orr, Minnesota

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute 207A.11, a Presidential Nomination Primary will be held on March 3, 2020, in the State of Minnesota, the County of St. Louis. Presidential nomination primary voters must be registered to vote pursuant to Minnesota Statute 201.054, subd. 1.

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The major political party whose ballot is selected by a nomination primary voter is private data, except that it will be shared with the chairs of the major political parties in the State of Minnesota. If the voter refuses to select on a party ballot, they will NOT be allowed to vote.

Marie Milan, Leiding Town Clerk

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The City of Tower amends Ordinance 86 at Section 1. COMPOSITION to Read as follows:

Section 1. COMPOSITION.

Pursuant to M.S. Chapter 360, as it may be amended from time to time, there has been created a city Airport Commission, which Commission is hereby continued as heretofore established, and it shall consist of no less than four but up to eight members appointed by the Council. Each member shall serve for term of three years and until his or her successor is appointed and qual-Residence within this municipality need not be a

In the event of a Commission vacancy the Commission shall recommend a replacement(s) to the Council. The vacancy shall be filled by the Council for the unexpired term. The Commission shall be advisory to the Council and shall not be authorized to spend money.

Further, the CITY of Tower gives the title of Ordinance Tower Airport Commission.

Victoria Ranua. Tower Clerk/Treasurer

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### **MORCOM TOWNSHIP** ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MORCOM TOWNSHIP ANNUAL TOWN MEETING will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 8:30 pm following the closing of the Township Elections at 8:00 pm. Location: Bear River School, Hwy 22, Cook, MN 55723.

Sasha Lehto, Morcom Township Clerk

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#### NOTICE OF TESTING OF **AUTOMARK VOTING SYSTEM** MORCOM TOWNSHIP

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Morcom Township shall perform a public accuracy test of the AutoMark Voting system to be used in the Presidential National Primary on March 3, 2020 and the Township Annual Election held on March 10, 2020. shall be conducted at the Bear River School, on February 25 at 5 pm, and again on March 5 at 5:30 pm.

Interested individuals are authorized to attend and observe

If you have any questions, please contact Sasha Lehto, Clerk at 218-969-5812 or email: morcomtownshipmn@gmail.com.

Sasha Lehto, Morcom Township Clerk

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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 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

The following terms will be expiring: Supervisor Seat – for a term of 3 years

1 Clerk – for a term of 2 years

Elections will be held at the Bear River School, Highway 22, Cook, MN 55723 from 4:00 pm-8:00 pm.

Sasha Lehto, Morcom Town Clerk

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF** ASSUMED NAME Certificate of Assumed Name

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### **EMPLOYMENT**



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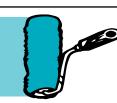
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