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STATE OF MINNESOTA

## Bonding bill faces uncertain future

### Major projects in Ely, Tower and Crane Lake at risk

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL—Lawmakers from northern Minnesota are looking ahead to a possible special session by mid-June in hopes of completing a laundry list of bills and initiatives left undone when the Legislature

adjourned last Sunday.

Among the major items left unfinished are a bonding bill and a new tax bill, and that's where Rep. Rob Ecklund, DFL-International Falls, sees potential for agreement in a special session. "If there's going to be a deal it will be between taxes and bonding," he said.

Tens of millions of dollars in projects slated for the North Country hang on that outcome, notes Ecklund. "We need a bonding bill," he said. "There are a lot of good projects for District 3A in that bill."

Indeed, had the Legislature

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### Walz approves more reopenings

Outdoor dining, salons, barbershops can open on June 1 following safety guidelines

REGIONAL—Beginning June 1, restaurants and bars in Minnesota will be able to serve patrons outdoors, campgrounds can reopen, and we'll all finally be able to get a haircut—that is, if you can get an appointment. Those are some of the changes

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MEMORIAL DAY 2020

## Silver Star added to war hero's gravesite in Tower

### Richard Burgess fought and died in Vietnam War

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- Richard A. "Dick" Burgess was just shy of 20 years old when he was killed in action in Vietnam in 1970. Thanks to some research by his family and fellow veterans from the his 506th Infantry Regiment, the Currahees, a missing Silver Star designation has been placed on his gravestone at Tower's Lakeview Cemetery.

Dick's cousin, the late Gary Burgess, and family friend and Vietnam War veteran Anthony Stepan first noticed that Dick's Silver Star award was not listed on his cemetery marker along with his Purple Heart and Bronze Star, but the family was not sure of its significance.

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Above, Silver Star designation is now in place at the grave of Richard A. Burgess in the Tower Lakeview Cemetery. The E-4 Specialist of the U.S. Army's 506th Infantry Regiment, called the Currahees, was killed in action during the Vietnam War in 1970. photo by J. Summit

THE ECONOMY

## Fortune Bay prepares for soft opening

### Not all amenities will be fully operational

TOWER—Officials with Fortune Bay Resort Casino have announced they plan to resume operations on Monday, June 1.

"We thought long and hard about this, but felt we are 100-percent ready to safely reopen our doors," said Fortune Bay's General Manager Jenna Lehti. The facility, which closed March 18 due to the coronavirus pandemic, is among the region's largest employers.

While the doors will soon reopen, it won't be business as usual at Fortune Bay, which has traditionally operated around the clock, seven days a week. At least for now, the hours will be 9 a.m. until 1 a.m., seven days a week for the casino. The Gold Mine Grill will be open from 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Sunday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to midnight Friday and Saturday. The North Star Bar will be open from 10 a.m. to midnight seven days a week.

The Sunset Steakhouse and Tamarack Buffet will remain closed for the foreseeable future. The gift shop will have reduced hours as will the pool area, which includes a hot tub, sauna, and small workout center. Due to social distancing, all weddings and larger conferences have been shelved for the time being.

There's another big change as well. "We will be entirely smoke-free throughout our property as directed by our tribal council," said Lehti, who added there will be designated areas outside for those who smoke. "This is one measure we all firmly believed in to do our part to keep our guests safe."

The smoke-free move was one of many steps taken to improve health and safety. Every guest

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“We will be entirely smoke-free throughout our property as directed by our tribal council.”

Jenna Lehti, Fortune Bay general manager

## Ely Legion Post modifies observance due to COVID-19

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – Memorial Day services will be held on Monday, May 25 in a modified format due to the coronavirus pandemic. Representatives of Ely American Legion Post 248 are implementing several changes for the obser-

vance this year out of an abundance of caution over COVID-19.

"There was never any doubt that we would have an observance on this special day," said Gerald Tyler, commander of Post 248. "We have been monitoring the Governor's directives during this (COVID-19) situation and we worked out

a plan to keep everyone safe. This is an important event for our community and the families of our veterans."

The ceremony will be held at the Ely Cemetery starting at 10:30 a.m., and all people who attend will have the opportunity to park, remain in their cars,

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## Community notices

### Pentecost Sunday worship with Holy Communion

FIELD TWP- Pastor Liz Cheney of Immanuel Lutheran Church of Tower and Pastor Erika Foss of Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook will lead a Pentecost Sunday drive-in worship with Holy Communion at the North Woods School parking lot, 10248 Olson Rd. near Cook on Sunday, May 31 at 10 a.m. The worship will be broadcast through your vehicle radio. Please bring your own communion elements: bread, wine or juice. Everyone must stay in their vehicles. Please call 218-666-5965 or 218-753-2378 with any questions. All are welcome.

### Hwy 1 Stony River Bridge replacement underway

REGIONAL- MnDOT started work on Monday, May 18, on Hwy. 1 west of Isabella and just east of County Rd. 2. The Stony River Bridge will be removed and reconstructed, one half at a time. Traffic will be limited to a single 12-foot restricted lane and controlled by a signal system. Motorists can expect impacts through October.

MnDOT road work has been identified as a critical service in Gov. Tim Walz's Stay at Home executive order. MnDOT is being as flexible as possible with schedules during this period of lower traffic volumes to keep projects moving forward and minimize the impact to motorists. Following guidance from state and federal health officials, and to prevent further spread of COVID-19, crews will maintain social distancing practices while working.

► Important reminders for motorists regarding work zone safety:

► Slow down when approaching every work zone, then navigate through with care and caution.

► Stay alert; work zones constantly change.

► Watch for workers and slow-moving equipment.

► Obey posted speed limits; the fine for a violation in a work zone is \$300.

► Minimize distractions behind the wheel.

► Be patient; expect delays, especially during peak travel times.

For more information on projects in northeast Minnesota, follow MnDOT on Facebook at <https://facebook.com/groups/MnDOTnortheast> and Twitter at @mndotnortheast. For real-time traffic and travel information in Minnesota, visit [www.511mn.org](http://www.511mn.org).

### AEOA and the Community Action Network celebrates 56 years of service to our communities

REGIONAL- May 12 marked the 56th year since the Community Action Network was established to help American families and communities overcome obstacles to poverty. Over 1,000 agencies across the country are working every day to create opportunities and transform the lives of their neighbors, making communities stronger, and helping families across the U.S. thrive. This year, AEOA, a proud member of the Community Action Network, will begin its 55th year of service helping families throughout northeast Minnesota.

"Each May, during Community Action Month, we reflect on the impact AEOA and our network has had on families," said Scott Zahorik, Executive Director. "Last year alone, AEOA served 34,531 individuals throughout our service area through the 70 programs that we operate. AEOA provided school-readiness skills to 446 young children; supported 3,500 individuals in achieving education and work goals; assisted nearly 10,000 seniors in maintaining an independent living situation; aided 11,000 households with home energy improvements and utility payments; and delivered 870,000 bus rides, gas vouchers, or volunteer rides. AEOA's 365 staff partnered with nearly 600 community organizations to meet the needs of clients, and our programs provided access to 147,355 community volunteer hours last year." Community Action Agencies serve 99 percent of American counties with life-changing services to help families achieve financial stability. All agencies are locally controlled and represented by the low-income, private, and public sectors of the community. "We are proud of our communities' participation in the development and oversight of our programs," said Zahorik.

To celebrate the continued success of Community Action and raise awareness throughout their service area, AEOA will host a social media campaign and several community-oriented events related to the COVID-19 response.

# 4-H Healthy Sprouts gardening program, registration now open



REGIONAL- Do you love to garden and want to grow your own food? Are you interested in the science behind plants? Do you want to take a deeper dive into food-related careers? Healthy Sprouts is an opportunity for youth in the NE region to participate in a weekly, online summer gardening program.

Each week youth will have the opportunity to learn how to take care

of and grow their own food, participate in a hands-on STEM project, make a nutritious snack, and explore food-related careers.

The classes will be held online via Zoom on Tuesdays from 1 - 3 p.m. or Wednesdays from 2 to 4 p.m., June 2 through Aug. 26. Register soon, the Wednesday session has been filled already, but a waitlist is available. There is no cost for the

program. To register, go to [Z.umn.edu/healthysprouts](http://Z.umn.edu/healthysprouts).

To be eligible, students should be enrolled in Kindergarten through 12th grade, have access to a garden (this can be in your yard, in pots on your deck, or at a community garden site), have access to seeds, plants and gardening tools, and have a device to access the internet for weekly Zoom meetings.

## PROPERTY TAXES

### Assessor's Office to take new precautions during upcoming property reappraisals

REGIONAL- The St. Louis County Assessor's Department has announced the list of local jurisdictions to be reappraised as part of the 2021 assessment, for taxes payable in 2022. These are the areas that will be physically visited by an appraiser this year.

The reappraisal areas include the Duluth Heights and Piedmont areas of Duluth, the northerly rural portions of the City of Hibbing, along with the cities of Babbitt, Buhl, Cook, Orr, and Winton. Townships to be reappraised include Alango, Alden, Angora, Ault, Bassett, Camp Five, Colvin, Crane Lake, Fairbanks, Field, Fredenberg, French, Gnesen, Kabetogama, Leiding, Linden Grove, Morcom, North Star, Owens, Pequaywan, Sturgeon, and Willow

Valley. Additionally, the Assessor's Office will be reappraising numerous unorganized townships. A map showing the areas to be reappraised can be found online at [stlouiscountymn.gov/assessor](http://stlouiscountymn.gov/assessor).

Appraisers from the County Assessor's Office will be visiting properties in these areas over the next several months, likely beginning within the next two weeks. Postcards will be sent to property owners informing them to expect a visit in the coming weeks. There are some changes in what to expect this year, due to the distancing recommendations related to COVID-19. The appraiser will not be knocking on doors, making a personal introduction, or going inside any buildings. Appraisers will

be viewing properties from a marked St. Louis County vehicle. The reappraisal is required by state law. It will ensure that property data is accurate and will assist the assessor in estimating a fair and equitable market value of each property for tax purposes. Notices of valuation and classification will be mailed to taxpayers in the spring of 2021.

Anyone with questions or concerns about their property's assessment is encouraged to contact their closest Assessor's Office: Duluth 218-726-2304; Virginia, 218-749-7147; Ely, 218-365-8236; Cook, 218-471-7220; or Hibbing, 218-262-6089. There is also a toll-free number that can be used from anywhere within St. Louis County: 1-800-450-9777.

## AREA COLLEGES

### Mesabi Range College named a Hunger Free Campus

REGIONAL- Mesabi Range College was recently named a Hunger Free Campus by LeadMN, a college student organization representing the 180,000 two-year college students in Minnesota. Colleges are continuing to make efforts to address hunger among college students with the passage of the Hunger Free Campus Act, in 2019, by the Minnesota State legislature. A Hunger Free Campus is a Minnesota State community and/or technical college that is actively taking strides to reduce food insecurity among students. In order to be awarded the designation, a campus must meet the following minimum criteria:

► Have a food pantry, partner-

ship with a food bank, or some type of food distribution system on campus available to students

► Have a designated staff person on campus to educate students on SNAP and other public services aimed to reduce food insecurity

► Provide emergency funds to assist students who may be experiencing basic needs insecurity

► Have a taskforce dedicated to addressing food insecurity concerns

► Host or participate in at least one hunger awareness event each year.

"No student can succeed in the classroom if they can't get food or shelter outside the classroom," said Oballa Oballa, President of LeadMN.

"If Minnesota wants to meet the state workforce demands, we need to help meet the basic needs of college students so they can focus on the classroom." The largest survey of college and university students in Minnesota found that 37 percent of respondents were food insecure in the previous 90 days and 48 percent were housing insecure in the previous year.

Since the act was passed in 2019, 16 Minnesota State Colleges have earned the title of a Hunger Free Campus. Mesabi Range College is proud to be one of the most recent recipients of this designation and proud to partner with the Quad Cities in reducing hunger and security on the Iron Range.

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LOCAL BUSINESS

# Early risers get Cook Zup's opening off to good start

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK- At 6:45 a.m. Wednesday, people driving by the new Cook Zup's might have wondered if the store was still there. A voluminous, glowing cloud of dust kicked up by a front loader scurrying around doing last-minute work around the parking lot entrance almost completely obscured the view from the street.

Fifteen minutes later the dust had cleared, and store manager Matt Zupancich stood at the front doors greeting the first customers to the long-awaited re-opening of Cook's only full-service grocery store.

Jim and Sandi Boutto of Cook latched onto a grocery cart and made their way to the fully-stocked fresh produce section, all the while looking around and taking in all the newness.

"It's beautiful, I tell you," Sandi said. "It's just very nice."

"It feels good, nice and new," Jim said. "We needed this."

Zup's employee Gage Koskovich was stocking bananas nearby and took a moment to greet the Bouttos. He said he wasn't surprised to see them there early. "I know him and his brother," Koskovich said. "I talked to him yesterday at the mill, the other place I work, and he was all excited for the big opening. I'm excited to see everybody coming back in again. That's my favorite part."

The Bouttos continued shopping as about a dozen more early risers walked in and followed suit. Some dashed in, bought one or two items, and dashed back out, while others took a more leisurely approach.

There were choices aplenty for the Bouttos when they reached the fresh meat department, a signature feature of Zup's Markets. After carefully considering his options, Jim tossed a package into the basket.

"Yeah, steaks tonight for supper," he grinned.

While the store appeared ready to go to the customers, employees were busy

in various areas of the store still stocking and arranging things. Deli and catering manager Dee Conkey said she was "super excited" to be back in Cook welcoming customers to Zup's.

"I helped them do the actual groundbreaking with the first store, and now I'm here at the new store. The deli is at least four times bigger than it used to be. We're going to take it back to what Zup's is known for - fresh, homemade, handmade items."

By midafternoon Wednesday, Zupancich couldn't say enough good things about the opening.

"It's been a wonderful reception," he said. "People are happy to see our co-workers, and they're ecstatic with how the store looks, with how it shops, and how we're operating."

It hasn't been perfectly smooth, but glitches have been minor, Zupancich said. "All fixable things, and people have been very patient," he said.

Zupancich said his returning staff members were responsible for training



Jim and Sandi Boutto of Cook were the first couple to walk through the new store. photo by D. Colburn

younger new staff before the store opened, and the whole crew has performed well. "The staff has been fantastic," he said. "For some younger people to step in and get trained in two days, they're doing an excellent job."

CITY OF ELY

# Ely adjusts park and beach rules in response to COVID-19

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - Council members this week agreed with recommendations from the Parks and Recreation Committee and approved various changes to city park services and activities in response to the coronavirus pandemic.

Council members again met via social media and took actions on a brief agenda in about 30 minutes.

The city's Park and Rec group met Monday night to deal with a number of issues prior to the Memorial Day weekend. Chair Heidi Omerza's first motion for action involved the opening of the city's bathrooms,

picnic areas, beach and skate park facilities, and to keep the playground areas open for the summer.

A webinar hosted by the League of Minnesota Cities provided some guidance on how Ely officials could proceed during the COVID-19 health situation, Omerza said.

"Cities are responding from one end to the other and basically, we're using a lot of common sense on this," she said.

An abundance of signage at city facilities is warning users to "play at your own risk" as park benches, picnic tables, playground structures and other surfaces will not be cleaned by park crews.

"We know people will use

common sense and will use their own judgment," she said.

Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski said that signs are already posted, especially at the playgrounds.

"We do not sanitize playground equipment," he said.

Bathrooms, which will be open by June 1, will be cleaned and sanitized every day and will be open every day.

"We plan to be cleaning them every day, even weekends, and that will obviously result in some overtime, but I think it is important to have them open on weekends during the summer," he said.

At Semer's Beach, the swimming dock will be installed and the picnic pavilion will be

available for use.

"Obviously, we will not be sanitizing every table or bench in our parks," Langowski said, "and we will post that. Users will need to use their best judgment. Stick together as a family unit. Don't gather with more than 10 people. Practice social distancing."

For now, the water is not turned on at the parks and cemetery, according to Langowski. "Just last week, we had low temperatures in the teens and have not dealt with the annual water leaks we get when we do turn the water on," he said. "The cemetery is the biggest area with the most leaks and will be the last area to have water available."

Drinking fountains will not be available this summer,

he added.

"Outside water spigots will also not be turned on this summer. We are not able to sanitize these, and to use them without that assurance would be a mistake," he said.

On the Park and Recreation Committee's recommendation, no pavilion or picnic shelter rental reservations will be allowed at this time.

"There have been a lot of requests for rentals, and with the current restrictions, we don't see how we can keep people safe," Omerza said. The issue will be revisited after July 1. "There are no rentals now and any (grad

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## Editorial

### Greenwood ordinance

Township takes an extraordinary step to avoid accountability

In a democracy, we expect transparency in government. Unfortunately, sometimes those elected to public office would rather avoid the accountability that comes with public scrutiny. That's what we're seeing today in Greenwood Township, where the town board is taking steps to enact an ordinance that is clearly at odds with the basic principles of openness in government.

Throughout Minnesota, a presumption of openness and access is built into our public records laws. As the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act (MGDPA) makes clear in its preamble, the law “establishes a presumption that government data are public,” unless a specific law says otherwise.

The Greenwood Town Board has turned this presumption on its head by enacting an ordinance that classifies most township records as “non-public” and that establishes an onerous process designed to strip the township clerk of her lawful responsibilities regarding the release of public information.

The ordinance, number 2020-2, does allow the public access to township ordinances and resolutions, board minutes and agenda packets. But all other township records would be classified as nonpublic and their release could only be allowed upon the approval of the town board chair.

The four-page ordinance establishes no criteria for how a board chair should decide if or when a township record should be provided to a member of the public. Without such criteria, a town board chair can release information to his or her allies, while denying it to those the chair deems unfriendly. Without criteria, every decision by the town chair regarding the release of government records is, by its very nature, arbitrary and capricious.

This is, without question, a response to the case of Jeff Maus, who has been a thorn in the side of township officials for some time. The town board passed a motion last year to deny Maus access to even basic township records, but the state Commissioner of Administration ruled in favor of Maus in a complaint he filed in response. So now, the town board is enacting an ordinance that seeks to limit access to township records for all members of the public.

While the Legislature opted to exempt townships from the MGDPA, it did so because the act is highly pre-

scriptive, and legislators feared that many townships wouldn't have the personnel or budget resources to comply in all cases. But that doesn't relieve townships of the responsibility to operate open government. Courts have ruled many times in the past that other tenets of our legal system, including the Minnesota and U.S. Constitutions, create an assumption that the people have a right to inspect the work of the government they elect. In addition, while some townships may lack the resources to respond to data requests, Greenwood can hardly make such a claim.

What's more, the enactment of an ordinance has to be supported by some legal authority and have a rational basis that is explicitly spelled out. In this case, if the township desired to create a detailed process for handling public records requests, it should have turned to the provisions of the MGDPA as guidance. Instead, the ordinance expressly violates the terms of the MGDPA in several ways, including requiring the town clerk to charge the public for his or her time in responding to any request that involves more than 15 minutes. Under the MGDPA, public bodies cannot charge for their time to respond when the requester is seeking fewer than 100 pages of documents, or when the requester is seeking only the right to view, or inspect, the documents.

Whether the MGDPA applies to townships or not, it is inappropriate for Greenwood to violate the provisions of that act when adopting their own ordinance.

Finally, this ordinance appears directed also at the township clerk, who has been a frequent target of the town board. Under this ordinance, the clerk could be charged criminally if she releases any township record, other than those few items deemed “public,” without the approval of the town board chair. It puts the clerk in a difficult position given that town clerks are expected to provide exactly the kind of information that the town board now wants to restrict.

Sadly, this is what happens when public officials enact laws and ordinances for the wrong reasons. The Greenwood board should rethink this ordinance and adopt a new one that reaffirms the township's commitment to transparency. Greenwood residents should expect nothing less.



## Letters from Readers

### Consider natural solutions to climate change

Many people are finding it easier to accept that climate change is happening more quickly than could be imagined. They can see the impacts, like increasingly dangerous and powerful storms that we see on the news or experience firsthand. Or the extinction or widespread loss of animals that were familiar and common when we were children, such as Monarch butterflies, and more frequent and dangerous infectious diseases that may be related to or exacerbated by habitat loss and climate change.

We know that the primary cause of climate change is the rapid increase of carbon being released into the atmosphere due to human activity. We also see that not everyone can or wants to take advantage of many of the solutions that are available to us, such as electric or hybrid vehicles, mass transit, wind and solar energy, or eating less beef. What if there were something that would make a big difference that would also be relatively low cost and less disruptive to our lives?

Research shows that natural climate solutions (NCS) can help reduce the amount of emissions, which is needed to avoid the worst effects of climate change. Recent studies built on decades of research confirm that protecting and restoring forests and grasslands and improving agricultural practices can provide one third of the emissions reductions needed to limit the impact of climate change, well below the cost of alternative approaches. The work was done by Nature4Climate (nature4climate.org), a consortium of conservation organizations, governments, educational research institutions and the United Nations. Minnesota organizations and institutions were participants and contributors.

One of the main reasons the cost for natural climate solutions is low is that they leverage the existing base of wild and natural areas—which also protect our

waters—with restoration of lands that are relatively unproductive and found to have little economic value. They also enable ranchers, foresters, farmers and local governments to find low cost ways to increase production, efficiencies, and profits while retaining or increasing carbon storage.

Impress your friends and neighbors. When the topic of climate change comes up, you can talk about how nature can be a low-cost part of the solution to climate change. The impact on our lives and our livelihoods would be invaluable.

**Keith Steva  
Cook**

### Plan ahead for the fall election

I watched in horror when the Wisconsin National Guard had to be called out to staff polling places due to the lack of volunteer staff, and people who exercised their right to vote contracted COVID-19.

In Minnesota, we have a better system in place. Any registered voter who wants to vote without going to the polls can request an absentee ballot without giving a reason and cast it anytime in the 60 days before Election Day. The ballot can be mailed in. I completed my application; it's very simple.

This is not a new way to vote. Already 130,000 Minnesota residents participate in mail-in voting because they live in places with fewer than 400 voters.

Minnesota continues to have the best or close to the best voter turnout percentage of any state in the nation. It can accommodate anyone who is concerned about contracting COVID-19.

Voters aren't the only people at risk. As in many states, numerous election judges in Minnesota are retired residents who fall into the high-risk category when it comes to severity of illness if they contract the virus.

Just because we all want the pandemic to be over doesn't mean it will be. All indicators point to this being a marathon and not a sprint. Many experts are saying cases could crest again in the fall. As with any aspect of crisis

planning, the more we prepare in advance, the better off we are. That applies to avoiding an election that could endanger people's lives when it doesn't have to.

**Mary Setterholm  
Ely**

### Minnesota compares to a classroom

Here in Minnesota, we are fortunate to have a leader who is a teacher. He understands data and statistics. He understands content. He processes information. The policies that evolve are based on these important components.

In the classroom, there are always those students who failed to do their homework and come up with nonsensical and bizarre attempts to answer the questions. There are always those students who don't want to follow the rules. Thank goodness our teacher knows how to deal with them.

At this time, we face an unimaginable situation, a worldwide pandemic. Based on the data and information from medical experts and scientific researchers, we are asked to comply with simple requests. Stay home. Maintain social distancing. Wear masks to protect yourself and others.

Re-opening plan is in place. Clear steps for the process are explained. Gov. Walz explained them well, like a teacher would.

Just like in a classroom, we are hearing belligerent, oppositional voices, whining how unfair this is and refusing to comply. Ignoring warnings, they huddle together in large groups, shouting and screaming, throwing temper tantrums, similar to what toddlers often display.

Gov. Walz understands all of this and remains focused on his goal to keep all Minnesotans safe, like a teacher would.

**Ellie Larmouth  
Tower**

## “Staying Alive” in the age of COVID-19

The symptoms were unmistakable.

First came the wildly patterned and brightly colored blotches on the upper torso, often matched by similar displays on the ankles. Constriction around the waist and thighs ensued, gradually flaring outward toward



**DAVID  
COLBURN**

the feet.

The feet themselves became elevated at the heel, and apparent repetitive muscular spasms caused the body to gyrate uncontrollably.

Decked from head to toe in shimmering polyester and sporting snub-toed platform heels, I didn't need a doctor to read those symptoms to tell me that I'd succumbed to the most dreaded disease of the 1970s: disco fever.

The onset was sudden and

disorienting. A lad who grew up in a small town, where the only dances were football homecoming, basketball homecoming, and junior-senior prom, went off to college and fraternity life in the fall of 1976, and a brand new discotheque, Shenanigans, was a mere five blocks away. With frat brothers and fraternity little sisters ready to party hearty at the drop of a disco ball, disco fever overcame me within days.

It was without a doubt the most mentally debilitating malady I've ever contracted. A National Honor Society student

in high school, I flunked every class except choir in my first collegiate semester. But I could do the Electric Slide and the New Yorker with the best of them, so who cared? Well, other than my parents, of course. Christmas wasn't quite so jolly that year.

And when John Travolta strutted his stuff the next year, “Saturday Night Fever” was a declaration that disco had become a full-blown pandemic that swept throughout the world. No one under the age of 30 escaped untouched, save for those die-hard Johnny Cash and

Merle Haggard devotees. Disco fever was everywhere. Boogie woogie oogie.

July 12, 1979, was the beginning of the end, the day Americans began to reclaim the airwaves and dance floors from the demon disco disease, and for that the Chicago White Sox are owed credit for initiating the cure with “Disco Demolition Night.” Between games of a doubleheader in Comiskey Park, hundreds of disco albums were blown to smithereens in center-

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## Letters from Readers

### Thank you for saving our home

Coming home Sunday from a windy paddle on Ojibway Lake with friends, we found a fire truck on South Luc Road and another at our cabin on Garden Lake. Brian Tome (Boathouse Brew Pub) going by in a fishing boat, spotted smoke, called in the fire, came up to the cabin and used our garden hose to keep it off the back wall. Thank you, Brian! By the time we reached home several firefighters were there deusing flames that had sprung up all over behind the cabin. Some firefighters were from Morse Township and several from the U.S. Forest Service, and there may have been others. Thank you, firefighters! Sheriff's officers (Lake or St. Louis County) and Forest Service officials were all here at one point or another and were all kind and careful

trying to diagnose the cause. Thank you to all of them as well!

The cause remains a mystery, but the cure is apparent. These competent, caring, public servants were very good at their jobs and went to the max to help us. Thank you, thank you, every one of you, and sorry that all we had to sustain you were chocolate bars stored in the pantry for smores.

**Carolyn Chalmers  
Eric Janus  
Ely**

### Government for the few or the many

"Government is not the solution to our problem, government is the problem," declared Ronald Reagan. By modifying conflict resolution strategies, the roles of power and interests in our social system are revealed. Wielding power ranges from low to high and interests span from exclusion

to inclusion. Exclusion refers to the wealthy few and inclusion for the common good.

ACCOMMODATION is low in assertiveness, but supports public interest.

AVOIDANCE is low in organized power and demonstrates disinterest.

COMPETITION uses power for the exclusive private interests of wealth.

COLLABORATION exercises power for the inclusive interests of many.

COMPROMISE borrows elements from all four.

Accommodation goes along to get along, a win-lose situation. Avoidance, unorganized and uncooperative is a lose-lose proposition. Competition inevitably is driven out of the market or political arena leaving few winners and the rest losers. Collaboration, high in cooperation, organizes power for the common good, a win/win proposition. Compromise is

remote when competitors find no common ground.

Ronald Reagan and others who wanted to "shrink government to the size where it could be drowned in a bathtub" demonized government to everyone's peril. This ideological "virus" infected public opinion to the detriment of preparedness. Through government capture, market fundamentalists seized power for their own ends to weaken democracy. The similarity of American and Russian oligarchy is striking through their anti-democratic and highly centralized system of crony capitalism.

Competition gets pushed aside by corporate power to dominate and manipulate markets. Corporate top-down rule by a few seeks only short-term cost-benefit outcomes. Collaboration is characterized by cooperation and trust in a democratic social system for both, the economy and government. Shared power and

ownership inspires action for the common good, now and in the long term. The choice is ours.

**Harold Honkola  
Tower**

### Now, that's a lot of money

Wow! Sixty thousand dollars to design and \$350,000 to build and the cost of land is "free," for a total of \$410,000. With 1,600 sq ft, that's \$256/sq ft in construction costs for a fancy pole barn. This is very near the cost of residential construction.

But no worry, the feds will pay for it all. Exactly how much annual benefit will the average Tower citizen get from this investment in clearing an airport runway in the winter. Who uses it? Do they, in any way, pay for it?

**Clif Brittain  
St. Paul**

### COVID-19

# COVID-19 peak coming sooner, model predicts

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

## Social distancing, stay-at-home not as effective as hoped

REGIONAL — As the state makes moves to re-open the economy after Gov. Tim Walz lifted his stay-at-home order last Sunday night, a revised Minnesota pandemic model predicts the COVID-19 peak will come sooner and that more people could ultimately die than its projections suggested in April.

Revealed in a press conference last week, the adjusted model now projects 29,000 COVID-19-related deaths in Minnesota over a 12-month period, a jump of 7,200 over its previous estimate. By the end of May, total deaths in Minnesota could be between 1,400 and 2,000, more than double the deaths reported as of last Friday. And the peak for maximum intensive care usage shifted from mid-July to June 29.

"I share the hope with you that we're wrong and this is a pessimistic outcome of the model," said Stefan Gildemeister, a health economist with the Minnesota Department of Health. "Nevertheless, I think it is a plausible outcome based on what we understand about the rate of transmission of the disease, the rate of contacts, the rate of the mortality in the population as is, and sort of generally

the disease dynamics."

According to Gildemeister, the higher estimate of deaths reflects the fact that researchers had originally overestimated the extent to which Minnesotans would follow social distancing and stay-at-home orders. The modeling team initially projected that 50 percent of people would comply with social distancing guidelines, but that number was revised in the latest model to only 38 percent. They assumed 80 percent would follow stay-at-home guidelines, but that, too, was revised downward, to 59.5 percent. In both cases that means social contacts were greater than expected and therefore the virus had more opportunity to spread.

"As we find that there's more mixing going on in the population than we had assumed, the disease has spread farther and the potential for individuals becoming infected and requiring hospital and ICU care increases, and therefore mortality increases," Gildemeister said.

One possible indication that recommended guidelines on social distancing and travel weren't having the expected effect was illustrated in a chart Gildemeister presented comparing total daily deaths projected by the model against actual MDH

death reports. The two virtually mirrored each other until April 19, when actual deaths started increasing faster than the model predicted. As of April 26, the last date provided by Gildemeister, the actual death count, 272, was nine percent higher than the 250 projected by the model.

Gildemeister did not suggest that decreased social distancing and excessive travel by Minnesotans were solely responsible for the new model predictions. In fact, he emphasized that numerous aspects of the model were updated based on Minnesota's experience and new data about the novel coronavirus from the U.S. and abroad. The model was adjusted to account for those who have contracted the virus and can spread it but show no symptoms, and for deaths occurring outside of hospitals, such as in long-term care facilities. Where researchers in some cases had to depend on foreign data in past iterations of the model, it now relies primarily on U.S. and Minnesota data, including state death and hospitalization data through April 26.

"The COVID-19 pandemic remains in its early stages," Gildemeister said. "It's been three months in Minnesota. It's been four or five months across

the globe. The epidemic and the evidence still are very new. There is still a great amount of uncertainty about the impact of key metrics."

A common thread among the scenarios examined in the model by researchers is that the mitigation strategies imposed by Gov. Walz pushed the peak farther into the future, while having only a marginal effect on the projected number of deaths. Walz's orders, as the governor had explained when he issued them last March, were intended to buy the state time to ramp up its hospital capacity to deal with the expected influx of COVID-19 patients.

"Time doesn't just buy us the ability to do things differently, but it also buys us time to get a more accurate understanding of what the disease turns out to be like and inform state leaders and the public about that. Time is our friend in many ways," Gildemeister said.

DOH Commissioner Jan Malcolm reiterated that models aren't designed to provide point-in-time predictions.

"This is intended to illustrate broad directional trends and changes," she said. "It's very tempting when it looks this tidy to draw conclusions about

specific points in time or specific degrees of change but that's not how the model is intended to be used. It's intended to illustrate relative effect."

Illustrating that is the variance of uncertainty reported for mortality over 12 months. While 29,000 is the primary projection for deaths, the model allows for as few as 16,000 to as many as 44,000.

"They reflect a mix between capabilities of the model and responses to questions that we've had in the past," Gildemeister said, noting that models are only one piece of information used by decision-makers. "The purpose of this is to educate us collectively and say here's what could happen under a set of assumptions and a range of interventions by policy makers. These are not recommendations. Modeling serves really an educational purpose for state leaders and the general public to tell us about the likely outcome of the disease given a set of assumptions."

Gildemeister said the model would continue to evolve as more data about COVID-19 becomes available.

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field, and hundreds of anti-disco rioters stormed the field, ripped out stadium seats, and tore up pieces of turf. The second game was canceled as raucous revelers were carted off to jail, but that was the night that broke disco fever. Two months later, not a single disco song was in the Top Ten.

Those are crazy fond memories I can look back on with laughter in my soul.

Sadly, the same will never be said of this horrible coronavirus pandemic. The effects have been staggering and tragic. Staying alive has become serious business at a time when more than 90,000 Americans have died in just a few months.

To put that number in perspective, recall that nearly 3,000 people lost their lives in the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks that shook this nation to its core. The current coronavi-

rus death toll is approximately equivalent to one of those attacks occurring every other day for the past two months. Imagine the horror, the devastation we would collectively feel, as well as the resolve we would have as a nation to eradicate that kind of unimaginable threat.

A month after President Trump said he anticipated a death toll around 60,000, the deaths are 50 percent higher than that, and they continue to climb. He already had the modeling information to know that experts projected between 100,000 and 250,000 deaths, but he ignored it. Instead, he picked a number from a model that assumed Americans would be under a stay-at-home order through July, something he knew would never happen.

Now as America starts to re-open, with the President the lead cheerleader, not a single state has met Trump's own White

House standards for reopening. The model he touted when he wanted to downplay the epidemic now projects nearly 144,000 deaths by August as a result.

Yet on Saturday, Eric Trump, a chip off the old blockhead, declared the coronavirus to be a Democratic hoax that would magically disappear. Would someone please explain to me how the United Kingdom, with 35,000 deaths, and Italy, with 32,000 deaths, willingly colluded with the Democrats to influence a U.S. election? Would someone please tell me how the doctors and nurses on the front lines of the battle got their marching orders from the Democrats? Preposterous hogwash.

With that said, there's no stopping the re-opening of America. I fall in with the crowd that believes this is not an "either public health or the economy" decision. The devastation eco-

nomie upheaval can wreak on children and families can be catastrophic and life-lasting. We're not wired as a society for long-term lockdowns, and we don't have the collective will to provide the kind of financial and healthcare support to all to get us through it. Agree with it or not, America is re-opening, and if you believe in God, may He have mercy on our souls.

So take it from a former and admittedly still wannabe disco king: re-opening doesn't mean the risk has passed. If someone opened up a disco on the shores of Lake Vermilion on June 1, I'd be one of the first 10 people admitted on opening night, but I'd be wearing a mask, and I wouldn't be out on the floor doing the "Bus Stop" unless it was big enough to allow six feet between me and the other disco loonies. And if that disco fever turned into a real one after I got

home, I'd seriously seek out testing for the virus.

We all should be doing those same things anytime and anywhere we go out in public right now. It's not just about you staying safe, it's about keeping all of us safe.

If one puts any stock in COVID-19 models, then the most often quoted one projects at least 50,000 more Americans will die by August for the freedom to reopen now. Don't be one of them. Practice social distancing. Don't gather in large groups. Wear masks. If you have symptoms of COVID-19, get tested. Those are small prices to pay for the freedom so many are clamoring for, small prices indeed for ensuring "Staying Alive" goes back to being just a disco song and not a mantra for surviving a pandemic.

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parties and such have been pushed back to July or August," she said.

The Farmers Market in Whiteside Park is planning to be open again on Tuesdays starting

June 2.

"They are considered an essential service and have their (safety) precautions in place," Omerza said.

The city softball fields will

be closed for the summer and no softball league will be conducted this year.

Council members also approved a story walk event on the Trezona Trail, hosted by the

Ely Public Library, to be held in late June.

The Ely City Band is taking this summer off, according to director Sarah Mason. "I am incredibly grateful for the music

we have made together in past summers and look forward to being together again next year," she said on a social media post.

**Week of May 25**

**Monday**

TOPS - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tower, at 9 a.m. Canceled until further notice.

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 June 16.

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

Breitung Town Board- 12 noon on May 26, contact the clerk's office for phone-in information for the virtual meeting.

**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.

Vermilion Country School Board- Meetings posted online at [vermilioncountry.org](http://vermilioncountry.org).

**No decision yet on Tower's Fourth of July parade**

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- The one thing that is clear at this point is there will be no high school marching bands in Fourth of July parades. Beyond that, no decisions have been made. What Fourth of July will look like in Tower-Soudan will be decided at a meeting on June 1, organizers said.

The Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board, which organizes the celebration, met Monday.

"We decided to wait another two weeks," said Fourth of July chairperson Julie Johnson. "We are no closer to a decision than we were last month."

Johnson said they expect to get more information from the state before June 1, to see if larger gatherings will even be permitted. The committee was also waiting to see what other area towns are doing with their Fourth of July events.

As of now, Orr's Third of July event is also up in the air, with a decision to be made by the end of May. Ely is still planning on hosting its firework display, but a decision on the parade will be made on June 4.

Whether or not Tower-Soudan can have fireworks is still an unknown.

"We are not sure if it can happen this year," Johnson said. "We need a licensed operator, and we are checking out our options."



There are going to be a lot a very sad faces if the COVID-19 pandemic prevents the community from hosting their traditional Fourth of July celebration. File photo of a rather tired Odin Picard waiting for the start of the Kiddie Parade. photo by J. Summit

The thought of having to cancel Fourth festivities is weighing hard on the events board members.

"We are hearing both sides of the issue," Johnson said. "How can we do it safely? And how can we not do it?"

"This is a hard celebration not to have," Johnson said.

But safety concerns will ultimately be the deciding factor. The Vermilion 10K/5K run

and walk will not be held, because it will be too difficult to run the race and observe any sort of social distancing. Organizers may look at marking the course to let runners complete the race on their own, and then share their times.

Logistics are also an issue for the children's sawdust scramble and races, though the decision to cancel those events have yet to be made. The annu-

al pancake breakfast at the center will not be held, due to safety concerns.

Live music and outdoor food and beer tents may still be a safe option.

The committee meets again on Monday, June 1 at 4:30 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center.

**Rebecca Nelmark graduates from MSU-Moorhead**

MOORHEAD- Rebecca Nelmark, of Embarrass, has graduated from Minnesota State Moorhead, Summa Cum Laude, with a degree in Social Studies.

The COVID-19 pandemic required Min-

nesota State Chancellor Devinder Malhotra to make the difficult decision to cancel in-person spring commencement ceremonies across the Minnesota State system. "As the capstone celebration of the college experience, commencement is one of our favorite days of the year," she said.

While we won't celebrate in person this spring, we are proud of these graduates who have worked exceptionally hard to transition quickly to complete their coursework for graduation.

**Players needed for shortened Babe Ruth/Juniors BEST team**

REGIONAL- Iron Range Baseball is looking at organizing a shortened summer league for players ages 13 and 14, the Babe Ruth/Legion Juniors ages.

BEST coach Greg "Dusty" Dostert is hoping to field a BEST team of players in the Tower-Soudan-Embarrass-Babbitt area. Anyone interested in playing should call or text Dostert at 218-248-0648. The team would practice at the field in Soudan.



April Anderson takes some time off from a walk with her children Danny and Brody on the bike trail by Hoodoo Point to throw some sticks for their dog, Diesel. photo by J. Summit

"We need to have 14 players on our roster," said Dostert.

Whether or not such a season will happen will be dependent on decisions made at the state level, said Dostert. Several statewide youth baseball and softball groups have submitted a proposal to resume play. It is expected that Gov. Walz will make a deci-

sion by the end of this month.

**Senior dining done for season; resumes in September**

TOWER- The AEOA Senior Dining program at Vermilion Country School is finished for the season. Meals will resume when school resumes after Labor Day. VCS wishes to

thank all the seniors who participated in senior dining this year.

**Tower Food Shelf open by request**

TOWER- Any households who missed the regular food shelf day and are in need of food should call Marge at 218-753-3503 or Kay at 218-248-0198 and arrange a time to pick up a pre-packaged food box.



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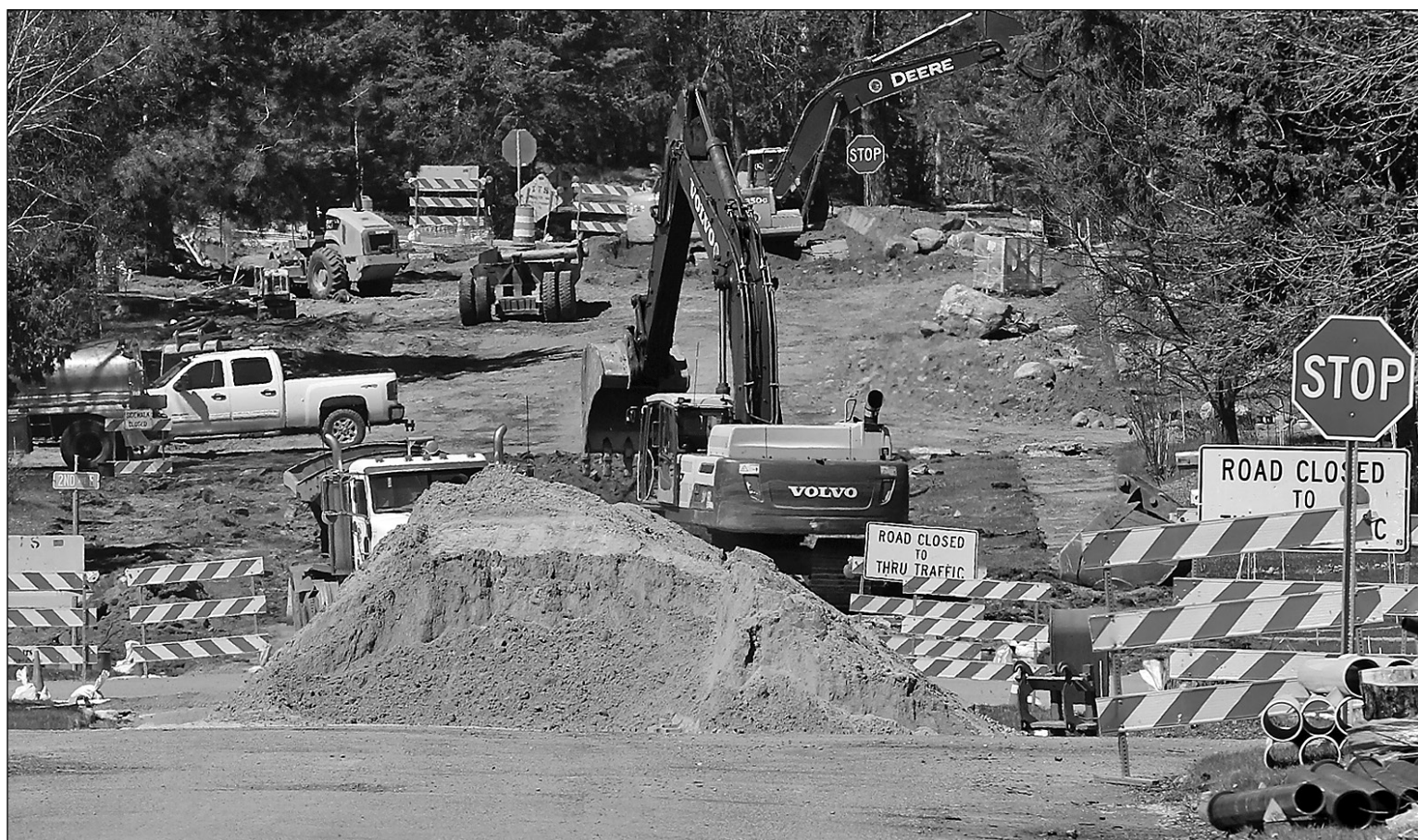
## Babbitt library

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

## Support groups

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AA - 7 p.m. Mondays,  
and 7:30 p.m.  
Wednesdays, First  
Lutheran Church,  
915 E. Camp St., Ely  
**WOMEN'S AA** - Noon  
Mondays, St. Anthony  
Church basement, Ely  
**BABBITT AA** - 7 p.m.  
Tuesdays, Woodland  
Presbyterian Church  
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Work continues on the James Street reconstruction project. This week, projects included installation of water and sewer services between Central and 1st Avenue East, bituminous and concrete removal from 1st Avenue East to 3rd Avenue East, connection of temporary water to homes on the south side of James between 2nd Avenue East and 3rd Avenue East, installation of water main between 2nd and 3rd, and installation of new water services. Construction crews will have the day off on Monday, May 25 in observation of Memorial Day. photo by K. Vandervort

## Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2020



color on a stem  
varieties shooting up

glorious wonders

## CITY OF ELY

## MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

## Class of 2020 Awards and Scholarships

ELY – The Memorial Class of 2020 were honored with more than \$120,000 in scholarships and awards last week. The ceremony was held online out of an abundance of caution due to the coronavirus pandemic. All state schools are closed through the end of the 2019-2020 school year.

There were 81 awards from 40 providers to the class, according to Jon Townsend, school counselor, including \$86,100 from local scholarship providers and \$44,000 from regional scholarship providers, presented at the virtual ceremony last Wednesday night.

The 45 graduates of the Class of 2020 had the opportunity to apply for more than one scholarship to help them as they advance to a post-high-school education.

Scholarships and awards recipients include: Marshall H. and Nellie Alworth Memorial Fund - Apolonia Homer, Nathan Nettifee

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship - Sarah Isbell

American Legion Auxiliary Scholarship: in Memory of Joyce Soderberg - Sarah Isbell

American Legion Merit Award - Erika Mattson

Bertha Bjorkman Scholarship - Andrew Dunn, Henry Matthys

Boundary Waters Community Bank Scholarship - Winter Sainio

Bill Braun Courage Memorial Scholarship - Andre Edgington

Edgington Medical Field Scholarship - Sarah Isbell

Ely Alumni Hockey Assoc. Scholarship - Dalton Schreffler

Ely Area Credit Union Scholarship - Savannah Johnson

Ely Education Association (Teacher's Union) - Valedictorian

Ely Educational Foundation Scholarship - Erika Mattson

Ely Educational Foundation: Derek and Dana Banovetz Alumni Scholarship - Dylan Fenske

Ely Educational Foundation: Daniel J. Erzar Memorial - Ana Bercher

Ely Educational Foundation: Ely Fire Dept. Relief Assoc. Scholarship - Abigail Rabe

Ely Educational Foundation: Eldon Foster Education Scholarship - Kalyssa Eilrich

Ely Educational Foundation: Rudy and Dorothy Marolt Memorial - Jenna Merhar

Ely Educational Foundation: James and Albert Musich Family - Raif Olson

Ely Educational Foundation: Wilho and Florence Novak Maenpaa - Nathan Nettifee

Ely Educational Foundation: Anna Rojakovich Scholarship - McCartney Kaercher

Ely Educational Foundation: Anne Rozman - McCartney Kaercher

Ely Educational Foundation: John Skantz Memorial - Dylan Fenske

Ely Educational Foundation: Somrock Family - Nathan Nettifee

Ely Hoop Club Scholarship - Dylan Fenske, Erika Mattson

Ely Jaycees

Scholarship - Sarah Isbell, Jenna Merhar

Ely Nordic Ski Club/ Nordic Wolves Team Scholarship - Ana Bercher, Kalyssa Eilrich

Ely Young Life Leadership Scholarship - Nathan Nettifee

Employees of the Kawishiwi Ranger District Scholarship - Brooke Pasmick

EMPOWER Baccalaureate Scholarship - Apolonia Homer, Savannah Johnson

Jake Forsman Memorial Scholarship - TJaе Banks, Andre Edgington, Steven Kerntz, Erik Mattila, Justin Nyman, Seann Prigge

Future Educator Scholarship - McCartney Kaercher

Claus and Svea Hammerstrom Scholarship - Nils DeRemee

Helpful High School Student Scholarship: In Memory of Charles "Cherla" Merhar - Brooke Pasmick

Industrial Education Scholarship - Steven Kerntz, Eric Mattila, Eric Omerza, Lauren Porthan

Listening Point Foundation Scholarship - Brooke Pasmick

Joey Ivancich Memorial Scholarship - Brooke Pasmick

Johnson Brothers Trade Scholarship - Steven Kerntz

Killen Awards - Apolonia Homer, Steven Kerntz, Henry Matthys, Erika Mattson, Jenna Merhar, Nathan Nettifee, Luke Olson, Raif Olson, Brooke Pasmick, Alt. Brandon Kerntz

Kiwanis Club of Ely Scholarship - Savannah Johnson, Raif Olson

Larry Klun Spirit Scholarship - Apolonia Homer

Eugene Lahtonen Memorial Scholarship - McCartney Kaercher, Winter Sainio

Lake Country Power Les Beach Memorial Scholarship - Josh Larson

Mary Lassi Scholarship - Abigail Rabe, Sylvester J. and Christine A. Logar

Memorial Scholarship - Eric Omerza, Caitlin Priebe

Merle Lunceford Memorial Scholarship - Dylan Fenske, Henry Matthys

Zachary Scott Matschiner Scholarship - Steven Kerntz, Eric Mattila, Lauren Porthan

Miss Ely Scholarship and Community Service Program - Kalyssa Eilrich, Morse Lake Fire Dept.

Relief Assoc. Scholarship - Savannah Johnson

Frank Sr. and Josephine Osaben Scholarship - Sarah Isbell

P.E.O. (Pass Education On) Scholarship - Ana Bercher

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## Want to be the mayor?

ELY – The candidacy filing period is now open for the two-year term of mayor in the city of Ely. Three seats on the city council, for four-year terms, are also open for the Nov. 3 election. A primary, if needed, will be held on Tuesday, Aug. 11.

Mayor Chuck Novak began his re-election campaign Tuesday morning when he filed his affidavit for candidacy. Three seats on the council, occupied by Paul Kess, Jerome Debeltz and Ryan Callen are also up for re-election this year. Those interested in running for office have until 5 p.m. on Tuesday,

## ELY ELECTION 2020

June 2 to file affidavits of candidacy. The cost for filing is \$5.

Forms are available at the City Clerk's office at City Hall, 209 E. Chapman St., and on the city's website, www.ely.mn.us. For more information, email deputyclerk@ely.mn.us or call 218-365-3224.

In light of the coronavirus pandemic, the Ely branch of American Association of University Women encourages voters to secure absentee ballots for 2020 to ensure a safe procedure to cast votes.

The State of Minnesota allows voters to apply for absentee ballots for 2020 elections at any time except

for the day of the election. An online application is available at www.sos.state.mn.us. That application can be completed and mailed, faxed, or e-mailed to the appropriate county election office.

In St. Louis County, the address is St. Louis County Auditor, 100 North 5th Ave. West, RM 214, Duluth, MN, 55802-1293. The St. Louis County fax number is 218-725-5060. The St. Louis County e-mail address is elections@stlouiscountymn.gov.

In Ely, individuals may request a ballot application through the curbside pick up at the public library.

# Virus can't keep NWFA group from moving ahead

## June promises online class, membership drive, and gallery reopening

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK- It wasn't only outdoor enthusiasts who welcomed last Saturday's weather. Would-be artists flocked to the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery to snap up canvases for the organization's "A Canvas and You" event.

"We sold 32 to 36 canvases and more are on order," said board member Judith Ulseth. "People are very enthusiastic. The canvas sale will go forward again this Saturday."

Enthusiasm is an important thing as NWFA prepares to embark on its annual membership drive in June. Promoting the arts isn't inexpensive, and like other businesses that were closed down because of COVID-19 restrictions, there has been no income from the gallery since March.

"It costs us about \$1,000 a month just to have a gallery, internet, insurance, just for the basics," Ulseth said. "I don't have exact figures,

but right now we're about \$10,000 in the hole because of the pandemic."

The gallery provides space for approximately 40 area artists to display and sell their work, Ulseth said, and the gallery gets a commission on sales. With the gallery shut down, not only haven't there been any sales, NWFA also hasn't been collecting rent from the artists for the space they use.

A healthy reserve fund has allowed NWFA to pay the rent and keep the lights on, but the membership drive and activities such as "A Canvas and You" are essential to the organization's primary mission to promote the arts through classes, workshops, exhibits, and special events, Ulseth said.

"We can afford to pay our rent, but that's with no programming," she said. "We don't want to do that. That's not our goal."

Even when the gallery reopens, things won't immediately go back to normal, as board members want to protect

the health and safety of participants. Like similar organizations, NWFA is turning to technology to offer summer classes.

"We've hired someone to help us with that," Ulseth said. "She's going to help set it up so people can take the class online through Zoom. Usually in the summer it's drawing and painting."

Selling memberships will help NWFA continue its special offerings, and members receive more than just a good feeling for supporting the arts, Ulseth said.

"Most of the time our classes are less expensive if you're a member," Ulseth said. "You get the benefit of being in the loop because you get bulletins every month with upcoming classes and exhibits. We also notify people of things they can submit their artwork to, like contests and other galleries, shows, and exhibits in this region of Minnesota."

Individual memberships cost \$25, family memberships cost \$40, and higher level support memberships are avail-



The Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery has been closed since mid-March in response to COVID-19, but board members are lining up volunteers for a possible June reopening under strict health and safety guidelines to protect customers, vendors, and staff. File photo

able. Memberships can be purchased online at [www.nwfamn.org/membership](http://www.nwfamn.org/membership), where a membership form can also be printed and mailed with a check made out to NWFA to NWFA, PO Box 44, Cook MN 55723.

Those still wishing to buy canvases to par-

ticipate in "A Canvas and You" can drop by the gallery at 210 S. River Street in Cook this Saturday between 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., weather permitting. Canvases cost \$10 and buyers are asked to bring exact change. Please wear a face covering and maintain a distance of at

least six feet from others during the process. The gallery will be closed and no restrooms are available. If you prefer, arrangements can be made to have canvases delivered by calling Shawna at 218-780-6510 or Judith at 219-750-4304.

# Season cancellation torpedoed Cook Youth Baseball

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK- In a typical year, this would be about the time baseball diamonds come alive with kids of all ages warming up their throwing arms and honing their batting skills for the upcoming summer season.

But it's not a typical year, and ballparks are, and will, remain deserted in Cook, in Orr, and in other area communities

now that the Central St. Louis County League has pulled the plug on its season due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Jenny Panichi of Cook Youth Baseball was part of the group that met via video conference on Tuesday night to determine the season's fate.

"We decided to cancel the season," Panichi said. "I guess there were just too many unknowns, and we wanted to keep players and coaches safe."

The league released a statement after the meeting:

"We have had multiple meetings and lots of discussions on how we could have a season and each option turned up more unknowns. The decision was unanimously voted on by all. The league has played ball every summer since 1960 according to Ron Pittman. It is a part of so many families' lives! This was not any easy decision to make!"

The decision was particularly difficult for Panichi because she had received strong responses to an interest survey put out by Cook Youth Baseball.

"I don't know if everybody else had numbers, but we had," she said. "The upper-level kids are all gung-ho and want to get out there. Tee ball is up to the parents, and some wondered how they would make that decision."

Panichi said Cherry,

Clinton, Burnett, Brookston, and teams from "Orr all the way down to Floodwood" were affected by the cancellation. Cook usually fields multiple Pee Wee, Tee-Ball, and Little League teams, but not this summer.

While 16-year-old Jake Panichi has aged out of Cook Youth Baseball, his 13-year-old brother Louie was understandably disappointed.

"Louie is very bummed," Panichi said. "He's my baseball nut.

He's played on a couple of travel teams as well."

Jake has had a couple of weeks to get used to the idea of summer without baseball, as the Minnesota American Legion schedule was canceled May 9. Panichi wasn't worried about the brothers finding other ways to stay busy in the outdoors.

"They've already been kayaking and canoeing," she said.



Mike Smith, center, and his son Eli put up a banner in Cook honoring the North Woods Class of 2020 as part of ongoing efforts to show support for seniors, including Smith's daughter Neiva, who are being deprived of traditional graduation ceremonies by COVID-19 restrictions. Banners also were placed in Orr, and a parade through downtown Cook was scheduled for 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 21. B. Smith photo

# Savings turn into big win at NSCU

COOK- Jody Feist was sitting at her desk at the administrative building of North Star Credit Union in Cook last month when she heard a knock on the door.

She opened it to find a container and two of her coworkers standing back with personal protective masks on, so she couldn't quite read their faces.

When she opened the container, she discovered

\$1,000 cash.

"Congratulations!" her coworkers yelled out.

Feist was the statewide quarterly winner of the WINCentive savings program offered through North Star.

"I never expected to be one of the big statewide winners," said Feist. "I still can't believe that I won."

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accounts and make deposits of \$25 monthly, up to four per month, earn chances to win monthly, quarterly, and annual prizes ranging from \$100 to \$5,000. The program is designed to encourage savers to keep their money in their accounts for at least a year. Feist said saving was a good habit to get into.

"I like that it set it up automatically for a

transfer right out of my paycheck," said Feist. "I opened mine up at the end of September so I will have this money available for Christmas shopping this fall."

To learn more about WINCentive savings accounts, contact North Star Credit Union in Cook at 218-666-5940 or visit their website at [NorthStarCreditUnion.org](http://NorthStarCreditUnion.org).



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HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION

# Pomp...under unusual circumstances

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

## Ely graduates will do a drive-by ceremony on May 30

ELY — Commencement celebrations at Ely Memorial High School honoring the Class of 2020 were firmed up this week as administrators look to send off graduates in a meaningful way given restrictions imposed by the coronavirus pandemic.

According to Megan Anderson, 6-12 principal, a drive-by event will be held beginning at 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 30, and will include an opportunity for each of the 45 graduates of the Class of 2020 to pick up their diploma from a temporary stage at the edge of the Ice Arena parking lot near the Washington Elementary School, followed by a parade through town led by a police escort.

The event will be broadcast on WELY Radio for family and friends.

“The whole community is invited to line the parade route and congratulate our graduates,” Anderson said.

The parade will exit the ice arena parking lot on Fourth Avenue, proceed east on Harvey Street to Highway 1, turn left to Sheridan Street and head west all the way through town.

Despite school being closed since mid-March and distance-learning protocols put in place because of COVID-19, ISD 696 administration officials briefly toyed with the idea of using the city’s historic baseball stadium for a hybrid outdoor ceremony. That plan resulted in a strike out due to the Minnesota Department of Education guidelines that

say schools are not allowed to host large, in-person gatherings on football fields or in stadiums.

State Republicans looked for another at-bat last Sunday to ease those restrictions. According to a report from Minnesota Public Radio, the Minnesota House defeated a push to let schools bypass graduation restrictions issued by the state during the coronavirus pandemic. The DFL-led House turned back the Republican effort to let schools allow the Class of 2020 to celebrate in-person as long as social distancing practices are followed.

Earlier this month, the state Department of Education, with input from the Minnesota Department of Health, said large ceremonies could put health at risk and advised against them. Republicans argued that the health department guidance robbed students and their parents of a rite-of-passage and wrongly applied a one-size-fits-all approach to schools.

House Education Policy Chair Cheryl Youakim, DFL-Hopkins, said it wasn’t an easy call to restrict graduations, but she said lawmakers should trust health experts.

“We all grieve what we’ve lost during this pandemic. It’s the pandemic that changed things for us. But we also are adaptive and we’re creative,” Youakim said. “And I’ve heard wonderful stories about how schools are honoring their seniors, from banners on Main Street to lawn signs in senior



Ely High School Megan Anderson decorating the table before the school handed out gowns and caps to the graduates last week.  
photo by K. Vandervort

yards and even personal curbside, congratulatory celebrations from teachers and principals.”

The state guidelines do allow for car parades in school parking lots and encourage other ways to honor graduates.

Ely graduates will be allowed to include their family members in one vehicle, Anderson said.

“No buses allowed, and no one may ride in the back of a pick-up truck,” she said. “As soon as each of the graduates has picked up their diploma, I will announce the graduating class of 2020, we will honk our horns, and the Ely Police Department

will lead them in a parade.”

Anderson, Superintendent Erik Erie, and School Board Chair Ray Marsnik are expected to be in attendance to congratulate the graduates as they pick up their diplomas.

No live music and no speeches will be allowed, except for Anderson’s Commencement Address and the presentation of the Ely Memorial Class of 2020.

“We were told to keep the event as brief as possible,” she said. “In talking with the kids, they really wanted to be together as a class. That was the common thread. This is

the best we can do under the circumstances we are in right now,” Anderson said. “I hope this will be memorable for the Class of 2020, and I hope it will be one-of-a-kind and not have to be repeated.”

### NER graduation set for Friday, May 29

Northeast Range High School Graduation Commencement Ceremony and Graduate Parade will be held on

Friday, May 29. The parade starts in Soudan at 7:30 p.m. It will travel through each town in the following order: Soudan, Tower, Embarrass, and Babbitt and end in the Northeast Range Parking lot. The ceremony starts at 8:45 p.m. in front of the school.

The ceremony is closed to the public. It will be broadcast live on WELY. Only one senior/family vehicle is allowed in the parking lot and all family members must remain in the vehicle at all times.

### Vermilion Country School to do personal ceremonies for each graduate

Vermilion Country School staff and administration will be doing a drive-by graduation ceremony at each graduate’s home, tentatively set for during the day on Tuesday, May 26 (weather-permitting). There will be music, a short program, and then a diploma presentation for each of the five graduating seniors.

Minnesota Public Radio contributed to this report.

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backed Gov. Walz's \$2.6 billion proposal, nearly \$29 million would have reached the area for the following:

- \$5.8 million for campground development at Lake Vermilion Soudan Underground Mine State Park.

- \$2.8 million for the Ely Regional Trailhead Project visitors center serving the Taconite Trail, the Mesabi Trail, and the Prospector Loop ATV Trail.

- \$3.0 million for the city of Tower's water treatment facility.

- \$6.6 million for the planned Crane Lake Voyageurs National Park visitor center, campground, boat ramp, and access road.

- \$1 million for expansion of the Voyageur Country ATV Trail in northern St. Louis County.

- \$2.6 million for a Vermilion Community College classroom design and building project.

While Ecklund remains optimistic that

lawmakers will agree to a bonding bill, Sen. Tom Bakk, DFL-Cook, was less sanguine. He said he spent 90 minutes last Saturday in House Minority Leader Kurt Daudt's office in an effort to find a solution after Daudt promised a group of GOP convention delegates on May 2 that he would block any bonding bill until Gov. Tim Walz ended the peacetime emergency order he issued back in March as the COVID-19 pandemic reached Minnesota.

Bakk said it would be foolish for the governor to rescind the order since doing so would automatically rescind executive orders that Walz has issued since declaring the emergency and limit his ability to respond to the pandemic over the summer.

Bakk said Daudt realized after his comments to delegates at the Second District GOP convention that he had "boxed himself in," but couldn't find a face-saving way that would allow him to let a

bonding bill go forward. With unemployment high and interest rates at near record lows, both DFL and GOP leaders had acknowledged the value of a bonding bill this session. Even so, Daudt kept his caucus together in the House in order to block passage of the measure.

Gov. Tim Walz made mention of the impasse in a call with reporters on Monday to offer his own assessment of the session breakdown. "Unfortunately about two weeks ago the tone was set tying the belief that my emergency powers in our administration to combat COVID 19, the very same powers that were granted by the Legislature and had been exercised by governors throughout Minnesota's history, were viewed as something not acceptable," Walz said. "I believe we could have got it done. We're willing to negotiate and change our positions. This was kind of an all or nothing thing on the emergency powers and

that's a difficult position." Walz was joined by DFL legislative leaders during the press conference.

Bakk agreed that Daudt's position was a tough one to address and said unless the state's leaders can reach an accommodation that allows the Republican leader to save face, a bonding bill may face a troubled path forward. "The peacetime emergency gives the governor the right to issue executive orders," noted Bakk. "I have to believe he will extend it. What worries me is that if the order is still in place on June 12, a bonding bill may not happen."

Lawmakers are set to return to St. Paul, at least briefly, on June 12, assuming the governor opts to extend the COVID-19 emergency order at that time. Many lawmakers, including Ecklund, are hoping that a bonding bill could advance at that time as well.

## Senate disagreement

It wasn't just House members who couldn't agree on a bonding measure. While Bakk says Senate leaders had agreed on the price tag for the session's bonding bill, the Senate ultimately failed to pass its own version, mostly over differences in project priorities.

"We didn't see the Senate Republicans' bill until the day before adjournment," said Senate Minority Leader Susan Kent, a St. Paul DFLer. "When we saw it, it was much smaller than the number that we discussed. If that had happened a few days earlier maybe that would have worked out okay, but slapping together a big bonding bill at the last minute, especially one that would not cover the entire state adequately and fairly and did not do what we needed it to do in terms of delivering jobs and important projects for Minnesotans, it did not

measure up." Walz acknowledged that he had reached out to DFLers in the Senate urging them to oppose the bill as drafted by the GOP majority. Minnesota remains the only state in the country with a Legislature that's divided between the parties.

While many legislators see their June 12 return as a second chance at a bonding bill, Walz is non-committal about a special session for that purpose, saying that he remains focused on the day-to-day management of the coronavirus pandemic.

"If it's determined coming back for a special session is the right thing to do, I think the June 12 date keeps coming up because that's the emergency declaration," Walz said.

"We chose to take a very conservative interpretation of a statute that is very vague about the extension of emergency powers. It does not call for the Legislature to come back in. I have asked for that."

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announced Wednesday by Gov. Tim Walz as he gradually loosens restrictions that have been in place since March in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Our restaurants and bars are an integral part of the social fabric of Minnesota, and it has been heartbreaking to see this pandemic wreak havoc on our hospitality industry," said Governor Walz. "While the virus won't yet allow for business as usual, let's do what we do best after winter in Minnesota and head outside."

Under the plan announced by the governor, outdoor dining will be limited to no more than 50 patrons at a time. Restaurants and bars will continue to be allowed to offer takeout and delivery services.

The governor is continuing to strongly recommend that restaurant and bar workers, hair stylists, and their customers, wear masks and maintain social distancing as much as possible. Barbershops and salons will be allowed to operate only at 25 percent of capacity.

The latest move by the governor will also allow all campgrounds and other recreational activities to resume on June 1.

"This is a measured approach that matches the thoughtfulness and generosity of our restaurateurs, who have found creative ways to safely feed their neighbors throughout this pandemic—but making this work relies on all of us," said Lt. Governor Peggy Flanagan.

"It's important for all Minnesotans to remember that they have a big role to play in making this reopening process successful," said Minnesota Department of Health Commissioner Jan Malcolm. "By continuing to follow social distancing guidelines, wearing masks, washing hands, and staying home when sick, we can limit the spread of COVID-19 and protect our most vulnerable friends and family members."

Gov. Walz has stressed the importance of reopening cautiously and strategically, which is why salons and barbershops will be allowed to reopen on June 1 with only 25 percent occupancy and additional safety measures in place.

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“Anthony made our family a shadow box honoring Dick,” said Richard’s younger sister Susan Cebelinski. Anthony, an older classmate of Dick’s from Tower-Soudan High School, arrived in Vietnam a month before Dick, and the two tried to meet up, but never were able to, Susan said.

Anthony urged the family to request a new cemetery marker with the Silver Star listed on it, and he helped Susan with the paperwork. Dick was awarded the Silver Star in April 1970, a month after he was buried but this was after the original marker had been put in place.

“I didn’t realize the significance of the Silver Star until then,” said Susan.

The Silver Star is the third-highest military combat decoration and is given for “gallantry in action” while engaged in actions against an enemy of the state, according to the Department of Defense. Actions that merit the Silver Star must be of such a high degree that they are above those required for all other U.S. combat decorations except those for the Medal of Honor or Service Cross. The award is given to fewer than five percent of those who serve in combat.

“To receive a Silver Star,” Susan said, “the actions taken had to actually save lives.”

**Dick’s service**

Susan said the family really never knew the details of what Dick’s time in Vietnam was like, or the details of his death.

While working for St. Louis County Social Services, Susan attended a presentation by two Vietnam era veterans who talked about efforts to provide medical supplies for people in Vietnam who were still being injured by mines left over from the war.

“I sat through the presentation and just kept thinking I didn’t know what Dick was doing over there,” she said. At that moment she decided to



**A new marker at the Tower Lakeview Cemetery, above, now includes the Silver Star awarded to Richard Burgess. A shadow box is located at the family’s home.**

take action.

“I walked right over to the Veterans Service office,” she said.

While filling out a form to request information, she realized that the day, March 17, was Dick’s birthday.

“He was rattling me out of my comfort zone,” she said.

In the first few years that followed Dick’s death, first his mother, and then his father, also died, and the family didn’t get the chance to learn about his service.

Susan started putting together the limited information she was able to glean from Dick’s military records, but another serendipitous event helped fill in more of the missing pieces.

Family members discovered a vase of flowers with a tag with contact information from the Currahees, the unit Dick served with, on Memorial Day.

“It was their project to locate all the Currahee gravesites and place flowers,” Susan said.

The family got in touch to thank them for the flowers, and then “I was invited to attend one of their annual reunions,” Susan said.

Susan has attended five reunions of the Currahees, getting to meet Dick’s captain and others he served with.

“I have met some wonderful vets,” she said, “and made new lifelong friends.”

Susan said the family believed Dick had been a

hero all along, but what she began to learn proved that her brother truly was a hero.

Dick was stationed at Hill 474, a mountain riddled with caves that hid Viet Cong soldiers and equipment.

“The Army would drop soldiers at the top of the mountain, and it would take them a month to get down,” she said. “Often they would be attacked from above.”

The soldiers in Dick’s unit had the harrowing job of trying to clear the mountain’s caves and were referred to as tunnel rats.

Dick’s commanding officer, Capt. Ohls, told Susan that “clearing the caves was one of the dirtiest, scariest, and most dangerous missions in his three years in Vietnam.”

“The day that Dick died,” Susan said, “they knew there was a sniper above them. It was the policy that everyone had to be out of the caves by the end of the day.”

But on that day, Susan learned, Dick had found a cache of documents and was determined to get them out of the cave even though it was after dark. He stayed in the caves, trying to retrieve the documents, and was shot and killed.

“Dick had a chance to seek safety and declined in favor of further risking his life for his fellow soldiers,” said Ohls.

After a skirmish between the Army and Viet Cong, Dick’s company retrieved the documents. They detailed military



supplies and equipment stored inside the caves. Dick’s fellow soldiers also captured an enemy soldier inside the caves who verified the information in the documents that had just been found. As a result, the Army was able to find and destroy them, preventing many deaths.

“Dick risked his life to retrieve information that helped change the direction of the war,” she said. “That would be Dick. He was only focused on his duty, not on his own safety.”

**Growing up in Tower**

“Richard was quite a free spirit,” said Susan. “He was always wanting to do exciting things. He was a ringleader. He had absolutely no fear.”

Growing up on North Third Street in Tower, Richard taught himself high diving off the highest ledge at the old Lee Mine. He went on to be a “phenomenal” diver on the Tower High School swim team. He also played in the high school band.

“He was the most fun person around,” she remembered.

Susan said Dick was the most challenging of her parents’ five children.

“They tried to corral him,” she said, but noted it never quite worked out. The gift of a chemistry set, meant to engage him quietly indoors, led to some “off-book” and rather dangerous experiments in their basement.

A story related by Phyllis Burgess in the *Tower News* in 1967 tells of a trip Dick took with David Isle. The two boys, both juniors in high school, decided to hitch hike to Florida over Easter break, leaving home Wednesday afternoon and returning on Monday night with sunburns as proof. The pair calculated they had each spent 85 cents on the trip down, though they did splurge on a hotel room once they reached Panama Beach. The two teens were evidently charming enough to be fed and even put up at a motel by those who picked them up along the way. The only time they had trouble getting a ride was within 20 miles of home, but eventually they were picked up by Dick’s uncle, Jack Burgess, and deposited safely at home.

Dick enlisted in the Army shortly after graduating from high school in the summer of 1968.

“He didn’t know what he wanted to do after high

school,” Susan said, “and he drove up to Ely and enlisted.”

The family took their first-ever family vacation right before Dick went to basic training.

“My father was one of the Burgess Chevrolet brothers,” Susan said. “He worked six days a week and never took a vacation.”

But that summer he bought a pop-up tent camper, and the five Burgess siblings and their parents went on a trip to Glacier National Park in Montana.

“The trip was awesome,” Susan remembered.

**Silver Star ceremony**

The family had planned to hold a special commemoration ceremony for Richard at this year’s Memorial Day Service in Tower. But the cancellation of the service due to the COVID-19 pandemic meant the ceremony had to be put off for a year.

“We want to present the Silver Star to Dick somehow, acknowledging how proud we are of him,” she said. “He did a heroic thing.”

And while a special ceremony at Memorial Day will have to wait one more year, the family is hoping that many in the community will see his sacrifice and heroism and remember the free-spirited teen not just for his hijinks, but for his bravery.

Susan has been in contact with Dick’s Army captain and several others from his unit who were planning on traveling to Tower this month. Hopefully they can still make the trip next May, she said.

People are welcome to visit his gravesite at Tower’s Lakeview Cemetery. His marker is located at 46-8-1 NW, on Miners Drive near the intersection of Northern Lights Blvd. and Miners Dr. The family grave markers show many in the Burgess family proudly served their country in the Army and Navy.

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roll down their windows, and listen to the program broadcast on local radio station WELY, Tyler said. Steve Saari, vice com-

mander of Ely Post 248 and a retired lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Air Force, will deliver the keynote address. Tyler will present

opening remarks and the Roll Call of the Departed Comrades.

Bagpiper Joe Linneman will play

Amazing Grace while a wreath is placed at the tomb of the unknown soldier. Members of the Ely Area Honor Guard will be at the

cemetery to present the colors and for the salute to the honored dead. Ron Forsman will play Taps to close out the program.

Prior to Memorial Day Honor Guard members will also set up at the grave sites of deceased veterans.

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and employee will have their temperature taken at a station located on the service road leading into the property. If a guest or employee has a temperature of 100 or higher, they will not be allowed on the property. This same policy applies to guests who arrive by boat and plan to spend time on the property.

All employees will also be required to wear face masks, and guests will be asked to wear one, too. If a guest does not have a mask, they can purchase one for a dollar. While it will not be mandatory for a guest to wear a mask, it is Lehti’s hope that they will do so.

Fortune Bay’s graphics department has been printing signs reminding guests to practice safe social distancing, use hand sanitizer stations, and more.

The resort’s janitorial

and housekeeping teams will be busy cleaning the public areas and resort rooms to keep guests and employees safe.

“Ever since we first closed our doors in March, our team has worked extremely hard to deep clean our entire facility and we’ll continue to do that once we re-open,” said Lehti. “We will be diligent in making regular rounds to wipe down all surfaces and have hand sanitizers and wipes readily available for our guests and employees to use.”

Lehti said Fortune Bay’s human resources team is reaching out to employees to make sure they are ready to come back to work. She said they will be asked to fill out a survey and provide any suggestions on how to better improve safety measures that will be in place.

In the meantime, Lehti and the Fortune Bay team are eagerly awaiting the June 1 opening.

“We miss our guests and longtime customers who we’ve come to know by first name,” said Lehti, who took over in February as general manager. “We have talked to a lot of them and they feel confident that we’ve taken the right steps to ensure they’ll be safe once we reopen.”

Bois Forte Tribal Chairwoman Cathy Chavers echoed those comments.

“It is reassuring to know how much time Jenna and her management team put in to come up with a safe and viable plan to reopen our doors,” said Chavers. “They all care deeply about our guests and employees and I think you’ll see that kindness on display June 1.”

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GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

# New ordinance sets up 12-step process for public data disclosure

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- At its May 12 meeting, and with little discussion, the town board approved a new ordinance that regulates the disclosure of township documentary information and sets up a cumbersome review process to release such information.

Town board Chair Mike Ralston alluded to, without specifically referencing, the Minnesota Department of Administration's finding earlier this year that the township had violated the state's open meeting law by denying access to information to resident Jeff Maus. The town board had passed a motion last fall to preclude access to "emails and stuff" specifically to Maus, who has filed a complaint with the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry after being denied access to his own personal records and files as a fire department member.

"It was prudent to develop a procedure to distribute public information to the public," Ralston said, "and private information not to the public."

Clerk Sue Drobac asked why the township needed ordinances when the board wasn't following township policies. She also asked if town board members had read the ordinance, which apparently had only been made available right before the meeting.

Several township supervisors indicated they had read the ordinance, but it was difficult to determine how many, since the meeting was being held via teleconference.

The new ordinance, drafted by the township attorney, was then adopted without any further discussion.

"I am very skeptical that the ordinance is lawful

in establishing such a complicated process for obtaining public records except minutes, ordinances, resolutions, and previous meeting agenda packets," said Mark Anfinson, an attorney for the Minnesota Newspaper Association and an expert on Minnesota's public access laws. Anfinson told the *Timberjay* that while townships are not subject to the state's Data Practices Act, there is an older, separate, but still valid legal basis for public access to governmental records known as the common law right of access. This law, Anfinson said, requires access to governmental documents unless there is a strong basis for withholding them.

"I am confident that there would be many other kinds of township records that, under the common law right, would be considered public," Anfinson said.

The ordinance states its purpose is to streamline the decision-making process under which requests for documentary information are responded to. It notes that township ordinances, resolutions, minutes, and agenda packets shall be "reasonably made available for viewing by the public at the town hall by request or as required by law."

But all other township documents (referred to as non-public township documents) can only be disclosed by going through a 12-step process.

The process includes filling out a written form which must be presented to the clerk during regular business hours, then the clerk must transmit the form to the town chair. The town clerk must give an estimate of the time required to assemble the documents and determine the charge for the time involved plus the per-copy fee. At this point the

request can be denied by the town board chair; if not, the clerk shall determine what documents meet the parameter of the request and transmit a listing of those documents to the town board chair. The chair must then review the information request and the documents to determine if such information shall be released. At this point, the chair may consult with the township attorney. The town board may authorize release of the information which the chair deems necessary or prudent and must make this authorization in writing to the clerk. The clerk would then determine the cost for the request, and then shall release only those documents that have been approved by the chair. The clerk is not permitted to release or provide orally information on any other non-public documents without prior written approval by the chair.

The ordinance does not relate to information requested by town board members or to any documents required by the state, county, or a court of law. The ordinance does require that all nonpublic documents remain in the town hall except if authorized in writing by the chair to be removed.

The ordinance also places restrictions on documents placed in the monthly meeting public agenda packet. It states the town board chair shall review and approve all documents in the packet before the start of every town board meeting before the packet is made available to the public. Any document that is proposed to be presented to the town board at a meeting must first be presented to the chair, who shall determine whether or not it shall be used by the board at the meeting. If the chair determines it shall not be used at the meeting, the document

must be withdrawn.

## Broadband survey results

The board expressed concern with the apparent lack of interest from township residents in completing online surveys about broadband service.

"We are starting to get some more responses," said Ralston. "The survey is still open."

Links to the surveys are on the township website at [www.greenwoodtownshipmn.com](http://www.greenwoodtownshipmn.com).

"The board is doing all it can," said Carmen DeLuca. "Nine-percent (participation in the survey) is not a good showing for our township."

DeLuca said he felt the town board should stop working on the issue of providing broadband level service for the township. "I don't think the community is interested," he said. "We need to stop spending money on it. I don't believe we should have the responsibility of putting the cable in the ground."

Ralston told the board they need to review the budget before they certify the \$150,000 levy in September. The approved levy was \$100,000 lower than the town board's recommendation. The town board did not present a 2021 budget at the annual meeting.

"We need to find ways to increase revenue or decrease expenses," he said, "to keep reserves at the level recommended by MAT (Minnesota Association of Townships)."

Township reserves were \$601,724 at the beginning of April and \$578,864 at the end of the month. The township receives the first half of its property tax apportionment in the summer, so township reserves tend to fall in the first half of the year.

## Security camera

The board adopted an ordinance with little

discussion that prohibits interference with township security cameras. The town clerk has repeatedly expressed her concerns with a camera that is pointed at her workstation, describing it as a surveillance camera. The township still has no policy in place for who is able to view the camera footage, or in what cases it can be viewed.

## Other business

In other action, the board:

► Discussed a bill from Calgaro Tree Service for brushing along Birch Point Extension. Ralston said the invoice from work done last fall and completed this spring was \$4,600. "It's getting outrageous," he said. Ralston said he is talking with the fire department to see if they would be able to do the work, or else find another contractor. Brushing is done to make sure the road is wide enough to safely drive the fire trucks on.

► Byron Beihoffer and Larry Tahija voted against holding Fire Chief Dave Fazio's payroll check until his background check is completed, which is township policy. Fazio was recently rehired as chief, which meant a new background check was required. The township hadn't received the paperwork back. The motion passed 3-2. "He's not officially chief until the background check is received," Ralston said. "So we can't legally pay him." Once a positive background check is received, the paycheck for work done would be released.

► Approved the low bid from Extra Set of Hands for a three-year contract for lawn mowing service at the town hall at a rate of \$150 per mow.

► Beihoffer noted that the pavilion was being

used even though the township had closed it to the public until the stay-at-home order was removed.

► Heard that the parking lot repairs are being scheduled for early to mid-June, and the trail sealcoating will be done soon.

► Fazio reported the department had received PPE equipment from the state and donations of fabric masks from several individuals.

► Denied a request to post the monthly treasurer's report and current investments on the website. Ralston noted this information is included in the monthly board meeting packet, available at the monthly meeting. Treasurer Pam Rodgers said a summary of the information is included in the minutes, which are posted online. Clerk Sue Drobac said it was a simple matter to post the requested reports on the website.

"We should follow the procedure set up by the attorney," said Ralston, referring to the newly-adopted ordinance regulating disclosure of township information.

► Approved \$100 donations to Northwoods Partners, the Tower-Soudan Historical Society, and the St. Louis County Fair. The town board did not act on a request from the Cook Community Center for a \$5 per capita donation. "I think we have a debt right now," said DeLuca. "I am not for giving anything new to anybody."

"We will need to look at all these donations for next year," said Ralston.

► Said they hope to hold their next meeting at the town hall, if possible.

# Ely Dairy Queen reopens after report of coronavirus

ELY - Following a coronavirus scare last week, the Dairy Queen Grill and Chill store has reopened.

"The Minnesota Department of Health granted us the green light to reopen our restaurant. Treats and food are once again available through the DQ drive-thru, DQ App, and curbside pickup," said owner Paul Ivancich.

An employee of the local store tested positive for COVID-19 on Sunday, May 10.

According to Ivancich, the employee had not been in the local restaurant since May 4. All other employees were tested at Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital and the results came back negative. He said the Ely DQ Grill and

Chill has been working to exceed the CDC and MDH guidelines.

"The restaurant has been professionally cleaned and sanitized," he said. "Thank you to the commercial cleaning team of Bullseye Cleaning Services. We stood beside medical professionals throughout the process for their consultation and approval."



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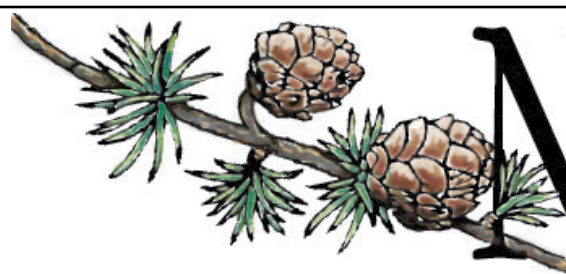
  
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### LCCMR projects remain in limbo

Hope for passage now lies in a special session

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Just over \$61 million in state funding for a wide range of outdoor and environmental projects, including several in northern St. Louis County, remains in limbo after the Legislature adjourned this past Sunday without agreement on a wide range of major topics. Projects in Tower, Crane Lake, Voyageurs National Park, and parts of the Iron Range will be affected unless legislators can reach agreement on a final package during a special session.

The money in question comes from the state's Environmental and Natural Resources Trust Fund, which is overseen by the Legislative-Citizens Commission on Minnesota Resources, or LCCMR, and approval of the funds has been mostly routine in the past. This year, however, a dispute over whether funds from the trust should be used for wastewater infrastructure prompted Senate Republicans to stall passage of their own version of the package. While the Senate did finally approve a funding package over the weekend, slight differences between the Senate and House versions of the measure had not been reconciled when time ran out on the session.

The package of funding that legislators in both houses agreed upon includes \$3.1 million for the Crane Lake-Voyageurs National Park campground and visitors center, \$1 million for further development of the Mesabi Trail, and \$575,000 for wolf research at Voyageurs. It also includes \$440,000 for a University of Minnesota researcher working to develop a biological control for the fungus that causes white-nose syndrome in bats and \$198,000 for Grand Rapids-based Northern Community Radio to engage more Minnesotans in phenology. The legislation also approves \$600,000 in funding for the second phase of trail work around the city of Tower's harbor, as well as a technical change to allow the city to modify the project from the original proposal. That project ran into trouble early last year after it was revealed that the city's former clerk-treasurer, along with the city's engineering firm, had significantly modified the project without the required approval from the LCCMR staff, which prompted the LCCMR to put the project on hold. At the same time, the former clerk-treasurer had submitted false status reports to the LCCMR, citing progress and collaborations that had not actually been made.

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## COVID-19 RESPONSE

# Let them eat cake

Ely baker nears 100 sweet delights to honor the area's essential workers

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

**E**LY - Some people are baking more these days as they shelter at home out of caution over the coronavirus. A local baker has taken her love for this community and put it into icing. This week, Susan Laine will be baking, decorating and delivering the 100th cake for people around Ely who work in essential services and businesses.

Laine was building quite a following here with her cake-making business, "... And I'll Make the Cake," but COVID-19 and the stay-at-home orders immediately put a stop to her endeavor. She moved to Ely about two years ago with her husband Curt, and has been making cakes for more than two decades. She wanted to stay in the kitchen despite the new challenges that came with the pandemic.

"When we were told to shelter in place, I had seven (cake) cancellations right off the bat," she said this week at her Pattison Street home. "No



**Top: A masked Susan Laine displays another cake she baked this week, destined for an Ely business.**

photo/K. Vandervort

**Above: The crew at Wintergreen Northern Wear, who have been busy sewing PPE, posed recently with their cake.** photo/submitted

one was having parties and everyone was just hunkering down. No one knew what was happening."

The couple's plan to open a new cake studio and graphic arts business on the top floor of the NAPA building was put on hold.

As featured in the *Timberjay* last Christmas, Susan was aware that she had her own "cake groupies,"

and she created an online poll asking her social media followers to nominate an essential business or worker who deserved a cake. For a 24-hour period, she received suggestions for a person or organization to receive a cake.

"I literally received hundreds of votes," she said. "Well, I thought about doing a second

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## THE ECONOMY

### OPEN for business

Local shop owners taking precautions to address the risks posed by COVID-19

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- "We knew we needed to have a plan," said Ubetcha Antiques co-owner Victoria Meloche. "We started planning right away."

The work is paying off as both of her Tower Main Street businesses, Ubetcha, and the adjacent thrift store, Uffda Thrifts and Gifts, planned on reopening on May 21. The two shops are now connected with a walk-through doorway after some major remodeling this fall.

Ubetcha was not considered an essential business, and the owners had actually decided to temporarily close even before the stay-at-home order was issued, due to safety concerns for both Meloche, who has had cancer, and her father-in-law Willard Carlson, who will turn 91 this summer.

Meloche said she knows many businesses aren't being as proactive, but since she herself is immuno-compromised and still waiting for her doctor's okay to return to work, she felt they needed to do their best to keep themselves and everyone else safe.

"The only person you can control is yourself," she said.

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### Ely Folk School goes online

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - The Ely Folk School made its own concession to the COVID-19 pandemic recently, quietly hosting three online cooking classes. More than 125 participants took part in the classes, taught by Lacey Squire who is fast-becoming a hometown Julia Childs.

An Introduction to Adobe Lightroom photo editing class in three sessions, taught by Les Conrad, was also very successful with an Advanced class coming soon.

Upcoming classes include:

► Brazilian Pastel and Caipirinha - Saturday, May 23, 3-5 p.m. - Come travel with us for happy hour in Rio! Learn how to make a Brazilian street food staple, a pastel (or pastry), to be enjoyed with the quintessential cocktail of Brazil, the caipirinha.

► Storytelling in Virtual Ely - Tuesday, May 26, 6 - 8:00 p.m. - The Ely Folk School is carrying on the community storytelling started by Julie Nester and Terry Cooper with True Stories from the Edge. They will be choosing a new name but continuing to bring storytellers out of the woods to share personal experiences and perspectives with all who care to listen. Stories can be joyous or sad, poignant or sweet, but must be true and personal.

► Thai Green Curry - Friday, May 29, 4-5:30 p.m. - Take a culinary trip to Thailand to learn how to make green curry from scratch, accompanied by Jasmine rice, if you so choose.

Even though the classes are free, you still need to register to get a Zoom invitation to have access. If you're not sure how that works with Zoom, email questions to info@elyfolkschool.org.

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Precautions being put in place include limiting the number of customers to half the regular capacity, installation of hand sanitizing and a handwashing station, installing a sneeze-guard at the single cash register now serving both stores, and a new wireless point-of-sale system.

"Our COVID-19 mitigation includes employees and customers," she said.

Staff will be wearing masks and gloves, and high-touch and breathe-on areas will be sanitized during the day. They also purchased a UV-light sterilizing wand to use each night to sanitize and sterilize items that cannot be wiped down. They are asking any customers who do not feel well to stay away and will have a no-touch thermometer available if requested.

Customers will be asked not to linger at the cash register, but Meloche said they will be happy to visit with customers outdoors.



**At Ubetcha and Uffda, in Tower, Victoria Meloche, Alexa Kishel, and Charlie Carlson are taking precautions as they reopen their adjoining stores on Tower's Main Street.** photo/J. Summit

The coffee and cookies are gone this summer, another safety measure.

The business will have more limited hours, due to several of their vendors not being able to work because they are in high-risk groups.

"We just can't manage being open every day," she said.

Ubetcha and Uffda will be open Thursday through Monday, starting May 21. The Tourist Trap Flea Market, staffed by co-owner Charlie Carlson

and his father Willard, will be open Friday through Monday of Memorial Day weekend, and then Fridays and Saturdays during the summer, with extended days on holidays.

Meloche said the store and their dealers have been

busy restocking shelves and "freshening up" the stock.

"There is a ton of new stuff in the thrift shop, too," she said.

The shop is not taking any new consignments right now.

"We are filled up right now," she said, "our warehouse can't hold anything else."

There may be an exception or two made, she hinted, for a couple of smaller items.

"If it's a Hamm's sign," she said, "we will take it!"

New this year are Ubetcha and Uffda branded T-shirts, sweat-shirts, and caps.

The store is celebrating its fifth anniversary on Memorial Day weekend.

"I feel like I have pre-opening jitters," she said, "like when we first opened."

Now the big question is if customers will be coming.

"We can have hun-

dreds of people come through on a busy day in July," she said. "Now we need to limit the stores to ten customers each at a time."

While the two have kept busy during the shut-down - Charlie has been refinishing furniture among other things - they really miss visiting with their customers.

Willard, who has made friends with just about everyone in Tower and Soudan, is also excited to be back at work. He has had a rough time socially-isolating, Meloche said. "There is no holding Willard back."

Other Tower retail stores also now open include Jeanne's Cards and Gifts which is open six days a week. Nordic Home North is still working on plans to reopen in the next week or two, and is waiting for some new products to arrive.

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City officials subsequently worked with the LCCMR staff to revise the project in an effort to meet the original objectives and obtain the additional funding to complete a second phase of the project. While the two

sides came to agreement, it still needed approval from the Legislature.

While the Legislature adjourned for the year, it will come back into session on June 12, when Gov. Tim Walz is expected to extend a peacetime emer-

gency order. And that's when Sen. Tom Bakk, DFL-Cook, expects legislators will finally pass the LCCMR package. While the House and Senate chairs who oversee the LCCMR funding bill have been at loggerheads much

of the session, Bakk said he expects that House and Senate leaders will make sure the work gets done. "Once the leaders step in this should get resolved," he said.

Rep. Rob Ecklund, DFL- International Falls,

agreed, although he remains less certain about the fate of a \$350,000 provision in the bill earmarked for the Birch Lake Recreation Area. While those funds are included in the House version of the bill, the Senate version

directs those same dollars to a new Bruce Mine State Park and Mesabi Trailhead project near Chisholm.

That's one of a handful of differences that a joint House-Senate conference committee will need to resolve.

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cake for the underdog who didn't quite get the majority of votes but also deserved a cake. I figured I would make one or two cakes and that would be the end of it."

Boy, was she wrong. Immediately, Ely's cake eaters stepped forward to offer donations to keep Susan in the kitchen doing what she does best.

"Who doesn't like

cake?" she asked. "Well it turned out that everybody wanted everyone else to have cake."

She announced to her social media cake groupies that she had three winners, the Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital and pharmacy staff, Carefree Living senior housing facility, and the Ely School District that was responsible for

providing child care for the community's essential workers while also ramping up distance-learning procedures.

On Monday afternoon, Susan took a break from the kitchen and sat on her front porch sipping a glass of iced tea waiting for cake number 86 to be picked up. Every creation has the tagline, "LovELY" emblazoned on the cake along with a name or business logo.

Since mid-March, Susan has been baking around the clock to fill all her orders and told a visitor she is blown away by all the selfless donations from Ely and surrounding communities.

"That's lovely. That's

what this is all about; it's love and Ely. This place is so magical. Ely is just such an amazing place and when you get everybody together and they're all happy and they all love each other they're all off doing wonderful things for each other," she said.

The cake effort has grown beyond her belief. She said her goal was to bake 100 cakes for the community's essential workers. That benchmark will be reached this weekend, but her to-do list is much longer.

Susan is getting donations from all over the country. For example, a couple from Florida donated a cake to the Boathouse Brewpub and

Restaurant because they got engaged at that business. Two sisters donated their allowance toward a cake for the G-Men Environmental Service waste removal business.

The LovELY movement is spreading. Susan was asked to make cakes for businesses in the Tower, Babbitt and Aurora areas, too.

So, who gets the milestone 100th cake?

"I won't know until it is done," Susan said. "Schedules change and delays happen. I reached out to our Governor to let him know what we're doing up here. He is so essential. Wouldn't it be great if he could get that one?"

When pressed, Susan said she considered shutting her oven off on this effort at the end of May but declined to make that promise.

"Our friends, family and neighbors are out there every day putting the needs of Ely above everything else," she said. "They keep us fed and keep us safe. They care for our children and pets. They do our taxes and they pick up our trash. We are blessed to have these dedicated people in our community. Maybe a piece of cake will take their mind off this virus, at least for a little while."

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

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 In keeping with tradition, during these unfamiliar times, an All Night Grad Party is still being planned for the Northeast Range Class of 2020. Typically, this event is a substance-free party held following graduation at the Northeast Range School, and is an overnight lock-in for the senior class with a variety of planned activities. In the morning, each senior who attends receives a gift package. It is a night for them to gather one last time as that year's graduating class. Due to COVID-19, this is another one of many things that needs to be nontraditional for them. As mentioned, the All Night Grad Party Committee is still planning something special for the 20 students who make up the class of 2020. If you would like to donate, in any way, please feel free to contact Chandra Koivisto at 218-290-5920 or donate to the Go Fund Me Facebook post "NER Yard Signs". Your donation to the All Night Grad Party is greatly appreciated.  
 Thank you,  
**Northeast Range All Night Grad Party Committee**

Obituaries and Death Notices



**Beverly J. Kmett**

Beverly Jane Kmett, 82, died peacefully at her Lake Vermilion home surrounded by her loving family on Wednesday, May 13, 2020. A private service was held for the immediate family only on Saturday, May 16 at Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook, with a larger celebration of life to be scheduled later. Memorials may be directed to Salolampi, the Virginia Kaleva, and the Essentia Health - St. Mary's Hospice program.

Beverly was born on Dec. 12, 1937, in Chisholm, to parents Anton "Tony" Kallio and Ellen (Paavola) Kallio. She was soon joined by brothers Richard "Dick" and Darrell. She lived on the Kallio dairy farm until her parents moved to Linden Grove, to own and operate the local IGA Foodliner.

Beverly attended Cook High School, graduating in 1955 as Class Valedictorian. At her father's insistence to pursue a higher education, she attended St. Luke's Nursing School in Duluth. She graduated from the rigorous 36-month program as a Registered Nurse. Beverly did practical training at Moose Lake State Hospital, and then applied her intelligence, work ethic and attention to detail in positions at the U.S. Army Hospital in Nuremburg, Germany, the Cook Hospital, the Virginia Hospital, the Lutheran Deaconess Hospital in Minneapolis, Mercy Hospital in Fridley and finally, 25 years at Shriners Children's Hospital in Minneapolis, where she was the head surgical nurse.

Beverly started a lifelong romance with Ronald James Kmett at the Nieters' wedding dance at the Linden Grove Town Hall while home from her studies at nursing school. They were united in marriage on Nov. 28, 1959, the start of a 60-year adventure. Together they raised two children, Michael (Jodi) Kmett of St. Peter and Christine (Tim) Lacasse of Stacey.

Beverly and Ron entertained a bewildering number of friends and relatives at their homes in Minneapolis, Spring Lake Park, New Brighton, White Bear Lake and most of all, at the Kallio cabin on Lake Vermilion which was replaced by a beautiful home where the couple had resided in a vibrant retirement since 1997. That is, when they weren't spending the winters in Manzanillo, Mexico, for 34 years.

Beverly quietly went about her business and accumulated many personal accomplishments in her lifetime. She was the mother of two, and proud "Aiti" to five grandchildren, Mick and Tori Kmett, and Tyler, Jarett and Coty Ross. She was also particularly attached to her nieces and nephew,

Karleen, Beth Ann, Renee, Margo and Beau.

Beverly was an avid reader, boater, birder, horticulturist, cook and swimmer. In fact, she made it a practice to swim 1,200 strokes a day in the ocean while in Mexico. Her retirement was confirmed by using her nurse's shoes as flower planters. She was a volunteer in community activities such as the Cook Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Shop and Cook All-Class Reunion Scholarship committee.

Beverly was a Finn. She embraced her Finnish heritage with a passion. Finnish was her first language, and she was fluent in English as well. She served on the board of directors of Salolampi, the Finnish Language Village in Bemidji, was active in the Knights and Ladies of Kaleva in Virginia, visited relatives in Finland three times, attended many FinnFests, helped organize frequent "suomen serku" reunions and mastered Finnish foods such as piirakka and kropsua.

Beverly is survived by her husband, Ronald; brother, Dick; sisters-in-law, Arlene and Teri; son, Michael and daughter-in-law, Jodi; daughter, Christine and son-in-law, Tim; grandchildren, Mick, Tori, Tyler, Jarett and Coty; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins; and a legion of friends.

She was preceded in death by her father, Tony; mother, Ellen; brother, Darrell; and sister-in-law, Sharon (Flank).



**Susan E. Wolfe**

Susan Elizabeth Wolfe, 79, of Cook, passed away on Wednesday, May 13, 2020. Sue leaves a legacy of caring and peace to all with whom she came in contact. A private family service will be held at Mlaker Funeral Home followed by a public service at Trinity Lutheran Church at a later date. Memorial suggestion is to pay it forward to a person in need. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.

Susan was born on April 13, 1941, in St. Louis, Mo., the second child of Georgia Elizabeth Brown Christian and Simeon Alfred Christian. Both her parents were educators. The family moved to Rochester, where Sue graduated from high school in 1959. College years were spent at Northern Iowa University where she earned a degree in Elementary Education and a Minor in Art. Her teaching career began in the Minnetonka schools,

extended to Lawton, Okla., Hibbing, Orr, Nett Lake and Cook schools. She retired in 2003 with most of her career in first-grade and second-grade teaching.

In 1964, Sue married Raymond Bernard Wolfe. They began their family of Steven, Elizabeth and Sarah in New Hope, moving to Hibbing and then to Cook in 1981. The family owned and operated Little Sweden Resort on Lake Vermilion for 15 years. Retirement was in the Cook-area property Sue called "sweet birches". Grandchildren came and Sue's life narrowed from volunteering on many local boards and service groups to devotion to her four grandchildren's development in arts and fun activities. Sue's love of swimming, painting, wildlife and nature kept her active, learning and sharing her talents. She was always grateful for a life of variety and plenty.

Sue is survived by her husband of 56 years, Ray; son, Steven Wolfe (Lisa); daughters, Beth Cook (John) and Sarah Grebenc (James); grandchildren, Kristin, Jack and Brandon Cook, and Jose Wolfe.

She was preceded in passing by her parents; brother, David; and sister, Alice.



**Robert Alcorn**

Robert "Craig" Alcorn, 74, of Buyck, left us on Thursday, May 14, 2020, at 2:20 a.m. at St. Mary's Hospital in Duluth. There will be a private celebration of life at a later date. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Craig lived a full life. He was born in Iowa Falls, Iowa, on Dec. 12, 1945. Even in his boyhood, he was determined to live a life of adventure. He was an avid Boy Scout, from which he took with him the knowledge of survival in the woods. He would always like to refer back to the Boy Scouts when telling his loved ones about anything to do with the woods.

As a young man, Craig joined the U.S. Navy and served his country for many years. His adventures continued overseas. He saw wonders and devastation while in the Navy but as he always said, it made him a stronger man in life. When he would talk about his fun adventures it would start with "Lauren and I." He had many stories to share that would always leave his family laughing and sometimes impressed. He certainly knew how to live.

He was never in short supply of some good advice. Craig would always say he had the best advice to give. He would say Hawaiian shirts are the best to wear. He really loved them; he had closets full of them. He loved fly fishing and talked about how peaceful and calming it was; you would always find him in nature. Craig found himself working at the Cook Hospital as a CNA when he met his future wife, Evelyn, and was soon to be a dad to three teenage daughters.

He always said that having his family was his favorite adventure in life. He loved teaching his girls and grandbabies about the outdoors and how to survive. Now we have a strong kind guardian watching over all of us, family and friends. He will be at rest at his pond on his land. He will never be far from our minds. We all love and miss you dad, grandpa, husband, brother and best friend. Be at rest, we will see you again someday.

Craig is survived by his family: sisters, Trudy (Dennis) Cadman and Cindy Alcorn; wife of 13 years of love, Evelyn K. Blentlinger Alcorn; son, Kenny Cordle of Ohio; daughters, Stacey (Thaddeus Buroker) Cordle, Kayla (Cordle) Heino and Ashley Cordle; two beautiful nieces who live on the west coast; and his beloved grandchildren: four grandsons, Joseph Cordle, Ronan Cordle, Chayton Heino and Robert Ritchie; three granddaughters, Eeve Cordle, Sita Buroker and Laina Heino; and many friends and family who will miss him.

He was preceded in death by his two sons, Grant Alcorn and Mathew Alcorn; father, Robert Leroy Alcorn; and mother, Molly Alice Alcorn.

**Edith Eidelbes**

Edith Eidelbes, 89, of Tower, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, May 13, 2020, at Carefree Living in Virginia. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, a celebration of life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

Edith was born on March 21, 1931, in Erie Township, Minnesota, to Oscar and Esther Stenvik. She lived on the family farm until her marriage to Robert Eidelbes in 1948. They moved to Tower in 1953 and Edith had resided there until her recent move to Carefree Living.

Edith was a longtime member of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower. She was active in choir,

the Lutheran Church Women's Group and the Homecraft Club. Sewing, baking, quilting, gardening, and following her children's, grandchildren's and great-grandchildren's activities were special interests of hers.

Edith is survived by her children, Rod Eidelbes (Mary) of Grand Rapids, Nancy Kotzian (Tim) of Tower, Debra Cathcart (Charles) of Lakeville and Lyle Eidelbes (Tiina) of Grand Rapids; two sisters, Elsie Dahl and Doris Mosher (Ben) of Tower; sister-in-law, Lorraine Stenvik of Goodridge; grandchildren, Mike Eidelbes (Becky), Kelly Broking (Joe), Jeb Kotzian (Bobbi), Lucas Kotzian (Darci), Jordan Kotzian, Peter Cathcart, Nathan Cathcart, Zach Eidelbes (Amy) and Erinn Eidelbes; 12 great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Robert J. Eidelbes; grandsons, Aaron Kotzian and Robb Eidelbes; four brothers and two sisters.



**Michael R. Ahola**

Michael Robert Ahola, 60, of Fort Worth, Texas, originally of Orr, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, May 8, 2020. Following Mike's wish, he will be cremated, and the family will hold a private gathering in Minnesota, with the date and time to be determined. In place of gifts and flowers, the family requests donations to Dallas Dogs RRR at <https://www.dallasdogrrr.org/donate> in his honor.

Mike was born on June 18, 1959, in Grand Rapids, to Robert and Loretta (Beckers) Ahola. He grew up and attended K-12 in Orr before serving in the United States Army. During his time in the Army, he was stationed in Honduras and Belgium. After serving, he worked as an Electrical/Communications Engineer.

Mike had a passion for dog and pet rescue. He and his wife Barbara often fostered, and consistently adopted each foster dog. Mike and Barbara frequently traveled, and

he enjoyed immersing himself in the history and culture of the region. Mike also loved WWII history, reading, hunting and fishing.

Mike is survived by his wife, Barbara; parents, Robert and Loretta Ahola; children, Michael (Chrissy) Ahola, Patrick Ahola and Katie Ahola; sister, Wendy (Jeff) Purdy; brother, Jon Ahola; step-children, Michael Young and Richard (Amanda) Young; grandchildren, Felix and Finley; numerous extended family members; a herd of dogs; and many friends.

**Rodney Skube**

Rodney "Hot Rod" Skube, 52, of Ely, passed away on Monday, May 11, 2020, at Essentia Health Hospital in Duluth. Private services will be held at a later date at the Ely Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Ely Baseball Association, PO Box 484, Ely, MN 55731 or the Ely Blue Line Club, South 4th Ave. East, Ely, MN 55731.

He is survived by his mother, Margaret Skube of Duluth; sisters, Roxanne (Dennis and daughter Katrina) Korman of Cloquet, Renata (Steve) Skube of Duluth, Rhonda (Scott and son Owen) Strum of Duluth and Renee (Matt and children Henry, Claire and Abby) Beaumier of Duluth; brothers, Richard Skube of St. Louis Park and Randy Skube (Becki and son Nicholas) of Minnetonka; and special cousin, Greg (Jodi and daughter Lindsey) of Bovey.

**Ray G. Stevens**

Ray G. Stevens, 95, of Lake Vermilion-Tower, died on Saturday, May 2, 2020, in the Edgewood Vista Senior Living Community in Virginia. Private family services will be held at a later date. Memorials are preferred and may be directed to the Minnesota Shriners Children Hospital, 2025 East River Parkway, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Family services are provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower.

He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Carlon Stevens; children, Don (Della) Stevens of Circle Pines, JoAnne (Jim) Lewis of Steamboat Springs, Colo., and Richard (Eva) Stevens of Mound; daughter-in-law, Liz Stevens of Virginia; siblings, Katherine Hofmann of Roseville, Jane Prout of Cloquet and Bob (Danielle) Stevens of Cloquet; eight grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

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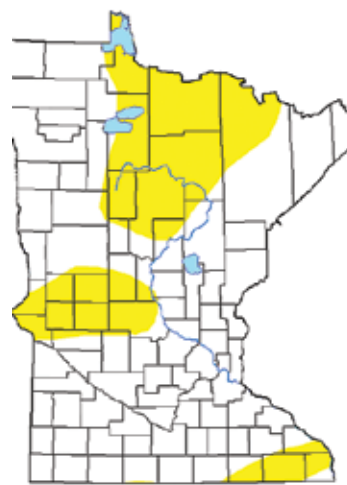
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# Outdoors

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## WEATHER



Areas in yellow indicate portions of the state now listed as "abnormally dry" by the U.S. Drought Monitor.

## Parched spring raises fire risk in North Country

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— A snowy winter has vanished into a persistently dry spring after weeks of below average precipitation, and persistent dry winds across the North Country. That's put fire officials on alert, as conditions day-to-day have bordered on extreme, depending mostly on the wind and humidity.

The Department of Natural Resources has the fire danger currently listed as high across the North Country, with central St. Louis County rated as very high and southern parts of the county as extreme. The National Weather service issued red flag warnings earlier this week for all of St. Louis County as a combination of persistent wind and low humidity raised the risks of wildfire.

Fire restrictions remain in place across the area for now and will likely remain so until green-up is well underway.

While the first half of this past winter was exceptionally

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## Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower  
SWEET COLTSFOOT



Sweet Coltsfoot, *Petasites frigidus*, is one of our earliest wildflowers and one that can be difficult to identify using a standard key. That's because the plant's distinctive hand-like, or "palmate" leaf doesn't emerge until later in the season, well after the flowers have faded.

The small white to pinkish flowers are displayed in a loose cluster atop a stem that is typically about 7-12 inches high. It's a plant of the far north, ranging from northern Minnesota to the high Arctic and is almost always found in wet locations.

It's a member of the Composite family, which includes asters and daisies.



## RECREATION AND THE ECONOMY

# Trails to adventure

Ely trailhead project waits in limbo on special session bonding bill

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY— The new Trailhead Complex here is starting to take shape as trees are being cleared, rocks are getting blasted, and earth is being moved at the west entrance of the city. The facility will serve as a trail head for the David Dill Taconite Snowmobile Trail, Prospector Loop ATV Trail and Mesabi Trail, and will serve as a rest stop and information center for visitors.

A \$1.3 million state bonding grant has enabled the city of Ely to begin the planning, engineering and site design of the facility, although additional funding that was

“This is an important aspect of our local economy.”  
Mayor Chuck Novak

included in this year's bonding bill was not approved as the legislative session adjourned last Sunday without agreement on a number of major issues. That project and many others may yet be resurrected if the Legislature and Gov. Tim Walz can agree on a special session to complete a bonding package, among other items.

If approved, the funds will

**Above: Work is well underway on the city of Ely's new trailhead project, located at the west entrance to town.**

photo by Chris Ellerbroek, Corvid Images

be used to complete roadway, water, sewer and electrical infrastructure work on the expansion at Fifth Avenue and Pattison Street, an expansion project for Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital, future workforce housing projects, and redevelopment of the former city garage property.

“This is an important facet for our local economy,” Novak said.

The trailhead facility will feature a 3,400-square

foot trailhead building to include cultural heritage displays, regional business and tourism attraction information, restrooms, interpretive kiosks, and changing areas. Plans are also being made to relocate the Ely Chamber of Commerce facility to the area.

The Trailhead facility will connect the 145-mile Mesabi Trail, the 165-mile Taconite Trail, and the 130-mile Prospector Loop and will include vending machines, trail maps, and varied services, along with expansive parking areas.

The Prospector Loop Alliance is working to develop

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# Mesabi Trail to make big strides in 2020

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— It's a busy year for work on the Mesabi Trail, with segments of the trail between Embarrass, Tower, and Ely slated for construction over the next several months.

Indeed, work has already begun on a roughly two-mile portion of trail that will connect Lake Vermilion Soudan Underground Mine State Park to Trygg Road in Eagles Nest Township. That segment follows the former alignment of Hwy. 169, several miles of which was rerouted in 2018. That will still leave about a mile-long gap to reach a recently-built section of trail that starts at the Eagles Nest Town Hall. According to trail director Bob Manzoline, funding is in place to close that gap, but it remains in the design phase and likely won't be ready for construction this year.

At the same time, Manzoline said work could begin as early as late June on the segment of the trail that will connect County Rd. 88, near Ely, to the railroad underpass along Hwy. 169, near the Twin Lakes cutoff. That segment will eventually connect to the portion that currently starts at the Eagles Nest Town Hall although the work set for completion this summer will still leave about a three-mile gap between those two segments. Manzoline said that portion of the trail is funded, but trail officials



**Above: Jason and Shelby Semo and daughters Elise and Eva were taking advantage of the recent warm-up to hike the new section of the Mesabi Trail in Embarrass.**

**Right: Work is already underway on a portion of the Mesabi Trail in Eagles Nest Township.**

photo/M. Helmsberger



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**Outdoors briefly**

**BWCAW opens to travel**

REGIONAL— After more than a month on lockdown, the U.S. Forest Service has reopened the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness for both day and overnight use. The wilderness had been closed since April as part of the federal response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Other remote camp sites throughout the Superior National Forest have also been reopened

for overnight use.

At the same time, national forest campgrounds on both the Superior and Chippewa, remain closed until further notice.

For additional information on this process, please visit the Superior National Forest's website at <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/superior/specialplaces/?cid=fse-prd555184>.

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an all-terrain vehicle trail system connecting Ely and other communities in the region by a designated route. This effort is a collaboration of area cities, townships and Lake and St. Louis counties.

The city of Ely is the fiscal agent for a recent grant awarded by Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation to complete construction of ATV trails in northeast Minnesota including the Prospector Loop.

“The continued development of ATV and other multi-use trails is a priority for our city to continue to expand our growing tourism economy,” Novak said.

The Taconite Snowmobile trail is a state corridor trail maintained by the Department of Natural

Resources and the Division of Parks and Trails. The local snowmobile club maintains the Tomahawk trail.

Mesabi Trail officials are working on the final sections of trail alignment to complete the trail route from Ely to Grand Rapids. The Ely City Council and town of Morse recently approved the final alignments. City officials are working closely with the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority on the trail connections and the development of the trail-head facility.

“This will be another great asset for our region to attract visitors and drive economic development and additional recreation opportunities,” Novak said.

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are still trying to work out an easement.

Meanwhile, said Manzoline, he expects to complete a 9.5-mile segment of the trail that will eventually connect Embarrass to Tower. That will bring the trail as far north as the junction of County Rd. 26, otherwise known as Wahlsten Rd., and Benson Road, which is located just east of the intersection of Wahlsten and Hwy. 135. That will still leave the trail about five miles short of reaching Tower.

“We don't have a clue at the moment where that is going to go,” said Manzoline. Portions of the former rail grade that once connected Tower and Embarrass may be usable for the trail, notes Manzoline, but landowner concerns in some locations may force trail developers to look for alternative routes in some locations. Manzoline has met with the Kugler Township board in hopes of locating routes that will be acceptable to residents in the area.

**Rice paddies bridge**

Manzoline also noted that some repair work is slated for a nearly mile-long section of metal “boardwalk” that passes through the Darwin Meyers state wildlife management area, otherwise known as the “rice paddies” in Embarrass. A recent inspection of the installation found that many of

**LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST**

from NOAA weather

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The first truly warm weather of the year seems to have caught this panting red fox at Lake Vermilion Soudan Underground Mine State Park with too much of its winter coat for comfort.  
photo by D. Colburn

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snowy, precipitation has largely stayed south of the North Country since late February. Since March 1, most reporting stations in the North Country have seen half of their normal precipitation. Tower has been the driest station, picking up just 2.02 inches of precipitation since the first of March, or less than half of the 4.2 inches it would have received in an average year. Other stations in the area saw only slightly

more precipitation.

The precipitation shortage has pushed roughly the northwestern half of St. Louis County and all of Koochiching and Itasca counties into the first stage of drought, with the U.S. Drought Monitor now posting the area as “Abnormally Dry” as of late last week.

The dry spell comes in the wake of an exceptionally wet fall, which boosted lakes and rivers to

water levels not seen in several years. Now, lake and river levels are falling rapidly, with most rivers in the region, including the Little Fork and the Vermilion, now well below the 25th percentile for May flow.

Chances for precipitation do increase this coming weekend. The latest forecast calls for partly sunny skies, temperatures in the mid-70s, with on and off chances for showers and thunderstorms.

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### Advertisement for Bids

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**Tower, Minnesota**  
**FAA AIP No. 3-27-0148-14-20**  
**MnDOT SP 6918-32**  
**SEH No. TOWER 152656**

Requirements prepared by Short Elliott Hendrickson Inc. (SEH®) dated May 13, 2020.

The Bidding Documents may be viewed for no cost at <http://www.sehinc.com> by selecting the Project Bid Information link at the bottom of the page and the View Plans option from the menu at the top of the selected project page.

2:00PM. Representatives of Owner and Engineer will be online to discuss the Project. Bidders are encouraged to attend and participate in the conference.

Pre-Bid videoconference login information: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/404524277>  
 Access Code: 404-524-277  
 Call-in number: +1 (571) 317-3112

Bid security in the amount of five (5) percent of the Bid must accompany each Bid in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders.

A Contractor responding to these Bidding Documents must submit to the City/Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, section 16C.285, subdivision

3. This Work shall be subject to minimum wages and labor standards in accordance with US Department of Labor and the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry.

Bids shall be directed to the Clerk/Treasurer, securely sealed and endorsed upon the outside wrapper, "BID FOR Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building."

The City of Tower reserves the right to reject any and all Bids, to waive irregularities and informalities therein and to award the Contract in the best interests of the Airport.

John Burgess  
 Airport Manager  
 Tower Municipal Airport

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Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by the City of Tower until 2:00 PM Wednesday, June 3, 2020, by mail or at the Tower City Hall, 602 Main Street, Tower, MN 55790, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud via videoconference, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of Snow Removal Equipment (SRE) Building.

Major components of the Work include: Construction of a 40'x40' Snow Removal Equipment Storage Building, site preparation, and associated utilities, mechanical and electrical components.

Bids shall be on the form provided for that purpose and according to the Bidding

Digital image copies of the Bidding Documents are available at <http://www.sehinc.com> for a fee of \$30. These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project from the PROJECT BID INFORMATION link and by entering eBidDocTM Number 7083684 on the SEARCH PROJECTS page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at 952.233.1632 or [info@questcdn.com](mailto:info@questcdn.com).

In addition to digital plans, Paper copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from Docunet Corp. located at 2435 Xenium Lane North, Plymouth, MN 55441 (763.475.9600) for a fee of \$125.

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## EMPLOYMENT

### INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT 707 Nett Lake, Minnesota PART-TIME BUS DRIVER

**Position:** Part Time Bus Driver  
**Qualifications:** Valid MN Driver's License, Valid MN Bus Endorsement or able to obtain bus endorsement; Ability to pass criminal background check; Ability to pass random drug testing

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**Terms of Contract:** Hours to be determined. Expected start: AM start Mon.-Fri. 7:00; PM start: 3:00 Mon., Tues, & Thurs.; 1:45 Wed. and 2:45 Fri.

**Anticipated Start Date:** September 8, 2020  
**Due Date:** Applications can be found at [www.nettlakeschools.com](http://www.nettlakeschools.com). The district will begin reviewing applications on Friday, June 19 at 3:00 PM. Paper applications may be picked up at the Nett Lake School Office, M-F, 8:00-3:00. Please call before you come. 218-757-3102.

If you have any questions, please contact Superintendent Varichak @ 218-757-3102. Equal Opportunity Employer

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### Superior National Forest Seeks Volunteer Hosts

The Laurentian and LaCroix Ranger Districts are looking for volunteer hosts for the following campgrounds: Pfeiffer Lake and Echo/Jeanette Lakes. We are also looking for volunteer hosts for the Lake Leander Beach/Picnic area. Duties would include such things as toilet and site cleaning, light maintenance, visitor monitoring, and posting reservations. The Forest Service would provide a camping spot and a monthly expense reimbursement. We would like Volunteers to start around May 22 and end around September 8. For more information and applications please contact Dave Worshek at 218-229-8819 or at [david.worshek@usda.gov](mailto:david.worshek@usda.gov).

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## King Crossword

### ACROSS

- 1 Work units
- 5 Urban carrier
- 8 Wanders
- 12 Hoodlum
- 13 Bobby of hockey
- 14 Leave out
- 15 Atmosphere
- 17 With skill
- 18 Godlike
- 19 Indefinite interval
- 21 To and —
- 22 Regimen
- 23 Sheepish comment
- 26 Mess up
- 28 Manicurist's concerns
- 31 Mater preceder

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- 54 Tourny situa-
- 55 Wire measure
- 56 Soda fountain treat
- 57 Right on the map?
- 58 Snoop
- 59 Arctic diving birds
- 5 Massachus-
- 6 Joan of —
- 7 The staff of life
- 8 Proceed
- 9 Drive
- 10 Pickling herb
- 11 Eyelid woe
- 16 Ireland
- 20 Victory
- 23 Evil
- 24 Brewery product
- 25 Surprise attacks
- 27 Tractor-trailer
- 29 Falsehood
- 30 Norm: Abbr.
- 32 Originally
- 34 Unshaven, in a way
- 37 "Mayday!"
- 39 Mr. Sharif
- 42 Postage buy
- 44 Scent
- 45 Singer Lane
- 46 Protein-rich bean
- 48 Birthright barterer
- 49 Symbol of smoothness
- 50 Body pics
- 53 Russian space station

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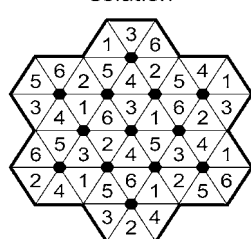
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### SNOWFLAKES solution



## Super Crossword

### Answers

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## King Crossword

### Answers

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

E	R	G	S		C	A	B		G	A	D	S
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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	8				5			9
5					7			2
		9			4			8
	3			1			5	

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

### DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
 ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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MS SUPPORT GROUP- meets the second Friday of the month at 1 p.m. at the Babbitt Municipal Building, senior room. Open to all. For information contact Mary at 218-827-8327.

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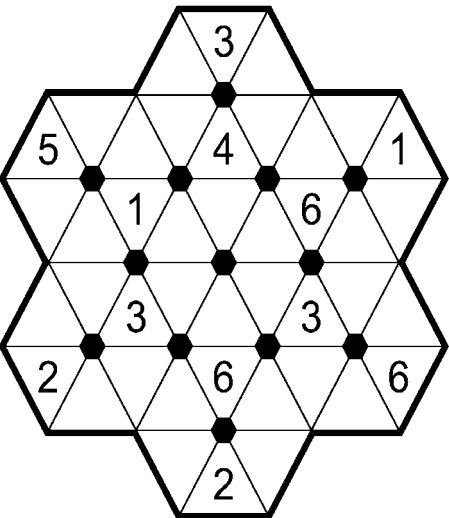
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## SNOWFLAKES by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the numbers 1 - 6 around each of them. No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.



**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK:** ◆◆◆◆◆  
◆ Easy ◆◆ Medium ◆◆◆◆◆ Difficult

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## Weekly SUDOKU

### Answer

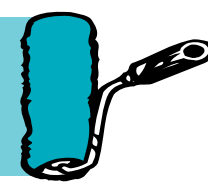
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5	4	8	3	6	7	9	2	1
7	1	9	5	4	2	6	3	8
6	3	2	1	9	8	5	7	4

## Super Crossword

- |                                       |  |
|---------------------------------------|--|
| <b>ACROSS</b>                         | <b>DOWN</b>  |
| 1 Completed                           | 1 Credit's opposite  |
| 4 Tea leaf readers, e.g.              | 2 2011 hurricane   |
| 9 Title for Macbeth                   | 3 Air current  |
| 14 Places to pitch tents              | 4 Safari sites   |
| 19 Transgress                         | 5 Part of QED  |
| 20 Bow go-with                        | 6 "Marty" star Borgnine  |
| 21 Dignity                            | 7 Sonata parts   |
| 22 Largest city in Nebraska           | 8 Exchanges  |
| 23 Arthur of TV                       | 9 Hot cuisine  |
| 24 White of TV                        | 10 Bigwig  |
| 25 Writer Dillard                     | 11 Heat to prevent stress  |
| 26 Prohibited acts                    | 12 In a racket-filled way  |
| 27 Gougers charge them                | 13 Prior to, in poems  |
| 30 Warrants                           | 14 Pylon shape   |
| 31 Sioux division                     | 15 Indifferent to ethics   |
| 32 Just OK                            | 16 Capital of the Philippines  |
| 33 Papa Doc's country                 | 17 Light particle  |
| 35 First-aid flora                    | 18 Wised off to  |
| 36 No-see-ums                         | 28 Corporate symbols   |
| 38 Symptom of mumps                   | 29 Nun's beads   |
| 41 Tumult                             | 30 Rapper Nicki  |
| 44 Air safety gp.                     | 34 Driving range peg   |
| 45 1492, e.g.                         | 37 Concert sites   |
| 46 Pesto ingredient                   | 39 - -Mart   |
| 51 Portable enplaning bridge          |  |
| 56 — Banos, California                | 93 What a great ad campaign leads to   |
| 57 All tangled up                     | 99 Plant pest  |
| 58 Friable soil                       | 101 Grimm nasty  |
| 61 — degree or another                | 102 Pan-fry  |
| 62 Arthur of tennis                   | 103 Lane of song   |
| 64 Home of Iowa State                 | 105 Gymnast Comaneci   |
| 65 Organisms of a region              | 109 Encore-eliciting cries   |
| 66 Chew the scenery                   | 111 What many shards are   |
| 67 Hand-softened "superfood" dish     | 114 Handle the party food  |
| 71 "1492" director Ridley             | 115 Lake — Vista, Florida  |
| 73 Pierces                            | 116 George who played Sulu   |
| 74 Condé —                            | 117 Suffix with neat   |
| 75 Cyberjunk                          | 118 Love to bits   |
| 78 More ticked                        | 119 Scourges   |
| 79 A Great Lake                       | 120 Sister of Fred Astaire   |
| 80 Turns back to 000                  | 121 Blasting aid   |
| 82 Sci-fi hoverer                     | 122 Car rollers, in London   |
| 83 Like paradise                      | 123 Actor Gable  |
| 85 Result of dropping a bushel, maybe | 124 Jewish ritual meal   |
| 88 Plant "pet"                        | 125 Something associated with the first words of this puzzle's seven longest answers |
| 91 45s' relatives                     |  |
| 92 Flimsy pancakes                    |  |
|                                       | 40 Sister of Hansel  |
|                                       | 41 Sch. near Beverly Hills   |
|                                       | 42 Experts   |
|                                       | 43 Mount with presidents' heads  |
|                                       | 44 Bone of the lower chest   |
|                                       | 47 Bring harm to   |
|                                       | 48 Mendel of genetics  |
|                                       | 49 Skater Kullik   |
|                                       | 50 Fonz's quality  |
|                                       | 52 "Traffic" actor Milian  |
|                                       | 53 Fiber for newsprint   |
|                                       | 54 Wee colonist  |
|                                       | 55 — -haw!"  |
|                                       | 59 "Relax, Gil!"   |
|                                       | 60 Assembled as one body   |
|                                       | 63 All gone, as dinner   |
|                                       | 65 Bible divs.   |
|                                       | 68 Not lax at all  |
|                                       | 69 Elk's kin   |
|                                       | 70 Fasten  |
|                                       | 71 Reno-to-Riverside dir.  |
|                                       | 72 Chowder fish  |
|                                       | 76 For — (not gratis)  |
|                                       | 77 Peat source   |
|                                       | 80 Tries to shred  |
|                                       | 81 More elastic  |
|                                       | 84 Fischer's skill   |
|                                       | 86 Suffix with glob or duct  |
|                                       | 87 Apt rhyme for "treadle"   |
|                                       | 89 Lupino of film  |
|                                       | 90 Like always   |
|                                       | 93 Lynx variety  |
|                                       | 94 "Hellcats" actress Gail   |
|                                       | 95 Expert talker   |
|                                       | 96 Intense   |
|                                       | 97 Goddess with an owl   |
|                                       | 98 Less fat  |
|                                       | 99 Chafe   |
|                                       | 100 Snuck a look   |
|                                       | 104 Test models  |
|                                       | 106 "Purgatorio" poet  |
|                                       | 107 "Of Thee —"  |
|                                       | 108 Invite to join at  |
|                                       | 110 Mined finds  |
|                                       | 112 Duty   |
|                                       | 113 Editor's strike-out  |
|                                       | 115 Telly giant  |



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