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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS

# Cook broadband on track for fall completion

by DAVID COLBURN  
 Cook/Orr Editor

## Other area projects await word on state funding requests

REGIONAL- Deployment of the city of Cook's new fiber optic high-speed broadband network is on track to be operational before winter sets in, and new projects proposed for multiple North Country areas could come next if their current applications for additional state funding support are approved.

Work on the Cook network being installed by Paul Bunyan

Communications was originally scheduled to begin next spring, but multiple factors have allowed the company to accelerate that schedule. Crews began laying the main fiber optic cables several weeks ago, and those who subscribe to the service now will likely have high-speed broadband this fall.

"Construction takes a little while," Paul Bunyan marketing

supervisor Brian Bissonette said Tuesday. "We're hopeful we'll get completed by freeze out, which would be mid-October, or a little bit later, and then comes the behind-the-scenes work, which is splicing all that fiber optic together and getting the network equipment installed and tested. Once it is tested and is operational, then we're good to go."

When developing the initial plans for adding over 300 locations in Cook to its Gigazone network, Paul Bunyan was looking at super-fast one gigabyte download and upload speeds about ten times faster than any other competitor. But with broadband capacities increasing at a rapid pace, Bissonette said the network is now capable of far more than that.

"Our network can support internet speeds up to ten (giga-bytes) and we have the service offerings up to ten gigs," Bissonette said. "We actually just received that about a year ago, where the technology again has progressed so that we're able to support those speeds."

But only a small number of  
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Clockwise from right: Rylee and Deegan Miller, from West Eveleth, enjoy their fresh-squeezed lemonades; Jenna Holtorf, of Virginia, takes a turn at the Contented Critters Kissing Booth with Wally, the mascot for the animal rescue organization; Ezekial Benck, age four, of Tower takes some time to feed the young chickens in the animal barn; Four Corners 4-H members Lucia Dahl, and Katherine Brophy, along with an unidentified young girl, work on drumming up business; David Elg, of Eveleth, cozies up with Eldy, a horse owned by Shyla Martin, that David has been riding in horse shows this year. photos by J. Summit



EMBARRASS REGION FAIR

# SUMMER'S LAST BLAST



## DEATHS

# Timberjay's Ely editor dies unexpectedly

Vandervort spent more than 30 years in journalism

ELY—The *Timberjay's* longtime Ely editor, Keith Vandervort, died suddenly at his home this past Friday, Aug. 26. The cause of death is unknown but was ruled due to natural causes.

Vandervort, who was 60, was an old-school journalist who worked hard to get the facts right and still typed the thousands of words of copy he produced each week with his two-finger "hunt-and-peck" method. He'd become a fixture in Ely over the past decade, covering everything from city council meetings to dance recitals as he worked his craft of chronicling the community. He



Keith Vandervort

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## ENTREPRENEURS

# "I Like That Academy" has fall openings

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
 Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Are you someone with what you think just might be the next big idea? Would you like to start your own business or nonprofit, but don't really know where to start? Do you have a community project in mind but aren't sure how to get it off the ground?

If any of these possibilities fit you, there's a ten-week course you should know about. It's called the "I Like That Academy" and a new fall course is set to get underway later this month. And there's still room for several additional participants in northeastern Minnesota. And best of all, it's free for those who are

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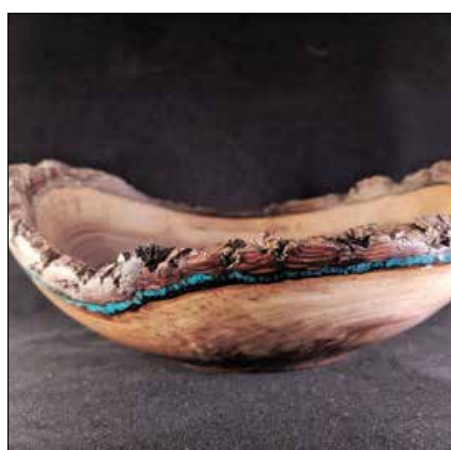
# 29th Annual Harvest Moon Festival set for September 9-11 in Ely's Whiteside Park

ELY - The 29th Harvest Moon Festival is set to go for September 9-11 in Ely's Whiteside Park. Friday and Saturday hours are from 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Enjoy crisp autumn air and beautiful Whiteside Park, featuring 100 booths filled with original arts and crafts, including paintings, fish carving signs, turned bowls, rustic furniture, pottery, fabulous photographs, beautiful handcrafted jewelry, organic teas, candles and so much more. This festival is the perfect event to find truly unique holiday gifts.

The food court will have many of your favorite foods and vendors, including Bob-a-Q Smokehouse & Grill, Schweiby's Concessions, Becky's Oriental, SB Concessions, Kettle Mania, Go Figs, and some surprises! Of course, there will be plenty of freshly-baked blueberry pie in the pavilion.

Stop by the Chamber of Commerce booth and pick up a map highlighting local businesses participating in the third annual Business Harvest Days from Sept. 8 - 11. The Chamber will also have information about the 2023 WolfTrack Clas-



A few of the many treasures to be found at Ely's upcoming Harvest Moon Festival include clockwise from top left: Inlaid burl bowl by Mike Denny of Good Wolf Bowls; Wood piece by Kylie Guimont of K. Rae Creates; Custom made and designed Neck Piece by Greg Souther; Pottery bowl by Linda Trapkus of Blue Earth Pottery.

sic Sled Dog Race. This year they are planning a live music fundraising event scheduled for Oct. 22 at the Grand Ely Lodge, featuring Van and

the Free Candies. Tickets are \$25 and will help support the race. The evening includes a social hour with appetizers, a cash bar, three hours of

live music, and the online auction launch of "Dollars for Doggies".

## Mel Annala to return to Virginia's Lyric Center for the Arts Sept. 7

VIRGINIA - The Lyric Center for the Arts will be presenting Iron Range recording artist Mel Annala for a special return performance on Wednesday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m. Annala has spent the last several years traveling the Northland and sharing his special blend of country, folk, Americana and acoustic rock music.

Although he's cut down on the number of personal appearances over the past few years, the 71-year-old entertainer says he still enjoys getting out to play music for folks. His musical travels have taken him all across the Iron Range, the Twin Ports and the North Shore. He recently was a special guest at the Lake County Fair in Two Harbors, MN. "I'm not sure how long I will be performing," Annala says, "as long as people want to come out and hear me, and it fits into my schedule, I think I'll be at this for a while longer." He adds, "playing music for the public has given me an opportunity to meet so many interesting people. For tickets call 218-741-5577 or visit: <https://www.onthestage.tickets/show/lyric-center-for-the-arts/62f11191a22a8e0e44ab1a35>

## Charlemagne's Attic Sale Sept. 9-10

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Historical Society's "Charlemagne's Attic Sale" will be open the final time this year on Friday and Saturday, Sept. 9 and 10, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

The sale is located in Tower's historic fire hall at 504 Main Street. The two-day sale will feature donated antiques, unique, vintage, collectibles, artwork, cabin décor, and fun items for sale. Many new items have been added to the sale. All proceeds of the sale are dedicated to the Fire Hall ADA Restroom Project.

Preserving the Historic Fire Hall will bring back the story of early development of the Tower-Soudan and Lake Vermilion area. It is being transformed into a History and Education Center and will host the popular History Talks on Main Street series, a local art gallery and ethnic artisan retail outlet, and a community gathering place for various vintage and pop-up events. The fire hall is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and being restored by the Tower-Soudan Historical Society. Donations are appreciated to the Tower-Soudan Historical Society, Historic Fire Hall Restoration Fund, P.O. Box 465, Tower, MN 55790.

## Ladies and Knights of Kaleva to meet Thursday, Sept. 8

VIRGINIA -The Ladies and Knights of Kaleva will be meeting Thursday Sept. 8, 2022, at Kaleva Hall at 6 PM. Coffee and goodies will be served after the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend. Come and share your Finnish heritage.

## Ely Senior Center invites everyone to "Let's Dance!" Saturday, Sept. 3

ELY- Come to the Ely Senior Center at 27 S First Ave. Ely on Saturday, Sept. 3 from 7-10 p.m. for a night of dancing. Dances will include contra, line, barn and community. No experience is required to attend. All dances will be taught. Music provided by Tamarack Dance Association; calling will be provided by Brandy Forsman. Admission is \$10 per person and children are admitted free with a parent. This event is sponsored by the Ely Folk School and funded in part by a generous donation from the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust.

## RIDING FOR THE CAUSE



## More than 125 riders participate in Ride Raffle 'n Roll for ALS

The 7th annual Ride Raffle 'n Roll for ALS took place on Aug. 20. This gathering of friends and supporters raises money for the Never Surrender Black Woods Blizzard tour to help patients and families affected by ALS. This year's ride started at the Embarrass Timber Hall and went roughly 165 miles. They went to the Cook Muni, Viking bar, the Highway 5 bar, and ended at the Britt Lounge. There were 125 registered riders, including two Jeeps and a convertible, making this a great event for a worthy cause. It was a wonderful day for a ride and fun was had by all. The committee would like to send a big thank you to everyone who came out to support both behind the scenes and at the event.

## PARTY EMBARRASS STYLE

# Community Night Out set for Sept. 11

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage of Embarrass is celebrating their annual Community Night Out on Sunday, Sept. 11 from 4-6:30 p.m. at the historic Seitaniemi Homestead. Singer-songwriter Preston Gunderson will provide the music. Come for a free

outdoor concert and a tour of the restored housebarn at this family-friendly event.

Bring your own beverage, blanket and lawn chair. Chili, pie and coffee will be available. Free-will donations are gladly accepted. Proceeds go to

Sisu's restoration projects in Embarrass and the surrounding area. Local businesses sponsoring this event include C&C Winger Construction, Benville Service, Fortune Bay Resort Casino, Embarrass-Vermillion Credit Union and Wintergreen

Northern Wear.

The Seitaniemi Homestead is located on Comet Road in Waasa, between Embarrass and Babbitt. Watch for signs on Hwy 21. Call 218-984-3012 or visit [sisuheritage.org](http://sisuheritage.org) for more information.

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IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

# Tower Ambulance asking for increased subsidy payment

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

**TOWER-** The Tower Area Ambulance Service is asking the city of Tower and surrounding townships to make a double subsidy contribution for 2023 to cover the expected costs of purchasing a new ambulance. Initial outreach to ambulance suppliers indicates a new rig will cost about \$235,000.

At a special Tower Ambulance Commission meeting on Aug. 24, ambulance commission members from Tower, Kugler, Breitung, Eagles Nest and Vermilion Lake agreed to go back to their respective boards to seek a single double per capita payment in 2023. This agreement would allow the ambulance service to put in their order for a new ambulance by the end of this year. Delivery times on new ambulances have slowed markedly with supply side disruptions. The condition of the service's ten-year-old rig makes it a priority to get a replacement on line as soon as possible, Tower Ambulance Director Dena Suihkonen said.

"Everyone at the meeting agreed to do this catch-up payment," Suihkonen said.

Greenwood Township did



Tower Ambulance Director Dena Suihkonen with the ambulance purchased in 2020. file photo

not send a representative to the meeting.

Ambulance runs so far this year are above the current average, with 292 calls recorded by the end of July. There were 62 calls in June, 60 in July, and 52 as of Aug. 29. Emergency calls

from Tower-Soudan have totaled 116; Greenwood, 34; Fortune Bay, 22; Bois Forte, 63; Eagles Nest, 19; and Vermilion Lake, 15. Other calls have included non-emergency medical transfers, which are taken when there are sufficient personnel available

to handle emergency calls while one ambulance is out of the area.

"About 10 to 12 percent of our calls have required ALS (Advanced Life Support) level of care this year," said Suihkonen.

ALS can be called in as soon as an ambulance is dispatched, or

after a referral from first responders on the scene, Suihkonen said.

"We don't wait until the ambulance gets on the scene," she said, "and when ALS arrives, we have done the legwork."

The ambulance replacement fund currently sits at \$122,342 but is still waiting for its 2022 subsidy payments from all its members. Breitung has paid in half its 2022 payment.

Commission members were still waiting for the final version of the 2022 subsidy agreement. Greenwood has been insisting on an indemnity clause that places all liability on the city of Tower, even for non-ambulance service members at an ambulance call, such as township first responders who are not members of the Tower Ambulance Service.

At this meeting, Eagles Nest representative Larry McCray made a motion to either remove that clause altogether or simplify it to state that Tower is responsible for Tower Ambulance employees, and any township would be responsible for any of their employees. All those in attendance supported the motion. The final contract is written by

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IT'S JUST A COLD, RIGHT?

# Over half of people may not know they have COVID

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

**REGIONAL-** Ever since the growth of at-home testing for COVID-19, Minnesota health officials have known that official case counts, which are based on clinical testing only, significantly underestimate the actual prevalence of the disease. As a result, they've turned to hospitalizations and deaths as a more accurate measure of the pandemic's severity, and now report case counts weekly rather than daily.

But now there's evidence that the incidence rate of COVID cases in the community could be even higher than health officials might have projected, as new research indicates the possibility that more than half of the people infected with the Omicron COVID variant aren't aware they have it or have had it.

Those were the findings of a collaborative group of researchers from the University of California-

Los Angeles, Cedars-Sinai Smidt Heart Institute, and Abbott Laboratories, who drew blood samples and measured COVID antibody levels from 210 patients and employees to come up with their results.

The report, published Aug. 17 in the *Journal of the American Medical Association Network Open*, documents that 56 percent of those who tested positive for COVID-19 didn't know that they had been infected because they either had no symptoms at all or mild symptoms they attributed to a cold or allergies.

Almost since the start of the pandemic, researchers have demonstrated that some cases of COVID are asymptomatic, that a person can be infected with the virus and spread it to others without having any COVID symptoms, and this research is additional confirmation of that

phenomenon.

But it also shows that Omicron's generally milder symptoms overall may be contributing to the more aggressive spread of the variant since those infected are less likely to recognize it as COVID. That presents additional risk for those over 50 and those with underlying health conditions who are susceptible to more severe illness in the event they become infected.

It also may explain in part why the case numbers around the country are still running well above those reported the prior two summers, even though the current case counts are known to be significant undercounts.

"There's just a tremendous amount of transmission," said University of Minnesota infectious disease expert Michael Osterholm in a recent podcast. "Hospitalizations have dropped

slightly over the past two weeks; deaths have remained pretty steady over the past few weeks with an average of just under 500 lives lost each day in the U.S." Osterholm emphasized the ongoing seriousness of the death toll.

"That equates to about 182,000 deaths per year in this country," he said. "It now makes (COVID) the fourth leading cause of death in this country."

**Back to school**

Minnesota children are heading back to school next week, and the Mayo Clinic's hotspot map predicts that St. Louis County's COVID plateau will continue at least through next Saturday.

Only four in ten of Minnesota's elementary-age children have completed an initial vaccine series, and only one in

ten is fully up to date with their vaccinations. The numbers get higher as the grade levels go up but even among 16-17-year-olds only three in ten have their vaccinations up to date.

The COVID landscape for schools today is vastly different from the mandates of masking and possibilities of schoolwide distance learning of two years ago. Changing recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and the Minnesota Health and Education Departments have administrators trying to piece together COVID response plans on a district-by-district basis while relying on uncertain data to try to anticipate what might lie ahead.

Ray Jobe, the St. Louis County health department specialist working with schools

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## Editorial

### Debt relief a start

America has shifted the cost of higher education to students and families

While President Biden's recent decision to forgive up to \$20,000 in individual student debt is popular with young people, it's come under criticism from some quarters as unfair to those who paid their way through college or avoided debt by never going at all.

Those arguments fail to recognize how times have changed, both in terms of the cost of pursuing higher education as well as the cost of failing to do so.

Back in the 1960s and 70s, when many baby boomers were headed off to college, tuition at a public university was incredibly cheap. An entire year's tuition and fees at the University of Minnesota back in the late 1970s was under \$1,000, equivalent to about \$3,500 today once adjusted for inflation. Yet that same tuition this year is over \$16,000. For many families, that's insurmountable without financial aid.

Back in the 1970s, room and board was the biggest expense for a student at the U of M. Those who could live at home with mom and dad could save even those costs, which meant it was easy for a college student to work their way through school, because they barely needed to work at all to afford tuition.

So why has tuition increased so rapidly? There's no one reason, but one of the biggest is the fundamental turn our political system took beginning in the 1980s. It was the so-called Reagan Revolution and it put the focus by Republicans, and some Democrats as well, on income tax cuts. At the time, the American tax system was far more progressive than it is today and it taxed both corporations and high income earners at significantly higher rates. Corporations, in particular, paid a much heavier tax bill than today. Back in 1952, corporations paid roughly six percent of the gross domestic product in federal corporate income taxes. Today, corporations pay about one percent of GDP, despite record profits.

We've seen similar trends at the state level, including here in Minnesota. As we've taxed corporations and the wealthy less, states contributed comparatively less toward the operation of public colleges and universities. Instead of taxing those with means to help make higher education affordable for everyone, our political system put the burden on students and their families to make up the difference through financial aid. And much of the roughly \$1.6 trillion that students now owe in the U.S. is owed to some of the very same corporations and wealthy investors who reaped the rewards of all

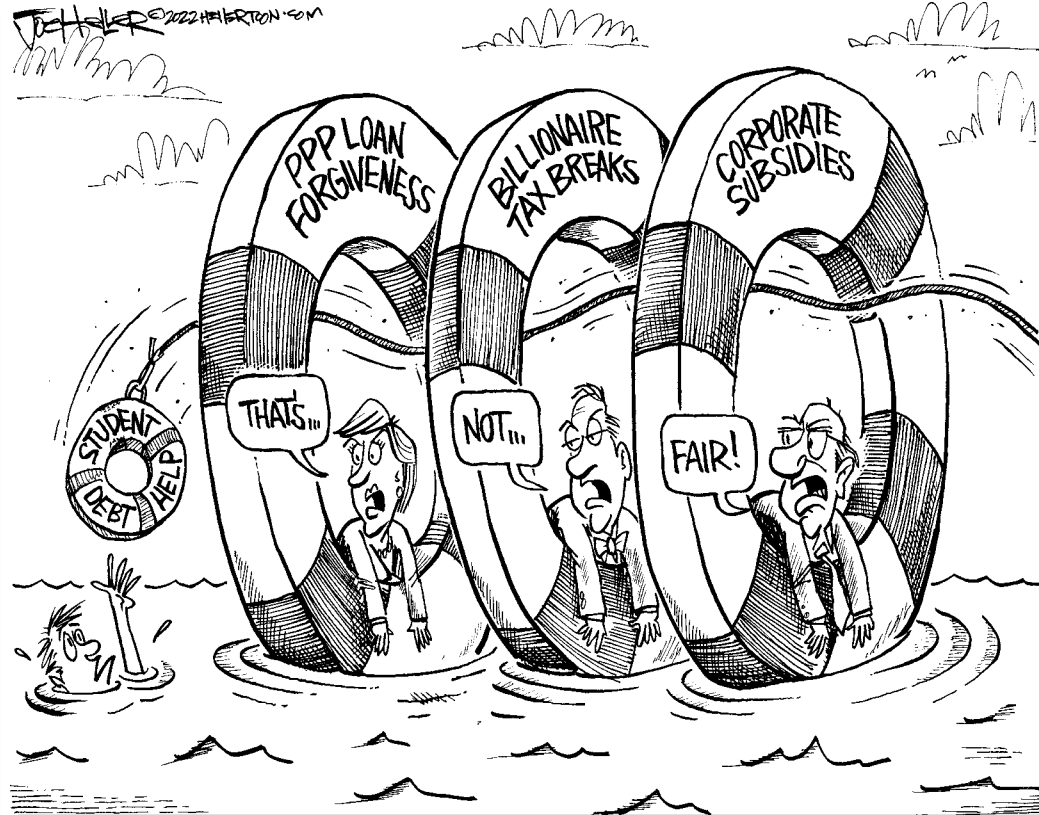
those tax cuts over the past few decades. It's a sweet deal for those with means. America used to tax them to fund things like universities. Now, we borrow from them and pay hefty interest to boot.

Which is why anyone over age 55 can't really criticize a modest debt relief initiative on fairness. The baby boomer generation grew up in an entirely different America, where progressive taxation, among other things, provided them with affordable higher education. That hasn't been the reality for students for more than 25 years now. For the vast majority, attending college or a university means going into debt, and often spending decades with a financial burden that students of previous generations never had to shoulder.

Fairness? Not exactly. This unprecedented burden comes at a time when higher education is more critical for young people than ever. Back when baby boomers were joining the workforce, there were many more opportunities, particularly in manufacturing, for workers with just a high school degree. Those jobs have disappeared by the millions since then, leaving most young people with the choice of pursuing higher education or relegating themselves to low paid service work the rest of their lives. While there are opportunities in the trades, even those jobs often require some level of post-secondary education. Vocational and technical schools also can leave students with significant amounts of debt.

That's why Biden's modest proposal really doesn't go far enough. Throughout American history, the funding of public schools has expanded along with the complexity of society. A century ago, many states still charged tuition for students to attend public high school, if they had high schools at all. These days, that would seem unconscionable, because we recognize that the world has changed.

That change accelerates every year, which is why public post-secondary education should be tuition-free, or nearly so, at least through a two-year degree, whether it's in the liberal arts or a trade. No one should be forced to settle for lesser opportunity because they can't afford to improve themselves. When we create opportunity through higher education, it's not an expense, it's an investment— one that makes this country stronger. We're dependent on that next generation to become the innovators, the thought-leaders, and the trained workers we'll need to stay competitive in the future. Why would we sell them short?



## Letters from Readers

### Keith Vandervort will be sorely missed

Our communities were so much richer for having Keith Vandervort's reporting. His photo artistry caught people when they may not have expected it, but in so doing he honored the moment. His writing was candid, honest, faithful and artful. He served us tirelessly and well and he will be sorely missed.

Emily Brown,  
Ely

## Your letters...

The *Timberjay* encourages letters to the editor. You can submit letters by mail at PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790, or email letters to marshall@timberjay.com.

We ask that letters be limited to 300 words.

Letters are subject to editing, primarily for length and clarity.

## Always Leave Them With Hope

Many years ago, I was in the audience when the Rev. Jesse Jackson, the legendary civil rights activist and election mobilizer, gave a speech. He often used the catchphrase, "Keep hope alive!" when he spoke, and he did so that time. The audience picked it up as a chant. "Keep hope alive!" they called. "Keep hope alive!" It was a memorable bit of political showmanship.

A few years later, I gave a speech at a small college in Iowa. I used it to analyze all the challenges our country faced, domestic and foreign, and finished thinking I'd done a pretty good job of laying out our problems. Afterward, a young student came up to me. "That was a marvelous speech, Congressman," she said. "I've just got one question: Is there any hope?"

I realized then that, far from rising to the occasion, I'd failed. Jesse Jackson was right: You always have to leave your listeners with hope, and I had not done that.

This is very hard to pull off, of course—possibly harder now than it was then. We face a long list of seemingly intractable problems, from climate change to mass shootings to threats to our democratic processes to overseas rivals willing to test us at every turn. It's easy to get discouraged and to believe that we cannot solve or manage those problems—and then to give in to despair. But Jackson and that student were right. We constantly need reminding that we can change things for the better.

The reason, actually, is straightforward. The backbone of our system of representative democracy is its faith in ordinary Americans to step up to their responsibility as citizens to improve their corner of the world—by their own direct actions as well as by making discriminating judgments about politicians and policies. If you rob people of hope, then you rob them of a reason to be involved.

In decades of talking to people all over the country, I've been repeatedly impressed by the



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strength of citizens' desire to improve their communities. This often reflected itself in specific projects—a bridge or a road or renovations to a local school—but it also applied to supporting quality leaders who could get things done for their communities.

To be sure, people were often wary of politics: they thought it was filled with messiness and noise. But at the end of the day, they saw the need for deal-making, compromise, and negotiation. I think this is still true for the majority of Americans, though an alarming number these days want to elect political leaders who will brook no compromise—and, indeed, seem to take an almost punitive approach to fellow citizens and politicians who disagree with them. They want to extinguish hope.

Still, I believe that most Americans are solidly pragmatic. They recognize the complexities of the challenges we face, see the limitations on what can be accomplished at any given moment, and believe that even in the face of division there's much that unites us, especially the urge to improve our own lives and those of our neighbors and fellow community members. They're very aware of differences of opinion and operate out of a basic sense of decency and fairness—they want the process to reflect fairly where people stand. I think that, without articulating it, they understand instinctively that keeping the process fair is crucial to keeping hope alive.

I've worked in this system a long time, and I believe it can do just that—if it's allowed to work, and if citizens are allowed to fulfill the basic responsibility of being involved. That's why the hope of changing things for the better is so crucial. We may face serious, difficult problems, but if we allow ourselves to become discouraged—or even worse, to be discouraged from tackling them—then progress really will be impossible.

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## Where John Muir and Dorothy Molter meet

As many of my closest confidants know, recently I have been living a lifestyle that I affectionately refer to as "My Dorothy Molter Moment". Three years ago, I assumed the task of reopening our original home that had been abandoned



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house that holds our story. Through countless hours of fixing and cleaning, it's no longer a makeshift storage compartment. It's a home!

During this escapade, I've had the opportunity to reflect on years gone by and where I'm at today. I've reflected back

on the years spent here raising my children without electricity or running water, and no TV.

While my generational cohorts were stepping onto escalators destined for "success", I and my young family were learning the nuts and bolts of "voluntary simplicity". How to reduce our material pursuits and revive some of the knowledge and practices of the first wave of homesteaders that migrated to this region.

As I scrubbed floors and furnishings (removing evidence of a variety of critters that had staked their claims to the place) I thought about the days when the house still smelled of freshly

varnished wood. I pictured my two young sons, kneeling on the floor over their matchbox trucks traveling around a giant hand-painted paper streetscape they'd named "Car Town". I also could see them sound asleep on their bunkbeds after a busy day building forts and peddling their bicycles up and down the driveway. Good memories!

As I scrubbed the interior walls of red pine and cedar, I realized that every single log and board I touched had been carefully hewn, fastened, and fin-

ished—without the aid of power tools—by my very ambitious mate, John. His was a daunting undertaking on a scale that outmatched my current endeavor by a long shot!

Back then, we relied on wood for heat, oil, and later gas lamps for lighting, well water drawn from our hand pump, and food harvested from the surrounding woods and our large garden. We intentionally raised our children in ways influenced

MAKING OUR COMMUNITY BETTER

# Volunteers honored by Ely Northwoods Partners

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – “Ely is a better place because of the hard work and time our volunteers dedicate to the older adults in our community.”

Those words were spoken by Lisa Porthan, executive director of Northwoods Partners recently as she recognized the organization’s volunteers at a recent picnic to celebrate their service. “We are so grateful for everything that you do,” she said.

At the heart of Northwoods Partners is a team of 80-plus volunteers who support the Ely community’s seniors by providing transportation to appointments, making friendly visits, providing telephone assurance, celebrating birthdays, helping with shopping, and more. “They all do whatever it takes to brighten the lives of our area seniors,” Porthan added.

Northwoods Partners volunteers include students, working folks and retired folks, men and women, those who have unlimited time to volunteer and those that have just a few hours a month to give. “The one thing they all have in common is that they care about our seniors,” Porthan said.

Each year two volunteers are chosen to receive special recognition as the Heart of Gold Award winners. This year’s recipients are Linda Fink and Sally Moose. “Linda Fink has spent over twenty years creating beautiful items for our Festival of Trees boutique as well as items for silent auction,” Porthan said. “She helps recruit other boutique contributors and collects and organizes all the contributions. She also shares her talents and time with our theme dinner each year. She is a vital part of our fundraising event committee, and is a joy to work with.”

Sally Moose is in her 10th year volunteering for Northwoods Partners. “She spends many hours each week at Carefree Living helping provide social events such as Bingo and crafts,” Porthan said. “She is happy to be a part of the lives of our area’s seniors, and shares her warm smile and great hugs with all she meets.”

According to Porthan, Every one of the Northwoods Partners volunteers has some special gift to share. “A friendly visit, a ride to the beauty shop, picking up groceries, a chat on the phone; it really doesn’t take much to add some cheer to a senior’s life. If you’d like to volunteer, Northwoods Partners knows several seniors who would be thrilled to meet you,” she said.

For more information on volunteering email info@NorthwoodsPartners.org or call 218-365-8019.



The 2022 Heart of Gold Award winners for Ely’s Northwoods Partners are Linda Fink and Sally Moose. submitted

## AMBULANCE...Continued from page 3

the city, not the ambulance commission.

Commission member Kevin Norby gave an update on the ad-hoc group formed to discuss options for the future of the ambulance service. The group

has held two meetings so far and has been brainstorming ideas to help make the service more financially viable, such as creating a joint powers board, which would give the surrounding townships an ownership

stake in the service, or creating a regional taxing district. Eagles Nest, Breitung, Tower, Kugler, Vermilion Lake, and Fortune Bay are participating in this group. Greenwood has been invited, said Norby,

but as yet has not chosen to participate.

Norby said the city has not yet formally discussed the five-page-long request for information from the McGrath Consulting Group that was recently hired by

Greenwood Township to do a study of area ambulance services and the feasibility of setting up ALS-level service in the area.

“We will give the Greenwood study as much info as we currently have,”

Norby told the *Timberjay* after the meeting. “But a lot of the information they want isn’t easily retrievable...we don’t have the extra time or resources to do it all.”

## COVID...Continued from page 4

around COVID this year, talked about one of the recent CDC changes, that of eliminating the requirement for those exposed to a case of COVID to quarantine.

“Parents and students were all sick of the mandates,” he said. “Isolation is still there for anybody who tests positive, but they’re not requiring quarantine for anybody that’s been exposed or suspected of being exposed. They do still recommend that anybody that’s been exposed or suspected to have been exposed should still be wearing a mask for ten days. I think that’s going to vary a lot by each district.”

“It’s going to be dependent on school districts to set their plans in place,” he continued. “I think it’s going to be tricky. One of the important things is that they’re going to base their plans primarily off of the CDC community level of transmission. But they also should be considering the rates of student and staff absenteeism as well in trying to determine what strategies they should be implementing.”

Jobe said that the changes in the COVID

surveillance system over time have complicated things for local districts. “The further we’ve gotten into this pandemic the worse our surveillance system has gotten, especially with home tests. Home tests are helpful because it provides better access for almost everyone, but it makes it really difficult to get an accurate picture of your case rates, especially the smaller areas get,” he said.

Schools and daycares are still being asked to report identified cases on a weekly basis to the health department, and that requirement is helping to give health officials more insight into what may be happening in the surrounding community.

“Schools will still have their hyper-localized data and they’re really going to have to lean on that for when they implement their mitigation strategies,” Jobe said.

County health department director Amy Westbrook said that the problem for schools might not be with student infections.

“It may be that the biggest challenge for

schools this fall is maintaining operations,” she said. “What we saw last spring after most of the schools dropped their mask mandates was staff and teachers getting sick and staying out of classrooms. That really made it challenging from a continuity of operations perspective. A teacher can teach with fewer kids, it doesn’t matter. But if the teacher is not there, they can’t learn.”

### Omicron boosters

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration was expected to give the green light this week to two new COVID booster shots tailored to better protect against the BA.5 and BA.4 Omicron variants, with about 175 million shots purchased by the federal government becoming available once the Centers for Disease Control issues the accompanying guidance for administration.

Almost 90 percent of reported cases are now caused by the BA.5 variant, with the remainder attributed to BA.4 and a subvariant of that. But while the original Omicron variant rapidly spawned more and more infectious subvariants that replaced prior ones,

BA.5 has been the dominant variant in the U.S. since early July with no apparent successor on the horizon at this time.

Both Pfizer and Moderna have boosters awaiting emergency use authorization, but their ultimate impact on the course of the pandemic is uncertain. Neither booster has been tested in humans yet. Both companies have submitted animal testing data for consideration that has not been publicly released. Emergency use authorization can be granted by the FDA using that data, but full approval will require human testing, which is scheduled to begin in September.

Last week a team of Australian medical researchers posted an analysis of prior research on COVID-19 boosters to the medRxiv website aimed at predicting the effectiveness of variant-tailored boosters. Overall, the group found that targeted boosters added to the effectiveness of traditional boosters by up to 13 percent. The country’s experience with booster uptake to date hasn’t been promising in that regard, and

Minnesota’s data reflects that of the nation.

Since additional boosters were authorized by the CDC in March for those 50 and older and in May for everyone five years of age and older, just over 500,000 Minnesotans have taken advantage of them to bring their vaccination status up to date, according to data on the state’s vaccine dashboard. The current percentage of Minnesotans who are up to date with the recommended boosters is only 32.2 percent, and that number has risen only about 10 percent since booster eligibility was expanded.

Osterholm has repeatedly noted that the major challenge faced in Minnesota, the U.S., and around the world is taking a vaccine and turning it into actual vaccinations, a problem borne out by the

low booster uptake data. “I’m not convinced that this will be the silver bullet that many are hoping for,” he said. “There are a few reasons for this, but it can all be summed up in a statement that you’ve all heard me say dozens of times by now. We cannot boost our way out of this pandemic. Part of the reason for this is that by making the variant specific vaccines, we will always be a few steps behind this virus.” “Our booster uptake is already alarmingly low,” Osterholm continued. “I don’t expect this to change with a new Omicron specific booster, regardless of how effective that booster is. This vaccine may add some protection at an individual level, but I think it’s unlikely it’ll have a large impact on our population as a whole.”

## JOHN MUIR...Continued from page 4

by wise people we found along the way — local neighbors and farmers, and also philosophers like John Muir, Ruth Stout, Scott Nearing, Wendell Berry, and Ina Mae Gaskins who, each in their own way, offered helpful how-to’s while reinforcing the core values embedded in what we were trying to do. They kept us informed and inspired as we strove for a life of greater self-sufficiency — one we thought made good sense.

After three years, my “mission” is still not complete. Long spans of continuous occupancy are reaping positive results. Rodents have finally been relocated and dilapidated porches replaced. The thirty-year-old Ranch King Pro, rusty but trusty, has kept my little clearing free of ever-encroaching brush. And the lilies, coleus and begonias along the front walkway are thriving. Now when I step outside my door, I’m reminded by the beautiful patchwork of granite slabs, ones scavenged from the Echo Trail decades ago, of

the love and creative energy we poured into “our place”. These stones became a handmade “welcome mat”. Today, it remains as inviting as ever.

The once pot-holed driveway now drains as nicely as any county backroad. And low spots in the front yard, once ankle-deep puddles after every good rain, are now sloped away from the house. Now my feet stay nice and dry. Thanks to my loving son, who loaned me his mini skid steer and provided the needed encouragement and coaching, I’m no longer limited to my wheelbarrow. So, I ordered a dump load of Class Five gravel and got to work. I guess this old Mom can learn new tricks!

The crumbling brick chimney is long gone, replaced by a modern, safer version. But the old Free Flow wood stove has kept me warm through many a cold Minnesota winter night. The fallen-down shed has been razed so I can view the doe and her fawn as they mosey by at dawn. The vegetable

garden, not quite as large as it once was, still flourishes outside the west window. And last Month the lab report confirmed it. The water pumped from the well is still safe to drink. What more could I ask for?

Many have asked me why I would want to live this way. The answer is easy. I have always loved the solitude here. Silence is the norm. There’s occasional traffic noise, but no hum of a refrigerator or TV chatter in the background. I indulge in the bird calls that change with every season, the sounds of wind and dewdrops falling from trees. When I’m not looking, mushrooms mysteriously appear and disappear. I’m entertained daily by the antics of a host of creatures. The zoom of dueling hummingbirds, the acrobatics of squirrels and chipmunks, and unexpected visits from skunk, porcupine, rabbit or raccoon — even a wolf or fox or bear, but far more rare.

Notions about entropy, or the intricate connections between man and

nature... no longer are they just concepts or speculations but integral to my everyday reality. A quieter, slower-paced way of life allows the natural world to more quickly draw us into its subtle and ever-present grandeur. What a privilege it is to be filled with such awe and gratitude.

Dorothy Molter left an indelible impression upon my consciousness, even more precious as I grow older. Through my “Molter Moment,” I’ve rediscovered how we are all one family composed of air, water, minerals, and microbes, living together, bound together, in one giant energetic web. I accept with greater certainty that the knowledge and wisdom of our elders and ancestors are essential to our survival. I’m surer now that we are not alone. Their voices carry on.

John Muir was right. “Not man apart.” We never are, never were, nor ever can be.



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Week of Sept. 5

**Monday**  
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 2:30-5:00 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Sept. 20.

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

**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).

**Free concert at McKinley Park Campground on Sept. 3**

BREITUNG TWP- Pat and Donna Surface, along with their band American Pie, will perform hits through the decades at McKinley Park Campground on Sat. Sept. 3 from 5-8 p.m. Attendees to the concert will journey back in time with Pat and Donna as they celebrate the timeless artists and songs that topped the charts. From the boppin' sounds of the 50s and the generation-defining anthems of the 60s through ever-changing styles of the 70s, there is something for everyone.

Concertgoers should bring lawn chairs. Picnic tables are available if families want to pack a meal. For more information about Pat and Donna surface visit [Patsurface.com](http://Patsurface.com).

**Civic Club hosting Too Much Stuff Sale on Sept. 9-10**

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Civic Club is hosting a fundraiser sale on Friday, Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Saturday, Sept. 10 from 9 a.m. - 12 noon at the Herb Lamma (Tower) Civic Center.

Everything must go at this sale, which will include a huge variety of all types of items: household, recreational, clothing, and more.


The proceeds help fund the Civic Club's projects in the Tower-Soudan area.



**Fridays 4-6 PM**  
at the  
Train Depot  
in Tower

**Tower-Soudan-Embarrass Bookmobile Schedule**

Every third Wednesday:  
Sept. 7 and 28;  
Oct. 19; Nov. 9 and 30; Dec. 21



Britt (Sand Lake Storage): 9 - 9:30 a.m.  
Bois Forte (Boys & Girls Club): 11 - 11:30 a.m.  
Greenwood (Town Hall): 12 - 1 p.m.  
Soudan (Post Office Vicinity): 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.  
Tower (Civic Center): 3:45 - 4:30 p.m.  
Embarrass (Hwy 135 & Hwy 21): 5 - 6 p.m.

You can see the full bookmobile schedule on the website, [alslib.info/services/bookmobile](http://alslib.info/services/bookmobile). For more information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, contact the Arrowhead Library System, 218-741-3840, email at [als@alslib.info](mailto:als@alslib.info), or website at [alslib.info](http://alslib.info).

WHAT'S GOING ON...

**Lake Vermilion Cultural Center hosts two events**

**LVCC Wine and Watercolor event again a popular fundraiser**

SOUDAN- After a two-year COVID hiatus, the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center (LVCC) hosted another Wine and Watercolor Event on Aug. 25 at the Vermilion Park Inn. The class sold out quickly and painters came from near and far to participate. Local watercolor artist Linda Smith was the instructor. She lives on Lake Vermilion-Tower much of the year but also is on the Zumbrota Arts Council and teaches classes there. Smith generously donated her time, talent, and the proceeds of the event to the LVCC. The participants painted a lovely scene of a dock over a lake with a sunset in the background. While the subject is the same each painting turned out different, showcasing the eye of each artist.

The LVCC wishes to thank Linda Smith, all who helped with the event, and those who participated in a fun evening for a good cause.

**The Sectionals perform to a full house at the LVCC**

The eight-member vocal group from the Range area, The Sectionals, pictured at right, performed in concert at the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center on Aug. 24. The group sang a selection of well-known, and not-so-well-known hits from the 50s to the present.



Above: Artist Linda Smith presented a check for \$780 to Elaine McGillivray, the LVCC host for the event. submitted

Left: Julie Horihan of Lake Vermilion-Tower and Jaki Samuelson of Des Moines, Iowa shared their final paintings. submitted



**Tower-Soudan Book Club resumes; new members welcome**

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Book Club will hold its first meeting of this year's season on Tuesday, Sept. 6 at 1 p.m. in the basement at St. James Presbyterian Church. This will be the start of the 21st years of the book club, and many of the original members are still involved. New readers are always welcome to join for a season of good reads and interesting discussions. Meetings are held the first Tuesday of the month from September through May. For more information, call Marge at 218-753-3503.

**Come help paint the train**

TOWER- Volunteers are needed to help with touch-up painting on the Passenger Coach Car 81 at the Tower Train Depot Museum.

Doug Workman is the project leader and can be contacted at 218-404-3331; or contact Nancy Larson at 218-750-7514.



**Picnic and music...**

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower hosted a free community meal on Aug. 24, with a special guest Steve Solkela, who provided a wide variety of music with his "One-Man Band."

Rain didn't dampen the turnout, and the meal provided plenty of time for visiting with neighbors.

The church is planning to host free community meals once each month. photo by J. Summit

**EMBARRASS HIGH SCHOOL**



Pictured from left: Lyle Vandervort, Alan Heikkila, Lyle Nevala, Diane (Bruno) Barkley, Dan Alto, Roxanne (Hanka) Reed, Beth (Besseman) Rogge, Rosemary (Martila) Baty, Debra (Finni) Wiitanen, Bonnie (Sandnas) Lynch, Glenn Harju, Sharon (Letho) Kangas, Linda (Hietala) Gish, Mike Johnson, Robin (Schroeder) Ramquist, James Gallup, Dan Meyer, Dean Theel. submitted

**Embarrass Class of 1970 reunion**

EMBARRASS- The Embarrass High School (School 70) Class of '70 was the last graduating class from Embarrass. They celebrated their 52-year reunion at the Nevala Homestead on Aug. 27 in Embarrass. The 50th reunion was postponed due to the covid virus pandemic in 2020. In addition to celebrating a class reunion, this is the year most of the 1970 graduat-

ing classmates also celebrated their 70th birthdays. Many of the classmates attended the Embarrass Fair and plan to meet the Saturday of the Embarrass Fair going forward.

There were 42 people that graduated in the class of 1970, and 18 classmates attended the reunion. Several still live in Embarrass and others traveled from Iowa, Wisconsin, Arizona, Alaska and throughout

the state of Minnesota to attend the reunion. Seven of the classmates had passed away: Kurt Beckman, Sandy Hanson, Ed Haryn, Clarence Kontio, John Miller, David Koski, and Susan Reed. May they rest in peace. These classmates are gone but not forgotten.

PRAISES ALFRESCO

# Grace Lutheran holds outdoor worship at Whiteside

If you have been in town long enough, you probably already know that Grace Lutheran Church has long been known for its music. Equally important to its members is the pride it voices in support for its most dedicated of volunteers - the quilters.

Combine those two pluses with a Sunday morning service under the log pavilion at Whiteside Park, and it became a guaranteed feel-good moment for all who attended.

Each year, Grace Lutheran acknowledges a group of its congregation for their longevity, selflessness, and dedication to making the church, Ely, or the world a better place. This year, that honor fell to our quilters, a group of dedicated ladies who donated over 90 quilts to

Lutheran World Relief and others, and have provided an estimated 600 quilts to various individuals and groups over the last eight years. Some of the members have quietly gone about their business for 45 years. Grace takes a spiritual inspiration from their lead.

Providing the backdrop to last Sunday's service was the Twin-cities based musicians: Cornerstone. Led by summer resident Mike Frazier, the group provided a meaningful musical punctuation to the preaching of Pastor Sue Smith, filling in for Grace Pastor Eric Thiele.

There is something magical about outdoor worship, and last Sunday, it all came together in our very own community.



Top left: Pastor Sue Smith delivers the day's message.

Above from left to right: Quilters Gail Nichols, Marge Haugen, Shirley Ronn, Jeanne Hinds, Sally Carlson, Diane Moren, Corinne Beals, and Shirley Parrish were honored for their dedication at Sunday's service.



On left : Saxophonist and summer resident Mike Frazier. submitted photos

PEDALING POWERHOUSES

# Team BOREALIS kicked off 2022 season Aug. 27 & 28 in Shakopee

ELY - Local youth mountain bikers on Team BOREALIS, kicked off their race season Aug. 27 and 28 at the Xcel Energy Mountain Bike Park in Shakopee. The grade

6-12 team, now in its second season, has 16 riders from Ely and the surrounding area who practice regularly at Hidden Valley. The team will compete in five total races this fall including

the all-comers state finale at Redhead Mountain Bike Park in Chisholm in October.

Four riders made the trek to the metro area to compete with over 1,100 high school and middle school riders from around the state on the 3.25 mile course. Eighth grade riders June Nelson and George Sponholz endured occasional rain showers on Saturday while completing their single lap of the course. Heavy rains Saturday night and Sunday morning cleared in time for the high school races on Sunday when Sophomore Rena Johnston and Freshman Aila Harding took to the course for their two lap race.

Team BOREALIS's race season continues Sept. 10-11 with another trip to the twin cities to race at Lake Rebecca Park Reserve in Rockford, followed by a race at Pine Valley in Cloquet.

Name	Category	Place	Time
June Nelson	8th grade girls	25	17:08
George Sponholz	8th grade boys(D2)	26	14:41
Aila Harding	Freshmen girls	27	40:30
Rena Johnston	JV2 girls	31	34:11



Left: George Sponholz competes in 8th grade boys D2 category. Above: Aila Harding tears up the track for a top 30 finish. submitted photos



## Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2022



the air is cooling trees turning a bit yellow a slight fall presence

## Ely library

Hours: Monday — Friday, 9:30 a.m.-6:30 p.m. Closed on Saturday, Sunday, and holidays Phone: 218-365-5140

## Babbitt library

Monday 10 am-6 pm Tuesday 10 am-6 pm Wednesday 10 am-6 pm Thursday 10 am-6 pm Friday 10 am-6 pm Phone: 218-827-3345

## Support groups

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous  
**OPEN AA - 7:30** p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, in-person, First Lutheran Church, 915 E. Camp St., Ely.  
**SUNDAY NIGHT AA -** at St. Anthony's Catholic Church is canceled.  
**ELY WOMEN'S OPEN AA -** Every Monday at noon at Ledgerock Church, 1515 E. Camp St., Ely.  
**BABBITT AA - 7 p.m.** Tuesdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church.  
**AL-ANON -** Sundays 8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. For people who encounter alcoholism in a relative or friend.  
**BABBITT AL-ANON -** Thursdays, 7 p.m., at Woodland Presbyterian.  
**CO-DEPENDENTS'** 12-step support group, 5:30 p.m. Thursdays, Wellbeing Development, 41 E Camp St. Ely.  
**ADULT BASIC EDUCATION GED** Study materials and pre-test available. Call 218-365-3359, or 1-800-662-5711.  
**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS:** Babbitt: 3rd Monday of Month: 6-7:30 p.m. at Carefree Living. Ely: 4th Monday of Month: 10-11:30 a.m. at Ely-Bloomenson Hospital. Conference Room B.

FINALLY FOOTBALL

# Ely Football practices amidst ongoing construction

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
 Ely Editor

ELY - The ongoing construction has also made it difficult for the football team, under the direction of second-year head coach Louie Gerzin. Part of the Wolves' practice field is not usable because of the construction, and there's currently no access to the stadium. Players and coaches are getting to the field on the arena side of the school campus as they begin to get ready for the upcoming scrimmage as well as the season-opener with Cromwell.

Silver Bay dropped its football program so

the Timberwolves have an off week for what was supposed to be their season opener on Sept. 2.

AD Tom Coombe said the only team he could find to fill the scheduling hole was in Marshfield, Wis., a school with 10 times the enrollment of Ely

Presuming the field is available, the game will take place on Friday, Sept. 9, at 2 p.m. at Ely School Stadium. The rare Friday afternoon tilt is scheduled to ensure that officials are available for the game. About 25 players in grades 9-12 took part in workouts this week, including several from neighboring Northeast Range in Babbitt. The two schools are in the

second year of a cooperative agreement for football. Ely will play a 9-man schedule during the regular season, but the Wolves are classified as an 11-man team because of school enrollment and must play in the 11-man, Section 7A tournament during the postseason. Ely posted a 1-7 record last year.

All-district player Erron Anderson returns for his senior year. Last year he rushed for about 500 yards and 50 yards receiving. On defense he tallied 35 tackles, including four sacks.

Jason Kerntz returns as a junior following all-district honors in his sophomore year.



Ely quarterback Gunnar Hart looks for his man downfield. photo by K. Vandervort

## Ely Public Library upcoming events

►Preschool Storytime – Friday mornings at 10:30 a.m. – for young children. Join Tricia or Jessie for fun-themed stories, songs, and activities that center on books. Kids will learn a little American Sign Language as well.  
 ►Take and Do Kits – limited availability (quantities per patron may be restricted, ask at the desk): September – Leaf Wreath – sponsored by Friends of the Library; October – Fire-Breathing Dragons – sponsored by Friends of the Library; November – Napkin Rings; December – Puzzle Piece Ornament Frame

### Individual Programs

►Monday, Sept. 5 – Library closed for Labor Day  
 ►Thursday, Sept. 8 at 2 p.m. – Movie Showing: The Time Traveler's Wife – for adults – at the library. This movie showing links to the Friends of the Library Book Group who will be discussing the movie versus the book as part of their September discussion. You do not need to be a member of the Friends (or plan to discuss the book) to attend. This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

MANY THANKS



On Aug. 25, the Ely Area Food Shelf celebrated the many volunteers that help run the food shelf every month at their annual "Appreciation Dinner," which was held at Gators in Ely. submitted

COOK CITY COUNCIL

Council will assist with funding for paving lot at park

Broadband installation progress reviewed, sign-ups urged now

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

COOK- With about \$37,000 in hand or committed but still well short of their \$50,000 goal, Friends of the Parks representatives were at the Cook City Council meeting last week to ask for some extra help with their proposed paving project for the lot at Veterans Riverfront Park.

The initial cost estimate for renovating the space along the Littlefork River that's become the jewel of North River St. didn't include paving for the parking lot. Instead, the Friends of the Park had numerous loads of gravel brought in, but before long rain and heavy vehicle traffic to and from the Canadian Northern

yard revealed the futility of that type of fix. Ruts and puddles appeared that presented a hurdle for people with disabilities to easily access the park.

Friends representative Jeannie Taylor said that they met with KGM Construction and city maintenance supervisor Don Flack last spring to look at possible layouts for the proposed paving project and determined the estimated cost to be \$50,000.

Fundraising began in earnest at that time, and a combination of request letters, a GoFundMe page, a raffle, and other activities have brought in about \$12,000 in donations and pledges, Friends representative Val Annen explained.

The biggest boost in funding came in early Au-

gust when the St. Louis County Board of Commissioners voted to approve \$25,000 toward the project.

But that leaves the Friends \$13,000 short of the needed funds, and Taylor indicated a need to move quickly on the project, as the county funds had to be spent by the end of December.

Subsequent to the meeting, the Timberjay contacted officials for clarification on the time requirement for spending the money. Deputy administrator Brian Fritsinger said that the funds don't have a specific date set by the U.S. Treasurer for being spent. The final contract with the city, which will serve as the fiscal agent for the funds, will likely include such a date,

which has yet to be determined. Fritsinger's response could provide both the city and Friends of the Park with additional flexibility, although clearly the expressed preference at the meeting would be to finish the paving before weather brings a close to the construction season.

Taylor noted that the Friends have applied for other grants, but none of the applications will be considered and acted upon within the desired time frame.

After lengthy discussion about various aspects of the park and consideration of alternative fundraising issues, councilors unanimously approved allocation funds not to exceed \$7,000 for the project. If the final bill comes in lower than the estimate,

the city will pay 50 percent of the cost.

In other business, the council:

►Appointed attorney Joel Lewicki of the Colosimo, Patchin and Kearney law firm as the city's new attorney. Former city attorney Lara Whiteside of Vermilion Law has accepted a new position that did not allow her to continue, Martinson said.

►Heard that timeline for considering a new blight ordinance would be modified to give Lewicki a chance to review the proposed draft and provide feedback.

►Granted a gambling permit to the Cook Friends of the Library for an upcoming fundraising event.

►Discussed the progress on the construction

of the Paul Bunyan Communications high-speed broadband project. Council members unanimously supported promoting people to subscribe to the service now while construction crews are still here working. The system is expected to become operational later this fall or winter, and those who don't sign up before crews leave town won't be able to get connected until next summer.

►Approved a revision requested by Lenci Enterprises for costs associated with the snow removal equipment building at the airport. Supply chain issues inflated the original cost by \$6,142, but councilors approved a compromise agreement of \$4,913, a 20-percent reduction.

MEMORIES AT THE FARM

CHAMBER CONCERT



Cook's Country Connection hosted its second annual event to raise money for Alzheimer's support last Friday, with a bigger crowd and more activities.

Left: The Beefeater Brothers Trio plus one provided musical entertainment for the evening.

Above: As always, the animals were the main attraction, although the same might be said of humans. photos by D. Colburn



The 20th edition of the Northern Lights Chamber Music Institute brought about 35 students and faculty to Camp Vermilion from Aug. 12 to Aug. 21 for ten fun-filled days of music making and outdoor activities. One of the culminating events of the camp was a concert at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook on Aug. 19. photos by D. Colburn

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Cook book club to meet on Sept. 13

COOK- The Cook Area Book Club will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 13 at 1 p.m. in the Cook Community Center to discuss "Frances Anne Hopkins: Hudson's Bay Company Wife, Voyageurs' Artist" by MaryEllen Weller-Smith.

This biography adds to the understanding of the era that formed the states, provinces, and an international boundary in Hudson's Bay Company hunting lands. It expands our knowledge of early North American women artists, as well as the influence of British art on early Canadian artists. The author achieves this through the biography of a British woman artist who painted voyageur canoe travel.

The book is for sale at the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery.

Next month's book will be "A Partial History of Lost Causes" by Jennifer Dubois.

Cook church will worship at Little Fork Church

COOK- Trinity Lutheran Church of Cook will leave its familiar sanctuary on Sunday, Sept. 11 to worship at the Little Fork Church on the corner of Wein and Samuelson Roads in Field Township.

The congregation is gathering to worship at this picturesque Norwegian Lutheran church to remember its importance in building and nurturing

the faith of our pioneers, as well as confessing their belief in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

The service will be at 9:30 a.m. There is a handicapped accessible ramp in the back of the church. Coffee, treats and fellowship will be enjoyed after the service.

In case of rain, worship will be held at the church in Cook.

All friends, family, and neighbors of Trinity Lutheran and the Little Fork Church are welcome to attend. Please call the church office at 218-666-5965 for additional information.

Trio of artists on tap for September NWFA exhibits

COOK- The works of artists Brenna Kohlhasse, Lauren Nelson and Sterling Rouleau will be on display in a special September showing at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook, beginning Wednesday, Sept. 7 and running through Friday, Sept. 30.

Nelson, an NWFA board member, will present "Photographs - Relics of The Past". The exhibit is comprised of selections of pictures, photos and memories, including digital prints and prints from old 35mm slide/film media from years past. Nelson has been an avid working board member and has not exhibited since 2016 when he presented "Cruisin the Range," a photo exhibition of classic cars on Virginia's main street.

"Bold Strokes.... My Love of Unpredictable Color" will feature the work of Brenna Kohlhasse, who teaches classes at NWFA. Kohlhasse is an outstanding watercolorist who has been trying her hand and heart at using acrylic paint. Here is her description:

"I am finding it so much fun to swatch out color strings, brush opaque broad strokes and create textural marks," Kohlhasse said.

She has an upcoming class on Sept. 17, "Make A Field Sketch Book."

First time exhibiter Sterling Rouleau will present "Pen and Pencil Drawings: Digital Ink Jet Prints." A 17 year old Eden Prairie High School student who has had an interest in art from an early age, Rouleau will exhibit 12 of his unusual pen/pen-

cil drawings in the form of 10.5 x 13.5 digital ink jet prints mounted on wood.

NWFA Gallery hours are 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays and 9 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturdays. The gallery is located at 210 S River St.

More information about current and upcoming NWFA activities is available at www.nwfamn.org, on Facebook, by emailing nwfamn.org@gmail.com, or by calling 218-780-7130.

Upcoming art classes scheduled at NWFA gallery

COOK- The Northwoods Friends of the Arts in Cook has five upcoming classes and open creative hours for novice and experienced artists to explore and expand their

creativity. The offerings include:

►"Paint Blueberries" Monday, Sept. 12, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.—experienced watercolor artist Diane Levar will demonstrate how to paint life-like blueberries.

►"Open Art" Monday, Sept. 12th from 6 to 8 p.m. Jody Feist will facilitate open art time every Monday at the NWFA. Participants will bring their own supplies and tools and art projects to work with and share ideas with other artists. No registration required.

►"Make A Field Sketch Book" Saturday, Sept. 17 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., led by watercolorist Brenna Kohlhasse.

►"Jewelry Fun" Thursday Sept. 22 from 1-4:00 p.m. with Ely artist Cecilia Rolando teaching beautiful and fun beading.

Area St. Louis County Solid Waste and Recycling Facility site hours. Includes a table with columns for site names (Ash River Trail, Kabetogama Lake, Sturgeon, Orr, Portage, County 77, Cook Transfer Station, Regional Landfill, Household Hazardous Waste Facilities) and their respective hours. Also includes contact information for St. Louis County Environmental Services Department (1-800-450-9278) and a Facebook icon.

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COWBOYS IN TRAINING

# Embarrass Team Penning and Ranch Sorting results

**EMBARRASS**- Team Penning and Ranch Sorting was held at the Embarrass Horse Arena on Aug. 19-21. The weather cooperated even though the calves were a bit ornery (lots of runs with no calves recorded). The event was originally part of the Embarrass Fair weekend, but has been moved to the weekend prior and turned into a three-day event because of the high interest, and while most teams were composed of local riders, some teams traveled from across the state to participate in the event.

Friday competition featured 59 teams (entrants could participate in multiple teams). Each rider on the three person/horse team pays \$10 per ride.

First: Amy Carlson, Martin Schwartz, June Burrows. Time of 42.36, prize of buckles and \$426.

Second: Tracy Marshall, June Burrows, Amy Carlson. Time of 55.16, prize of \$372.

Third: Brooke Weitalla, Tyme Weitalla, Taya Weitalla. Time of 58.1, prize of \$267.

Saturday had 93 teams competing.

First: Danny Anderson, Paul Knuti, Matt Schultz. Time of 50.31, prize of buckles and \$670.

Second: Donna Schwartz, Pam Frazee, Brooke Weitalla. Time of 55.38, prize of \$586.

Third: Danny Anderson, Jeff Thurlow, Dianna Thurlow. Prize of \$420.

Winner of the Friday/Saturday fastest combined runs, \$300 donation by North Shore Mining Co.: Danny Anderson, Paul Knuti, Matt Schultz, with a time of 50.31.

## Ranch Sorting

Ranch Sorting was held on Sunday with 82 teams competing.

First: Heather Anderson and Jessica Renner with 14 cows at 156.96. Prize of buckles and \$788.

Second: Cassie Hainey and June Burrows with 14 cows at 162.62. Prize of \$688.

Third: Bridger Shultz and Martin Schwartz with 13 cows at 99.24. Prize of \$492.



Above left: Pam Frazee works on rounding up the calves. Top right: The calves make a run for it. Above: A horse patiently waits for its time in the arena. Left: Steph Rose moves calves towards the pen. Below: Donna Schwartz makes a quick turn.

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LAKE VERMILION

# Annual classic boat show set for Sunday

LAKE VERMILION - Vintage boat lovers will have the opportunity to indulge their interests to the extreme this weekend with the return of the 30th Annual Antique and Classic Boat Show on Sunday, Sept. 4 from noon to 4 p.m. at The Landing on the Cook end of Lake Vermilion, at 3096 Vermilion Drive.

The long-running show traditionally attracts a wide variety of boats, from antique wooden ones from the 1920s to some of the classic and unique fiberglass models popular in the 1950s and 60s. Dozens of boats, mostly wooden ones, turned out for the event in 2019. Past shows have featured watercraft dating back to the 1800s.

Seeing the boats is a definite treat but learning the stories behind them from their owners

is even more so. Show attendees will want to allow plenty of time for conversations as they wander down the rows of watercraft. One of those chats may even lead a spectator to taking up the vintage hobby themselves.

Vermilion Lake Association and the Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade are the honorary show sponsors this year and will add their own unique touches.

The lake association, dedicated to the preservation and protection of Lake Vermilion, will display information about their achievements and future plans. Their work with invasive aquatic species will also be featured.

The Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade will add a modern touch to the festivities with several of their rescue boats displayed and available for tours. A highlight



Crowds gather to check out the antique and classic boats at The Landing during the 2019 boat show. file photo

of Sunday's show will be a full demonstration of the fire boat's fire-fighting capabilities.

Originally staged at the old Bayview Resort, the show's

current host, The Landing, will have burgers, beverages, and more to satisfy hungry attendees.

The public will have the chance to vote for their favorite

boat, and awards will be at 4 p.m.

This event is free and open to the public. For more information call 612-790-5974 or email lakevermilionboatshow@aol.com.

PUBLIC SAFETY

## CN: derailed tank car work posed no danger to public

Cars were part of July 30 derailment north of Cook

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK - When 14 cars of a 123-car Canadian Northern freight train derailed about seven miles north of Cook on Saturday, July 30, the outcome was as good as could be expected. No one was injured, and there were no leaks or spills of any hazardous materials. CN train traffic was back up and running by the following Monday.

Many of the damaged cars were brought to CN's Cook loca-

**Left: Emptied tank cars have been sitting idle in Cook since a derailment earlier this summer.**

photo by D. Colburn

tion, and two tank cars remain along the east side of N. River St., a black one with a capacity of 33,780 gallons and a smaller white one capable of holding 13,830 gallons. The tanks themselves are intact, but the undercarriages and external structures are heavily damaged or missing altogether. Some residents have questioned whether the work necessary to deal with the contents of the tank cars and to prepare them for disposal might itself pose a potential hazard.

Not to worry, said an unidentified company spokesperson on Tuesday in response to a request by the *Timberjay* for additional information.

"Once at the CN facility, the residual product in the cars was safely removed and properly disposed of by qualified experts," the spokesperson said in an email. "CN continuously monitored all work being performed including testing air quality. There is no danger for public safety."

However, there may be a benefit for future public safety in the event of a hazardous materials spill. CN said that they are currently evaluating options to donate the two tank cars for use at first responder training schools. The company did not provide a date that the tank cars will be removed from the Cook site.

BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

## Board backs extra contribution for new ambulance

by RACHEL BROPHY  
Staff Writer

SOUDAN - The Breitung Town Board voted to go on record in support of the Tower Area Ambulance request for a bump in ambulance subsidy funding for 2023 to help pay for the purchase of a third ambulance.

At their Aug. 25 meeting, Supervisor Chuck Tekautz reported on the previous night's meeting of the ambulance commission regarding the combined efforts by Breitung, the Bois Forte Band, Greenwood, Vermilion Lake, Eagles Nest, Kugler, and the City of Tower to replace one of the current ambulances, which is now ten years old.

"The ambulance director got three quotes on new

ambulances," Tekautz said. "We're going to need a replacement."

Breitung Township currently contributes \$8,700 in its per capita annual subsidy towards the ambulance. Tekautz explained the ambulance service, which has been struggling financially, does not want to have to incur debt for this purchase. Tekautz said they are asking all the member boards if they'll go along with the normal levy this year and double the levy next year. For Breitung, that would mean an increase to about \$18,000 next year.

"That would give us a new ambulance free and clear, if all the townships participate," said Tekautz.

Greenwood Township didn't send a representative

to the previous night's meeting, Tekautz said, noting that Greenwood has a consulting bill of \$55,000 for its own ambulance study.

"That's the second meeting they haven't been at," Tekautz said.

Tekautz asked that the Breitung Board "set an example" by going on record that they approve going forward with the levy required to fund a new ambulance.

"We'll need participation from all of the townships to make this work," Tekautz reiterated.

Breitung Police Chief Dan Reing's monthly report detailed a busy July.

"We had 64 calls. One of our more exciting calls was somebody put a smoke bomb near one of the porta-

potties. Otherwise, (the month was) pretty good, pretty subdued. We visited the campgrounds a lot, and they've made comments that they like to see us there. Nothing too major, just very steady. It kept us hopping."

"August has started out really fast too," Reing added.

Reing also reported that the AEDs have arrived, bringing the total on hand to five, with one in the office. Reing said he hopes to put an AED unit in

McKinley Park, but it's late in the year and the batteries require temperatures that are neither too high or too low in order to last.

In other business the board:

► Discussed a possible collaborative effort with Stuntz Bay Association to secure grant funding for the Stuntz Bay (dock) project.

► Examined and discussed maps for possible ATV routes on township land.

► Scheduled Big Truck

Night for Sept. 27 starting at 3:30 p.m.

► Voted to accept a donation from Barb Burgess, who contributed her time as an election judge.

► Approved a new youth employee per maintenance supervisor Tom Gorsma's recommendation.

The next meeting of the board will be Thursday, Sept. 22 at noon.

### Mesabi Community Band announces new season

REGIONAL - The Mesabi Community Band has announced its 2022-23 season.

The band, made up of musicians from across the Iron Range, will begin rehearsals on Sept. 8, at 6:30 p.m., in the Eveleth City Auditorium.

The band is in its 48th year and is under the direction of Larry Baker and Bill Lavato. The band invites area musicians, young and mature, to dust off

their instruments and join to experience the love of music.

At the past spring concert, in April, the band, through the generosity of its audience was able to collect over \$3,000 to send to the American School in Warsaw, Poland, for Ukrainian refugee relief. The band recognizes the city of Eveleth for the use of the auditorium. For more information contact Holly 218-780-0980.



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## VANDERVORT...Continued from page 1

was an outstanding photographer and designed the *Timberjay's* front page every week since his hiring, regularly helping the paper win awards for typography and design. He was set to mark his tenth full year as Ely editor of the *Timberjay*

in just two weeks.

Vandervort was well-known for his sense of humor, especially his quick wit, and he was popular with those he covered as well as his co-workers. He was seemingly always ready with an atrocious

pun, regularly breaking the tension of deadline day with a groaner or two.

Vandervort grew up and worked for most of his career in Wisconsin and bled green and gold like most of his fellow cheeseheads. He was raised in Fond

du Lac and spent much of his career working for Gannett papers in northern Wisconsin and Michigan, mostly as a photographer and page designer. He and his wife Kay had previously visited Ely and were interested in making it

their permanent residence, so when the *Timberjay's* editor job opened up in 2012, Vandervort jumped at the opportunity.

"He was a great addition to our team," said *Timberjay* Publisher Marshall Helmberger. He

fit in well, worked incredibly hard and was, without a doubt, one of the most reliable employees we've ever had. His untimely death is a huge loss for his family and friends, as well as the newspaper."

## ACADEMY...Continued from page 1

accepted into the program.

While it's based in St. Cloud, the course operates online and it has already connected hundreds of rural residents in Minnesota, including many in northeastern Minnesota, with the expertise and enthusiasm offered by Nick Tietz, the founder and CEO of the academy.

The academy is also partnered with several northeastern Minnesota economic development groups, like the Entrepreneur Fund and the Small Business Development Center, under the banner of Innovate 218, which is focused on building entrepreneurial know-how in the region.

The academy's programs are funded through Launch Minnesota, a grant program affiliated with the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development. Tietz started the program two years ago and he's already trained over 300 prospective inventors, business owners, or community activists in how to turn their dreams into reality.

The fall "semester" starts Sept. 12, and the weekly course, offered either on Monday or Wednesday, is officially scheduled for 6-10 p.m., but often keeps rolling right up to midnight on occasion. Participants in Tietz's courses say he gets enthusiastic when he starts working with his students and the classes often spill into overtime.

Tietz says it's all about giving his students the tools they need to advance their ideas, grow their business, or just help their community. "We want to move the needle for anyone with an idea," he said. Tietz said participants don't need to have any particular skill, just a desire to do something meaningful. His job is to take his students, step-by-step in order to better refine and be able to describe their idea, product, or business, learn how to leverage technology to advance their objectives, and develop a better understanding of what's involved in a business start-up.

"All the students will come away with a one-page business plan to help validate their idea," said Tietz. It's essentially a summary blueprint for their business or other idea, which they can use as they seek the funding or other assistance they might need to launch their venture. They'll also come away with a finely-honed 30-second pitch that describes their plan.

The training plan offers would typically cost about \$2,400, but it costs nothing for those selected for the program. There's a basic online application process, which may be followed by a short phone interview with follow-up questions.

Some of Tietz's recent students have high praise for his efforts. Victoria Ranua, of Tower, who is working toward the launch of her nature-based product line, was part of last fall's initial cohort and she followed up over the winter with Tietz's advanced cohort. She said Tietz was able to take a seemingly insurmountable amount of information and make sense of it. "There are tons

of books out there about business, and you could try wading through all those, but Nick just presents this stuff in an understandable format that just unpacks it all."

"He really helped us define what we were doing," said Becky Dean, who took the course with her husband Tom. The Eveleth couple is launching a new business, Up North Adventure Vans, renting fully-equipped luxury conversion vans, using top-quality products all made in the U.S. Dean said their rentals, which are conversions of Ford Transit vans, are designed to allow folks to explore and camp in remote areas, while doing so in comfort. The vans include a fully-stocked kitchen, a queen-sized bed, and even an indoor shower. They come with heaters so they're comfortable year-round, even in northern Minnesota.

According to Dean, Tietz gave her and her husband the tools to quickly and effectively describe their business to potential funders, whether it's a venture capital group or a banker. "He really helped us develop the plan and the pitch," she added.

Ranua said, more than anything, the course helped her refine her focus and do the kind of market research,

including potential customer interviews, that should help her avoid some start-up pitfalls. "You're able to better conserve your limited resources because you really know what your customer wants," she said. As a result of her research and training the course provided, Ranua said she's made a major change in her initial business plan that should help to significantly reduce her initial investment.

Overall, Ranua said Tietz's program helped to build her confidence as she moves forward with her own business. "He really makes you back up what you might already think by following up with the research," she said.

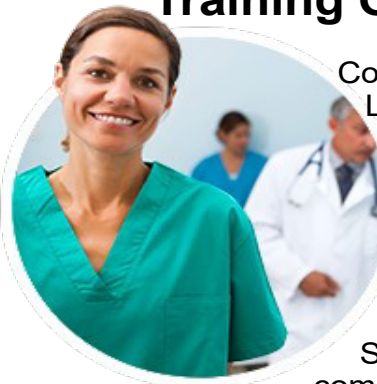
Like any meaningful effort, there's work involved for those who take the course. "It's intensive said Dean. "You need to make a commitment to it."

### Interested in taking part?

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### ARRIVING AT SCHOOL

**Riding the School Bus:** The school buses will drop off students at the designated Bus Loop (see map) at 7:45 am and the students will be expected to enter the building using the new secure entrance. All other doors will be locked. Students are then to report to the cafeteria for breakfast or their assigned locker.

**Parent Drop Off:** Students that are dropped off will be dropped off in the Parent Drop Off Loop (see map) located in

front of the school campus. Students will be expected to enter the building using the new secure entrance. All other doors will be locked. Students are then to report to the cafeteria for breakfast or their assigned locker.

**Student Drivers:** Students that drive to school will be expected to park in the Student Parking Lot (see map) on the east side of campus. Students will be expected to enter the building using the new secure entrance. All other doors will be locked. Students are then to report to the cafeteria for breakfast or their assigned locker.

### DEPARTING FROM SCHOOL

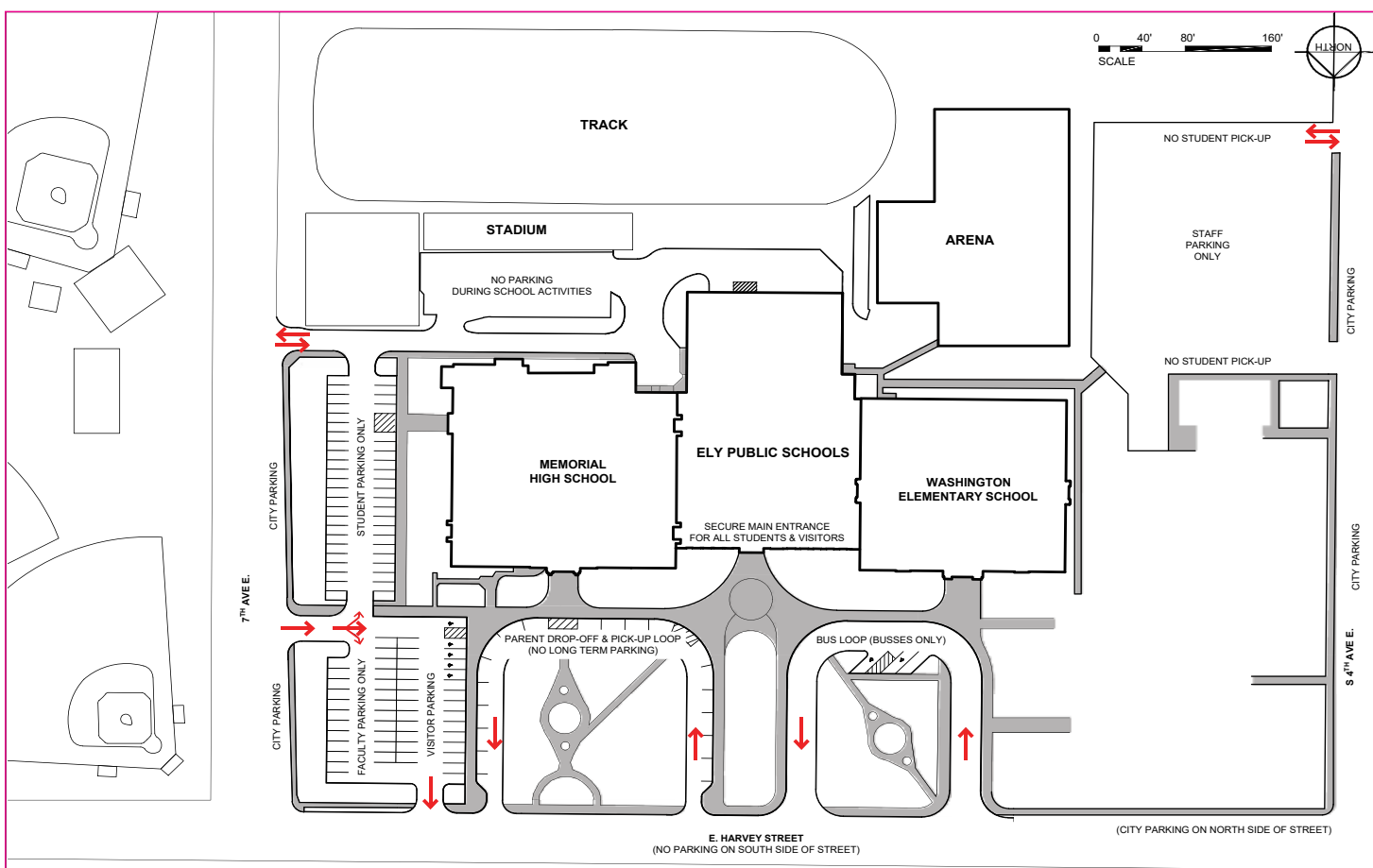
**Riding the School Bus:** Buses will be in the Bus Loop (see map) at the end of the school day. Elementary students that ride the bus will exit the building using the Washington North Door closest to the Bus Loop. Memorial students that ride the bus will exit the building using the Memorial North Doors closest to the Bus Loop.

**Parent Pick Up:** Students that walk

home or are picked up by their parents will exit the new main doors. Parents will enter the Parent Pick Up Loop (see map) at the end of the school day to pick up their child(ren) or parents can park in the Visitor Parking Lot on the east side of campus (see map). There are 15-minute parking spots in the Parent Loop. Parents will be expected to stand in the plaza to pick up their child(ren) and then walk to their car with their child with them.

The new entrance was developed by a contracted civil engineer and reviewed by local fire and police departments, the city of Ely, and the school administration.

Subject to change: New procedures often bring confusion and frustration. Please be patient as we work through the new procedures of our new building and new secure front entrance. Contact your child's building principal for specific questions.



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## VOLLEYBALL

### Grizzlies romp in season debut

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP- The North Woods volleyball team opened the season with a convincing 3-0 shellacking of Mt. Iron-Buhl at home on Monday. It was a performance that has Head Coach Kandi Olson excited about the new season.

“I knew we had a lot of kids who worked in the offseason to develop the skills that we

needed out of them,” Olson said. “Throughout all their years together they’ve always put in that extra time. Some of these seniors have sat behind people for a long time, and their time was coming. They knew it was coming. I knew that I would have something pretty special this year.”

The Rangers were clearly unprepared to deal with the Grizzlies’ service game at the outset, as North Woods con-

stantly kept them off balance by mixing hard flat serves and drop serves placed with precision to run away with a 25-9 rout in the first game.

“We’re going to have a tough serving team,” Olson said. “We have several players that just have great court sense and know where to put the ball.”

The Grizzlies got out to a 12-4 lead in the second game before MI-B finally adjusted

**Right: The Grizzlies’ Skyler Yernatich pounds a hard hit from the wing.**

photo by D. Colburn

and made a short run to get back to within five, 14-9. North Woods never looked ruffled as they maintained that edge and claimed a 25-19 victory.

The Grizzlies found them-

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## VOLLEYBALL

### Ely tops ‘Hawks in three

Wolves looking for another dominant season; Nighthawks in rebuilding mode

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

BABBITT— There were few surprises in Tuesday night’s volleyball season opener here. The Timberwolves, who finished as the top-seed in the section last year, dominated play in a straight set victory, 25-11, 25-10, and 25-17. The Nighthawks, playing without the services of their long-time ace Hannah Reichensperger, struggled to find their rhythm against the well-honed Wolves.

Ely dominated all three games, although the Nighthawks showed signs of life in the final set of the night.

The Wolves posted a solid season-opening effort from

**Above: Ely junior Hannah Penke goes up high for a kill attempt Tuesday night in Babbitt.**

**Right: Ely’s Lilli Rechichi tips the ball over the outstretched arms of an NER defender.**

photos by J. Greeney

several players, including junior Hannah Penke, who tallied seven kills and six ace serves. Sophomore Clare Thomas added seven kills, while senior Rachel Coughlin added four kills and seven digs and Kate Coughlin added 11 digs. Junior Sarah Visser

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## BASEBALL



The recent salute to veterans at Veterans Memorial stadium would have typically been the end of the baseball season in Ely, but not this year.

### Fall baseball events set for Ely this year

Showcases planned Sept. 11, 17, and 25

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY— The recent military veterans salute by the Ely Baseball Association would normally have marked the end of the baseball season in Ely. The salute was presented late last month during the Minnesota Junior Legion Baseball Division II State Tournament at Veterans Memorial Field, which drew big crowds.

Yet, serious players in the Ely area shouldn’t put their mitts away just yet. According to a post on the Ely Baseball Family Facebook page, baseball will be back this month, including multi-game showcases on Sunday, Sept. 11, Saturday, Sept. 17, and Sunday, Sept. 25. Event organizer Tom Coombe said at least one other weekend date may be in the works.

“Three games will be played each day, with umpires, and perhaps concessions as well,” Coombe said.

High school and college age players will be mixed together. Competition is open to players in grades 9 and above. Tentative registration price is \$40.

More details will be coming soon, according to Coombe.

## COMPETITIVE FISHING

### High school anglers show how its done

50-inch muskie takes state tourney

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

LAKE VERMILION- A pair of Twin Cities high school anglers won the 2022 Minnesota High School Muskie State Championship held Aug. 12 on Lake Vermilion.

Runners-up in last year’s tourney, Elli Borovsky and Carter Graff claimed the

**Right: Elli Borovsky displays the 50-inch muskie, caught on Lake Vermilion, that vaulted her and teammate Carter Graff to the high school state tourney championship.**

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championship this year with a 50-inch muskie.

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selves in a battle early in the third, as the Rangers initially took the lead and trailed just 13-12 after officials reversed a call that initially would have put North Woods up by three. But a five-point run with senior Skyler Yernatich serving was the high point in a 12-2 Grizzlies' run that closed out the game and the match 25-14.

Olson said that this is a team that doesn't get easily rattled.

"They have this inner calm about them," Olson said. "That shows in their play where they can just play it out till the end, and they never quit until that ball is completely dead."

That calm may come from the fact that the Grizzlies' 11-player varsity roster included five seniors and four juniors.

Hannah Kinsey is the senior with the most experience, Olson said.



**As Cooper Antikainen looks on, Maddie Dantes returns a serve against MIB.** photo by D. Colburn

"She's always had awesome energy on the court, but this year she's developed some strength that she hasn't had, and I loved seeing that show in game one," Olson said. "I can only imagine where she's going to be by the end of the season."

Yernatich has always been a force on the court, Olson said.

"We can always trust that when the ball goes to her she's going to do something solid with it, and defensively, she's top notch," Olson said. "But

she'll also open some eyes in the front row this year."

Karah Scofield is one of those seniors who has bided her time and is expected to play a key role this year.

"Kara's played different roles I've needed her to play every year, so she's got a lot of court knowledge," Olson said. "She knows how to play basically every position on the court."

Cooper Antikainen and Angeline Lilya round out the Grizzlies' group of seniors.

Junior Tori Olson has made a mark in past seasons with her hitting, but with the many options Coach Olson has this season, she's wearing the libero jersey this year.

"She started out that way in her career on varsity, and she really learned how to dig some of those really serious kills," Olson said. "We're going to capitalize

on that defensive skill by putting her in the back row to help set up all these other people. And you can see that she's always got an opposite color jersey on the bench if I need her for a different role as well, because she's got a lot of experience."

The Grizzlies said goodbye to graduating senior setter Morgan Burnett last year, but juniors Maddie Dantes and Talise Goodsky have stepped right into her shoes, Olson said. "I think everyone thought we were going to drop off a little bit," Olson said. "But we had two kids ready to take that spot. And we haven't even seen the best out of Maddie yet."

Addy Hartway rounds out the juniors, giving the Grizzlies another strong returning hitter from last year who also displays good finesse around the net.

And while the Grizzlies

don't have any sophomores in the lineup, two freshmen, Lauren Burnett and Isabel Pascuzzi, landed spots on the varsity and will likely see plenty of playing time.

Olson said that she has the players necessary to implement a rotation that will be strong on defense, and that in turn should complement the Grizzlies' offense.

"Now we can give some of our offensive people a break," Olson said. "They don't have to spend as much time on the back row anymore because we have such good balance and depth. When they get to the front row, they can give it everything they've got."

The Grizzlies had a Tuesday night home match against International Falls before taking a brief break going into the Labor Day weekend. Their first road trip of the season will be on Tuesday, Sept. 6 when they

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The big catch helped them to dethrone the two-time reigning champions, Charles Weiss and Erik Panyan, who finished second.

Sixteen teams spent eight hours out on the water in pursuit of muskies and northern pike.

"Lake Vermilion pro-

duced excellent results this year with students logging five muskies and ten northern pike during the event," tournament director Dave Schueck said. "The five caught muskies is the most we've observed in many years for the tournament. Participants indicated that several other 50-inch-class

fish were hooked, or nearly so, but never made it to the net."

Vermilion Dam Lodge again served as headquarters and catered lunch for the annual event. Vermilion Lake Association members performed aquatic invasive species inspections prior to the initial boat launch.

The tournament was dedicated to the memory of Jeff Young, a longtime youth fishing promoter and muskie/pike fishing advocate.

The tournament was sponsored by Youth Heritage Outdoors and the Twin Cities chapter of Muskies, Inc. and support-

ed by more than a dozen vendors and organizations.

The top five teams included:

1. Elli Borovsky and Carter Graff, 23 points, 50" muskie
2. Charles Weiss/Erik Panyan, 15 points, 44" muskie
3. Cole Nelson/Drew

Nelson, 13.25 points, 40.25" muskie + 31" pike + 25" pike

4. Aiden Johnson/Emmett Johnson, 10.5 points, 39.5" muskie

5. Landen Brill/Grayson Schmidt, 9.75 points, 38.75" muskie

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and senior Madeline Kallberg led in set assists with 15 and 12 respectively. Sophomore Lilli Rechichi added four kills on the night.

The Nighthawks found some success from the serving line, as Danica Sundblad went ten-for-ten serving and Morgan Bush went six-for-six. Maizy Sundblad notched five kills for the 'Hawks.

The Timberwolves will be back in action next Tuesday, hosting Littlefork-Big Falls. The varsity is set for 7 p.m.

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**Obituaries and Death Notices**



**Keith Vandervort**

Keith Vandervort, 60, of Ely, passed away at home of natural causes on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 16 at First Presbyterian Church in Ely. A meal and remembrance will follow at Grand Ely Lodge from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. the same day. Arrangements are with Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

Keith was born in Fond du Lac, Wis. He graduated from the Uni-

versity of Wisconsin-Oshkosh with a degree in journalism and political science.

Keith started his career in journalism at the Chilton Times-Journal in Wisconsin where he met his wife, Kay. He worked at two newspapers in Fond du Lac and then took a job as a staff photographer at The Record-Eagle in Traverse City, Mich. Following that position, he returned to Fond du Lac as the chief photographer at The Reporter, then moved to a position as copy editor/page designer for The Reporter and later was the regional copy desk editor for Gannett Wisconsin Media. Keith's final position was as the Ely Editor for *The Timberjay*.

He won state newspaper association awards in Wisconsin, Michigan, and most recently, a first-place in Local Breaking News from the Minnesota Newspaper Association for his coverage of the

storm that halted the Ely Blueberry/Art Festival in 2021.

Keith loved the news, politics, puns, lame duck jokes, photography, the Green Bay Packers, his family and friends and Kay. He was an amateur ham radio operator and enjoyed putting together World War II airplane models and Legos. He read voraciously, liked Wednesday date night and one-day adventures to find a pretty rock, the best breadsticks, or something big such as the giant mouse in Fennimore, Wis., the cherry pie in Charlevoix, Mich., or the Smokey the Bear in Inter-national Falls.

He took numerous trips with family into the Boundary Waters, starting when he was in middle school. He enjoyed camping. He liked meeting new people and made friends wherever he went.

Keith is survived by his wife, Kay (Haden)

Vandervort; siblings, Kathleen (Gerald) Farrell, Kevin Vandervort and Kraig (Tina) Vandervort; stepson, Jeffrey (Lisa) Peters; step-grandson, Jack Peters; sisters and brother-in-law, Nancy Haden (Bill) Meyer and Rose Haden; aunts and uncle, Shirley Kissinger and Larry and Diane Eggers; nieces and nephews, Laurie (Jack) Elliott, Michael (Leah) Farrell, AnnMarie (Allyce) Sulkowski, Kimberly Vandervort, Rachel Vandervort, Travis Vandervort, Brett (Sarina) Meyer, Cory (Mai) Meyer, Lauren Meyer (Kyle) Leto, Diana (James) Barany and Jennifer (Tim) Blair; seventeen great-nieces and great-nephews; and numerous cousins.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William Jr. and Arlene (Eggers) Vandervort; parents-in-law, Floyd and Mildred (Wyble) Haden; brother-in-law, Richard Haden; sisters-in-law,

Mackie Vandervort and Patricia Babler; and uncle, Sonny Kissinger.

**Edward F. Klimek**

Edward Francis Klimek, 70, of Mt. Iron, formerly of Babbitt and Embarrass, was set free from this world on Sunday, Aug. 28, 2022, at his home, surrounded by his wife and daughters. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 2 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Virginia with Rev. Father Brandon Moravitz as celebrant. A gathering time for family and friends will begin one hour prior to Mass at the church. Family services are provided by Bauman-Cron, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Virginia.

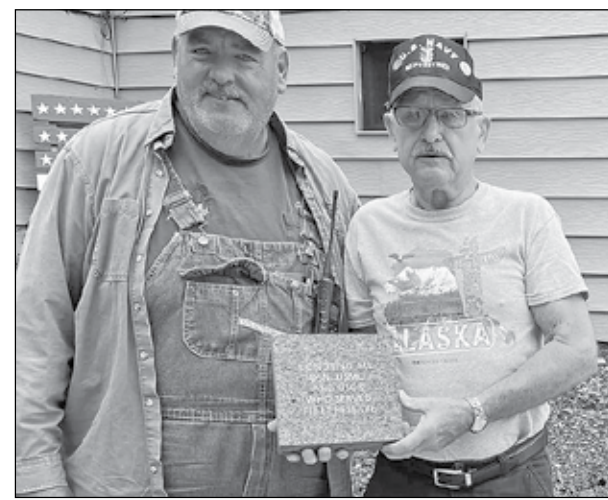
He is survived by his wife, Lynda Kachmarzinski Klimek; daughters, Jennifer (Matthew Clark) Klimek and Teresa Appelwick; grandchildren,

Hunter and Isabelle; sister, Meylonie (Robert) Schatz; brother, Louie; sister-in-law, Betty Klimek; brothers-in-law, Rusty (Lorraine) Seelen, Willy (Rose) Seelen, Jim (Pam) Kachmarzinski and Donald (Janine) Kachmarzinski; many nieces and nephews and great-nieces and nephews; and many beloved cousins.

**Delores L. Richter**

Delores Lillian Salo Richter, 88, of Ely, originally of Embarrass, died on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022. Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her children, Ron Richter, Jimmy Hart and Maria Dumford; aunts and uncles; many nieces and nephews; grandchildren and great-grandchildren.



**Veterans on the Lake gets a new memorial**

WINTON- A memorial stone was recently placed at Veterans on the Lake (VOTL) by the Navy Chiefs of the Fleet Reserve Association. This memorial is a black/gray granite stone engraved "Honoring all USN, USMC, and USCG who served Fleet Reserve." The Fleet Reserve is comprised of the three sea service branches of the military, Navy, Marine, and Coast Guard, where personnel serve

shipboard. Accepting the stone from Navy Master Chief, Gene Jarnagin, left, was Andy Berkenpas, general manager at VOTL. The stone was placed in the flower garden at the main entrance as a reminder to Veterans that their service to the country is much appreciated and not forgotten. The Fleet Reserve Navy Chiefs also placed a duplicate stone on the Viking Ship at U.S. Bank Stadium. submitted photo

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## WILD HARVEST

### Wild rice crop running behind schedule

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— The wild rice season has officially been open for nearly three weeks, but the rice harvest has been slowed by the later-than-usual ripening of the wild grain. While the season opens by statute on Aug. 15, it remains illegal to harvest unripe or green rice.

“While we’ve heard reports of good rice in some places this year, a cooler early spring meant

Slow-to-ripen rice has hampered harvest to date

many lakes had late ice-out and the wild rice growing season was pushed back up to two weeks,” said Ricky Lien, DNR wetland habitat team supervisor.

In a typical year in north-eastern Minnesota, some rice is harvestable by the last week of August, with the rest ripening through the first half of September.

Bois Forte officials predicted

mid-September for peak ripeness at Nett Lake, although harvesting could begin sometime in the second week of the month. Ricing dates and times are set by the Bois Forte Conservation Committee.

River rice generally ripens earlier than lake rice, so ripe rice will likely be available in some places by the first week of the month. Harvesting of wild rice is not heavily monitored outside

of reservations, so ricers need to rely on their own experience to prevent harvesting unripe rice.

So far, the crop appears decidedly mixed across north-eastern Minnesota. Some rivers have good stands of rice, although it appears to be shorter than usual in some cases, which can make it harder to harvest. It appears

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## MUSHROOMS

### A fungi fantasy



August’s wet weather brought an abundance of unusual shapes and colors to area woods

Here in the North Country, a wet summer typically means two things: happy frogs and happy fungi. Since I don’t eat frogs, it’s the fungi that have been getting most of my attention.

And I’m not alone. Turns out it’s a great year for us wild mushroom gatherers and we’ve been busy picking, cleaning, and either eating mushrooms or putting them away for future use.

My wife Jodi likes to sauté them in butter before bagging them and putting them in the freezer, where they keep just fine for at least a year.

There are lots of edible mushrooms in our region, but I only focus on two varieties, chanterelles and hedgehogs, which are excellent eating and easy to identify. The hedgehogs, which I personally think are among the very choicest of mushrooms, are usually hard to come by, but this year we’ve been finding them in huge numbers and we’re putting them away in the freezer along with the 50 quarts of blueberries and at least as many chokecherries that we’ve harvested so far.

Last year’s drought not only sparked an amazing flush of wild fruits this year, the mushroom hunting is the best I’ve seen in years. Hunting wild mushrooms involves slowly meandering through deep woods, looking at the ground, searching under ferns and other understory growth for the telltale signs of the delectables. They almost always grow in loose clumps, so if you find one, there’s usually more.

It’s easy to forget that a mushroom isn’t



MARSHALL HELMBERGER



Top: The undersides of a nice haul of golden chanterelles.

Above: An unknown species of frilly mushroom.

Left: A bright purple coral fungus.

Below: A group of tiny parasol-like mushrooms.



Above left: Dozens of club fungi emerge from the ground.

Left: Possible honey mushrooms emerge from the underside of a log.



photos by V. Ranua, J. Summit, and M. Helmberger

## Wildflower Watch

This week’s featured flower  
**NODDING BUR MARIGOLD**



The perky yellow flowers of the **Nodding Bur Marigold**, *Bidens cernua*, are in bloom right now along the edges of lakeshores, swamps, or wet ditches.

It’s another late member of the Aster family and it goes by another common name, “beggar ticks,” which speak to the bur-like seeds that will come along for the ride if you walk through a patch of these later in the fall.

They’re readily identifiable by their cheery sunflower-like appearance (though the flowers only measure an inch or so across) and their long narrow, finely-toothed leaves.

## Outdoors briefly

### Duck hunters should keep an eye out for ricers

REGIONAL— Hunters taking part in this year’s early teal and goose hunting seasons, which begin Saturday, Sept. 3, may find they’re sharing their lake or stream with those harvesting wild rice.

Minnesota’s experimental early teal season runs through Wednesday, Sept. 7, with shooting hours from sunrise to sunset. This year’s early goose season runs from Saturday, Sept. 3 through Sunday, Sept. 18, with shooting hours from 30 minutes before sunrise until sunset.

Since wild rice is ripening at the same time as Minnesota’s early waterfowl hunting seasons, waterfowl hunters are urged to be aware of and cautious about wild ricers no matter where they hunt.

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service allows states to hold an experimental early teal season for up to three years, and 2022 is the second year Minnesota has had this season. Observers will be documenting which species hunters target and shoot. The statewide early goose season has occurred since 1996, with over-water hunting allowed through much of the state since 2003.

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See MUSHROOMS...pg. 5B



**POPULATIONS**

**LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST**

from NOAA weather



Friday				Saturday				Sunday				Monday				Tuesday			
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08/27	79	46	0.01	08/27	77	45	0.22	08/27	77	51	0.00	08/27	72	61	0.22	08/27	77	46	0.02
08/28	73	62	0.14	08/28	77	45	0.00	08/28	72	60	0.14	08/28	77	64	0.00	08/28	74	60	0.18
YTD Total 19.00				YTD Total 21.73				YTD Total 21.16				YTD Total NA NA				YTD Total 26.58			

Trumpeter swans have become a common sight in Minnesota thanks to a very successful reintroduction program beginning in the 1980s.

**It appears drought impacted most waterfowl populations**

But trumpeter swans hit new record high

REGIONAL— Last year's extreme drought across much of northern Minnesota appears to have impacted waterfowl populations heading into this summer's breeding season. Based on spring population surveys, conducted by the Department of Natural Resources, waterfowl numbers were down almost across the board.

Only trumpeter swans, now estimated to number 25,000 in Minnesota, saw an increase in their population. The latest swan count represents a new record high for this species and is further evidence of the remarkable success of the reintroduction of the trumpeter swan in Minnesota. In the U.S. only Alaska is home to more trumpeter swans than Minnesota.

The 2022 breeding population estimates for other species include:

► Mallards—231,000, which is 19 percent below the 2019 estimate and unchanged from the long-term average.

► Blue-winged teal—161,000, which is 28 percent below the 2019 estimate and 24 percent

below the long-term average.

► Other ducks, excluding scaup, (such as ring-necked ducks, wood ducks, gadwalls, northern shovelers, canvasbacks, redheads and buffleheads), 175,000 which is six percent below the 2019 estimate and three percent below the long-term average.

► Total breeding duck abundance (excluding scaup) — 567,000, which is 18 percent below the 2019 estimate and 9 percent below the long-term average.

► Canada geese — 115,000, which is similar to the 2019 estimate and 27 percent below the long-term average.

Overall, it was a very late spring across the state, especially in the north. It is likely that some blue-winged teal, a species that migrates relatively late in the spring, were still south of Minnesota when the survey began. As a result of the late spring, nesting effort and the number of young produced is expected to be below average for both ducks and Canada geese.

**MUSHROOMS...**Continued from page 4B



a separate organism. It's simply a reproductive appendage that fungi (which live mainly out-of-sight in the soil) deploy when the conditions are right. The mushrooms develop spores, which are then dispersed usually by wind, although animals probably help disperse the spores in some cases. Humans aren't the only ones out in the woods looking for tasty mushrooms, after all.

Mushrooms often grow in little clumps, or rings, or in relatively straight lines depending on how the fungal mycelium travel underground. During dry conditions, like last summer, fungi generally lie low, which is why you see very few mushrooms in a drought year.

But follow drought up with abundant rains the following summer and you have the makings of a real explosion, which is what we're seeing in the woods right now.

While I'm usually looking for edibles, the variety of different fungi is amazing right now and definitely worth sharing. Here's just a sampling...



Top left: A clump of Amanita muscaria, one of the few hallucinogenic mushrooms in the area. It is also toxic.

Top right: A large coral mushroom.

Above: A nice haul of hedgehog mushrooms, named for the pointy "teeth" on the underside of the caps, which resemble the coat of a hedgehog.

Left: All this yellow club fungus is saying is "Give Peace a Chance."

**RICING...**Continued from page 4B

rice crops are generally lighter than usual on many traditional rice lakes in the region.

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Court File No. 69VI-PR-22-133  
Estate of Delores Irene Stocke, aka Delores I. Stocke, Decedent

**NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR SUMMARY ASSIGNMENT OR DISTRIBUTION AND FOR FORMAL PROBATE OF WILL, EXEMPT ESTATE**  
Dated: August 16, 2022  
BY THE COURT  
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Amy Turnquist  
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It is Ordered and Notice is now given that the Petition will be heard on September 21, 2022, at 9:00 a.m., by this Court at 300 S 5th Ave, Virginia MN 55792.

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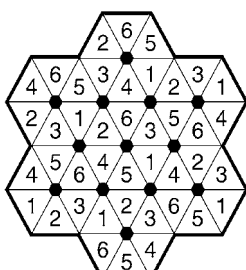
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13 At once  
14 Singer Rawls  
15 Lightweight wood  
16 Old Pontiac  
18 More tightly packed  
20 "Star Wars" royal  
21 Photo, for short  
23 "Fresh Air" airer  
24 Party beverage  
25 Unforeseen problem  
27 Say  
29 Elk's horn  
31 Wheel cover  
35 Playful sea critter  
37 Only  
38 Barber's tools  
41 Aug. and Sept.  
43 Knock  
44 Region  
45 Halloween sprite  
47 Young shopping center regular  
49 Milk dispens-

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1 Bar bill  
2 One — kind  
3 Villanova athlete  
4 Gaelic  
5 "Blue" singer Rimes  
6 Loose news-paper ad  
7 Gloomy  
8 Have  
9 Sci-fi visitor  
10 Column style  
11 A son of Jacob  
17 Book jacket promos  
19 Sudden gush  
21 Unpaid TV ad  
22 Hostel  
24 Little, in Lille  
26 Worldwide  
28 Pulsate  
30 UFO crew  
32 Deep-fried frank  
33 Pie — mode  
34 Zing  
36 Acted badly?  
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by Linda Thistle

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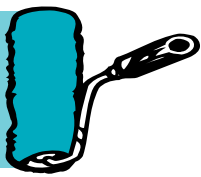
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