

EAGLES NEST

Township to enact short-term rental moratorium

Board will vote next month to implement one-year pause, provide time for new ordinance

by JODI SUMMIT Tower-Soudan Editor

EAGLES NEST TWP-Short-term vacation rentals are coming under new scrutiny and are likely to face at least a temporary moratorium based on town board action here on Tuesday. The town board will vote on a proposed one-year prohibition on new vacation

rentals in the township at their meeting on Oct. 18.

The moratorium, if approved, would exempt properties that have already received permits, or are in the process of receiving permits, from St. Louis County.

St. Louis County put a permitting process in place for short-term rentals (those under one month in duration)

in 2020. The permits require a rental to meet certain standards for health and safety, as well as requiring the collection of sales tax and any other applicable taxes.

"We are covered by this county ordinance," said Supervisor Kurt Soderberg at the Sept. 20 town board meeting.

Soderberg said the county

has only issued two permits for short-term rental units in Eagles Nest Township, one on Six Mile Rd., and the other on Walsh Rd.

But based on what we hear from people, he said, there are a lot more.

"We need to make sure

they are permitted by St. Louis

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COVID-19



Left: Last year's canoe portage marathon winner was looking good as he came across the finish line in Whiteside Park amidst a large crowd of cheering fans. It all kicks off again on Saturday with the seventh running of the Ely Marathon.

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Is the pandemic really over?

Experts disagree, but the virus continues to circulate widely in the North Country

by DAVID COLBURN

Cook-Orr Editor

"The pandemic is over," or so said President Biden last Sunday on 60 Minutes, but that doesn't mean the COVID-19 virus has disappeared in St. Louis County or elsewhere in the country. And Biden's announcement, while no doubt welcome to many, struck some as premature.

University of Minnesota infectious disease expert Michael Osterholm is one of those disease experts who took issue with the pronouncement. "We've had two million cases reported over the last 28 days, and we know underreporting is substantial, Osterholm told the New York Times this week, noting that COVID-19" continues to be the No. 4 cause of death in the country." Anthony Fauci, now the president's Chief Medical Advisor, appeared to push back on the president's pronouncement as well. "We are not where we need to be if we're going to be able to, quote, 'live with the virus," Fauci said, "because we know we're not going to eradicate it.' As Fauci and Osterholm have both noted, COVID-related deaths are still running at between 400 and 500 a day, a number Osterholm said would have been alarming in the early days of the pandemic

ELY MARATHON

A little sweat, a lot of fun

No running shoes required for most marathon activities this weekend

by RACHEL BROPHY Staff Writer

ELY - This weekend nearly 600 athletes will arrive in Ely to run... and run. Roughly 400 of them will take part in the 13.1 mile-

long Boundary Waters Bank half-marathon, while close to 200 will be running all 26.2 miles of the Ely marathon.

As if running a half or full marathon isn't challenge enough, more than 20 racers will be attempting to do it Ely style – carrying canoes. For those not schooled in the language of the portage trail, that's 4,195-rods for the half-marathon and an impressive 8,390-rod portage for the marathon. Anyone who's ever portaged a canoe even

a handful of rods knows that every rod counts.

The marathon, now in its seventh year, has grown remarkably in recent years, in both participants and asso-

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POLITICS

'Tis the season, for candidate debates

Congressional debate set for Sept. 24, legislative forum set for Sept. 28

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

REGIONAL— With the Nov. 8 general election just over six weeks from now, and early voting already underway, the candidate forum season is upon us and voters in the North Country will have several opportunities to hear directly

coming weeks.

Upcoming debates will include legislative candidates, the two St. Louis County sheriff candidates, and the Eighth District congressional race.

It is shaping up to be one of the most hotly contested campaigns in the region in years, with a number of open seats

from the candidates in the and the additional uncertainty created by redistricting.

> Perhaps not surprisingly, the debate over debates is underway as well. State Rep. Jen Schultz, of Duluth, who is challenging U.S. Rep. Pete Stauber in the Eighth District, has been critical of Stauber, who is now seeking his third term, for his decision to bow

out of the Duluth News-Tribune and Duluth Chamber of Commerce debate, typically the most-viewed forum in the district. It's the first time in the 12-year history of the DNT forum that a congressional candidate has declined to participate.

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ELY - The Ely Weavers and Fiber Artists will meet at the Grand Ely Lodge on Monday, Oct 3, at 11:30 a.m. Our members weave, knit, spin, do basketry and quilt. We welcome guests who share common interests. Please bring a sample of your work for show and tell. If you have questions, call Peg Dawson 317-370-5679.

Second Harvest Food Bank waives fees for area food shelf partners

Duluth - Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank is permanently waiving fees for the nationally and regionally donated food it provided to 75 northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin food shelves, kitchens, shelters and other nonprofit agency partners as the region's only "food bank." This announcement comes at a time when demand has increased beyond pandemic levels, and when communities like Ely need the food bank the most. According to Second Harvest Executive Director Shaye Moris, "We're seeing a 32 percent increase at our region's food shelves. We made our decision to waive fees to ensure our region's nonprofit partners could be as generous as possible to those facing hunger in their local communities." Moris added, "So many of our neighbors have been impacted by the pandemic, economic impacts of inflation and a high cost of living recently that we felt it an important time to make this decision."

Although often confused with a food shelf, Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank is the region's only "food bank" supplying nonprofit programs with nationally and regionally donated food and non-food items. Prior to the decision to waive fees, agency partners paid an average of two cents per pound fee to share Second Harvest's cost of food acquisition, storage and other expenses.

In the Ely community, more than 147,185 pounds of food was provided by Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank over the last year. The food has an estimated value of \$282,595, but agencies will no longer pay more than a nominal delivery fee to access it. Each year, Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank provides more than 6.5 million pounds of product to the 75 nonprofit agencies (and 135 programs) it serves throughout northeast Minnesota and northwest Wisconsin. For more information about Second Harvest Northern Lakes Food Bank call 218-727-5653 or visit www. Northernlakesfoodbank.org.

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Above: Butch Folman and Jesse Dahl chat in front of the house barn.

Right: Singer-songwriter Preston Gunderson entertained from atop a flatbed trailer on a perfect early fall night. photos by R. Brophy

Another successful Embarrass Community Night Out in the books

EMBARRASS - Sunny skies and warm weather on Sunday, Sept. 11 made for a beautiful night for neighbors, friends and family to gather at the Seitaneimi Homestead for pie, great music and a chance to catch up.



ROUND UP FOR CHARITY

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Operation Round Up® gives more than \$50,000 to community programs

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Through the contributions of Lake Country Power's participating members, the Operation Round Up® Electric Trust Board recently approved \$50,800 in assistance to local community programs during its quarterly meeting.

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Trinity Lutheran Quilters, Cook – quilts and supplies

Tower Soudan Civic Club, Tower – Operation Santa warm gifts drive

→Friends of the Parks, Cook – Veterans Riverfront Park project

► Story Portage – local authors in the Ely food shelf

► Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry (Camps Vermilion/Hiawatha), summer youth camperships

➤Gloria Dei Women/ Caring Quilters, Virginia – quilt distribution

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FALL PREVENTION

New FirstNet cell tower north of Ely now operational

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

ECHO TRAIL- A new FirstNet cell site located north of Ely is now operational, providing a much-needed boost to emergency communications for first responders working in nearby portions of the Superior National Forest and the Boundary Waters wilderness.

The new site is located on the Echo Trail near Twin Lakes and Everett Lake, about ten miles north of Ely. This is the third FirstNet site in St.

second on the Echo Trail. In 2021, FirstNet added a site near Meander Lake on the Echo Trail's west endone of the first primarily powered by solar panels in the Midwest region. This site along the Echo Trail provided coverage to first responders who battled the Bezhik wildfire in May of 2021 just a few miles south of the tower. FirstNet also added a new site in 2021 near Kjostad Lake, west of Buyck.

FirstNet is built with AT&T in public-private partnership with the

Louis County and the FirstNet Authority - an users of the BWCAW. independent agency within the federal Department of Commerce - specifically for first responders. The new cell sites provide first responders with 24-houra-day priority and preemption ability for both voice and data communications.

Cell service has been spotty to nonexistent in many parts of northern St. Louis County, particularly north of the Echo Trail, for years and that has regularly hampered efforts to respond to the frequent incidents in the area, particularly with

The FirstNet cell sites maintain a dedicated portion of the communications spectrum exclusively for first responders, to prevent the kind of communications log jams that occasionally occur during a major incident.

New cell tower north of Echo Trail offers first responders more reliability with communications.



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YIELD TO PEDESTRIANS Police chief urges patience during weekend's marathon

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

ELY- Police Chief Chad Houde urged Ely residents to be patient this weekend due to a number of detours and road closures in advance of the Ely Marathon, set to be held on Saturday.

"There will be some traffic and parking impacted," said Houde. "Not only in our community, but outside as well, up the Echo Trail, and along County Rd 88.

Houde made his comments about halfway through the Ely City Council meeting on Tuesday.

Houde advised that several of Ely's most heavily traveled corridors will be impacted by the race, which annually draws hundreds of racers to the community.

"It will affect Pioneer Rd., Miner's Drive, 17th Avenue, Camp Street, Sheridan Street, and Second Avenue, I believe," added Houde. He noted that no overnight parking will be allowed on portions of Sheridan Street and several avenues near Whiteside Park to minimize risks to racers. "There will also be detours posted and I just ask for patience," Houde said. "It's a long day with a lot of events, but it's a good thing

for our community."

A complete listing of marathon-related events and road closures can be found at www.elymarathon.com/ weekend-info.

In other business, the city council approved the sale of several pieces of surplus equipment along with two city lots in East Spaulding First Addition.

The council approved the sale of Lot 4, Block 1 to Wild Haven Investments LLC, but not without some questions about the com-

pany's intended use of the property. Council member Al Forsman noted that the city ordinance prohibits the construction of "spec" homes. "Are they planning on living on this property," he asked. "We don't know," saidClerk-TreasurerHarold Langowski, "but right now I can tell them with certainty that there will not be any short-term rental licenses available by the time they build. I think we only have two or three of them left right now." After a bit more discussion, the council approved the sale unanimously. The council also

approved the sale of Lot 2. Block 1 to Mark and Audrey Hentzen, with little discussion. The price of the lots in the addition are set by ordinance.

The council also approved a motion to move forward with the annexation of two lots on W. Shagawa from Morse Township. Langowski explained that one of the properties is

already connected to city utilities and the other is connected to city water but now wants to connect to city sewer. He noted that under the city ordinance, both properties should be annexed as part of any connection to utilities. Langowski said the town-

annexation in exchange for payment of four years' worth of property tax receipts for the properties in question, or a lump sum total of \$606.36, according to Langowski.

The council approval will mark the start of a several month process that

ship is amenable to the See PATIENCE...pg. 5

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Editorial

High court falls Roberts rues the Supreme Court's loss of legitimacy.

U.S. Supreme Court Chief Justice John Roberts is blaming the American public for the court's loss of legitimacy. At a legal conference in Colorado earlier this month, Roberts made note of recent polling that shows the public's view of the high court and its legitimacy has plummeted since 2020.

Roberts argued that some of the court's recent decisions, which have been unpopular with the public, have raised questions about the court's legitimacy, a reaction that Roberts says is wrong.

"The court has always decided controversial cases and decisions always have been subject to intense criticism and that is entirely inappropriate," he opined to attendees at the conference.

"Simply because people disagree with an opinion is not a basis for criticizing the legitimacy of the court."

Roberts is correct on both counts, yet his comments reveal a surprising lack of understanding of some of the key factors behind the high court's fall from grace.

Perhaps the most significant wasn't even the fault of the court itself. There is a distinct partisan divide when it comes to the court's legitimacy. Democrats are far more likely to view the current court as illegitimate, not because of any particular ruling, but because the current makeup of the court is illegitimate in itself due to the actions of the U.S. Senate while under GOP control.

When Mitch McConnell and the rest of the GOP Senate leadership blocked President Obama from replacing the late Antonin Scalia with fully eleven months left in his presidential term, (arguing that it should be up to the next president to decide his replacement), and then rushed through a religious fundamentalist in Amy Coney Barrett to replace the liberal lion Ruth Bader Ginsburg, barely a week before the 2020 presidential election, GOP leaders exposed themselves as the ultimate hypocrites and the high court as inherently political. If Roberts wants the American people to view the court with the legitimacy he believes the justices are owed, it's up to the justices to demonstrate they aren't simply partisan hacks enacting a Republican agenda to take America to the 1800s. Despite the occasional effort by Roberts to rein in his antediluvian court majority, the court in the wake of Barrett's appointment has taken a hard and very political turn. The key principles of judicial restraint

and stare decisis have been tossed out the window as the court's radicals are intent on stripping Americans of their right to be left alone by the government, and of elevating the powers of the judiciary by weakening the powers of both other branches of government.

They've made clear their intent to enshrine Christian fundamentalist principles into government, in direct conflict with the Constitution, and have drawn fresh battle lines to block government action on climate change. In case after case, they have done so by going far beyond the issues actually before them.

Americans are rightly concerned. The voters in 2020 put the Democrats in full control of the other two branches of government. Yet, due to the illegitimate actions of a prior Republican-led Senate, we have an extraordinarily partisan high court that is openly seeking to keep Democrats from enacting their agenda. And they now have the votes to do it.

If the high court is going to decide cases based on partisan interests rather than the law, then let's enact reforms to provide a chance for the public to have a say in that. Democracy is about giving the people a voice. We've exempted the Supreme Court from the checks that things like elections, term limits, and ethics rules impose on the legislative and executive branches of government because we envisioned that would ensure their independence. But the increasingly partisan nature of Supreme Court appointments has undermined any sense of independence. And when we see Supreme Court justices attending political conferences and making injudicious comments on a whole host of political matters, Americans have every reason to view the court as little more than a powerful, political, and accountable body. It doesn't have to be that way. Congress has the constitutional authority to determine the number of justices and the rules that govern their activities, their appointment process, the terms of their appointments, and the ethical rules that govern their activities. Chief Justice Roberts appears unwilling or unable to recognize the degree to which the radicals who now dominate his court, and the illegitimate process that elevated them to power, have undermined the court's reputation. Until something changes, opinions of the high court will only continue to fall. And it won't be the public at fault.



Underfunded mental health and addiction services

OPINION

Decades of failed mental health policies have placed law enforcement on the front line of mental health crisis response and turned jails and prisons into the new asylums. Deinstitutionalization, treatment laws demanding a person become violent before intervention, discriminatory Federal Medicaid funding policies and the prolonged failure by states to fund their mental health systems drive those in need of care into the criminal justice and corrections systems, rather than into the public health system where they belong.

While many states attempt to divert people from jail if their crimes are the product of mental illness, diversion alone cannot address policies making the care of those with mental illness a law enforcement matter rather than a medical one. Criminalizing mental illness worsens the health of hundreds of thousands of people and complicates their recovery by creating additional barriers in housing, employment and education. It burdens law enforcement and correctional systems. In the process, it costs taxpayers millions of dollars. Nobody benefits, everybody loses.

Community-based mental health care encompasses a wide variety of programs and services designed to meet local needs. These programs and services are delivered primarily by community agencies and are designed to serve the most vulnerable and those with serious mental health issues. Some of these programs and services include detox units, behavioral health (psychiatric) units, and crisis centers (complete with fully staffed mental health mobile crisis intervention teams).

State and Federal policy makers have lost insight

regarding their constituents' needs, especially those living with mental health or addiction issues. Community-based programs and services in many areas of the state are understaffed, underfunded and lack the resources necessary to provide quality services to those living with mental health or addiction issues. How many more people need to suffer needlessly with mental health issues, die by overdose, alcohol related accidents, or suicide?

Your help and your voice is needed so that mental health and addiction programs and services are available to all who need them and when they need them. I would like to hear your views and opinions on these issues. I may be reached at gottahavehope38@gmail.com or by letter to 559 W Broadway St., Winona, MN 55987.

> Mark Jacobson Peer Support Specialist Winona, MN

Fixing hunger is everybody's business

Letters from Readers

The world is seeing the effects of Vladimir Putin's war against Ukraine in rising oil and natural gas prices. A much more serious impact is coming: a global food catastrophe.

The war isn't the only cause, of course. Bad weather exacerbated by climate change, including drought and floods, plays a role. So does

bad government: flawed policies and programs for trade, immigration and agriculture. High energy prices and supply chain problems compound the situation.

Regardless of the causes, this is an urgent problem that the world needs to take seriously. It is



a global crisis, and it requires a global response. We need a worldwide effort, led by the United Nations, to address this crisis.

A c c o r d i n g to U.N. Secretary General Antonio Guterres, the food shortage could last for years, bringing malnutrition, mass hunger and famine for tens of millions

of people. That's a startling statement: that the problem is so serious, and we may not be able to solve it for years.

Experts say that more than a billion people will not be sure of getting enough to eat. The number of people classified by the World Food Program as "food insecure" has doubled in two years, to 276 million.

Adecade ago, U.N. member nations set a goal of "zero hunger" by 2030, and some progress was being made. But the COVID-19 pandemic, with its disruption of the world economy, set back the effort. With the war in Ukraine and other issues, things are getting worse, not better.

Russia and Ukraine together supply 28% of the world market for wheat, 29% for barley, 15% for corn and 75% for sunflower oil. But exports largely stopped when the warbegan in February. Last year's Ukrainian harvests are stuck in ports, which are blockaded and mined. Storage facilities are full, with no room for this year's harvest.

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Adult summer school has just ended

I am back from one of my periodic writing breaks. My last column was in the June 3 edition, and now it is three months later. Time does fly and in many ways I feel like I just completed summer school, finishing one task after another and learning new lessons along the way. In early June, I was scheduled to fly down to Kansas City to spend

time with my brother, his wife



and family. I had saved up a nice wad of cash to spend on frivolous wonderful things if I chose to. A reservation was in place to take the shuttle from Duluth to the Minneapolis airport. My son and his girlfriend planned to drive me to Duluth, but a few days before departure my brother called and said that he had COVID, so

we had to cancel my trip. It was a disappointment, but I decided

to go to Duluth anyhow with the kids and stay overnight at the Radisson with dinner and all the trimmings of a mini-vacay. There was lots of dining out, a bit of shopping, plenty of laughs, time on the beach at Park Point and by the time we headed home the next day the wad of money I had saved was pretty much shot. The lesson learned is ... "spending is quick; earning is slow." It was equally enjoyable spending it on family fun rather than only on myself. It all turned out different than planned but going with the flow in life is a good lesson to learn, too. My brother thankfully eased through his bout with COVID,

and my trip was rescheduled for the fall.

In mid-June, I once again took part in LVCC's annual Midsummer dinner and show. The theme this year was "A Musical Evening in Norway." The auction, guest speakers and formal dinner all took place at the Tower Civic Center, then guests walked across the highway to the new LVCC building for the entertainment portion. Singers from the Iron Range, Twin Cities and California performed a variety of wonderful selections under the direction of Jan Kimes of Minneapolis, who is also an LVCC Board Member. The warmly-lit wood interior, open beam ceiling, and happy guests brought the old building to life. It was a magical evening! Show highlights included Steve Solkela, Hardanger Fiddlers, Linda Bajan and yours truly. After the choir finished a song ... I tossed on a hat loaded with fishing tackle, stood up from my choir chair pretending to be a Norwegian, and told an Ole and Lena joke. I haven't forgot how to be an actress....not yet. The lesson is....JUST DO IT... get up, assume you're funny.... then go sit down and get on with the show.

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will require the homeowners to file a petition that both the city and township would need to approve before it would be forwarded to the state Board of Adjustment for final action.

In other action, the council:

➤ On Langowski's recommendation, approved the for sale listing of several pieces of city surplus equipment, including a 2006 Chevrolet HD 2500 Diesel pickup with Boss snow plow, a Husqvarna garden tractor with mower deck and a Toro wheel hose tractor with mower, broom, and snowblower attachments. The equipment will be sold at auction through Ely Auction Service.

Approved the survey and pinning of a city lot being sold to Daniel Krings, with Krings to split the \$975 cost of the work with the city. Bear Island Surveying will be handling the work.

► Heard from Mayor Roger Skraba in his report that he met with individuals who are interested in purchasing the WELY radio station and he expects there will be bids submitted for the station, which could keep the financially-troubled station on the air.

➤ Approved the purchase and installation of a new Boss snowplow for the city's GMC one-ton pickup. The work will be handled by Trembath's machine shop for \$9,225.

► Approved the hiring of Jessie Cornwell as a new city firefighter. The hiring puts the

fire department's current roster at 33 members, just two shy of the limit of 35.

Authorized the fire department to spend up to \$30,000 to upgrade the department's recently-purchased used vehicle.

➤ Heard from Library Director Rachel Heinrich that the library will be celebrating its 100th anniversary on Friday, Oct. 7, with a full day of activities.

► Heard from Chief Houde that the city's Public Safety Day

is set for Sept. 28, from 3-6 p.m. and activities, including canine demonstrations, will be happening in front of the fire hall.

Approved the new utility easements for the schools.

Approved a resolution appointing election judges for the Nov. 8 general election.

➤ Approved a residential rehab loan in the amount of \$9,000 for Brittany Foster and \$7,500 for Maria and David Archer.

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When the global food supply goes down, prices go up. For those who have access to food, inflation makes it less affordable. The World Food Program has seen costs for feeding the world's poor rise by \$70 million per month. Farmers have struggled to produce more food because of high costs for fuel, fertilizer and pesticides.

There's a blame game going on, unfortunately, with Western

leaders pointing the finger at Russia and its unprovoked war and Putin blaming the sanctions imposed by the United States and our allies. We've got to move on from that and get down to solving the problem.

The war isn't the only cause of the crisis. Food production relies on moderate and predictable weather, but climate change has produced more extremes. Heavy rains delayed planting in China, an important wheat producer. Drought in the Great Plains cut into U.S. grain harvests. In East Africa, four straight rainy seasons failed for the first time in 40 years. Many food-producing countries have halted or limited their exports as a result.

Food shortages destabilize governments and cause mass migration of hungry, desperate people. Rising food prices have fueled street protests in Argentina, Indonesia, Greece, Iran and elsewhere.

The crisis can seem overwhelming, but we can produce enough food to feed the world; we just need to deal with the barriers that keep food from getting where it needs to go. Nations can work together, for example, to prioritize getting food to the areas most at risk of famine.

We need an entirely new mindset. We have to think big

about not just reducing hunger but eliminating it. This will take a much deeper investment by the public and private sectors. We need more research, more policy studies, and strong leadership to implement their findings.

There are very few challenges that demand more of the international community than this global foodcrisis. The stakes are enormous, and we've got to come together to

SUMMER...Continued from page 4

Getting on with the show of life is important, too. When a person moves to a new town like I did in 2017, and then becomes a divorced empty-nester, having pets is more important. My family of three cats, known as a clowder, a clutter, a glaring or a pounce, proves I am not a "Crazy Cat Lady." I am instead a Clowder Queen, a Clutter Boss, a Glaring Administrator or a Pounce Parent. These are titles to be taken seriously but stepping outside of my family-feline organization and making new friends has taken initiative, courage and patience. New and worthwhile things don't often come easy. That is a lesson to be sure. I have met so many wonderful, talented, kind people since I moved to Soudan in 2017.

In July, I continued to stain my deck...having started in May (and am still not finished). It is a tedious job involving thick gray stain that needs to be applied with a brush. Then I am doing the rail spindles in white. Painting and staining makes joints stiff, ruins clothes, and frustrates cats who get tired of having to watch from the window. No new lessons have been learned from this.

In mid-August, I woke up with a little sore throat, two sniffles and a mild headache."Unusual symptoms," I thought. I took a COVID test, and it was positive. I was glad it happened right before a weekend so I didn't have to worry about going to work for a couple of days. My experience with COVID was surprisingly very mild. I did have to mow my lawn, screenprint some shirts, and keep-on-truckin'. I was able to mask and work at the newspaper when

others were not present. My COVID was gone within a week. I did start taking lowdose aspirin as an additional measure for help in preventing COVID-related heart attacks or strokes. Paranoia can bestow wise actions. I learned that vaccines do save lives and most likely kept me from more serious consequences.

In mid-September, after COVID, I went out of my comfort zone and went on a date. This "seasonal resident" messaged me one night and caught me so offguard that I couldn't even return the message for a day or so. I thought, "I'm too old ... I feel vulnerable." My mind raced...."Surely if I did this I would need plenty of liquor to even begin a date!" "What do I want to date for anyhow?" I asked myself. The idea of getting close to somebody again...bringing them up to speed with the gory details of my earthly existence.... let alone how I acquired so many surnames, sounds like an exhausting ordeal. Then there's the whole circus involving the physical part that I know would lead me directly into Seinfield humor and I'd burst out laughing. It's easier to fly solo! I can drive to The Y Store for an ice cream cone and eat it with controlled passion in the privacy of my own car as I drive home to Soudan. No risk involved. No prep,

me a fish dinner. "That was nice," I thought. We had cocktails, then a bit of the devil's lettuce and laughed a whole bunch. It was fun. All of a sudden he eased his chair over to me, took my face in his hands and his assertive lips were on mine. I felt the light intrusion of a tongue-on-a-mission, so I eased away but kept up my humor. Soon after, I heard those chair casters approaching across the linoleum again, and with his forearms extended, fingers positioned like two lightbulb changers, he locked on to my "knocks." I took pause, I was in the middle of a good story. My eyes glanced down to quickly consider if I wanted anyone climbing the "Himalayas" that night. I looked him in the eyes, then eased his arms away like fallen tree limbs across a darkened path after a rainstorm. "Not tonight pal.....base camp for you." Needless to say, there's a lesson to be learned. "You don't have to "put out" ... even if it's Walleye."

I have not gone on any dates since then and am quite at ease about it. I have male friends including Bill, and I think I prefer it this way. Besides, I've been busy co-managing the Vermilion Park Inn in Soudan, with part-owner Tom Burns. Chief-owner, Mary Batinich, led a tour group through Finland, Sweden and Norway. The group of 37 departed on Sept. 4 and returned this past Monday. Overall, the guests at the Inn were great, and things ran smoothly. Many days I would sit in the small laundry room at the Inn, pressing 100-percent cotton sheets and pillowcases on the vintage 1956 IRONRITE brand mangle. The pressing cylinder turned as I steered the sheets through one by one, with the smell of "clean" rising up. Behind me a fan set on low directed cool air in my direction and the busy washing machine and dryer worked their cycles. It's a therapeutic process to mangle and listen to Audible and nobody's tongue will come calling. I'm moving through "Revenge.. Meghan, Harry and The War Between The Windsors" by Tom Bower. It's not one of the classics and the response ... "ouch" comes to mind. Not because my hand went into the mangle but because the book is very biased against Meghan Markle. I try not to pass judgement because it's hearsay. I was not there; it's not my business; and I did not hear or see anything. Another good lesson.

With September drawing to a close, I have also been immersed in coverage of Queen Elizabeth II's death and funeral events for the past 10-plus days. Nobody does pomp and circumstance like the Brits (meaning impressive formal activities)...so many that are centuries old in historical significance. The glorious music, the processions, the military, cathedrals, harpists, costumes, her lone dedicated bagpiper, flowers from her residences, her beloved animals lining the streets, and the many spiritual readings are some examples. Queen Elizabeth lived a solid ninety-six-year life with seventy-three years of it spent in service to her country and the Commonwealth,

having ascended the throne at the age of twenty-six. Billions watched her funeral worldwide with millions in the United Kingdom alone paying their respects. London has never seen such a huge event. She was a strong, gracious monarch who remained steadfast in her Christian faith, bestowing much of her wisdom and life-lessons to the many lives she touched. Considering her life and legacy is a great way to wrap up my summer school.

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no shaving required, nobody shoving my limbs in places only the Flying Wallendas should go. So I thought about this dating gig for a day, then called the dude back...thus ending up at his place one evening after first stopping at a bar for some liquid courage. He had said he planned to cook

St. Mary's • St. Martin's • Holy Cross

Parishes will be hosting a Religious Education & Family Faith Formation Open House

Wednesday, September 28 • 5-6:30 PM St. Mary's in Cook • Dinner will be served

Registration is now open to children ages 4-18. Classes will be held Wednesday evenings at St. Mary's in Cook from 6-7:30 PM beginning October 5. Meals will be offered before classes.

> For more information, please contact Emily Koch at emily.koch@duluthcatholic.org



Current Openings Teacher: Science and/or Social Studies (1.0)

Vermilion Country School is seeking to hire a full-time licensed teacher for science and/or social studies for the 2022-2023 school year. Positions open until filled. Salary per established pay scale (available by request).

The Vermilion Country School is a grades 7-12 charter school in Tower. The school serves a multicultural student body of approx. 45 students, with an innovative learning model that is uniquely-adapted to this rural community. For more information, visit our website at www.vermilioncountry.org.

> For more information, full job description, or an application, please email lkess@vermilioncountry.org, or call 218-753-1246 (ext. 2 for office) or call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950



Charter School Admin SALARY: PER ESTABLISHED PAY SCALE (AVAILABLE BY REQUEST) POSITION OPEN UNTIL FILLED • POSITION IS PART-TIME

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SEND COVER LETTER AND RESUME to: Jodi Summit, Board Chair, jsummit@vermilioncountry.org, or call 218-753-2950.

QUALIFICATIONS: Minimum 4-year degree in relevant area. Administrator licensure or coursework preferred but not required. Experience with charter schools and school leadership. Experience/interest in innovative learning and creating a democratic school environment. Ability to write/manage grants, interact with state agencies, VCS authorizer, and all stakeholders. The board envisions this to be a .50 position, with a possibility of the remainder of the position to be filled with a teaching or other assignment. For more information, visit our website at www.vermilioncountry.org.



Fall Grant Applications now Open

New Grant Portal and guidelines are available online at www.gardnertrust.org

APPLICATION DEADLINE IS: Midnight September 28th

Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Beth Ohlhauser, Interim Executive Director, for help and review of their applications.

Call 218-365-2639 or email info@gardnertrust.org The Trust office is located in the Ely City Hall, lower level, at 209 E. Chapman Street.



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Week of Sept. 26

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 Oct. 18.

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.

Breiting Police Department holding taco fundraiser on **Oct. 8**

SOUDAN- The Breitung Police Department is holding a taco fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 8 from 1-5 p.m. at the Soudan Community Center. Times to be announced soon. Funds raised will be used for training and equipment costs.

Free Community Meal at Immanuel on Sept. 28

TOWER- Everyone invited to a Free Community Meal on Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 4 - 6 p.m. (or until gone). The meal is being hosted by Immanuel Lutheran Church, 304 Spruce St., Tower. Homemade Rigatoni, salad, bread, and desert are on the menu, and meals are available to eat in or take out. All are welcome to attend.

Meet and greet with sheriff candidate Gordon Ramsay, Sept. 28

Big Truck Night and TS Elementary Spirit Day on Tuesday, Sept. 27

TOWER-SOUDAN- Tower-Soudan Elementary is hosting School Spirit Day on Tuesday, Sept. 27 from 3 -5 p.m. Stop by the school for games and the book fair. Then travel to the Breitung Recreation Area (skating rink area) from 4 - 6 p.m. for Big Truck Night and a free meal featuring hot dogs. The school will be running a bus from the school to the park and back. These events are open to all area

families. Early Childhood Family Edu-

cation began on Thursday, Sept. 22. These classes are for families with children ages infant to five-years old. This adult and child class meets on Thursdays from 9 – 11 a.m. For more information on ECFE call 218-749-8130 ext. 6308.

TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



EAGLES NEST TOWNSHIP



The Eagles Nest Fire Department and Auxiliiary held its second annual Remembering 9-11 run on Saturday, Sept. 10. Over 50 area residents registered for the run/walk. Funds raised are helping to purchase high-diameter fire hose for the new fire engine. submitted photo

Vermilion Dream Quilters to meet on Thursday, Oct. 6

TOWER- The Vermilion Dream Quilt Guild will be meeting in the lower level of St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower at 6 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 6. Please note the earlier start time. Invitations to this meeting were sent to the Heart of the Woods Quilt Guild in Ely and Going to Pieces Quilters in Virginia with an RSVP required. Respond to the invitation to Kathy Lovgren by Friday, Sept. 30. There will be no formal meeting but time for socializing and show and tell with dessert afterward.

Tower Farmers Market open on Friday, Sept. 23 and 30

TOWER- The Tower Farmers Market will stay open for two more weeks, with the last day scheduled for Friday, Sept. 30. It's been a great year for gardens and there is lots of fresh produce. Vendors also have baked goods, canned goods, fiber art, woodworking, ceramics and more. Raffle tickets for the Sharing the Harvest basket will be sold up until the time of the drawing on Sept. 30. Tickets are \$1. The basket contains great contributions from all the market vendors. Funds raised will go to the Tower Area Food shelf. Call Janna at 218-749-2186 or Mickey at 218-984-3951 with any questions.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

on Aug. 22 in Soudan. President Bruce Carlson welcomed new members Charles Tekautz, James Wright, and Barb Lofquist to the board.

Secretery/Treasurer Leonard Stefanich presented the financial report and minutes.

Sexton John Zaitz told the board there needs to be significant work done on the cemetery's water lines. The board will contact County Commissioner Paul McDonald to see if there are any infrastructure monies available for the project. The board is also working with the city of Tower on the project. As of Jan. 1, 2023, pay rates for cemetery workers are being increased. It has been several years since employees have had a pay raise. Zaitz told the board there had been some vandalism at the cemetery and a large headstone had been tipped over. Zaitz and his crew were able to get the monument back in place. The cemetery association would like to thank everyone who has donated this year. Area residents are also asked to keep the Lakeview Cemetery in mind when making out their wills. The cemetery will be needing to purchase a new riding lawn mower in the next year or two. In 2021, cemetery expenses, including labor, were \$18,641. This total will be increasing in future years, so your donations are truly appreciated. Donations can be sent to: Tower Cemetery Association, PO Box 874, Tower, MN 55790.

questions about the cemetery, please contact Leonard Stefanich at 218-753-4663.

Greenwood holding special meeting on Sept. 23 to appoint

interim fire chief GREENWOOD TWP- The Greenwood Town Board is holding a special meeting on Friday, Sept. 23 at 6:30 p.m. at the Greenwood Town Hall to appoint an interim fire chief, along with some other fire department matters The township is also currently advertising to hire a new fire chief, assistant chief, and safety officer, all are paid positions. The township also offers a \$3,000 per year PERA pension, pay per run, pay per meeting, and pay per drill. Job descriptions and Standard Operations Guideline manual are available to pick up at the town hall or by email. Please email the clerk (clerk@greenwoodtownshipmn.com) to have this information emailed with an application form. The township is encouraging fire department members, including those from other area fire departments, to apply by Oct. 30.

to win several wonderful pieces of historical art, and a chance to win prizes during a short but fun game of "History Jeopardy." The event will be held at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center in Tower.

Nelson, of Virginia, is the editor of Hometown Focus, where he writes frequently about local history. He will share his historical presentation "A River Relic: The Rise and Fall of the Pike River Power Plant". The presentation is free and open to the public with dinner for \$25 per person to follow. Advance dinner reservations are requested by Sept. 20. Please call or text 218-750-0193 or 715-558-5391 to reserve your dinner reservation, which will be payable that evening.

TOWER- There will be a chance to meet St. Louis County Sheriff candidate Gordon Ramsay on Wednesday, Sept. 28 from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. at Benchwarmer's in Tower. The public is invited to come and meet Ramsay and learn about his vision for a safer St. Louis County.





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. For more information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, contact the Arrowhead Library System, 218-741-3840, email at als@alslib.info, or website at alslib.info

Cemetery Association holds annual meeting

SOUDAN- The Tower Cemetery Association held their annual meeting



If anyone has any

TSHS Annual meeting set for Tuesday, Sept. 27

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Historical Society promises attendees a fun and educational annual meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 27 at 5 p.m. with speaker Tucker Nelson, a "Best Bid" opportunity

Community Choir rehearsals to begin on Oct. 3

TOWER- The first signs of autumn mean it's time to get ready for Christmas and the holiday season. The Tower-Soudan Area Singers will begin rehearsals on Monday, Oct. 3 at 6 p.m. in the Tower Elementary School music room.

Plans include outdoor caroling in Tower and Soudan, and a concert on Sunday, Dec. 18 at 2 p.m. in the Tower School gym.

So, community members are invited to join the merry group of area residents who just enjoy sharing their time and skills in song

If you need more information, call Rolf Anderson at 218-753-3262.

AREA HISTORY Looking through a window into yesterday

during the winter of 1953

but the family kept coming

to the island for several

more years. The island

changed owners several

times over the next 50 or

so years, but the Bois Forte

Band now has ownership,

securing it from further

development or desecration

Robert Reed found the

of the burial grounds.

Summer encampments on Burntside Lake's Indian Island

by DAVID KESS

Ely-Winton Historical Society

In the 1920's, the owner of Burntside Lodge, William Alden, began constructing log cabins to the east of the lodge. These were built on state leased lands and were sold to private parties. One of the first was for Dr. Robert Reed and his wife Carolyn. Dr. Reed was drawn to Burntside Lake, probably from his first visit to Burntside Lodge.

Directly across from the Reed cabin was Pattison Island, the summer home of Martin Pattison, one of the first fee holders and developers of the Pioneer Mine. Just to the west was another island that had been used as a summer encampment by Native Americans from the Lake Vermilion Reservation - mostly the extended family of Chief Joe Boshey. Legally, however, they had no claim to the island. Martin Pattison, however,

bought it.

Mr. Pattison became indebted to Joe Boshey when Mr. Pattison's canoe capsized, and Joe rescued him. In gratitude, Mr. Pattison gave the Boshey family the right to use what had been known as Indian Island as long as Joe was alive. This arrangement lasted for 50 or more years, even several years after the death of Chief Boshey.

The Bosheys used wigwams and also constructed several smaller buildings, among which was a horse barn. A burial ground was established, complete with spirit houses. In a larger clearing a garden provided vegetables. Some of the family worked at Burntside Lodge. Without any vehicle, family members relied on a shoreline resident, Harry Lindsay, to drive them to town. Upon their return, Harry often provided a sauna and a meal or two.

Chief Boshey died



"Thirteen Indians"

Bosheys to be interesting subjects because of his interest in photography. During the 1920s and '30s he took 75 or more high definition black and white photos of the family going

another subject-the favorite spot being on Hulu Lake.

about their daily chores.

Harvesting wild rice was

Robert Reed's first



On left: Chief Joseph Boshey Above: Indian boy dancing on rice

A NIGHT OUT IN ELY





Tuesday Group schedule

ELY-The Tuesday Group community educational lunch gathering meets every Tuesday at the Grand Ely Lodge. Participants have an opportunity to order lunch. For those interested in being a host, or who have a speaker suggestion, contact Lacey Squier by email at ElyTuesdayGroup@ gmail.com or call her at 218-216-9141.

Upcoming Tuesday Group speakers:

Sept. 27: Chad Brown of Love is King. ► Oct. 4: Mak Mars;

Justice for Indigenous People.

Robert R Read

wife died. He remarried

and the couple had two

daughters, Josephine and

Roberta. Some time after

David Kess.

you go there, look for one

of 13 Indian children in a boat, each eating an ice cream cone which had been bought for them by

Dr. Reed. Look also for

another photo of Dr. Reed

holding a tikanagan with an

society office at 218-365-3226 for any questions or

open from noon until 4 p.m.,

Tuesday through Friday.

Indian baby.

▶ Oct. 11: Alex Falconer; Running for the Boundary Waters.



starts dropping with new darkness

Ely library

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

comments. The office is 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: 218-82	27-3345

Support aroups A - Alcoholics





Top left: Clark Lassi calls the shots on the school bus intercom at **Big Truck Night.**

Above: Logan Kainz looks ready to fight fires.

Left: Sophie Manning aka Smoky the Bear and Jameson Lakner.

Big fun with big trucks

ELY - Kids young and old came out to ECFE's annual big truck night. The free event featured big trucks and other vehicles from several area organizations and businesses and included a fire truck with ladder extended, an ambulance and cement truck just to name a few.

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 persons 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 pretest 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.

EMERGENCY RESPONSE **Orr Ambulance Service gets brand-new rig** Patient care and EMT safety will benefit from careful design process

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

ORR- There's an ageold proverb that goes, "Too many cooks spoil the ticeable difference from the broth," but a good look at nine-year-old ambulance the sharp looking new vehicle in the Orr Ambulance the cabinetry used to store Service garage suggests this particular group of the old unit had full-depth cooks got the recipe just cabinets, the new one is right.

The service recently cabinets. received the brand-new ambulance they've been that with our storage, while waiting months and months we had a lot of it, it realfor, and the crew member ly wasn't utilized. We had who spearheaded the de- a lot of small things in big sign work, Patrick Hoffer, cabinets," Hoffer said. was quick to note that special configuration tailored vides more room for better to their specification was a access to patients and easitotal team effort.

"Everyone had input fer said. into this," he said.

needs someone to guide glas that, coupled with the it, and Hoffer took on that depth, made finding sperole, making contacts with cific items difficult. The other services, researching new cabinets have clear suggested options online, Plexiglas and LED lightand developed the final ing so that EMTs now have specifications that went a clear view of everything into creating a redesigned they need, and greater ease box that has benefits for of inventorying supplies is patients and EMTs alike.

The ambulance, built tient transport area on a makes it that much easier drive, making it the ser- know where everything is a pleasant surprise in the vice's go-to ambulance for because we can see it." all kinds of weather. But pletely from scratch.

becoming popular because didn't have the same wear heart monitor unit.

there's a lot of room. This whole thing was built not only around patient care but EMT safety."

The immediately nothis one replaces is with medical supplies. While equipped with half-depth

"What we found is

The extra space proer mobility for EMTs, Hof-

The cabinets in the old But every project units also had tinted Plexianother benefit.

"We're all volunteers -2022 Dodge Ram 4500 die- for all of us to know we can and tear as higher use sel chassis with four-wheel go into those cabinets and units, the Orr service got

Hoffer didn't start com- nal reported last year that ly reduced the original the average age of passen- \$235,000 price tag. "Thanks goes to Hib- ger vehicles on the nation's bing Fire Department be- roads was 12.1 years, but mensely with our budget. cause this is based off their the nine-year-old Orr am- That trade basically will ambulance," Hoffer said. bulance was already two allow us to replace that "Hibbing, Eveleth, Orr and years past the recommend- LIFEPAK back there," Nashwauk now all have ed replacement schedule of Hoffer said, motioning to similar ambulances. It's seven years. But because it the high-tech defibrillator/



Top: Members of the Orr Ambulance Services proudly show off the replacement for their nineyear-old ambulance, a brand-new unit that will improve patient and EMT experiences.

Lower: The extra room provided by half-depth supply cabinets creates more room to move for EMTs as they're attending patients. Clear Plexiglas and LED lighting provide a clear view by Braun Northwest, fea- we don't run 400-500 calls of everything stowed in the cabinets for quick tures a more spacious pa- a year," Hoffer said. "It just access to needed items. photos by D. Colburn

> form of a \$45,000 trade-The Wall Street Jour- in value that significant-

"That helps us im-

And while Hoffer and the rest of Orr's crew aren't looking for excuses to take the new rig on the road, when they must roll, they'll do so knowing they have a new edge in providing the best emergency care they can.

"For any of our super severe patients, or cardiac arrest patients, or severe trauma patients, this thing is going to be top notch,' Hoffer said.



CONSERVATION **Upcoming event to look at Little Fork sediment sleuthing**

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL-Five agencies are working together with a combination of low-tech legwork and high-tech analysis to develop possible solutions for an unusual sort of pol-

Soil and Water Conservation District (NSLSWCD) Community Conservationist Becca Reiss.

NSLSWCD, soil and water conservation districts in Itasca and analyzed and compared Koochiching counties, the against ground samples Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and the U.S. Geological Survey have teamed up to conduct a "sediment fingerprinting project" as the first step in developing solutions to the problem.

said. Passive sampling units have been placed at strategic points in the river and a few tributaries to collect sediment-laden water. Those will be from lands surrounding the river

collected on the land."

Reiss said that the first year of water sampling was made difficult because of the drought, but it was better this year due to the rain and flooding. USGS will conduct its analysis this winter, with possible results coming in the spring. Once they know where the sediment is coming from, Reiss said, mitigation plans can be developed and implemented to bring the sediment levels in the river down to an acceptable level.

on Oct. 4, and Cook on Oct. 6 to give the public a closer look at what they've been up to and to talk about the future of the project.

"(MPCA Project Director) Mike Kennedy will be the main presenter, and he's very good at making science simple to understand. It won't be super technical," Reiss said. "We'll have samples that were collected so you can see all the sediments in the river, and a passive sampler for people to take a look at. We'll also be bringing a model watershed to explain how

and where sediment can enter. And we're always happy to have conversations with people and answer questions.'

Refreshments and snacks will also be provided. The Oct. 6 event in Cook will be from 4-6 n m at Cook's Country Connection, 1953 Vermilion Drive. Additional questions may be directed to Reiss by calling 218-288-6143 or emailing becca@nslswcd.org.

lution in the Little Fork River – sediment.

The word "pollution" typically conjures up visions of chemical or biological sources, but the Clean Water Act also establishes acceptable levels of water-borne sediments, and the Little Fork is above that benchmark, according to North St. Louis

"They're not sure where all the sediment is coming from in the Little Fork," Reiss said.

Sampling is the key to figuring that out, Reiss

"Over the last couple of years, we've reached out to landowners and collected soil samples on their lands, and we've also gotten samples from state and federal lands," she said. "The USGS are the science experts. They'll be doing the analysis and match what's there (in the water samples) to what is

The team is holding community events in Littlefork on Sept. 28, Effie

October First Friday Mass at St. Marv's is canceled

COOK- St. Mary's Cathoic Church in Cook will not hold a 'First Friday' Mass on Oct. 7. Other scheduled services remain the same.

Writer's workshop coming to NWFA Gallery on Oct. 1

COOK- Author Dy-Anne Korda is coming to the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook on Saturday, Oct. 1 for a four-hour writer's workshop from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., sponsored by NWFA.

"As autumn's colorful landscapes peak, we pause to appreciate summer's bounty and prepare for the season to come," Korda said in describing the workshop. "Set aside a day to discover the richness of your inner harvest through nature writing. In

a supportive group circle, we will generate written pieces through reading, discussion and free-flow nature-writing exercises. The class will focus primarily on the early stages of the writing process and include time to reflect on our work and share. Weather permitting, we may take a short walk. If we have time, please choose some writing by a favorite author that you'd like to share. You're also welcome to share a piece of your own that you especially like."

Korda's work has been published in multiple journals, including The Wisconsin Academy Review, ArtWord Quarterly, North Coast Review, and The Moccasin. KAXE Radio has featured her poetry on their morning show and literary programs "Wordish" and "Stay Huand literary man." Her latest book is "The Shore's Absolute Edge." In addition to

COMMUNITY EVENTS

presenting writing workshops and poetry readings, Korda has taught for the Continuing Education and Outreach program at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, where she was also an ArtsWorld poet-in-residence. Currently, she holds frequent writing courses at the Ely Folk School.

Register for this workshop with Northwoods Friends of the Arts by calling Alberta at 218-666-2153 or by emailing nwfamn.org@gmail.com.

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 behind the DreamWeaver Salon and Day Spa at 210 S River St. in Cook. More information about current and upcoming NWFA activities is available at www.nwfamn.org and on Facebook.

Animal farm to host ladies night out on Oct. 1

COOK- On Saturday, Oct. 1, it's ladies-only at Cook's Country Connection from 5-8p.m. for "Ladies Night at the Farm," an event offering fun, food, and shopping.

Leave the kids at home and come shop with local vendors, sample foods from Sugarlicious Cheesecakes and More and Pastica's Potica, and visit with friends and the animals.

Cook's Country Connection is located at 1953 Vermilion Drive.

ATV Fall Ride offers guided routes, food, and more

CRANE LAKE- The Voyageurs Country ATV Club Annual Fall Ride is coming up on Saturday, Oct. 1.

Guided rides will start

at either 9 a.m. or 10 a.m., leaving from multipe locations, including:

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➤Boondocks ➤Melgeorges ► Anderson's ►VRT.

Riders will meet up at the Sheep Ranch at 11 a.m. where lunch will be served and there will be raffles and clothing for sale.

The cost is \$12 for adults and \$10 for kids.

For specific information about guided rides and other event informa-

tion check the club's website at www.voyageurcountryaty.org and click on the "Events" link, or check the fall ride event page on Facebook.



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ST. LOUIS COUNTY

Board approves 4.39 percent preliminary levy hike

by DAVID COLBURN Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL- Inflation is putting the pinch on St. Louis County government, and the proposed 2023 maximum tax levy is going up by over four percent in part to compensate, but significant growth in the county's tax base will shield many property owners from an increase in what they actually pay.

The St. Louis County Board on Tuesday unanimously approved a levy in the amount of \$163,366,729, a 4.39 percent increase over this year.

"We, like everyone, are experiencing the significant impacts of inflation and increased costs driven by supply chain challenges. Fuel costs alone have increased by more than 50 percent, which is particularly significant when you remember our Public Works and Sheriff's Office vehicles cover our 7,000 square mile county," said County Administrator Kevin Gray.

'Even just a few months ago, we were facing the need to increase the levy by much more, because we don't have the option to cut back on the majority of services we provide," Gray continued. "So, I am very appreciative of the hard work of our staff and the leadership from our commissioners to trim costs and find other revenue sources, because we are all aware our citizens and business owners are feeling similar impacts."

The net tax capacity in St. Louis County grew by an estimated 17 percent in the last year, and typically, this would mean a decrease in the percentage of the levy each property owner must pay. However, this year, some of that growth is attributed to the increase in residential property values that resulted from the busy real estate market, so the effects will vary depending on the property's classification, overall value, and how much the value increased.

It's estimated the owner of a home valued at \$250,000 would pay approximately \$185 dollars less in 2023 on the county portion of their property taxes compared to this year if the value of their home remained the same. Meanwhile, commercial properties saw less overall growth in valuations and thus will see even less impact on their county property taxes.

Commissioner Keith Nelson, who chairs the Board's Finance Committee, said, "While any increase in the levy concerns me, this number is reasonable, responsible and reflective of the times in which we live. Our state partners have failed county

government and the communities that we serve by failing to pass a tax bill and a bonding bill. Despite a \$9 billion surplus, they've left local government units to contend with the budgetary challenges."

According to a county press release, the proposed 2023 levy will absorb increased cost pressures from inflation, fund employee salary and benefits commitments, sustain investments in mental health and substance use disorder services, invest in enhanced medical services at the county jail, provide for technology, including cyber security, and supports economic development efforts. It also incorporates targeted uses of reserves and American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) monies.

Minnesota counties are required by law to set their maximum property tax levy - that portion of the budget collected through property taxes - by the end of September. A final vote on the proposed maximum levy will take place Sept. 27. Over the next few months, the levy amount may be reduced, but it cannot increase. Commissioners will vote on the final capital and operating budget on Dec. 13.

Two meetings have been set to collect public input on the levy and budget. They will be on Monday, Nov. 21 at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Virginia, and the following Monday, Nov. 28 at the St. Louis County Courthouse in Duluth. Both meetings will start at 7 p.m. The Nov. 28 meeting will also be livestreamed on the county's Facebook page. People do not need a Facebook account to view the meeting.



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time of 4:23:20. His absence this year may leave room for a new champion to emerge; however, late registration is available. Race organizer Wendy Lindsay said that last-minute race registration would be available at packet pickup at Whiteside Park at noon on Friday. In the wake of the COVID pandemic, Lindsay noted that many races have seen a surge in last-minute sign-ups.

An event the size of the

Ely Marathon and Boundary Waters Bank half marathon is one that relies not only on the runners who compete, but on the many people who volunteer to make the whole weekend a success. Lindsay noted that there are more than 50 area organizations and roughly 400 volunteers helping to put on the weekend's events.

races on Saturday, there is the Northern Lights 5K Glow Run at 7 p.m. Friday night.

leave their running shoes at home, they can still join in the weekend fun with plenty of live music. Friday night the Thundermugs will perform in Whiteside Park from 6-9 p.m. Rhino is Saturday's featured act at Whiteside Park during and after the race, from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., and Van and the Free Candies are set to perform in Winton at Mile 18 of the full marathon.

will be able to enjoy a wide selection of food trucks and refreshments on both Friday and Saturday.

people will come to check out the marathon on race day, particularly if they never have before.

event," she said. "To be at the finish line and experience that. It's just an energy that you don't get anywhere else."

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Schultz has challenged Stauber to eight debates but, to date, the Stauber campaign has only agreed to three. The first is set for this Saturday, Sept. 24, in Brainerd. The event, sponsored by the Brainerd Chamber of Commerce, is being held at Madden's on Gull Lake, beginning at 6:30 p.m. The two-hour event will be streamed live on the chamber's Facebook page. You can find a link to it at brainerdlakeschamber.com.

The two candidates are set to meet briefly in person again on Oct. 19, when they'll take part in a half-hour-long candidate event to be broadcast on WDIO, in Duluth.

They'll also take part in a candidate forum sponsored by the Hibbing Chamber of Commerce at 4 p.m. on Oct. 28. That forum will have only a limited audience but the event will be streamed by Hibbing Public Access Television and can be accessed at hpat.

org or through the Hibbing Chamber website at hibbing. org

The Range Association of Municipalities and Schools will host a multi-candidate legislative forum on Wednesday, Sept. 28, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Hibbing High School auditorium. Senate candidates from Districts 3 and 7 will be participating, along with House candidates for Districts 3A, 7A and 7B. The event will be moderated by Blois Olson of Fluence Media, a well-known political analyst and commentator.

The event, which is open to the public, will also be broadcast live via Facebook by the Grand Rapids Herald Review.

Two other state Senate forums for District 3 candidates Grant Hauschild and Andrea Zupancich are upcoming next month. The Duluth News-Tribune and the Duluth Chamber of Commerce will host a forum on Tuesday, Oct. 4, at 11 a.m.

at The Garden in Canal Park. WDSE, the Duluth public television station, will host its own debate at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 12.

District 3A House candidate Rob Ecklund said he expects the International Falls Chamber of Commerce will host one of its regular candidate forums, but a date had not yet been set as of presstime.

The Hibbing Chamber will be hosting at least three other candidate forums in the first week of October. House District 7A candidates Julie Sandstede and Spencer Igo will square off at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 4. The St. Louis County Sheriff candidates Jason Lukovsky and Gordon Ramsay will debate at 4 p.m. on Oct. 6, and District 7 Senate candidates Ben DeNucci and Robert Farnsworth will face off at 6 p.m. All the Hibbing debates will be available for streaming at hpat.org.

Upcoming candidate debates

Sept. 24: Eighth District congressional debate

6:30 p.m., at Madden's on Gull Lake, sponsored by Brainerd Lakes Chamber of Commerce, streamed at Brainerd Chamber Facebook page.

Sept. 28: Senate Dists. 3 and 7, House Dists. 3A, 7A, 7B

6-8 p.m. at the Hibbing High School Auditorium. Sponsored by RAMS, Mesabi Tribune, and Grand Rapids Herald Review. Streamed on Herald Review Facebook page.

Oct. 4: Senate District 3

11 a.m. at The Garden in Canal Park. Sponsored by Duluth News-Tribune and Duluth Chamber of Commerce. No streaming information was immediately available.

Oct. 4: House District 7A

4 p.m., sponsored by the Hibbing Chamber of Commerce. Streamed at hpat.org.

Oct. 6: St. Louis County Sheriff candidates 4 p.m., sponsored by the Hibbing Chamber of Commerce. Streamed at hpat.org.

Oct. 6: Senate District 7

6 p.m., sponsored by the Hibbing Chamber of Commerce. Streamed at hpat.org.

Oct. 12: Senate District 3

7 p.m., sponsored by WDSE public television in Duluth and live broadcast.

Oct. 19: Eighth District congressional event

6:30-7 p.m., sponsored by WDIO television in Duluth and live broadcast.

Oct. 28: Eighth District congressional debate 4 p.m., sponsored by the Hibbing Chamber of Commerce. Streamed at hpat.org.

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in 2020.

The Biden administration made clear following the president's remarks that the administration remains focused on combating the disease even as it contends it has moved from the pandemic phase to the endemic stage, an acknowledgement that COVID is here to stay as a health risk for the foreseeable future

a major concern in the general public.

"The bottom-line message here is we have moved on," he said. "The country is over with this pandemic.'

The local outlook mixed

St. Louis County Public Health Director Amy Westbrook has kept her focus on what's "Over the pandemic we've



But Westbrook also said the data is clear in its indication that the BA.5 and BA. 4 Omicron variants are still circulating in the county, and historical patterns are evidence enough to be watchful in the weeks ahead."As we're moving into fall and with kids back in school, it'll be interesting to see what our disease transmission looks like in the next few months," Westbrook said. "It's hard to know what the fall and winter will bring in terms of morbidity with COVID. Hopefully it will continue to be milder than in the past."

Westbrook is encouraged by the fact that 70 percent of people in St. Louis County not only have their initial round of COVID vaccines but also have at least one booster "That's above the state

average," she said. Others who haven't been vaccinated may

also have some immunity from having had or being exposed to COVID, Westbrook said. The once oft-discussed concept of herd immunity isn't really as relevant anymore at this stage of the pandemic because people can get infected with COVID more than once, she said.





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County," Soderberg said. Several members of the audience at the meeting

spoke out about issues with these rentals, including loud partying, irresponsible boating, and the inability to make complaints to the owners or operators of such rentals.

The township will be sending out letters to owners of any such rentals informing them of the pending moratorium and the need to get county approval. They are working on a list of rentals identified either through advertising on vacation rental sites or from neighbor complaints. The one-month delay in implementing the moratorium will give property owners a chance to begin the county permit process, they said.

The board added it is legal for property owners to do short-term rentals, but they need to follow the county rules.

Some platted areas in the township do have covenants which restrict such rentals, including one in the Clear Lake area, on Moose Creek Trail.

During the year-long moratorium, the town board plans to enact an ordinance that would ban short-term rentals unless they have received the needed permits. The board discussed ways to notify owners of such rentals of the moratorium and the need for a county permit. They decided to put the information on their website and Facebook page, and to try to get it included in an upcoming

newsletter from the lake association. The board also discussed adding road signs noting that permits are required for short-term rental properties. They will also send a letter to all area realtors informing them of the moratorium and plan for the new ordinance.

Ely Area Tourism Board

The issue of shortterm rentals is also one that is being address by the Ely Area Tourism Bureau (EATB). EATB Executive Director Cindy Smyka attended Tuesday's meeting to talk about their lodging tax area, which is hoping to expand from its current base of Ely, Morse, Fall Lake, and Stony River to surrounding areas so it meets up with the Lake Vermilion Lodging Tax area. The lodging tax provides revenue that is used for tourism marketing in the area.

"We want to level the playing field," Smyka said. 'Short-term rentals are a trend now. They should operate in full compliance the same as traditional lodging."

The tourism bureau has started an accreditation process, which formalizes short-term rental standards, and provides guidelines for rental properties, including the requirement to post noise/quiet hours, parking information, garbage/recycling information, emergency procedures, and the pet policy.

'Once we have a majority of our rental properties accredited," she said, "we will start doing

a marketing program to promote that visitors only stay at these accredited properties," she said.

There is no charge for receiving the accreditation. To date, she said, they estimate about 40-percent of short-term rental properties have applied to the program, with applications coming in every week. They also will mail out information on the program to owners of shortterm rentals that have been reported to be out of compliance with county rules. Information on the

accreditation process is available online at ely.org/ lodging/vacation-rentals/.

Other business

In other business at Tuesday's meeting, the board discussed ATV use, tentatively approved a

proposal from the Tower Ambulance Commission for additional funding in 2023 (formal vote to be taken in October), voted 4-1 to take ownership of two of the contested park land parcels (which would give the township the option of then leasing them back to adjoining landowners), took no action on two of the other park land lots because of potential litigation and the fact there is no public access to these lots at the present time, and heard the township is working on getting a FEMA grant to help with repair costs related to road flooding earlier this year. These issues will be reported on in more depth in next week's edition of the *Timberjay*.

WORKFORCE



ELY-Are you seeking workforce solutions? You are invited to attend a special Workforce Solutions session hosted by The Ely Chamber of Commerce on Thursday, Sept. 29 at 4:30 p.m.

The session will focus on the J1 VISA program with speakers Clay Lewis and Becky Davis from InterExchange. Davis is InterExchange's Regional Account Manager for the Midwest. She has been working in the cultural exchange field for over six years, assisting communities, host employers and BridgeUSA participants in all aspects of the Summer Work Travel program. Lewis is the Employer and Community Engagement Manager for InterExchange and has been working in the cultural exchange field for over 11 years, helping host businesses and communi-

ELY MARATHON ROUTE INFORMATION



TRAFFIC IMPACTED - Saturday, Sept. 24

St. Louis County, MNDOT, the Cities of Ely and Winton, Townships of Fall and Morse and the Ely Marathon team have put together a plan that is safest for all participants and community members.

The following road closures will take place on September 24: (Echo Trail) North Arm Road to Grant McMahan 7:30AM-10:00AM (Grant McMahan) Echo Trail to HWY169 8:00AM-12:00PM (Old Winton Road) Grant McMahan to W 6th Ave 8:00AM-12:00PM (Cedar Lk RD/Cloquet Line) Old Winton Road to Beel Road 8:00AM-12:00PM (Pioneer Road) Grant McMahan to Miners Dr. 8:30AM-1:00PM

(Miners Drive) Pioneer to 17th Avenue 8:30AM-1:30PM (17th Avenue) Miners to Camp St. 9:00AM-2:00PM (Camp) 17th to 15th 9:00AM-2:00PM (Sheridan) 15th to 1st Ave 8:15AM-2:00PM

(1st Ave) Sheridan to Harvey 8:15AM-2:00PM (Chapman) 1st Ave to 7th Ave 8:15AM-2:00PM (Harvey) 1st Ave to 17th Ave 8:15AM-2:00PM

All emergency vehicles will be allowed on the race course at any time. There will be pilot cars positioned in the case that other vehicles need to get through during emergency situations.

ties support and advocate for J-1 Visa BridgeUSA programs.

Now is the time for interested businesses to start researching and planning for 2023. The J1 VISA BridgeUSA program has a very tight timeline. Waiting until January or after will be too late to start the process.

Lewis and Davis will provide an overview of the program and answer questions. The session will run about one hour and is offered as a hybrid session - both virtual and in-person. Those interested in attending the meeting are asked to contact the Chamber office at 218-365-6123 or director@ely. org for additional details on the session.

Watch for details on the second Workforce Solutions session coming in October.



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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY:

Packet pickup at Whiteside Park Noon-10pm Noon-8pm Epic Bounce House Obstacle Course Noon-8pm Food Trucks at Whiteside Park 6-9pm Live Music in Whiteside Park **Dorothy Molter Beer & Drink Tent** 4-10pm Northern Lights 5K GLOW RUN

SATURDAY:

7 pm

5:30am	Busses begin picking up at Whiteside
	Park/Ely High School
7:30am	Start of Ely Marathon
8:00am	Start of Boundary Waters Bank
	Half Marathon
8:45am	Start of Dorothy Molter Root Beer Run
9am	Kids Finishers and Marathon runners
	start coming in
8-3pm	Race Expo and Food Trucks at
	Whiteside Park
8-3pm	Bounce House Extravaganza at
	Whiteside Park
10-3pm	Dorothy Molter Beer and Drink Tent
10-2pm	Rhino Rocks Whiteside Park
2pm	Awards Ceremony at Whiteside Park

OBSERVATION POINTS:

 Intersection of Echo Trail to Grant McMahan Blvd: Miles 11-12 of Ely Marathon/Miles 2-3 of Half Marathon. Cars will have to take 169 West out of Ely and take a right onto Grant McMahan Blvd - no traffic will be allowed on race course.

 Winton Main Street: Mile 18 of Ely Marathon/Mile 5 of Half Marathon. Traffic will be allowed on 169 East of Elv.

 Miners Drive: Miles 23-24 of Ely Marathon/Miles 10-11 of Half Marathon. Parking available at VCC and side street.

· Whiteside Park/Finish Line: See the runners as they run up Sheridan Street for their last mile, then see them finish at the finish line. Parking available at Ely Memorial High School and side streets.

ELY DETOUR DURING MARATHON



ELY STREET CLOSURES:

The following streets will be closed from 8:30am to 2pm

- East Camp Street from 17th Ave. to 15th Ave.
- Sheridan Street from 2nd Ave. to 15th Ave.
- Chapman Street from 2nd Ave to 7th Ave

Hwy 169 (Sheridan Street) detour will run from Central Ave. to Harvey Street to 17th Ave. (shown in green



NORTHERN LIGHTS 5K GLOW RUN Friday, Sept. 23 @ 7pm



- The 5K race will be in effect for 6:40pm to 8 pm on Sept. 23
- The entire course will be blocked off to traffic during the race
- · Barricades will be placed so that alleys south of Camp Street will be accessible.
- The course will be cleared as the last racers move throughout the route.
- · Registration will be at Whiteside Park for this event this year, not at VCC



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Wolves still looking for answers

Missed chances hamper Ely as they slip 14-6 to Bigfork

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

ELY— It was another case of missed opportunity for the Timberwolves as they dropped their second game of the season Friday, falling 14-6 to Bigfork.

Ely's defense did its part, holding the Huskies to just 14 points, while forcing three turnovers inside the Huskie's 30 yard-line. "But we didn't score on any of them," said Ely Head Coach It's hard to tell what the problem is on offense.

Ely Head Coach Louie Gerzin

Louie Gerzin. "That's what killed us. We didn't take advantage of the opportunities they gave us." While senior runningback Jason Kerntz racked up an impressive 157 yards, the Wolves still struggled to put points on the board. The Wolves also had a touchdown called back on a penalty that proved costly. "We just couldn't get anything going offensively," said Gerzin.

Their only touchdown of the evening came on a 63-yard scamper by Kerntz early in the third quarter that Right: Ely senior runningback Jason Kerntz makes his way around a downed Bigfork defender. Kerntz rushed for 157 yards and Ely's only touchdown.

photo by J. Greeney

knotted the game at six.

But the Huskies weren't tamed and when they added six points and a two-point conversion later in the third

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Wolves stay red hot



The Grizzlies' Noah Westman forces a Deer River ball handler to fumble during action last Friday at North Woods. photo by D. Colburn

FOOTBALL

Grizzlies fall to Warriors

North Woods still looking for a win

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP- The North Woods Grizzlies are still looking for their first win of the season after a soggy 26-6 loss to Deer River on their home turf last Friday. The Warriors drew first blood on their opening drive of the game. After a 38-yard pass completion to the North Woods 15, Deer River punched the ball in on a five-yard score at the 9:13 mark to take a 6-0 lead. Playing from behind for a third consecutive game, North Woods started with good field position after the ensuing kick at their own 35. After Jared Chiabotti ran for eight yards, Nick Abramson got the Grizzlies' first big gainer with a run to the Deer River 32. North Woods got a big fourth-down conversion from Chiabotti and new life at the Warriors 19, but the Grizzlies' drive stalled and Deer River took over on downs at the 24. Deer River smartly moved the ball downfield into the North Woods red zone, and on third-and-nine at the Grizzlies' 18 quarterback Sam Rahier found Ethan Williams wide open in the end zone for a touchdon. The two-point conversion put Deer River up 14-0 as the first quarter came to a close. North Woods had to punt the ball away on its next possession, but the Grizzlies' defense responded with a threeand-out and handed the ball back to the offense at the North Woods 39 after the punt with 6:39 remaining before the half. Chiabotti immediately broke free on a run to the Deer River 36. North Woods was looking at third-and-10 from the Deer River 11 when Head Coach Joel Anderson called a time-out with 2:03 remaining. Anderson called a little flip pass from Lane Kneen to Chiabotti that worked to perfection, with the Grizzlies' back turning up field and racing untouched into the end zone. With the lead down to 14-6, Deer River had one last chance to score in the half with a fourth-and-nine at the North Woods 27, but Olin Nelson led a swarm of Grizzlies defenders that sacked Rahier



Ely still yet to lose a set a third into the season

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

ELY — The red-hot Timberwolves extended their perfect streak to nine games on Tuesday as they tamed the Broncos in straight sets, 25-14, 25-19, 25-16. Now more than a third of the way through the season, the Wolves have yet to drop a single set in varsity competition.

Head Coach Megan Wognum said she was pleased to see her squad continuing to progress, even as they dominate team after team. "We stepped up our Top: Ely seniors Madeline Kallberg (I) and Rachel Coughlin team up to form a red wall against a Broncos' kill attempt.

Left: Junior Hannah Penke goes up high for a kill.

photos by J. Greeney

blocking game today which was really nice to see," she said after the game. "We have a couple of big practices ahead of us this week to gear up for the game on Thursday and the tournament on Saturday."

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Grizzlies win streak at five

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP- The Cherry Tigers were more like mild cats on Tuesday as the North Woods volleyball ran its winning streak to five on Tuesday with a 3-0 win on the Grizzlies' home court.

A Parents' Night crowd cheered as the Grizzlies bolted out of the gate on a 9-0 blitz fueled by Lauren Burnett's serving and Skyler Yernatich's spiking. Cherry could do little right and North Woods could do little wrong as the Grizzlies breezed to a 25-8 win.

North Woods doled out more of the same in the second game, with a big Hannah Kinsey block staking the home

Right: The Grizzlies' Addy Hartway goes up for a kill against Cherry on Tuesday.

photo by D. Colburn

team to a 10-2 lead, and a Yernatich ace put the Grizzlies up by 10, 14-4. Head Coach Kandi Olson took advantage of the lead to rotate in more of her bench, and the Grizzlies notched a 25-15 win.

The Tigers pounced on Olson's lineup shuffling to start the third game, building an 8-1 lead. Cherry was still up by seven at 20-13, but the Grizzlies appeared unfazed as they mounted a comeback. The Tigers missed on a pair of kill shots while Yernatich slammed

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SWIMMING

Tedrick leads NR-E swimmers at Hibbing Invite

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

HIBBING - Ely senior Lily Tedrick was the only Northeast Range-Ely swimmer to finish in the top five in any event during Saturday's Hibbing Invitational, an event that drew eight schools and more than 100 swimmers to Hibbing High School.

Tedrick again showed her strength in the individual medley as she placed second in the 200-yard IM with a time of 2:32.03, less than three seconds behind the top finisher, Alyssa Jackson, of Grand Rapids. Tedrick placed first in the 160-yard IM last week during competition against Rock Ridge in Eveleth.

Tedrick also finished fourth in the 100-yard butterfly in a remarkably close contest in which the top five finishers all reached the touch pad within a second of each other. Tedrick reached at 1:09.45, or 0.83 of a second behind top finisher

Chloe Petersen of Grand Rapids.

NR-E's relay squad also posted top ten finishes in the 200-yd medley relay and the 200-yd freestyle relay. Senior Morgan McClelland, Tedrick, sophomore Anna Larson, and senior Kelly Thompson notched a time of 1:54.60 in the freestyle event, good for seventh place in a field of 27 relay squads, and 2:12.70 in the medley relay, good for eighth place among a field of 22 squads.

Grand Rapids dominat-

ed the meet, racking up 520 points to finish first as a team. Rock Ridge finished second with 421 points, while NR-E finished in sixth with 141 points. NR-E were set to return to their home pool in Babbitt on Thursday to take on Chisholm. They'll compete in the Soderlind Invitational in Duluth on Saturday.

Right: NR-E's Sabrah Hart competes in the butterfly portion of the 200 yd. medley relay. submitted photo



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and ended the threat.

The Grizzlies suffered a blow to their comeback hopes when Chiabotti went out of the game with an injury in the third quarter and didn't return. The home fans had something to cheer when Kneen completed his longest pass of the season, a perfect 41-yard strike down the middle to Jonah Burnett, but the Grizzlies still couldn't find the endzone in the second half.

Deer River running back Tygh Gullickson picked up a 29-yard score in the third quarter and added a four-yard touchdown run in the fourth to account for the 26-6 final score, but Anderson was pleased overall with the team's defensive effort, including a fumble-causing hit by defensive lineman Noah Westman that ended a Deer River threat deep in Grizzlies' territory.

"Deer River is big and powerful and they're going to put three or four scores on the board," Anderson said. "They have enough weapons to do that. We came into the season



where we were going to be fairly green, and our guys are making nice adjustments and getting better and more comfortable every play, every game. We're getting a much better rotation and keeping guys fresh. I thought our defensive line played fantastic, our linebackers stepped up well,

and our corners made good reads after the first quarter. Deer River didn't seem all that comfortable with what we were able to do out there."

Anderson acknowledged that the Grizzlies had a tougher time moving the ball after Chiabotti went out, but again

Left: Grizzlies running back Nick Abramson fights for yardage deep in Deer River territory.

photo by D. Colburn

saw some signs of growth with the offense.

"We've just got to score more points," he said.

Despite his abbreviated playing time Chiabotti led the Grizzlies in rushing with 68 yards in 14 attempts, a 7.4 yards per carry average. Abramson had a solid game with 52 yards on nine carries. Kneen was sixfor-14 passing with 56 yards, with the bulk of those coming on Burnett's long reception and Chiabotti's scoring catch.

The Grizzlies will need every point they can get in Friday's road contest at Barnum, which has racked up 95 points in its last two games against East Central and Braham. The Grizzlies will be back home on Sept. 30 to take on Braham, with an early start time of 3:15 p.m.

NR-E swimmers dominate Denfeld

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

DULUTH DENFELD-Northeast Range-Ely swimmers notched a convincing win Monday as they tallied 17 first place finishes to outpace the Hunters 55-30.

Senior Lily Tedrick thoroughly dominated in several events, topping the field in the 200-yd. Individual Medley with a time of 2:32.72, more than 20 seconds ahead of the second-place finisher. She took first in the 100 Fly with a time of 1:10.49, nearly fifteen seconds ahead of the pack.

Morgan McClelland dominated in the 200 Free, with a time of 2:29.44, besting teammate Esther Anderson (2:38.45) by nine seconds and Denfeld's top finisher by more than 25 seconds. She also took first in the 50 Free, with a time of 29.80.

Anna Larson took first (1:03.40) in the 100 Free, topping the field by eight seconds. Kelly Thompson won in the 50 Free, with a time of 29.80, while Maggie Dammann won in the 100 Back, edging teammate Anderson by just over a second.

NR-E also won two of the relay events, including the 200 Medley and the 200 Free.

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quarter, they notched what proved to be their winning margin.

While the field was wet as a result of rain and drizzle that fell much of the day, Gerzin said the conditions weren't a negative factor for Ely, which allowed just one turnover. "It's hard to tell what the problem is on offense," he added. "We're going to be looking at things in practice and we'll be working on it. Gerzin said he's satisfied that the team has an adequate number of solid plays, but just hasn't had success executing them on the field. The team has scored a total of just 12 points in the first two games of the season.

Meanwhile, the Ely defense is continuing to keep opponents

more or less in line, as players racked up some impressive defensive stats. Junior Deegan Richards tallied nine tackles and broke up two pass plays on the night, while Kerntz managed seven tackles and a fumble recovery. Senior Jakson Hegman added seven tackles and forced a fumble, while sophomore Alex Meriman tallied six and a half tackles, and both forced and recovered a fumble. Junior Chase Anderson added seven tackles, Ashton Cooke tallied five along with a fumble recovery, and senior Erron Anderson added five tackles. Junior Gavin Marshall added four and a half tackles.

The winless Wolves make the long trek to Cook County on Friday to face the 1-1 Vikings.

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Indeed, the Wolves will face one of their toughest challenges of the year

shots against International Falls.

Coughlin had a big night, with 12 kills and seven digs, while junior Hannah Penke added ten kills, five digs, and two aces. Kate Coughlin posted five kills, nine digs, and two aces, while sophomore Lilli Rechichi added seven kills and three blocked shots.

Senior Madeline Kallberg tallied 17 assists, four kills, Senior Rachel six digs, and two blocks, while fellow setter Sarah Visser added 17 assists, six digs, and two aces. Sophomore Clare Thomas added four kills and four digs and senior Courtney Eilrich posted eight digs.

board as the Wolves routed Mesabi East in three straight 25-14, 25-16, and 25-17.

total of 47. Junior Hannah and three digs, while Sarah Penke had a huge night, Visser added 24 assists and posting a game-leading 13 kills and 17 digs. Lilli Rechichi added ten kills for the Wolves while Kate Coughlin added nine along with seven digs and two aces. Rachel Coughlin added six kills and ten digs, along with two aces. Madeline Kallberg posted

racked up a combined 17 set assists, four kills, five digs. Clare Thomas tallied eight digs and two kills. The Wolves hit the road in the coming week with their Thursday night showdown with North Woods. After Saturday's Virginia tournament, they'll head to the Twin Ports to take

on Thursday, when they head to North Woods to take on the 6-1 Grizzlies. They'll be participating in the Virginia tournament on Saturday.

On Tuesday, the Wolves dominated the net as they notched a team total of 44 kills and nine blocked

In home action last Thursday, a total of 11 Ely players made the stat

It was a phenomenal game," said Wognum. "We really worked hard to keep up the intensity throughout the whole game. Our momentum was there and it was really nice to see lots of players contribute."

Ely's offense proved a kill machine as they

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one down the middle to keep North Woods within striking distance at 22-16. With Tori Olson serving for the Grizzlies, Hartway and Karah Scofield combined on a block to cut the score to 23-19, and aided by a call against Cherry for mishandling the ball, North Woods was within two, 23-21. A kill shot that ended up in the net handed the ball back to the Tigers with a chance to win it, but another call went against them and the Grizzlies were still alive. Yernatich served up an ace to knot the score at 24. Clearly rattled, Cherry mishandled the ball again on the next point, and Hartway scored a game-winning push shot for the 26-24 victory and match win.

With a weekend tournament at Hill City canceled after several teams withdrew, Olson said it was important to take the opportunity to get game experience for her bench players.

"I've got some great players sitting. They are such a big part of this team," Olson said. "Even though they don't get all the time during the regular match, when I need them they come through, and I really can't say enough good about them.

The Grizzlies have taken command early in almost all of their matches this season, and Olson attributes that to simple team chemistry.

"They really enjoy playing with each other, and when you enjoy each other you want to be successful," Olson said. "They know that they've got the tools to do some pretty fun things and they want to do them right away, right off the bat."



The sternest test of the season for the Grizzlies was scheduled for Thursday when they were to play host to Ely. The undefeated Timberwolves have been dominating their opponents and lead subsection 2 of section 7A, with the Grizzlies nipping at their heels in second. Olson was looking forward to the challenge.

"They're an excellent team," she said. "They've got a lot of cannons that they're ready to fire and we're really working on how we're going to manage that. We've been working

on some key things that are really going to benefit us in the future, and whether we come out on top against Ely or not, we're looking at that as a big growth opportunity because there's a lot of season left."

NorthWoods will travel to Littlefork-Big Falls for a

match on Monday, Sept. 26, then return home the next night to take on Cook County. The Grizzlies will be on the road again on Thursday, Sept. 29 to take on Northeast Range.



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Minnesota North College - Vermilion Campus in Ely, is seeking a to fill a permanent, full-time General Maintenance Worker position. This position exists to provide general maintenance for assigned campus buildings and grounds including but not limited to light maintenance, routine equipment and mechanical repairs, routine housekeeping, grounds keeping, special maintenance and set up for special events.

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GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP

Township still seeking broadband project grants

by JODI SUMMIT Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- For the first time since the resignation of the elected clerk and treasurer, the Greenwood Town Board at their Sept. 13 meeting was able to approve their treasurer's report, which included the bank reconciliation through the end of August. The vote to approve it was 4-1, with Supervisor Mike Ralston voting against. August claims were approved without the need for any discussion.

Treasurer Jeff Maus reported he had finally found the key to a metal lock box in the clerk's office, and when he opened it up, found several checks that had been made out last spring and never mailed.

Supervisors are still working on securing funding for a broadband project, and are pursuing a couple of different grant opportunities and working with CTC, a broadband provider.

"We were told to apply for as many grants, concurrently, as possible," Chairman Sue Drobac said, noting that in case two applications were successful, they would only need to accept one of them.

The township signed the paperwork for an IRRR grant which will cover half the cost, up to \$50,000, for the ambulance study the township commissioned from Mc-Grath Consulting.

McGrath was scheduled to be in the area the week of Sept. 19.

Ralston noted there had been "quite a bit of pushback" at the amount of data that McGrath had requested the departments compile. "They have reduced the scope of questions they are asking," Ralston said.

The board discussed the town hall kitchen and whether to permit commercial use of the kitchen. They set a fee structure of \$25 per use with a deposit to cover any cleaning costs. Anyone using the kitchen would be expected to leave it in clean condition and remove any trash.

But later in the meeting, they also discussed the issue of the kitchen range, which is currently not working due to the pilot light not igniting. Supervisor Rick Stoehr said the stove, which runs on propane, needs a new ignition system, but it is not available for a stove of that age. He also said it would be difficult to find anyone in the area willing to service the stove. No action was taken.

The board gave approval for quarterly water testing at the town hall's public drinking water supply. Supervisor Barb Lofquist noted the most recent testing showed the arsenic level creeping up to 12.6, and that some repairs would be made to the water treatment system.

"It is still well below where it was," she said, "when it was 104. But it should be below 10."

The board once again discussed maintenance on Birch Point Extension. Resident Lee Peterson again told the board that residents should be assessed for any improvements, since residents on private roads in the township need to pay for such costs themselves.

"No one on that road is suffering from poverty," Peterson said.

Lofquist noted that

for the fire trucks."

Lofquist said the town board needed to consider starting a road fund, to put aside money each year for such work.

Resident Mark Drobac said that they should look into the process of abandoning the road. He also said the township would need to delineate the actual road right-ofway before doing any brushing.

In other business, the board passed a motion 3-2, with Ralston and Skubic voting against, to limit public input at meetings to three minutes per person.

"If they have more to say," said Lofquist, "they can put it in writing and it would be part of the meeting packet."

Obituaries and Death Notices



Janice M. Strub

Janice Myrtle Strub, 69 of Orr Minnesota, passed away peacefully on Sept. 18, 2022, surrounded by the love of her family. Please join us to celebrate her life on Saturday, Oct. 1, 2022, at 2 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Orr. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Online condolences to www.mlakerfuneralhome.com.

Jan lived an amazing life. She was a retired pe-

Luke Jr Strub, Samantha Strub, Jakob Mann, Natalie Pluskwik (Brandt), Dominic Larson (Catera), Ethan Larson; siblings: Bill Oman (Diane), Dorothy Von Lehe (Bill), Don Oman (Jean), Carol Empanger (Jon), Julie Phillips (Bruce); many nieces, nephews, and friends.

Janice was preceded in death by her parents Carl and Gertrude Oman and her in-laws John and Myrtle Strub.

Rebecca K. Radle

Rebecca K. Radle, 60, of Orr, passed away peacefully at her home surrounded by her loving family on Monday, Sept. 19, 2022. A memorial service is being planned and will be announced when details are finalized. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook

Delores L. Richter

Delores Lillian Salo Richter, 88, of Embarrass, passed away on Friday, Aug. 26, 2022, at Carefree Living in Ely. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 28 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia with visitation beginning one hour prior to the service. Burial will be in the Argo Cemetery in Babbitt. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

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

Lloyd G. Herberg

Lloyd G. Herberg, 95, of Babbitt, died of natural causes on Tuesday, Sept. 13, 2022, at Carefree Assisted Living in Babbitt. Funeral services were held on Friday, Sept. 16 at Babbitt Evangelical Lutheran Church. Family arrangements were entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by his children, Gary Herberg (significant other Dawn Johnson), Linda (Wayne) Warnke, Janet Rasmusson, Barbara Palmer, Lloyd B. (Candie) Herberg and Debra (Kevin) Young; 21 grandchildren; 37 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

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tain maintenance costs.

She also told the board

that St. Louis County was

no longer willing to do

blacktop patching or pot-

hole repairs, as they had

ship was under no obliga-

tion to maintain the black-

top, even though it was a

township road. Estimates

to repave the road came in

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the edges, supervisors

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township has hired Cal-

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that work, but supervi-

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would be willing to do the

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Ralston said the town-

done in the past.

around \$400,000.

Dolores K. Maki

Dolores K. Kozar Maki, 91, of Ely, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2022, at Essentia Health in Virginia. Per her request, there will be no services. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her children, Charles Jr. (Barb) of Winter, Wis.; daughters, Linda (Mark) Buria and Jackie (Nathan) LeBeque, both of Virginia, and Debbie (Jim) Weinzierl of Ely; sisters, Leone (Louie) DeBernardi of Carefree, Ariz., and

Marie (Charles) Klun of White Bear Lake; brother, Ken (Nancy) Kozar of Lyons, Colo.; 10 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.



Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital is seeking proposals for propane and fuel oil delivery for the 2022-2023 heating season.

Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital is seeking proposals for propane and fuel oil for the 2022-2023 heating season. The proposal should include information and pricing for "keep fill" services and Emergency services. A certificate of Liability insurance will be required. If you have any questions or would like to review what to include with the proposal, please contact EBCH Facilities Team Leader George Rajkovich at 218-365-8731. Proposals must be submitted no later than October 3, 2022.

diatric nurse from Gillette Children's Hospital of St. Paul. She cared deeply for the children in her care, and when she wasn't at work, she was still a nurse caring for all those around her. Jan was full of spirit, love and creativity. She was the woman who accepted anyone who walked into her home as family and would "adopt" all her kids' friends as her own. She loved the outdoors, animals, fishing, hunting, hot tubbing, and reading in the sun. She was an amazing cook, quilter, and loved to crochet. Jan had a passion for music, which she passed on to her kids and grandkids. Her proudest accomplishment, she always said, was her family. She was over the moon excited to find out she was becoming a great-grandmother. Jan was loved by so many and will be missed.

Janice is survived by her loving husband of 50 years, Dave Strub; her children: Luke Strub (Cherall), Krista Bryant (Randy), Dylan Strub (Danica Diver); her grandchildren: Brett Strub (Chee), Bryanna Bryant, Braelynn Bryant,

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DNR FUNDING

Oversight board says game and fish fund not sustainable

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

REGIONAL- A citizens panel that oversees the Department of Natural Resources' Game and Fish Fund is once again raising concerns about the fund's lack of sustainability as revenues from license fees fail to keep pace with the expenses of managing the state's game and fish resources.

That's the word from the Game and Fish Fund Budgetary Oversight Committee, which issued its fiscal year 2021 report

this past week. The committee is made up of nearly two dozen citizens who advise the DNR on the management of the state's game and fish fund, which spends close to \$100 million annually on a wide range of fish and wildlife related management activities.

Fees from fishing and hunting licenses comprise the primary revenue source for the fund. While the COVID-19 pandemic prompted an increase in outdoor recreation, including hunting and fishing, DNR officials anticipate the trend toward lower license

sales will resume once the effects the board in its new report. of the pandemic wane.

If so, the citizens oversight board projects that the game and fish fund's primary fund balance will go negative by 2025.

There is currently no sustainable funding framework for the GFF [Game and Fish Fund] and despite the state's record budget surplus, the Legislature failed to provide more funding to the many initiatives supported by the GFF and desperately needed for the DNR to maintain current operational performance," noted

"Revenues are still projected to decline overall and expenditures are expected to exceed revenues by \$7 to \$10 million annually."

The oversight board contends that the DNR needs a new funding mechanism to replace the licensefee-based model that's been in effect for decades.

"The traditional user base, i.e., those who purchase fishing and hunting licenses and permits, is shrinking while the benefits from conservation efforts funded

by those license sales accrue to society as a whole," notes the report. "However, expanding the base must also be a part of the strategy, and there needs to be legislative support in order to achieve those ends."

Licensing upgrade

The oversight board also chastised the DNR for the lengthy delays in updating its electronic licensing system, calling the pace of progress "glacial."

The board cites numerous

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THE NORTH COUNTRY TRAIL

74-year-old hiker seeks something new each day

by JODI SUMMIT

REGIONAL- Most people have no idea that the longest trail in the National Trails System, which stretches 4,800 miles from Vermont to North Dakota, runs right through Ely and Tower-Soudan. But Joan Young knows. She was the first woman to hike the entire length of the trail, and now, at age 74, is doing her second traverse, though this time she is doing it with help from numerous friends and camping most nights in her small travel trailer. She started out on Dec. 1, 2021 near her home in Michigan, hiking east to the trailhead in Vermont. She then drove to the other end of the trail in North Dakota and is hiking back to Michigan. "I'm just crazy about the North Country Trail," she said. "I practically spent my

said, "but my interest in hiking started with the Girl Scouts." There she met her lifelong

entire childhood outdoors," she did the family thing," Joan said. Once her three children were grown, she learned about the North Country Trail.



Nature Notes

HAWTHORN



It's been a good year for wild fruits, and that's true for Hawthorns, Crataegus species which are common in our area.

In fact, hawthorns are quite common throughout the world. There are literally hundreds of different species of hawthorn found across the Northern Hemisphere. They're typically classified as a shrub although they can grow fairly large at times (I think of them as small, bushy trees).

They're a member of the Rose family, a vast family of plants that includes apples. The fruits of the hawthorn are similar to small crab apples, which is one reason hawthorns are often called thorn apples around here.

As the name suggests, the hawthorns do have thorns, typically an inch-and-a-quarter long They're more akin to spikes, and they are occasionally used by shrikes to impale prey they're saving for later. The hawthorn fruits, which are now ripe and ready, can be used in a variety of ways, including for jams and jelly. The berries and leaves can be dried to make tea, as well. The fruits are reportedly high in antioxidants and have been used in herbal medicine for centuries to lower blood pressure. Recent scientific studies have shown that it is actually effective in lowering diastolic blood pressure by dilating blood vessels. Yes, many of the medicines we need are growing in the woods if we just know where to look.

friend Marie Altenau. The two grew up, married, raised their families.

"I've kind of bumbled

I'm just crazy about the North Country Trail. Joan Young

through life," said Joan, "never deciding what to do. I'd do one thing for a while, and then do something else."

Joan grew up in the Finger Lakes region of upstate New York, but has been living in Michigan, now in Scottville, for over 50 years.

"I took a long break and

"Marie and I dug out some old equipment and did a threeday backpacking trip," Joan said."We've been doing it every year since."

Along the way they upgraded their equipment from their Girl Scouting days. And Marie joined Joan for about half the miles on Joan's first full North Country Trail trek.

"The diversity of the trail is what is unique," Joan said. "You can't go five miles without finding something new to learn about or see."

In northeast Minnesota, Joan has been digging into the area's mining history and geology. In western Minnesota, you are hiking across the prairie. Everywhere she hikes, she is observing and recording the plant species she finds, often



finding rare plants that haven't been recorded in the area.

Last weekend, Joan made her way through the Tower and Ely area, and Joan and Marie stopped by the Timberjay office after Joan had finished her allotted daily mileage.

The trail follows portions of existing hiking and paved biking trails like the Mesabi Trail, but in some areas still follows roads. Trail-wide, over 3,300 miles of the trail are off-road, the rest follows roads, mostly rural ones, but some are busier.

Her goal this time is to traverse at least 15 miles a day, and while most of this trip is consisting of day hikes, she

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LIFE ON THE LAKE

I can see fall from the island

We are all talking about the change of weather. Come on, you know you are. You know the polite, non-political, non-religious, non-sports team topic we talk about at the grocery store, the post office, or with the waitress at the local restaurant. It's changing and we can see fall from here.

It's certainly changing out here on the rock.

When the tomatoes, cucum-



peppers really started producing, just before the deer ate them, it didn't seem like a forerunner to fall. Nor when the apples really started looking nice and red. It didn't seem like mother nature was winking her all-knowing eye at us. I turned my

back on the obvious and just enjoyed the bounty. And yet something in the back of my head

was whispering, ever so quietly, bers and green fall is on the way.

> I've started paying much more attention to the weather forecast and the moon phases trying to anticipate the first frost. A lot of the house plants have already made the bi-annual journey back into the house but the summer plants that I try to over winter are still out there. They will need to find a winter home by a window or grow light. I'm sure they don't really like the plan, but they don't understand the alternative, Yet....

And then there's the sense of

urgency to finish all those things that have been getting put off since, well, spring, when the list was penned. It all seemed possible then when the days were getting longer instead of shorter. Now the list is going to have to be shortened and triaged to decide what can go on next years spring list.

There are the fall chores that must be done every year. Kind of the reverse of the spring chores that, well, must be done every year. Docks must come up and boats stored. I see many docks on the lake are already up. The windows have to have plastic

back on them. What seemed to be bright, sunny and airy this spring must get that cozy, tucked in feeling for winter. The woodshed must be topped off. Hummingbird feeders will need to come in and bird seed feeders need to be found, fixed and ready to go back up after the lake freezes over.

I'd love to pack in and stay for freeze up like my neighbor does, but I have obligations that prevent me from doing that. So, I will ready the house and when Stuntz Bay gets its first crust of ice, I will

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Outdoors briefly

Regular waterfowl season opens Saturday, Sept. 24

REGIONAL -Minnesota's regular waterfowl season opens a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, Sept. 24, with the same regulations as last year. Minnesota has three waterfowl hunting zones - north, central and

south - that share the Sept. 24 season opener but have varying end dates.

The DNR is advising waterfowl hunters to take precautions for avian influenza when handling harvested birds to minimize the risk of spreading the virus. The virus poses a low risk to humans but can be spread by contact with sick birds and by hunting equipment.



FALL COLOR

Maples are beginning to turn across the North Country. The peak of maple color should be arriving next week.

reevaluations of the needs of the program in preparation for issuing a Request for Proposals from potential program vendors.

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"Considerable time, money, and resources have been spent on this initiative, and even when a partner is selected for developing the new system, it will still be many years before the program is created and implemented," notes the report."While surveys have been utilized to help streamline the vetting process, the BOC would like to see the DNR make more decisive decisions and move forward." The board also high-

lighted the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease as a top priority and the board urged better oversight of private deer farms to help stop the spread of the disease into wild deer populations.

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will be backpacking the portion of the trail that travels on the Kekakabic and Border Route trails in the Boundary Waters.

"It's in deference to my age," she said. "I want to succeed at this."

Young has had help from both old and new friends this trip. Marie spent a month supporting the hike in the spring, and now another month this late summer and early fall. She's been doing the cooking, shopping, and preparing trail lunches for Young, as well as dropping her off at the daily starting point and picking her up when the hiking day is over. While she used to be a frequent hiking companion, these days, she said, she isn't physically able keep up with Joan's daily mileage, but clearly still has the travel bug.

The two spent Thursday night camped at Silver Rapids Lodge, and after Joan's mileage on Friday, spent the late afternoon at Ely's Whiteside Park, browsing the craft booths at the Harvest Moon Festival.

"You don't see other people very often on the trail," Joan said. "When I first started, there were maybe three people in 10 years who had hiked the whole thing. Now, several people are doing the trail each year." Many people are hiking the trail one state at a time. And the trail association has created a 100-mile challenge, where hikers can earn an annual badge by hiking 100 miles on the trail during the year. Over 3,000 people signed up for the challenge last year, Joan said.

The trail differs from other more well-known trails like the Appalachian or the Superior Hiking Trail in that there are not designated campsites, and many of the areas surrounding the trail are not open for camping.

"You can just hop on the Appalachian Trail with your backpack and camp anywhere," she said. "There are over 150 different landowners along this trail, and they set their own

FALL...Continued from page 4B -

give my home a hug and head off. It's always a bad day and I hope it doesn't last too long. The boys and I

rules for camping. It takes some planning.'

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The trail association has been working on developing trailside campsites. The trail often goes through small towns with public parks, some are open to camping, she said, but others don't allow it.

'You can't just go out on the trail and wing it," she said.

The trail is supported by over 30 regional trail groups, as well as affiliated trail associations.

Young updates her blog to keep a record of "My Quality Day", with observations and photographs while on the trail, noting landmarks and history of interest, as well as the many interesting plants she finds.

will stalk the landing twice daily and keep track of the ice. Maybe even make a trip back from McKinley

Park for a weekend if the weather permits.

I'm ahead of myself though. The leaves are just

6. If I just feel good anyway for no particular reason (in other words, it's not a bad day if none of the above happen, but I'm not feeling down about it. This prevents the logical progression, "if none of 1-5 happen then I must be depressed.")

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Young is a writer with numerous books, including two books specifically about the trail, and several series of fictional mystery books, including a series of mysteries for younger readers. She writes an award-winning monthly column for the Ludington, Michigan Daily News called "Get Off the Couch," and an outdoor column for the Mason County Press.

al weekly newspaper is featured in her Dead Mule Swamp mystery series.

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You can find Joan's blog postings on myqualityday.blogspot.com,orcan follow her adventures on Facebook, search for Joan H. Young.

More on the trail

The North Country National Scenic Trail traverses through more than 160 federal, state and local public lands, including 10 national forests and over 100 state parks, forests and game areas.

Free downloadable, printable maps of each trail section are available online at northcountrytrail.org.

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writes in one blog post.

"One of my mother's nick-

names for me was the little

thundercloud." But writing

down her successes has

become a part of her daily

routine. "It reminds me

that there is something to

Elements of a Quality Day

1. Experience some-

thing new or beautiful

2. Do something outside

3. Learn something new

4. Accomplish something

5. Do a service for the Lord

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The monthly board meetings of Field Township from October to February will be held at the home of the clerk - Pat Chapman, 9998 East Lind Rd. Angora - the second Tuesday of each month at 7 pm unless otherwise published or posted.

Pat Chapman, Town Clerk Published in the Timberjay, Sept. 23, 2022



POSITION OPENING City of Tower Assistant Ambulance Director

For position description and to apply, visit www.cityoftower.com/positions-available Deadline Friday, October 7

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Bearville Township Accepting Quotes for Snowplowing (Cedar Lane)

Bearville Township is accepting quotes for 2022/2023 snowplowing of Cedar Lane area-Beatrice Lake contract. Route would begin on the Snake Trail (where St. Louis County stops plowing) and continue 1.45 miles to Beatrice Lake Forest Road, .4 miles of Beatrice Lake Road to Cedar Lane, .48 miles of Cedar Lane, from Cedar Lane .8 miles of Beatrice Lake Road ending where Echo Lane meets Beatrice Lake Road. Plowing would begin when there is a 4" snowfall, road must be kept open all season. The snow-plowing seasonal contract would be in effect from November 1, 2022 until May 1, 2023. Requesting quote on total amount for the season. A Certificate of Insurance is required upon acceptance of the contractor's quote. Please contact Bearville Supervisor Gene Baker: 218-301-9343 or Kathy Cressy-Clerk: 218-376-4495 or bearvilletownship@gmail. com. For more details and map. Please send quotes in a sealed envelope to be opened and awarded at the Bearville Town Board meeting October 11, 2022. Mail to: Bearville Township Snowplowing -Cedar Lane, c/o Kathy Cressy - Clerk, 62949 County Road 557, Cook, MN 55723. Bearville Township reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.

Kathy Cressy, Bearville Town Clerk

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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SUPPORT GROUPS

AA OPEN GROUP Elv MEETINGS- in person meet-ings, Wednesdays & Saturdays at 7:30 p.m. at First Lutheran Church, 915 E Camp St., Ely.

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

ORR AA meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Orr.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS-Meetings every Wednesday at 4:30 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia.

BABBITT AL-ANON- meets Thursdays at 7 p.m. in the upstairs of Woodland Presbyterian Church.

AL-ANON FAMILY GROUP-Are you troubled by someone's drinking? Al-Anon Family Group is a community-based mutual support program for the friends and families of alcoholics. It is confidential and open to anyone affected by someone else's drinking. Hope Lutheran Church in Embarrass hosts an Al-Anon group on Monday evenings at 6 p.m. 218-984-2037.

VIRGINIA AA WOMEN'S MEETING- Ladies by the Lake. Tuesdays at 12 noon. Peace United Methodist Church, 303 S 9th Ave, please use side door and parking.

AA MEETING IN COOK- Sunday Night Big Book Group meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 231 2nd St. NE, Cook, at 7:00 pm Sunday. For information call 218-666-2820 or 218-780-7670.

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AA FRIDAYS- 7 p.m., Fir Presbyterian Church, 262 Harvey St., Ely. Meets in the basement.



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