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### WILDFIRE

# Blaze scorches 20 acres near Ely

### by CATIE CLARK

Ely Editor

ELY-With red flag fire weather warnings posted across northern Minnesota, Ely had its first brush with a wildfire on the afternoon of Saturday, May 27. The fire was reported before 5 p.m. immediately west of the Ely Golf Course and just north of the Pioneer Tailings Basin, known locally as the Lucky Boy Ponds.

"The fire burned approximately 20 acres near the Taconite Trail," said Leanne Langeberg, a spokesperson for the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center in Grand Rapids.

Because the fire started on state-owned land, the Department of Natural Resources was the lead agency directing fire response, Langeberg explained. The Morse/ Fall Lake and Ely Fire Departments also responded to the fire with ground units.

**Right: A Boeing Chinook** CH-47D helicopter drops its 2,500 gallons of water on a wildfire that started just west of the Ely Golf Course on Saturday, May 27.

photo by C. Clark

Three air assets, a Chinook helicopter and two Fire Boss fixed wing aircraft also responded to the fire,

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June 2, 2023



## MEMORIAL DAY 2023

# LOCAL WRITERS **Retired pastor** still preaching of peace and joy

by JODI SUMMIT Tower-Soudan Editor

SOUDAN- H. Arthur (Art) Dale has served as a Lutheran pastor in our area for decades, and now in his retirement, and at 93 years of age, he is continuing to pass on his vision through his second book, "Makers of Joy and Peace: Healing Human Conflict and Suffering.'

"The church is going down the hill," said Dale, "and I think I have discovered why."

Dale's new book explores a path to reinvigorating Christian faith, by expanding the work of the church to enable more focus on the



# HONOR & RESPEC



Above: Jim Taylor with the Cook VFW displays the colors during a Memorial Day event in Cook on Monday.

Left: Ely Area Honor Guard gives the salute to the honored dead.

Right: The grave of Cpl. Wiseman is among many marked at the Lakeview Cemetery in Tower on Memorial Day.



joy and peace of

the gospels. Art Dale with his "The church new book

doesn't have an infrastructure that supports, number one, the proclamation of the good news of Jesus," said Dale. "They made it into a doctrine. Something you have to believe, instead of absolutely out-of-this-world good news."

"I speak as a Christian," Dale writes in the introduction. "I hope that other believers will join with me in escaping the blame game and in searching for what we cannot see. If we blame, we can't see. It is useless to blame our secular culture that gives authority to power and weapons. Nor can we fault the younger

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### LEGISLATIVE FEEDBACK

# Progress, but more to do for nursing homes

#### by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

ELY- In the wake of the recently completed legislative session, area lawmakers met here with officials from the Boundary Waters Care Center to talk about how the session helped address the funding crisis for nursing homes and where it fell short.

Sen. Grant Hauschild, DFL-

Hermantown, and Rep. Roger Skraba, GOP-Ely, may belong to different parties but they were of one mind when it came to finding ways to help the BWCC and other nursing homes in the region address an acute funding shortfall brought on by a variety of factors. The impacts of the COVID pandemic and subsequent inflation, delays in funding increases, along with staffing shortages that forced BWCC **Right: Sen. Grant Hauschild** (I) and Rep. Roger Skraba (r) talk with BWCC director Adam Masloski about the recently completed legislative session.

photo by M. Helmberger

and many other facilities to turn to expensive contract nurses, have all contributed to what became an existential crisis for many.

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# **Community notices**

# David Kess to present at last meeting before summer break Tuesday, June 6

HIBBING - David Kess of Ely will present a program about books written in English covering Finnish subjects. The presentation includes excerpts from children's books which may be of particular interest to grandparents. Eila Ivonen will do a short special reading from the Kalevala in Finnish. The meeting will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6, at Grace Lutheran Church, 4010 Ninth Ave. W.

David is a retired teacher at Mesabi East schools and is well-versed in Finnish culture and local history. Coffee and a light lunch will follow the presentation Everyone interested in the topic is welcome. This will be the last meeting until September.

#### Benefit for Diane Nelmark on Saturday, June 3

EMBARRASS- A spaghetti benefit dinner will be held on Saturday, June 3 from 4 - 7 p.m. at Timber Hall in Embarrass for Diane Nelmark. The benefit will help Diane's family with expenses resulting from a car accident in April. There will be a raffle, bake sale, and silent auction. To-go orders will be available. Suggested donation is \$10 for ages 13 and up, \$5 for ages 6-12, and 5 and under free.

### VHHP to host Hope for Hospice 5K walk/run during Cook's upcoming Timber Days

COOK - Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners will host their third annual 5K walk/run on Friday, June 9. The race will begin at 7 p.m. This year's theme is Glow Run. Participants who register and pay prior to May 28 will receive a race t-shirt and swag bag. Registration can be completed by filling out the registration form on the VHHP website, www.vhhp.org. For more information visit vhhp.org or contact board members Stephanie Burckhardt at North Star Credit Union or Emily Koch at 218-235-9113.

### Northern State Bank of Virginia receives Patriotic Employer Award

VIRGINIA - On May 2 John Post, Jodi Laeupple, Karen Knafla, and Nathan Dahl, were presented a Patriotic Award from the ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) for their good work toward the military. ESGR is a department of Defense office that develops and promotes support work environments for service members in the National Guard and Reserve through outreach, recognition, and educational opportunities that increase awareness of applicable laws. ESGR also provides assistance in resolving conflicts between service members and their employers. This year, ESGR celebrates 50 years of excellence in support of the Reserve Components and their civilian employers.

Northern State Bank of Virginia has always been a strong supporter of the military and will continue to recognize and support our country's service members, Veterans, and their families in peace, crisis, and in war. Samuel Teff, Credit Analyst at Northern State Bank is very appreciative of the support and assistance with his service and Guard deployments and wanted to honor his employer. Sam serves in the Army National Guard and is stationed in Poland at this time and has nominated these recipients. Sam serves in the 147 Financial Management Support Detachment, WQSQAA. For information about ESGR, outreach, and volunteer opportunities with ESGR, contact Frederick Godec, Region II Chair.

# Sauna Day celebration set for June 10

EMBARRASS- Join Sisu Heritage to celebrate the Finnish tradition of sauna on National Sauna Day, Saturday, June 10. The free, family-friendly event is outdoors, rain or shine, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Nelimark Homestead and Museum in Embarrass.

Traveling saunas from six different companies and locally-made Lamppa sauna stoves will be on display. A pulled pork meal will be available. There will be the traditional boot-throwing contest, and Wendy Sweney will bring her adorable baby goats. Amanda Rae will provide music from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. And there is a self-driving tour of four local saunas. Sign up at the event.

The Farmstead Artisans gift shop will be open, offering free coffee and selling an array of handmade and homemade goodies and crafts. Tour the museum rooms and exhibits, the buildings on the grounds including the historic sauna, and the old farm implements.

National Sauna Day is sponsored by these generous local businesses: Embarrass-Vermillion Credit Union, Blue Cross-Blue Shield and Lamppa Mfg. of Tower.



Tour the historic Nelimark Sauna, get plenty of ideas for your own home or portable sauna, and even pet some baby goats at this year's Sauna Day. file photos



# **Story Time with Chione Woodwind Quintet**

MT. IRON - The Arrowhead Library System (ALS) is pleased to host Story Time with Chione, this free family-friendly program being offered at the following locations:

Monday, June 5, 10 a.m.
Babbitt Public Library
Monday, June 5, 3:30 p.m.
Ely Public Library
Tuesday, June 6, 3:30 p.m.
Int'l Falls Public Library
Wednesday, June 7, 10 a.m.
Cook Public Library
Wednesday, June 7, 12:30 p.m.
Mountain Iron Public Library
Friday, June 9, 1 p.m.
Aurora Public Library
Saturday, June 10, 10:30 a.m.
Virginia Public Library

Visit an ALS location for Story Time with Chione, featuring a brand new musical story based on Twin Cities author Ka Vang's Shoua and the Northern Lights Dragon. Vang's short chapter book tells the story of Shoua, a Hmong-American girl who discovers her voice as she saves an injured dragon while camping in the northwoods of Minnesota. Hear this story set to beautiful and evocative music composed by fellow Minnesotan Jocelyn Hagen. Chione will



also share the stories of each of their instruments and the ensemble they create – the wind quintet. The program is 45 minutes and is for all ages.

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACFH). To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, please see the calendar at www.alslib.info or like ALS on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ alslibinfo. For more information contact Mollie Stanford at 218-741-3840 or email mollie.stanford@ alslib.info

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For questions, contact: Stephanie Maki Chief Human Resources Officer 218-666-6220 smaki@cookhospital.org





### COOK

# **Cook Timber Days promises new plus the favorites**

### by DAVID COLBURN

Cook-Orr Editor

COOK- As the annual Cook Timber Days celebration has evolved in recent years, revelers have come to expect a host of favorite activities, this year scheduled for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday June 9, 10, and 11, and they won't be disappointed this time around.

Old ladies and young women alike will once again be able to swoon to the musical musings of Sean Wallin's Elvis Presley tribute show in the park on Saturday, motor sports enthusiasts will line River St. for the intensely competitive lawnmower races on Sunday, and downtown Cook will be packed for the annual big wrap-up, the parade on Sunday, led this year by grand marshal Danny Brinker.

But the organizing committee has worked in a few new wrinkles this year, too.

The annual Friends of the Library book sale will usher in the festivities beginning at 8 a.m. on Friday, this year inside the Cook Public Library. Arts, crafts, food and beverage vendors will open for business in and near the park at noon and will be available all three days of the event. Take a shot at soaking some of your favorite Cook-area personalities in the dunk tank that will also be in business throughout the weekend.

Area firefighters will test their skills against each other on Friday in the firefighters challenge, and the first of two days of bean bag competition will kick off Friday evening on the Old Muni patio as well.

New to the Friday evening schedule this year is a 5K benefit glow run and walk sponsored by Vergie Hegg Hospice Partners. Those who registered by May 28 were guaranteed a t-shirt and swag bag, but race day registrations will be accepted at the Cook Community Center. The fun run kicks off at 7 p.m.

Saturday is the busiest, most hectic day of the festival, and revelers can start the day off with the culinary talents of the Cook Fire Department as they host a pancake breakfast at the fire hall from 8-11 a.m.



An attendee at last year's Timber Days. File photo

Keep your eyes open this year for a big tent in the city park that will house a celebration of the industry that spawned the event, a selection of items illustrating the history of the timber industry. The park will also be home to the always popular pet show, followed by the magic show. Those with a competitive streak may want to take in Bingo at the Cook Community Center at 1 p.m.

The classic car show will begin downtown at

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# Stuntz Bay's parking woes

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA Staff Writer

SOUDAN- Stuntz Bay Association president Dan Wiirre updated the Breitung town board about the association's upcoming projects and other news at their May 25 meeting.

"We had two generous donations," he said. "The Gornick family donated a bench in memory of Frank Gornick, who always policed for us. The second donation was from Joe Zubert and family for \$1,000 towards the dock."

Wiirre and the town board discussed signage and placement options for the bench and a thank you plaque for the dock funds

### donation.

Next, Wiirre made mention of the association's financials. "We have to be careful this year with our funds." He said the association suspended their usual donations to the Vermilion Lake Association and to Breitung Township. "Which we hate to do but we have to have accessibility for a dock down there. With more money coming in we should be fine. Provided we get our dock paid for and we have a surplus, as minimal as it may be, we're talking about making our donations before the end of the year," he said.

The second problem the association has is unpaid parking permits. "So far this year we have 60 yellow tags that people haven't paid. That's \$600. That's a lot of money in our book," Wiirre said.

Wiirre said that Stuntz Bay Association is going to put a notice on the boathouses reminding people to buy their parking passes which help fund the efforts of the Stuntz Bay Association, the lake association and Breitung Township. Wiirre said that he and two other officers had a meeting with Chief Reing about the issue and its jurisdiction. Wiirre asked for clarification about the boundaries between Breitung Township and the state park and how traffic control and parking can be better addressed. Chairman Tomsich said he would be willing to pull out the map and meet with them.

Wiirre reminded the board that parking is enforced at Stuntz Bay and if there's a no parking sign, your car could be ticketed or towed. Wiirre said that the association may install trail cameras to prevent thefts as well, since some boathouses were broken into last winter.

In other news, the town board:

► Received a thank you from Chief of Police Dan Reing for their support of the mock crash held for Vermilion County School students.

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### OPINION **"CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO** LAW...ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS;" The First Amendment of the United States Constitution

# Editorial

# An accomplished session

# Minnesota lawmakers make history on several fronts

Historic. That's an apt description for the just-completed legislative session here in Minnesota that blew away previous guideposts for productivity. While Minnesotans will no doubt disagree on some of the new laws and policies enacted this session, it's hard to argue that it was anything short of transformational.

With a DFL trifecta in St. Paul, lawmakers were able to complete their work on time even as they passed groundbreaking new policies addressing everything from school lunches to healthcare, gun safety to abortion rights. It also, along the way, delivered the largest capital funding budget in state history, tens of millions of dollars of which are headed to the North Country.

When the session began, the DFL offered up a long (most said impossibly long) list of goals. Even with the party in full control of the Legislature and with a partner in DFL Gov. Tim Walz, few could have expected that when the ink was finally dry on all the new bills, that every major DFL initiative had been accomplished in one form or fashion.

The details of all that legislation occupies many thousands of pages, which obviously can't be recited here. But the broad themes of the session are clear: Expanding rights, helping vulnerable populations, and taking action to protect the environment.

A new law requires utilities to speed up their transition to 100 percent clean energy, from the current deadline of 2050, to 2040, or just 17 years from now, and provides incentives to help make that happen. A new law pays for free school lunches for every student in the state to ensure that no student has to go hungry. A new law enshrines abortion rights into state law for the first time. Another new law finally ends the failed prohibition on marijuana and will help the tens of thousands of Minnesotans whose lives were upended by simple pot possession violations obtain expungements of their records. Protections for LGBTQ Minnesotans were also enshrined into law, a notable achievement at a time when other states are increasingly writing new laws to make life harder for these communities. A new law will now require background checks for all gun sales outside the immediate family and enacts a so-called "red flag" law that gives family or others the ability to ask a court to temporarily restrict a family member'sww access to guns if they're experiencing a mental illness. That provision should have won universal support, but like much of the legislation passed this session, its approval came on narrow, party line votes.

Fortunately, lawmakers did find time to cross party lines on occasion, especially when it came to state infrastructure spending. We were pleased to hear of the extensive cooperation between our region's two freshman lawmakers, DFL Sen. Grant Hauschild and GOP Rep. Roger Skraba, as they tag-teamed in their respective bodies to maximize the benefits to the communities they serve. They definitely "brought home the bacon," and we don't mean that pejoratively. One of the primary functions of a lawmaker is to advocate for policies and funding that matter to the people who elect them.

Both Hauschild and Skraba demonstrated a willingness to buck their party when they felt it was important to do so. Hauschild was a key no-vote in the Senate that blocked enactment of higher fees for hunting and fishing licenses and entry to state parks. He also blocked some gun safety measures that he thought went too far, while still backing the measures that passed. Those are votes that clearly reflected the interests of residents of the Third District.

Skraba, meanwhile, was one of a handful of House Republicans who crossed party lines in support of the bonding bill. And while he initially opposed marijuana legalization when the initial bill allowed too little local control over establishment of dispensaries, he changed course when the final measure gave cities much greater say.

While these two new lawmakers certainly have different priorities on many policy matters, they showed that they are willing to put aside party politics for the good of their constituents.



# Letters from Readers

### Ukraine and the lack of Veterans' care

There's no doubt that our communities support their Veterans. Pat and I went to the Memorial Day Tribute at the Tower Civic Center where I stood with a number of fellow Veterans to be recognized by our friends and neighbors. It's sad that the Veterans Administration is putting more energy into privatizing our services rather than supporting Veterans as our communities do.

I say this because of personal experience. My military record documents that I left my high frequency hearing in Vietnam, so I'm entitled to hearing aids. On March 1, the VA in Superior told me that I was entitled to new hearing aids and that I would get them on May 31. That's a threemonth wait for routine medical care.

My service in Vietnam has given me other insights into American policies. I served with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, so I pay attention when I see them mentioned in the news. A few months ago, I read that the 173rd was stationed in Ukraine in 2014 and 2015. A little more research disclosed that the United States has been stationing National Guard and Regular Army troops in Ukraine since 1993. We've been poking the Russian bear with a sharp stick for thirty years. I'm old enough to remember the American reaction to the Russian military presence in Cuba. I suspect our military-industrial complex was moving American troops next door to Russia in hopes of generating the profitable slaughter we're seeing right now. Our congress is more enthused about financing weapons for Ukraine than VA health care for old Veterans. VA privatization is a rightwing rip-off and so is the war in Ukraine.

# The place where freedom goes to die Florida, "Land of Flow-

ers" suggests beauty and fragrance exuding a wonderful scent of warmth and welcome. Freedom to read, discuss and learn is requisite for young people to flower and bloom. Florida's "Taliban" chooses to close the minds of students by imposing reactionary dogma on what teachers may teach. A foul stench in the air makes one wonder "where have all the flowers gone?"

Florida's red tides: ecological and political; each toxic, dangerous and deadly threaten the well-being of its people. One contaminates the natural environment, the other destroys democracy. Florida's political correctness reveals a fear that learning about diversity, inclusion and equality in the social arena may open doors to economic equity.

"We can easily forgive a child of being afraid of the dark, the real tragedy of life is when men are afraid of the light," according to Plato. Book banning is about control to keep subjects in darkness about real U.S. history. Fearful of truth, the MAGA party is determined to shut the lights out on education in Florida. Free and open inquiry exposes social dominance and economic hierarchy of entrenched

a depraved view of freedom. "Make America, Florida" promises to dominate, control, and bully the other. That sounds like "where freedom goes to die."

#### Harold Honkola Stillwater

## Lislegard came through for Embarrass

I am writing to thank state Rep. Dave Lislegard for his efforts to secure funding for the Embarrass Region Fair for upgrades and repair work for our Timber Hall facility in Embarrass. Having been born and raised in Embarrass, Dave knows how important this building is to our community.

It was amazing to watch him at work in St. Paul this legislative session. He has a passion for public service and representing the people of northeastern Minneso-Without Dave's efforts, ta Embarrass would have never been successful in receiving \$1.5 million for our project. Thank you, Representative Lislegard!

Tana Johnson Embarrass



The session proved that the progressive vision that has long been an important part of Minnesota's political tradition is still alive and well and is showing what it can achieve when given the chance. It's a remarkable contrast to what many other states are experiencing under full GOP control of their state governments, where women and many vulnerable groups are seeing their rights under attack, and where freedom of speech and thought is being curtailed.

Against that backdrop, Minnesota looks like a guiding light, truly the "North Star" state.

**Bob Tammen** Soudan

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Gov. DeSantis says, "Florida is where woke goes to die." Woke means to be awake and aware with eyes open to critical facts, issues, and ideas about society. Where ignorance and mindlessness prevail, enlightenment goes to die. George Carlin reminded us, "The reason they call it the American Dream, is that you have to be asleep to believe it."

In plotting a presidential run, DeSantis also says, "Freedom lives here in the great sunshine state." Sunlight, a wonderful disinfectant kills viruses and bacteria, but only education can eradicate

# Your letters

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

We ask that letters be limited to 300 words. Letters are subject to editing, primarily for length and clarity.

### COMMENTARY

# **Immigration policy should serve America's interests**

All eyes have been on the U.S.-Mexico border in recent weeks as politicians and pundits assess the impact of changing rules for who can enter the Unit-

ed States. But the fixation on the border can distract from a bigger problem: America's immigration system hasn't kept up with the times.

We need an immigration policy that advances our national interest, one that reflects our needs as well as our values. It should complement and support American foreign

policy. It should respond to the current realities of workforce demands and international migration.

Yet our immigration system

hasn't been seriously updated since 1986. Our approach, which prioritizes family unification, doesn't properly support an economy that has been transformed by massive technological change and a vast shift to service-sector jobs.

America is a nation of immigrants, and we need immigrants as much now as ever. But we especially need immigrants who can fill gaps in our workforce, including in science and medicine but also in childcare, elder care, hospitality and agriculture. The COVID-19 pandemic magnified the importance of these jobs. The need will grow more urgent because of declining U.S. birth rates and the aging of the population.

Nearly 20 years ago, a bipartisan immigration task force that I co-chaired with former Michigan Sen. Spencer Abraham sounded many of these themes. We recommended simplifying and streamlining immigration, creating distinct path-

ways for temporary, provisional and permanent immigrants. We proposed a system of secure Social Security cards and worker IDs, along with "smart border" technology to reduce illegal immigration. We called for protecting the rights of immigrant workers and creating a path to legal status for undocumented immigrants already in the U.S.

recommendations Those still stand. We don't issue enough immigrant visas for temporary work, and the process can be cumbersome for employers and workers. As a recent Brookings Institution report explains, we can have a win-win situation by using immigrants to fill "com-

plementary" jobs that support the creation of well-paying positions for Americans.

But making even obvious changes to immigration policy is challenging. There are many competing forces in play, and positions are highly polarized.

America has long struggled with immigration. Until 1875, there were no real restrictions on who could voluntarily enter the country. Some of the first came with the Chinese Exclusion Act, which barred Chinese laborers. Immigration surged in the late 1800s and early 1900s, as cit-

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# Ely Economic Development sets aside \$50,000 matching funds

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#### by CATIE CLARK Ely Editor

ELY- The Ely Economic Development Agency (EEDA), during their Monday meeting this week, approved setting aside \$50,000 for matching funds to renew the commercial corridor business development program.

The original commercial corridor program, which is now winding down, was funded by

#### the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRR), to revitalize Ely's downtown business corridor. Given the success that Ely had with the commercial corridor funding, the city is currently pursuing a renewal of this program.

In other action, the EEDA:

► Approved John Fedo and Associates invoice and monthly activity report for April. John Fedo is the city of Ely's economic development consultant.

► Heard the report from Fedo about the non-traditional lenders' forum on April 28 at the Ely Boathouse. The forum was attended by 48 current and prospective business owners, 'mostly from the Ely area," Fedo explained. The EEDA approved funding of \$500 in April to support holding the forum in Ely.

► Approved the payment of EEDA's April bills totaling

\$37.103.

► Heard an update on the housing study which the EEDA approved in April. The last study was done in 2019. It is now outof-date given the changes since the pandemic. Redoing the study was suggested by the State of Minnesota, which pointed out that the lack of recent study undermined Ely's ability to compete for housing grants and other government-backed funding.

"(The state) told us to go back to the drawing board and come up with something else," Elv Clerk and Treasurer Harold Langowski explained, regarding Ely's previous housing project proposal for townhouses. "We need our housing study to be complete," Langowski added, commenting that the study needs to be done before applications to the State of Minnesota for funding are due this fall.

# **COOK...**Continued from page 3 -

noon on Saturday, and after it's over classic will give way to contemporary high tech with a demonstration by the North "Bear Woods School

Bots" robotics team. After Sean Wallin's Elvis act in the park, a fireworks display at the Doug Johnson Recreation Area will top off the day's events.

On Sunday, the focus in the park shifts from Elvis to Jesus with a church service at the gazebo at 11:30 a.m. River Street will come alive with the roar of lawnmower racing at 12:30 p.m., and a drum and bugle corps performance will follow at 2 p.m. in the park. The big Timber Days parade gets

underway at 3 p.m., and those who bought Timber Days raffle tickets will want to head back to the park following the parade for the prize drawing.

A complete schedule of activities, times and locations can be found on page 3B in this week's paper.

## **PARKING...**Continued from page 3 -

≻Heard that the fire department did a training on advanced vehicle extrication, car fires and dealing with electrical vehicles during a crash. The training was conducted by the Blue Fire Group from Brainerd. The department received three calls for service including an electrical fire at a business in Tower, a gas leak at another Tower business, and a structure fire on Junction Rd. The department gave thanks to Jill Anderson, Jenny Nevala, and Trisha Poderzay for making food for the firefighters during the house fire and Cory Winger for assisting with a piece of heavy equipment.

≻Heard that the water plant project was not included in the state bonding

#### bill. The wastewater board submitted an application for a Public Facilities Authority loan to address the shortfall in funding, estimated at a million dollars

with the rest of the project funded by grants. ► Heard a report from clerk Dianna Sunsdahl

and supervisor Matt Tuchel who met with representatives from IRRRB to see how they could get their infrastructure project to score high enough to receive funding. The project in question includes roadwork from the mud ditch on Church St. and 1st Ave. up to Gordon St. Tuchel explained that projects are scored based on the cost, in terms of how many full-time job equivalents the project would create. The board will come back

on how the project can be improved.

≻Heard that On Systems gave a quote for broadband internet service at McKinley Park Campground, of \$855 for installation. The service will cost an additional \$500 per vear for internet and electricity. The board opted to add extra speed at a reduced rate for an additional \$50/month.

► Passed a motion to purchase new self-contained breathing apparatus for the Breitung Fire Department from MacQueen Emergency. Despite several attempts, the department has not been able to attain Federal Emergency Management Agency grant funding. The purchase will be made with \$45,000 from the fire de-

partment's specific equipment replacement fund and the remaining balance of \$28,000 from the township's equipment replacement fund.

"Let's order it so we stay in compliance," said Chairman Tim Tomsich.

"It's a safety issue," said Supervisor Chuck Tekautz. Supervisor Matt Tuchel abstained.

≻Heard from Anthony Neari who owns Goombaz Security out of Virginia, who provided a quote for three NDAA-compliant cameras outside of the police department, including equipment, wiring and programing at the price of \$7,150. The cameras have both picture and audio.

Neari also gave a second quote for five cameras inside the police station

and installation inside the police department for \$4,750. The board will seek grant funding for the cameras.

► Passed a motion to allow the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to put up a temporary sign for Soudan Mine Surface Tours on the Welcome to Soudan sign at their cost.

► Had a consensus to participate in "Meet your Councilor Day" held at Tower's Gathering Gallery. Representatives from Tower, Breitung, fire departments, Tower Ambulance Service and Breitung Police Department would take turns participating in the event, which would be held on a regular basis. The event's goal is for citizens to have an

opportunity to speak with their representatives on issues that matter to them in a comfortable environment. Dates are yet to be determined.

► Passed a resolution to set the levy at \$690,000 for 2024.

► Accepted a donation of \$315 from Vermilion Energy Advisors for a portable sound system with stand.

The next Breitung meeting will be Thursday, June 22 at noon. Breitung cleanup days are June 5-7. Contact clerk Dianna Sunsdahl at 218-753-6020 or clerk@breitungtownship.org to schedule pick up of appliances, scrap metal, and tires. Brush will not be taken this year since the dump has started charging for that service.

# **IMMIGRATION...**Continued from page 4

ies and industry grew and factories needed workers. An anti-immigrant backlash produced the 1924 Johnson-Reed Act, which excluded most immigrants not from Northern and Western Europe.

The pendulum swung back after World War II. One of my first votes in Congress was for the Immigration and Nationality Act Amendments of 1965, which repealed national-origin quotas and replaced them with a pointbased system. But much has changed.

In recent years, poverty, violence and instability have driven desperate people to try to enter the U.S. in record numbers. Contrary to popular belief, the flow of migrants from

Mexico has slowed, but more have arrived from Haiti, Cuba and Venezuela, often making asylum claims. The Trump administration used Title 42, an emergency health regulation, to expel migrants quickly. That authority expired this month, but the Biden administration adopted new rules requiring asylum seekers to apply online before entering the country. Securing the bor-

der is important, but we can't ignore the bigger picture: an immigration system that is long overdue for reform. There are approximately 45 million immigrants in the United States, most of them here legally. They care for our children and our elderly, cook and serve our meals and grow our crops. They conduct research, provide health care, and start and run businesses.

We need a sensible, secure and humane immigration system, for them and for all of us.







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### Week of June 5

### Monday

Embarrass Al-Anon Family Group- Hope Lutheran Church, 5088 Hwy. 21, 6 p.m.

### Tuesday

Tower Area Food Shelf-Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is June 20.

Greenwood Fire Dept.-Training meetings on the first and third 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.



### **Eva Larson** book-signing on June 17 in Tower

TOWER- Thirteenyear-old illustrator Eva Larson, of Tower, will be signing copies of her book, "Brave, Courageous and Bold," at Sulu's Espresso Café on Tower's Main Street on Saturday, June 17 from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

The book tells the story of a young boy who was diagnosed with cancer when he was only 18 months old.

Books are \$33 for hardcover and \$20 for softcover. If someone has already purchased a book, they are welcome to stop by and have it signed also. The book's publisher Bell Asteri is doing a "buy one, give one" event parallel to this where anyone interTradition links area's past to the present by JODI SUMMIT Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- While the Herb Lamppa Civic Center was not as full as in recent years, many took time out of their holiday weekend to honor and remember those who both gave their lives while in service to our country, as well as to all area veterans who have passed away.

The list of veterans who have passed away gets longer every year. This year it took about 30 minutes to read out all the names, one by one, thanks to a series of readers, most who had no trouble pronouncing names, ranging from the Andersons and Johnsons, to less common and harder to pronounce surnames from men and women who hailed from Eastern Europe.

Family names dating back to the Civil War, Spanish American War and World War I are shared with families still living in the area: Myre, Aronson, Avikainen, Bystrom, Gornick, Gruben, Korpi, Kultala, Norberg, Nemanich, Peyla, Poderzay, Rasmussen, Stefanich, Turk, Wiermaa, Worringer, Yernatich, Zobitz, and Zollar among many others.

There are names now associated with the area, some as place names or local landmarks: Wise-



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man, Wahlsten, Gundersen, Chiabotti, Peyla, Zupanich.

There are the names of former mayors, local council members, township supervisors, postmasters, teachers, business leaders, and others who left a lasting imprint on our community. There are many names of community members from the Vermilion Reservation (The Bois Forte Heritage Center has a beautiful tribute to their veterans).

Listening to the list brings back memories of these families both past and present.

"Events like this endear me to our community," said Tower Mayor Dave Setterberg. He thanked the volunteers from the Tower-Soudan Civic Club who sponsor

Above: The Tower-Soudan Area Singers. Left: Barb Burgess and her granddaughter Sophie waiting for the gun salute. photo by J. Summit

the program. "It's because of all of you, bringing the community together.'

Rolf Anderson led the Tower-Soudan Singers who sang a selection of patriotic songs, including "The Folded Flag,' which specifically honors those who had been killed in action. The Bois Forte Honor Guard presented the colors and gave a 21-gun salute. American Legion Auxiliary member Delores Clark, with help from Setterberg, placed a wreath on a ceremonial Tomb of the Unknown Soldier. Father Beau Braun gave the benediction and retired pastor Doug Workman did the benediction. The tribute ended with Ethan Zaitz playing taps.

Tower-Soudan Civic Club member Barb Peyla is the current "keeper of the list" of names of deceased veterans. She read a list of names of deceased veterans for which there is missing information, mostly what war(s) they served in: William Caron, Ralph Christopherson Jr., Francis Connor, David Durrant, Dennis Erchul, Donald J. Erchul, James A. Fisler, James Frazee, Harold Fuson, Kathleen Fuson, Alfred Golden, Rulolph "Rudy" Grahek, Charles D. Harmston, Melvin Hintz Jr., LeRoy Holmes, Walter Jarecki Jr., Douglas Jeranson, Frank Korpi, Russell Helmer Larson, James Meehan, Richard "Rick" Nelson, Robert Ranisate, Roman John Reichensperger Jr., William T. Rusch, Roy Soderberg, John Francis Stepan, Steve Stepan, Thomas Tomlinson, James Trembath, and Earl J. Zimmer-

Peyla asked if anyone has information on these names, or the names of any local veterans who are not currently on the list, to please contact her at bnpeyla@gmail.com, or by mail at Barb Peyla, 9382 Angus Rd., Tower, MN 55790.

# LEARN ABOUT CROATIA Margaret Chutich to speak on "Memories of Croatia" on June 17



#### Justice Margaret Chutich

TOWER- As part of the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center's (LVCC) education series, Minnesota Supreme Court Justice Margaret Chutich will give a presentation on her memories of liv-

ing in Croatia on Saturday, June 17 at 3 p.m. She will be speaking in Car 81, the club/dining car behind the engine next to the train depot in Tower. The theme of the LVCC Midsummer event this year is the culture of the Southern Slavic countries of Croatia, Serbia, and Slovenia, but also acknowledges the contributions of the people of Bosnia-Herzegovina, Macedonia, and Dalmatia. Those countries sent thousands of immigrants to the United States in

of northern Minnesota. Their descendants have contributed significantly to the education, arts, medicine, development of the mining industry, civic and political life of our region as well as encouraging entrepreneurship in countless fields.

As a college student, Justice Chutich spent one year in Croatia studying the language and government during the communist era. Her Croatian family lives in a province called Lika, where most Minnesota Croatians in, Tom (former MN State Representative, Tom Rukavina), shortly before his death. She will share some of her memories of those years and the many times she has visited Croatia since. The discussion will be moderated by local resident Patty Phillips, who is of Croatian and Slovenian descent, and will include other participants of Southern Slavic heritage.

Justice Chutich has served as an associate justice of the Minnesota Supreme Court since 2016 and Serbians originated. when she was appoint-1900s and many of them Her grandmother was a ed by Governor Mark found their homes in the Rukavina and she loved Dayton. She previously communities meeting her distant cous- served as a judge on the

Minnesota Court of Appeals. Chutich worked in the office of the Minnesota Attorney General and was also an assistant dean of the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota. She is a graduate of Anoka High School, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Michigan Law School.

The presentation in Car 81 is free and open to the public. No reservations are necessary but keep in mind the car seats 50. Coffee will be served.

ested can buy two books, take their book home and donate the second book to the Histiocytosis Association to put in their care packages for newly-diagnosed children.

There will be a coloring contest for children ages 8 and younger, giving children a chance to color one of the pages from the book that Eva illustrated.

the late 1800s and early mining

# Midsummer reservations due by June 3

TOWER- If you haven't made your reservation yet for "A Southern Slavic Midsummer," time is of the essence. This gala event, to be held on Saturday, June 17, is the largest fundraiser of the year for the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center. It will begin at 4:30 p.m. with a silent auction under the tent next to the Herb Lamppa Civic Center in Tower, followed by a southern Slavic dinner and live auction. The program, featuring southern Slavic music, history, and culture will be held across the street

in St. Mary's Hall. For more information and to reserve online go to the LVCC website at vermilionculturalcenter.org or call 218-753-4100 and leave a message.



# TOWER CEMETERY ASSOCIATION

To All,

Your support is needed. Give what you can. It will help pay for a new water line. Hopefully the Tower Cemetery will get monies from the IRRRB, but it won't be enough to cover the cost for this water project.

You know who you are that have given in the past. We ask for your continued support and we hope to get newcomers to help.

Thank You.

### **Donations can be sent to: Tower Cemetery Association PO Box 874** Tower, MN 55790

# Tower-Soudan-Embarrass Bookmobile Schedule

COMMUNITY NOTICES

**REGIONAL-**The Arrowhead Bookmobiles will be in the Tower-Soudan area on Wednesday, June 7 & 28.

Stops include: Britt

# Celebration of Life for Bob Padgett Jr. (who passed away October 11, 2020) Sunday, June 4 12 p.m. Greenwood

**Township Pavillion** Memorial Service & Food

(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 area): 2:30 - 3:30 p.m.; Tower (Civic Center): 3:45 -4:30 p.m.; and Embarrass (Hwy 135 & Hwy 21): 5 – 6 p.m.

More info online at alslib.info/services/bookmobile. For more infor-

mation 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.

# **Tower-Soudan Fourth of July donations**

TOWER-SOUDAN- The Tower-Soudan Lake Vermilion Events Board would like to thank the following individuals and families for their donations this year.

Donations are still needed and can be mailed to: PO Box 461, Tower, MN 55790.

Ruth Saranen John & Amy Holm Embarrass Vermilion FCU Vermilion Land Office, Inc Northern Lights Dental Care

#### Pat's Hair It Is James Chiabotti Lake Vermilion House Boats, Inc Good Ol Days Gracie's Plant Works Lamppa Manufacturing, Inc Pamela Tezak Tower Soudan Insurance Agency Peter & Colette Johnson JP Auto Service/Mary Lakoskey Jim Martilla & Kathy Meyerle Linda Myklebust

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# EDUCATION Scholarships awarded to Ely High School seniors

Ely Memorial High School held its awards ceremony on May 10 where Timberwolf seniors received over \$137,750 in scholarship awards. Due to the large number of scholarshipss, this is part 2 of the list, continued from last week's edition of the Timberjay.

#### **Local Scholarships**

Jim & Betty Povhe Scholarship: Madelyn Gru-

Carla Mattson Quack-Scholarship: enbush **Chambriel Ridings** Post 2717 VFW Scholarship: Gunnar Hart

Wintergreen Northern Wear Award: Kelly Thompson

### **Ely Educational** Foundation scholarships

Derek & Dana Banovetz Alumni Scholarship: Gunnar Hart Daniel J. Erzar Memo-

rial Scholarship: Gabriel Mann

Ely Fire Department Relief Association Scholarship: Taylor Gibney

A Scholarship in Memory of Dale and Florence Forsman: Gunnar Hart

Leona Janezich "Good Soul" Scholarship: Juliet Stouffer

Wilho K. and Florence Novak Maenpaa Scholarship: Katherine Coughlin

Rudy and Dorothy Marolt Memorial Scholarship: Natasha Fulkrod Morse Fall Lake Fire

Relief Association Scholarship: Gunnar Hart James A. and Albert

F. Musich Family Scholarship: Madison Rohr Anna Rojakovich

Scholarship: Blake Walsh Anne Rozman Schol-

arship: Gunnar Hart John Skantz Memo-

rial Scholarship: Rachel Coughlin

Somrock Family Scholarship: Gunnar Hart

# Regional

**Scholarships** 

Marshall Η. and Nelli Alworth Memorial

Fund Scholarship: Phoebe Helms Applied Learning In-

stitute Scholarships: Madelyn Gruba, Gunnar Hart, John O'Kane

Lake Country Power Les Beach Memorial Scholarship: Rachel Coughlin

# In Brief

### **Tuesday Group** schedule

June 2, 2023

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ELY - The Tuesday Group community educational lunch gathering meets every Tuesday at noon 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 ElyTuesday-Group@gmail.com or call her at 218-216-9141.

Upcoming Tuesday Group speakers:

►June 6: Local Sociology Professor Timothy Loney, topic TBA

► June 13: The Common Loon with Dr. James Paruk

► June 20: The White Pine Tree with James Pastor

►June 27: I Can't Hear a Thing! with UCLA Professor Emeritus Robert Winter

### **Breathing Out**

by Cecilia Rolando © 2023



again the wonder the sweet fragrance of flowers

# Libraries

### **Ely library**

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

### **Babbitt library**

Monday	10 am-6 pm
Tuesday	10 am-6 pm
Wednesday	10 am-6 pm
Thursday	10 am-6 pm
Friday	10 am-6 pm
Phone: 218-82	27-3345

# Support groups

# Anova Gallery opens June 3

by CATIE CLARK Ely Editor

ELY- Rebecca Nova has painted her whole life. She is now opening a gallery in Ely to show and sell her works. The grand opening date in Saturday, June 3, with the ribbon cutting by the Ely Chamber of Commerce scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

"I've always wanted to show my artwork," Nova told the Timberjay at the Anova gallery at 1309 E. Sheridan St. (next door to PJ's Hair). Nova has been busy for the last two weeks hanging a selection of her many works in acrylics on the walls.

One of the most notable series of paintings by the artist is the "Scream" series. These portray all manner of wildlife screaming in a way evocative of Edvard Munch's famous "The Scream." Nova has several of her screaming portraits of wildlife already hung in preparation for opening day. Nova also has note cards of two of her painting series, including the "Scream series."

The ribbon cutting and grand opening on Saturday

will feature a cake by Ely's cake lady, Susan Laine. There will also be a door prize of an original screaming wildlife portrait of the winner's choice.

Nova is 75 and she's been painting for over fifty years. Many of her works are humorous like the scream series. Others of her paintings are serious and fanciful at the same time, full of color and details. She hopes to do a show with the Northern Lakes Arts Association next year.

Nova moved to live in Ely year-round in 2017.



Artist Rebecca Nova at her new art gallery in Ely, sitting surrounded by several of her "Scream" series of screaming wildlife portraits. photo by C. Clark

New Elyites introduce themselves at Tuesday Group

#### by CATIE CLARK Ely Editor

ELY- Once a quarter, the Tuesday Group at the Grand Ely Lodge hosts new Ely residents who have recently moved into the area. The spring 2023 New Elyites program introduced a group of new residents in May who ran the gambit from those who came for new jobs to those who just plain fell in love with Ely.



Dick Brooks moved

blood, since his father was also a coach. Brooks has also coached in Mississippi and Alabama. He enjoyed his previous stint coaching at Vermilion enough that he applied multiple times for the head coach position. He had additional motivation to move back to Ely since he's been in a long-distance relationship with an Elyite, with the desire to shorten the long commute to see his significant other.

Brooks hit the ground running when he arrived in July 2022. His initial team roster had 10 warm bodies with the upcoming season looking anemic. In five weeks, after many phone calls and reaching out to recruit, Brooks fielded a roster with over 40 players. He looks forward to fielding a more competitive team in 2023.

through a tornado you never want to do that again," Brooks remarked.

Tanner Spicer grew up in Ely and grew up working for local outfitters. He left the area after serving in the miliary and then working in law enforcement. He decided to return to the outfitting business in northern Minnesota after retiring as a police officer in the Twin Cities for 23 years. His ownership of Voyageur North was the subject of a Timberjay article in the April 7 edition.

Spicer and his wife Silke bought Voyageur from John and Lynn O'Kane, who ran the business for over 40 years. The Spicers recently remodeled the retail portion of the business and plan to remodel the bait shop half of the business starting in October. They are also building a resort property with eight log cabins and a club house on



Steve and Jen Toddie

of being in love with Ely. They both frequented the Ely area as teenagers and became hooked. The Wiggens closed on a house in the Ely area last October.

Lou has been working at Spirit of the Wilderness, catering for the independent film currently being made in Ely, and tending bar at the Burntside Lodge. Contingent on grant funding, he hopes to be working at Project Legacy at the Vermilion Campus during the upcoming school year, "helping to support students from disadvantaged backgrounds." Sammy has

ing.

Steve and Jen Toddie are another couple bit by the Ely bug and had to move here. One of their two adult children already lives in Ely. Their youngest child is in third grade at Washington Elementary. Their two oldest sons both worked at Camp Widjiwagan

Jen has been an educator for over three decades while Steve worked first in international business development and then in contracting. "We decided sell everything in the

welcome to summer

from a place couldn't be more different from northern Minnesota. Coming from Mississippi, Brooks accepted the position of the head football coach for the Vermilion Campus of Minnesota North College. It was a return trip for Brooks since he was the defensive coordinator at the college in 2008, back when it was still known as Vermilion Community College.

Brooks described that coaching football is in his



**Tanner Spicer** 

Brooks said that the winter weather in the Arrowhead region was a novelty for him, but he preferred it to living in Tornado Alley. "Once you go



Lou and Sammy Wiggen

the eastern end of Ely.

Lou and Sammy Wiggen told the familiar story been commuting to Duluth for the past year in order to finish her degree in nurs-

#### (Twin) Cities and move here. We're happy we did," Jen Toddie told the Tuesday Group attendees.

The Toddies spent most of the pandemic in Costa Rica. They plan to spend one more year there starting this fall, to tie up loose ends and wrap up that phase of their life. Once they are done there, they will be returning to Ely full-time.

### **Studio North**

Studio North will hold a dance recital on Saturday, June 3, with starting times of 1 p.m. and 5:30 p.m., at the Washington Elementary School auditorium.

### **Up North Craft Fair**

The Up North Craft Vendor Extravaganza & will be Saturday, June 3 from 8 a.m. -2 p.m. at the Babbitt Municipal Center. This event is the same day as the Babbitt City Wide Garage Sales.



AA - Alcoholics Anonymous **OPEN AA - 7:30** p.m. Wednesdays and Saturdays, in-person, First Lutheran Church, 915 E. Camp St., Ely. **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.

# Upcoming **Events**

### Ely Public Library

ELY- The spice for June is smoked paprika.

The library's summer reading program will begin June 5. Visit the library for more details.

On Monday, June 5, at 3:30 p.m., the library will host "Shoua and the Northern Lights Dragon by Chione," a musical story telling. The program is for all ages and will last approximately 45 minutes. The program features a woodwind quintet to tell the story of Shoua, a Hmong-American girl who saves an injured dragon while camping the northern woods of Minnesota, based on a children's book by Ka Vang. The program is free.

The library will hold

a "Careers for Preschoolers" event for kids aged six and younger, using stations with stories, crafts, and activities. The event will be on Thursday, June 8 at 11 a.m. Pre-register for one of 20 slots open for this event.

The library will hold a Kohoot online trivia game on the Divergent series by Veronica Roth, starting on Thursday, June 8, 3 p.m., until Monday, June 12, 8 a.m. Register in advance with an email to receive the link for the game.

The Library Scientists program will meet on Monday, June 12 at 11 a.m. to explore the science of microbes through a series of experiments and scientific observations. The activities are appropriate for grades 5-7. Pre-register for this program so the library can order enough supplies for each participant.

The Friends of the Library (FOL) Book club will meet on Monday, June 12, from 3-4 p.m. The book this month is "The Plot" by Jean Hanff.

The FOL annual meeting will be on Tuesday, June 13, starting at 1 p.m. The regular monthly meeting of the FOL will begin immediately after the annual meeting concludes.

The library will host a presentation on raising chickens on Thursday, June 15, from 1-2 p.m. The presentation is by Troy Salzer from the University of Minn. Extension office.

Preschool Storytime is held every Friday from 10:30-11 a.m.

All library events are at the Ely Public Library at 224 E. Chapman St.

### **Ely-Winton Historical Society**

ELY- The Ely-Winton Historical Society will hold its annual meeting

on Wednesday, June 7, at 5 p.m. at the Grand Ely Lodge.

### Northwoods Partners

Northwoods Partners will hold a Tai Ji Quan classes every Tuesday and Thursday, 10-11 a.m., from June 6 through Aug. 24, at Semer's Park Pavilion in Ely. Donations are appreciated.

Northwoods Partners will sponsor a 12-week "Stay Active and Independent for Life" (SAIL) fitness program for seniors, starting on June 6 and running through Aug. 24, at Emanuelson Gym, Babbitt Community Center. An informational session will be held on Thursday, June 1. There will be two class tracks: Tuesday-Thursday at either 9-10 a.m. or 10-11 a.m. For information or to register, call 218-235-0701.

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# Puddle causes big splash at meeting

#### by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

COOK- The atmosphere at last week's Cook City Council meeting got a bit tense at times as the council's interactions with some of the city's volunteers was called into question by several attending the meeting.

of Representatives Friends of the Parks were there to seek a remedy for the latest issue besetting the new Veterans Riverfront Park on North River St. A huge, deep puddle of water bordered the asphalt parking lot installed by KGM Contractors, and the group hoped to come up with a solution before dedication ceremonies for the park on Sunday, June 4.

Paved parking was an add-on to the group's original plan, and there were some ruffled feathers as Friends of the Parks (FOTP) volunteers and the city worked through the plans and financing last fall.

But FOTP vice-president Carrolle Wood, who also serves as treasurer for the volunteer Timber Days organizing committee, presented a letter to the council indicating that FOTP isn't the only volunteer-base organization to have difficulties with the city.

Wood outlined a long list of volunteer-driven projects and activities conducted in the community by various groups over the years.

Without the help of the volunteers, the City would be at an enormous loss," she said.

Then Wood addressed the elephant in the room.

"I would like to ask each of you why there appears to be so much animosity and negativity towards those volunteers and organizations striving to make Cook the beautiful and inviting community it is," Wood said. "It is becoming more difficult to obtain and keep volunteers

when they repeatedly get mocked or 'thrown under the bus' for the work they have taken great pride in. I would like to know why some of you feel this way and what can be done to rectify this situation. We all need to work together, with positive attitudes and open communication to continue to allow Cook to be one of the most welcoming and beautiful cities to visit and live in."

FOTP member Steve Kajala chimed in about one of the negative stories making the rounds about the organization.

"I also heard that we caused a city employee to quit their position because individuals from Friends of the Parks were bugging them," he said. "That's not rumor, I heard that."

Administrator City Theresa Martinson tried to strike a conciliatory tone as she explained why sometimes the city and volunteer groups don't see eve to eve.

"I'm not going to try to defend the actions of Friends of the Parks toward the city council, but (council member) Elizabeth Storm and I had a nice chat last night about some of the feelings that we get in the room lately with these council meetings, and I think we all need to be peaceful about how we address things. I just heard that the city was saying they aren't going to water (for) Friends of the Parks, the city wasn't going to water. Most decisions that we make go back to budgetary reasons and staffing. I know you're not looking at Dawn and I, Friends of the Parks, you're talking to the city council. But I think we could sit here all day and do that. It's a small community, things happen. Aren't we here for the right reasons, don't we want to address this drainage issue? You have a dedication happening, we have Timber Days coming."

Martinson noted that they are developing a formal proposal document for requests to be made to the city that will ask for more complete information about a proposed project, including a budget description and funding partners. "I think that will help a lot of the conversation pieces that you're talking about," she said.

Martinson then refocused the conversation on the park drainage issue, asking KGM Contractors representative Dave Clement and city engineer John Jamnick of JPJ Engineering to chime in.

"We've all seen what happened in the spring," Jamnick said. "Everything north of the parking lot is pooled in water, so that's obviously what needs to be fixed. And I think we all anticipated it was going to be fixed with the project last year."

Clement was quick to respond.

"I think we were blindsided by this," he said. "I have our contract here and it says nothing about the rest of the parking lot. We were talking with them to fill that in with gravel and somebody was going to pay for it because we've done our contractual things. We've done the city of Cook so many favors on bids. Somebody has been talking about this without talking with us because I get a letter from John that says either fix this or you're going to get charged \$25,000. That really made the owners of KGM very angry.'

Clement seriously questioned a fix evidently proposed by Jamnick, noting that the redirection of the water runs afoul of state guidelines.

'Somebody's going to get in trouble, and we're not going to be the people that are going to do it," Clement said.

Clement's alternative was based on measurements he and a KGM surveyor made the previous day suggesting that 80 yards of gravel properly graded would drain the water into an existing ditch, down the railroad tracks, and into the river.

"Very little money would be spent on that deal," he said, estimating it would be \$1,600 to \$1,700 if Class 5 gravel was used.

Clement said KGM's owners were upset about two things. One was the issue surrounding the parking lot drainage. The other is a bill to the city that's been unpaid and outstanding for two years, Clement said.

"We've been trying to work it out with John - we never get anything back," he said. "But a deal where we have nothing, all of a sudden we get a letter that we owe \$25,000. That's making our company ask if we even want to help out. We took \$1,000 off of our bill to you guys and donated it, we kept the contract pretty close to what we said we were going to."

"I'm going to defend the city here a little bit," Martinson responded. "I've worked with you for many years and the city has done a lot of work with KGM, and we thank you for that. But this project was brought to the city of Cook and the city did not have Veterans Park in our budget. But the counand proceed. I don't know who's creating these hard feelings or who's saying what they're saying, but that did not come from City Hall."

The discussion continued regarding alternatives, and what role CN Railway has playing in creating the problem and if they should bear some another summer line up of responsibility for the fix. 12 free concerts, funded All parties agreed better communication is a necessity

In the end, city counpay KGM for the \$1,680 lot repair, to be completed prior to the park dedication, and to engage with Lions Club, Northwoods CN Railway regarding the issue.



A combined honor guard of Cook VFW and Orr American Legion members led Memorial Day observances at the River St. bridge and Cook Cemetery. Pictured at top is flag bearer Avery Sipola of Orr. photos by D. Colburn

# **Music in the Park returns**

COOK- It's almost cil authorized to go ahead time to grab a lawn chair or a blanket and head to Cook City Park for the Music in the Park summer concert series.

Beginning Wednesday, June 14 from 6-8 p.m. with the Beefeater Brothers, enjoy music and a light supper on Wednesday evenings at the park gazebo. Eric Pederson and by community sponsors and free will donations. St. Paul's (Alango) Lutheran Church will have brats cil voted to have the city and burgers for sale from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Sponsoring organizations include the Cook Friends of the Arts and VFW 1757 Post and Auxiliary.

2023 Cook's Music In The Park Partial Line Up June

14: Beefeater Brothers

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21: Cowboy Angel Blue - Decades of musical variety and crowd favorites

28: The Divas – Vegas style variety performed by this fun and entertaining trio.

July

5: Beefeater Brothers. 12: Sam and Mathew Militich - World class jazz guitar and bass duo.

19: The Hutter Bunch - Homegrown Americana and fun popular songs.

26: Dionysian Dithyramb Band – B-side favorites, Beatles and jam band classics.

# Voyageurs National Park adds key staff members



REGIONAL- Voyaguers National Park has announced multiple key additions to their staff for the summer.

Laura Bellasalma is the park's new Supervisory Facility Operations Specialist. She comes to Voyageurs from Crater Lake National Park in Oregon. Bellasalma went to college at Florida Atlantic University for wildlife and forestry and worked in Florida before moving to Arizona. Eventually, she went back to college for a ssecond bachelor's degree in Park and Recreational Management with a minor in Criminal Justice at Northern Arizona University. In 2006, while in school, Laura got into the Park Ranger Training

the program, she became a seasonal park ranger (protection) at Devils Tower, then Lava Beds National Monument, and Mount Rainier. In 2011, she accepted a permanent park ranger (protection) position at Lava Beds National Monument, eventually transitioning her career from protection to maintenance. In 2014, she started at Crater Lake National Park, moving up to Facility Management Systems Specialist (FMSS), Housing Manager, and Fleet Manager in 2017. Prior to coming to Voyageurs, Bellasalma was in the Facility Manager Leaders Program University of Minnesota (FMLP), graduating in April.

Kabetogama native Chad Nevalainen is tran-Program. After completing sitioning from the park's

# House catches fire north of Cook

COOK-Three fire departments from the Cook area were paged out Tuesday night to a house fire north of Cook, as reported by Friends of the Northland Firewire. The fire call came in just before 8 p.m. for a residence in the 2700 block of Vermilion Dr. The Timberjay learned from a different source that fire units responded to 2733 Vermilion Drive, a property listed as owned by

Cameron Nicholas. Arriving firefighters saw flames coming from the house. Departments dispatched included Cook, Orr, and Evergreen. The Cook Ambulance was also on the scene and transported one person to a local hospital for what was believed to be smoke inhalation. Responding departments left the scene at about 10 p.m. No additional information was available.

Namakan District Roads and Trails Work Leader to the District's Roads and Trails Supervisor. Nevalainen joined the National Park Service as a seasonal employee at Voyageurs National Park in 2003. He making Voyageurs a better worked seven summers at the park while attending Thief River Falls Technical Community College where he received a diploma as an Aviation Mechanic. After that, he attended Itas-Community College, ca where he received an Associates Degree in Natural Resource Management and Wildland Firefighting. Nevalainen also attended the Crookston and received his

bachelor's degree (B.S.) in Natural Resource and Park Management. He joined Voyageurs National Park as a permanent employee

in 2015. "I am dedicated to place for visitors to enjoy so they have a positive experience and can share memories of this place with their friends and family," Nevalainen said.

He resides in Kabetogama with his wife and two kids. His family loves having Voyageurs in their backyard where they enjoy doing all the same things he did while growing up.

Two other key personnel were added to the park

staff in 2022.

James Smith began a permanent position as a biological science technician at Voyageurs in June of 2022. James' position is shared between the park, where he works on long term water quality monitoring in the waters in and surrounding Voyageurs, and the Great Lakes Network where he assists in region wide aquatic ecosystem monitoring. Smith is originally from Anchorage, Alaska and started his career at Izembek National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska. He has since worked three seasonal positions at Voyageurs National Park, as well as temporary posi-

tions in south Texas, New Mexico, and Oregon.

Cat Berrick started in May 2022 as the permanent Wildlife Technician at Voyageurs National Park. Berrick previously worked as a seasonal technician in Voyageurs during the summer of 2020. Originally from Nebraska, for the past seven years she has worked as a seasonal fisheries and wildlife technician in her home state as well as in Utah. Idaho, and Washington.



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### SCHOOL STAFF

# Impact of new unemployment benefits unclear

#### by DAVID COLBURN Cook/Orr Editor

**REGIONAL-** Minnesota is now the first state in the country to offer unemployment benefits to hourly school workers who are typically laid off at the end of the regular school year.

School bus drivers, paraprofessionals, nutrition staff, and other education support staff who have traditionally been unpaid during the summer months have long lobbied for the change, and DFL legislators responded to their pleas this year by including the requirement in the education bill recently signed by Gov. Tim Walz

"We are very happy to now have unemployment insurance for hourly school workers," said Minnesota AFL-CIO president Bernie Burnham at a Tuesday press conference at the University of Minnesota. "Minnesota is the first state to allow school workers to access unemployment insurance from pre-K through higher ed. This law is now in effect and workers can start to apply."

Burnham was joined by state legislators and hourly school employees for the news conference.

"We are a profession of mostly women and mostly BIPOC folks, it took us until 2023 to get the same financial safety net that construction workers and other seasonal workers have had for decades," said Catina Taylor, an education support paraprofessional from Minneapolis. "That old decision to exclude us led to the current shortages of ESPs (educational support professionals) in school districts all over the state."

"For the first time, I have the same basic economic security as my boys who work construction," said Cat Briggs, a school bus driver.

State Sen. Jen McEwen, DFL-Duluth, one of the bill's authors, noted that the push for such legislation has been going on for years.

"I've been very fortunate to be able to jump on to an effort that has been going on for a long time by these workers, by their labor unions and their representatives in labor to push for this basic correction and fairness in our system."

"We are ending an 80-year

exclusion of really skilled workers from our unemployment system, the folks who feed and drive and care for and support our students on campuses and in schools," said bill co-author Rep. Emma Greenman, DFL-Minneapolis.

The measure survived concerted opposition from representatives of school administrator and school board organizations who fought against the measure, arguing that the cost of bringing an estimated 60,000 hourly school workers into the unemployment insurance system would be devastating on their local budgets, as well as make it more difficult to find part-time workers to cover their summer programming. Without being given the ability to levy taxes to fund the initiative, administrators said the money to cover the additional expense would have to come from district general funds.

Greenman said she did not expect all hourly school employees to apply for the benefit, as many would continue to seek part-time employment during the summer.

The education bill provides \$135 million to cover the 2024-25 biennium, but did not include any additional allocations. The Department of Employment and Economic Development will estimate the number of workers who will file claims, and if demand exceeds expectations the benefits would be reduced on a pro rata basis. If claims fall short of expectations, the unexpended money would be returned to the state's general fund.

### **NURSING**...Continued from page 1

**BWCC** executive director Adam Masloski told the lawmakers that his facility survived another day thanks to financial contributions from the community as well as a large, unspecified, contribution from Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital.

"We wouldn't have gotten here without that help," said Masloski.

Masloski credited Hauschild and Skraba for their efforts and said it's likely that \$12.35 increase in the daily rate for nursing home residents and an \$18 a day increase in the funding for critical access nursing homes, such as the BWCC, should help to keep the doors open for now. Masloski said those two increases, combined, should add a bit over \$300,000 a year in additional state funding. That's about a seven percent increase based on the facility's \$4.2 million annual budget.

Masloski said \$750,000 in additional capital funding, added by Sen. Hauschild into the tax bill, should also free up some operating funds that had been going to facility repairs.

"Overall, you guys did a great job," Masloski told the lawmakers. "You gave us breathing room. If I could ask for anything more, it would be to keep fighting for higher wages. We need to fill that funding gap."

According to Masloski, the COVID pandemic created a worker shortage for most nursing homes, including BWCC, and that forced him to turn to staffing agencies for workers. Those workers typically cost nursing homes twice as much per hour as they typically pay for in-house staffing, and that's when nurses are even available. With nurse shortages throughout the health care system and with many hospitals willing to offer bonuses for nurses that nursing homes can't match, Masloski said there were times he simply couldn't staff the nursing home, which limited his ability to accept new residents and increase revenue.

Given the relatively low pay traditionally for nursing home staffing, finding and keeping the help they need is increasingly a challenge, noted Masloski.

Nursing homes don't have the option of raising money by boosting rates,

said Masloski, since the rates homes charge are determined by the state. And reimbursements paid by the state have been increasingly lagging ever since the pandemic. Those payments, according to Masloski, are determined by a value-based process, based on the audited costs incurred by the facility for the care it provides to residents. In recent years, the lag time on auditing has increased significantly, meaning that payments to nursing homes are based on costs incurred about 21 months ago, on average. When inflation was running high last year, that put an increasing squeeze on nursing home budgets since their funding was based on prices in effect nearly two years earlier.

"It's a complicated

system, so there's no easy fix," said Masloski. "An inflation adjustment in the formula would help." A faster auditing process, so that payments more clearly match current costs, would also make a difference, Masloski added.

While the Legislature took steps to address the concerns of nursing homes, Hauschild acknowledged

the funding increases were a preliminary step. Lawmakers also established a committee to study nursing rates with a report due in January 2025. The latest adjustments on rates were intended to ensure that nursing homes can keep their doors open until that time.



### **NEW BOOK**...Continued from page 1

generations for their rejection of organized religion that has little influence."

"The message of Jesus is 'joy to the world'...but most Christians find little joy and peace in their daily lives." The church has not focused on the search for joy and peace but on the forgiveness of human sin as the way to joy and peace.

Unfortunately, for v Christians, the gospel now means "the truth of God's forgiveness" instead of an "expression of perfect joy." As a result, the search for joy and peace has been left in the hands of advertising agencies and entrepreneurs who sell happiness in all its varieties, Dale writes.

worship still does very important things," he added, but said more is needed.

"I think we have to do three things," Dale said. "We need to teach every member how to articulate the good news that can bring joy and peace to people. We need to teach the gospel the way it is in the New Testament. And we need to teach people

is not a Christian, this is someone that God loves as much as God loves me."

Dale said this approach builds on the already existing frameworks of Christian churches.

"The church is fighting against itself," he said. "I want to reform the church by adding a focus on the cluster, where we can be ourselves in small groups, and not be afraid to say healing knowledge and skills in the gospel, teaching skills for listening to one another, and skills to harmonize differences. It also includes creating fellowship programs, workshops, and retreats because time together grows relationships. A support system should also be developed to enable every member of a Christian congregation to make joy and peace



"Sunday morning

how to listen."

"If you don't listen to someone," Dale said, "you aren't loving them."

"Jesus proclaims the good news that God loves everyone, not just those who believe," he said. "That means when I am talking to someone who

things."

Dale proposes adding "a cluster-nourishing infrastructure to congregational life to keep all members loving one another and their Lord." This includes staff that can train leaders in making joy and peace in Jesus's name that provides

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### HEALTH CARE

# Preventable deaths by suicide rose again in 2021-22

#### by DAVID COLBURN Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL- After a brief dip during the pandemic in 2020, a 20-year trend of increasing suicides in Minnesota resumed in 2021 and 2022, according to data released by the Minnesota Department of Health.

The preliminary data from 2022 indicates the suicide rate reached 14.3 incidents per 100,000, which translates to 835 deaths statewide. That's close to the previous highest suicide rate of 14.4, set in 2019, according to the newly released MDH data brief. A total of 808 Minnesotans took their own life in 2021.

Death by suicide has been one of several reasons why overall life expectancy may be declining, particularly among male Minnesotans. From 2011 to 2021, suicide, or intentional self-harm, was the eighth leading cause of death in Minnesota.

"Suicide is a significant public health issue that involves the tragic loss of human life." said Minnesota Commissioner of Health Dr. Brooke Cunningham. "It is important for us to take a comprehensive public health approach to suicide prevention that supports connectedness, belonging and protections from lethal means."

While race and ethnicity data is not yet available for 2022, in 2021, the American Indian community had a higher suicide rate in Minnesota than other races or ethnicities - the highest rate for American Indians since at least 2000. Tribal representatives have noted how historical traumas live on today as suicide risk factors, such as loss of indigenous knowledge and identity and economic hardship. Factors protecting members from suicide include positive connections through cultural activities, recognition of tribal sovereignty, a sense of purpose, nature exploration, healthy eating, and reconnecting with traditional practices such as smudging, talking circles, ceremonies and Indigenous medicines.

Latino and Hispanic Minnesotans had more suicide deaths in 2021 than the previous five years.

Suicide rates have also been consistently higher in rural Minnesota, with about a third more suicides than in the state's metro areas. Over the past two decades, national data shows that suicide rates have increased by 46 percent in non-metro areas compared to 27 percent in metro areas.

The data also reinforces past trends that suicide is more prevalent among men. Male Minnesotans had a suicide rate four times higher than females in 2022. Meanwhile, women accounted for 65 percent of hospital-treated self-harm or suicide attempts in 2016-2020.

These patterns are likely related to the lethal and predominant role that firearms play in the death of males by suicide. Nationally, in 2019, 20,725 men committed suicide using a firearm, compared to 3,216 women. Suicides account for over half of all firearm deaths, 54 percent, and over half of all suicides involve a firearm, 53

percent.

An analysis by the Kaiser Family Foundation found that more than twice as many suicides by firearms occur in states with the fewest gun laws.

One effort to reduce suicide deaths by firearms is Counseling on Access to Lethal Means (CALM) training. Available free online and recommended for mental health and health care professionals, the two-hour training promotes strategies for removing or reducing access to the methods people use, such as firearms and medication. Gun locks are one strategy for safely storing a firearm and reducing access to lethal means for someone having suicidal thoughts. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety is giving away gun locks as part of its Safe and Secure Minnesota campaign. You can request up to three free locks at SafeAndSecureMN.org.DPS has given away more than 50,000 locks since last August.

According to MDH, Minnesota's suicide prevention efforts are based on the evi-

in the 1980s led to a collab-

orative sturgeon recovery

effort for the basin. DNR

lake sturgeon stocking

began in 1997 when the

DNR relocated sturgeon

from the Rainy River to

Detroit Lake and Otter Tail

rivers, followed by initia-

tion of a 20-year stocking

program in conjunction

with White Earth and Red

Lake nations in 2001 and

the DNR, along with its

partners, has stocked more

than one-half million lake

sturgeon fingerlings in the

Red River basin," said Nick

Kludt, DNR Red River fish-

eries specialist. "Survey

results and angler reports

suggest that populations

are meeting initial recovery

goals and lake sturgeon

now inhabit much of the

and can live to be more

than 150 years old. The

Minnesota state record

Sturgeon grow slowly

basin."

"Since the early 2000s.

2008, respectively.

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#### able, mental illness is treatable and recovery is possible. The department's newly released 2023-2027 Minnesota State Suicide Prevention Plan calls for a comprehensive approach including improving infrastructure, increasing collaboration and building capacity for local communities to implement strategies in prevention, early intervention, crisis intervention and support after a death by suicide. The plan supports suicide prevention efforts such as the 988 Suicide and Crisis Lifeline, suicide prevention trainings in communities and the Zero Suicide initiative, which is a framework to improve the suicide and self-harm care within health care and behavioral health clinics and organizations.

dence that suicides are prevent-

Help for those in mental health crisis is available at any time by calling or texting the Suicide and Crisis Lifeline at 988.

# DNR now leading egg collection for sturgeon recovery

REGIONAL Sturgeon eggs from the Minnesota side of the Rainy River will soon be continuing in the effort to restore lake sturgeon populations in the Red River basin in western Minnesota and eastern North Dakota.

The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, along with the Red Lake and White Earth nations recently completed egg collection from sturgeon in the border river. Those eggs are now being reared at hatcheries in Wisconsin and North



Dakota where they will be reared to fingerling size before being released as part of DNR and tribal stocking efforts. In previ-

ous years, lake sturgeon eggs were sourced through **Rainy River First Nations** on the Ontario side of the border.



Left: Fisheries staff work quickly to remove sturgeon eggs from a Rainy River sturgeon for recovery stocking within the Red River basin.

photo courtesy MNDNR

Sturgeon were historically abundant in Minnesota until the late 1800s, when over-harvesting, dam construction and diminished water quality combined to decimate their population. They were extirpated from the Red River basin by the mid-1900s and there was little chance that the population could recover on its own.

"Stocking efforts and dam modification projects to improve fish passage are key components to support recovery efforts in the Red River basin," said Matt Skoog, Baudette area fisheries supervisor, who is leading the egg take effort for the DNR.

Discussions that began

sturgeon was six-and-a-half feet long when caught and released.

The DNR plans to transition management focus away from intensive stocking efforts to monitoring populations in the coming years. During the next phase of restoration, priority will be placed on targeted stocking efforts on rivers within the basin, identifying spawning locations, evaluating the ability of populations to self-sustain and continuing efforts to remove barriers to fish passage.

"With improved connectivity, the maturing sturgeon population will be able to access historic spawning areas and hopefully, reproduce naturally," Kludt said. "Future dam modifications, along with targeted stocking and population monitoring, will further promote the success of lake sturgeon recovery efforts."

# Dr. James D. Paruk Loon Book Tour

Dr. Paruk has studied breeding and wintering common loons across North America for 30 years and is one of the world's leading experts on the species. Currently, he is a professor of biology at St. Joseph's College, in Maine, adjunct professor of biology at the University of Southern Maine, and adjunct senior research scientist at the Biodiversity Research Institute in Portland, Maine.

This June he will present highlights from his career and 2021 book, Loon Lessons: Uncommon Encounters with the Great Northern Diver, in several communities throughout Minnesota and Wisconsin. The book provides the most current detailed account of what we know about loon biology, behavior, and conservation in an accessible and entertaining style.

A schedule of his June presentations and field trips, open to the public, follows. More information can be obtained by email: birdingabts@gmail.com.

# Local Events

	2023	Dr.	Paruk	Midwest	Tour	
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Date	Location	Time
June 11	Piragis Bookstore (Ely MN)	12:30-2 pm
June 11	Vermilion State Park (Vermilion Ridge Campground, Mooz Group Camp Shelter, Soudan MN)	5-6:30 pm
June 13	"Tuesday Group" Grand Ely Lodge (Ely MN)	12-1 pm
June 14	"Nature Night" Minnesota North College	7-8 pm
	(Vermilion Campus, Ely MN)	(6:30 reception)
June 15	FIELD TRIP Miner's Lake (Meet at Miner's Lake Public Boat Landing, Ely Field Naturalists, Ely MN)	7-9 am
June 15	FIELD TRIP Glacier & Rookie Ponds (Meet at Tofte Lake Public Boat Access, Ely Field Naturalists, Ely MN)	12-3 pm

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which started in stands of timber between Highway 169 and the Lucky Boy Ponds. The fire was contained before dusk on Saturday.

The Boeing Chinook CH-47D can carry approximately 2,500 gallons of water. A Fire Boss plane can carry 280 gallons in two tanks mounted forward of the pilot's seat in the fuselage. The unique feature of the Fire Boss is its ability to scoop water into its tanks while performing a touchand-go on water.

"DNR closed the Taconite Trail because of the fire," Langeberg said. The trail was closed from Ely to Purvis Lake but was reopened as of Tuesday.



The Chinook awed local spectators gathered at the Morse township offices next to the golf course. At this location, bystanders watching the fire could watch the helicopter dip into Lucky Boy pond for water. The two Fire Boss aircraft scooped their water from Shagawa Lake.

Langeberg said the cause of the fire is not known at this time and that the incident is currently under investigation. Langeberg also cautioned that fire conditions remain hazardous. "We're in a really dry pattern right now. "We were in red flag critical fire weather throughout Minnesota. We've not had substantial

precipitation since the snow melted and moving into the warm-weather season, it has remained pretty dry."

Langeberg also remarked that open burning is currently prohibited because of the adverse fire conditions. "Campfires are allowed, and those are restricted to small recreational fires three feet or smaller. There can be no unattended fires."

Langeberg directed that all campfires need to be doused with water and the ashes stirred until the fire site is "cool to the back of your hand."

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**SPORTS** Se

### BASEBALL

# Grizzlies ousted from playoffs on 8-2 loss



#### by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

CHERRY- The North Woods baseball team had the higher seed, but Cook County had the upper hand in Tuesday's opening round game of the Section 7A tournament, bouncing Left: Talen Jarshaw dives safely back to first base on a pickoff play. photo by D. Colburn the Grizzlies out of the competition with an 8-2 win.

In most postseason tourneys the seventh-seeded Grizzlies would have enjoyed home field advantage over the tenth-seeded Vikings, but to facilitate a same-day second-round game for the winner against Cherry, the game was played on the Tigers' home field instead.

Vikings' hurler Kole

Anderson was a commanding early presence on the mound, striking out five of the first six Grizzlies batters, as Cook County carried a 1-0 lead into the top of the third. Anderson came to the plate with runners on first and second and slammed a Louie Panichi pitch over the center field wall for a three-run homer, stretching the lead to 4-0. North Woods tried to strike back in the bottom of the third, with Trajen Barto and Cedar Holman rapping infield shots that were too hot for the Vikings to handle and Panichi drawing a walk to load the bases, but Talen Jarshaw hit a popper to short left field that was caught by the shortstop to end the threat. Cook County capital-

ized on a Grizzlies error to

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# WOLVES ADVANCE



Smith, Olson heading to state tourney

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP- North Woods golfers Tori Olson and Eli Smith are headed to the state tournament after turning in strong performances at the 7A sectional tournament in Virginia last week.

Junior Olson was expected to challenge for a spot high on the leaderboard, coming into the tourney having placed fifth or better in every tournament this season except Hibbing, where she placed seventh. She set the pace in the opening round on Wednesday, May 24 by firing an 85 and was five shots clear of the field at the end of the day. Olson put up the same score in Thursday's second round, but couldn't hold off a charge from Walker-Hackensack-Akeley's Kianna Johnson, who carded a 78 to slip past Olson 168-170 for the crown. Smith came into the tourney playing well after having captured his third tourney title of the season the prior Monday with a two-under 33 at Babbitt. Smith struggled on the back nine Wednesday, shooting an 83 for the day and slotting in at seventh going into the second round. The Grizzlies' senior was up and down on the front on Thursday, firing a pair of birdies to offset a couple of double bogeys, then made his move on the second nine. Smith headed for clubhouse by shooting eight shots

# Ely tops Carlton, MI-B, but will face top-seed South Ridge on Thursday

#### by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

ELY — Aslow start didn't keep the fourth-seeded Timberwolves from notching back-to-back wins here on Tuesday to advance in the Section 7A baseball tournament. "It took a while to get going in our first game versus Carlton," said Ely Head Coach Frank Ivancich. "We really struggled those first four innings."

While the Wolves had routed Carlton 22-4 and 28-0 earlier in the season, they clung to a narrow 4-2 lead through four and a half innings. The fifth inning turned the tide, however, as sophomore Caid Chittum ignited a spree with a single to open what proved to be an eight-run, eight-hit inning capped with a RBI double by junior Drew Marolt to ten-run the Raptors 12-2.

Ivancich said the Wolves just needed to loosen up. "Sometimes

Above: Ely first baseman Erron Anderson waits for the throw on a first base pick-off of a Carlton runner on Tuesday.

#### Right: Ely's third baseman Drew Marolt throws to first after notching a force out at third.

photos by J. Greeney

you try so hard not to make a mistake that you play with a tightened up feel rather just go out and play," he said.

Junior Elliot Levens notched the win for Ely, allowing just one hit in four innings pitched, while striking out six and issuing five walks. Freshman Jack Davies pitched the final frame for Ely, allowing no runs.

Chittum and senior Preston Hines both had big days at the plate, with three hits apiece, while

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### SOFTBALL

# North Woods drops two, bows out of playoffs

#### by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL- After picking up an opening round 3-1 home win against Cromwell-Wright in the Section 7A softball tournament last week, the eighth-seeded North Woods Grizzlies faced off last Thursday against a daunting opponent. Top-seeded Moose

# Grizzlies finish their season at 8-9

Lake/Willow River won last year's sectional and finished second in the state. The Rebels were ranked second in the state in Class A this year in the Quality Ratings Formula used for seeding, and their 18-3 record included a 12-0 shutout of 7AAAA Duluth East. At 8-7, the Grizzlies had six fewer games under their belts due to early season weather cancellations.

The Grizzlies couldn't touch Rebels hurler Alexis Hoffman, who sent 13 North Woods batters to the bench on strike-outs. Meanwhile, Moose Lake roughed up North Woods pitching, with five players getting two or more hits, too much firepower for the Grizzlies to handle as they dropped into the elimination bracket with a 10-0 loss.

Fourth seed Silver Bay had a five-game winning streak halted by South Ridge in Thursday's action and looked to get back on track against North Woods. The Mariners did just that, putting up nine runs against just one for the Grizzlies to advance. Silver Bay won the elimination bracket with two more victories and was scheduled to face Moose Lake for the sectional title on Thursday.

The Grizzlies finished their season at 8-9.

### PROTECTION

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have continued to collect and

# Walz signs ban on commercial turtle harvesting

REGIONAL-Minnesota Gov. Tim Walz has signed into law a ban on commercial collection of wild turtles in the state. Each year, for-profit trappers have collected thousands of turtles from the state's waterways, mostly to sell for food, traditional Asian medicines or pets.

"Tens of thousands of Minnesota's turtles are now safe from trappers out to make a quick buck," said Collette Adkins, a biologist and senior attorney at the Center for Biological Diversity. "The science shows that even a small number of turtle traffickers can quickly devastate turtle populations. This ban is a big victory for all of us who care about the health of our state's wildlife and waterways."

About two decades ago, the



The commercial harvest of turtles will soon be prohibited under a new law signed by Gov. Tim Walz recently.

Minnesota Department of Natural commercial turtle trappers. Since Resources placed a moratorium on issuing new licenses for

sell tens of thousands of turtles using baited turtle traps. For example, in 2021, 19 licensees removed approximately 10,000 painted turtles from the wild in Minnesota.

A Minnesota study found lower turtle population levels in lakes where commercial turtle trapping had previously occurred. Many studies have shown that wild turtles cannot withstand commercial exploitation without facing severe declines because, unlike deer and other traditional "game" animals, turtles take many years to mature and reproduce.

"It's time to shellebrate," said Christopher Smith, conservation committee chair for the Minnesota Herpetological Society. "Minnesota's ban on

the commercial harvest of wildcaught turtles has been a long time coming and has been a group effort spanning over two decades.'

As part of a campaign to protect freshwater turtles in the United States, advocacy by the Center and its partners has led to bans or important restrictions on commercial turtle trapping in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Iowa, Missouri, New York, Nevada, South Carolina and Texas. Prior to enactment of this new legislation, Minnesota was one of just six states that still allowed unrestricted commercial collection of wild turtles.

The legislation enacted today goes into effect on Jan. 1, 2024.

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add two more runs in the top of the fourth, leaving North Woods staring at a 6-0 deficit.

North Woods finally got on the board in the bottom of the fourth when Levi Chaulkin connected on a bases-loaded single to bring home Ben Kruse from third.Alex Burckhardt tried to steal home on a passed ball but was thrown out at the plate.

The Grizzlies stranded two more runners in the fifth, and Kruse replaced



### Left: A Cook County runner slides under the tag of North Woods' Cedar Holman for a

Panichi on the mound in the sixth. The Vikings tagged Kruse for a deep outfield hit that scored a runner all the way from first after a pair of North Woods throwing errors. Another single to center brought home the second Cook County run of the inning, staking the Vikings to an 8-1 lead.

Anderson retired the Grizzlies in order in the bottom of the sixth, and Kruse struck out the side in the top of the seventh, as North Woods had one last gasp to stave off elimination. Holman stroked a single up the middle, but was out on a force play that left Jarshaw at first. After stealing second on a passed ball, Jarshaw came around to score on a double by Kruse. Burkhardt drew a walk and Smith was hit by a

pitch to load the bases one more time, but Nick Pierce went down on strikes to end the game and the Grizzlies season.

The Grizzlies had hoped to use the momentum from wins over Deer River and Nashwauk-Keewatin in their final two regular season games to fuel a run in the tourney, but instead ended the winter-shortened season with a record of 5-8.

# WOLVES..Continued from page 1B

seniors Joey Bianco, Logan Loe, and Erron Anderson added two hits apiece.

In the nightcap, Marolt dominated on the mound for Ely as the Wolves

#### topped Mt. Iron-Buhl 6-0. "We played really well,

but Drew had a lot to do with that," said Ivancich. "He was just great on the mound—in command and

### GOLF..Continued from page 1B

better on the back nine than he had the previous day, canning a birdie on the 17th hole to finish with a 38 that

vaulted him to fourth with a 36-hole total of 162. Olson and Smith are no

strangers to Pebble Creek

in control."

Meanwhile, Ely put points on the board in the second, third, and fourth innings enroute to the win. Bianco led the Wolves in game, ripping three hits and scoring twice. Chittum and Anderson added two hits each while Chittum added two RBIs to his totals.

"We got some key con-

tributions from our leaders today, Joey, Logan, Caid, and Erron all came through today in key situations," said Ivancich. The going will

now get harder for the Timberwolves. They'll face top-seeded South Ridge in the quarterfinal round on Thursday, at 11 a.m., at South Ridge.

Golf Club in Becker, site of the Class A state tourney on June 13-14. As a member of the North Woods state

team, Olson placed 79th in 2019. The tournament was canceled in 2020 due to COVID-19, but Olson was back the next year, placing 46th. In 2022 she made a big leap in the standings, finishing 11th. Smith placed 63rd as a member of the boys team in 2021.



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Membership in Old Settlers is open to anyone born or living on the Vermilion Iron Range. The money raised through memberships pays the expenses of putting on the annual picnic. If you have

booyah (meat and vegetable soup prepared from the same recipe year after year), you are in for a treat. The meal is cooked overnight over wood fire in 100-year old iron kettles, and it always tastes amazing. Take-outs are also available if you are unable to stay for the picnic, live music, and raffles.





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### DRY CONDITIONS

# Spring fire season may linger well into June

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

REGIONAL— A June fire season? In Minnesota? While June is typically

down time for firefighters in northern Minnesota, that may not be the case this year with temperatures running well above normal the past couple weeks and in the extended forecast, and precipitation running well below average.

In a typical late May and June, frequent rainfall and the spring green-up usually puts an end to fire danger, at least temporarily. Memorial Day weekend in the North Country traditionally comes with showers and high temperatures in the 60s. That wasn't the case this past holiday weekend, however, as the area experienced high temperatures in the 80s, with low humidity, wind, and no rainfall. That prompted red flag warnings at least two of three days last weekend, an unusual circumstance for what is traditionally considered the start of summer in Minnesota.

"It feels like it just snuck up on us," said Leane Langeberg, public information officer with the Minnesota Interagency Fire Center in Grand Rapids."We Right: While fire conditions vary from day-to-day, the sign at the Tower Area DNR office on Tuesday reflected recent dry conditions.

photo by M. Helmberger

really haven't received much precipitation since the snow melted."

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# RANCH RESOLUTION?

It's said good fences make good neighbors. That may even include wolves for this remote cattle ranch north of Orr

# Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower BEARBERRY



The **Bearberry**, otherwise known as *Arctostaphylos uva-ursi* is most commonly found in our region on rocky outcrops usually in at least partial shade.

It's a member of the Heath family and like most members of this family, it sports thick, waxy evergreen leaves and small, belllike flowers. The flowers of the Bearberry sport flaired, usually pink-tinted petals at the tip of the bell. The opening to the flower is so small that insects will frequently bite holes through the side of the flower to access the nectar.

The flower will later turn to a bright red berry that is edible but not particularly tasty. It's leaves can be dried and smoked as a tobacco substitute.

#### by MARSHALL HELMBERGER Managing Editor

HEEP RANCH ROAD— For years, cattle rancher Wes Johnson has lost several head of cattle every year to wolves. His 1,500-acre operation, located about 15 miles north of Orr, is a rarity here at the southern edge of the boreal forest, where ranches are few and often confined to 100 acres or less.

Johnson's ranch isn't just large for the region, it is uniquely located in the heart of the densest population of gray wolves in North America, according to Austin Homkes, a researcher with the Voyageurs Wolf Project. Four separate wolf packs border the sprawling ranch, all of which have used Johnson's cattle, mostly his calves, as an occasional food source for decades.

In other words, it's ground zero in the longstanding battle between ranchers and wolves. It's also now the site of an experiment that could provide a model for substantially reducing, or even eliminating, the loss of cattle in some cases to Minnesota's top wild predator.

### A costly problem

Johnson's losses have been significant over the years, although he doesn't have an exact number of how many calves he's lost to wolves. "I've probably lost over a hundred head at least," he said. "At over a grand apiece that adds up." And while he is reimbursed for lost cattle when he can find a carcass, often the entire calf simply goes missing, which means no reimbursement. It's the same story when calves or cows are injured in wolf attacks, even if they later have to be put down.

But this spring, at a time when his cows are calving and wolves are normally taking advantage of an easy meal, Johnson said all is quiet on the ranch, thanks to the installation of a wolf-proof metal fence, completed last year, which is keeping the

# A history of conflict

 Up to 7 calves lost annually since 2005

~\$1,200 lost revenue per calf

 Cost of Wildlife Services trapper's time and effort annually

>80 wolves killed since 2005

- 26% of all wolf mortalities in GVE due to depredation management
- · 12 tagged wolves since 2016
- 3 lactating females removed in May 2016

Top: A trail camera documents one of countless interactions between wolves and the recently installed fence encircling the Wes Johnson ranch north of Orr.

Courtesy U.S. Wildlife Services

# Above: A cow and calf on the Johnson ranch north of Orr.

photo by Anthony Souffle/StarTribune

wolves at bay.

"It's going great, so far," said Johnson, who was riding the calving grounds on a mild, sunny day this past week. "The cows are calm and quiet."

The fence is a joint experiment hatched two years ago by stakeholders who all had something to gain from a permanent solution to Johnson's wolf problem. Both state and federal agencies, including the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and U.S. Wildlife Services, were expending taxpayer resources each year. The state dollars went for reimbursement for lost cattle, and since 2005 the reimbursement



Since 2005, federal trappers have trapped and killed at least 80 wolves from Johnson's ranch, or about ten percent of the local wolf population every year. That not only affected Johnson's operations, it impacted the Voyageurs Wolf Project since the project's study area includes Johnson's ranch and the four wolf packs that surround it. Since 2016, federal trappers had caught and killed 12 of the project's GPS-collared wolves. The losses of valuable research animals had created some occasional friction between the researchers and the federal trappers. Those frictions came to a head two years ago in a tense meeting between officials with Wildlife Services and researchers. Lead researcher Tom Gable said the federal officials were concerned that their trapping of wolves for radio-collaring was

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### **Fishing reports**

### Ely area

As water temps climb into the high 50s walleve are on the move. While you can still find walleyes hanging around spawning areas, the majority of them have now moved on, mostly cruising shorelines looking for an easy meal. Anglers are finding walleyes in 12-16 feet of water during the day with a jig and minnow, but during the evening hours, walleyes are sliding up as shallow as 3 feet looking for minnows and leeches. Here, a slip bobber and a leech, large floating minnow bait, and jig and minnow have been very effective for catching walleyes.

Pike anglers continue to enjoy excellent pike fishing up in shallow bays. Similar to the walleyes, pike are on the move and cruising shorelines looking for an easy meal. Anglers fishing off their dock or a boat have been casting large spoons, spinnerbaits and floating large minnows under a bobber for trophy pike.

Crappie anglers are reporting that crappies are schooling up at the mouth of shallow bays and venturing into shallow bays as water temps climb. Crappie minnows and small hair jigs, fished under a bobber at the mouth of these bays, has been very effective for crappie anglers.

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"educating" wolves about traps, making it harder to catch problem animals on the ranch.

Gable countered, noting that Wildlife Services was killing collared wolves that he could prove weren't involved in depredation on the ranch. When the representatives from Wildlife Services suggested he move his study, Gable refused, but suggested erecting a fence as a possible solution.

The timing appeared to be ideal. All involved recognized that the longstanding pattern of addressing wolf depredation through trapping hadn't solved the problem on the ranch and they were looking for another way of addressing the issue. It was an unusual alignment of interests, one that brought wolf advocacy groups like the Humane Society of the U.S., which strongly opposes the killing of wolves, together with a longtime rancher, federal trappers, and wildlife researchers, to construct and study the impact of the fence.

"The key to the project was collaboration," said Homkes, noting that all parties had an interest in a solution to the ongoing problem. "In the end, we all worked together for a common goal."

Gable agreed and gave Johnson much of the credit for making it work. "Wes is a reasonable guy. He doesn't want the conflict



Staff members with the Voyageurs Wolf Project pitched in on the construction of the fence surrounding the Johnson ranch. Photo courtesy Voyageur Wolf Project

with the wolves. He just doesn't want to lose his calves. He's has been super jazzed about the project. He's been really active in making this a success."

The project was a major undertaking, noted Homkes, who discussed the project during a recent webinar on the topic. First, crews had to clear miles of brush around the existing barbed wire fence located along the perimeter of the ranch, to allow for installation of the woven metal fencing. Then, they had to install the 49-inch high fencing, along with a two-foot apron laid on the ground just outside the fence to prevent wolves from digging underneath. It wasn't the first time

Johnson had explored

non-lethal ways to address his wolf problem. He'd tried protection animals, like dogs and donkeys. He'd tried regular patrols of his borders to discourage wolf activity. He'd tried electric fences, but the wolves quickly learned to evade them.

So, when the idea of the permanent metal fence was broached, Johnson was willing to give it a try – and it has proven to be the ideal location for such an experiment. Given the involvement of the Voyageurs Wolf Project, which deploys trail cameras and uses GPS collars on wolves throughout its study area, including the packs surrounding the ranch, it's possible not only to measure the reduction in wolf depredation but to see in real time how wolves are responding to the presence of the fence, including when they find ways to evade it.

Creek beds and uneven terrain are among the challenges to keeping wolves off the ranch. Low water can let wolves slip underneath in a dry creek bed. Last year's high water conditions tore out a section of the fence where it crossed a local creek. When heavy snow drifted into the creek bed, wolves were able to step over the fence. A fallen tree can flatten the fence anywhere along the seven and a half mile perimeter of the ranch, allowing another point of entry.

Once one wolf discovers an entry point, others quickly follow, but the GPS collars on some of the members of the pack, or trail cameras deployed along portions of the fence, help pinpoint trouble spots that need maintenance.

Those GPS collars, which regularly ping the locations of the wolves, used to show wolves from the four surrounding packs routinely used the ranch in their day-to-day hunting and other movements. But since the installation of the fence, those same GPS locations show that the fence has become a nearly impenetrable barrier, save for an occasional issue, to the wolves. And that's making making Johnson's life as a rancher a lot less stressful.

The new fence wasn't cheap to build. Materials alone ran about \$70,000, according to Homkes, with a total price tag of about \$100,000. But a number of agencies and nonprofits with an interest in the experiment helped fund some of it. Staff from the research project, Wildlife Services, and Johnson's operation all pitched in with labor to make it happen. But given the potential to reduce Johnson's losses, save tax dollars on reimbursements and trapping, and reduce the toll on the ongoing wolf research in the area, Johnson figures it's a good investment. "In the long run it's going to pay for itself," he said.

# Another tool in the toolbox

John Hart says he's heartened, but not surprised, by the effectiveness of the fence. Hart is the district supervisor of Wildlife Services, based in Grand Rapids and he sees the fence as a sensible approach in some instances. "It's another tool in the toolbox," he said, noting that it's a good fit for ranches that are isolated so the wolves don't simply go elsewhere. "It's not a silver bullet for every depredation issue," Hart notes. "It has to be isolated from other ranches, otherwise, you're kind of blowing the leaves into your neighbors' yard."

While the fence at the Johnson's ranch is perfectly located for an experiment of this kind, Hart said he was involved in the fencing of another cattle ranch, near Effie, which had experienced significant wolf depredation as well. That fence, installed in 2020, has been equally effective. "Knock on wood, but we haven't had a loss since."

While it's an expensive approach, Hart agrees it's probably worth it for ranches that have experienced significant losses on a regular basis, given that it can reduce losses by the producer as well as save tax dollars. "We haven't done a cost-benefit analysis yet, but think there will be a payoff in the long run," he said.

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While this week brought scattered showers and some heavier thunderstorms across parts of the region, it wasn't enough to end the continuing danger of wildfires in the region. "The danger will continue until we get some significant measurable rainfall," said Langeberg. At this point, fire conditions will vary day-to-day, said Langeberg, depending on precipitation, relative humidity, and wind. Humidity is especially key. "When humidity drops below 25 percent, fires can move quickly," she said.

The conditions are becoming reminiscent of 2021, when fires burned early May. As of Monday, the river's flow had fallen from 2,070 cubic feet per second (cfs) to just 655 cfs, which puts the river in the low-flow category. Other area rivers have seen less dramatic declines in water levels but all are trending downward. It remains to be seen if that trend is reversed by heavy rain that hit parts of the area during thunderstorms Tuesday night. That rain has at least temporarily eased fire conditions as well.

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tens of thousands of acres in the region during an extended drought. Langeberg said the area began the season this year with more soil moisture than during 2021, which is helping for now. The area isn't currently in drought even though rainfall is running considerably below average. Most reporting stations in northern St. Louis County are reporting barely an inch of precipitation in May, or about a third of normal for the month. Extended outlooks for the first half of June show a continuing trend of above normal temperatures and below normal precipitation.

### **Dropping river levels**

The building precipitation deficit is being seen in plummeting river levels in parts of the region. The flow of the Little Fork River is highly dependent on recent precipitation and its level has dropped remarkably since the flooding experienced in late April and



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# CLEAN

Boats, PWCs, trailers, and gear

Remove all weeds, mud, and hitchhiking contaminants from axles, wheels, undercarriage, motor, prop, skis, wakeboards, ropes, and life jackets before leaving

# DRAIN

 Water from boat, bilge, motor, ballast tanks, and bladders.
 PWCs - run motor for 10 seconds to blow water out of jet drive

Remove drain plug and open all water draining devices

💙 Trash unused bait

# DRY

Everything at least five days before going to other waters

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# **EMPLOYMENT**

### JOB OPENING – CITY OF ORR FT CLERK/TREASURER

The City of Orr is currently seeking qualified candidates for the position of City Clerk/ Treasurer. This is a full-time position with competitive benefits. Primary duties include utility billing, payroll, accounts payable/receivable, monthly financial statements, meeting minutes, preparation of annual budgets, assist with city audit, and maintenance of city ordinances and record keeping. Applicants must possess strong analytical, organization, math, and computer skills. Must be able to work with the public; have excellent oral and written communication skills; and the ability to work independently and efficiently. Experience with Fund Accounting is preferred. Must pass drug test, background, and credit checks. The City of Orr is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

To obtain an application, contact the Orr City Hall, 4429 Hwy 53, PO Box 237, Orr, MN 55771 at 218-757-3288; or email: orrmn@ centurytel.net Position will remain open until filled. tfn

### **Career Counselor** Part time 30 Hours Per Week \$27.18/hour

The Northeast Minnesota Office of Job Training (JET) is accepting applications for a Career Counselor position in International Falls. JET is a partner in the CareerForce system and administers state and federal employment and training programs for dislocated workers, low-income adults, and youth. This position requires a high level of organization and attention to detail, while providing excellent customer service in a compassionate, resourceful, knowledgeable manner. Applicants must have a four-year degree or be within six (6) months of obtaining it; possess excellent interpersonal communication skills; be able to reliably work independently; and have strong computer skills and organizational abilities. Previous experience working with individuals on public assistance, workforce development programs, and/or counseling and case management highly preferred. Full iob description can be found on Indeed or on Minnesotaworks.net Job ID: 13398425

Submit cover letter, resume, and references to Tara Helms, Human Resources Director, via email at tara.helms@nemojt.org or by mail at P.O. Box 1028, Virginia, MN, 55792 Resumes are due no later than Friday, June 2, 2023. EOE, no phone calls please. 6/2

# **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **NOTICE OF VACANCY** ST. LOUIS COUNTY CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

The St. Louis County Board of Commissioners will be appointing a member to a three-year term on the St. Louis County Civil Service Commission. The Civil Service Commission oversees the administration of the County's merit system of employment by approving and enforcing rules, hearing appeals and complaints. Applicants cannot hold or be a candidate for public office, may not hold any public employment, or hold a position in a political party within two years immediately preceding appointment, and must be a resident of St. Louis County. There are usually two (2) meetings scheduled per month (1:30 - 2:00 pm on Mondays). At least four pm meetings per year are scheduled in range cities. Periodic hearings may be significantly longer. For additional information, please contact James R. Gottschald, Director of Human Resources and Administration for St. Louis County at 218-725-5066 or gottschaldj@stlouscountymn.gov.



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### FT JOB OPENING - CITY OF ORR MAINTENANCE/PUBLIC WORKS ASSISTANT

The City of Orr is seeking candidates for a full-time General Maintenance/Public Works Assistant. Minimum qualifications include a valid driver's license, high school diploma or GED, mechanical aptitude, and ability to obtain required water and wastewater certifications. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, daily/seasonal operations of streets and parks, water and wastewater sys-tems, operation and maintenance of works equipment and machinery, and the municipal airport. Hiring Range: \$14.47 to \$18.47/hr (DOQ) and competitive full-time employee benefit package. Must pass drug test and background check. The City of Orr is an Equal Employment Opportunity Employer.

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One letter stands for another. In this sample, A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each week the code letters are different

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Applications are also available in the County Auditor's Office in the Duluth Courthouse and the Government Services Center in Virginia, and in the Ely Government Services Building, or by emailing <u>chapmanp@stlouiscountymn</u>. gov or calling 218-726-2385.

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### PET CREMATION

VISIT VermilionPetCremation. com or call 218-780-8069 for pet cremation details and rates.

### SUPPORT GROUPS

Ely AA OPEN GROUP MEETINGS- in person meet-ings, Wednesdays & Saturdays 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 Tuesdavs at 8 p.m. at Holy Cross Catholic Church, Orr.

TOPS- Meetings every Monday at 4:45 p.m. at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, Virginia.

BABBITT AL-ANON- meets ursdays at 7 p.m. in upstairs of Woodland Thursdays 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 any one 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.

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





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AL-ANON MEETING IN COOK Ashawa Al-Anon Family Group meets at Trinity Lutheran Church, 231 2nd St. NE, Cook at 7:00 pm Sunday. This meeting is for families and friends of alcoholics

OPEN MEETING Thursdays at 7 p.m. at Woodland Presbyterian Church, at Acacia Blvd. and Central Drive in Babbitt.

ELY WOMEN'S OPEN AA MEETING- Every Monday at noon at Ledgerock Community Church, 1515 E Camp St., Ely.

YOU THINK YOU HAVE A PROBLEM WITH DRUGS, give yourself a break. There is a way out with the help of other recovering addicts in Narcotics We have been Anonymous. there. For meeting or other information call 218-728-3199. (Narcotics Anonymous is a non-profit organization.)

HIV/AIDS? For confidential compassionate local support call the Rural AIDS Action Network, tollfree 1-888-647-RAAN(7226)

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS East Range meetings and infor-mation, call 218-749-3387 or www.district8online.org

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

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