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RETROSPECTIVE

Is Minnesota still “A state that works?”

50 years after *Time* magazine’s memorable cover story, Minnesota still stands out for its quality of life

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
 Managing Editor

It was 50 years ago this Sunday that Minnesota received a journalistic “atta-boy” of epic proportions, with a *Time* magazine cover story that heralded “The Good Life in Minnesota.”

At a time when the U.S. as a whole was facing a growing list of challenges, *Time* dubbed Minnesota “The State That Works,” citing clean government, safe streets, a vibrant

arts scene, a well-educated and largely middle-class population, and a relaxed lifestyle centered around the state’s countless lakes.

The story noted that Minnesota ranked highly on a number of societal measures, including a low poverty rate, low violent crime and the second highest life expectancy in the country, at 73 years. So how has the state fared in the half century since the publication of this much-discussed report?

Right: A montage of cover and story art from the iconic *Time* magazine cover from Aug. 12, 1973.

Courtesy of Minnpost

That question was recently the focus of a multi-part retrospective published by *Minnpost*’s Dane Smith, and the *Timberjay* is republishing extended excerpts from that series, *Reappraising Minnesota*,

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LAMPPA MANUFACTURING

Senator gets a closer look

Klobuchar played pivotal role in helping Lamppa Manufacturing in its battle with EPA

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
 Managing Editor

TOWER— Beginning late last year, Sen. Amy Klobuchar offered critical help from a distance as Lamppa Manufacturing faced a financial crisis stemming from bureaucratic incompetence and intransigence surrounding the Environmental Protection Agency’s wood furnace emissions testing program. On Wednesday, the senator got to see the Tower-based company’s operations firsthand, with a factory-wide tour that included a chance to light one of the company’s newest sauna stoves. She also visited with several employees at the plant, asking questions about the various aspects of production, finishing, and shipping of the company’s sauna stoves and wood furnaces.

For Klobuchar, the visit was all part of her ongoing effort to show support for rural small business, particularly small manufacturers, which can face a variety of challenges, such

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Top: Garrett Lamppa talks to U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar about Lamppa Manufacturing’s newest sauna stove.

Above: The senator discusses the welding process for new sauna stoves with welder Todd Petersen. Petersen said he loves working at Lamppa Manufacturing.

Left: Garrett Lamppa explains some of the company history through old photos.

photos by M. Helmberger



WORKFORCE HOUSING

Ely HRA to seek developer quotes for new housing

by CATIE CLARK
 Ely Editor

ELY- The Ely Housing and Redevelopment Authority (HRA) approved the new housing feasibility study for the city at its Aug. 8 meeting, and gave executive director Joe Hiller the go-ahead to seek quotes from developers to build workforce housing based on the needs outlined in the new study. Hiller told the HRA, “the study clearly indicated the need for (workforce) housing in Ely,” predicting full occupancy within six months of completion.

Ely contracted Maxfield Research and Consulting LLC to do the feasibility study using a 22-unit townhouse project as a starting point. The housing study was the subject of a detailed article in the Aug. 4 edition of the *Timberjay*. The study outlined scenarios for a mix of townhouses and apartments priced for workforce employees earning 50

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GREENWOOD

Township in a pickle over popular sport

by JODI SUMMIT
 Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- America’s fastest-growing sport is causing a ruckus in Greenwood Township.

How to fairly split up reserved court time on the single tennis court in Greenwood between tennis players and pickleball players was on the agenda at the town board’s Tuesday meeting.

Pickleball, a combination of badminton, tennis, and ping pong, has a loyal and enthusiastic following of players, most of whom are in the senior citizen age bracket.

According to the USA Pickleball Association, Pickleball is fun, social, and friendly. The rules are simple, and the game is easy for beginners to learn, but can

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Community notices

U.S. Congressman Jamie Raskin to speak at Ely's Tuesday Group on Aug. 15

ELY- U.S. Congressman Jamie Raskin will be speaking next week's Tuesday Group at the Grand Ely Lodge. The Tuesday Group meets every Tuesday. The speaking portion of the program starts at noon.

Raskin was the lead impeachment manager in the second impeachment trial of former president Donald Trump and served on the Select Committee to Investigate the January 6th Attack on the United States Capitol.

The organizers of the Tuesday Group advise that those wanting to attend next week should plan on arriving at the Grand Ely Lodge well before noon as parking and seating will be tight. Those wishing to attend virtually should contact Elton Brown at ewbrown2@icloud.com or 218-365-4343 for the online Zoom meeting link.

Pickup Truck Opera to perform Romeo and Juliet on Aug. 11 and 12 in this area

REGIONAL- Mixed Precipitation celebrates 15 years of outdoor summer fun, performing one of the most beloved and famous tragedies in the theatre tradition, "Romeo and Juliet", adapted from Vincenzo Bellini's 1830 opera, "I Capuleti e i Montecchi" (The Capulets and the Montagues).

Local performances of Pickup Truck Opera include Friday, Aug. 11 at 7 p.m. at Early Frost Farm, 7273 Palo Tia Rd. in Embarrass; Saturday, Aug. 12 at 2 p.m. at Whiteside Park, 721 East Sheridan St. in Ely (presented by Northern Lakes Arts Association); and Sunday, Aug. 13 at 2 p.m. at Mesaba Cooperative Park, 3827 Mesaba Park Rd. in Hibbing. The performance lasts approximately 75-90 minutes. All shows are outdoors. Watch the Mixed Precipitation website and social media for information on weather delays.

The Chamber Music Society of Minnesota presents free concert by NLCMI Aug. 19

COOK- The Chamber Music Society of Minnesota is proud to present a free summer concert by the Northern Lights Chamber Music Institute (NLCMI) on Saturday, August 19 at 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook. NLCMI will perform in a program of trio, quartets, quintets, sextets, octets and full string orchestra.

The concert offers an evening of beautiful chamber music performed by 33 outstanding young artists, many from the region but also this year from as far away as China, Taiwan, and nine different U.S. states. The NLCMI is an annual summer institute where ten days of intense chamber music studies take place at Camp Vermilion on pristine Lake Vermilion outside of Cook. Gifted young musicians of college and high school age, along with internationally acclaimed faculty will participate in this concert.

The NLCMI faculty are Ariana Kim, Grammy-nominated violin professor at Cornell University, Young-Nam Kim, founding Artistic Director of the Chamber Music Society of Minnesota, Sally Chisholm, viola professor at the University of Wisconsin at Madison, Daniel Kim, violist of the Boston Symphony Orchestra and Anthony Arnone, cello professor at the University of Iowa.

The program will consist of works by Mozart, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Brahms, Dvorak as well as Bela Bartok, Luigi Boccherini, Leo Janacek, Reinhold Gliere, Dimitri Shostakovich, Bedrich Smetana and Ralph Vaughan Williams. At the conclusion of the concert, all participants play together in a full string orchestra.

The Northern Lights Chamber Music Institute is the premiere educational wing of the Chamber Music Society of Minnesota, Young-Nam Kim and Arian Kim, Co-Artistic Directors.

Salute to Slovenia at the Ely Senior Center on Saturday, Aug. 19

ELY- There will be a Slovenian live music and dance party from 6 - 9 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19 at the Ely Senior Center, 27 S First Ave E. Food, water, and soda will be available. Cost is \$5 per person. All are welcome.

MUSIC AND FUN

Steve Solkela and No Harm in Harmony to perform at LVCC in Tower

TOWER- The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center in Tower will host a delightful evening of Finn fun and music on Tuesday, Aug. 15 beginning at 6 p.m. Steve Solkela will perform his ever-changing music and comedy show. Steve calls himself the "Funny Finn from Palo, Minn." He is an opera singer, comedian, and stuntman, who performs an action-packed recital, which is sure to knock your socks off. The audience will also enjoy the music of No Harm in Harmony. This vocal trio features the crazy crooners, Greg Barnes and Zach Barnes, along with Steve Solkela. They will

be singing jazz standards, folk, Broadway, and rock power ballads. Admission is \$10 per person and those 18 and under will be admitted free.

The LVCC is dedicated to community enrichment through education and the arts by offering quality programming and providing opportunities to showcase the rich cultural heritage of the area. To learn more about the LVCC or to donate, visit their website at vermilion-culturalcenter.org.

Steve Solkela never fails to entertain a crowd. photo submitted



100 YEARS OF HISTORY

Final History Night Wednesday of the summer features Ely Music and Drama Club centennial

ELY - This year marks the centennial year for the Ely Music and Drama Club. The Ely-Winton Historical Society's final history night this summer highlights decades of learning, laughter and support of the arts. With a century of community-focused programming, connections abound, and the stories are many. Jodi Martin will share information about the club and the 100-year celebration. Kathy Farion will discuss the history and importance of the club in Ely.

In the 1920s, popular pastimes were baseball, movies (it was still the silent film era) and attending plays and con-

certs. Despite a radio broadcasting boom, only one percent of American households owned a radio receiver in 1923. Ely tapped the energy and talent of its populace and the Music and Drama Club was founded.

It originated as a study group to explore music and dramas of all varieties and from all cultures. The first members often created their own productions and promoting and supporting the arts in Ely became a central theme. The club, across four decades, has annually recognized an individual, and their impact on creative arts endeavors, with a Community Service Award.



Henry's Wives ensemble included area members performing English music.

have received scholarships through the Zella Richter Scholarship fund. Supporting the next generation is a deeply embedded value for the club. A beloved teacher for 21 years in the Ely schools, Richter was a charter member of the Music and Drama Club and was well-known for the positive impact she had on her students.

History Night will be Wednesday, Aug. 16, at 7 p.m. in the Lecture Hall of the Minnesota North College Vermilion Campus (VCC) and is free to the public.

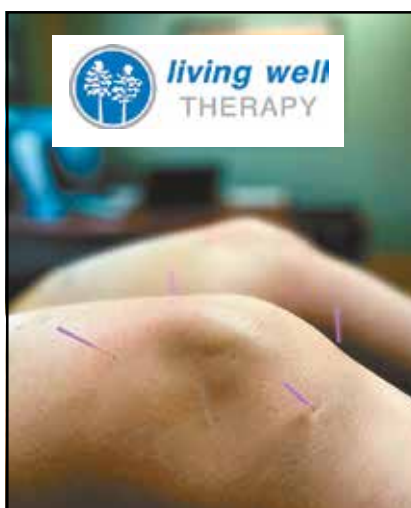
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Bissonett and Anders in concert Sept. 2

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage will host a concert by Eli Bissonett and Robin Anders of Ely on Saturday, Sept. 2 at 2:30 p.m. in the historic Embarrass Finnish Apostolic Lutheran Church on Hwy. 21.

The concert is in celebration of the church being placed on the National Register of Historic Places. The church building was gifted to Sisu Heritage by its former congregation. Generations of Eli's family were members of the church, so this is a particularly special event for him.

Admission is \$10 for adults, \$8 for Sisu members, children 12 years and under are free. For questions or further details, call 218-984-3012 or go to sisuheritage.org.



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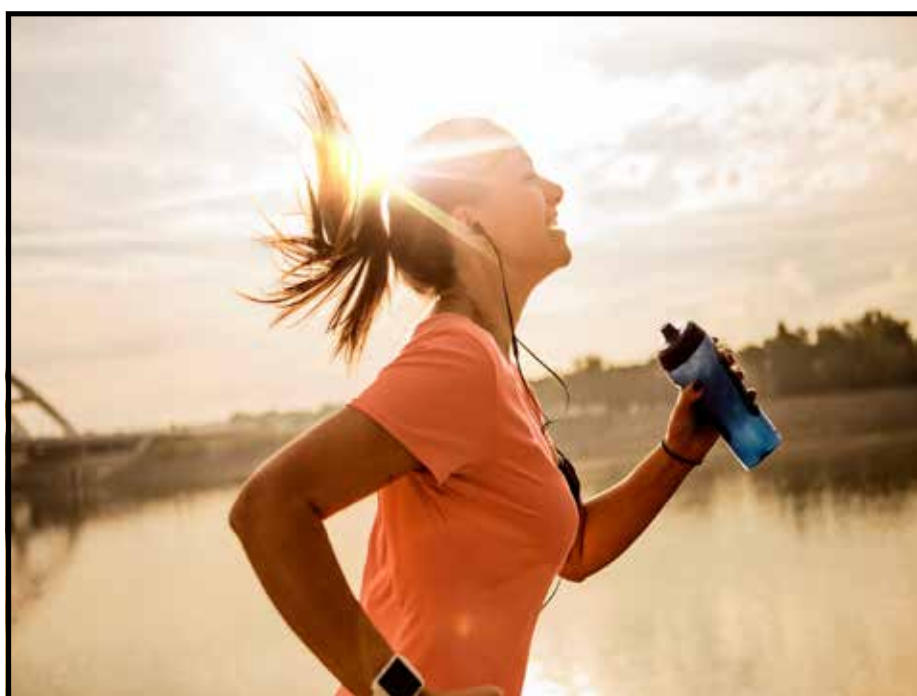
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ELY AREA AMBULANCE

Winton to pay 4 percent of ambulance building operating costs

by CATIE CLARK
Ely Editor

WINTON- The big topic of discussion at the Monday meeting of the Ely Area Ambulance Joint Powers Board (JPB) was how to divvy up the financing of the ambulance service's facilities operation budget in a fair manner.

At the heart of the debate were the invoices for each of the JPB members plus the Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital (EBCH), which the city of Ely brought to the meeting for approval. The JPB voted at its July 24 meeting to issue the invoices for \$3,415 for each entity to cover expenses of \$17,077 through July 17. The city of Ely does the invoicing for the JPB because Ely handles the bookkeeping of the board's funds.

According to the July 24 meeting minutes, Winton Mayor Marlene Zorman protested at the time regarding a "five-way split for building expenses," as it had not been approved by the Winton City Council. She added that would cause Winton with its 167 residents to pay more for building expenses than they were for ambulance service. As Zorman noted during a prolonged discussion, the other members of the JPB are larger in population than Winton, noting that Ely is 20 times larger than Winton.

After a protracted and rambling discussion that took up

most of the hour-and-15-minute meeting, the JPB approved splitting the expenses with Winton paying four percent and Ely, Morse and Fall Lake—the other three members of the JPB—each paying 32 percent.

Zorman stated that she would bring the new amount for Winton to her city council at their meeting which met on Monday evening. The *Timberjay* followed up with Mayor Zorman on Tuesday and confirmed that the Winton city Council approved contributing four percent for the building expenses.

Splitting costs

The decision behind the four percent/32 percent split of expenses is based on the contributions of the four JPB entities for last year's purchase of a facility for the use of the Ely Area Ambulance Service (EAAS).

Through the JPB, the four entities disburse funding for the building operations and other expenses to support the non-profit EAAS, which provides EMS coverage for the four JPB members. The amounts to be disbursed must be approved by the JPB, which usually happens on a monthly basis.

Zorman, the JPB chair, brought up the topic of how the invoice amounts were split. Ely clerk-treasurer Harold Langowski brought paperwork to Monday's meeting, invoicing each JPB member and EBCH

for 20 percent of the building expenses.

"At our last meeting," Zorman began, "we talked about not paying 20 percent. Winton was in favor of paying our percent of the population for growth, which is three percent. We'd be willing to put up four percent, but that's about all we can do ... because otherwise, we're paying way, way, way more than anybody else."

Morse Township JPB member Bob Berrini pointed out that Ely, Fall Lake and Morse all contributed around \$150,000 each for the building purchase last year whereas Winton contributed "probably two percent of the building."

In a reply that echoed her protest from the July 24, Zorman responded, "(Winton) paid \$11,000. We paid as much per person as everyone else did ... So, if we own two percent of the building, why should we pay 20 percent of the costs of operating it?"

Invoicing EBCH

The invoice prepared for EBCH appeared to be an act of optimism. EBCH decided in April to curtail its voluntary donations to supplement JPB funding for EAAS expenses, stating that it would like to see better financial accounting and communications from EAAS.

At the July 24 JPB meeting, the board, EAAS, and EBCH mutually reported progress

in July on improving EBCH-EAAS relations and communication. The invoice for EBCH was drafted in the hope that the hospital would resume its voluntary support of the EAAS expenses funded by the JPB.

If EBCH resumed its support of EAAS operating expenses, then the split for invoicing would become four percent for Winton and 24 percent for Ely, Morse, Fall Lake and EBCH. Since it was unknown at the Aug. 7 meeting if EBCH will resume its donations to support EAAS, JPB member for Ely, Al Forsman, asked the one member of the hospital board present about EBCH's intentions.

"Can I ask a question," Forsman inquired of EBCH board chair Tim Riley, "and actually have our hospital board director that's here (answer)? Is it likely that the hospital would contribute that 24 percent of operating expenses of the joint powers?"

Riley replied, "I should not answer any questions on behalf of the hospital at this time."

Other business

In other business, the JPB:
 > Approved the disbursement of \$36,000 to the EAAS and the payment of an Aug. 3 utilities bill of \$249, which were the only transactions recorded since the July 24 meeting.

> Approved \$9,800 for Toltz, King, Duvall, Anderson, and Associations Inc. to prepare the cost estimate documentation

required by the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture grant for the needed renovation work on the property purchased last year.

> Discussed the funding of the EAAS 2023 shortfall. Berrini remarked at one point in the general discussion that "if we don't get (an additional) \$78,000, we'll be in the negative before February." Langowski opined, "We need to figure this out now, or we'll be talking about this every meeting until we do."

The additional subsidies to keep the EAAS running are a sticking point since the Fall Lake and Morse JPB members reported their townships had already voted on their budgets. "We've done our budget so we would have to call a special meeting (to vote on additional funding)," said Berrini. Fall Lake representative Eric Hart sounded a similar concern. "We did our levy (already) ... so we have no (additional) money (to contribute)" beyond the \$15.15/person rate agreed upon to fund the 2023 EAAS budget presented at the July 24 meeting," he said.

Zorman capped the discussion on this matter, stating, "We'll have to meet again and figure out what we're going to do," about the unresolved financial matters, after consulting with the city councils and boards of supervisors of the JPB member entities.

> Set the next JPB meeting date for Aug. 28, at 4 p.m.

Paul Bunyan subscribers get windfall from company's success

REGIONAL- Subscribers to Paul Bunyan Communications (PBC) services may see a welcome credit on their August bill or a check in their mailbox, as the cooperative is returning over \$3.2 million to its members in 2023, the cooperative announced Monday.

"There is no membership fee to join PBC and there are no annual membership dues. All you need to do is subscribe to either one line of local phone or broadband Internet service and you become a member," said Dave Schultz, PBC Chief Financial Officer.

As a cooperative, membership in PBC includes the oppor-

tunity to share in the financial success of the company. When profits are earned, they are allocated to the members based on their proportional share of the allocable revenues. These allocations may then be returned to the individual members through capital credit retirements.

For current members with a distribution amount of \$100 or less, a credit has been applied to their August bill. Checks have been mailed out for distributions of more than \$100.

"The state of our cooperative remains strong. We are the largest broadband cooperative in Minnesota with over 28,000 active members throughout our

6,000 square mile service territory. We have been very busy building and expanding one of the largest all-fiber optic rural Gigabit networks in the country, the GigaZone®, which is revolutionizing the way members live, work, and play. It is rewarding to see all those efforts continue to pay off and return these profits to our membership" said CEO/General Manager Gary Johnson.

Marketing Supervisor Brian Bissonette said the company's regional focus is a key to their success.

"In a highly competitive industry with national competitors our cooperative has been

successful because we put our region and our members first," Bissonette said. "We don't have to worry about customers all over the place like in Sioux Falls, Fargo, Minneapolis, or anywhere else. Our investments go here, back into our network, our services, and our communities in northern Minnesota."

If you were a member of the cooperative in 2003 and/or 2022 and accrued more than \$10 in total capital credit allocations, but do not receive the credit on your account or a check by September 1, please contact Paul Bunyan Communications at (218) 444-1234 or (218) 999-1234.

Bois Forte cannabis story clarification

A picture caption in the Aug. 4 edition of the *Timberjay* may have given a wrong impression. Given the timelines involved in the Bois Forte Band's feasibility assessment of the sale of marijuana, it is unlikely the Band will have made a decision and be ready for possible operation of such a business by the end of 2023.

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Editorial

Republicans of integrity

It was GOP officials in the states who blocked Trump's attempted coup

Hidden within the 45 pages of the most recent federal indictment of Donald J. Trump was a surprisingly hopeful revelation.

As the indictment lays out in stunning detail, the former president and his handful of co-conspirators were utterly shameless in spreading lies in hopes of ginning up support for what was, effectively, an attempted coup. The actions of the former president in the wake of the 2020 election have been dispiriting for many Americans, particularly as so many prominent current Republican leaders have shown a willingness to defend Trump and continue to spread his false narratives about the election.

But as the indictment makes clear, what saved this country from an authoritarian takeover by deeply unethical and mentally unstable individuals, wasn't the courts, or law enforcement, the military, or Democrats who opposed Trump.

It was Republicans at the state level who weren't willing to trash the U.S. Constitution to keep Trump in power.

As the indictment details, Trump and his minions spent weeks pressuring Republican officials in Georgia, Arizona, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Nevada, and Wisconsin to set aside the election results in their states to keep Trump in office.

That pressure ranged from soliciting Georgia Secretary of State Brad Raffensperger to “find 11,780 votes,” to asking legislative leaders in several states that backed Joe Biden to use Republican majorities in their Legislatures to set aside the vote totals in their states and send electors to Washington who would back Trump. In every case, Trump used disproven arguments that his own staff— including White House attorneys, his top campaign officials, top Justice Department officials, his Director of National Security, and Homeland Security officials— had repeatedly told him were false.

In state after state, top GOP officials, as well, refused to knuckle under Trump's pressure. They resisted him despite knowing that doing so could well cost them their political careers, given that so much of Trump's base had so easily fallen victim to his election lies and were likely to be angered by their refusal to go along with his illegal demands. Arizona House Speaker Rusty Bowers put it clearly and forcefully in a public statement he issued shortly after telling Trump he wouldn't break the law for him.

“As a conservative Republican, I don't like the results of the presidential election. I voted for President Trump and

worked hard to reelect him. But I cannot and will not entertain a suggestion that we violate current law to change the outcome of a certified election.

I and my fellow legislators swore an oath to support the U.S. Constitution and the constitution and laws of the state of Arizona. It would violate that oath, the basic principles of republican government, and the rule of law if we attempted to nullify the people's vote based on unsupported theories of fraud. Under the laws that we wrote and voted upon, Arizona voters choose who wins, and our system requires that their choice be respected.”

In part because principled Republicans stood up to Trump, it is easy to forget how close we came to losing the America that we've all known, a place where the peaceful transfer of power was largely taken for granted for more than two centuries. Had individuals like Mr. Bowers, Mr. Raffensperger, or Michigan Senate Majority Leader Mike Shirkey not been individuals of integrity, this nation could easily have been plunged into civil war. The Trump administration had already discussed the invocation of the Insurrection Act if their attempted takeover would have succeeded, which would have sparked massive protests.

In other words, there was nothing that Trump wouldn't have done to hold onto power, but he needed other Republicans in key positions to make that possible. He found out that there were still Republicans of conscience to block his illegal efforts.

That was then, of course. America certainly can't rest easy in part because Trump has worked over the past two and a half years to try to elect Republicans from the so-called MAGA wing of the party, individuals whose only fealty is to Trump, not the Constitution. They represent the dangers of a second Trump term, since they could be in a position to keep him in power indefinitely. The Constitution may limit the president to two terms, but we would be foolish to think that Trump would suddenly concern himself with words on a piece of paper he's never read— particularly when leaving office could leave him, once again, vulnerable to prosecution or jail time for his various crimes.

As the latest indictment reveals, it was Republicans of character and integrity who saved us from Trump's illegitimate effort to hold power in 2020. Will similar Republicans be there in the future to provide the necessary check on a would-be dictator? At this point, that's an awfully big unknown.



Letters from Readers

Trump's election is a historical head-scratcher

If this country still exists 100 years from now, the most-asked question by future historians will not be about how we reached a point where a former president was indicted for multiple crimes. The question will be how did such a terribly flawed, uniquely unfit man manage to get elected in the first place.

Lynn Scott
Soudan

What is Greenwood's issue with the ambulance?

OK. I will be the first to admit that I'm not the brightest light on the Christmas tree, but I just don't understand the Greenwood ambulance issue.

First, I believe that based on assessed valuation, Greenwood is a relatively wealthy township. Secondly, based on my personal observations, a high proportion of Greenwood taxpayers are elderly.

When I look in the mirror in the morning, I realize that there is a high probability that I or my nearest and dearest may need an ambulance— sooner rather than later. That is probably true of many permanent and seasonal residents of Greenwood.

Then why in the hell doesn't Greenwood support an ambulance service? I don't understand all the issues dealing with liability, but I have a couple of suggestions. How about a no-strings-attached annual donation to the Tower ambulance? Base it on assessed value, on population, or something, but make it a meaningful amount. With no liability involved.

Or, if a more formal agreement is necessary, and there is fear of litigation, how about taking out some kind of liability insurance? Insurance companies are happy to take risks (for a price).

That reminds me. An RFP directed at private ambulance companies forgets an important fact. The goal of any

for-profit company is to make money. Only by increasing fees or reducing service can they beat a public-supported entity.

So, in summary, what's the deal with Greenwood residents? Why can't they raid their wallet? Saving money for your kids, so they can blow it?

Dave Grigal
Roseville

Counties need to fund prevention efforts

The phrase “early identification and treatment” are well used in the mental health field. But the reality is that we wait until a person's mental illness is at “stage four” before anything is done. By then the person may end up in jail or be brought to the emergency department and kept on a 72-hour hold. When someone doesn't seek treatment voluntarily, we wait to intervene until they meet the criteria for involuntary treatment.

Just in the past month I talked to families whose loved one was actively psychotic believing that people were following them and were highly agitated since they were scared. Another family shared their loved one's symptoms were so intense that they couldn't take care of themselves— they weren't bathing, there was no food in the house, and they had been hoarding free newspapers to the point that they couldn't sleep in their bed. In these situations, and many others like it, families had called the county and even the crisis team. But since the person didn't want treatment voluntarily, and they weren't a danger to themselves or others, nothing could be done. Families had to wait until they were a danger for someone to intervene.

There are lots of reasons why someone won't seek treatment voluntarily. Sometimes they don't believe they have a mental illness, they might have had a bad experience in the mental health system, or they are so paranoid they don't trust anyone. Other

times they are simply reluctant and don't have the energy to find a provider and make an appointment.

Imagine if there was a law that allowed county staff or crisis teams to go out in these situations and create a relationship with the individual and engage them in treatment voluntarily. Not a one and done, but efforts over several months to get them into treatment voluntarily. It could be a peer specialist sharing their story of recovery and helping the person understand they can get better. It could be helping them access community services before they ever need hospitalization or come into contact with police.

Well, you don't need to imagine it. In 2020 the Legislature passed an overhaul of the Minnesota Commitment Act. One of the changes was to allow counties— through their staff, crisis team staff, peer specialists— to try to engage the person in treatment voluntarily. This is not an alternative to commitment; it is early intervention to prevent commitment or criminal justice involvement. They can also look at the need for housing and insurance and work with the family on suicide prevention. It takes a holistic approach to helping people with symptoms of a mental illness that are interfering with their lives.

Great idea, yet no county is doing this. NAMI Minnesota went to the Legislature two years in a row to obtain small grants to pilot this idea, but it wasn't included in the final bills.

As counties begin to put together their budgets for 2024, NAMI Minnesota encourages them to look at this law and implement it. Set aside funds that can be used by crisis teams to respond to these situations and prevent people ending up in the hospital or in jail. Let's make the phrase “early identification and treatment” actually mean something in the mental health system.

Sue Abderholden, MPH
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NAMI Minnesota

COLUMNIST

Harvesting health and happiness

Life is good! I begin with an update on my alcohol cessation to report I am now in the 11th week since I drank my last alcoholic beverage. I recently visited my doctor and had my blood work checked to discover my test results had so significantly improved from my last visit in April. You can't get much more encouragement than



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this! My fasting blood glucose level had been up to 120 mg/dL (pre-diabetic and my highest reading ever) However, it is now normal at 95 mg/dL; my triglyceride level had been 165 mg/dL (borderline high) but has dropped to 100 mg/dL avoiding the doctor's recommendation to start taking a statin drug. All

other tests for cholesterol, liver, kidneys, pancreas had moved into the normal range. The most rewarding result is that my blood pressure has gone from readings of 165/96 at times to 125/72 with a pulse of 58 or 60! I'm like a kid again.

Two weeks ago I cut my Amlodipine medication from 10 mg a day to 5 mg and am now off of it completely with my pressure holding at a youthful level! Geez....could my 35 years of drinking have been the entire reason for the raised blood pres-

sure? Time will tell. I continue to listen to podcasts by author Annie Grace and others who have struggled with alcohol in their lives and have overcome the desire to drink. This is pretty much my main support system aside from talking to family and a few others here and there.

I am busy doing other things and getting projects done at The House of Stone. I have been cleaning and discarding, selling or giving away notable quantities of yesterday's treasures. Monday morning, I made a trip

to the dump and was greeted by the usual “dump guy” who was....as often is the case...a bit disgruntled with more than the resident groundhog that lives under a dumpster.

This time he was sour because the new garbage packer was broken down and he added that a lady had seriously hurt her back while putting her garbage into the packer because of the high reach through the access door. I agreed that the new

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Serving as an AmeriCorps Promise Fellow can change your life

A 25-year-old non-profit program is looking for Minnesotans to work side-by-side with students during the 2023-24 school year, and trust me – it will change your life.

I'm one of more than 2,200 people who have served in a Minnesota school or community-based organization as a Promise Fellow, an AmeriCorps program that addresses the dropout epidemic by working one-on-one with students who are at risk for not graduating on time. Host sites are located across Minnesota.

Much more than tutors, Promise Fellows -- from recent college grad-

uates to retirees -- provide direct support for up to 30 students during the school year in the areas of attendance, engagement and course performance. While everybody has their own unique story, we all share a passion for serving our communities and an interest in helping Minnesota students succeed. You won't get rich serving as a Promise Fellow -- although you do receive a stipend, education award, student loan forbearance and other benefits -- but the experience will be life-changing. No matter what Promise Fellows do after their year of service, the experience sticks with us, significantly shaping the rest of our lives and careers.

Applications for the upcoming school year are being accepted for priority deadline until Aug. 14, 2023, to ensure Promise Fellows can work with

students for the entire school year. Applications are also being accepted on a rolling basis for Oct. 1 and Jan. 16 start dates.

For more information, visit www.mnyouth.net.

**Alexandra Soth
Maplewood**

Ely doesn't benefit from Pillow Rock's neglect

Unfortunately, Ely's Pillow Rock continues to be neglected and ignored in its present obscure location. Moreover, it still has an erroneous sign claiming the 2.7 billion year-old rock is an outcrop, whereas, in reality it is an erratic. It is time for Ely's city council to move this historic Ely icon to a new location that will attract families, students, geologists, and historians.

Pillow rock formations are relatively rare on land, and they can offer valuable clues about the volcanic and tectonic activity that occurred billions of years ago. Overall, while Pillow Rock may not have significant monetary value, its scientific and cultural value make it a salient part of our natural heritage.

The Earth was formed 4.5 billion years ago, but humans have been around for only 1.8 million years. Analogy to put that timeline in perspective is that it is equivalent to 34 seconds within a 24-hour day. Pillow Rock represents a truly old weathered sculptured antique. The rock deserves special recognition because it affords a springboard to educational inquiry into its origin that preceded the creation of dinosaurs, fish, birds, and mankind.

When you realize that the Earth's crust is still moving, it is a phenomenon that impacts our current environment with earthquakes, volcanos, glaciers, and geysers. It will be rewarding if Pillow Rock can encourage and inspire visiting students to pursue the origin and science of our Earth.

Pillow Rock serves as an important above ground geological landmark in the Ely area. It can be a popular tourist attraction, with visitors coming from afar to marvel at its unusual shape and learn about its origins. (Plymouth Rock in Massachusetts attracts a million visitors a year.)

We spent multi-millions of dollars upgrading our local schools. Yet we fail to recognize and develop the educational value of Pillow Rock.

If Pillow Rock is attractively relocated, well documented, and appro-

priately publicized, the additional attracted tourists will boost Ely's economy. Restaurants, lodgings, outfitters, and local stores can offer Ely made memorabilia, souvenirs and illustrated books for tourists.

The new location should have ample parking and facilities to show continuously a 15 to 20-minute quality color film on the history of Pillow Rock such as those produced by National Geographic Nova, or BBC. It should portray the emerging lava from the bottom of the sea, the formation of the rock with its "pillows", and the timeline prior to any life on the planet, and subsequent development of flora, fauna, and humanity.

**Gerry Snyder
Ely**

De-icer helps road quality in summertime

by DAVID COLBURN
Cook-Orr Editor

Gravel routes benefit from calcium chloride application

REGIONAL- Summertime is not the time one would expect St. Louis County to be applying de-icer to many of its roads, but it turns out that liquid calcium chloride is also an effective agent for keeping dry dirt and gravel road in good shape.

County Public Works District Four Superintendent Dale Johnson said that drier than normal weather conditions can take a toll on the roughly 500 miles of dirt and gravel roads in his district.

"When the roads get dry, they get washboarded," he said. "Trying to go out there when it's so dry

and blading them does not really do any good. It actually will make them worse. If there's any compaction at all, we would loosen that up and with the dry roads it'll just get more washboarded and then end up potholes."

The calcium chloride acts to control dust, bringing more cohesiveness to the particles on the road's surface, which helps to maintain the roadbed.

"It helps for our maintenance on the gravel roads when we can put the dust control on them because we aren't having to be out there and grade them as much as normal. Once we get the chloride on there

and we can get a bladed with a good crown and pack it good the road will turn real hard in places that it'll get dark and almost looks blacktop. Where we would be out grading weekly, we sometimes we only have to go out maybe monthly. We aren't out there as often to blade them so that it helps in our maintenance costs. And in the long run we aren't having to put as much gravel down. So it's a good thing as far as the maintenance aspect."

But don't expect to see a fleet of county snowplows rolling down gravel roads applying the treatment. The county has an

independent contractor who handles that, Johnson said.

"Most of the time the road supervisor goes out with them in their vehicle and works with them on what roads they need to do," he said.

Because of cost, every gravel road won't receive the calcium chloride treatment. Johnson said they focus their efforts on the most highly utilized roads.

It's also getting to be the time of year when heavy nighttime or morning dew, as well as light rain, can provide enough moisture to help out with gravel road conditions, Johnson said.

"When it gets dry you don't notice it and you think the chloride has gone away," he said. "When it rains, it kind of rejuvenates it. When you get the heavy dews it helps bring it back up to the top of the road again."

And with less maintenance to do on gravel roads, county workers have more time to tend to other maintenance issues.

"Mainly we're patching holes, patching cracks, we're putting culverts in, we do more grass mowing and brush mowing, also some ditching," Johnson said.

This spring's flooding wasn't as bad as 2022, but

it was enough to reveal the need for more culvert replacements.

"We did quite a number of them with the spring runoff and the water issues we had this spring," Johnson said. "We did a quite a number of culvert changing where it washed a culvert out or alongside of it. Usually the culvert was in bad condition and so we had to replace it anyway."

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packer has a "design issue." I mean I had noticed that from the moment I stood next to it at 5 ft-2 in. tall and had to look up at the access door. I attributed it to a male designer who probably was 6 ft-5 in. tall and forgets about us shorter models.

The dump guy grumbled on about politics within local county government then punched my paper dump card and instructed me to use the big blue demolition bin on the upper level past the scrap metal pile with the usual shoppers revolving around its margins where sharp edges and glass shards leer at your tires as they roll past. I've seen all kinds there, men and women who rarely look up as they hastily pull out valuables before another collector gets it first. I drove towards the demo bin, past the yard waste area, the old tire pile and other bins.

When I got out of my Jeep, I noticed a few items that someone had placed on the cement ledge next to the bin. Sometimes I too have placed things there that I think someone else may find useful instead of discarding. "Oooooohh I exclaimed," to nothing but an empty cab, the steering wheel and my work gloves.

On this day, I was captivated by a small, porcelain dish and creamer that seemed to be waiting there just for me. The tan-colored china with a maroon floral design possessed a simple, lovely charm. I turned the creamer around to discover it was designed with no handle which drew more attention to the decorative

pattern and small spout. When I got home, I washed the dump dust off both pieces, grabbed a cup of coffee then headed out to the deck to study it. It was labeled Inca Ware and the hand-drawn logo prompted me to do a Google search to discover it was restaurant china, made by the Shenango China Company of New Castle, Pennsylvania that opened in 1901. The company also manufactured serving dishes for the White House, including a commemorative plate for Dwight Eisenhower and dinnerware for Lyndon Johnson. The company had a long history of being bought, sold, burned down, flooded, rebuilt, renamed, expanded and in March 1979 was sold to Anchor Hocking who sold it to Canadian Pacific who then sold the company to Pfaltzgraff. The little set is only worth \$16 on eBay but provided curiosity and surprise to my day and a place for my toothpicks out on the table.

In addition to finding treasures at the dump, I have been spending a fair bit of time at home because a friend of mine that I call "The Horse Whisperer", and I are fixing my notoriously problematic upstairs bathroom. It was torn apart and left during my last marriage with only the toilet functional. So, we finally figured out the directions that my maze of water pipes travel between the two floors and where the clogged pipe was. "H.W." added a new nine-foot piece, boring a hole into the main cast iron line to bypass the troublesome section.... including a 90-degree el-

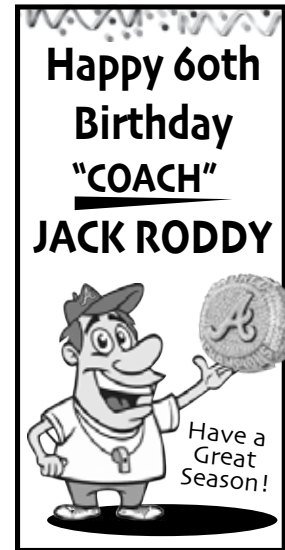
bow. He capped off one end of the old section and has left the non-functional pipe in place for all of eternity to bother residents no more. This also overcomes the house settling issue that caused the water to have to run uphill on its way out. The room is now ready for tile, a new toilet, vanity, and some shiplap to panel one wall. I am absolutely delighted that I won't have to take a shower in my chilly basement bathroom this winter or pay a fortune to a plumber and a contractor.

The "Horse Whisperer" is from Kugler Township, south of Tower, and lives near the end of civilization where cell service is represented with one bar and internet works best when standing by the kitchen window where bunnies and Tony the rooster dine on green grass and findings below. He has spent most of his life within a 12-mile radius and has been the only person I've met to ever draw distinction to the rural areas often simply termed as Embarrass. He regularly uses the names of the various townships in general conversation including Waasa, Pike, Sandy and Wuori. If he travels to them for any reason at all he will say, "Yuh, I had to take a run over to Wuori Township to see a guy about a part for a lawnmower." Or, "My friend over in Pike Township is mowing lawns at the cemetery." He knows where one township begins and the other ends and is knowledgeable about the folks whose families originally settled in these rural places. H.W

is a jack-of-all-trades and knows how to tear apart engines, witch wells with willow branches, do construction, garden, farm and care for horses. Interestingly, he kept draft horses for years; Percheron, Belgian, and Shire on his eighty acres. The trees for the Embarrass Timber Hall were pulled from the logging site by his horses and he has helped others with all kinds of tasks. He has a calm spirit that animals trust, including two of my three skeptical cats that ended up in his lap on the day they met him months ago. The third cat knows no boundaries and is friends with everyone. Having a place to go to that provides a scenic drive through the trees and a change from spending time in bars has been so welcomed. We sit and tell stories under the string of twinkling colored Christmas lights that are on every night at dusk while we often watch old westerns and Gunsmoke reruns on TV.

When I am away from my own work farm in Soudan, you can still find me at the *Timberjay* or doing administrative work for the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center (LVCC), a nonprofit located on Main Street in Tower. I have held this position for over a year now and am learning much. The LVCC is the former St. Mary's Episcopal Church that has been under renovation and is now hosting cultural events such as the annual Midsummer celebration, music concerts, lectures, art shows and more. You can visit the website: vermilionculturalcenter.org to learn more

or make a donation. I also continue to print t-shirts in my basement and hope to have a booth at a craft show or two this coming fall.



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Week of Aug. 14

SUMMER CAMP

Vacation Bible School fun at Immanuel Lutheran

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

Tower City Council- 5:30 p.m. on Aug. 14

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.

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 vermillioncountry.org.

Raffle tickets available at Tower Farmers Market

TOWER- Raffle tickets for the Sharing the Harvest basket are now available every Friday at the Tower Farmers Market, from 4-6 p.m. at the Depot. Win a basket full of contributions from all the market vendors - meat, fresh produce, canned goods, pie, bread and other baked goods, flowers, and lots of other goodies.



Advertisement for Charlemagne's 52 Club, featuring a logo and the price \$52.

TSHS week 2 winner Charlemagne's 52 Club Week 2 winner of \$100 cash prize is Mary Levy from Washington, Iowa.

History Tidbit: Adventurous fur traders and trappers visited the Vermilion area from 1731-1847. British soldiers had operated a military trail from Grand Portage, over inland waters, to Lake Vermilion.



Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower hosted their annual Vacation Bible School, July 31 - Aug. 4. Children aged four and up learned about God's New Creation with songs, prayers, skits, crafts, games, and more.

photos by J. Summit



I-Falls team takes top prize at annual wiffleball tournament

EMBARRASS- The "Good Guys", a team from International Falls, won the championship game at the 15th annual Red Bear Wiffleball Tournament on Saturday, July 29. Second place went to "Vermilion Range", and "The Alaspa Bunch" came in third. This was the 15th annual tournament. Number 16 comes in July of 2024. The tournament is hosted by Marlin and Jeannine Bjornrud on the wiffleball field they created in the front yard of their rural Embarrass home.



Above: This year's winning team. Top right: Marlin Bjornrud throwing some pitches. Right: This year's event even featured a cheerleader.



COMMUNITY NEWS

Little Church meeting and service

VERMILION LAKE TWP- The Little Church Committee will meet on Saturday, Aug. 12 at 10 a.m.

There will also be a service on Sunday, Aug. 20 at 4 p.m., with a potluck after the service. We always welcome anyone and are looking for people interested in keeping The Little Church preserved and maintained in our community. The building hosts a men's

group that meets every Thursday at 9 a.m. for coffee and conversation. All are welcome. The Little Church is located in Vermilion Lake Township on Cty. Rd. 26/Wahlsten Rd. Any questions please contact, Len Hujanen at 218-749-2014, and leave a message.

St. Martin's Annual Rummage Sale on Saturday, Aug. 26

TOWER- Mark your calendars! St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower will host a rummage sale on Saturday, Aug. 26

from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the church social hall. We will once again offer EARLY BIRD SHOPPING at 8 a.m. for a fee of \$5. In addition to the rummage sale, coffee, cinnamon and caramel rolls will be available for purchase, for eat-in or take-out. Remember, one person's junk is another one's treasure.

Lunch Bunch to meet Tuesday, Aug. 15

AURORA- The Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, Aug. 15 at 12:30 p.m. in Aurora at The Hive Coffee and Bakehouse. Please RSVP to Kathy at 218-753-2530. Anyone that would like to join us are welcomed to attend.

Morning mischief on Aug. 14

TOWER- Monday Morning Mischief on

Aug. 14 from 8-10 a.m. at Towers Gathering Gallery.

Local students selected to University of Minnesota Twin Cities Spring Dean's List

MINNEAPOLIS / ST. PAUL- The following area students have been named to the 2023 spring semester Dean's List at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. To qualify for the Dean's List, a student must complete 12 or more letter-graded credits while attaining a 3.66 grade point average.

Azalea Ray, of Embarrass, Sophomore, College of Liberal Arts Audrey Anderson, of Soudan, Sophomore, College of Education/ Human Development Cooper Hanson, of Tower, Sophomore, Carlson School of Management

Flying Finn 5K Run/Walk set for Saturday, Aug. 26

EMBARRASS- Registration is now open for this year's Flying Finn 5K Run/Walk. This event is part of the Embarrass Fair. Pre-registrations are appreciated. Find the form at https://www.embarrassfa.org or call Christina Forsythe 218-750-8831.

Race day registration starts at 8:30 a.m. Race begins at 9:30 a.m. Cost is \$20 in advance or \$25 on race day.

Prizes are \$50 for the 1st-place male and female finishers, plus 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medallions for runners in each division (19 and under, 20 - 29, 30 - 39, 40 - 49, 50 - 59, 60 and over). Flying Finn t-shirt for all participants (pre-register to guarantee sizing).

Advertisement for Happy 80th Birthday Liz, featuring a photo of Liz and the text 'Wish You Were Here! Miss You And Love You!'.

Advertisement for Tower Farmers Market, featuring a logo and the text 'Fridays... 4-6 PM at the Train Depot in Tower'.

Advertisement to subscribe to the Timberjay, featuring a hand holding a pen and the text 'Subscribe to the TIMBERJAY! Call 218-753-2950'.

LOCAL TOURISM

Ely's biggest tourist bargain

by CATIE CLARK
Ely Editor

ELY- The Ely Arts and Heritage Center (EAHC) on Pioneer Road is home to several popular area endeavors like the Greenstone Summer Art Camp for youth, many of Ely's art shows, and the gathering and starting area for many running and biking events. It's also home to perhaps the area's best tourist bargain: the museum that EAHC maintains in the shaft house, or headworks building, for the "A" shaft of the defunct Pioneer Mine.

The museum is free and the short tour of the shaft house and its collection of mining and historical Ely artifacts takes about a half hour. It is open on Tuesdays, 2-5 p.m., and Fridays, 3-6 p.m., from Memorial Day to Labor Day every year. What's not advertised is that the museum is also open whenever Seraphine Rolando decided to open it up at other times instead of kicking his heels at home, or as fellow museum volunteer Bill Erzar commented, "whenever his wife gets tired of him around the house."

The *Timberjay* was not able to verify why Rolando opens the muse-

um above and beyond its advertised hours of operation. Regardless, it is a fact that Rolando puts in many extra hours at the Pioneer Mine every summer. It is easy to tell if the museum is open outside its regular hours. If Rolando's signature military-surplus jeep, complete with machine-gun mount, is parked along the entrance to the museum's driveway, Rolando has it open to the public and is giving tours.

Rolando, Erzar, and their colleagues volunteer their time to act as guides at the Pioneer Mine Museum, which opened to the public 13 years ago. The mine was the last operating mine in Ely. It operated for almost eight decades, closing in 1967. Many of the volunteers and visitors to the museum had family members who worked in Ely's mines. Rolando's grandfather worked at the Pioneer Mine, as did Erzar's father. Erzar's tour talk included the tale of his father's harrowing escape from the 1955 drift collapse which killed three workers, one of whom was his father's working partner.

The museum tours are an education, especially for those who aren't

Ely old-timers. "The reason Ely exists is because of these mines," Rolando points out in almost every tour and talk he gives at the museum. One of the most interesting parts of the tour narration deals with how Ely's iron mines created Miners Lake, not by water infilling of an open pit mine, but by the ongoing subsidence of collapsing underground mine shafts, drifts and stopes.

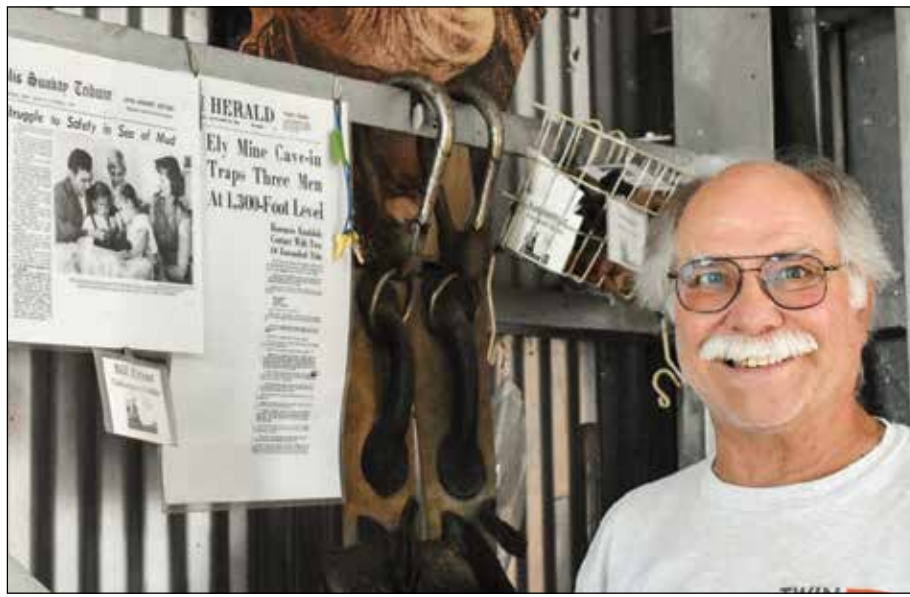
The photos at the museum of the area now covered by Miners Lake are jaw-droppers because they show dry ground

covered by vegetation and trees as late as the 1960s. The subsiding ground became a lake when the Pioneer Mine shut down and stopped pumping hundreds of thousands of gallons a day to dewater the workings. Today, Miners Lake is one of local go-to places to fish for rainbow trout.

People traveling Pioneer Road may have noticed the newly-poured concrete slab out in front of the mine's shaft house. The slab will form the foundation of the Ely Miners' Memorial. Laurentian Monument Gran-

ite and Stone of Virginia is carving two granite plaques with the names of miners who lost their lives in Ely's iron mines. The top of the memorial will be capped with headworks sheave wheel.

According to Ely clerk-treasurer Harold Langowski, the budget for the memorial is \$60,000. "The city is contributing \$15,000. Another \$15,000 is from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board. "The rest is from fundraising," Langowski said. The memorial is scheduled to be completed by next summer.



Pioneer Mine Museum volunteer Bill Erzar next to the museum's display of newspaper articles on his father's survival of the 1955 mining collapse that killed three, including his father's partner. photo by C. Clark

WINDOWS INTO YESTERDAY

The Civilian Conservation Corps

by DAVID KESS
Ely-Winton Historical Society

North on the Echo Trail or northeast of town towards the North Shore, are some newer groves of pine—too young to be virgin timber but looking ready to be logged. These trees were likely planted by the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC). The CCC was developed by President Franklin Roosevelt as part of his New Deal

during the Great Depression. He was extremely concerned about forest fires and the restoration of forest lands. CCC men planted more than three billion trees, as well as building trails and shelters in 800 parks, and established 700 new state parks during the nine years of the program.

By 1933, the Great Depression had already crippled the nation: unemployment was at an all-time high. In the Ely area, the mines were either closed or operating on a much-reduced schedule. Some residents tried to survive by gardening, fishing, and hunting—or even poaching. Immigrant families were especially reluctant to apply for government relief.

The CCC not only addressed Roosevelt's concerns of conservation and firefighting, but it also provided employment for young men. Each man earned \$30 a month, of which \$25 was sent to their families. The other \$5 covered candy bars, cigarettes, pop, and beer.

By July 1933, 1,433 working camps were established across the country with a number in north-

eastern Minnesota.

Basic education, such as reading skills, and vocational training were offered at some camps. This included forestry, typing, surveying, spelling, letter writing, mechanics, forging, carpentry, mapping, music, dancing, use of a slide rule, photography, public speaking, and various sports activities. Some young men learned enough to graduate from high school. Both Protestant and Catholic services were conducted each week, but attendance was voluntary. Weekend dances and weekend passes were frequent.

At the start, the CCC had to build housing and other necessary buildings had to be built. The first shelters were tent camps. Permanent dormitories, mess halls, recreation halls, and other structures were constructed with logs harvested from the forests. Other buildings were constructed with purchased lumber. Drilled wells provided drinking water even though the camps were often located near lakes.

The enrollees were mostly young, unskilled, and unemployed men between the ages of 18 and 25. Leaders in the camps were army officers and locally experienced men, known as LEMs. Clothing came from surplus supplies from WWI. Enrollees were also given underwear, shoes, coveralls, army fatigues, hats, rain gear, mosquito netting, army cots, and blankets.

Each man was obligated to serve for a minimum of six months. Most stayed longer. While the program did last for nine years, by 1942 men were needed for serving in WWII. More than 2,500,000 were enrolled in various places around the country. Actors such as Walter Matthau and Raymond Burr were CCC enrollees, as were Stan Musial and Chuck Yeager,

the famous pilot.

Thousands of acres of forest lands had earlier been logged or burnt. The trees that the CCC planted are a living monument to the work of these men.

Camps in this area included #701 at McDougall Lake, #704 at Halfway, #711 on the Echo Trail, and #707 at Cutfoot Sioux. Camp #702 was located near Bena. Other camps included in Minnesota were Portage River, Cold Springs, Dunningan, and Baptism River.

Years after the CCC folded, Kathy Kainz, a local forest service employee, interviewed some of the local men. The following are a sample of the transcribed interviews on file at the Ely-Winton Historical Society:

As an example of one of those interviews, LEM Uno Saari thought overall that FDR did well, especially with the CCC. "We had to build roads with picks, shovels, wheelbarrows, and a team of horses." Later on, they got a caterpillar tractor. "We worked on road construction and tree planting... (There was) boxing, a library, basketball, and baseball...Parents came out a lot."

The CCC effort gave many young men a boost when they needed it. The families of these men were better off during the Depression years because of it.

For more details, see J. C. Ryan's "The CCC and Me." Copies are available at the Ely-Winton Historical Society Office at the Vermilion Campus of Minnesota North College. An exhibit of pictures from the CCC is now on display in the Fine Arts Lobby. The summer hours for the office and the museum are noon until 4 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday.

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Ely Public Library

ELY- The spice for August is celery seed.

The library will host a Minnesota state-wide star party on Friday, Aug. 11, from 1-3 p.m. Participants will learn many aspects of watching the night sky and how to spot the Perseids meteor shower over the weekend. This program is for all ages.

The Friends of the Library book club will meet on Monday, Aug. 14, from

3-4 p.m., to discuss "Lady Clementine" by Marie Benedict.

There will be a tutu workshop for ages 3-6 on Wednesday, Aug. 16, from 11 a.m. to noon. Participants will create their own tutu. Adults should plan to attend and help their child craft a tutu. Please register in advance so the library can order enough supplies.

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.

Dorothy Molter Museum

The Dorothy Molter Museum will host a supporter appreciation day open house on Sunday, Aug. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to celebrate the museum's thirtieth year. The event will have special guests from the cast and

crew of the "Root Beer Lady, the Musical." This is a free event.

In honor of the thirtieth anniversary of the museum, there will be a free showing on Friday, Aug. 18, of the documentary, "Dorothy Molter, Living in the Boundary Waters," followed by a question and answer panel, at Ely's Historic State Theater. Doors open at 6 p.m., film at 7 p.m., Q&A panel at 8 p.m. Attendees under 16 must be

accompanied by an adult. While there is no cost for this event, tickets must be reserved in advance. Tickets are available through the museum's website at <https://www.rootbeerlady.com/programs-events>.

Don't forget that the "Root Beer Lady: the Musical" is coming to Ely's Historic State Theater on Sept. 7-10. Times and tickets are available at <https://movies.elystatetheater.org>.

In Brief

Tuesday Group schedule

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 ElyTuesdayGroup@gmail.com or call her at 218-216-9141.

Upcoming Tuesday Group speakers:

► Aug. 15: Congressman Jamie Raskin

► Aug. 22: A Finnish Family's Immigration Story with Val Myntti

► Aug. 29: Root Beer Lady the Musical with Barb Hall

► Sept. 5: Spruce Project with Randy Kolka

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Conference Room B.

HELPING THE HELPERS

Big crowd flocks to Buyck to support fire department



The annual Buyck Fire Department auction and Pork/Corn Feed benefit Saturday was a big hit this year, bringing in \$16,927. Proceeds will be used to upgrade the department's side-by-side ATV for wildland fires and trail rescues, repairs on the fire hall, and savings for new fire trucks. Pictured right: Assistant Chief Jason Clemmer as auctioneer for the day easily coaxes a higher bid for a portable air conditioner on a warm afternoon.
photos by D. Colburn

Conservancy brings events to Crane Lake

CRANE LAKE- The Voyageurs Conservancy, the philanthropic support organization for Voyageurs National Park, is bringing events to three Crane Lake venues on Tuesday, Aug. 22, including an opportunity for night sky viewing through the Conservancy's new high-powered telescope.

Learn about the lives of dragonflies in a 2 p.m. workshop at Handberg's

Marina titled "Women of the Water: Voyageurs Women in Science." Field Fellow Genevieve Schave will lead the two-hour and 30 minute workshop co-sponsored by Women of the Water.

From 5-7 p.m., join a social at Nelson's Resort for an update from Voyageurs Conservancy's Executive Director Christina Hausman Rhode. Learn about how the Conservancy is supporting the develop-

ment of exhibits for the new Crane Lake Visitor Center.

Voyagaire Lodge will host the Dark Sky Program on their lawn beginning at 10 p.m. The program will include a guided constellation tour and telescope session, as well as a wealth of information about the cultural and scientific significance of the stars. Featured will be a new 18" Obsession telescope.



ALL-STARS

Jordan Herdman and Reece Whitney of the Cook Youth Baseball Majors team were selected to play in the Larry Nanti League All-Star game which was held on Thursday, Aug. 3 underneath the lights at the Ed Berdice Field in Aurora. The league is named for former Mt. Iron recreation director Larry Nanti, a noted youth sports advocate who died in 2007.
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COMMUNITY CALENDAR

The No Notes to be featured performers in Cook City Park

COOK- On Wednesday, Aug. 16, the Cook Music in the Park concert series welcomes back The No Notes, a local band from Britt, Virginia and Mt. Iron that plays popular favorites from the 50's, 60's and 70's, and some country music as well as Ken Voight from Mt. Iron is lead guitarist and vocalist. John Elofson from Virginia plays the rhythm guitar and vocals. Butch Panula from Britt plays the bass guitar, electric drums and vocals.

The concert begins at 6 p.m. at the gazebo in Cook City Park on River Food will be available from St. Paul's (Alongo) Lutheran Church. In the event of rain, the concert will move to the Cook VFW.

Music In The Park is made possible by Northwoods Friends of the Arts, St. Paul's Lutheran Church, the Cook Lions Club, Cook VFW Post and Auxiliary 1757. And free will community donations.

Sports and activity registration begins for North Woods

FIELD TWP- As the start of another school term approaches, online registration for sports and student activities is underway for North Woods School students.

Assistant Principal and Athletic Director Crystal Poppler reminds students planning to be involved in sports that a current physical examination must be on file before a student is allowed to practice or participate. Seventh grade physicals are valid through the ninth grade. All incoming tenth graders need to have a new physical prior to the start of fall sports.

Sports participation fees are adjusted according to family income as determined by the free and reduced lunch program. Full fees for high school varsity and junior varsity athletes are \$120, while students qualifying for reduced lunch will be charged \$60 and for free lunch \$30. Fees for junior high athletes in grades seven and eight are \$60 for full, \$30 for reduced, and \$15 for free. The maximum fees paid by a family with multiple participants is capped at \$500. Fees must be received one week prior to the first game/competition, and will be received electronically through the school's Infinite Campus Parent Portal.

All exchange or transfer students must request clearance by the North Woods Activities Office and the Minnesota State High School League prior to any participation.

The portal for online registration is available at <https://stlcs-ar.schooltoday.com/home>. A link to

the site is available on the North Woods School website at <https://www.northwoodsschool.net> under the Athletics/Activities tab. A complete description of the registration process and requirements can be found by clicking on "Mrs. Poppler's Letter" in the North Woods School News section.

The first day of practice for fall sports is Monday, Aug. 14.

Back-to-school dinner is Aug. 20 for Vermilion kids

VERMILION RESERVATION- A Back-to-School "Pump Up" dinner event is planned for Sunday, Aug. 20 for American Indian students of the Vermilion sector of the Bois Forte Band Reservation who will be attending Vermilion Head Start, Tower-Soudan Elementary School, North Woods School, and Northeast Range School.

The dinner in the Woodlands Ballroom at Fortune Bay Resort Casino will be from 4-6 p.m., and children must be accompanied by an adult.

The Vermilion Local Indian Education Committee (LIEC) encourages parents and all ages to join them for dinner and help get the children pumped up for school.

Art gallery lists upcoming events

COOK-These classes/events are scheduled soon at the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery at 210 S River St. in Cook. Pre-Registration is required for classes by calling 218-666-2153.

► Photography by Keith Miesel Aug. 2-26. "Borderlands," An Exploration Along the U.S./Canada Border Region, from Michigan's Upper Peninsula to Montana.

► Open Art Mondays with Jody Feist. Artists are welcome to drop into the Wolfe Den classroom from 6-8 p.m. each Monday.

► Annual concert, Friday, Aug. 11 featuring "The Blue Water Big Band" (from Duluth) and Cook's own "Beefeaters Brothers." A concert with dance space, food, beverages, snacks, silent auctions and raffles. Contact nwfamn.org@gmail.com for tickets or at the door of Cook Community Center on Gopher Dr., beginning at 5 p.m.

► Gelli Plate Print And Paper With Brenna Kohlhasse - two sessions Friday, Aug. 11 and Saturday, Aug. 12 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Materials fee extra. Session 1: create a gelli plate print on paper. Session 2: create a collage on cradled art board. Must attend first day, second day optional.

► Paint A Feather Watercolor with Lyn Reed on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at NWFA Gallery. Materials provided.

ed. Registration required at 218-666-2153.

► Create A Beaded Necklace & Earrings with Cecilia Rolando - Friday, Sept. 8 from 1-4 p.m. at NWFA Gallery. Materials fee. Must register. Call 218-666-2153.

► Painting with Flowers with Cecilia Rolando - Friday, Sept. 15 from 1-4 p.m.. Registration required.

Puppets showcased Monday at library

COOK- Cook Public Library will host a puppet showcase on Monday, Aug. 14 at 10 a.m.

COMPAS Teaching Artist Christopher Lutter-Gardella will set-up a traditional hand-puppet stage, provide puppet guidance, musical accompaniment and plain-ol' puppet comradery (with a hand-puppet of his own) to facilitate a spontaneous, highly improvised showcase of the unique puppet creations of the participants.

Lutter-Gardella will welcome any willing puppets onstage and will help them pluck up their puppetry confidence to perform for the audience.

Program length is 60 minutes and is geared towards kids ages 8-13.

If you received a Found Object Puppet Legacy Take and Create Art Kit from the library in July, feel free to bring any unused materials from your kits for a puppet-part swap.

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System and developed by COMPAS, is funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund (ACFH).

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which ran in three segments on June 12, June 28, and July 19. Smith is a former *Star Tribune* writer who authored a 30-year look-back at the *Time* report back in 2003. Anyone wanting to read the full series can find it at minnpost.com.

Reappraising “Minnesota: A State That Works”

Smith writes: *“Few moments in Minnesota’s history have more favorably defined our state in the eyes of the nation and the world than 50 years ago this summer, with the publication in early August of a Time magazine cover story that proclaimed “The Good Life in Minnesota.”*

“The cover photo featured a grinning, plaid-shirted Gov. Wendell Anderson, a DFLer then at the peak of popularity and riding a wave of liberal policy achievements and reforms. He was holding up a freshly caught northern pike, with one of our 11,842 lakes in the background.

“The headline on page 24 of the lengthy story inside praised Minnesota as “A State that Works.” The article described a veritable Camelot in Middle America’s flyover land, distinguished by an evenly shared prosperity, a sophisticated arts-and-culture scene, civic health, bipartisan cooperation between liberal Democrats and moderate Republicans, racial tolerance and acceptance, generous capitalists and upbeat creative people. The focus was on politics and public policy, but also on a relaxed lifestyle and Minnesotans’ reverence for the arts and their natural environment, especially their lakes, where even working-class folks had cabins.

“The Time piece helped foster the concept of “quality of life” as a measure for the well-being in a place, as opposed to just GDP and population growth or low tax rates. And for decades to come, in Minnesota news media and general public policy discourse, that 1973 snapshot became the default narrative, an iconic reference point, and a baseline standard against which new trends and developments were measured.”

In the half century since *Time* published its ode to the North Star state, the shine has definitely dimmed, even as Minnesota continues to rank as high or higher in many societal rankings as it did back in 1973.

Smith notes: *“Particularly grievous damage was done to the reputation in 2020, when we again became the center of national and interna-*

Rankings Since “The Good Life” in 1973		
Measure	Then ▲	Now
Lowest poverty rates	14th (11%)	5th (9%)
Lowest violent crime rate	14th (152 per 100,000 people)	13th (278 per 100,000 people)
Highest median household income	18th (34k)	12th (55k)
Population	19th (3.8 million people)	22nd (5.7 million people)
Highest life expectancy	2nd (73.0 years)	3rd (79.1 years)
Voter participation	3rd (69% in 1972)	1st (80% in 2020)
Diversity (% non-white)	45th (2%)	38th (24%)

tional attention. Our new defining image was that of a white Minneapolis police officer slowly murdering a Black man by kneeling on his neck for almost 10 minutes. A week of unprecedented chaos, a ransacked police station and scores of buildings on fire in Minneapolis and St. Paul, became our new cover story.

“The national media all at once seemed to be discovering what many racial justice advocates in Minnesota had been frantically signaling for years: that racist policing and some of the larger racial disparities in the nation, especially on economic security and educational attainment, were coming home to roost. Minnesotans of color, whose presence has increased twelve-fold as a percentage of our population (two percent in 1970, 24 percent in 2020) argue convincingly that racial disparities, especially for Blacks and Native Americans, belie the reputation for “the good life,” and have all along.”

Smith also examines the ongoing and increasingly harsh political debate that has ensued in recent years over what some see as the decline in Minnesota’s quality of life, an argument that generally belies the state’s continued high ratings on societal measures.

Reappraising ‘The state that works’: racial disparities belie ‘the good life’

Fifty years ago, Minnesota was a different place, and that was reflected in the notable lack of diversity reflected in the *Time* article.

Smith writes: *“No people of color were visible in the many photographs of smiling and prosperous Minnesotans in Time magazine’s 1973 cover story celebrating “The State That Works.”*

“Every single one of the 10 overachieving citizens in a photo collage inside was a white male (that’s right, no women either). This august assemblage featured seven generous corporate leaders, including five brothers of

the Dayton family dynasty, also the University of Minnesota president, Minnesota Orchestra conductor and Guthrie Theater artistic director.

“Time’s love poem to our “good life” probably rang true or held promise for most white Minnesotans 50 years ago. It surely sounded hollow for many of about 80,000 Blacks and other folks of color in 1973 (and who number about 1.4 million now).”

Minnesota is far more diverse today, and that demographic change has prompted backlash from those who prefer the Minnesota that existed a half century ago.

As the state’s diversity increased, Smith writes:

“Conservatives complained, often with racially coded accusations. They blamed generous welfare benefits for attracting “thugs” and “welfare queens” from Chicago and Gary. Or frightened us with the specter of “illegal aliens” invading our space and taking our jobs. Or raised the specter of Islamic immigrants imposing “Sharia Law” on Christians. Most recently, an “anti-woke” crusade warns that diversity training or learning about injustice in schools is anti-American and divisive, building a sense of “victimhood” and “entitlement” for people of color, along with white guilt.

“Our more hospitable voices responded all along that the shift was a positive change, driven by good people simply seeking better lives in a more livable place. Mainstream Christian organizations, such as Lutheran Social Services and Catholic Charities, and nonprofits such as the American Refugee Committee played a crucial role in welcoming and settling immigrants.

“Perhaps most important, the private sector beckoned too. Agribusiness and service sectors took full advantage of cheaper unskilled labor, employing new Minnesotans by the hundreds of thousands. The Minnesota Chamber of Commerce issued several reports in recent years

documenting the need for and value of immigrants, even though many of its business owner members continued to donate mostly to conservative candidates who minimized the importance of racial inequality and promised lower taxes and less regulation.

“Elevating racial equity and explaining how “We all do better, when we all do better” might never win over all Minnesotans. But emphasizing that racial equity is good for white people too will be the key to building more consensus for racial equity policy.”

Conservatives have regularly criticized the state’s progressive politics and have most frequently cited a rising crime rate to suggest that those policies have failed Minnesota. Conservatives predicted big political gains in Minnesota in 2020, in the wake of the George Floyd unrest, but discovered that voters had other ideas, re-electing DFL Gov. Tim Walz and restoring the DFL to full dominance of the Legislature, including electing the most diverse legislative body in state history. Rather than a conservative retrenchment, Smith notes that the state has seen the enactment this year of the most progressive political agenda since at least the 1970s.

Reappraising ‘The State that Works’: High rankings hold up, mostly

Fifty years ago, when *Time* put Minnesota on its pedestal, they noted that the state fared well on a variety of societal benchmarks, at least compared to the rest of the 50 states. A half century later, Minnesota still does quite well compared to other states, suggesting that the state’s progressive tradition has allowed the state to continue to provide most of its residents with a high quality of life.

Smith writes: *“A review of the key indicators flagged by Time a half-century ago suggests that Minnesota generally has maintained its advantage. We remain one of the better places in the world in which to live, to work, to create and recreate and even to*

retire. The glaring exceptions are racial disparities and declines around some aspects of education and governance.”

Health measures
Smith writes: *“On longevity, a crucial bottom-line measure of health, Minnesota holds steady. We were second in 1970 and third in 2022, rising from 73.0 to 79.1. All states improved over this period, but other Midwestern states dropped out of the top 10 and were replaced mostly by coastal states.*

“On more comprehensive multi-factor health rankings that measure many criteria, Minnesota still ranks consistently high: third on the Commonwealth Fund’s ranking of State Health System Performance; seventh on the United Health Foundation’s list of Healthiest States; and third on WalletHub’s list for Best States for Health Care. Not so great: We are only 17th least obese, only 18th lowest in tobacco use, and way too high in alcohol consumption.”

Wealth measures
“Time in 1973 stated, without specifying a ranking that poverty rates were “among the lowest in the nation.” And while admiring a versatile and balanced economy, it reported that Minnesota was only a middling 19th in per capita income.

“Major progress here. Minnesota’s poverty ranking improved from 15th lowest in 1970 to fourth lowest in 2021 and median income climbed from 17th to 12th.

“Perhaps more important than annual income, Minnesota ranks even higher on personal wealth, or an impressive third in median net worth, according to a report earlier this year by CNBC.

“These rankings fly in the face of a constant refrain from the right, increasingly strident in recent years, that Minnesota’s progressive policies are bad for business and our economy. In fact, the state continues to rank high in Fortune 500 companies per capita, patents per capita and on many indicators of business vitality. A recent “Best States for Business” ranking from CNBC placed Minnesota ninth.”

On educational attainment, Smith writes:

“Few correlations to health and prosperity are stronger than educational attainment, and here again Minnesota has stayed above average on most metrics since 1973. However, trouble spots in this realm are among our most worri-

some.
“Citing Minnesota’s emergence as one of the nation’s leading “brain-industry centers” Time in 1973 reported that “the citizens are well educated; the high school dropout rate, 7.6 percent, is the nation’s lowest.”

“Although Minnesota’s annual dropout rate had improved to just 4.1 percent by 2018, other states caught up on education investment and improved faster, while our increasing racial disparities took a toll on overall attainment and test scores.

“The most recent rankings on educational attainment, compiled by Wikipedia, place Minnesota fifth in high school graduates (94 percent), 11th in four-year diplomas (39 percent), and 20th in post-grad degrees (13 percent).

“However, Minnesota no longer can claim to be among the top 10 in the basic conditions of its public educational systems. Several multi-factor rankings of educational quality place us in the teens or 20s. U.S. News ranked Minnesota 17th for “Best States for Education.”

“Looking beyond just test scores and schools, Minnesota generally ranks very high on more comprehensive assessments of well-being for children and young people. The multi-factor 2020 Kids Count profile by the Annie E. Casey Foundation ranks Minnesota 3rd overall for the well-being of children.”

Smith concludes:
“Optimism is in order but smugness with these rankings is not a good look. Time in 1973 perceptively found fault with a Minnesota tendency toward “middle-class complacency” and “a kind of porcine self-satisfaction,” captured a century ago by Sinclair Lewis in “Main Street” and his other novels based in his home state.

“Moreover, our dismal rankings on racial disparities and a loss of stature on educational systems and good-government performance are every bit as important as our superlatives. But taking some pride in doing well because we have done the right things ought to be OK. And when a state does as well as Minnesota on so many rankings, year-after-year over many decades, it might just mean we have been doing at least some things right. Doubling down on our strong suit, a compassionate and pragmatic egalitarianism, might be the best course forward.”

HOUSING...Continued from page 1

to 120 percent of the area’s median income.

The HRA approved the issuing of a Request for Quotes to get a housing project going because of tight deadlines to obtain new state funding allocated for rural housing. The state set aside a one-time pot of \$39 million to support housing projects in rural Minnesota communities during the 2023 legislative

session.

“The state usually funds around \$4 million every year for rural housing,” Ely clerk-treasurer Harold Langowski told the HRA, “so this is one-time funding.” Langowski predicted the funds would get divvied up quickly. He said the city has been in frequent communication with the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency

and based on those discussions, he advised the HRA seek a developer to work with, as recommended by the MHFA. Because the application deadlines for funding are in December, he urged that the HRA get an RFQ out immediately.

“We’re going to have to find a developer to work with us,” Langowski said, noting that if no developer responded to the RFQ or

if none of the proposals received meets Ely’s needs, then Ely would make the case to MHFA that it could act as its own developer for the project, as it has done in the past for its previous HRA projects.

Ely has approximately 25 acres immediately east and south of the hospital campus area on the west side of the city. The HRA has been looking into devel-

oping the property with 22 townhouse units for several years now. It will consider alternative proposals to the

townhouse plan so long as those meet the feasibility conditions outlined in the new housing study.

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IRONIC TWISTS

EPA now wants Lamppa furnaces to help fix testing woes

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — The Environmental Protection Agency, which shut down sales of Lamppa Manufacturing's clean-burning wood furnaces nearly a year ago, now wants to buy one and possibly two of the company's Kuuma Vapor Fire 100 wood burners to help the federal agency repair its failed emissions testing program.

The company re-certified the Kuuma wood furnaces earlier this year after a lengthy testing process confirmed what earliest tests had already confirmed—that the furnaces are the cleanest wood-burning devices manufactured in the U.S., bar none. Lamppa's Kuuma wood furnace was the first wood-burning device to meet the strict federal standard

and it passed again when it came up for recertification last year.

The EPA has been under fire for more than two years over its testing program, which had allowed some wood furnace manufacturers to achieve certification in testing even though their real-world results were far from meeting the emissions standards set by the agency. The EPA's inspector general has railed against the agency's own testing program, calling it "dysfunctional."

In addition, ten states, including Minnesota, are suing the agency over its failure to properly test some wood furnaces it certified as clean burning several years ago.

Several northern states, in an effort to reduce emissions from wood-burning devices, have spent their own taxpayer dollars

to encourage homeowners to buy and install the certified devices, but that investment appears to have yielded little if any improvement in air quality.

The problem, in large part, is that the users of such wood-burning devices aren't necessarily operating them according to the precise methods used in testing.

"What we need is a reliable forced air furnace that we can use as a baseline," wrote Steffan Johnson, measurement technology group leader with the EPA, in a July 26 email to Lamppa Manufacturing. "[We need] something that we can run a few trials on and help us put together a test method that is both workable (allows the unit to operate as designed) and is repeatable (provides for a consistent emissions assessment of the appliance)," Johnson added in his email.

Lamppa Manufacturing plant manager Dale Horihan said Johnson told him that efforts to use certified furnaces from other manufacturers had run into problems because their emissions varied considerably and often didn't meet the standards in real life conditions.

The Kuuma Vapor Fire model is unique in that it was designed with the end user in mind, said Horihan. Computer controls combined with its overall design help to achieve consistent emissions and heat output regardless of the type or moisture content of the wood, or the amount loaded into the furnace at any one time.

"They feel ours is the most stable furnace out there and the least impacted by operator inputs," said Horihan.

The EPA isn't planning to

buy the wood furnaces themselves. According to Johnson, the agency has tapped out its budget for the year, so they are working with a multi-state consortium of regulators, known as Northeast States for Coordinated Air Use Management, or NESCAUM, which plans to purchase one furnace initially, and a second one later once they've determined the furnace operates as expected.

The EPA is relying on NESCAUM to conduct the test method development for the EPA.

Horihan said Lamppa Manufacturing is happy to work with the state regulator group to improve the testing methods for wood furnaces. Lamppa Manufacturing's Daryl Lamppa has been harshly critical of the EPA's test methods, even as his company's own devices passed with flying colors.

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as limited access to capital for growth. It was also a chance to see the progress the company has made since it passed emissions testing for a second time now, and is once again certified to sell its Kuuma Vapor Fire wood furnaces. It's a development that was particularly satisfying for Sen. Klobuchar.

For Lamppa Manufacturing, having a U.S. Senator in their corner made all the difference in their months-long battle with the EPA over the renewal of their emissions certification. "She was really the point person," said Garrett Lamppa, who has taken over operations of the company from his father Daryl. Garrett led the senator through the plant, telling the story of the transition of the company from a tiny homegrown operation to a modern manufacturer that is now shipping product around the world.

Lamppa said that Klobuchar was remarkably responsive to the concerns the company raised, both about the validity of the EPA's test methods as well as the agency's lack of concern for the financial burden they were placing on the small company. "She called me personally on the weekends more than once," recalls Lamppa.

While the EPA had certified Lamppa's Kuuma Vapor Fire 100 wood furnace in 2017, the agency suspended the certification when its five-year term ended in September 2022. When the company applied for renewal last summer, agency officials



Left: Sen. Amy Klobuchar smiles as Garrett Lamppa points out the lettering on one of the company's original sauna stoves, which sits in the lobby at the company's new manufacturing plant.

photo by M. HelMBERGER

forced them to go through the lengthy and expensive testing process once again, even as the qualified test

labs had little training or understanding of the EPA's test criteria. Rather than allow the company to sell

reached out to local legislators in the wake of the EPA decision, but they all told him the same thing: "We need to get Amy involved." He said Ida Rukavina, a former Klobuchar staffer who now serves as IRRR Commissioner, had put him in touch with the senator, and Klobuchar took it from there, taking on much of the work personally, rather than leaving it to staff. "She met personally with the higher ups at EPA on this," recalls Lamppa.

After all the problems with the EPA's testing program, Klobuchar laughed when Garrett noted that the federal agency recently reached out to the

company to buy two of its wood furnaces to help set the standards for their revised testing program. Klobuchar said that's good for Lamppa. "The big companies do that all the time," she said. "They get the standards set based on their product and everyone else is in trouble."

While Lamppa Manufacturing has faced some headwinds of its own, the company's path forward looks promising and Klobuchar was eager to hear about it. She's not the first high-ranking politician to visit the plant in recent months. Gov. Tim Walz had his own tour of the facility back in April.



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Briefly

County levies nearly 700K for fire protection

by DAVID COLBURN
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL- Forty of the county's 75 unorganized townships, or

portions of them, depend on nearby city or township fire departments for fire protection and/or first responders. Responsibility for ensuring that coverage rests with St. Louis County, which assesses a levy on property owners in those areas that is passed on to a

fire department contracted to serve that area.

County commissioners determined the amounts each contracting department will get for 2024 on Tuesday, with a total levied dollar amount of \$698,231.

Contracted North Country departments,

assigned townships, and levy dollar amounts include:

City of Babbitt: 61-12 and 61-13, \$77,985.

City of Cook: 62-17 and 63-17, \$20,000.

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Protection Association: 63-14, 64-12, 64-13, 65-13 and 65-14 \$32,643.

City of Orr: 63-19, and various portions of 63-21, 64-21, \$12,821.

Pike-Sandy-Britt Volunteer Fire Dept: 59-16 and 60-18, \$58,943.

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develop into a fast-paced, competitive game. Paddles are made from lightweight, composite materials and the plastic balls have holes (like a wiffleball). Pickleball has exploded in popularity in this area, and while it has generally been played on already existing tennis courts (which can accommodate two pickleball courts, one on each side of the tennis net), new courts have gone up in Ely and most recently in Kugler Township (at the town hall on the existing basketball court). Ely has a long-standing pickleball program, run through community education.

The township had previously posted times on their website and on a sign posted at the tennis court, stating the court was reserved for tennis on Mondays from 10 a.m. – noon, and for pickleball on Monday from 8 – 10 a.m., and Tuesdays through Fridays from 8 a.m. – noon. For other times, the court was open for whoever got there first.

"Everybody wants to play in the mornings," said Supervisor Sue Drobac.

"Tennis is not nearly as popular as pickleball," said Supervisor Barb Lofquist. "I don't see many people playing tennis."

Gere Thompson, a

pickleball player, said they started surveying players at the court, and have tallied two groups of tennis players and at least 10 groups of pickleball players. There is a regular group that plays tennis Monday mornings.

On other mornings during the week, as many as two dozen pickleball players will show up to play. When playing doubles, the court can accommodate eight players at a time, four on each court.

The board passed a motion to post hours for tennis on Mondays from 9 a.m. – noon and Thursdays from 10 a.m. – noon. Pickleball hours will be from 8 – 10 a.m. on Tuesdays through Fridays. The vote was 4-1 with Drobac voting against.

If no one is on the court during those times, the court is open to either sport, as well as on the weekends.

The board also discussed whether or not to look into options for building additional courts at the town hall grounds. Supervisors noted that the township's comprehensive plan had said there should be no more recreational development at the town hall. At last month's meeting, the idea of privately raising funds for new courts was discussed.

"Physical activity is a

good thing," said Lofquist. "It would be neat to have a Greenway league."

The township grounds have been getting more popular in recent years, with the addition of a pavilion, playground, and bocce ball courts.

Chair John Bassing noted that additional courts would be more costly for the township to maintain.

Township resident Lee Peterson reminded the board that the initial plan was to build two tennis courts, with help from private fundraising. When the private funds did not materialize, the board decided to pay the cost of building the single court, which cost around \$55,000.

"The last thing we need to do is create more ill feelings," said Peterson. "People need to coexist and not be aggressive out there."

No action was taken on the idea of constructing additional courts.

Other business

In other business, the board:

➤ Passed a motion to have Treasurer Jeff Maus close out the Isle of Pines Bridge Fund and mail the balance of a little over \$39,000 to the Isle of Pines Property Owners Association. The fund con-

sists of money assessed to property owners when the new bridge was constructed to pay for costs not covered by the grant received to rebuild the bridge. It was held in a fund by the township to pay any future repair costs. The money will now be used for maintenance costs for the private road on the Isle of Pines.

➤ Heard that the broadband project is moving ahead on schedule, with work on the Vermilion Reservation underway.

➤ Have not yet heard back from St. Louis County if they are willing to plow Twp. Rd. 4136, Birch Point Extension.

➤ Will look into applying for a LRIP grant which would pay most of the costs of paving Twp. Rd. 4136, as well as bringing the road up to county standard. The township put in an application to the program in 2021 but was not successful at that time.

➤ Is still looking for a part-time cleaner for the town hall. If none is found, will look into the cost of hiring a cleaning service.

➤ Awarded the quote for tree trimming work to Fenske Tree Service for a cost of \$2,147. There was one other bid received, but the Fenske bid was significantly lower.

➤ Heard that Supervisor


Rick Stoehr is working with St. Louis County to resolve some fire number issues, as well as how to formally name a small island in Smarts Bay.

➤ Heard the fire department had a busy month with 11 fire calls and 15 EMS calls. Repairs were done in-house on tender 3, saving the department about \$800

from what it would have cost to replace the equipment, as well as having new batteries installed. Tender 2 also had some repair work done and has been outfitted to use as a brush truck to use for wildland fires. Repairs are also being done on the bilge-pumping system of the smaller fire boat housed at Birch Point Marine.


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INSPIRATION

Local teacher debuts creativity series on Instagram

by DAVID COLBURN
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK- Folks who know North Woods School art teacher Rachel Betterley know well that her passion for creativity runs deep. It shows through her own painting and pottery, pageantry and parenting, and through her nurturing creativity in others through her teaching and philanthropy. For her, creativity is a conduit for fulfillment, growth and healing and it's central to who Betterley is and what she does.

And now she's bringing that passion to a new venue and endeavor, an Instagram Live video series called Creative Conversations, where she highlights the stories and insights of other creatives with the hope that viewers will take away something encouraging and inspiring.

"Learning the art of expression can start with listening to a story, life hack, or tip, you know, inspiration from some cool people with some pretty rockstar journeys," Betterley said. "In order to get people to be inspired to create, they need to see all the different ways people do that. And one of the ways I could showcase that is through Instagram Live."

"People featured will come from many different walks of life and ages," Betterley continued. "Artists, educators, musicians, social media gurus, pageant titleholders, public figures, philanthropists, parents, and more. Their commonality? Confidence in what makes them unique to empower their goals. You might be surprised at HOW these people utilize their craft and the many ways they go about doing it to better their personal wellness, trauma recovery, or the lives of others. And, you might hear some of my own personal #artheals stories along the way."

While the series is still in its infancy, Betterley has already featured a diverse array of creative people and content areas to inspire her audience.

Her first guest, Ryan Daniel, is the owner of Twin-Cities-based Zandolee Media Group, a video and image production company that develops corporate media and also creates wedding videos and photography. The two crossed paths about a decade ago when Daniel was working with the Miss Minnesota pageant.

"I've actually known Ryan for quite a while, and Ryan has his own podcast as well," Betterley said. "I've done a lot of work with him with Zandolee Media, that's kind of the start of how I grew interested and being in front of a camera. He's really built that confidence in me to want to host and take that leadership role in

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LEARNING

OOHING AT OXFORD

Seminar provided local librarians a new appreciation for the tradition of the library

by DAVID COLBURN
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL- The University of Oxford in England, an affiliation of 39 autonomous colleges and five religious-oriented learning halls, is renowned worldwide as a mecca of higher education and cultural history, with buildings and manuscripts dating back to the 13th century.

And the city of Oxford, known as "The City of Dreaming Spires" in reference to the stunning architecture of the university's buildings, recently became the place where the dreams of two local librarians to study at the hallowed university finally came true.

During the first week of July, Mollie Stanford, a regional librarian with the Arrowhead Library System who lives in Tower, and Crystal Whitney, library director of the Cook Public Library, traveled to England to participate in a seminar called "The Library and the Academy" hosted at Worcester College, founded in 1714 after serving for more than 400 years as the home of Gloucester College.

The dream for the two took root in 2019 when Stanford saw a flyer advertising the seminar.

"I thought, 'Oh, my gosh, this looks really, really exciting,'" Stanford said. "It was an exciting opportunity to not only see library spaces, but to meet other librarians across the country and other librarians worldwide. So, I approached Crystal and suggested we should just try it out."

They applied and were accepted for the 2020 seminar, but it was canceled due to the COVID pandemic.

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Above: Mollie Stanford, left, and Crystal Whitney stand in the Bodleian Library Divinity School, built between 1427 and 1483 and is the oldest surviving purpose-built building for Oxford University use.

Below: The pair stand in The Queen's College Library, built between 1692 and 1695 and housing a collection founded in 1341.

Bottom: The top floor of the Cuyper's Library in the Rijksmuseum, the national museum of the Netherlands.



MEDIA

Broadcast tower repairs have slowed the return of WELY

by CATIE CLARK
Ely Editor

ELY- End of the Road Radio should be back on the air soon, but how soon remains an open question. That's according to Craig Loughery, host of the former and future Trader Craig show on WELY radio.

According to Loughery, the station's new owners, Zoe Communications, of Shell Lake, Wis., is still waiting on necessary repairs to the station's tower before bringing the station back to the air.

"It's very difficult to get tower work done," Loughery told the *Timberjay*. "Very few are qualified to do tower work," noting that not a lot of people are willing to do equipment repair work three hundred feet in the air. "There are a lot of repairs that are needed," Loughery added.

According to Loughery, Zoe Communications does have a tower repair firm "from the other side of Wisconsin"

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TRAGEDIES

Six-year-old injured in mower accident

by DAVID COLBURN
Cook-Orr Editor

COOK- A six-year-old Cook girl, whose identity has not been released, suffered serious injuries last Friday when she was run over by a brush mower.

The child was a passenger on an ATV pulling an attached mower being used to mow trails in the 2200 block of N Burtness Road early Friday afternoon. According to a St. Louis County Sheriff's Office release, the child was seated behind the adult ATV operator when she fell off and was run over by the brush mower.

Cook Ambulance, Cook Fire Department, Cook first responders and Virginia Ambulance responded to the scene. The child was taken to Cook Hospital and then transported by North Memorial Air Care to Minneapolis Children's Hospital. Information about the nature and extent of her injuries was not available.

Cook man dies in car crash

COOK- A 62-year-old Cook man died Sunday in a car accident on Hwy. 1 west of Cook, according to a report by the Minnesota State Patrol.

Wade Louis Anthony was driving a 1969 Chevrolet Corvette westbound on Hwy. 1 near the intersection with Samuelson Rd. at about 8 p.m. when he apparently lost control and went into a ditch, striking a tree.

St. Louis County Sheriff's deputies, Cook Ambulance and Cook Fire responded to the accident, but Anthony apparently died at the scene, as no transport to a medical facility was reported.

MSP reported that Anthony was wearing a seatbelt and that alcohol was involved in the accident.

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front of the camera, and I feel very comfortable. So, it felt only fitting to start with him because he's a person who helped shape me into the public figure I am and into the media person I am. He has tons of wisdom and I still feed off that today."

For her second episode, Betterley drew on her pageantry background, and the current Mrs. Great Lakes Petite welcomed two other Petite USA pageant family members, national Mrs. Petite Allison Wilkinson and Mrs. Florida Petite Kasi Gonzales, to the broadcast to talk about the ways in which art is infused in the pageantry world.

"At the end of the day, it's about treating your pageant journey like an artist does a canvas," Betterley said. "Pageantry is like a form of performance art."

In her Aug. 3 episode, Betterley, a self-professed rock and metal music fan, featured Chaz Wagner, lead guitarist, drummer, vocalist, and founder of the Native rock band War Bonnet. Wagner's interview highlighted how Betterley likes to approach each episode.

"With Chaz in particular, I had to do homework. I wanted



Rachel Betterley, top, interviews Chaz Wagner, founder of the Native rock band War Bonnet, for her new Instagram Live series "Creative Conversations."

to make sure I knew exactly what I was getting into as far as conversations. I do a very broad outline of themes or topics I'd like to hit," she said. "For Chaz,

his topics were education, inspiring authenticity, and preserving culture. Those topics feed into subtopics for what you're going to do for the questions. Sometimes I

type out a couple of questions that advance normally for each topic, but then those questions will stem into sub-questions that are more casual and on the fly, based on what they're talking about. It really is 50/50 because if you just followed a script verbatim, it's very boring, it's very interview like, it's not a conversation. So, you have to be creative. And sometimes with creativity, you have to just let it be what it wants to be, let it manifest with how the conversation wants to unfold."

Betterley has been learning the technical hoops of Instagram Live, too. For example, she's discovered that it seems to work best when both she and the person she's interviewing are using their phones, rather than computers. Production elements such as lighting, clothing, hair styling, positioning, and backgrounds all work together to create a visually compelling video.

"It's got to have longevity to it," Betterley said. "It's not like you're having 1,000 people tune in live. You can post the live video and people can watch it later. Chaz's interview is at 900 views, so people want to watch, but they won't necessarily want

to show that they're watching live because you can see who's doing that. Not everyone, but in many cases they watch later. So, I take that into account. It's being filmed and it's going to be posted. It's got to have longevity to it."

Betterley said she's not certain how often she'll do Instagram Live interviews and post reels.

"I won't necessarily do it every week, because that's a lot of work," she said. "But I definitely want to do it bi-weekly or once a month."

Betterley has plenty of ideas of different artists to feature on the show, from photographers to cosplay artists, but she plans to be thoughtful and deliberate in the way she introduces the aspect of the power of art for personal healing to the broadcast.

"It's getting the right person on at the right time that feels like the right fit," she said. "It's a really deep conversation. I do think bringing that on with the right person will come in due time."

App subscribers can find Betterley's Creative Conversations on Instagram at @rachelbetterley.

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"We had bought our plane tickets and everything, and then everything shut down," Whitney said.

But they kept their enrollment spots and were ready to take full advantage of the opportunity when it was offered again this summer.

When they set foot on campus, Whitney didn't even have to walk inside to their accommodations at Worcester College before being overwhelmed.

"The second you walk into Worcester College there's this quad, and I can't even describe what the color of green was. I didn't even know it existed. And to put it in between these really old, old ancient buildings, that was my first step into that whole world, and I felt like it was out of a book."

Stanford had an equally stunning experience.

"When arriving, you see the medieval wall surrounding Worcester College, which is where we stayed and it just sort of takes your breath away," she said. "It's an experience I've never had before."

At Worcester, Stanford and Whitney became part of an intimate group of nine librarians who had signed up for the seminar.

"It was a great group. Everyone was from the U.S.," Stanford said. "The majority of the group was school librarians. There were two people from Knoxville, Tenn., there was a school librarian from Oakland, Calif. and another one from the San Francisco Bay area. It was really interesting to hear from other folks and what their experiences are, especially thinking about book challenges and other advocacy efforts going on surrounding challenges. It really made an impact, especially in my job where I work directly with school libraries."

The seminar was led by Steven Archer, a librarian at Trinity College in Cambridge. Archer's background made this seminar different from



The Merton College Library is the world's oldest continuously functioning library for university and academic students. all photos submitted

several others that were going on simultaneously, Whitney said.

"We were talking to some of the other students, and they're like, 'Well, do you have homework? Do you have a reading list?' And he said no. He's a librarian. We would get together for two hours in the morning and go through whatever the topic was. We talked about manuscripts, we talked about the printing press, we talked about books, architecture and how libraries have changed over time. And then we'd have tea, and then we would walk to a library and be there for an hour or so. It was a great experience, because we got that classroom part of it, but our teacher was a librarian, and so he understands what we understand."

Certainly, a highlight of the experience was visiting some of the university's 60-some libraries and getting into centuries-old books and manuscripts. A unique feature at Oxford is that each library for each separate college is self-contained and the materials in them do not circulate outside of their own college.

"That was interesting to us because we live in a state where interlibrary loan is so important to us," Whitney said. "To learn that

they don't share was very interesting, but I think it's based on their collections. Some of this is very old. I have a whole new appreciation for old manuscripts. You realize that someone literally hand wrote all of it, and it's perfect."

Stanford was impressed by the extent to which students were actively engaged with library materials, noting that such work is essential given the unique style of instruction practiced at the university.

"The study courses are a little bit different," she said. "They have tutorials in which they work directly with a mentor, specifically focused on a topic, and every six days they have to complete an essay and an oral review. It's very intensive, and the library is heavily used because the students are looking at the texts to support their paper and oral arguments they're making to their tutor. There's a 2,000-word essay due every week on a different topic. It's very different from what we have here."

Whitney also commented on the studious atmosphere in the libraries.

"Every library that we went to, there were people working or studying or reading, and I just I loved that," she said. "People weren't on their phones,

and they weren't playing games, it was like true study and research and I loved it."

Some of the college libraires the pair visited during the seminar included:

- Merton College, established in 1264, home to the world's oldest continuously functioning library for academics and students.

- Lincoln College, established in 1427.

- Bodleian Library – one of Europe's oldest libraries and the second-largest in Great Britain, the Bodleian is the flagship library of the university and part of a larger group of libraries bearing the same name. Harry Potter fans would recognize some of the interior of the Bodleian through movie scenes that were shot there.

- Christ Church College, established in 1546.

- The Queen's College, established in 1341.

- The Oxford Union, established in 1823.

- St. Edmund Hall, established in 1278.

"The spaces alone, some of them were from the 12th and 13th century," Stanford said. "I've never even seen buildings that old before and then having the collections inside being accessible to students and to researchers, it is just overwhelming the amount

of history that is located in Oxford."

The seminar wasn't without entertaining aspects as well. Participants attended an outdoor performance of Romeo and Juliet at the Oxford Castle and heard the Oxford Philharmonic Orchestra perform Shakespeare in Music at the Sheldonian Theater.

Whitney said she also visited the Ashmolean Museum, the Pitt-Rivers Museum, the fabled Blackwell's Bookshop, went punting on the River Cherwell and climbed the 99 steps of Carfax Tower, one of the tallest structures in Oxford.

Stanford and Whitney also took advantage of their pre- and post-seminar time abroad to do some exploring. In England, activities included a boat cruise on the River Thames, and visits to St. Paul's Cathedral and Windsor Castle.

"I'm a big fan of the Queen, and it was very important for me to go pay my respects," Whitney said. "I can't tell you how much I loved Windsor Castle. I could live there as well, even in a little house outside."

And then the pair hopped a train, the Eurostar, and whooshed under the English Channel to Amsterdam and the Netherlands.

"We wanted to make sure that once we were over there that we got to see another country and another culture," Stanford said. "We looked at flights and it was great – Minneapolis has a direct flight to Amsterdam. Neither of us had been to Amsterdam, so we got to see old and new."

The main branch of the Amsterdam Public Library was within walking distance of their hotel, and it was a stark contrast to the ancient buildings of Oxford.

"It's super modern, with clean lines and lots of space for laptop use and for discussions," Stanford said. "It was a really cool thing and I'm glad we got

to do that."

"No matter where we had gone it would have been a culture shock because Oxford was perfect," Whitney said. "We found we couldn't get into a lot of places because they were already booked."

But Whitney did accomplish an Amsterdam "must do" for her – a visit to the Hague to see the famous Johannes Vermeer painting "Girl with a Pearl Earring."

"She was amazing," Whitney said. "The museum is small and I was there very early. Literally I could have touched her, but there are armed guards so I didn't. But I love that I got a moment to just be with the painting."

Overall, Stanford and Whitney had the time of their lives.

"The whole trip exceeded every expectation I ever had in my head," Whitney said. "It's just amazing."

"It was absolutely overwhelming in a very, very positive way," Stanford said. "I had no idea what to expect. I just feel like it was the trip of a lifetime."

And in a fashion, the trip will continue. Stanford and Whitney will be doing a presentation for the Arrowhead Library System board, and they're looking at ways they can share their experience with other librarians in the area. Stanford said she took extensive notes about the use of space during the trip and will be considering ways she can put that information to use to improve experiences for library patrons here at home.

"I think there are some similar themes that are happening at Oxford that definitely translate to our academic and specialty library institutions."

And Stanford said she's made arrangements with the seminar facilitator, Steven Allen, to do some Zoom training for Arrowhead library staff.

"It's an awesome opportunity for them to hear from another amazing librarian," she said.

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lined up to do the repair work. But the repair crew must be available, plus the weather must cooperate. When those two conditions are met, the said the repairs will go forward and, once completed, WELY will be back on the air.

Looking forward

"Our plan is to get on the air and then get a

revenue stream going," said Loughery. "We will have no revenue to start with."

The station will play a variety of programming, including the return of Loughery's popular Trader Craig morning show, "probably from 6 to 9 a.m."

When the radio station was sold, the former WELY

office space on Chapman Street was not included in the deal. Loughery explained that with the advances in technology, "You can (now) run a radio station from a laptop," which they plan to do from a location just outside of Ely.

The new owner

Zoe Communications purchased the station from

the Bois Forte Band, which had bought the station in 2005 as part of an economic diversification effort. But the station, which has never been a strong financial performer, proved a financial drain and the Band eventually opted to put it up for sale. The sale was agreed upon back in November 2022, but the

Federal Communications Commission did not approve the transfer of the station's broadcast license until March 26.

Following FCC approval, Loughery said it took another month to work out the real estate deal involving the tower site. Since then, scheduling a tower repair crew has been

the primary hold-up.

Loughery was optimistic about the new ownership and management. "Zoe Communications owns several small-town radio stations, which they run well ... they make it work because they know how to do radio."

Obituaries and Death Notices



JoAnne G. Connell

JoAnne G. Connell, 86, formerly of Lake Vermilion-Tower, passed away on Wednesday, Aug. 2, 2023, at Heritage Manor Nursing Home in Chisholm. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Aug. 14 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower with Pastor Liz Cheney officiating. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

JoAnne was born on Nov. 3, 1936, in Minocqua, Wis., to Albert and Mildred (Varney) Riebe. JoAnne married Jerry Connell on March 8, 1969, in Virginia. She was an active

member and leader of St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower where she sang in the choir, shared in the operations of the church, gave sermons, and organized Vacation Bible School. She enjoyed gardening, raising vegetables for many years while focusing on flowers later in life. JoAnne also enjoyed macramé, knitting, watching birds and other wildlife, and was a regular for morning coffee at the Good Ol' Days.

She is survived by her three children, daughter Sheryl (Dr. Steve) Redmond of Westport, S.D., son Larry Sonsthagen (spouse Bob Shepherd) of Minneapolis and son Michael (Sonja) Connell of Bemidji; as well as grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Albert and Mildred; husband, Jerry Connell; sister, Madge Matz; and nephew, Bob Matz.

Ralph L. Friesner

Ralph L. Friesner, 62, longtime resident of Embarrass and formerly of Tower, died on Saturday, June 24, 2023, in an auto-

mobile accident near his home. Visitation will be from 1 p.m. until the 2 p.m. celebration of life on Friday, Aug. 25 at Bauman-Vermilion Funeral Home in Tower. Greg Anderson will be the celebrant. Inurnment will be at a later date in Warroad.

He is survived by his siblings, Glen Friesner of Hinckley, Claudia Mastin of Detroit Lakes, Tim (Shiela) Friesner of Roosevelt, Clyde (Connie) Friesner of Warroad and David (Karn) Friesner of Muskego, Wis.; and numerous extended family and friends.

Carl S. Schultz

Carl Selby Schultz, 79, of Angora, passed away on Tuesday, Aug. 1, 2023, of natural causes. Interment will be at Idington Cemetery in Angora at a later date. Arrangements are with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by his sons, Scott (Karen) Schultz of Angora and Kurt (Melanie) Schultz of Mt. Iron; sister, Margaret (Leroy) Soyring of South Grove; grandchildren, Jared (Samantha) Schultz, Matthew (Emily Bara-

ga) Schultz and Angela (Will Fischer) Schultz; great-grandsons, Brooks and coming soon Eli; great-granddaughter, Kamryn; former spouse, Barbara Schultz; step-granddaughters; step-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and all his great friends and neighbors in the Angora area.

Helen M. Huovinen

Helen Marie Palo Doran Huovinen, 81, of Ely, originally of Soudan, peacefully passed away at home with her children by her side on Sunday, July 9, 2023. Funeral services will be held at Grace Lutheran Church in Ely on Saturday, Aug. 19 at 11 a.m. with visitation at 10 a.m. Family services have been entrusted to Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

She is survived by her daughters, Robin Braun and Ann (Jeffrey) Reese; son, Michael (March) Doran; grandchildren, Louise and Ben Reese and Scout, Darcy, Wrenn and Patrick Doran; brothers-in-law, Wendell Wilson and Anthony Shikonya; sisters-in-law, Genevieve Palo and Etta Palo; god-

children, Vicky Podominick, William Jr. Palo and David Mosher; many nephews, nieces and their children.

SueEllen Nelson

SueEllen "Toog" Novak Nelson, 63, of Babbitt and Ely, passed away peacefully on Sunday, July 23, 2023, at Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital surrounded by her loving family. She requested there be no funeral, however there will be a celebration of life at a later date. To share condolences, cards may be sent to Family of Sue Nelson, 120 W Chapman St., Ely, MN 55731. Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Kernitz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her daughters, Desirae Nelson (Rob Burgess) of Duluth and Destinee Nelson (Josh Grotberg) of Ely; grandchildren, Peyton and Aubrey Gregory and Brody Grotberg, all of Ely; sisters, Roberta Novak and Diane (Lee) Aho and brother, Jim Novak, all of Babbitt; longtime friends, Wendy and Corrine; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

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POSITION OPENING
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Background check required.

Qualifications include:

- ▶ Current Minnesota teaching license
- ▶ Teaching experience preferred
- ▶ Excellent communication skills including verbal and written

Responsibilities:

- ▶ Demonstrate knowledge of subject matter through effective teaching practices with expectations of high student achievement.
- ▶ Assess student progress, modify instruction and improve student learning.
- ▶ Communicate and collaborate with parents and the school community to foster individual student success and growth.
- ▶ Plan, organize, and teach competency-based science and civics courses.
- ▶ Demonstrate effective classroom and equipment management.

Application available at: www.ely.k12.mn.us

A complete application must include the following:

- ▶ Cover letter
- ▶ District Licensed Application
- ▶ Resume
- ▶ Copy of official transcripts
- ▶ Current Minnesota teaching license
- ▶ 3 letters of recommendation

Return materials to: Ely Public Schools, Attn: Superintendent, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731 or email westrick@ely.k12.mn.us. Contact Memorial HS/MS Principal Jeff Carey at (218) 365-6166 ext. 1726 or jcarey@ely.k12.mn.us with any questions.

Start date: August 28, 2023

Application review to begin: August 22, 2023; open until filled.

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POSITION OPENING
Ely Public Schools
Temporary PT Custodian

Ely Public Schools is accepting applications for a Temporary Part-Time Custodian for the 2023-2024 school year; background check required.

Qualifications include:

- ▶ High school diploma, with post-secondary training in facility maintenance preferred
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A complete application must include the following:

- ▶ District Application
- ▶ 2 letters of recommendation

Return materials to: Ely Public Schools, Attn: Superintendent, 600 E. Harvey St. Ely, MN 55731 or email lwestrick@ely.k12.mn.us

Dates of employment: September 5, 2023 through May 30, 2024

Starting Rate of Pay: \$20.42/hour

Hours: 4 hours/day, 5 days/week, student contact days (3:00-7:00 p.m.)

Application review to begin: August 22, 2023; open until filled.

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POSITION OPENING
Ely Public Schools
Cafeteria Aide

Ely Public Schools is accepting applications for a Cafeteria Aide for the 2023-2024 school year; background check required.

Qualifications include:

- ▶ Must be able to lift 30 lbs. on a regular basis
- ▶ Must be able to work in a fast pace setting
- ▶ Preferred experience working with school-age children
- ▶ Evidence of ability to work cooperatively and communicate effectively in a collaborative setting.

Application available at: www.ely.k12.mn.us

A complete application must include the following:

- ▶ District Application
- ▶ Resume
- ▶ 2 letters of recommendation

Return materials to: Ely Public Schools, Attn: Superintendent, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731 or email lwestrick@ely.k12.mn.us

Starting Rate of Pay: \$15.85/hour

Hours: 2.75 hours/day; 5 days/week; student contact days

Deadline to apply: August 21, 2023; open until filled.

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POSITION OPENING
Ely Public Schools
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Ely Public Schools is looking for an Indigenous Support Interventionist for the 2023-2024 school year. A background check is required.

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A complete application must include the following:

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Return materials to: Ely Public Schools, Attn: Superintendent, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731 or email westrick@ely.k12.mn.us

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Outdoors

Our lives in the Northwoods

WEATHER

Drought continues to slowly build

Extended outlooks suggest some relief could be on the way next week

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Drought conditions continue to build across Minnesota, despite on-again, off-again rainfall in recent weeks. According to the latest report from the U.S. Drought Monitor, three-quarters of St. Louis County is now in moderate drought, with severe drought along parts of the North Shore.

The drought monitor report is issued every Thursday, so the latest report available as of this week's press deadline was nearly a week old. With no measurable precipitation reported in most stations in our region through the first week of August, it's likely that the drought status will show intensification when the next report is issued on Thursday, Aug. 10.

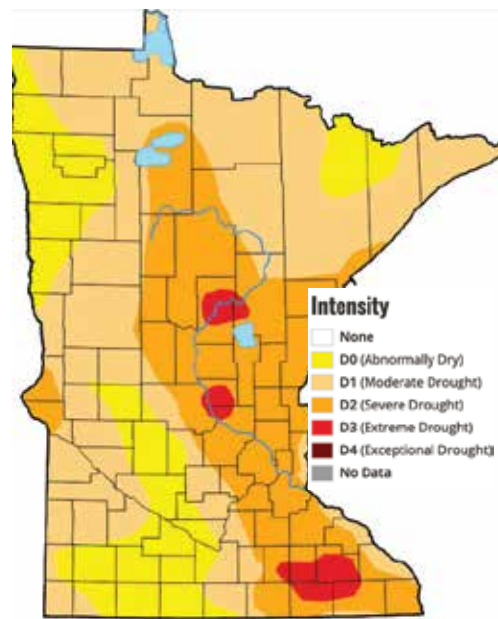
As of Aug. 3, northeastern St. Louis County, including the Tower

and Ely areas were still listed as abnormally dry, which is the lowest level of drought status. Currently every part of Minnesota is listed as abnormally dry or higher, with a good portion of southeastern through northcentral Minnesota currently experiencing severe drought.

Drought conditions are being felt in stream flows around the area,

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Right: The latest drought map from the U.S. Drought Monitor, reflecting drought conditions in Minnesota as of Aug. 3.



WALK WITH A NATURALIST

RED, WHITE, OR JACK?

Tips for distinguishing the North Country's three native pines

Ever eat a pine tree? That was the question posed by Euell Gibbons in his 1970s-era cereal commercial. "Many parts are edible," advised Gibbons, the author well-known at the time for his advocacy of eating wild foods.

Of course, as Gibbons knew well, proper identification of the items on your dinner menu can be important, since while many parts of certain pine trees might be edible, other parts or different species of pine, could make you sick.

I'm not going to suggest that anyone eat a pine tree, or parts thereof, but would you be able to distinguish the native pine trees that commonly grow in our area? I bet most readers can, but I found in my naturalist days that plenty of folks struggle to distinguish our several species of conifers. That includes the three species of native pine found here—the white pine, the red pine, and the jack pine.

Even for the beginner, distinguishing these three pines is relatively straightforward, as each has a foolproof characteristic or two that makes distinguishing them a cinch once you know what to look for.

From a distance, you can tell these three species apart from their shape. Once mature, the white pine (*Pinus strobus*) has a broad, open appearance, like someone with open arms. The horizontal, spreading nature of the white pine's branches make them the ideal nest site for large raptors, like bald eagles, which is why the vast majority of eagle nests are found in white pine.

By contrast, the red pine (*Pinus resinosa*), also known as Norway pine, has a notably oval and relatively dense crown that easily distinguishes it from a white pine. Its needles



MARSHALL HELMBERGER



Top: A stand of mixed mature pine along the Echo Trail north of Ely.

Left: A classic white pine form at a homestead east of Cook.

Below left: The somewhat scraggly, downward drooping form of a jack pine.

Below: The roundish-to-oval form of a mature red pine.

Bottom: (l-r) The trunks of a mature red pine, white pine, and jack pine.

photos by M. HelMBERGER



Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower
JEWELWEED



One of our most pollinator friendly wildflowers, **Jewelweed**, *Impatiens capensis*, is blooming right now, most often along wetland edges. The Jewelweed's distinctive, orangish-yellow blooms are full of sweet nectar, making them highly attractive to hummingbirds, bees, and other insects looking for a sweet snack. Researchers have found that the fall migration of hummingbirds actually appears to be timed to coincide with the peak of jewelweed flowering, pointing to its importance as a food source.

Its succulent stems and leaves cause water to bead up, which gives them a sparkly, or jewel-like, appearance in the morning sun.

This flower's seed pod is springed to explode when touched, which is responsible for its other common name- "Touch-me-not."

Fishing reports

Ely area

The walleye bite continues to be a shallow water affair for many anglers, with the best reports coming from 6-10 feet of water. Anglers are throwing a very mixed bag of lures at these shallow water walleyes. Swim baits, twisters, slip bobbers, minnow baits and lindy rigs are all producing walleyes. Anglers should be focused on windy, rocky shorelines, points, tops of shallow sunken islands, river mouths and even weedlines for walleyes.

The sunfish bite has been going strong on area lakes. Anglers continue to find sunnies in and around well established weedbeds. Small leeches and angleworms, fished under a bobber have been deadly. Crappie anglers are reporting finding them in shallow, weed filled bays, right with sunfish. Downed trees have also been another area to find active crappies. Anglers have been throwing favorites like jig/twister, beetle spins and minnows under a bobber to catch crappies.

Pike anglers have been finding active pike cruising weedlines with large spoons and spinnerbaits. Cabin goers have been fishing large suckers under a bobber right off their docks during the early morning hours. Some of the biggest pike caught this last week were caught on suckers.

Courtesy of Arrowhead Outdoors. See more at Arrowhead OutdoorsElyMN.com.

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BIGFOOT TROUBLES

I think Sasquatch raided my garden

A strange thing happened in my garden a couple of nights ago. Now you should understand my garden is 32 five-gallon buckets of various kinds of vegetables and a few smaller containers of green beans. There are 4x4 timbers and a rather make-shift fence around the whole thing to protect it from pilferers of the four-legged kind. Not too extravagant, but on the island it works. But here's the thing, one of the five-gallon buckets of cucumbers was moved overnight. All the way over the 4x4 and still standing in an upright position inside the fence. After careful investigation and deductive

of suspicion to a bear. They are big enough and are very skilled with their paws. I think at times they would like my garden, but now? There are so many delicious berries ripening in the woods, why bother? Also, no damage to the fence. I don't think bear operate that way.

That's when my attention turned to Sasquatch. He's rumored to be big, with big arms and opposable thumbs. He's so big he could probably reach over the fence and move the bucket. Though there doesn't seem to me much reliable research on the diet of Sasquatch, I think he would like my garden produce.



APRIL WAMHOFF

reasoning, I am absolutely certain it might have been Sasquatch.

Now five-gallon buckets filled with dirt are not light. That leaves out many of my four-legged neighbors as suspects. The rabbits or the squirrels would have had motive and opportunity, but even if they got together and formed a union with a qualified supervisor, I doubt they could handle the bucket. Nope, not the rabbits or the squirrels. And even though I've had other run-in's with beaver, and they are admittedly larger and very smart, I also eliminated them as suspects. Still not big enough.

Emily and Ernie, the resident garter snakes don't have arms, let alone thumbs. They like to hang out in the garden but I don't think they would even want the cukes. No motive. That would go for Trevor the toad. Also, no motive.

The deer, of course, would have motive and are the reason for the fence in the first place. They are bigger but I still have reservations about them. It's the opposable thumb thing. I know they are crafty with their mouths and such but it seems unlikely they could accomplish that with no damage to the fence. I ruled out the deer.

That turned my eye

Maybe he would even share it with the other, less skilled neighbors. And in truth, I would share with him and them, but they get wasteful and messy. Then I thought of other consequences of feeding Sasquatch. Like, what if it's a She-squatch and has babies? Or toddlers? Or teenagers? Or any kind of extended family? What if they would expect me to support them all the time. Oh, dear! What if Sasquatch decides to go public and reveal his location? He's already famous, you know. I suppose I could charge him some kind of rent or royalties or something, but my island would probably be overrun with celebrities. That doesn't sound good either.

So, after considering all of the possible consequences, I have decided not to alert the authorities or press charges of any kind, even if the perp is caught. I'm just gonna share on their terms. It seems like the plan that will get me in the least amount of trouble. After all, I'm certain it might be Sasquatch.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather

Friday		Saturday		Sunday		Monday		Tuesday	
67	53	71	52	69	51	72	52	78	56
Ely	Hi Lo Prec. Sn.	Emb.	Hi Lo Prec. Sn.	Cook	Hi Lo Prec. Sn.	Orr	Hi Lo Prec. Sn.	Tower	Hi Lo Prec. Sn.
07/31	74 52 0.00	07/31	NA NA 0.00	07/31	75 49 0.00	07/31	79 48 0.00	07/31	74 44 0.00
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YTD Total	14.48	YTD Total	15.22	YTD Total	10.88	YTD Total	NA	YTD Total	13.67

Outdoors briefly

Talk to wildlife officials Aug. 17

REGIONAL—Wildlife managers with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources are inviting the public to talk about wildlife in local Minnesota DNR offices across

the state from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 17. Local wildlife managers will also be available by phone during these same hours.

Conversation topics can include anything related to wildlife, from wild turkeys to deer population levels, new hunting regulations,

wetland restoration that benefits waterfowl, accessibility improvements at wildlife management areas, animal damage issues, and more.

Main local area office phone numbers are:

Tower: 218-300-7860.
Two Harbors: 218-834-1453.

PINES...Continued from page 4B

are also considerably longer and darker green than the needles of a white pine.

The shape of the jack pine (*Pinus banksiana*) is less consistent and often depends on where they have grown, but always seem to take on a somewhat scraggly appearance. On open, rocky outcrops, they can appear relatively short and squat, while when grown in denser stands, they can be straight and tall, although they typically tilt to one side or the other toward the top of the tree.

These distinctions are easy to see once you've learned and practiced them.

Fortunately, up close, the trees can be definitively distinguished by even the rankest beginner.

If you can obtain a branch from a pine, look at the needles. The needles on a pine are attached to the branch in bundles held together by a little sheath and the feathery needles of the white pine come four-or-five to a bundle. Both the red and jack pines come with two needles per bundle, but even here the distinction is easy. A red pine needle is anywhere from four to six inches long and is fairly flexible, while the typical jack pine needle is rarely longer than an inch and a half and is quite stiff.

The branches are also quite different. The branches of the white and red pines are typically thicker and stiffer than a jack pine. Indeed, one characteristic of the jack pine is that its smallest branches are so flexible that you can actually tie them in a knot without breaking them. You



Left: The needles of our three native pines. Top to bottom are: the long needled red pine, which come in bundles of two, the short needled jack pine, also in bundles of two, and the white pine with its bundle of five soft needles.

photo by M. Helmberger

distinguishing these three pines, and since the cones are ripening now and the red squirrels are busy harvesting them, it's a good time to find cones under large pines. The white pine cone is long and relatively narrow, often six inches long or more. The red pine cone, by contrast, is much more roundish and is typically no more than two inches long and nearly as wide.

A jack pine cone will rarely be found on the ground. This is an intensely fire-adapted species and it keeps its cones tightly closed and attached to the tree, often for decades at a time. It takes the heat of a fire to open these cones, which helps this species quickly reseed itself after wildfires. Until that fire comes, the cones accumulate on the tree, where they appear as hard, gray, crescent moon-shaped growths. It's a fascinating adaptation.

If you haven't tried distinguishing our native pines before, use these tips to get out and give it a try. Once you start learning the plants that inhabit the North Country, you'll likely want to continue to learn more.

wouldn't be able to do that with a red or white pine. Those pines, unlike the jack pine, don't range much further north than the Great Lakes. The jack pine, by contrast, grows all the way up to the tree line so its remarkable flexibility is an advantage when it comes to shedding large amounts of snow.

If you're trying to distinguish tall pines and can't reach any of the branches, the trunks of each species provide another good clue to their identity. Red pine, in particular, are easy to distinguish by their flaky reddish bark, which develops into large reddish plates as the tree ages.

The white pine has smooth grayish bark when it's young, but it eventually becomes thick, furrowed, and dark brown or gray as it ages. Jack pine bark is dark brown and flaky but can also become thick and furrowed near the base as it ages.

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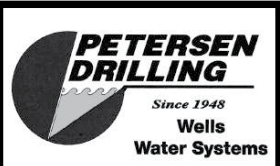
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Christopher Suihkonen, Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR SEALED QUOTES FOR PROPANE AT GREENWOOD TOWN HALL COMPLEX - 2023-2024 SEASON

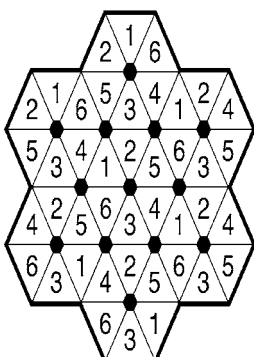
The Greenwood Township Board is accepting sealed quotes for propane at the Town Hall, 3000 Hwy 77, Tower MN 55790, for the 2023-2024 season.

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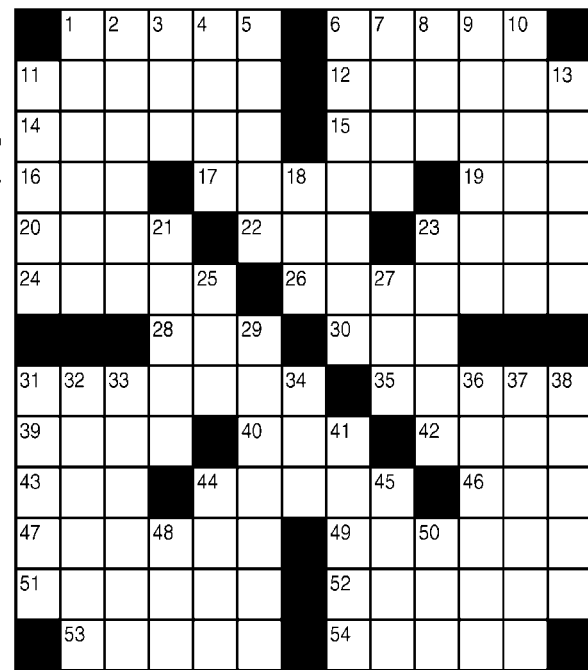
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King Crossword

ACROSS

- 1 Glasses, slangily
6 Acid type
11 "Cut that out!"
12 Alphas' opposites
14 He loved Roxane
15 Not certain
16 PC key
17 Blue Grotto isle
19 Hearty quaff
20 Floral rings
22 Vat
23 Peevish fit
24 Song of praise
26 Olympic skater Brian
28 "Certainly!"
30 Away from SSW
31 Mexican chili pepper
35 Labrador explorer
39 Nashville venue
40 "A spider!"
42 "-" Breckinridge"
43 Fib
44 King of Judea
46 Taunting laugh
47 Captivate
49 Comic Ray

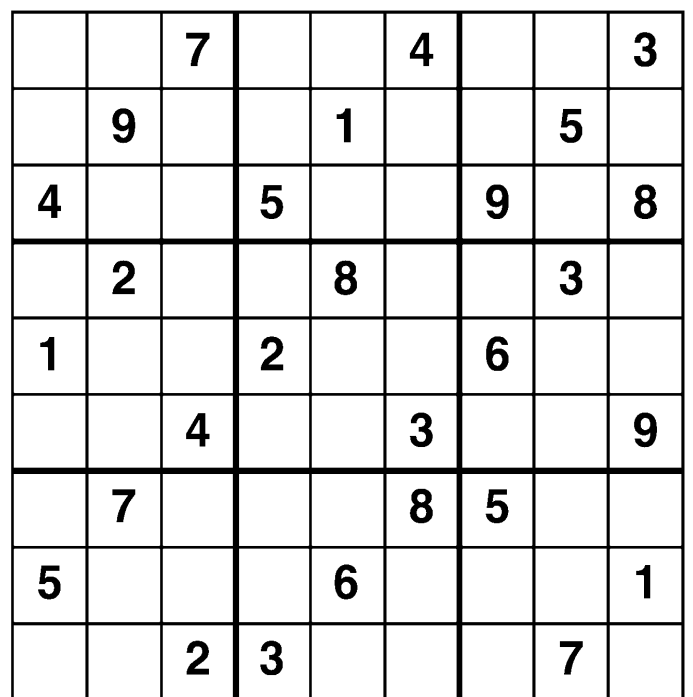


- 51 Bagel choice
52 Retaliate
53 Trusty horse
54 Dweebs
DOWN
1 Fashions
2 Shakespearean heiress
3 Ecol. watchdog
4 Title akin to POTUS
5 Brown ermine
6 Kentucky brew
7 Hotel chain
8 In medias -
9 Big lizard
10 Comedian George
11 Overcharge for tickets
13 Handle
18 Tavern
21 In a sneaky way
23 Fulton's power
25 - culpa
27 Business mag
29 Showed scorn
31 Fishing rods
32 Speaks one's mind
33 Chicken serving
34 "- the ram-parts ..."
36 Manually
37 Arboreal apes
38 Western resort lake
41 Imam's holy book
44 Abode
45 Peace symbol
48 Astronaut
50 Mal de -

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle



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

DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦

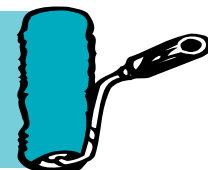
Moderate ♦♦ Challenging ♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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