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## THE CONSTITUTION

# In Ely, Rep. Raskin challenges NRA myth

Argues that the Constitution does not support insurrection by the people, as gun lobby claims



by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

ELY- U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin, who led the second impeachment trial of former President Donald Trump, spoke here this week and made the case that a common myth centered around the Second Amendment is inconsistent with the U.S. Constitution.

Left: Rep. Jamie Raskin spoke Tuesday in Ely. photo by C. Clark

Raskin, who has been a member of Congress since 2017 is currently the ranking Democrat on the House Oversight Committee.

He spoke to a standing room only Tuesday Group crowd at the Fine Arts Theater at the Vermilion campus of Minnesota College North, a change in venue made necessary by the intense interest in hearing from Rep. Raskin.

Before serving in Congress,

Raskin was a Maryland state senator and was a professor of constitutional law at the American University Washington College of Law in Washington D.C. for 25 years.

### Raskin's thesis

In his talk, titled "The Social Contract and the 'Insurrectionary Thesis': Finding Constitutional Common Ground in the Second Amendment," Raskin used the Second Amendment to illustrate how politicians and citizens on

both sides of the partisan divide could overcome the current political climate to enact gun safety laws which are currently supported by a majority of Americans.

Raskin began by outlining the problem with gun violence in the U.S. "In America," he commented, "we have rates of gun homicide, and gun violence that are 25 times higher than other comparable nations in the world, See...RASKIN pg. 10



## HISTORY TALKS

# PEYLAS MADE THEIR MARK

From business to government, the Peyla family played a major role in early Tower area history

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- It was a full house here last week when Dick Peyla offered a look into the history of his family in the area as part of a presentation sponsored by the Tower-Soudan Historical Society.

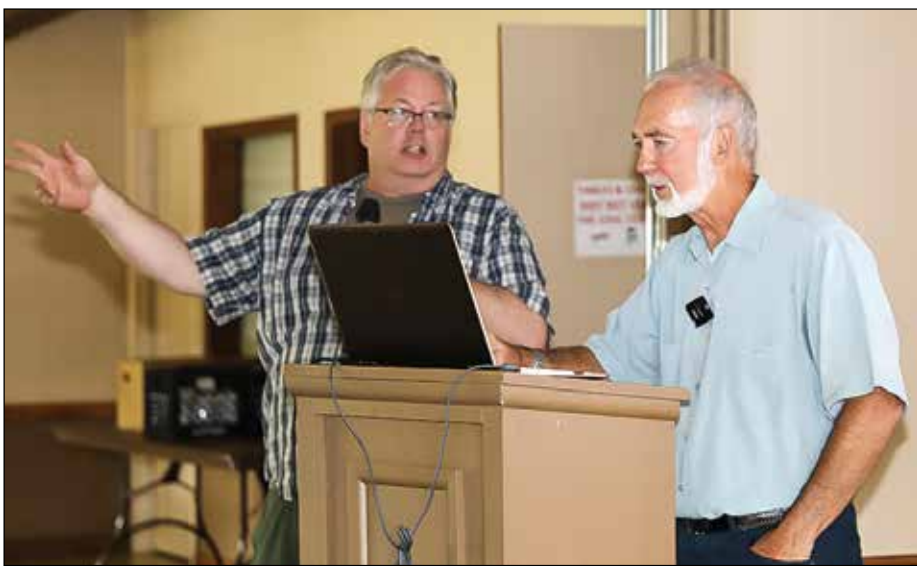
"Ask questions now," said Peyla, "otherwise there may be no one left to ask."

Peyla, who grew up in Tower but moved away in 1970, began his story in 1880 when his great-great grandfather Peter Peyla emigrated from northern Italy to the United States, ending up in Tower.

Peter worked at the Soudan Mine as a pump operator, and his wife Agnes ran a boarding house. But when the depression of 1893-97 hit, it left Peter without a job and with a wife and five children to care for. Peter applied for a land grant for 80 acres in Vermilion Lake Township, an application — signed by President William McKinley in 1901 — that has become a family heirloom.

The surveyors had only marked section corners, so Peter spent four days trudging through the woods determining the location of his parcel's corners. There, Peter built

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Top: A party at Peyla's Arrowhead Garage in Tower for the arrival of the 1957 Dodge models.

Above: Dave Anderson (l), whose relative Pela Anderson was an early partner in the Arrowhead Garage, shared some of his own memories during the talk by Dick Peyla.

photo by J. Summit

Right: The eventual home of Peter Peyla and his wife Agnes in Vermilion Lake Township.



## THE BUSINESS OF MINING

# U.S. Steel rejects Cleveland-Cliffs buyout offer

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— U.S. Steel has rejected a \$7.3 billion buyout offer from rival Cleveland-Cliffs that would have made Cliffs the predominant company in the U.S. steel sector. But U.S. Steel, which owns and operates the Minntac and Keetac taconite facilities on the Iron Range, has begun reviewing what it calls "strategic alternatives" after receiving several unsolicited offers.

The proposed buyout and possible related future developments could have major repercussions for the Iron Range economy.

U.S. Steel and Cliffs had been actively exploring Cliffs' July 28 buyout offer, but those discussions broke down after Cliffs demanded that U.S. Steel agree to its terms

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## COMING HOME TO ROOST

# Green light for chickens in Tower

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER— The city council here gave final approval late last week to a new ordinance allowing the keeping of up to five hens within the city limits. Acting Mayor Joe Morin presided over the early special meeting, held Aug. 11, with both Mayor Dave Setterberg and council member Bob Anderson absent.

The city held the special meeting to avoid missing a 60-day deadline for action on the question, after city residents used the rarely invoked initiative and referendum provision of the city charter to force the city to act or put the question up for a public vote. Residents have urged the city periodically to allow chickens in the city, but

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IT'S FAIR TIME

# Embarrass Fair set for Aug. 25-27

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

Fun starts Aug. 18-20 with team penning and ranch sorting

**Fair schedule**

The fair itself gets underway on Friday, Aug. 25, with gates open at 2 p.m. There will be crafters and vendors inside and outside of Timber Hall. Wizard's Kingdom Inflatables and pony rides are available from 4 p.m. – dusk. Live music with Big T and the Growlers, and Swamp Donkey is scheduled from 5 – 10 p.m.

A new event this year is the "Little Miss" Queen Coronation on Friday at 4:30 p.m. Eight area girls, ages eight to 13 have been selling fundraising raffle tickets that help fund fair activities.

**Gates reopen at 8 a.m. on Saturday.**

Special Saturday events include the Flying Finn 5K Run/Walk, which gets underway at 9:30 a.m. Register on race day at 8:30 a.m. and cost is \$25. Find the form at <https://www.embarrass-rfa.org> or call Christina Forsythe 218-750-8831.

Races for all ages are at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Check the website for details. The cornhole tournament starts at 11 a.m. Tricia and the Toonies, a family fun show, is on tap at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. The Amazing Charles Magic Show will be held at noon and 3 p.m. There will be magic, comedy, and balloon animals. There is live music hosted by Saturday Night Country...Live from 4 – 10 p.m.

The Tony Morsching Memorial Mud Run starts



**Pam Frazee demonstrated her riding skills in the team penning events last year. Right: Sawyer Suihkonen tastes a treat in full fair face paint.** file photos

at 12:30 p.m. There is a separate admission for this event.

A special event this year is an All-School Reunion, being organized by the Embarrass Class of 1970, the last class to graduate from the Embarrass School. They will have school memorabilia and yearbooks on display, and on Saturday, Aug. 26 at 3:30 p.m., the graduates will be part of a group photo in front of Timber Hall. The Class of 1970 will also be presenting the fair association with a check for \$2,000, money left over from their reunion fundraising.

**Sunday events**

Gates reopen at 7 a.m. on Sunday.

The Embarrass Fair Horse Show starts at 9 a.m. The Classic Car and Truck show runs from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., with awards at 2 p.m. The demolition derby begins at 12:30 p.m. and there is a separate admission fee for this event.

The Amazing Charles Magic Show will again be performed at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. The karaoke contest begins at noon. The dog show gets underway at 1 p.m. (see website for entry info).

The fair ends with a parade at 4 p.m. and the fairgrounds close at 6 p.m.

**Activities both days**

The softball tournament, Wizards Kingdom Inflatables, pony rides, animal barn and exhibit entries are available both Saturday and Sunday

and breakfast is served in Timber Hall both days as well. Food vendors will be outdoors during fair hours Friday through Sunday.

This year, the animal barn will feature farm animals from a single farm, and no judging will take place.

New food vendors include Frozen Tundra with boba tea, cotton candy, and snow cones; and Aunt Edmoe's Cookies with fried cookie dough and cheesecake on a stick. Buns-to-Go will be set up at the Mud Run and Demo Derby serving pulled pork and other sandwiches

"We have 13 food vendors this year," said Sue Beaton who is one of the fair organizers. "We actually had to turn a few away."

The Timber Hall kitchen will be serving breakfast each morning and walking tacos for lunch.

Also new this year will be Tae Kwon Do demonstrations. This booth will also feature a variety of free family-style games for both young children and teenagers. ATV Minnesota will be raffling off a new ATV. Northland Lawn and Sport will have equipment on display.

Bingo runs from 10 a.m. – 5 p.m. on Saturday, and on Sunday from noon – 4 p.m.

Bring your quarters.

**Odds and ends**

The Timber Hall and Fairgrounds are located at 4855 Hwy. 21, in Embarrass. Four-wheelers are



welcome on the grounds, but dirt bikes are prohibited. There is no charge for parking on the fairgrounds and all handicap-accessible spots are best accessed through the north gate.

**Hours**

Friday from 2:00 pm – 8:00 pm (north gate only)

Saturday from 8:00 am – 8:00 pm

Sunday from 7:00 am – 3:00 pm

**Gate Prices**

Weekend wristbands \$12 (sold on Friday only)

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► Mud Run Saturday 12:30 p.m., spectator admission is \$10/person, children 10 and under are FREE with a paid adult. Bleacher seating is available.

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# Fur flies over proposed Ely pet ordinance

by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

ELY- Ely Police Chief Chad Houde and City Attorney Kelly Klun presented a revised pet ordinance to the Ely City Council on Tuesday, but didn't anticipate the concerned reactions of three citizens who requested to speak, nor the surprised reactions of the city council.

The new ordinance was the result of Houde's frustrations last year over two dangerous dog incidents in Ely along with the deliberate running down of three deer with a vehicle this winter. Houde wanted to have better city laws to address those two situations when and if they reoccur. At the same time, all of the pet-related ordinances were consolidated in one place instead of being scattered in different portions of the city's code. Overall, the proposed new ordinance moved pre-existing ordi-

nances to one location and added new sections on dangerous dogs and cruelty to animals, both wild and domestic.

"The new dangerous dog language reflects what already exists in Minnesota law," Houde told the *Timberjay* earlier on Tuesday, explaining the addition of a dangerous charge for owners and a liability insurance requirement for dogs determined to be dangerous.

"The new section on cruelty gives us the ability to act in a situation like the one that happened this winter with the deer," he added, "which we did not have this winter." The new ordinance allows the city to cite for cruelty and impose a fine for each animal harmed or killed.

"The rest of the pet ordinances we consolidated, so pet owners would be able to see all the relevant laws in one place," Houde explained. "Most of them are about ten years old.

None of the laws about licenses or loose animals are new." At the city council meeting, Houde stated that he first brought up revising the pet ordinance with the council in February.

"I was surprised to see this ordinance when I downloaded the agenda packet on Friday evening, to see this here," said Mayor Heidi Omerza. Council member Al Forsman echoed Omerza. "My first look at the agenda packet (was) yesterday. I'm trying to figure out where this came from ... I think we got ahead of ourselves. (The pet ordinance) should have been put on a study session with the (city) attorney."

Resident Wende Nelson testified that she thought portions of the ordinance, like "licenses on collars on inside pets" was "government overreach" into people's lives and homes. She also expressed concern that low-income

residents would be disproportionately impacted by all the collar, license, and immunization requirements in the proposed ordinance.

Resident Frederica Musgrave expressed consternation that the agenda packet for the Aug. 15 meeting wasn't posted online during business hours on Friday.

Musgrave approved of the dangerous dog and cruelty additions but also had several concerns over the proposed pet ordinance. She cited the animal noise portion, noting that that measures accompanying it seemed out of proportion when compared to the lack of enforcement over the much louder noise of extraneous private fireworks that residents must endure for most of the month of July. She noted what she saw as confusion over the maximum of four pets rule without a special permit, wondering if her two birds

counted toward a five pet household since she also had a dog and two cats. "If I apply and pay for a (more than four pet) permit and lose a pet, do I have to reapply and pay for new permit if I then add another fifth pet?" she asked.

"Thank you for looking into the dangerous dog issue proactively," commented Megan Wind during her own comments to the council. In contrast, she said Ely is not a dog-friendly town, noting the lack of public spaces available to take dogs and the lack of a dog park. She noted that tourists who travel with their dogs are sensitive to dog-friendly and dog-adverse destinations, and that Ely could be losing tourist dollars by not being more open to the needs of visiting dog owners.

After the public testimony and council member discussion, the council did not vote to approve

the first readings of the two changes that make up the new pet ordinance. Instead, the council took the advice of City Attorney Kelly Klun in light of the comments made at the meeting to hold a study session, which the council set for Aug. 29 at 6:30 p.m., at City Hall.

## Audit

The city received the audit of its 2022 books. The report on the audit was given by accountant Tom Kelly of Walker, Giroux, and Hahne. Overall, the results of the audit were similar to last year, with overall good performance. He noted that Ely still endured the continued repeat of certain problems caused by the low staffing levels of a small city government that had to spread staff out to get things done.

"Your (city) office does a really good job," Kelly remarked. Despite

See ELY, pg. 5

## IRRRB grants funds to three area projects

REGIONAL- Last week's meeting of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board yielded windfalls for infrastructure projects in local communities.

The city of Orr landed \$243,411 toward the replacement of the outdated fueling system at the Orr Regional Airport. The current fueling system and supporting software was installed in 1998 and uses an obsolete dial-up connection to operate. The system does not meet current standards of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency or current electrical and fire codes. The airport has seven hangars that are currently full, and there is a waiting list for hangar space.

Factoring into the board's decision was the fact that the airport is used extensively by the

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources as a base for its smoke jumpers, helicopter and air support during spring and fall fire seasons. The DNR also utilizes the airport to conduct wildlife and other aerial surveys in remote areas that can only be accessed by air. The project is expected to cost \$811,471 and will be paid for with a \$568,060 MnDOT Aeronautics and Aviation grant and the IRRRB's funding.

The Bois Forte Band received a \$386,500 boost from the IRRRB for its planned \$5.1 million Vermilion Public Works Facility. The new 13,800-square-foot facility will provide a larger space for the equipment and vehicles used by public works and the housing department, as well as provide space for food

shelf services for band members residing on the Vermilion sector and surrounding communities. The project is supported by \$700,000 from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, \$1.5 million from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, and \$2.56 million from the Bois Forte Band.

The board also awarded \$500,000 to the St. Louis and Lake Counties Regional Railroad Authority to complete construction of a five-mile gap segment of Mesabi Trail from McKinley to Biwabik, connecting the Virginia area to the Giants Ridge and Embarrass area. A large wetland is present

in the area and has made route planning and design difficult. A portion of the new segment includes a floating trail over the wetland. The new segment is one of the final sections to make Mesabi Trail a

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# OPINION

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The First Amendment of the United States Constitution

## Editorial

### Tower Ambulance

A reasonable approach is needed to stabilize the services finances

For months, Greenwood Township officials have been bludgeoning the Tower Area Ambulance Service for failing to make required transfer mileage payments to the ambulance replacement fund, a complaint the township has used in part to justify its decision to cease its own payments to the special fund.

Yet, as we report this week, it appears the city has made good on its commitment, albeit due to an error that was recently uncovered after questions posed by the *Timberjay*. Based on information provided to the Tower City Council this week by Tower Clerk-Treasurer Michael Schultz, it appears the city substantially overpaid to the fund back in 2020, an overpayment that was balanced out by a lesser payment last year than would have otherwise been owed. In other words, the city may have taken a bucket of buckshot over nothing.

Regardless, it was a non-issue from the start. The city, before the error was discovered, never disputed that it owed the money to the replacement fund. The city's concern was tight cash flow in the ambulance service and the city properly prioritized payment of payroll over filling an inactive fund that is only tapped every few years when a new ambulance is purchased. In the end, it's the city that would make up any shortfall when a new ambulance arrives, so the city's delayed payments would have exactly zero impact on the townships.

Which is why none of the other area townships have made an issue of it. Some of them have noted the irony of Greenwood's complaint, however, given that Greenwood refused to make any contribution to the ambulance replacement fund last year, over issues no more valid than the perception that the city's mileage payments were late.

Greenwood officials are still complaining that the city failed to deliver a business plan for the ambulance service, even though Greenwood has had the plan in hand for months. Apparently, they're still steamed because it came later than promised. Good grief.

The desire for a business plan was reasonable, but the timing was off. City officials should have undertaken business planning for the service before converting to a highly-paid on-call model back in 2018. That decision has been a major driver of the service's financial woes ever since, but city officials worry that adjusting on-call wages now— as state regulators have recommended

they do— would impact morale and could lead some ambulance staff to quit. With the current on-call wage scale baked into the cake, there's not much a business plan can do to turn things around.

That doesn't seem to be the township's objective in either case. Greenwood officials seem to believe that if they berate the ambulance service with sufficient vigor, the city will simply throw its hands up and walk away from its well-regarded Basic Life Support service and that, somehow, an even better (and more costly) Advanced Life Support system will magically appear in its place. That's a pipe dream, as every EMS expert the township has consulted has told them. The city isn't going to throw away its ambulance service, because city officials recognize that it's a critical public service that is important for their own residents as well as those of surrounding townships.

Greenwood's own consultant on the issue told them they need to work with the Tower ambulance and could achieve part-time ALS service within the township if they hired their own paramedic(s) to respond along with Tower staff. That suggestion has been met with inaction by the Greenwood board, which suggests that Greenwood officials aren't as interested in ALS as they purport.

Besides, as Fortune Bay's emergency director Jeff Damm noted at a recent meeting of the Tower Ambulance Commission, the Virginia ambulance is already promptly paged to the Tower area for calls in which a need for ALS level care is indicated. He said Tower's staff can assess the situation, stabilize patients, and assist with any patient transfer as necessary to assist Virginia's paramedics. Damm, of course, has witnessed this process in person many times, so he can speak from experience. The same can't be said of those complaining the loudest in Greenwood.

It would be easy to think that logic would prevail and that Greenwood and the city could begin to work cooperatively again. Unfortunately, it seems that personality conflicts are driving much of the rift now. All parties need to set personalities aside and move forward in a way that stabilizes the Tower Ambulance Service's finances and restores full funding to the ambulance replacement fund. Only then, can a reasonable discussion move forward on ways to enhance the service's level of care.



## Letters from Readers

### Ely area seeing a boom in new residents

For the past decade or so, I've been organizing occasional Tuesday Group programs titled "Meet New Elyites." At first there were no more than two of these hours each year, each with four parties (single or couples) introducing themselves, and nearly all were folks who had moved to the Ely area upon retirement. But lately, with the accelerating arrival of new residents, I've led four to six "Meet New Elyites" programs annually, with introductions by five to seven parties -- and now the majority of them are not retired!

The Aug. 8 New Elyites episode was the new normal. Filling the hour is more challenging now, because so many of our new neighbors have jobs; seven of the potential presenters had work conflicts (and others couldn't take part this time because of being on a canoe trip, a family crisis, or because builders were finally able to come to start their garage project). Nevertheless, there are so many new residents that Tuesday Group attendees enjoyed a full hour of eleven speakers. Four of them work remotely from home, a trend that I think is making a huge difference in our local economy.

Some of last week's introducers shared that they have lived in many places, including other countries-- and Ely, they agree, is the best place of all. Several of the presenters are returning Elyites, having jumped at the opportunity to move back. And another story that we have heard in many "Meet New Elyites" programs: people who move here following the lead of their parents, kids, or sibs who were themselves New Elyites just a few years ago.

In short, our beautiful neck of the woods is experiencing an influx of engaged, energetic, employed young people. Pretty exciting! I'm very confident that I'll be

putting together yet another full and fun "Meet New Elyites" program some Tuesday noon this fall- if enough of the many potential presenters can work around their schedules!

**Elton Brown  
Morse Township**

### Greenwood is seeking a modern and sustainable ambulance service

The Aug. 11 letter to the *Timberjay*, "What is Greenwood's issue with the ambulance?" by Dave Grigal of Roseville, shows to me that he hasn't been following the ambulance issues over the last several years. Some of the statements in his letter are a little unhinged, kind of like throwing mud at the wall. My take is that he hasn't read the years of ambulance issue coverage in the two Tower newspapers and I don't believe he's been to any Greenwood Town Board meetings to listen or ask questions. That's unfortunate. He claims that he's "not the brightest light on the Christmas tree, but I just don't understand the Greenwood ambulance issue." I don't claim to be a genius either, but I can say that by following the rural ambulance crisis issue I've learned a lot about it. To put it mildly, there needs to be change, kind of like what we've experienced in the area's schools, and that's what Greenwood Township has focused on. There isn't room to explain it all here in this response letter. Briefly, Greenwood is advocating for a modern, sustainable ambulance service that puts the patient and ambulance staff first.

Mr. Grigal dismisses exploring the option of having a private ambulance service, saying that "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." That's kind of a strange attitude, considering that he lives in Roseville,

which is served by Allina Health Emergency Medical Services, a private ambulance service that provides him with Advanced Life Support ambulances, a far higher level of care than the Basic Life Support ambulance service we have here. My guess is that he isn't aware that the staff in the Allina ambulances include paramedics. That's a big deal, and it's a goal worth working toward.

Dave writes "How about a no-strings-attached annual donation to the Tower ambulance?" and ends his letter by saying "what's the deal with Greenwood residents? Why can't they raid their wallet? Saving money for your kids, so they can blow it?" To me, talk like this is unhinged and unhelpful mudslinging. The Greenwood Town Board has taken the issue and the opportunity to work toward a modern, sustainable ambulance service very seriously.

In closing, I would suggest that Mr. Grigal call the Town Clerk at 218-753-2231 to get in touch with a Township Supervisor. It also wouldn't hurt to attend a monthly meeting.

**Lee Peterson  
Greenwood Township**



## Your letters

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## COLUMNIST

# Police overreach leads to tragic end for dear friend

My Kansas hometown and my own personal world have been rocked this week by the news of a police raid on my former Kansas newspaper, the *Marion County Record* last Friday. Five police officers and two sheriff's deputies took the paper's computers, servers, and reporters' cell phones. They also raided the home of publisher Eric Meyer and his 98-year-old mother, Joan (pro-



**DAVID COLBURN**

nounced Jo-Anne), taking two computers, Eric's cell phone, and photographing Eric's personal financial records. The stress and angst were too much for Joan, who couldn't eat or sleep that night and died the next day.

I can't match the *Kansas City Star's* Melinda Henneberger's take on this, so I'll borrow her words: "Joan Meyer, 98-year-old enemy of the people, died in the line of duty on Saturday. A newswoman since 1953 and co-owner of

the local paper in her hometown in central Kansas, she lived to see her *Marion County Record*, as well as her home, raided by police on Friday, for reasons that defied both law and logic. It is not hyperbole to say that this attack on the people's right to know appears to have killed her."

In an interview with the *Wichita Eagle* on Friday night, Joan didn't mince words when describing the raid.

"These are Hitler tactics, and something has to be done," she said.

Eric Meyer described the raid as "Gestapo tactics," and

neither Joan or Eric use those words loosely. Joan's husband and Eric's father, Bill, was a decorated World War II veteran who fought in the Battle of the Bulge, and each is fully aware of what the words Hitler and Gestapo convey.

The raid effectively shut down the *Record's* ability to publish and placed all of the confidential files and communications in the hands of the police. Such actions are reminiscent of Third World dictatorships, but unprecedented in America, where the freedom of the press is enshrined in the First Amendment to the Constitution.

And what was the justification for such a massive abuse of power against a small-town Kansas weekly newspaper that led to an elderly woman's death? Well, as it turns out, the paper may have brought the raid down upon themselves for trying to do the right thing.

An informant had contacted the paper with information about a restaurant owner's driving record, which included a DUI conviction in 2008 in which her license was suspended. The informant alleged that

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## The U.S. is making the world a more dangerous place

Washington is basically legalized, organized crime. It represents the rich corporations (i.e. weapons industry) yet the people think they have a choice. We don't have a

choice. The media is almost entirely owned by the rich and that's why George Carlin once said: "they own you". Look at Johnson and Nixon who represented both parties and each killed 1.5 million Vietnamese and maimed many more than that (think about that for a moment). Vietnam was never a U.S. enemy.

## Letters from Readers

The U.S. is at war either militarily or with economic sanctions or embargoes against Venezuela, Cuba, Nicaragua, Colombia, Iran, the Palestinians, Russia, and China to name a few. America makes life as difficult as possible for the people of the countries where the U.S. is meddling and wants to control. The U.S. has military

bases all over the world surrounding China and Russia for example. China and Russia do not have such bases. Who is the aggressor here?

These are all international crimes that the U.S. is committing. The U.S. is a warmonger making money for the huge weapons companies that actually do have a say in

who will be the cronies in Washington.

The U.S. has brought the world closer to a nuclear confrontation than ever before. It is the U.S. that is the aggressor and in Ukraine it is the U.S. that pushed Russia to the point where we are today. Russia does not want nuclear warheads on its border with the Ukraine. I can

understand that.

Arrogant and warlike is America and that is not what will solve the real problems that the world has. We don't have a democratic government that cares about peace and the health of the planet or its people. We are in big trouble.

**Steve Johnson  
Ely**

## ELY...Continued from page 3

increases between 2021 and 2022 in both revenues and expenses, "your revenues are still greater than your expenses," which of course, is the desired result for a city to stay in the black. The audit's general fund analysis showed that the city brought in \$63,996 more revenues in 2022 compared to 2021, but spent \$194,952 less. He noted a couple of odd notes comparing the two years' books, caused by the transit of \$1.9 million in the EDA special revenue fund received in 2021 but disbursed in 2022. The other odd note was due to a \$500,000 general fund transfer "to cover capital projects funds not budgeted."

The audit firm identified the same deficiency as last year, in that Ely has inadequate segregation of duties in its accounting practices. He also noted that this is a

persistent condition in Ely "because of staffing limitations caused by fiscal constraints." In a nutshell, Ely can't afford to hire enough staff to completely segregate accounting tasks.

Kelly also recommended more thorough voiding of cashed city checks, including cutting out signatures, the submittal of more frequent pay requests during the year, and remembering to incorporate a 5 percent bump-up every year when budgeting.

### Other business

In other action, the city council:

► Approved the second reading and adoption of Ordinance No. 371 on restrictions for using cannabinoid products in public places and on public property. The first reading was approved at the Aug. 1 city council meeting, as reported in the Aug. 4

edition of the *Timberjay*.

► Approved the proposed 32 percent ownership of the Ely Area Ambulance Joint Powers Board (JPB) building which the board is leasing to the Ely Ambulance Service. Ely, Morse, and Fall Lake will each own 32 percent and Winton, which made a much smaller contribution toward the 2022 building purchase, will own 4 percent, as described in the Aug. 11 edition of the *Timberjay*.

► Set \$32,411 as the city's contribution for the Ely Area Ambulance Service, instead of the possible \$48,616 discussed at the previous city council meeting which was contingent on actions by the other communities on the JPB. Those contingencies were not met so the budgeted funds will be the lower amount.

► Voted to make the Aug. 28 JPB meeting a

special meeting of the city council so all council members can attend if they choose.

► Heard the report from council member Angela Campbell that the Heritage Preservation Commission had submitted a grant application for \$10,000 for the Ely Memorial High School oral history project, to be conducted in the honor of the high school building's 100th anniversary.

► Approved the mortgage satisfaction for Dean Hanninen, recorded as Document No. 01394307 on Oct. 27, 2020.

► Approved the retention of the Klun Law Firm to represent the city for a period of two years. The retainer and hourly rate received cost-of-living increases. The retainer will increase from \$60,000 to \$62,000 and the rate will increase from \$120/hour to \$125/hour. The firm has represented

the city for 22 years.

► Approved claims for payment for \$370,557 for the city and Ely Utilities Commission, \$30,216 from AE2S for the Wastewater Treatment Facility Improvements Project, and \$3,250 for SEH for Prospector ATV Trail work.

► Approved a memorandum of understanding with the Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital 340B drug pricing program. The federal 304B program allows small rural hospitals to buy outpatient drugs at discounted prices, saving both the facility and its patients money.

► Approved a temporary liquor license application for the Ely Winton Rod and Gun Club for Sept. 2 and Sept. 16 for events at the Miners Dry House.

► Approved both new applications and renewals of cannabinoid

dealer licenses for 2023-24, pending receipt of proper paperwork, insurance and fees.

► Accepted the resignation of Jennifer Cole from the Police Commission and approved advertising an open seat on the Police Commission.

► Appointed Harold Langowski as Ely's delegate to the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association meeting, with Warren Nikkola as alternate.

► Approved a residential rehab loan for Josh Brang and Sarah Murn at 931 E. Harvey St. for \$10,000 for a new propane boiler pending proper paperwork, fees. The council directed City Attorney Klun to work with the applicant and proceed with the loan application.

## KANSAS...Continued from page 4

she had been driving without a license since and that the local police were aware of it but just turning their heads. The information included a letter to the restaurant owner from the Kansas Department of Revenue that included her driver's license number and birth date. A reporter from the paper decided to verify the information provided by the informant by using that information to log into the DOR's database to view the driving record herself.

The paper quickly decided that the intent of the informant was to try to draw them into a bitter divorce dispute and chose to do nothing with the information. But they did decide it was worth making the local police and sheriff's department aware of it. The newspaper thought they should be aware that someone was claiming they were complicit in someone breaking the law. So, they passed along the information they had.

In response, the po-

lice didn't say thank you. Instead, they asked for a search warrant for the *Record* for identity theft and unlawful computer acts. And while Kansas law says that identify theft must include intent to use the information to harm the individual, which was clearly not the case here, a judge approved the request, and the unprecedented raid was on.

That's why Joan Meyer is dead. Not because of some great state secret or sinister plot, but because a reporter used a driver's license number given to them to try to verify the accuracy of what an informant was alleging, and overzealous cops decided a raid was necessary instead of a more measured approach.

You've all heard of someone dying from a broken heart, and it turns out that's an actual medical condition. The official name of it is Takotsubo cardiomyopathy. Takotsubo is a Japanese word that refers to a pot used by fishermen to trap oc-

topuses. When the left ventricle of the heart is affected by broken heart syndrome, it changes shape to resemble the narrow neck and round bottom of the pot.

Broken heart syndrome can come on at any age and affects more women than men. It's triggered by emotional or physical distress.

Joan had both. She was unable to eat or sleep after the raid, and the sight of police officers entering her house and taking her computer equipment was indeed traumatic for her, to the point of tears. Seeing officers go through Eric's personal financial records would have been the ultimate invasion of privacy for her, and she would've been horrified. Her son and the newspaper were her whole life, and they were being trashed right before her eyes.

Twenty-five hours after the raid, as Eric was trying to get her to eat

lunch, she died, most certainly of a broken heart. Of that I have absolutely no doubt.

I adored Joan Meyer. I'd known her most of my life and got to know her well when I worked at the *Record*. The Meyer family has invested over 70 years of their lives in that newspaper - it was surely as much her baby as Eric. She rightfully took great pride in a publication that has three former editors, including her husband Bill, in the Kansas Journalism Hall of Fame, and is consistently rated by its peers as one of the best newspapers in the state.

Joan was also an undeniable expert on local history, the last of her generation with such extensive knowledge. The things she could recall in casual conversation were amazing. As part of that interest, she took on writing the newspaper's Memories column, combing through the archives every week all the way

back to the late 1800s to find just the right bits of personal and community news to make her column the first thing many people turned to, including me. What was special about Joan's column was the way she made sure her selections represented the many different families, groups, businesses and organizations of the community through the years - she wanted everyone to connect with something so that they felt included.

I could go on and on about Joan, about Bill, about Eric and the *Marion County Record* - I literally wouldn't be here

at the *Timberjay* without them. Be assured I'm mad as hell about what happened, a sentiment shared by newspapers and news organizations throughout the country that are outraged by this blatant and egregious violation of the freedom of the press. I hope with every fiber in my being the *Record* prevails in court, but it will be a bittersweet victory knowing that Joan won't be there to see it. She surely didn't deserve to go out like this.



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Week of Aug. 21

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

**Tuesday**  
Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Sept. 19.

Greenwood Fire Dept.- Training meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

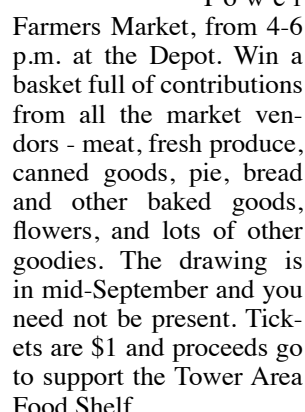
**Thursday**  
AA Meeting- Lake Vermilion 12x12 (Open) 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tower. Use the rear side door entrance.

Breitung Town Board- 12 noon on Aug. 24

Vermilion Country School Board- Meetings posted online at [vermilioncountry.org](http://vermilioncountry.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. The drawing is in mid-September and you need not be present. Tickets are \$1 and proceeds go to support the Tower Area Food Shelf.



**TSHS week 3 winner**  
The winner of the week three \$100 cash prize is Bob Anderson of Tower.

**History Tidbit:**  
In March 1939 the City of Tower entered into negotiations with Oliver Mining Co. to lease Hoodoo Point for the purpose of establishing a tourist campground.

**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.

**Kugler Town Hall gets a new pickleball court**

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

KUGLER TWP- Thanks to volunteer labor and private donations, Kugler Town Hall is now sporting a brand new pickleball court. The court was built on the existing basketball court. The pickleball net is removable, so the court is now dual-purpose.

Eric and Carol Norberg, through their company Vermilion Energy Advisors, led the fundraising and construction effort. They worked with a firm in the Twin Cities that supplied the needed materials.

"I've been looking for different things to help our community," he said. "My family has owned land in Kugler for 100 years."



Norberg would also like to see the tennis courts at the Tower-Soudan School upgraded to serve as dual tennis/pickleball courts. He said the experience they gained putting in this court reinforced the idea that converting the Tower tennis courts is something that can be done by a volunteer crew. Pickleball uses

a smaller court area, and can be played on each side of a tennis court. So a double tennis court can fit four pickleball courts.

The Tower-Soudan High School was an early adopter of pickleball. The late Carol Alstrom taught the sport to her high school gym classes, and students played indoors during

the winter. Norberg enjoys playing pickleball, but said his wife Carol is a much better player than he is.

Neighbors are reporting the court has already been seeing quite a few players.

The pickleball courts in Greenwood are very busy, especially in the earlier morning hours, often with over a dozen players waiting for their turn to play.

Norberg said the town board is planning on hosting a grand opening event for the court in the near future.

Kugler Town Hall is located on Hwy. 135, about 2-1/2 miles-south of Tower.

**LIVE MUSIC**



Steve Solkela along with jazz trio No Harm in Harmony performed for a full house of over 80 audience members at the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center in Tower. While renovations to the interior of the building are still underway, the LVCC has been hosting a series of events this summer. In September, LVCC will be the site of the Stages on the Range production of "These Shining Lives," Sept. 10-12. See advertisement on page 9 for more info.



**Final Train Tales set for Wednesday, Aug. 30**

TOWER- The last Train Tales of the summer will take place at 2:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Aug. 30 in Coach Car 81. Kathy Siskar will read an original and very entertaining story that she has written called "Matilda, the Mule in the Iron Mine". Treats will be provided. Children who are not yet in school need to be accompanied by an adult.

The Arrowhead Bookmobile will be in the Tower

Civic Center parking lot after Train Tales.

Becky Peterson and Lauri Leonard, two retired educators and summer residents on Birch Point, demonstrated their first-rate story telling talents on Aug. 9 when they presented stories, songs and other activities to children and their parents or grandparents on Coach Car 81 at the Train Depot Museum. "There is no doubt that they had that car

humming", said Nancy Larson, of the Tower-Soudan Historical Society, the sponsoring organization of the event. "The kids were engaged and had a great time. They especially enjoyed the "Bear Poop Cookies" at the end that Brenda Winkelaar of Sulu's created for the event." Zups again provided juice boxes, as they have done for all of the Train Tales this summer.



**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Immanuel Lutheran hosting free community picnic on Aug. 24**

TOWER- Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower is hosting its second annual Free Community Picnic on Thursday, Aug. 24 from 4 - 6 p.m. Hamburgers and brats will be served. Bring your lawn chair and enjoy the entertainment.

This is also an invitation to say goodbye to Pastor Liz Cheney who will be leaving Immanuel at the end of August. Pastor Liz has served the church the last nine years. This was her first "official pastor gig" and she will be moving on to serve at a larger congregation on the Iron Range.

"I will be forever grateful to you Immanuel for being the place I

learned to fly," she wrote in a letter to congregation members. "You will do well as you seek a new pastor, as you take time to tell your story and re-discover who you are and who you want to become. We all are always changing and growing and I know that God is up to something very good here and God has prepared the heart of a new leader who will come and join you and walk with you into a new time and place!"

**Little Church to host service on Sunday, Aug. 20**

VERMILION LAKE TWP- The Little Church will host 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 in-

terested 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.

**Tower-Soudan Historical Society Annual Dinner set for Sept. 14**

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Historical Society annual dinner is set for Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center. Social time begins at 5 p.m., with the speaker beginning at 5:30 p.m.

The talk is free and open to the public. A catered dinner will be served after the talk. Cost is \$25/person (payable at the door) and reservations are required by Monday, Sept. 11. Please call or text 218-750-0193 or 715-558-5391.

Attendees will have the opportunity to join the TSHS that evening. Memberships are \$15 per person.

Mary Palcich Keyes is familiar to area residents for her "Years of Yore" articles on Iron Range history in the *Mesabi Tribune* and affiliated papers, and her history stories in the *Hometown Focus* newspaper. Mary holds leadership roles in the Hibbing Historical Society and represents the society on the St. Louis County Historical Society Board of Governors.

Keyes will be speaking about research she has been conducting for TSHS about Charlemagne Tower and his associates and how they developed the area from pristine wilderness into what became the Minnesota Iron Range.

After graduation from Hibbing High School, Keyes attended the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul, earning degrees in English, Speech/Theatre and Secondary Education. She and her husband Joe returned to her hometown in 2003 where they owned and operated Howard Street Booksellers until 2015. Although they no longer have a storefront, they continue to order books for individuals and organizations. They also give tours of historic Hibbing and the high school.

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## THEATER ARTS

## Star-crossed lovers croak at the top of their lungs



by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

ELY- The Northern Lakes Arts Association hosted Mixed Precipitation's Pickup Truck Opera, Volume 3 on Saturday, Aug. 12, in Whiteside Park. In front of a crowd of about 200 music lovers, despite a sky that looked like rain, the traveling opera troupe performed an abridged version of Vincenzo Bellini's opera, "I Capuleti e i Montecchi" with some interesting modernizations.

The tweaks to the music and plot kept the audience laughing all the way up to the deaths of Romeo and Juliet.

Rather than rival Italian merchant houses, the opera troupe morphed the rival families into the Capulet Corporation, whose social media empire depends on Juliet's role as a successful influencer. Juliet's business-obsessed father Capellio even insists on turning Juliet's grief for her dead brother, Julio, into a social media event.

Juliet laments that maybe she can upload a different post each day reflecting another stage of her mourning for her brother, all while smiling and looking pretty and perfect, as is the hypocritical norm for beauty demanded of female influencers.



Juliet surrounded by her social media followers, lamenting the objectification of female influencers. photos by C. Clark

The rival internet business, Montague Madness Media, is the home of stunt-man influencer, Romeo. He sneaks into the party where Capellio announced the marriage of

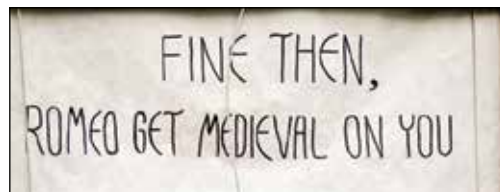
Juliet to Capellio's sleezy "assistant associate producer" Trebaldo. Lorenzo, Juliet's ally and life coach, plots with Juliet for her to escape with Romeo, in order to foil the plans of Capellio and Trebaldo.

The Bellini music from the original opera was performed in Italian. The trend for modern opera performances in their original languages is to provide the audience with superscripts above the proscenium with a translation. The traveling stage for the performance came with its own novel superscripts, in the form of winding spools of paper that a cast member manually advanced by hand as each Italian piece was sung.

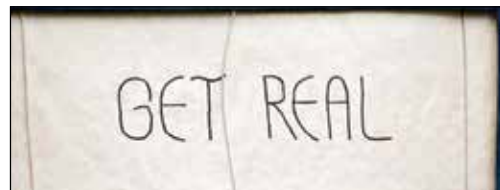


The opera troupe's traveling with its deadtreeware scrolling superscripts

Some of the supertitles appeared to be paraphrases of the Italian libretto, rather than strict translations. Consider the following superscript as evidence of the loose translation.



Or this supertitle:



Mixed Precipitation takes its Pickup Truck Opera productions all over Minnesota. An integral but often overlooked part of every opera is the pickup truck, which in "Romeo and Juliet" stood in for Romeo's stunt bike, upon which he and Juliet attempt to escape before her father forces her to marry Trebaldo.



The production mixed in modern music like licks from Fleetwood Mac and included slapstick gags reminiscent of commedia dell'arte. The opera even incorporated a walking puppet stage where the backstory of Julio's death was acted out using action figures, including one of the shark that killed Julio while doing a stunt in competition with Romeo.



Certainly this wasn't stuffy boring opera, but an entertaining and amusing performance that left the audience laughing right up to the final tragic scene where the two lovers die. Well, of course they have to die. This is tragic Italian Bel Canto opera, a genre where at least one of the lead characters has to leave the stage in a deceased state. It wouldn't be tragic otherwise.

So if you missed the pickup truck opera this year, you know what to expect when you come next year.

## 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. 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

## Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2023



waking up to rain  
heavy tapping on the roof

flowers so grateful

## Libraries

## Ely library

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Wednesday 10 am-6 pm  
Thursday 10 am-6 pm  
Friday 10 am-6 pm  
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Month: 10-11:30 a.m. at Ely-Bloomenson Hospital.

Conference Room B.

## Frozen auditions

ELY- Ely Memorial High School's performance of "Disney's Frozen, the Broadway Musical" is sooner than you think. January 2024 is only four months away.

Auditions for the musical will be on Sunday, Sept. 17, from 5-7 p.m. for students in grades 6 through 12. Call back will take place on Sept. 18-19.

The auditions will be held in the Washington Auditorium on the Ely School District campus at 600 E. Harvey St.

Students should come "unprepared" and ready to move, read, and sing. Please bring a pencil. There will be a separate call for younger students at a later TBA date.

## We will miss you, Irene!

After eight years as the music director of the Northern Lakes Arts Association's Reflections Dance Company, Irene Hartfield is stepping down. Her expertise will be missed. Irene is shown here at rehearsals for the company's recent production of "Matters of the Heart." submitted photo



## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## Ely Public Library

ELY- The library will be closed on Labor Day.

The library will celebrate National Tooth Fairy Day, with a potential special guest. The event for all ages about your teeth will be on Tuesday, Aug. 22, from 11 a.m. to noon.

The library will hold its "Get Crafty with Tricia" event for August with teaching basic skills for using Cricut to design partici-

pants' own mug labels. The library will supply all of the supplies to decorate a mug and provide a laptop to use the Cricut Design Studio. Register in advance so the library has enough supplies for everyone. There is a limit of 10 spots. The library will assign a specific time for each participant to show up so people don't need to wait a long time to use the machine. This activity is for older teens and adults.

## Racial Justice Group

ELY- The Racial Justice Group will be meeting next on Sunday, Aug. 20, at noon at the First Presbyterian Church of Ely, 226 E. Harvey St. All are welcome. The group will meet in the study, which is straight in from the front door. ADA access to the elevator is through the rear entrance on the alley.

## Northern Lakes Arts Association

ELY- The NLAA is hosting an art show, "New Mining: Unearthing Dreams And Subconscious Realms," by Scott King, in the display area in the lobby of Ely's Historic State Theater, through Aug. 27. There will be a reception on Aug. 25 from 4-6 p.m. in the lobby of the theater.

## Ely Community Education

ELY- Ely Community Education will be holding a beginning pickleball session next week, beginning on Monday, Aug. 21. Instruction will be on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, 1-3 p.m. The cost is \$30. To join this class to learn Pickleball, sign up at elyclasses.com.



ORR CITY COUNCIL

# Orr hires deputy clerk, adjusts ambulance policies

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

ORR- The Orr City Council had a relatively routine list of items to consider at Monday's regular meeting, with one item in particular they were likely delighted to approve.

City business operations have been somewhat challenged since former city clerk Cheri Carter retired, and even more so after recent new hire assistant clerk Jennifer Whittemore resigned following a dispute with the council over mileage reimbursement. Carter and

former deputy clerk Laura Manai stepped in to help ensure essential functions such as payroll and paying bills were covered, and the council took a big step back toward normalcy last month with the hire of Angela Lindgren as clerk.

On Monday, they brought the city office back to full strength by approving Ellen Little as the new deputy clerk.

The council approved a modification to the Orr Ambulance policies that will require staff to work a minimum of 24 hours a month. The policies were last modified in 2019, and

the change is intended to assure adequate coverage. In a separate agenda item, the council approved a memorandum of understanding that will allow the ambulance service to recoup money they pay out for EMT training if a person receiving the funds does not complete the training or does not serve on the ambulance crew for a full year.

Ambulance director Donna Hoffer also said she'd been contacted by Cook Ambulance Director Roland Shoen about creating what she termed a 12-hour/24-hour agree-

ment. Hoffer said that Cook Ambulance doesn't have sufficient staff for providing coverage 24 hours a day, seven days a week, and the agreement would allow the Orr Ambulance to provide additional coverage. Hoffer said an attorney was drafting an agreement that would be presented at the next council meeting.

Hoffer also said that they were going to get a heating system installed in the cabin of one of the rigs to prevent icing on the floor, a common occurrence on long runs on cold days. The system is

similar to one ambulances in Alaska use, she said.

In other business, the council:

►Approved a short-term rental permit for Dennis Cote for 19668 Hillcrest Drive.

►Reviewed propane bids and selected low bidder Rainy Lake Oil at \$1.299 a gallon.

►Accepted donations of \$100 for the ambulance service from Dolores Jacobson, in memory of Bill Purdy, and \$7,275.12 from the Orr Lions Community Foundation for the ambulance and fire department.

►Approved a pay

request from Benchmark Engineering for \$36,945.50 for work on the King Road lift station project.

►Approved a travel request from Lindgren to attend a two-day clerk's academy training event in St. Paul in September. Although previously approved at last month's meeting, the council approved a formal resolution giving Voyageur Country ATV Club permission to post trail signs in town.

# Bear River Fair returns on Aug. 26

REGIONAL- In 1911, hardy pioneers in the booming valley of Bear River assembled for an "exposition" of their harvest. Crops had flourished, and people attending from communities throughout the state were quite impressed with the farming skills of these Northwoods settlers. The gathering proved to be such a rousing success that they kept on doing it for more than 100 years.

A combination of a lack of volunteers and COVID brought that storied run to an end. But now, after three years of rest, the Bear River Fair is back. This year's event on Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Bear River Community Center marks the 112th anniversary of that long-

ago exposition.

As in the very beginning, exhibits are the highlight of the event. Local folks are still invited to bring in the harvest from their gardens along with canning, baking, flowers, arts, crafts, photos, and other examples of their talents. Please enter at least one item to make this year's fair the best ever. You do not have to be a resident of the area to exhibit. Exhibits will be judged a bit differently than in the past, but they will still be wonderful. Exhibits must be entered on Saturday morning, Aug. 26, between 9-11 a.m.

The "Kid Zone" will include family lawn games, a kid's bike parade (bring bicycles), and

a farm animal petting zoo.

The Farm Fresh Market will allow you to purchase fresh garden produce, fresh bakery items, and all sorts of goodies.

Treasures old and new may be found by poking around at the Bear River Community Fair Market booths. Discover a wide variety of goods from antiques and gently used items to newly crafted products and fresh baked goods.

Smokey Bear will be appearing at the fair, and you'll be able to check out the Fire Truck. The Bookmobile will be there for part of the day as well.

There's food, too. A good gathering, after all, must have good food. Along with the outdoor popcorn and ice-

cream the Northeast Itasca Rescue/Bearville First Responders will be serving a barbecued pulled pork dinner. Leave room for dessert, because the Bear River Church Pie Social follows the dinner. Yum!!!

Contact Gloria at 218-966-2817 or email [bearrivercommunityfair@gmail.com](mailto:bearrivercommunityfair@gmail.com), with questions, requests for tables, or to volunteer. Additional information can be found on the Bear River Community Fair page on Facebook.

The Bear River Community Center/Old Bear River School is handicapped accessible and is located at the intersection of Highways 22 and 5.

# Temporary closures affect Beatty Rd. traffic flow

COOK- Motorists using Beatty Rd. in Beatty Township north of Cook should expect to encounter temporary road closures and construction delays through mid-September, according to the St. Louis County Public Works Department.

The work, which began in July, is focused on approximately three-tenths of a mile of the road between County Roads 24 and 540. This section was originally built on a peat base and is experiencing settling. The fix is to add fill weight to consolidate the peat deposits. The additional weight will force out the excess moisture and compress the solids to stabilize the road.

To complete the process, the road is be-

ing closed for three days at a time as material is being placed and the road graded. It is then re-opened to traffic for approximately two weeks, and then the process is repeated. Beatty Road, which has been closed several days this past week, was expected to re-open Thursday. It will be closed August 28-30.

During the temporary closures, detour signs are posted directing people to use County Roads 24 and 431.

Beatty Road is scheduled for improvements during the 2024 construction season. This season's work is needed to ensure next year's work is successful.



# Chamber music institute to present free concert Saturday in Cook

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.



# BIG BAND BASH

"The Blue Water Big Band" from Duluth (top) was the headline act for an evening of music, dancing and art at Cook Community Center on Friday, all to benefit Northwoods Friends of the Arts. A section of the floor was left open for dancers like the well-known partners Carol Booth and Jim Ganahl (right) to cut a rug. The evening also featured a silent auction of donated art work. photos by D. Colburn



# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Bittersweet to play in park Aug. 23

COOK- Cook Music in the Park welcomes Bittersweet to the city park gazebo stage on Wednesday, Aug. 23 at 6 p.m.

Bittersweet is a talented duo featuring Jay Hoiland on guitar and vocals and Mary Jo Grizzard on keyboards and vocals. They play a variety of classic hits and will have you singing along to familiar favorites.

In case of rain the concert will move to the Cook VFW near the park. Bring a blanket or chairs or listen from your car to

the sounds of Bittersweet. Northwoods Friends of the Arts would like to thank Eric Pederson, St. Paul's (Alango) Lutheran Church, the Cook Lions Club and the Cook VFW Post and Auxiliary 1757 for supporting Music in the Park.

## Learn tempera on Sept. 29 at NWFA

COOK- "Painting Flowers With Tempera Paint," a class taught by Ely artist Cecilia Rolando, will be held on Friday, Sept. 29 from 1-4 p.m. at the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gal-

lery in Cook. Tempera is a way of painting that uses pigments mixed with sizing, casein or egg to produce a dull or flat finish. Registration is required by calling 218-666-2153.

## Church offers free community meal

COOK- Trinity Lutheran Church in Cook will be hosting a free community meal on Thursday, Aug. 24 from 4-5:30 p.m. The menu will be Zup's brats, green beans, chips and dessert. It will be served as dine-in or drive-through. The meal is free and all are welcome. A big

thank you to Matt at Zup's for their generous support.

## Watercolor class coming up at NWFA Gallery on Aug. 26

COOK- A watercolor painting class, Paint a Feather, is coming up on Saturday, Aug. 26 from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook. Artist and retired art teacher Lyn Reed will demonstrate how to paint a realistic feather. Materials will be provided. Registration is required by calling 218-666-2153 or emailing [nwfamn.org@gmail.com](mailto:nwfamn.org@gmail.com).

The gallery at 210 S River St. is open 10 a.m.-4 p.m. on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, and on Saturdays from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. See the full

class schedule and more at [WWW.NWFAMN.ORG](http://WWW.NWFAMN.ORG), or on Facebook.

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**PEYLAS...**Continued from page 1

a three-room log house where he later moved with his wife and five children. The children went to school in a one-room schoolhouse that had 18 students. The nearest neighbor lived a mile away.

“There wasn’t a proper road to Tower at that time,” Dick said. “They went into Tower once a month and couldn’t get there in the winter.”

Peter was an instrumental citizen of the area of Vermilion Lake Township still known as “Peyla.” He helped organize Vermilion Lake Township, and its first school. He served as town clerk and assessor, justice of the peace, fire warden, and election clerk. He established the Peyla Post Office and was its first and only Postmaster from 1907–1924. A monument on the Wahlsten Road, by the Little Church, was erected in 1950 to honor Peyla and other early settlers of the township.

**Back to Tower**

But the family’s history then moved back to Tower, when his son James bought the Anderson Garage. The Anderson Garage had its own interesting history, as recounted by Julie Olson Mickle, who has her own family connection to the business. The garage, founded in 1907, first started offering carriage service, and then bus service in the mid 1910s. A bus trip to Virginia took about 90 minutes and was offered twice a day. In 1926, Anderson Bus Lines was purchased by the Northern Transportation Company in Hibbing. Northern Transportation Company is best known by its modern-day name, the Greyhound Bus Company.

Tough times returned to the area during the Great Depression. James Peyla bought the Anderson Garage, with his partner Pela Anderson (grandfather to TV weatherman and Tower native Dave Anderson). At that time the garage had moved to its present location on Main Street, on the corner of Pine Street. The garage



**Above: The original Y Store with adjacent rental cabins built by Peter Peyla.**

**Right: An interior scene from inside the Arrowhead Garage in 1949. Pictured are Sonny Peyla, Elton Olson and Glenn Anderson.**



sold batteries, minnows and ice, things now needed for Tower’s growing tourist trade.

James married a Lutheran woman, at that point in time probably considered a scandal for an Italian Catholic, according to Dick.

**The Y Store**

In 1932, John Peyla, brother to James and a carpenter by trade, built the Y Store. He also built Glenmore Resort. The Y Store catered to the region’s growing tourist trade, selling candy and soft drinks (and later ice cream), and offering free camping. The Y Store, still operating today, went through a series of owners over the years. The original building (with several additions) was torn down in 2002 and a modern convenience store, now owned by the Bois Forte Band, was built in its place.

**World War II**

World War II brought more changes. James “Sonny” Peyla, James’ son, was working at the

garage, and he left at age 21 for the Army, where he served as an instructor for the motor school, and later helped convoy Patton’s army across Germany.

Patsy Anderson Olson, daughter of Pela Anderson, helped run the garage during the war. The 17-year-old changed oil, did tune-ups, and sold gas. Elton Olson, a few years younger than Patsy, was delivering milk, and often stopped by for gas. Soon he was stopping by, supposedly for gas, every day, just to see Patsy. The two did marry, and raised their family, including daughter Julie, in Tower.

**Post War War II**

The Peyla family continued to modernize along with the city of Tower. By 1940, the garage had three gasoline pumps, advertised tourist information, and sold a lot of coal which was used for heating.

The newly renamed Arrowhead Garage held a grand opening in 1949. The garage soon became a Dodge and Plymouth deal-

ership and hosted special events to announce the year’s new models.

“It was always exciting when new cars were delivered,” Dick said. He estimated they sold between five and 10 new cars a year.

The garage building was expanded when the family home, behind the garage, was moved to a new location.

Sonny Peyla now owned the garage. The business purchased their first tow truck in 1954, and Dick remembers going on middle-of-the-night calls with his father, sometimes in weather as cold as -30F, to rescue vehicles in the winter.

The garage had one of the first television sets in Tower, and many men gathered there in the evenings to visit and watch. The shop also began to sell GE appliances and later outboard motors. The garage became the first Texaco franchise in the area in 1963.

By then the coal business was a distant memory but Sonny changed with

the times. With coal out of favor, he bought a dump truck and started selling gravel, a livelihood he continued even after selling the garage in 1970. He began selling fuel oil as well and opened and operated the Tower Car Wash from 1970-1984.

Sonny was a mechanic at heart, and loved anything with an engine, Dick remembered. He collected mechanical oddities, and he was well known for his two “floating” cars, as well as some of the first home-built snow sleds in the area. He also owned an army surplus “weasel”, which could float (supposedly) and had tracked treads. Dick recounted a story of how his father had driven the weasel in from Hwy. 1 to Little Lost Lake to trap minnows in the winter. The weasel broke through the ice and dropped about two feet down. “It should have floated,” said Dick, “but they could hear water trickling in.” When they returned the next day, it was 20 feet down on the bottom. A group of friends came back a few days later, broke through the ice and chained the weasel to a bulldozer, and hauled it back out. Sonny then had to put in a totally new engine.

The floating cars could often be seen boating between Echo Point and Puncher Point, and were a popular addition to the Fourth of July parade, often carrying the newly crowned “Queen.”

In the 1950s, he built a snow sled, with three skis underneath a tin frame, and an airplane engine/propeller mounted on the back.

“It did get stuck in the slush a lot,” Dick said.

The snow sled could go rather fast on clear ice. The Welles brothers once clocked it at 110 miles per hour traveling on a two-mile course on Big Bay in 65.5 seconds.

**More Tower connections**

Peter’s other children included Joe, who managed the St. Louis County Garage on Main Street, and Mary (Peyla)

Wild, who owned Tower’s Central Store. Mary wrote a detailed history of their life as homesteaders in Vermilion Lake Township, which was published by *The Tower News*.

**Present day**

The garage that Peyla sold in 1970 went through a series of owners over the years. It was sold again in 1976 and renamed Arrowhead Dodge. In 1982 it became the used car dealership Classy Cars. In 2020 the building, which had been vacant for many years was purchased by Miranda Kishel, who has renovated the building and turned it into the Idea Warehouse, which currently houses four businesses including an organic grocery store/ antique shop, spa/gift shop, another wellness-related business, and a co-working space. The second story of the building is being renovated and will become rental apartments.

**Tower Soudan**

**Historical Society**

TSHS is having a busy summer, sponsoring story-telling in the Coach 81 car at the Tower Depot. The next event is on Aug. 30 at 2:30 p.m. and is free-of-charge. Kathy Siskar will be the featured story-teller. Stories are focused on area history. The Arrowhead Bookmobile will also be at the civic center area starting at 3:30 p.m.

There will be a History Happy Hour booth at the Tower Farmers Market on Friday, Aug. 25 at 4 p.m. with free lemonade.

The TSHS annual meeting is set for Thursday, Sept. 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center. Watch for information in upcoming papers.

**Learn more**

The entire talk was recorded by Jake Aune and will be made available on the Tower-Soudan Historical Society’s facebook page at a future date.

**U.S. STEEL...**Continued from page 1

before Cliffs would allow U.S. Steel to conduct its necessary due diligence.

The Cliffs proposal would have purchased outstanding U.S. Steel stock for \$17.50 per share in cash and 1.023 shares of Cliffs stock. Cliffs claims their offer amounted to \$35 per share at the time of their offer. Cliffs stock was trading at just under \$16 a share as of this week, making the offer worth just under \$34 per share. That would have provided U.S. Steel shareholders with a substantial premium over the company’s stock price at the time of the offer, which was hovering just under \$25 a share. U.S. Steel’s stock price jumped sharply, however, on the news of the buyout offer. As of Monday, the company’s stock was trading at just over \$30 per share.

The two sides had reportedly been close to signing a non-disclosure agreement, or NDA, under which the parties would have undertaken more detailed negotiations and fact-finding. In an Aug. 13 letter to Cliffs CEO Lourenco Goncalves, U.S. Steel CEO David Burritt wrote: “At my and the board’s direction, our advisors indicated our willingness to enter into an NDA with you on Aug. 7, 2023, so that we could have further clarity on several key issues, including valuation of the

stock component of your proposal, regulatory risk and timing as well as the prospects for the combined company. We discussed with your counsel questions that would need to be better understood in order for both of us to appropriately assess the antitrust risk of your proposal; and while your counsel agreed that this would need to be analyzed, and was amenable to our proposal to work on this together, this still has not happened. After multiple conversations about, and our team’s engagement in good faith negotiations over the terms of the NDA, we were shocked to receive a letter on Friday, August 11th stating that you refused to sign the nearly completed NDA unless we agree to the economic terms of your proposal in advance.

“As you well know, our Board – or any board – could not, consistent with its fiduciary duties, agree to a proposal of which 50% is represented by your stock without conducting a thorough and completely customary due diligence process, to evaluate the risks and potential upsides and downsides inherent in the transaction, including the stock component. Doing otherwise would be tantamount to accepting a price without knowing what it in fact represents. Nor could our Board agree to your “headline price”

without appropriate discussion – under NDA – regarding the contribution of U.S. Steel to the value of the combined businesses. Pushing our Board to do so is in essence a demand that it breach its fiduciary duties.”

While the deal with Cliffs may be on hold for now, U.S. Steel indicated in an Aug. 13 announcement that it would be considering a number of unsolicited offers to determine the one that provides the best value for the company’s shareholders. Burritt said the interest in the company provides “a validation of

U.S. Steel’s strategy” of transforming its steel-making capacity to a stronger reliance in electric arc furnaces and finishing capabilities.

Goncalves argues that the acquisition of U.S. Steel would provide benefits to the domestic steel industry, creating “a lower-cost, more innovative and stronger domestic supplier for our customers.” The buyout would also create the largest steel-producing company in the U.S. and one of the world’s top four producers outside of China.

In a letter posted to Cliffs website, United

Steelworkers International president Thomas Conway, indicates his union’s support of Cliffs’ offer and indicated that the union would not exercise its contractual right to counteroffer any proposal to acquire a controlling interest in U.S. Steel. “It will, rather, unequivocally endorse such a transaction,” he said. Cliffs currently employs about 14,000 members of the Steelworkers, compared to 11,000 members who work for U.S. Steel.

“Maintaining American leadership in the steel industry is critical to many vital parts of the U.S.

economy,” wrote Conway in his letter, dated Aug. 3. “The USW feels that Cliffs is the single steel producer in the best position to ensure that U.S. based manufacturing remains strong in this country with the support of the USW and its represented workforce.”



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# RASKIN...Continued from page 1

like Canada, Germany, UK, all the European nations, Israel, Japan, you name it—nothing comes close to America ... we lose more than 100 people every single day to gun violence.”

After a short list of twelve of the best-known mass shootings in the nation, beginning with Columbine, Raskin listed several gun safety issues upon which most Americans agree. “More than 90 percent of Americans, the vast majority of Democrats, the vast majority of Republicans, the vast majority of independents agree that there must be a universal, violent-criminal background checks on all gun sales in America,” he said. “Eighty-seven percent of Americans who do not belong to the National Rifle Association agree with that, 70 percent of American gun owners who do belong to the NRA agree with that.” Raskin said polling numbers are similar for red flag laws to help prevent gun violence and suicides.

## Gun laws

Raskin argued that sensible gun safety law could be passed and used effectively without infringing on Second Amendment rights. In order to do so, the legal loopholes that place military-grade weaponry into the hands of those who commit gun violence

would need to be closed, like those allowing private sales of small arms without background checks.

Raskin also attributed the Congress’s inability to pass gun legislation to the politics of the NRA, and a mistaken belief that the Second Amendment was written to give the people the power to overthrow the government if it turns tyrannical.

Labeling such a view as “NRA dogma,” he named several other members of Congress who supported this interpretation of the Second Amendment. If viewed in such a way, he agreed that the Second Amendment argues against regulating military-type weapons like AR-15s and other assault rifles—because banning them would infringe on a citizen’s right to take action against a potential tyrannical government.

“Their claim is essentially that the people—who are in fact the militia—must have an arsenal equal to the firepower of the U.S. government, in order to be able to overthrow the government if it becomes tyrannical.”

Raskin argued that the validity of the pro-gun “right-to-overthrow” interpretation is a crucial sticking point in the current debate on gun laws. “If (this

interpretation is) wrong, that their claim that the Second Amendment gives you the right to take up arms against the government. In that case, we can proceed to enact reasonable gun safety reforms that are supported by the vast majority of American people.”

Raskin then laid out the case that the founders never believed in a right to overthrow the government.

Raskin began his argument with the 2008 Supreme Court decision, *District of Columbia vs. Heller*, which overturned D.C.’s ban on handguns. In the majority decision, written by Justice Antonin Scalia, the court determined that while the Second Amendment did not guarantee an unlimited right to gun ownership, it did protect an individual’s right to own a handgun for the traditional lawful purpose of self-defense within the home. Traditional lawful purposes also extend to the right to use firearms to hunt.

Raskin noted that a right to use a firearm to hunt or for self-defense in the home was far different from a right to unfettered firearms ownership for the purposes of overthrowing the government.

But Raskin’s biggest punch came with his listing of the parts of the Constitution that directly

contradict the right-to-overthrow interpretation. Such as Article I, Sec. 8, Clause 15, which states that one of the powers of Congress was “to call forth the militias from the states in order to repel foreign invasions, and to suppress insurrections.” Raskin also invoked the Republican Guarantee Clause (Art. IV, Sec. 4) and the Treason Clause (Art. III, Sec. 3, Clause 1).

Regarding the Treason Clause, Raskin noted, “Treason consists in levying war against the Union, against the government, or adhering to their enemies. So, is it possible you’ve got a right to wage war on your government, but it’s also treason?”

Raskin’s last invocation to the Constitution was to Section III of the 14th Amendment—the Disqualification Clause—which he described as his favorite. This section describes the conditions for being barred from holding office, including having “engaged in insurrection or rebellion.”

The Disqualification Clause has been a prominent topic in the national media this last week, with the publication of a *University of Pennsylvania Law Review* article by two law professors who argued, after a year of legal research, that

Trump is now disqualified from holding office. The *Timberjay* asked Raskin about his opinion regarding the article.

“Donald Trump was already impeached for inciting insurrection,” Raskin responded, “and he was voted guilty by 57-to-43 ... in the Senate, (but) he beat the constitutional spread in the inimitable Trump fashion, and we didn’t make it to two-thirds for a conviction. But you still have concurrent, commanding, bipartisan, bicameral majorities defining as a legislative fact that he engaged in incitement to insurrection.”

## Insurrectionist times

Raskin did note that this is “a time of insurrectionist thinking” in some political quarters, but that “the current time is not the first time” insurrectionist elements have made political and societal waves. He also opined that the right-to-overthrow interpretation of the Second Amendment “is contributing to the current insurrectionist climate.”

Raskin argued in conclusion that the Constitution is anti-insurrection and that the NRA’s claims regarding a right to overthrow embedded in the Second Amendment are historically false. That being true, Raskin noted that there is, in fact, no Constitutional

impediment to passing public safety gun laws for loophole-free background checks, red flag restrictions, and military-grade assault weapons bans, none of which would infringe on Second Amendment gun rights already confirmed by the Supreme Court.

## Acknowledgements

The Tuesday Group is organized and sponsored by Boundary Waters Connect, an endeavor to support the local Ely area community initiated by Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness. Lacey Squier, the manager of Boundary Waters Connect, decided to move the Tuesday Group meeting with Congressman Raskin early on Monday.

“I was hearing from people that they were planning on showing up at the Grand Ely Lodge at 9 a.m.,” Squier shared with the *Timberjay*. Realizing over the weekend how many people were planning on attending, Squier reached out to the Vermilion campus of Minnesota College North, and obtained the use of the Vermilion Fine Arts Theater.

“I want to thank the Grand Ely Lodge, the staff at Vermilion, and especially Lee Schmidt and Dave Marshall (for making the location change possible).”

# CHICKENS...Continued from page 1

city officials had previously managed to avoid a change to the city’s longstanding prohibition on chickens along with a wide variety of other domestic livestock.

Residents, using the petition cited in the charter, managed to gather a sufficient number of signatures to force the

council’s hand and the result was an amendment to Ordinance 20A, which removed chickens from the list of prohibited livestock. Then, the council gave a second reading and formal adoption to Ordinance 90, which includes a laundry list of requirements for the keeping of chickens in

the city.

The adopted version of the new ordinance included some changes from the first reading. Under the final version, residents will be allowed to butcher chickens in the city as long as it is done indoors. The new version also eliminates an earlier requirement to bury

dead chickens at least two feet deep, now advising simply that dead chickens must be disposed of properly. The new version also strikes a previous prohibition on the handling of chicks by children under five and adults over 65. The council noted that the age recommendations

come from the Centers for Disease Control and they opted to refer to those guidelines on the city’s chicken application, rather than include it as an ordinance provision.

The new version also adds a \$75 weekly fine for failure to correct identified infractions. Any new chicken coops will also need to pass city inspection before homeowners will be allowed to order chickens.

The council did receive some critical feedback on the ordinance changes from residents Pam Abrahamson and Heidi Raj, who expressed concern that the keeping of chickens could attract more predators to town. Abrahamson also questioned how the city planned to enforce the new ordinance. “Will we have a chicken cop?” she asked, eliciting laughs from the council and others in

attendance.

Morin said enforcement will likely be handled the same as other provisions of the ordinance, based on complaints made by residents about potential violations. “We don’t have anyone who looks for violations, but if they’re made known to us, we can take action,” he said.

Clerk-treasurer Michael Schultz noted that the ordinance change isn’t necessarily permanent. “There is a process for amending,” he said. “If find that there are too many chickens in six months, we can make changes,” he said.

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- 11:30 am: The Amazing Charles Magic Show
- 12-4 pm: Bingo
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# Hoodoo Point Campground tops city agenda

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

TOWER — The Hoodoo Point Campground dominated discussion at the city council meeting here on Monday, as the council discussed a rate increase for seasonal campers, a new playground, and limits on storage units on campsites.

A rate increase for seasonal RV campers appears likely for next year based on the council discussion on Monday, but the decision was put off at least until September to give campers a chance to weigh in on the proposal.

“I do think an increase is due, the question is how much,” said Mayor Dave Setterberg. Council members Bob Anderson and Joe Morin agreed. “Other campgrounds are probably talking about this as well, which means if we don’t act we will be even further behind,” said Morin, referring to an assessment of rates charged by other area campgrounds that showed Hoodoo Point on the low end of the spectrum. Campground manager Randy Pratt noted that the campground has an enormous waiting list of campers eager to take advantage of any openings. “The market will bear an increase,” he said.

Council member Josh Zika agreed. “It’s a hot market and they’re getting Vermilion frontage,” he said. “I don’t think there will be much sticker shock.”

At the same time, Pratt noted that the campground’s playground is old and deteriorating and has even been flagged as potentially unsafe by the county Health Department.

“That’s the first I’ve heard of this,” said Setterberg, who asked Pratt to reach out to the health department to get their concerns in writing. Pratt noted that the campground’s concrete base has heaved from frost over the years, exposing rebar in places. He said shoreline erosion from recent high water has also left the playground barely six feet from the water.

The council discussed funding for a new campground, and reviewed an estimate from Pratt that pegged the cost of a new playground at about \$94,000. The city should have close to that amount accumulated in its capital reserve account by the end of 2024, according to clerk-treasurer Michael Schultz, although the city is likely to explore other funding sources, such as Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation.

Morin made a motion authorizing Schultz and Pratt to explore the playground replacement further

and come back to the council with a plan.

Pratt also discussed his concerns about long-term campers exceeding their authority to erect structures, like storage units, porches, carports and boat awnings on their campsites. While many of the campers have standing claim to their sites under the city’s rules, the lease does limit the number of auxiliary structures on the site to one in addition to their RV. Pratt said he has tried to address the issue with campers verbally and through a letter, but he said it has had limited impact. In some cases, campers are even removing vegetation, mostly brush, to make room for more improvements to their sites. That brought concern from the council as members noted that the “brush” often provides separation and privacy between the campsites and is not something that campers should be removing without permission.

Pratt suggested a letter from the city advising campers of the provisions of their lease and threatening that they could be asked to leave if they don’t comply.

In other business, Schultz expressed some frustration with the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board, or EMSRB, which issued a corrective order to the Tower Area Ambulance for minor shortfalls on their on-call roster after a recent inspection. Under state law, services are expected to maintain 100-percent roster coverage, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. The city maintained 99-percent coverage in June and 94-percent coverage in July, both of which are far better than the coverage levels the service used to maintain. “They’re aware of the staffing issues all around the state and the financial costs of maintaining that 100 percent coverage,” said Schultz. “It’s frustrating that you can be at 99 percent and still get a corrective order the same as if you were at 30 percent.”

He said the inspection had also noted some outdated medications, which were immediately replaced by ambulance staff.

Schultz also noted that it appears that the city had made an inadvertent double payment on money it owed to the ambulance replacement fund from inter-hospital transfers in 2020. The city had been

making monthly payments in 2020 but then made a payment in January 2021 for the full 2020 year. The city has been chastised by Greenwood Township officials for more than a year for underpaying a mileage fee to the ambulance replacement fund, but Schultz said it now appears that the city has actually overpaid to the fund by about \$1,500, even though the city has been late to make payments in recent months.

Schultz said it’s unclear if the January 2021 payment, which totaled \$12,412, was simply made in error or if there was some other reason for the payment. He said he was bringing the matter to the attention of the ambulance commission to see if anyone on that board had a recollection of the reason for the payment.

In other action, the council:

► Heard a brief audit report from city auditor Devin Ceglar, who discussed a change in the accounting rules pertaining to the reporting of lease revenue, which will affect the city since it has consid-

erable lease revenue. Ceglar also noted that the city has a negative \$47,770 in its general fund balance, while the state auditor recommends that number should be 35-50 percent of a city’s operating fund revenue, which would amount to \$250,000-\$350,000 in the case of the city of Tower.

City officials have learned over the years that the fund balances listed on the audit report, however, do not reflect actual cash balances in the city accounts. Setterberg said there’s a disconnect between what the city’s bank statements and its own bookkeeping shows and what appears on the audits.

Ceglar said the city’s decision to open separate bank accounts for its enterprise funds, including the campground and the ambulance service, had improved transparency but has complicated the tracking of funds because the state only recognizes the general fund for reporting purposes.

► Approved a motion to authorize the purchase of a Green Flush bathroom for outside the civic center,

with final details to be worked out by the projects committee. Schultz reported that there appears to be sufficient funds remaining from the IRRR project grant to cover the cost of the unit and its installation.

► Heard that work on the train depot roof is set to begin this week. The work was recently awarded to Norse Valley Construction which offered the low bid of \$53,500 for the project.

► Approved a motion to establish an ad hoc committee to explore ways to improve the city’s communication with the public. The city had heard feedback at a recent special meeting from two residents who said they felt the city could have done a better job of communicating about a new chicken ordinance.

► Approved a new contract with Nancy Larson for grant writing and management services, totaling 100 hours at \$75/hour. Councilors called it a great investment considering the funds that Larson brings into the city each year. “It’s a no-brainer,” said Morin.

► Approved a motion to authorize Schultz to work

with the city attorney and Ehlers to seek a solution to the TIF shortfall for infrastructure costs installed ahead of the construction of what was then Golden Horizons assisted living.

► Approved a motion to have Schultz work with the city attorney to determine why one of the city’s tower leases pays only \$2,000 a year while the other pays \$30,000 with an annual escalator. The current holder of the cheaper tower lease, Midco, is seeking to transfer the lease to K2 Towers, but the new owner is seeking clarification that a current conditional use permit will remain in effect with the new owners.

► Appointed former Mayor Steve Abrahamson to a vacancy on the TEDA board.

► Approved a motion authorizing Schultz to seek bids for propane for the coming heating season.

► Heard from Dave Rose under public input, who indicated that he is interested in constructing a water access remote camping site on property he owns across the river from his Tower RV Resort.



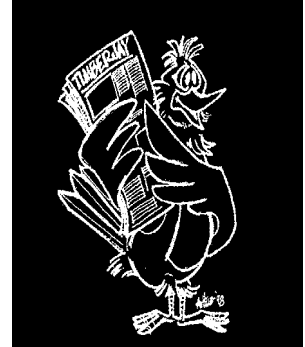
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# Ely High School gym gets a new floor

by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

ELY- ISD 696 Facilities Director Tim Leeson reported to the Ely School Board that work began last week on the rebuilding of Ely Memorial High School's gymnasium floor.

"There were about 10 guys bringing in the supplies last week and six to seven guys in there every day working on laying down the new floor," Leeson told the board at the Monday evening school board meeting. He declined to estimate when the new floor might be completed. "I don't want jinx it," he said. "It will be done when it's finished."

Much of the west side of the 70-year-old gymnasium floor was irreparably damaged by a pipe leak on March 17. The water damage occurred just a week after the last basketball games of the 2022-23 school year. The damaged floor took the school's main gym out of commission for spring sports, which traditionally use it for activities like pitching, hitting and track practices.

## Other business

In other business, the board:

- Heard from Superintendent Anne Oelke that the school district's open house on Wednesday, Aug. 16, for parents and guardians of prospective new students was a success. The district gained some student enrollments during the event.

Oelke passed out copies of the promotional brochure designed and printed by the district staff and given out at the open house, summarizing why parents would want to send their children to the district's schools, including small class size, an excellent teaching staff, a robust sports and extra-curricular activities programs, and secure and up-to-date facilities.

- On the recommendation of Athletic Director Tom Coombe, approved the dissolution of the existing cooperative sponsorship for girls swimming with Northeast Range School, and entered into a new cooperative sponsorship with



Northeast Range and the Krekelberg Home School, effective for the 2023-24 season. Coombe remarked, "These are hoops we have to jump through," to fulfill the paperwork requirements to add Krekelberg to the cooperative agreement.

- Approved July 2023 receipts in the amount of \$1,035,895 and disbursements in the amount of \$795,375.

- Approved the 2023-2024 student handbooks for both Washington Elementary School and Ely Memorial High School.

- Approved a four-year lease agreement for equipment and software with Voltz Technologies of Ely.

- Approved posting a 0.4 position for a high school science and civics teacher for the 2023-24 school year.

- Approved a bus maintenance diesel mechanic agreement with Jeff Johnston through

June 30, 2025.

- Hired Rebecca Anderson, McCartney Kaer-

**The new gymnasium floor under construction at Ely Memorial High School. The former 70-year-old floor was irreparably damaged on March 17 by a pipe leak.**  
photo by C. Clark

cher, Jennifer Spanier, Traci Stevens, Catherine Mindel, Marlesa Fritz, and Joseph Elliott for paraprofessional positions starting Aug. 28.

- Approved the recommendation of high school principal Jeff Car-

ey for extra-curricular assignments for Amy Kingsley with the Gamers Guild and Heather Cavalier with the middle school student council.

- Accepted the resignation of Paige Falt from her indigenous support interventionist position effective June 2, and the resignation of Cheryl Bialik from her position as a cafeteria aide effective July 31.

- Approved multiple actions to update the district's policies to reflect law changes made during the 2023 session of the Legislature.

- Agreed to hold a special meeting on Aug. 28 to finish the process of reading and adopting the revised policies.

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## HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL

# It's back to nine-man for North Woods

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

**FIELD TWP**- After a four-year foray into Class A 11-man football, the North Woods Grizzlies will be back in the nine-man division this year, and rather than looking at it as a demotion, Head Coach Joel Anderson sees it as a welcome opportunity.

"That's a fantastic thing for us based on our numbers," Anderson said during a break in Monday's first team practice. "Our numbers are a little bit down this year compared

to where they've been. Class A was the right class for us to be in when we're graduating ten-plus kids in grades. This year, I think I've got one senior out, about four or five juniors, and a handful of sophomores. So, we're in a good place (in nine-man). We're happy to be here. We're going to get to work."

While Anderson inherited the head coaching reins during the 11-man stint, he's no stranger to the nine-man version, and with the expertise assistant coach Mark Fabish brings to the table, the adjustment should go smoothly.

**Right: Members of the North Woods football team took part in agility drills this week as practice got underway.**

photo by D. Colburn

"I've coached nine-man many, many years," Anderson said. "The biggest difference is that the roles kind of increase for each player. I would say that in 11-man football, your roles are pretty singular. On defense, if you have outside contain you have outside contain. With

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## RESTORATION

# PRESERVING HISTORY

Rustic Wolf Island cabin, trails, being restored to allow for more public use

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

**LAKE VERMILION**- A historic rustic cabin built by a Minneapolis architect on Wolf Island on Lake Vermilion is undergoing restoration by the U.S. Forest Service, which is looking at making the island more accessible for recreational use.

Superior National Forest LaCroix District Ranger Sunny Lucas told the *Timberjay* on Monday that a crew of young adults with the Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps (NBHPC), a Duluth-based nonprofit, is spending three weeks this summer working on the cabin built by John Jaeger, an Austrian immigrant and accomplished architect who bought Wolf Island after first visiting it in 1906. The cabin was reportedly built in 1929 by Finnish-American craftsmen from the Tower area. The two-story cabin, built on the side of a hill to allow for ground level access to the second story, is a well-preserved example of an early 20th-century rustic recreational cabin.

Jaeger's summers at the cabin were notable for the diligence and care he took in documenting the island's archeological history. He drew a series of detailed maps highlighting rare historic and geological features of the island, capturing the story of a pre-settlement island used by both the Ojibwe and voyageurs. Jaeger witnessed a working Ojibwe canoe building camp on his first visit to the island, and later discovered a navigation point used by voyageurs more than 200 years prior to his find.

The cabin and island were acquired by the Forest Service from the McPeak family in 2015 through the Trust for Public Land.

This is the second summer the Forest Service has partnered with

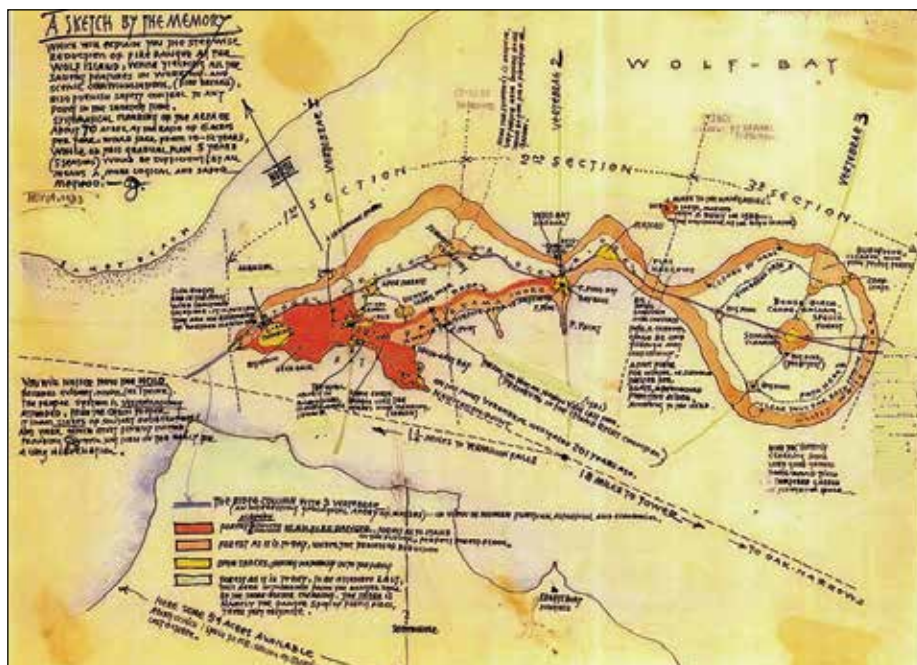
NBHPC to work on the cabin and island. In 2022, workers installed a new rolled asphalt roof, completed fuel reduction work to create defensible space, maintained the structure's windows and cleaned the cabin exterior and interior.

This summer, Lucas said the NBHPC crew dismantled an old unsafe deck that was causing damage to one of the exterior logs and has been constructing of a new one. They've also cleared more brush around the cabin for fire prevention, made temporary repairs to a dock, and have been cleaning and inventorying the contents of the cabin.

"There aren't any valuables or anything, but there are old magazines and things you would have in an old cabin," Lucas said. Also left behind were some pieces of furniture, and Lucas said some items may stay for use while others may be preserved differently.

Forest Service archaeologists

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**Top: Members of the restoration crew work on the exterior of the main cabin.**

**Above: A hand-drawn map of the island that Jaeger drew from memory highlights areas where he had completed brush removal to reduce fire danger.**

**Below: A photo of Jaeger in 1918 as he prepared to go overseas to serve in the American Red Cross.**



## PUBLIC HEALTH

# COVID on the rise in area but threat remains low

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

**REGIONAL**- COVID-19 is making the news again as measures of the virus's activity have been ticking upwards in recent weeks, somewhat mirroring late summer increases in COVID levels in 2020, 2021, and 2022.

Indicators in Minnesota have also been on the rise, and percentage increases could sound alarming.

Hospitalizations for COVID are now the standard measure the Centers for Disease Control uses to gauge community COVID activity, and nationally hospital admission have been on the rise. Hospitalizations the last week in July rose 12 percent over the prior week, according to the CDC, from 8,047 cases to 9,056 cases. By comparison, hospital admissions at the height of January's huge Omicron wave topped 44,000 per week.

However, the CDC's county-by-county map of community COVID levels indicates that nearly the entire country is rated low for COVID activity. Only ten counties, including Lake of the Woods and Roseau in Minnesota, are rated medium. Alabama, with four counties marked as medium, has the most of any state.

Zooming in closer to home, Minnesota has seen a small increase in hospitalizations, with the Minnesota Department of Health reporting six days of double-digit admissions in the past two weeks. And it's here where reporting by percentages can be somewhat deceiving. From July 13 to July 20, daily hospital admissions in the state increased 30 percent, but that represents less than three cases per day, 7.7 to 10.

St. Louis County reported four new hospitalizations for COVID in the week ended July 29, the same as reported the prior week. That translates to two admissions per 100,000 people.

However, wastewater analysis conducted by the U of M suggests a fair amount of virus has been circulating in the area recently, indicating potential cases that haven't led to hospitalizations. In the past four weeks, the COVID viral load in wastewater in the Northeast region shot up 168 percent, the second largest increase in the state. The increase appears to have leveled off, as the one-week measure indicated a zero percent increase.

## Assessing the risk

In a July 27 podcast, noted infectious disease expert Michael Osterholm highlighted the challenge of interpreting what the overall big picture is for COVID today.

"More and more, I feel like one of the biggest challenges I'm having in terms of providing updates and information on COVID relates to finding the appropriate balance that exists when it comes to the risk presented by this virus," he said.

Osterholm pointed out a story published by CBS News titled "U.S. Sees Biggest Rise in COVID-19 Hospitalizations Since December" as one where reporting based on percentages is misleading.

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Lee Johnson, the Heritage Program manager from the Duluth office, and Greg Heide, who covers the LaCroix, Kawishiwi and Laurentian districts, have been supervising the work to ensure historical accuracy, Lucas said. The Jaeger project dovetails well with the mission of NBHPC, which is to develop enduring workforce and life skills through service learning in historic preservation and community stewardship. Partnering with the AmeriCorps program, NBHPC provides young adults 18-25 with hands-on experience in the preservation trades. NBHPC has had a strong collaboration with Forest Service history preservation projects in recent years. The narrative for a 2021 award they received from the Forest Service said that NBHPC had provided

nearly 14,000 hours of labor for projects over a three-year period.

### Future plans

Lucas said the Forest Service is looking at possibilities for making the island a destination for recreational use.

"The goal is really to have safe public access to the island and the cabin, while also preserving it," Lucas said. "One idea is having at least one day use site, probably on the far side of the island, with a picnic table and fire grate. The Vermilion Lake Association is interested in partnering with us on something like that, potentially."

They are also exploring making the cabin available to rent, although that idea still needs approval from higher up. Aware of the long time it takes to turn plans into reality, Lucas said that a recent Forest Service fee

increase proposal included "Wolf Island Campground" and proposed a fee of \$150 a night for up to eight occupants.

"We wanted to do that now even if it doesn't happen for a couple of years," Lucas said. "The fees we get from rental would go to maintain the cabin and the grounds."

Lucas said they'd also like to look at the possibility of clearing and restoring some of the trails around the island with interpretive signage.

"There's some really neat history there that will be exciting to incorporate into some signage," she said.

Lucas noted that the LaCroix District has been engaged closely with the Bois Forte Band as they look at development options. She said that Bois Forte Tribal Historic

Preservation Officer Jaylen Strong has been "heavily involved" in conversations about the island.

"Bois Forte has been going out there annually since we acquired the island," Lucas said. "Potentially, Bois Forte could reserve that cabin—there have been a lot of conversations of different ideas of how they would like to use it. Do they want to bring tribal youth out there for different workshops or have elder picnics, for example. When we put together our formal proposal, the Band will have a voice in it, as well as Grand Portage and the 1854 Treaty Authority, and we'll all have an opportunity to look at those proposals and to provide feedback before they even go to the public, so we'll definitely incorporate any of their thoughts."

When a proposal is

released for public comment next year, as mandated by federal regulations, Lucas wants to be sure the public has the opportunity to be well-informed about the plan.

"I think it would be great if we did an open house or a public meeting of some kind where we could put up some slides of some of these things," she said.

There's also more work to do on the cabin, and another NBHPC group will be back next summer. There will also need to be some additional infrastructure work to accommodate island users, such as garbage cans and toilets. But Lucas is enthusiastic about getting the ball rolling as quickly as they can.

"It's all very exciting. It's one of the coolest projects in the LaCroix district," she said.

(Note: Numerous

sources show the spelling of Jaeger's last name as "Jager." The *Timberjay* reviewed an array of historical documents, including passport applications, naturalization record, census records, and obituary to establish that Jaeger is the original spelling. A Minneapolis Historical article stated that the proper pronunciation is YAH-ger.

However, Forest Service archaeologist Lee Johnson responded to this information with the following explanation for the revised spelling: "All the documentation we have uses the spelling 'Jaeger'". The McPeak family gifted us Jaeger's historical file with letters and maps and he always signs them Jaeger." Interesting, though, it was not uncommon for eastern European immigrants to Americanize the spelling of their surname."

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nine-man on the defensive side, you tend to have to look at two things at once and decide which one it is at the snap. Offensively, it's a little more challenging for our guys. There's a number of different sets, and it's a lot of fun. One or two guys can make a much larger impact in the nine-man game."

Anderson wasn't ready to commit to a particular set yet, as he's still evaluating his personnel and will choose offensive and defensive sets that will capitalize on their abilities. And a new slate of opponents will factor into his choices as well.

"Week to week, it's going to be determined by who we are playing," he said.

One adjustment the Grizzlies will have to make is playing on a narrower field.

"We just found all the old markers on the field here," Anderson said. "It's eye opening to see how much the field changes from what we've been used to playing on. We lose 14 yards of space out here, but it'll be fun."

But the narrowness of the field doesn't seem to constrain the ability of offenses to score. Winning scores trend higher in nine-man football. In the Grizzlies 9-2 nine-man season in 2017, they put up an average of over 40 points per game in those nine wins.

Players often get hyped up for rivalry games, and

North Woods had some budding intense rivalries at the 11-man level. But Anderson doesn't expect to lose that edge dropping down to nine-man, he said. Most of their opponents are schools they already play in other sports, like basketball and volleyball, and four years isn't too far removed to re-ignite some of those old rivalries, even with a whole new set of players.

If nothing else, Anderson is looking forward to leveling of the playing field. As one of the smaller schools in Class A, having the numbers to compete successfully was often a challenge. "The biggest difference, other than the roles that are assigned individually, is just the sheer number

we're going to see on the sidelines. We're looking for grades nine through 12 at 20 or so kids. A lot of our opponents last year had 60-70 kids on the sidelines. There's just fewer bodies on the opposing sideline

— it's a much more even match."

The new look Grizzlies are scheduled to kick off the pre-season at 10 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 26 with a scrimmage at Mt. Iron-Buhl. The regular season

gets underway on Thursday, Aug. 31 when North Woods hosts Lake of the Woods at 7 p.m.

## COVID..Continued from page 1B

"Read that and you think we're back at it again," he said. "On a factual basis this is correct. But is this a notable rise? Well, at this point, I don't think we can conclude that. One of the reasons I say that is because COVID hospitalizations in the U.S. are now at the lowest levels we've seen since the start of the pandemic. I believe that these numbers we're seeing today reflect the very, very low numbers, where increases percentage wise can surely be misunderstood. I don't say this to shrug off any possible signs of an uptick. Rather, I say it's because I've already heard comments from some of the talking heads out there in public health implying that this signals the start of a late summer surge."

"The data we have supporting when surges occur typically revolves around the issue of a new variant emerging that is either more infectious or has more immune evasion," Osterholm continued. "And at this point, we just don't see any variant on the horizon that matches up with this great increase in infectiousness or in the ability to evade immune protection. It's not that we won't see that happen again, but I am yet convinced that we will not see these big spikes in cases that everyone is talking about."

Multiple new booster formulations are on the way, although the Food and Drug Administration has yet to approve any. It could be September or October before new boosters are ready to distribute.

What's unclear at this point, Osterholm said, is who will be recommended to get them.

"The purpose of these

vaccines is really to reduce severe illness, hospitalizations and deaths, particularly for those who have underlying health conditions or who are older," he said. "For this reason, there isn't widespread demand for booster doses among those who are not at high risk of severe COVID illness due to age or chronic health conditions. It is my hope that they will be available to anyone who wants them. We'll have to wait and see what the final recommendations will be."

### Free tests available

Last January, MDH announced a "last chance" for Minnesotans to receive free at-home COVID tests. But according to Public Information Officer Gary Bowman, that last chance is still available, as the MDH webpage for orders is still up and running.

"The program is still active, and people can still order free at-home tests from the state," Bowman told the *Timberjay*. "There is still inventory. Minnesotans can order up to four kits/month at <https://www.health.state.mn.us/diseases/coronavirus/testsites/athome.html> and MDH plans to keep it going well into the fall."

The federal government's program offering test kits ended June 1 following the official end of the COVID public health emergency in May. Health insurance providers are no longer required to provide free COVID tests, although they have the option to provide them if they so choose.



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# Obituaries and Death Notices

**Isaiah L. Deegan**  
Isaiah Lamar Deegan, 25, of Mt. Iron, passed away on Sunday, July 30, 2023, in Hibbing. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 19 at Range Funeral Home in Virginia. Rev. Dale Tweit a.k.a. "Limey" will officiate. Friends and family may gather one hour prior to the service. He is survived by his son, Izaiiah Deegan "Jr."; parents, Eddy Ellis of Duluth, Juanita Deegan of Minneapolis, and Kevin and Joan Mogensen of Golden Valley, Ariz.; siblings, Rose Baldwin, Nathaniel Blight, James Mogensen, Avery Deegan, Ryan Mogensen, Angelo Willis, Melvin Willis, Kaija Ellis, Hanna Ellis, Kilala Ellis, Noelle

Ellis and Camille Billie; grandmother, Rosemary Ellis and grandfather, Tim Brim, both of Chicago; grandmother, Muriel Deegan of Tower; and numerous other family members.

**Robert J. Buchner**  
Robert Joseph "Ropey" Buchner, 71, of Ely, died on Thursday, June 22, 2023, at Northern Pines Care Center in Aurora. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Aug. 25 on St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. Visitation will be an hour before the service. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely. He is survived by his daughter, Kaia Rose DeSchane (Tyler Bantley);

son, Joe McCulloch; sister, Margie (Mark) Olson; brother, Jim (Marie) Buchner; nephews, Scott (Angela) Olson and their children Luke and Lauren, Brian Olson, Clint (Tina) Buchner and his children Andy Buchner and Hannah (Austin) Standlund; niece, Melissa (Jason) Buchner-Mehling and their children Madeline and Melanie; and numerous cousins and friends.

**Antoinette M. Mitchell**  
Antoinette Marie "Toni" Gregorich Mitchell, 67, of Ely, passed away in Hibbing on Wednesday, Aug. 9, 2023, at the home of her youngest son, due to health complications. A celebration of life is

planned for Sunday, Aug. 20 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Samz in Winton. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her sons, Jeff Mitchell and Rick Mitchell; brother, Joseph (Jolette) Gregorich and his family; grandchildren, Mariah Mitchell, Niko Mitchell, Maddux Mitchell and Beau Mitchell; and numerous cousins.

**Jason F. Kehoe**  
Jason Frank Kehoe died on Sunday, Aug. 13, 2023. A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, Aug. 26 at the Cook Community Center. Visitation will be from 12 to 2 p.m. followed by the funeral service at 2 p.m. A lun-

cheon will follow the service at the VFW in Cook. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

**Karen A. Shoars**  
Karen Ann Wroblecki Shoars, 64, of Virginia, passed away on Friday, Aug. 4, 2023, at her residence. Funeral services were held on Thursday, Aug. 17 at the Vermilion Center in Tower. Eunice Lightfeather officiated. Brunch followed the burial at the New Moon Community Center in Tower. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home in Virginia. She is survived by her sisters, Christine Maki and Carrie (James) Kochaver; biological sisters,

Diane Lightfeather, Harriet Lightfeather, Ruth (Martin) Plata and Martha Anderson; brothers, Fred Wroblecki and Michael (Sharon) Wrobel; and biological brothers, Elroy Lightfeather, Ken (Amber) Lightfeather, Aaron Lightfeather and George (Maybelline) Anderson.

**Thomas M. Reed**  
Thomas "Tim" M. Reed, 68, of Crane Lake, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, at Essential Health-Virginia. A complete obituary and funeral date will be printed later. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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**2022 Annual Disclosure Statement**

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The following information represents the annual disclosure of tax increment districts for the year ended December 31, 2022.

	TIF 1-1 EDA
4 Current net tax capacity	\$ 4,445
5 Original net tax capacity	\$ 189
6 Captured net tax capacity	\$ 4,256
7 Principal and interest payments due in 2023	\$ 0
8 Tax increment received in 2022	\$ 6,106
9 Tax increment expended in 2022	\$ 5,995
10 Month and year of first tax increment receipt	5/1999
11 Date of required decertification	12/31/2024
12 The total increased property taxes to be paid from outside the district if fiscal disparities Option A applies*	\$ 0

\* The fiscal disparities property tax law provides that the growth in commercial-industrial property tax values is shared throughout the area. In a tax increment financing district, this value sharing can either result in a decrease in tax increment financing district revenue or a tax increase for other properties in the municipality depending on whether the tax increment financing district contributes its share of the growth. Amounts displayed here indicate that the district did not contribute its growth in commercial-industrial property tax values and represent the resulting increase in taxes on other properties in the City for taxes payable in 2022.

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- > Resume
- > College Transcripts
- > 2 letters of recommendation

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Starting Rate of Pay: \$17.23/hour  
Hours: 6.5 hours/day

Deadline to apply: August 25, 2023; open until filled.

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

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- > Evidence of ability to work cooperatively and communicate effectively in a collaborative setting.

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A complete application must include the following:

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- > 2 letters of recommendation

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# Outdoors

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## COLLABORATION

# Joint effort working to improve moose habitat

U.S. Forest Service, DNR, Arrowhead counties, and tribes combining efforts to help state's largest animal

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — An unusual collaboration of land management partners has been working together for a decade now to enhance moose habitat in northeastern Minnesota. Over the past ten years, the Minnesota Moose Collaborative has implemented dozens of forest management projects designed,

in part, to help bolster the region's moose population.

Funding for much of the work comes from the state's Outdoor Heritage Fund as well as the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council.

"Moose rely on young vegetation to fuel their large bodies," according to the U.S. Forest Service, which issued a press statement late last week about the moose collaboration. "Historically, large-scale wildfire, and later, widespread

timber harvest, provided good habitat and browse conditions for moose across northeastern Minnesota. However, without consistent, large-scale natural disturbance on the landscape from wildfire and wind events, wildlife managers use vegetation management techniques like timber harvest to mimic these disturbances for moose habitat creation."

Partners working as part of the collaboration include the Forest Service, the

**Right: A prescribed fire undertaken as a joint effort by northeastern Minnesota land management agencies to enhance moose habitat.**

photo courtesy USFS

Minnesota DNR, St. Louis, Lake, and Cook counties, the 1854 Treaty Authority, as well as the Fond du Lac and Grand Portage bands.

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## LOGGING AND HABITAT

# FWS suspends payments to DNR

Feds seeking advanced documentation of proper use of habitat dollars

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service is withholding millions of dollars in federal habitat funds from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources over the state agency's apparent inability to show in advance that the funds are being used for the intended purposes.

According to an Aug. 7, 2023, letter from FWS Acting Regional Director Charles Traxler, the DNR has acknowledged that it sold logging permits on state Wildlife Management Areas, or WMAs, without documenting the habitat value of the sales before the permits were issued. The letter was obtained this past week by Public Employees for Environmental Responsibility, or PEER, and was released to news media, including the *Timberjay*. The *Timberjay* has confirmed that approximately \$21.62 million in federal funding is currently on hold.

The DNR is allowed to sell timber for commercial purposes, but it can't utilize federal dollars dedicated to habitat improvement to pay for work associated with those sales without documenting ahead of time how the sale actually improves the conditions for wildlife.

It's been an area of disagreement between the FWS and the DNR for some time. According to PEER, the FWS held up \$26.4 million in federal

**Above: The DNR's access to federal habitat funds have been suspended for failure to document the wildlife value of some timber sales.**

file photo by M. HelMBERGER

**Right: The Aug. 7 letter from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.**

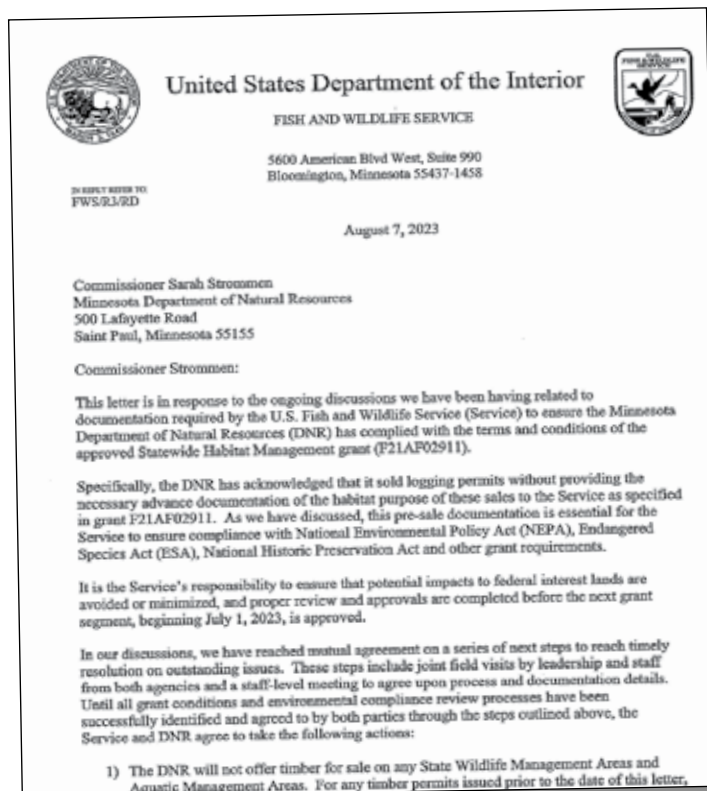
funding back in 2021 over the same issues. The federal funds, known as Pittman-Robertson and John Dingell grants, have typically provided \$20-\$30 million to the DNR annually.

The DNR had announced late last year that it had agreed to a list of action items that were intended to resolve the federal concerns, but the latest letter from FWS suggests that agreement has not led to the release of funds.

DNR officials say the issue centers around the FWS's requirement that the agency document the wildlife value of timber management work prior to offering logging contracts on WMAs or Aquatic Management Areas (AMAs).

Previously, the DNR supplied this documentation to the FWS following sales on these lands," stated Barb Naramore, assistant DNR commissioner. "The FWS and DNR are now working to establish a clear process for timely provision and review of such documentation going forward."

Naramore denied that the DNR has used federal habitat grant funds improperly, as some environmental critics have suggested. "The issue we are



resolving with the FWS does not pertain to how we have expended forest management grants, but rather to how we document the habitat management purposes of logging occurring on lands that are managed using those grant funds." Naramore said the grant requirements were changed in the contract that took effect in July 2021, which now requires advanced documentation.

"Under previous grants, the DNR provided general information about the habitat purposes of proposed management to the FWS as part of the grant application, and then provided descriptions and quantities of

habitat outcomes in accomplishment reporting under the agreement," she said.

According to Naramore, the DNR had agreed not to charge habitat management costs to the habitat grant beginning in 2021 as the two agencies developed a system to document the value of such projects in advance. "Our error was that we mistakenly believed that we could continue offering new timber sales during that period, so long as those sales had clear habitat management purposes," she said.

The DNR uses the grant

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## Wildflower Watch

This week's featured flower  
**EVENING PRIMROSE**



The **Evening Primrose**, *Oenothera biennis*, is one of our latest blooming wildflowers and can be found in bloom in the North Country as late as October or even November in a mild fall.

Evening primrose is a biennial, which forms a basal rosette of leaves in its first year. In its second year, the plant sends up a flowering spike that can begin blooming in mid-summer and go well into the fall as the spike grows.

The yellow, four-petaled flowers are fragrant, with a lemon-like scent. They bloom a few at a time as the flower spike grows and those blooms turn into bottle-like seed pods as they mature. After the second year, the plant dies but leaves a hefty legacy of seeds to start the next generation.

## Fishing reports

### Ely area

Walleye fishing continues to be a shallow water game. The best walleye reports continue to come from 6-10 feet of water. Anglers have been finding these shallow water walleyes on points, shallow rocky flats and near current areas. Spinners rigs, soft plastics and crankbaits have been the baits of choice for anglers. Orange, perch, purple and gold have been very popular colors this last week.

Smallmouth fishing slowed this last week as several cold fronts passed through the area. The top-water bite has seemed to cool off some as a result of the cold fronts. In-line spinners, wacky worms and Ned rigs were very effective on these less active smallies. Anglers continue to find smallies in current areas, around downed trees and even out on sunken islands now. Green pumpkin was a very popular color for smallies this last week.

Sunfish and crappies continue to be a very popular target with anglers this last week. Anglers have largely been finding crappies and sunnies in the same area. Thick weedbeds have been key areas to find active crappies and sunnies. Both are being caught with beetle spins, jig/twister and live bait fished under a bobber.

Courtesy of Arrowhead Outdoors. See more at [ArrowheadOutdoorsElyMN.com](http://ArrowheadOutdoorsElyMN.com)





Another fantastic sunset looking across the Lost Lake Swamp.

photo by M. Helmberger

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Partners within the collaborative have been coordinating timber harvest and prescribed fires across land management boundaries to try to obtain the large amounts of disturbance that moose prefer. Land managers use a variety of methods to create improved habitat for moose, and to prepare areas for regeneration to reduce competition from brush and undesirable tree species.

Prescribed fire within well-defined boundaries can be used to reduce fuel hazards, as a resource management treatment, or both. Burn intensity varies throughout the treatment unit depending on vegetation, fuels, and topography. These burns create new, young stands while unburned or lightly burned areas within the unit can provide a matrix of habitat. Future maintenance burns may be necessary to meet project objectives.

"The boreal forest landscape is fire dependent, and moose are an integral part of that relationship," says Mike Schrage, a wildlife biologist who works for the Fond du Lac band. "Large fires or other kinds of disturbance in patches of 1,000 to 100,000 acres create the kind of young forests moose need to

provide them with abundant, high-quality browse. Fire not only can provide good browse conditions for moose but can help in reducing moose parasites as well."

While forest managers can't use large fires as a management tool everywhere on the landscape, timber harvest and other kinds of vegetation management can be used to replicate the same kinds of young forest patches moose need. "In northeast Minnesota we have seen moose respond very positively to conditions created by large fires such as the 2005 Trout Lake prescribed burn and the 2011 Pagami Creek wildfire," said Schrage. "In other areas, moose continue to do well where ongoing timber harvest and other kinds of vegetation management provide good habitat conditions for them."

According to Forest Service officials, the coordinated efforts to enhance moose habitat will continue even as the future of the moose in the region is made increasingly uncertain by climate change. "We all want moose to thrive across this landscape for many reasons, so our work will continue," according to the Forest Service statement.

**LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST**

from NOAA weather

					Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday															
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08/07	79	59	0.00		08/07	81	49	0.00		08/07	81	55	0.00		08/07	79	57	0.05		08/07	80	48	0.00	
08/08	79	54	0.00		08/08	78	44	0.00		08/08	78	55	0.00		08/08	79	52	0.00		08/08	78	45	0.00	
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08/11	70	52	0.62		08/11	72	42	0.27		08/11	70	52	0.55		08/11	66	55	0.65		08/11	71	49	0.50	
08/12	61	54	0.37		08/12	66	55	0.10		08/12	66	52	0.19		08/12	70	55	0.00		08/12	65	55	0.10	
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YTD Total	15.67				YTD Total	15.94				YTD Total	11.94				YTD Total	NA				YTD Total	14.55			

**HABITAT...**Continued from page 4B

funds to help pay for staff time, mileage, and contracts that benefit wildlife and wildlife habitat. "Logging is one tool that DNR uses to create disturbances on forested lands that benefit some species of wildlife," said Naramore.

**Longstanding concerns**

The DNR has faced criticism since 2019 when the DNR announced it was ramping up its timber quotas on commercial forest land as well as on WMAs and AMAs and was shortening its standard rotations on many timber stands. WMAs and AMAs are comprised of land purchased by the DNR using fees from the sale of hunting and fishing licenses and critical habitat vehicle license plates and are supposed to be managed primarily for fish and wildlife. The DNR has been able to tap federal dollars over the years to help manage those lands, but that source of funding is now

on hold because of the dispute over the DNR's failure to document the wildlife value of its timber cutting on wildlife lands.

Concern over the DNR's actions hasn't been limited to the FWS. In 2019, 28 DNR wildlife managers signed a letter to Commissioner Sarah Strommen officially objecting to the agency's rush to cut on WMAs, arguing that it was eliminating valuable wildlife habitat. A long list of retired DNR wildlife officials, and even some retired foresters, joined that chorus, as did conservation and hunting and fishing organizations, arguing that timber quotas sought by the wood products industry have been taking precedence over wildlife habitat.

In the Aug. 7 letter, Traxler makes clear that the federal grant dollars, which should have become available July 1, won't be released until the outstanding concerns

are addressed. "It is the service's responsibility to ensure that potential impacts to federal interest lands are avoided or minimized, and proper review and approvals are completed before the next grant segment, beginning July 1, 2023 is approved," notes Traxler in his letter.

"We applaud this action by the Fish and Wildlife Service. U.S. taxpayers should not subsidize Minnesota's backward and destructive logging practices," declared PEER Executive Director Tim Whitehouse, a former senior U.S. Environmental Protection Agency enforcement attorney. "It is outrageous that the Department of Natural Resources was using habitat restoration funds that would degrade the very habitats they were supposed to enhance."

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**POSITION OPENING**  
**Ely Public Schools**  
**High School Teacher**  
.40 Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

Ely Public Schools is accepting applications for a .40 FTE Teacher (.20 FTE Science / .20 FTE Social Studies) for the 2023-2024 school year; competitive salary and fringes as per the Master Agreement between ISD #696 and the Ely Education Association and School Board policy. Courses include 9th Grade Science and 9th Grade Civics; first and second period of the day.

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](http://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 [lwestrick@ely.k12.mn.us](mailto:lwestrick@ely.k12.mn.us). Contact Memorial HS/MS Principal Jeff Carey at (218) 365-6166 ext. 1726 or [jcarey@ely.k12.mn.us](mailto: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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**Contract and Procurement Manager**  
**Closes: 09/08/2023**

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**HAY HARVESTING NEEDED**

The City of Babbitt PUC department is looking to pay someone to harvest the hay from their field. The field is approximately 50 acres. Harvesters can keep all hay harvested. If interested, please contact Chuck Schanlaub at 218-235-0232. 8/18

**Super Crossword**

**Answers**

SELMA ADAPT USB GRABS  
TRAIL SIDEA TEA RESET  
ARIDE AMERICAN SNOOKER  
GOLDEN FLEECE TSA ROTO  
ELAL UEY HERRING GULL  
ENT LAI HASTA TEL  
QUEEN SROOK HOSTELS  
INLAW UNEATEN SAHARA  
SIPS ALLOW SADAT ACES  
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LYS SISI ILE ASIA DUO  
SCORPION STING TITHES  
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**STAFF OPENINGS**

**VERMILION COUNTRY SCHOOL**

Vermilion Country School (VCS) is an innovative educational program that provides project-based environmental education as a Minnesota public school. We seek adults who want to work for a positive education and impact in this community. We serve students across the Iron Range in Tower. Contact VCS if you are interested in being a positive influence in the community and supporting our young people in learning.

**All roles listed below are full time 1.0 and provide benefits, including PTO**

**We recently received grant funding to increase our staffing and have several new roles we are hiring for:**

- SpEd Teacher (Licensed)
- SpEd Social Worker (Licensed)
- Science Interdisciplinary Teacher (Licensed)

Unlicensed Positions:  
Paraprofessional (SpEd)  
Check and Connect Coordinator (2142 partnership)  
Student Success Specialist

VCS can support candidates with a B.A. to attain licensure in teaching - if you have interest and appropriate experience, but don't yet have a teaching license, please apply!

**All applications and questions can be sent to [info@vermilioncountry.org](mailto:info@vermilioncountry.org) or by calling 218-248-2485**

**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
- > Ability to read basic operating instructions and write reports
- > Demonstrate aptitude for successful completion of the tasks assigned
- > Such alternatives to the above qualifications as the supervisor, administration, and board finds appropriate and acceptable
- > Prior work experience demonstrating positive and effective interpersonal skills in the work place
- > Demonstrated ability to perform assigned tasks without direct supervision

**Essential Functional Capacities:**

- > Ability to lift a minimum of 50 pounds
- > Ability to climb ladders (at least 10 feet)
- > Ability to withstand heights (up to 30 feet)
- > Ability to climb 3 flights of stairs in 1 minute
- > Pass physical exam per doctor's statement
- > Visual and auditory acuity, corrected or non-corrected, at standard levels as established by appropriate medical standards
- > Any other qualifications as deemed appropriate by the school board

Application available at: [www.ely.k12.mn.us](http://www.ely.k12.mn.us)

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](mailto: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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**More Employment ads on pages 3B and 8B**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**Bearville Township Accepting Quotes for Snow Plowing (Cedar Lane)**

Bearville Township is accepting quotes for 2023/2024 snowplowing of Cedar Lane area-Beatrice Lake contract. Route would begin on the Snake Trail (where St. Louis County stops plowing) and continue 1.45 miles to Beatrice Lake Forest Road, .4 miles of Beatrice Lake Road to Cedar Lane, .48 miles of Cedar Lane, from Cedar Lane .8 miles of Beatrice Lake Road ending where Echo Lane meets Beatrice Lake Road. Plowing would begin when there is a 4" snowfall, the road must be kept open all season. The snowplowing seasonal contract would be in effect from November 1, 2023 until May 1, 2024. Requesting quote on total amount for the season. A Certificate of Insurance is required upon acceptance of the contractor's quote. Please contact Bearville Supervisor Gene Baker: 218-301-9343 or [bearvilletownship@gmail.com](mailto:bearvilletownship@gmail.com) for more details and map. Please send quotes in a sealed envelope to be opened and awarded at the Bearville Town Board meeting October 10, 2023. Mail to: Bearville Township Snowplowing -Cedar Lane, c/o Kathy Cressy - Clerk, 62949 County Road 557, Cook, MN 55723. Bearville Township reserves the right to reject any and all quotes.

Kathy Cressy, Bearville Town Clerk

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PT Unit Clerk (Wage starting at \$17.70/NAR or EMT Certification)

**Dietary**  
FT & PT Dietary Aide/Cook

**Environmental Services**  
PT & Casual (Environmental Tech I) House-keeping & Laundry Aide  
Casual Laundry Aide

**Radiology**  
FT Radiologic Technologist (\$4,000 sign-on bonus)  
FT Ultrasound Technician  
Casual Radiologic Tech (Independent Contractor, weekend only)

**Rehabilitation**  
Casual Rehab Secretary

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**King Crossword**

**ACROSS**

1 Solidify  
4 Tummy muscles  
7 Rum cake  
11 Sir Guinness  
13 Cistern  
14 Modern taxirival  
15 Wife of Jacob  
16 Melody  
17 Shoe fillers  
18 Wash thoroughly  
20 Canadian flag emblem  
22 Uncivilized  
24 Prepared potatoes  
28 Medium  
32 Condition  
33 Orem's place  
34 Talk on and on  
36 Actress Merrill  
37 Talk a blue streak?  
39 Extreme  
41 Tolerate  
43 Light brown  
44 Tropical tree  
46 Salon sounds  
50 "— and Away"  
53 Charged bit  
55 Duel tool  
56 Fan publication  
57 Bar bill  
58 Pro —  
59 Mr. Stravinsky

**DOWN**

1 Guys' dates  
2 Power co. supply  
3 Tragic king  
4 "Selma" director DuVernay  
5 Release money  
6 Throat affliction  
7 Self-serve meal  
8 Honest politician

9 Spell-off  
10 Illustrations  
12 Communal meal at a place of worship  
19 "Humbug!"  
21 DDE's opponent  
23 Puke  
25 Secular  
26 Sicilian spouter  
27 Bargain  
28 Brownish purple  
29 Dazzle  
30 Lawn party site

31 Automobile  
35 Cudgel  
38 Epoch  
40 "— Kapital"  
42 Select group  
45 Castle defense  
47 Apple tablet  
48 Anti-fur org.  
49 Penn or Astin  
50 Submachine gun  
51 Glutton  
52 Family card game  
54 Cagers' gp.

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**Weekly SUDOKU**  
by Linda Thistle

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

## SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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GARAGE SALE- Lots of kids toys & household items! August 25th & 26th, 9 am - Noon 22 6th St NE, Cook. 8/25

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## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

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

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

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## BOATS

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BOAT FOR SALE- 2000 RINKER 180 BOWRIDER- on Lake Vermilion. 18-ft., inboard/outboard, fiberglass/plastic, very low hours (couple of weeks each summer), usual wear and tear, no huge defects. Some rips in the cover, no trailer. Has been in covered storage last 3 years. \$8,500. Email tayoh10@gmail.com or call 218-780-7820 for info. 8/18c

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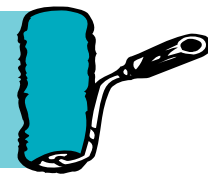
- ACROSS**  
1 Alabama city  
6 Change to fit  
11 Kind of port on a PC  
14 Seizes the attention of  
19 Follow behind  
20 First half of an album  
21 Salada drink  
22 Roll back to 0  
23 "Hitchin' —" (1970 hit)  
24 U.S. version of a cue sport  
27 Argonauts' quest  
29 Screening airport gp.  
30 Lead-in for Rooter or tiller  
31 Israel's main airline  
32 Motorist's 180, slangily  
33 Common seabird with black wingtips  
36 Doc wielding a penlight  
38 Chou En- —  
40 "— la vista!"  
41 — Aviv  
42 Chess piece four squares from the king at the start of the game  
47 Alternatives to inns  
49 Wife's father, e.g.  
50 Left on the dinner table  
52 Arid African expanse  
56 Small drinks  
57 Keep — profile  
58 Egypt's Anwar  
61 Experts  
62 Mooing herd  
64 Cars move up and down in it  
68 Fleur-de- —  
69 "Yes, yes!" in Spain  
71 Land in the ocean, to Yvette  
72 Iraq's locale  
73 Group of two  
74 Certain injury from an arachnid  
78 Gives 10% to the church  
80 See 96-Down  
81 Dragster fuel  
82 Guesses at JFK or SFO  
84 Iowa city  
86 Printed notice with no pictures  
89 Newly capped tire  
91 Makes a sock, say  
92 Old buddies  
95 Inmate who's broken out  
97 African cobra  
100 Staples  
Center, e.g.  
101 "Aw, shucks!"  
102 Pantry pest  
103 Baby who doesn't need a pacifier, perhaps  
106 Actor Mineo  
108 Spoken  
112 Sorvino of "Mimic"  
113 I love, to Livia  
114 It connects to a car engine's water pump  
118 People who do what's at the ends of nine answers in this puzzle  
121 Barbera's collaborator in cartoons  
122 Borden's "spokescow"  
123 Actor Romero  
124 Common bellybutton  
125 Rear- — (car accident)  
126 Banana oil or benzoate  
127 Secret U.S. govt. group  
128 Big name in insurance  
129 Deck out  
38 Lerner's collaborator in musicals  
39 Wanted-poster abbr.  
42 Grafton's "— for Quarry"  
43 Single-wheeled circus prop  
44 U.S.-Mex. border city  
45 Gives a judgment about  
46 "Dogtown" singer Yoko  
47 Paradise  
48 Persian king  
51 "The Hollow Men" poet  
53 Scholastic  
54 Simply won't  
55 Apropos of  
57 Et — (and others)  
59 Week- — -glance  
60 Mexican dish  
63 Baking qty.  
65 Petrol quantities  
66 Jacob of social reform  
67 Roosted  
68 Exam for future attys.  
70 "Here Comes the Hotstepper" singer — Kamoze  
75 Campus mil. group  
76 Hair highlight  
77 Gaggle birds  
79 Like direct combat  
83 Sea- — Airport  
85 IRS form info  
87 Iraqi, for one  
88 Back fish fin  
90 Singer Des- —  
91 Jeong of "The Hangover"  
93 Liselotte of the LPGA  
94 Revenues  
96 With  
98 Across, Silicon Valley city  
97 PIN money?  
98 Hucksters' helpers  
99 Stickler  
101 The "g" of e.g.  
104 Ike's wife  
105 Screw up  
106 Glossy fabric  
107 Bewildered  
109 Concerto part  
110 Actor Ed  
111 Get versed in  
115 Sup stylishly  
116 Lacks being  
117 Emu relative  
119 Slangy suffix with "two"  
120 Gp. for tooth drillers

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