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LAKE VERMILION

**Blue, green, and stinky**

Vermilion and other area lakes experiencing intense algae blooms

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
 Managing Editor

REGIONAL — “The water’s stinky!”  
 That was the assessment of a group of young visitors to Lake Vermilion Soudan Underground Mine State Park last week as a pronounced bloom of blue-green algae across

at least the eastern half of the lake made its sudden appearance obvious to the eyes and the noses of folks hoping to beat the heat with a cooling dip in the water over a record hot Labor Day weekend.

Vermilion isn’t the only lake looking greener than usual right now. Jesse Anderson with

the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency said the agency has received reports of algae blooms in lakes across the state. Shagawa Lake, near Ely, is also experiencing an unusually strong bloom of blue-green algae according to reports there.

“Conditions have been worse than average, likely

**Right: The view from a dock in Canfield Bay on Lake Vermilion. Swirls of dense blue-green algae have been apparent there in recent days.**

photo courtesy M. Nevers because of the very hot, sunny and dry summer – these are conditions that See...ALGAE pg. 10



CITY OF ELY

**Senior center backers fill the council chambers**

Seek funding for facility repairs

by CATIE CLARK  
 Ely Editor

ELY — Supporters of the Ely Senior Center filled every seat at the city council meeting here on Tuesday as they pressed the council for some financial help to address the nonprofit’s facility, which is badly in need of repairs.

Despite a recently completed \$120,000 renovation, repairs are still needed to address a leaky roof, the heating system needs replacement at a cost of \$20,000, and new bathrooms are needed as well.

Senior Center members, intent on making their point, handed out homemade badges saying “I (heart) senior citizens,” which most members of the city council and attendees wore during the meeting. The organization’s revenues rely on renting its building as a community space and on direct fundraising. It costs approximately \$2,000 a month to operate the facility.

Linda Maki, the treasurer of the senior center, made a request for \$24,000. She described the recent renovation, which included needed replacements and repairs to the center’s “kitchen, windows, doors, lighting, and ceiling.” She listed all the work that still needs to be done to the center’s building, which is in what used to be Rothman’s Garage. She also listed 16 different groups and organizations that

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BACK TO SCHOOL



**Top: Students in Ely appear a bit hesitant as they get off the school bus for the first day of classes.**

**Left: Johnny Gawboy looks a bit nervous as he heads to meet his Kindergarten teacher at Tower-Soudan Elementary. He’s accompanied by his mother Jasmine Gawboy and Tristan Day**

**Right: Silas Strong and Kali Kester look excited as they head into the North Woods**  
 photos by Timberjay staff



EDUCATION

**Building renovations, new staff make for exciting start at Vermilion Country School**

by JODI SUMMIT  
 Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- Vermilion Country School was all set to welcome their students on Sept. 5, with new staff and a newly renovated school

**Left: Students in the hallway of the newly-renovated school.**

building. Gone are the high ceilings and open nature of the former manufacturing facility, replaced by new separated classrooms, a lowered ceiling, and all new LED lighting and new windows that allow students and staff to finally see outside.

A new heating and cooling system is coming later this fall.

While the updated facility is the most noticeable change this year, new staff at the school could ultimately have the biggest impact

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Community notices

**Community Night Out set for Sept. 10**

EMBARRASS- Sisu Heritage of Embarrass is celebrating their annual Community Night Out on Sunday, Sept. 10 from 4-6:30 p.m. at the historic Seitaniemi Homestead. Big T and the Growlers will provide the music. Come for the free outdoor concert and a tour of the restored housebarn at this family-friendly event.

Chili, pie, and coffee will be available. Bring your own beverage, blanket, and lawn chair. Freewill donations are gladly accepted. Proceeds go to Sisu's restoration projects in Embarrass and the surrounding area. The Seitaniemi Homestead is located on Comet Road in Waasa, between Embarrass and Babbitt. Watch for signs on Hwy 21. Call 218-984-3012 or visit sisuheritage.org for more information.

**Harvest Moon Festival opens Sept. 8**

ELY- The Harvest Moon Festival begins today and runs through Sunday, Sept. 10. The festival will feature 100 booths filled with arts, crafts, and food.

The festival's featured artist is Larry Ricker of LHR Images. Returning artists include Good Wolf Bowls, Raucous Jewelry, Watercolors by Bonnie, and Pharr Thrown Pottery – just to name a few. This year's event also includes a great assortment of new artists including Kristin Webster Art Studio, Finns Way Books, Christian's Maple Syrup, and Burly Babe.

For hungry festival attendees, the Kiwanis will be in the Pavilion with their delicious pies, ice cream, and beverages. Other food court favorites returning this year include Becky's Oriental, SB Concessions, and Bob-O-Que Smokehouse and Grill. There are also several new food trucks this year that include: Mee-Ma's Coffee, Frozen Tundra, Beyond Nuts, and Nacho Bizness.

Running in conjunction with the Harvest Moon Festival is Harvest Days featuring area businesses, highlighting their locally-made products, product lines, special events, and more. Harvest Days started on Thursday, Sept. 7 and runs through Sunday, Sept. 10. A map for Harvest Days is available at Ely.org or at the Ely Chamber of Commerce office.

**Mesabi Symphony Orchestra presents "North of Broadway" Sept. 29 and 30**

REGIONAL- Mesabi Symphony Orchestra (MSO) is presenting "North of Broadway" Friday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m. at Minnesota North College Vermilion Campus, Ely and Sunday, Sept. 30 at 7 p.m. in the Eveleth City Auditorium. Tickets are available at mesabisymphonyorchestra.org, Brainstorm Bakery Ely, and Schmitt Music in Virginia.

**"These Shining Lives" on stage at LVCC**

TOWER- Stages of the Range Players is producing the play "These Shining Lives" by Melanie Marnich in September. Performances of the play will be in Tower at the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center, and Gilbert at the City Auditorium.

"These Shining Lives" chronicles the strength and determination of women considered expendable in their day, the early decades of the 20th Century.

Stages of the Range Players is a nomadic theater company that presents and produces live theater at various venues across the Iron Range. With over 20 years of experience in Virginia under different company identities, Stages of the Range Players produces dinner theater experiences, radio plays at care centers and elsewhere, and now stages plays in area auditoriums and community centers.

The production of "These Shining Lives" by Stages of the Range Players is made possible in part by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from the Arrowhead Regional Arts Council, thanks to appropriations from the Minnesota State Legislature's general fund.

Performances will be at the Vermilion Cultural Center, 705 Main Street in Tower, on Sunday, Sept. 10 at 2:30 p.m., and on Monday Sept. 11, and Tuesday Sept. 12 at 7 p.m. Performances in Gilbert will be at the City Auditorium, 17 Broadway on Friday Sept. 22, and Saturday Sept. 23 at 7 p.m., and Sunday Sept. 24 at 2:30 p.m. Tickets are \$17 plus processing fee when pre-purchased at <https://www.onthestage.tickets/stages-of-the-range-players>, or \$20 at the door while seats are available.

ECO - MINDED

**Northern Progressives focus on metal recycling at Sept. meeting**

COOK- The growing movement to expand the recycling of metals from discarded electronics will be the focus of an upcoming Northern Progressives meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crescent Bar & Grill, 9257 Olson Rd.

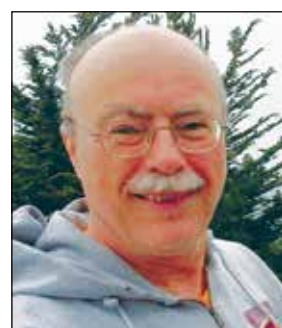
Marlise Riffel of Virginia and Keith Steva of Cook will discuss the status of efforts to provide collection sites at county solid waste facilities in Minnesota as well as the economic potential for siting metal recovery busi-

nesses—and jobs—on the Iron Range.

Riffel is a retired sociologist and Steva is a retired electrical engineer and business executive. They are part of a Minnesota group that has been researching the economic potential of salvaging metals in electronics, most of which now end up in landfills.

The event is open to the public. Attendees may order food and beverages from the menu.

Northern Progressives has a progressive so-



Riffel (left) and Steva (right) are featured speakers at the upcoming Northern Progressives meeting Sept. 13.

cial and political agenda and works to educate its members and the public about current civic affairs.

For more information, contact Leah Rogne, 218-787-2212 or [leah.rogne@gmail.com](mailto:leah.rogne@gmail.com).

WALK FOR THE CAUSE

**Walk to End Alzheimer's set for Sept. 16**

CHISHOLM- The Alzheimer's Association is inviting Range area residents to join the fight for a different future by participating in the Alzheimer's Association Walk to End Alzheimer's® on Saturday, Sept. 16. The event takes place at the Minnesota Discovery Center, 1005 Discovery Drive in Chisholm. This inspirational event is one of more than 600 in the country taking place this fall to help the association fund its local no-cost support groups and educational programs, research efforts around the globe and advocacy efforts on behalf of families impacted by dementia and Alzheimer's.

In this new era with Alzheimer's treatments advancing, walkers are fighting for a different fu-

ture for families facing Alzheimer's and other dementia. They walk in honor of loved ones impacted by the disease and future generations. The walk begins with a poignant Promise Garden ceremony where walkers hold a colored flower representing their personal connection to the cause. They may have lost someone (purple), be fighting the disease (blue), a caregiver (yellow), or a supporter of the cause (orange).

Check-in is at 9 a.m. and the opening ceremony is at 10 a.m. with the walk to follow. Participants are encouraged to register early and fundraise to help the Alzheimer's Association reach its \$85,000 goal. Registration is free.

Liz Carlsen is the walk's volunteer chair and sadly lost her grand-

father who had dementia. She is taking part and says, "I've had the personal experience of living with my grandfather, who we called "Poppa." My family watched the disease progress to the point of not being able to keep him at home. Years ago our resources were so limited and so far away." Liz is participating to change this, supporting the walk to fund programs for local families and advance research.

To register and receive the latest updates on this year's Walk to End Alzheimer's, visit <http://act.alz.org/rangearea>. After registering, each person gets their own fundraising web page that is easy to edit and share.

BE CREATIVE

**Finnish paper star Take & Create art kits available now at ALS libraries**

MT. IRON -The Arrowhead Library System (ALS) will be providing Finnish Paper Star Take & Create Art Kits to member public libraries to distribute September 15-29. This art experience created by the Duluth Folk School explores Finnish paper star making and paper weaving techniques. Take & Create Art Kits will include supplies to create 2-3 unique stars, including cardstock paper strips, glue stick, scissors, string, and an instructional printout for different star styles. A follow-along instructional video will be shared online for par-



ticipants. Kits will be distributed at the following public libraries and ALS outreach locations: Babbitt Public Library, Cook Public Library, Ely Public Library, Virginia Public Library, Arrowhead Li-

brary System Bookmobile, Arrowhead Library System Mail-A-Book (patrons must qualify for Mail-A-Book services, kit may be modified in order to deliver by mail).

This program is best

suited for ages 7 and older - younger kids may need extra help from an adult. Please note each location has a limited number of kits - feel free to contact your local library for more information. This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, please see our calendar at [www.alslib.info](http://www.alslib.info) or like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/alslibinfo](http://www.facebook.com/alslibinfo).

**Beware of scam calls in our area**

REGIONAL- The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office has taken numerous reports of scam calls in our area. The caller claims to be a member of law enforcement and says the person missed a court date and demands a monetary payment over the phone. These calls are not

legitimate.

The Sheriff's Office wants to advise the public that law enforcement does not call members of our community to ask for payment over the phone. If anyone receives one of these calls, please do not provide any payment by cash, credit card,

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## LOST

## Search continues for missing Gheen man

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

Disappeared Saturday walking toward Gheen

**GHEEN-** The search for a Willow Valley Township man with Parkinson's disease who went missing this past weekend was ongoing as of Tuesday, with the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and Rescue Squad continuing to try to track down leads.

Sixty-three-year-old Glenn Stevenson was last seen walking on the Willow River Rd., approximately one-quarter of a mile south of Gheen on Saturday at approximately 9:52 a.m., according to a sheriff's office release.

A ping of Stevenson's cell phone indicated it was in the Gheen area, but it could be anywhere within a three-mile radius. Stevenson has not answered the phone, and it is unknown if it was still in his possession at the time of the ping.

Friends and neighbors have also been actively involved in the search for Stevenson, according to his sister, Kathy Stevenson, who talked with the *Timberjay* on Tuesday to provide more details.

Stevenson, who lives west of the Hwy. 53/Willow Valley Rd. intersection, said that when she went to the Cook Farmers Market on Saturday she took Glenn along to visit his girlfriend in Cook.

"He seemed happy when I dropped him off," Stevenson said. "A half-hour later his girlfriend called and said he was starting to act belligerent and could I come bring him home. So, I left the market and went and picked him up, and he was definitely belligerent."

Belligerent is one of the last words friends would normally use to describe Glenn Stevenson. One described him on social media as "the kindest, sweetest person you'll ever meet." Kathy Stevenson said he's "pretty mellow" and described his behavior on Saturday as "very unusual."

On the way back home, Kathy decided to stop at the house of one of Glenn's friends, Gary Bundy.

"As soon as we stopped, he got out of the car and took off," Kathy said. "I asked Gary to go look for him because all my stuff was still back in Cook. Gary was going to go toward Glenn's house because that's where he thought he was going."

But Glenn had headed in a different direction.

"I got out on Hwy. 53 and there was Glenn, heading south on 53 a quarter mile down the road already,"

Kathy said. "I pulled up behind him, honked the horn and opened the window and hollered and he turned around and looked at me and kept walking. So, I drove back and asked Gary to go get him because I figured Gary is bigger than me so he could handle him better. He argued with Gary, but Gary did get him in the car and they went back to Gary's."

Meanwhile, Kathy went back to the farmers market in Cook to collect her things, and feeling tired, she went home to rest, apparently believing Glenn had returned to his home as well.

On Sunday she went to Glenn's house to check on him and discovered he wasn't there. Upon contacting Gary, she learned that Glenn had taken off again from Gary's on Saturday. Glenn had been seen walking toward old Gheen, and Gary called another of Glenn's friends, Brad Carver, to see if he could get Glenn.

"Glenn cussed at Brad and told him to go away and wouldn't get in the car and he just kept walking," Kathy said.

Gary had called 911 on Saturday about Glenn, and Kathy then made another 911 call to report him missing.

Kathy believes Glenn's aberrant and oppositional behavior was due to either an overdose or lack of his Parkinson's medications. According to the Parkinson's Foundation, up to 30 percent of those suffering from the disease may experience hallucinations and delusions that can develop as a result of a change in medication or as a symptom of an unrelated infection or illness.

Kathy said she prepares Glenn's medications for him but isn't certain if he's always taking them correctly.

"He's been on a level even keel for most of the summer," she said. "But last week he was thinking he saw his grandson at his house, which is kind of a harmless delusion. But Saturday he was angry at everybody and thought we were all trying to lock him up. He was basically running away from us."

The Parkinson's Foundation categorizes what Kathy called a paranoid delusion as severe.

Kathy said it's typical for Glenn to come out of a delusion after about an hour, and that he's aware right away of what has happened. She speculated that it's possible he hasn't come out of Saturday's episode.



Glenn Stevenson

The search has involved a lot of footwork, and has included dogs and drones, but as of Tuesday no sign of Glenn had been discovered.

Kathy is holding out hope that Glenn will turn up safe and sound. She put up flyers in Cook and Orr on Tuesday. "He's probably running away from people because he thinks we're going to do something to him," she said. "But he pretty much knows everybody around that area. I just hope he's sitting in someone's kitchen drinking a beer. Somebody's cabin that doesn't have internet or TV."

Glenn Stevenson is approximately 5'10" tall and weighs approximately 130 pounds. He was last seen wearing a tee shirt under a green and blue flannel shirt and blue jeans. The sheriff's office is asking anyone who may have information related to Stevenson's whereabouts to call 911 and reference case 23129421.

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## News briefs

## Three juveniles injured in holiday ATV accidents

**REGIONAL-** A pair of Labor Day weekend ATV accidents sent two juveniles to area hospitals with non-life-threatening injuries and a third home with minor bruises.

On Saturday afternoon at about 4 p.m. the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office responded to the report of an ATV accident with injuries on Randa Road on the north side of Lake Vermilion.

A side-by-side ATV was being driven by a 15-year-old, with an 11-year old passenger, when they got too close to a ditch, causing the driver to over-correct the steering which then flipped the ATV onto its side. Both were wearing seatbelts. One of the juveniles with minor, non-life-threatening injuries was taken via air medical from the scene to Cook Hospital. The other juvenile was released to their parents at the scene with minor bruises. The cause of the accident remains under investigation.

Cook first responders along with the Cook and Virginia Ambulance services also responded.

At around 7:30 p.m. Saturday, deputies responded to an ATV accident with injuries on the Taconite Trail - "Wooden Table Spur" in Unorganized Township 60R-19, which is approximately 15 miles north of Buhl.

Area first responders found a 13-year-old male from the Eveleth area suffering from injuries sustained when the ATV flipped over and ejected the him off of the machine. The juvenile suffered non-life-threatening injuries and was transported to an area hospital by Chisholm Ambulance.

Deputies were assisted by the Evergreen Fire Department, Chisholm Ambulance, and Chisholm Fire Department. The cause of the crash remains under investigation by the Sheriff's Office, but neither alcohol nor speed were contributing factors.

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## Editorial

### Questions raised

Why weren't PolyMet's permits done right the first time?

For the past few years, former Republican Gov. Arne Carlson and many others have been asking questions about the state of Minnesota's apparent willingness to issue permits for copper-nickel mines, like PolyMet, that appear to lack the regulatory heft that we all have a right to expect from our state agencies.

Minnesota has a deserved reputation for strong environmental laws, but those laws aren't worth the paper they're printed on if the state officials charged with enforcing those rules aren't doing their jobs. As we've reported on numerous occasions over the past few years, virtually all of the major permits issued by either the DNR or the state's Pollution Control Agency have been reversed or otherwise set aside by the courts from the district level right up to the Supreme Court for failing to abide by the state's own laws and administrative rules.

While we can, perhaps, take some solace knowing that we have courts willing to challenge our own regulatory agencies, the real question that state officials, from the Governor's Office to the Legislature, should be asking is why these permits weren't done right the first time.

Carlson and others have raised uncomfortable, and appropriate, questions about relationships between state regulators and some of those they're tasked with regulating.

We've seen the revolving door at work, at times, with a former DNR assistant commissioner who went on to lead the MPCA before finally taking a top job with PolyMet. We've had MPCA officials pressuring the Environmental Protection Agency to refrain from issuing public comments on PolyMet's water discharge permit because they didn't want the media to know of the EPA's concerns about some of the omissions in the permit. That is absolutely

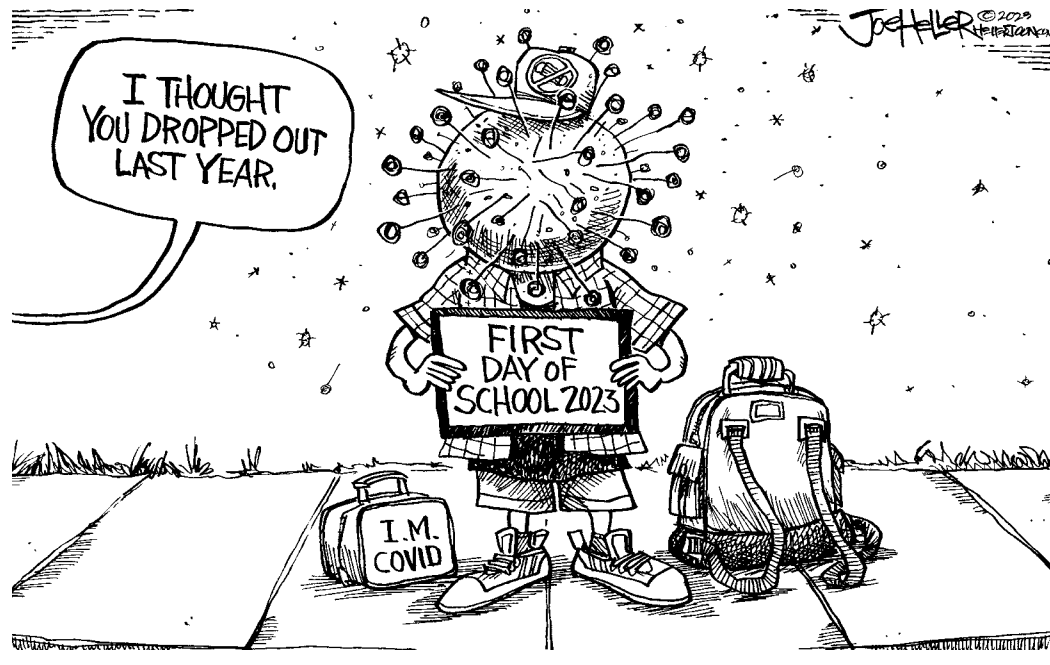
unacceptable. The MPCA should have been worried only about addressing the EPA's concerns. Instead, it focused on keeping those concerns from the public and out of the administrative record that courts would rely on to assess their due diligence in the permitting process.

No one involved in that incident should still be employed by any regulatory agency in the state of Minnesota, but one of the key MPCA officials involved is now an assistant commissioner at the DNR. This is all troubling and it raises questions about the transparency and integrity of our state government.

When Minnesotans see state regulators acting as lap dogs for the industries they're supposed to keep in check, it raises logical concerns. Those concerns only grow when the primary owner of PolyMet is Glencore, an international conglomerate that is known around the world for using bribery, fraud, and other shady tactics to gain access to commodities such as metals.

While Minnesota has long had a solid reputation for honesty and ethics in government, the fact that state regulators have, time and again, issued permits for the PolyMet project that failed to pass legal muster is a red flag that should not simply be shrugged off by Gov. Tim Walz or state lawmakers.

If state regulatory agencies don't have the capacity or the competence to issue proper permits, state officials need to get them the resources and people they need to ensure that they can do so in the future. If, instead, state regulators are too cozy with companies like PolyMet, heads should roll and those discharged should be replaced by individuals willing to do the job the right way.



## Letters from Readers

### A mug shot to match his personality

I came to the conclusion some time ago that Donald Trump is as close to pure evil as anyone we've ever seen in public life, up to and including Joe McCarthy and Richard Nixon, who both set the bar pretty high. If that assessment is true, then his mug shot from Georgia appears to be a perfect fit.

Lynn Scott  
Soudan

### Modern ambulance services require change

Several of us in Greenwood Township have been following the ambulance issue in our area and statewide for several years. The issues and the solutions, it turns out, aren't rocket science. Our town board commissioned an experienced consultant to put into writing an outline that would result specifically in a regional approach to a modern Advanced Life Support, sustainable ambulance service. Unfortunately, and to our surprise, it turned out that the consultant hardly touched on a regional approach as it was clearly instructed to do and instead basically sent us a list of things to patch up the status quo.

I would therefore caution about relying heavily on a consultant. If they have a background in EMS, they tend to favor patching up the status quo. Similarly, we have found, and very importantly the legislative auditor has also found and documented, that the State Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board (EMSRB), which is in charge of regulating Minnesota ambulance operations, is quite deficient in its duties, as is pointed out in the very well written "Emergency Ambulance Services 2022 Evaluation Report" by the Office of the Legislative Auditor. This report is a necessary read. Sadly, the 2023 Legislature didn't act on any of the deficiencies that the legislative auditor clearly listed, other than a temporary patch of the status quo here and

there with minimal one time money.

In Greenwood, we continue to advocate toward a modern service. Really, it isn't rocket science to build a modern regional ambulance service, but it does require an acceptance of reality and of change. That's the tough part, but sooner or later it is inevitable. The longer we all wait, the more painful it gets. "Regional ambulance service consolidation" is a term we have to get used to. We've had a good preview of the necessity of it with our area schools.

Lee Peterson  
Greenwood Township

### Hand out school supplies rather than candy

Here's a thought. School teachers need student supplies every year that our taxes do not pay for. Every year in July and August there are numerous parades that shower kids with tons of candy, much of it going unused. Why not have each parade participant get in touch with their schools and acquire a list of items they need and hand those out instead? More than one fire truck, police car, ambulance, business float could divide up the items (say pencils, back packs, crayons, etc.) so that more than one entity is supplying what is needed. This would be healthier and help the teachers cut down on their costs out of pocket. I saw one group in Bovey on Labor Day handing out pencils and this is where I got this idea.

Brian Carlson  
Grand Rapids

### All living things need water to survive

Only one half of one percent of the world's water is potable in liquid form, the rest is salt water or glaciers. Of that amount, 72 percent is used by agriculture, 16 percent by households, and 12 percent by industry. The water needs for the present worldwide population of eight billion people is expected to grow as the population increases to ten billion

people by 2050. In addition, rising global temperatures are already straining the world's diminishing potable water supplies. Two-thirds of the global population are experiencing severe water scarcity. Half of Minnesota's water bodies are classified as "impaired" by the state's pollution agency. Seven western U.S. states are already using more water than they are allocated from a multistate rationing system by depleting groundwater sources to support farming, industrial use, and the general population.

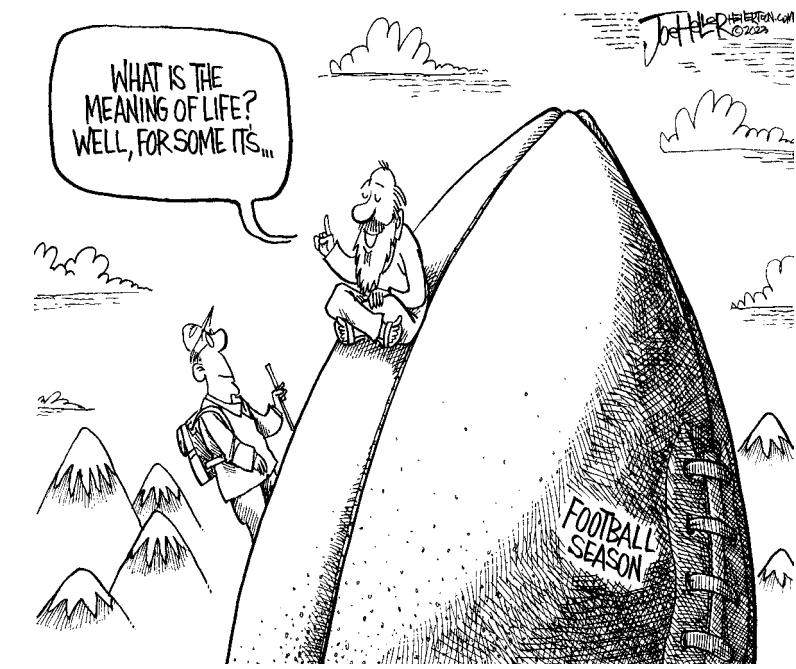
Increasing temperatures are requiring greater demand for water irrigation of crops, orchards, and livestock. Plus, there is an increase in the use of fertilizers and pesticides increasing the likelihood of contamination of water sources.

Desalination of ocean salt water has not been an alternative due to the cost of making the water potable. Hopefully, technology will eventually make it a viable economic alternative to groundwater aquifers. Nevertheless, the U.S. presently lacks the transportation infrastructure to equitably distribute substantial quantities of water to rural and urban markets. The management of a nationwide allocation and sourcing system to meet future needs has yet to evolve. Half a dozen federal agencies set the rules on groundwater, but not on overuse and depletion.

Fortunately, Ely is in a water-rich environment. According to information at the National Historic Register site of Ely's Pioneer Mine "it was necessary to pump about two million gallons of water a day from the mine. It was 'raining' all the time and miners wore rubber suits."

The value of old mines for renewable water sources may become more obvious during the twenty-year mineral moratorium than the value of the local copper ore. The water would be less expensive to extract and would not disrupt the environment.

Gerry Snyder  
Ely



## Why I don't want to cover 9/11 tributes

In 2019, the editor of a local newspaper asked me to cover the local 9/11 tribute parade of local police and fire trucks. I refused.

Now that I have your attention because of that outrageous statement, let me explain.

My 9/11 was my own private hell for several years. New York is near and dear to me. My grandparents had



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an apartment on Amsterdam Avenue on the Upper West Side. All my siblings lived and worked in Manhattan at some point in their lives. I also lived in Manhattan for two and half years. After I got married, I dragged my long-suffering husband all over the city to visit all my favorite spots. I will always love New York.

Survivor's guilt was likely a large

part of what I experienced after 9/11. The day of the attacks was one of the most vivid of my life, consumed with locating my brother who I knew who worked at the World Trade Center as a senior IT executive at Merrill Lynch.

Needless to say, it was impossible to call anywhere on the East Coast that day. I sat at my desk at work and tried every hour. John's cell phone, John's office phone, John's home phone, my sister-in-law's cell phone, my sister's work phone,

my sister's cell phone, my parents' home in Connecticut. I gave up mid-afternoon. Needless to say, I didn't get any work done that day.

My brother was at the Wall Street Stock Exchange Computer Center on the 30th floor of the South Tower. We did not know what happened to him until he arrived home around 9 p.m., suit caked with dust.

John exited WTC-2 down one of those stairwells everyone saw on the news, on to the plaza level of the World Trade Center

complex. He was walking up E. Broadway when the south tower fell. With NYC's mass transit immobilized, he found his way to the docks on the west side and got a ride across the Hudson to New Jersey. From there, he hitchhiked home in his dust-encrusted suit. Because every bridge to Manhattan was closed to vehicle traffic, the rides he caught took him up I-287 and across the Hudson on the Tappan Zee Bridge, 30 miles north

COMMENTARY

# On the path to lowering drug prices

The cost of prescription drugs has been too high for too long, and it's hurt Americans' health and bank accounts. Medicines don't work if people can't afford them. For far too many people, high drug prices can force difficult choices like whether to ration meds or food or not pay the electric bill during a hot summer. This is true even for seniors covered by Medicare. But after years of effort, we are finally on a path to lower drug costs, starting with our seniors.



**U.S. SEN. AMY KLOBUCHAR**

Up until last year, a provision in federal law written by the big drug companies prevented Medicare from getting better prices for seniors and taxpayers. I have always thought that was wrong and for years led the bill to fix this. Finally, in 2022, parts of my bill were signed into law. As a result, Medicare just released a list of ten drugs that cost Medicare and taxpayers a fortune last year that will be subject to negoti-

ated prices in the next few years. Those drugs are:

- Eliquis, which treats and prevents blood clots
- Jardiance, which treats diabetes and heart failure
- Xarelto, which treats and prevents blood clots and cardiovascular disease
- Januvia, which treats diabetes
- Farxiga, which treats diabetes, heart failure, and chronic kidney disease
- Entresto, which treats heart failure
- Enbrel, which treats rheumatoid arthritis, psoriasis, and psoriatic arthritis
- Imbruvica, which treats blood cancers
- Stelara, which treats psoriasis, psoriatic arthritis, Crohn's disease, and ulcerative colitis
- Fiasp and NovoLog, which treat diabetes

Patients taking these common medications for everything from rheumatoid arthritis to blood clots to diabetes deserve better prices. I'm thinking of a patient in Glenville who stopped taking Januvia and Jardiance because of the high cost. A lower price could

be game-changing for his health and reduce his expenses. Every year, additional prescription drugs will get negotiated prices, so those taking drugs not on this list should benefit from savings in the years ahead.

This announcement is a big landmark, but it's just a start. There is still so much work to do. I am continuing to fight to pass my new legislation to double the number of drugs that Medicare can negotiate the price of each year. I lead another bill with Republican Senator Chuck Grassley of Iowa to stop some of Big Pharma's most predatory conduct, like keeping affordable generics off the market. It passed the Senate Judiciary Committee earlier this year, and I'm working to get it to the floor of the Senate for a full vote.

The era of Big Pharma shaking down seniors is coming to an end. We can no longer be a country that looks away as routine medications drive Americans deeper and deeper into debt. Congress took action, and prices are coming down. I'm committed to working across the aisle to build on this momentum to make prescription drugs more affordable.

## Letters from Readers

### Thanks to all who made the Embarrass Fair a success

This letter is about the Embarrass Region Fair. First, I want to thank the Good Lord for blessing us with three days of beautiful weather. This year, we probably set a record for attendance. I also want to thank all the volunteers who helped make the weekend a great success! How many hours? I have no idea.

Small towns, like Embarrass, take pride in their fair and usually have no problem getting volunteers, even had some that just moved to the area. Was it without some dissension? Nope. I have been with the Fair Association for over 45 years. Will this change? Probably not. But one thing that always happens...everybody on the association is always there to put on a great fair.

There is no question that the greatest asset we have are the people who come through the gates— without them, there would be no fair. Again, many thanks to everyone who was involved.

**Roland Fowler**  
**Embarrass Region Fair Association**  
**Maintenance Committee**  
**Embarrass**

## 9/11...Continued from page 4

of lower Manhattan. A series of complete strangers eventually delivered him to his home in Winton, Conn.

My sister called me sometime after 9 p.m. Eastern Time with the news. It was the first I had heard from my family. The phone call fell to my sister because my mother was occupied dealing with my invalid father, who spent the day convinced his only son was dead.

The reaction to traumatic events for survivors is complicated. Climbing out of the attendant pit of grief, guilt, and stress is also different for every person. A "one size fits all" response to the collective grief of a nation, or of the grief of an individual, doesn't exist and shouldn't be expected.

According to the Pew Research Center, 63 percent of Americans reported that they couldn't stop watching news coverage of the attacks. In another study, around 60 percent of Americans watched the events of 9/11 at the World Trade Center live on television, according to research by Roxane Cohen Silver, a professor of psychological science, medicine, and public health at the University of California Irvine. The rest saw those events through television or other news media during the inten-

sive media coverage that followed the attacks. The 60 percent suffered greater post-trauma physical and psychological effects in the years that followed. The impact of the 9/11 attacks on the entire nation are undeniable.

The 9/11 attacks were followed by the rise of a new media venue, the internet, with its 24/7 capacity to deliver both news and misinformation seconds after events occur. Self-expression on social media is a tsunami, and every year, the 9/11 tribute parades and memorial ceremonies are outnumbered by the number of individual tributes flooding the internet. The internet made it possible for a nation of more than 300 million to collectively revisit the national trauma of 9/11 every year, year after year.

It is undeniable that 9/11 was an event that created national collective grief and trauma. The path of grief is different for every person and I will not stand in the way of others who want or need to express themselves on the anniversary of this tragedy. My own baggage from 9/11 left me with no desire to attend parades or memorial services, except for maybe the one held every year in New York. I would also like to see the towers of light that are lit up every year where the

two towers once stood. That means something to me more than any random parade or tribute held thousands of miles away from New York.

Professor Silver and her colleagues ran a study on post-9/11 reactions that lasted several years using a "nationally representative sample of individuals." Approximately one in 20 of the several thousand in the study "were either in New York or Washington, D.C., or Pennsylvania, or had been on the phone with somebody in one of the buildings or had been in the area and had witnessed the events directly." Before I discovered this and similar research, I had no idea that the proportion of those directly touched by the 9/11 attacks was so large.

Doing a little math, one in 20 Americans is approximately 16 million people. Studies consistently show that the closer someone was to the vicinity of the 9/11 events or to the people directly involved, the more their mental and physical health was affected. Keep in mind that these are statistical results. They report averaged trends. Some of the 16 million are certainly outliers, people who bounced back from their trauma and grief quickly, and others who likely fell complete-

ly apart. Regardless of the exceptions that prove the rule, Silver et al. reported that most suffered some elevated effects of grief and post-trauma stress disorders with recoveries within three years.

The 9/11 attacks affected more than just my brother.

One of my oldest friends was working at the Pentagon on the morning of 9/11. He successfully evacuated but the event caused him to reevaluate his life in startling ways. He first moved out of Washington, D.C. to Austin, Texas. He dropped his career as an analyst at a think tank and took up making armor and jewelry for Medieval re-creation groups. His marriage fell apart and he started gender-change treatments and renamed himself Stephanie.

My brother does not talk about 9/11. Like my friend Max, who is now my friend Stephanie, my brother went a bit sideways after the 9/11 attacks and I confess, I didn't like him very much during that time. He finally returned to being a pleasant person after he left New York to take a job in Seattle.

We have only spoken once about his experience. It was a short conversation and it left me with a compulsion to know everything about 9/11. In that phone call, John said

he exited across the WTC plaza. I knew that was where many of the bodies who fell or jumped from WTC-1 had come to rest. I asked him if he had seen any of those who fell.

"Yeah," he replied. "They were people pizza."

I used to run a volunteer EMS organization. I know what messy post-blunt-trauma body parts look like. I couldn't eat pizza for quite a while after that phone call.

Outwardly, I appeared fine. In private, I was obsessed. I spent about five

years reading fire science texts, forensic pathology texts, and every single page of every 9/11 report published. I collected 9/11 texts, photos and videos, and engaged in the strange exercise of looking for my brother in them. I could not stop thinking about 9/11 for a long time.

Having emerged from that fog, I find reminders of 9/11 uncomfortable. I have no desire to attend 9/11 tributes or parades because I will never get what my brother said to me out of my head.

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Week of Sept. 11

**Monday**

Embarrass Al-Anon Family Group- Hope Lutheran Church, 5088 Hwy. 21, 6 p.m.  
Tower City Council- 5:30 p.m. on Sept. 11

**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.

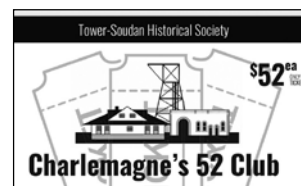
Greenwood Fire Dept.- Training meetings on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Greenwood Town Board- 6:30 p.m. on Sept. 12

**Thursday**

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

Vermilion Country School Board- Meetings posted online at [vermilioncountry.org](http://vermilioncountry.org).

**TSHS week 6 winner**

TOWER- The week six winner of Charlemagne's 52 Club \$100 prize is Bergetta Indihar of Tower.

**History Tidbit:**

1948: Betsy Kangas, Ruth Holm and Rosemary Tanko won first, second and third place in the 1948 decorated doll buggy contest.

**More information on the Peyla family**

*This information comes from Frances Jensen...* Though I did not attend Dick Peyla's presentation about the Peyla family, I need to clarify that my grandmother, Frances Peyla Reioux and her husband, my grandfather Joseph Reioux were the owners and operators of the original Y. It is where my mother grew up along with her two brothers after they were adopted by the Reioux family. It is where Peter Peyla's wife lived after his passing. The *Hometown Focus* dated June 10, 2016 contains an article I wrote entitled The Y: Memories of My Grandparents' Store. I submitted early pictures of The Y (never called the Y Store back then). John Peyla was the builder of the structure where the store was located and where the Reioux's lived. I hope this clarifies any questions remaining and gives my grandparents Joe and Frances Reioux the acknowledgment they are due, along with my mother Betty Reioux Engman and her brothers, Donald and Ronald Reioux, who spent their growing up years working at The Y.



**Above: First-grader Valerie Boshey enjoys her breakfast.** photos by J. Summit

**Below: New VCS teachers Amy Hendrickson (center) and Marjory Wood (left) talk with 11th-grader Caleb Ramponi, who is doing PSEO work this year.**

**SCHOOL IS IN SESSION**

**Above: Vermilion Country School director Sam O'Brien (seated in a red shirt) works with 11th grader Jace Swan on setting goals for the upcoming school year.**

**Below: Pikachu fan Ryan McGuire starts first grade in style.**

**Finnish immigration focus of talk at LVCC on Sept. 19**

TOWER- The Lake Vermilion Cultural Center is pleased to announce that Val Myntti will be the presenter as part of the education series of the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center in Tower. The event will be held on Tuesday, Sept. 19 in St. Mary's Hall, starting with a potluck supper at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a dish to share. The presentation will begin at 6:15 p.m. and is free and open to the public.

The title of Val's presentation is "A Personal Finnish Immigration Story". She will discuss how the Finns came to America with an already well-formulated cooperative ethos that emphasized the common good and mutual aid over narrow self-interest. It is fascinating to see



**Val Myntti**

how that philosophy thrived on the Iron Range. Finnish immigrants brought their own brand of 'Finnish Socialism' to America that inspired them to help lead northern Minnesota's labor unions and the workers' fight for

fair play and safer working conditions in the mines and lumber mills. They created consumer cooperatives and intentional communities throughout the upper Midwest. Their Finnish ancestors' deeply held values of communitarianism offer insight into how to address some of the most vexing challenges of our time.

Val was born in Duluth and lived in various Iron Range mining towns until the sixth grade, when her family left Minnesota. She has B.S. and M.S. degrees from the University of Utah, as well as a law degree from Rutgers University in New Jersey. Her career included the practice of law and leading an independent college prep school in New

York (nursery through grade 12).

Val and her husband, Frank Sherman, retired to the Myntti cabin at Eagles Nest Lake 3 in 2018 and travel part of the year.

This event is part of the ongoing education series the LVCC has sponsored over the last 11 years. Note: the LVCC is also hosting the play "These Shining Lives" by Melanie Marnich on Sept. 10 at 2:30 p.m. and Sept. 11 and 12 at 7 p.m. This event is presented by the Stages of the Range Players. Tickets are \$20 at the door or may be purchased online at <https://tinyurl.com/SRPTheater>. To learn more about the LVCC visit [vermilion-culturalcenter.org](http://vermilion-culturalcenter.org).

**TSHS Annual Meeting and dinner set for Thursday, Sept. 14**

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Historical Society will host the organization's annual meeting on Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Tower Civic Center.

Check-in and social time will begin at 5 p.m. At that time the "Best Bid" silent auction will begin. At 5:30 p.m. there will be a free, and open to anyone wishing to attend, History Talk presented by Mary Palcich Keyes. Keyes is familiar to area residents for her "Years of Yore" articles on Iron Range history in the *Mesaabi Tribune* and affiliated papers,

and her history stories in the *Hometown Focus*. After graduation from Hibbing High School, she attended the College of St. Catherine in St. Paul. Her teaching career included four years of teaching classes about Minnesota history and research at the Minnesota Historical Society's History Center in downtown St. Paul. Keyes holds leadership roles in the Hibbing Historical Society and represents the Society on the St. Louis County Historical Society Board of Governors. She, with her husband Joe,

also speaks to groups on various history topics, particularly about the Iron Range.

Keyes has prepared a special presentation for the TSHS about the story behind how Philadelphia Charlemagne Tower and his business partners and friends in Duluth and in the Minnesota state government worked together to create a railroad to carry iron ore to Lake Superior which would then enable the initiation of the first iron mining venture on the Range in Soudan.

Afterwards, the TSHS will

provide a delicious Italian dinner for \$25 per person for those who wish to stay. Those interested in attending the dinner should reserve their spot by Monday, Sept. 11, by calling 218-750-0193 or 715-558-5391.

After dinner the TSHS will hold a brief annual meeting followed by quick and fun games of History Trivia and History Jeopardy for those who want to win prizes for their knowledge of local history. After that, the winners of the "Best Bid" silent auction will be announced.

**COMMUNITY NEWS****Volunteers needed for boardwalk building day**

TOWER- The Wagoner Trails Club will be constructing a short section of boardwalk that will connect the Mesabi Trail to the "orange trail" for the Ancient Cedars trail. The board walk will cover a short swampy section. The work day will be held on Saturday, Sept. 16. Volunteers can

meet at 9 a.m. at the train depot trailhead.

**Lunch bunch to meet on Tuesday, Sept. 19**

ELY- The Lunch Bunch will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 19 at 12:30 p.m. at the Grand Ely Lodge in Ely. Please RSVP to Kathy at 218-753-2530. Anyone that would like to join us are welcome.

**Kugler Township hosting picnic, Sunday, Sept. 17**

KUGLER TWP- The Kugler Town Board is hosting a picnic for township residents and friends on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 3 - 6 p.m. at the Kugler Town Hall on Hwy. 135. Brats and all the fixings will be served. Come

see the township's new pickleball court, which is open to the public.

**St. Martin's Annual Pasties Sale**

TOWER- St. Martin's is getting ready for their Annual Pasties Fundraiser. Orders are now being taken, and the last day to order is Friday, Sept. 15. To order, call the rectory office (218-753-4310), or stop by the rectory to see Maryann. Orders and money may also be mailed to St. Martin's, P.O. Box 757, Tower, MN 55790.

You will need to tell us at the time of your order is you want rutabaga or not in your pasties. The cost of the pasties is \$7; and they must be paid at the time of the order. Pasties will be made during the week of Oct. 2, and

will be available for pick up on Wednesday and Thursday, you will be called when your order is ready.

Proceeds from this fundraising go to Youth Activities, the Charity Fund, and for various projects at the church/rectory.

**Too Much Stuff Sale runs Sept. 8-9**

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Civic Club's annual Too Much Stuff fundraiser will be held on Friday, Sept. 8 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday, Sept. 9 from 8 a.m. - 12 noon. The sale is held at the Herb Lamppa Civic Center. Everything must go! Funds raised support civic projects in Tower and Soudan.

**Vermilion Lake Township potluck on Sept. 17**

VERMILION LAKE TWP- Vermilion Lake Township is hosting their annual potluck get-together on Sunday, Sept. 17 from 4 - 7 p.m. at the town hall. The township will be grilling Polish, brats, and hot dogs, and those attending always make sure there are plenty of side dishes, casseroles, and desserts. Tableware, coffee and drinks will be provided. All township residents and friends are invited to attend.

Any questions, please contact town clerk Crystal Alaspa at 218-750-4752.



## ELY SCHOOLS

# From Anne Oelke, Superintendent of ISD 696

I am very excited to welcome each and every member of our community to the beginning of a new school year.

Our schools are more than just buildings; they are vibrant centers of knowledge, growth, and development. As we start this new academic year, we look forward to adventures filled with new opportunities, challenges, and triumphs.

Our strength truly lies in the unity of our community. Students, families, staff, and community members - together, we form an incredible network of support that fuels the dreams and goals of our young minds. Let's continue to work together to create an environment of collaboration and understanding, where every individual feels valued.

To our students, I encourage you to approach each day with curiosity and kindness in your hearts. Let your questions be the sparks that ignite new ideas and innovations. Remember that

learning goes beyond textbooks - it's a lifelong journey that shapes who you become.

Our teachers and staff are the foundation of our educational community. Their passion, dedication, and unwavering commitment play a pivotal role in shaping the minds and character of our students. Let's express our gratitude for their tireless efforts.

This year holds an adventure with endless possibilities. We will embrace challenges with courage, for they are the stepping stones to growth. We will celebrate achievements, no matter how small, for they are the milestones of progress.

As we navigate this new school year, I encourage open communication. If you have any questions, concerns, or thoughts, please do not hesitate to reach out. Your feedback is invaluable in helping us create an even better educational experience for all at the Ely Public School District.



Ely School District Superintendent Anne Oelke sits and chats with high school senior Matt Johnson while he eats breakfast just before the official start of school on Sept. 5. photo by C. Clark

## 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:

- Sept. 12: North Country Trails
- Sept. 19: E-Waste Recycling with Maria Jensen
- Sept. 26: TBA
- Oct. 3: All About Lynx with Dave Grosshuesch Wildlife Biologist
- Oct. 10: A Trans Training: The Basics with Aleana (Ana) Kruger

# Gardner Trust fall grants

ELY- Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust is happy to announce the opening of the 2023 fall grant round with applications due by midnight, Wednesday, Sept. 27. Due to complications with the previous online application process, Gardner Trust has launched an improved website and application process, available at [www.gardnertrust.org](http://www.gardnertrust.org).

Great care has been taken with the new design to ensure grant guidelines and application requirements are more discoverable. A new "Common Questions" page has been added to address feedback from the spring grant round, and this page will continue to grow as new questions are identified. Help the Trust improve its process by sending any unanswered questions to [info@gardnertrust.org](mailto:info@gardnertrust.org).

Other improvements include visibility into the grant life cycle. After submitting a grant, applicants can track the status of their application, grant payment, and final report through the portal. For all new grants, final reports will also be submitted using the new website giving grantees the ability to manage the entire grant process online.

## Available Grants

Artists and groups can apply for grants in the following five categories:

►Individual Artist Grants encourage developing and established artists with funding of up to \$1,000 to take advantage of an impending, concrete opportunity.

►Organization Project Grants support activities in the fine arts and for the Ely Public Library. Grant support is intended to make it possible for organizations to present or produce a fine arts activity.

►Youth Grants are awarded to Ely school students in grades 6-12 who have an interest in and demonstrate high motivation in the fine arts. The youth grants of up to \$750 can be used for workshops, classes, lessons or mentorships.

►Scholarships are available for graduates of Ely Memorial High School who are in their third or fourth year of college studies or in graduate school. Trust scholarships are awarded to students majoring in one of the disciplines of fine arts or library science. Ely Public Library staff pursuing library science are also eligible for scholarships.

►Operational Funding Grants fund high-quality, established Ely area organizations that produce or present fine arts activities or provide services to artists.

## More Information

Individuals and organizations that would like to have a draft application reviewed should contact Peter Schamber, Executive Director, by Sept. 20. Office hours for the grant period are Fridays from 3 p.m. - 5 p.m. in the Trust office at City Hall; or applicants can arrange an appointment for another time by emailing Peter at [info@gardnertrust.org](mailto:info@gardnertrust.org) (preferred) or calling 218-365-2639.

The purpose of the Trust shall be for the enhancement, growth and improvement of:

- 1) The Ely Public Library;
- 2) The arts and artisans of Ely and surrounding area, to include the performing arts, the visual arts and literature;
- 3) The creating and funding of scholarships, educational and artistic grants;
- 4) The cultural and aesthetic environment of the City of Ely and its surrounding area.

# Dorothy Molter special label

ELY- The summer tourists may have gone home, but the Dorothy Molter Museum 30th anniversary activities are not yet over. In a recent email, the museum revealed that the 30th Anniversary Limited Edition Bottles of Dorothy Molter Root Beer should arrive this week. The bottles have labels designed by the talented volunteer Theresa Ptak.

The bottles with the limited edition labels will only be available until next summer. Those wanting to purchase the limited edition root beer can order through the museum's online store or at the museum store beginning this Friday, Sept. 8

## Museum grant

The Museum received an Iron Range Resources & Rehabilitation Grant to fund an accessibility project. The project proposal was the brainchild of the museum's three summer interns. These matching funds will help the museum to purchase two wheelchair accessible picnic tables, plants for a sensory garden, and supplies for a sensory bag for neurodivergent visitors.

## Breathing Out

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september now here  
hay bales stacked along the road  
transitional month

## Libraries

### Ely library

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

### Babbitt library

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

## Support groups

**AA - Alcoholics Anonymous**  
**OPEN AA - 7:30 p.m.** Wednesdays and Saturdays, in-person, First Lutheran Church, 915 E. Camp St., Ely.  
**AA FRIDAYS - 7 p.m.** Fridays, First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Harvey St., Ely/  
**ELY WOMEN'S OPEN AA - Monday at noon at Ledgerock Church, 1515 E. Camp St., Ely.**  
**BABBITT AA - 7 p.m.** Thursdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church.  
**AL-ANON - Sundays 8-9 p.m.** at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely.  
**BABBITT AL-ANON - Thursdays, 7 p.m.,** at Woodland Presbyterian.  
**CO-DEPENDENTS' 12-step support group, 5:30 p.m.** Thursdays, Wellbeing Development, 41 E Camp St. Ely.  
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**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUPS:**  
Babbitt: 3rd Monday of Month: 6-7:30 p.m. at Carefree Living.  
Ely: 4th Monday of Month: 10-11:30 a.m. at Ely-Bloomenson Hospital. Conference Room B.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

### Ely Public Library

ELY- The spice for September is rosemary.

The Friends of the Library Bookclub will meet on Monday, Sept. 11, from 3-4 p.m. The book selection is "Beyond Religion" by the Dalai Lama.

The Friends of the Library will have their monthly board meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 12, from 1-2 p.m.

The library will hold a party for the end of the Summer Reading Program for Adults, on Thursday, Sept. 14, from 6:30-7:30 p.m. The library will distribute prizes to those who completed their reading goal.

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

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

### Root Beer Lady

ELY- As one of the final events of the museum's 30th anniversary celebration, the museum is sponsoring "Root Beer Lady: the Musical" at Ely's Historic State Theater. The musical is about Dorothy Molter, last resident of the Boundary Waters. Performances will be Thursday, Sept. 7 at 7 p.m.; Friday, Sept. 8, at 4 and 7 p.m.; Saturday, Sept. 9, at 4 and 7 p.m.; and Sunday, Sept. 10, at

4 p.m. Tickets are \$22, available at <https://movies.elystatetheater.org>.

### Public Forum

ELY- The Open Conversations group, which features sitting down with Adam Bisbee and often other Ely City Council members, to share thoughts on public issues, will meet on Wednesday, Sept. 13, at the Ely Folk School, 209 E. Sheridan, at 6 p.m. The proposed topics will be "Lake County taxes and how they fall short in benefiting Ely schools," and emergency services.

### Community Dance

ELY- The Ely Folk School will hold a community dance at the Ely Senior Center, 27 S. 1st Ave. E. on Saturday, Sept. 16, from 7-10 p.m. The event will feature contra, line, circle and barn dances. No experience necessary. All dances will be taught. Cost \$10, kids free with parent.

### Ladies' Chainsaw Workshop

FALL LAKE- The Minnesota Women's Woodland Network will hold a two-day chainsaw workshop for women on Sept. 16-17, at the University of Minnesota Hubachek Wilderness Research Center at 425 Shady Ln., on the north

shore of Fall Lake. The workshop will meet from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Cost is \$130. Food is not provided. Limited rustic lodging is available upon request at an additional cost of \$40 per person. For lodging questions please contact Gloria Erickson at 218-365-0878 or at [gloria@dovetailinc.org](mailto:gloria@dovetailinc.org). Use the link on the research center website to sign-up, at <https://hwrc.cfans.umn.edu/>

### Frozen Auditions

ELY- Ely Memorial High School's performance of "Disney's Frozen, The Broadway Musical" 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. Use the center doors (marked with the number one) to enter the school and then turn right after the school offices.

### 5k Race Fundraiser

ELY- The Northern Lights 5k Glow Run will be on Friday, Sept. 22, at 7 p.m. at Whiteside Park. The run is a fundraiser for the Northern Lights Club-

house, a mental health nonprofit based in Ely. This is a family-friendly event, with runners, walkers, wheelchair drivers, stroller pushers, and wagon pullers welcome. Event preregistration is \$30 for adults, \$20 for students, and \$10 for youth. Preregister using the link at <https://www.elymarathon.com/5k>. Packet Pickup and race-day registration will begin at noon on Sept. 22. New registrations are welcome from 12:00-5:45 p.m. Race day registrations are \$35 for adults, \$25 for students and \$15 for youth. Bikes, dogs, and scooters are excluded from the race.

### Wild Rice Camp

ELY- The Ely Folk School will hold a traditional Ojibwe wild rice camp on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants will learn how to dry, parch, jig, and winnow wild rice for use and storage. The camp will include a traditional feast that participants will help prepare. Costs are \$60 for the class and \$30 for materials; sliding scale options are available.

### Fire Station Open House

ELY- The City of Ely Fire Department is opening the station house doors to the public to see what's inside, chat with

city public safety officers about what they do. The Ely Public Safety Open House will be on Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 4-7 p.m.

### NLAA Fall Play

ELY- The Northern Lakes Arts Association (NLAA) fall production is the 2009 Tony Award winner, the "God of Carnage." Auditions will take place on Sept. 27 at 6 p.m. Those wanting to audition should send an email to [contact@northernlakesarts.org](mailto:contact@northernlakesarts.org), and the NLAA will provide audition materials.

### ATV Ride Fundraiser

BABBITT- The Friends of Babbitt Recreation Fall ATV ride will be on Sept. 30, leaving the Babbitt ATV Clubhouse at 10 a.m. Cost is \$30. The event will include lunch, raffles and a Jackpot Loop ride. Call or text Shelley at 218-742-4322 to pre-register before Sept. 25. The event will raise funds for the Babbitt Splashpad.

### List your event

Do you have an upcoming Babbitt, Ely, or Winton event? Email event details, location, time, place and event cost to C. Clark at [catie.timberjay@gmail.com](mailto:catie.timberjay@gmail.com) by close-of-business on the Tuesday the week before the event takes place.



# BACK TO SCHOOL

North Woods students returned to campus Tuesday, some more eager than others. Left: Casen Palmer sprints ahead of his bus mates for the front door. Center: Kamron Rose, Nella Goodsky, and Carleigh Whiteman take a more leisurely approach. Right: Student Council members are passing out treats. photos by D. Colburn

## NORTH WOODS SCHOOL

# Grizzlies admins chart positive course for new year

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP- If one were to create a television show name to represent leadership at North Woods School in 2023, it might well be “Extreme Makeover – Administrative Edition.”

The first big change came in January when Kelly Engman moved from Northeast Range and took over the reins as principal. Starting at NER as a fifth grade teacher in 2006, she moved up to Dean of Students in 2014 and became principal in 2014. She also taught language arts at Cotton High School in grades seven through 12, and has post-graduate degrees in both elementary education and educational leadership and administration. At the time of the move, Superintendent Reggie Engebritson said Engman’s background, experience and abilities would be a good effective match with North Woods.

And indeed, Engman said she’s found that to be the case.

“One of the things that I really like to pride myself on is just teaming and working collaboratively with people – I had that established at Northeast Range,” she said. “Sometimes change is just a good idea, to have a fresh perspective to see things from a different point of view. When I came over here, I was able to look at the teams, look at the collaboration that was happening, and then we just improved upon it. Not that it was bad or anything, it was just how can I make this better? Sometimes it just takes a new person to rejuvenate some things.”

Another reason Engebritson gave for the unusual mid-year change at

the top was to pave the way for a second big change to come, the elimination of the dean of students position in favor of a new assistant principal and activities director position for the 2023-24 school year. Giving Engman a semester’s head start would let her learn about the North Woods community and better prepare her to help a new assistant get off to a good start, Engebritson reasoned.

Engman believes that was a good rationale as well.

“I’m still learning because it takes longer than six months to get to know everybody sure, but even just processes of how things run and how kind of how you do business is a little different in every building,” Engman said. “So now I feel like I’m not a new person anymore, like I’m established here, and we don’t have two new administrators coming in, which would have been more difficult. The culture here is an amazing culture because people that come in are welcomed with open arms, like there was no hesitation for me coming. That was just such a great thing to see because I know then that other people come in with those same welcoming arms from the staff and the students. It was really good to be able to by the end of the year name most of the kids when I met them in the hallway, to be able to go to sporting events and be out in the community and see familiar faces. And Crystal is doing an amazing job just stepping in.”

Crystal is Crystal Poppler, the new assistant principal. An Ely native, Poppler spent eight years at Northeast Range as a fifth grade teacher and developed a relation-



**Kelly Engman**

ship with Engman. Poppler moved to Northland Learning Center last year as their dean of students and holds a master’s degree and administration certificate from St. Mary’s University.

One needs only to listen to the two together a short while before seeing their easy, respectful, and frank camaraderie. It’s clear that they share similar educational and leadership philosophies, and perhaps most importantly agree that accentuating the positive is the way forward for setting the direction and tone of education at North Woods.

“I am excited to be back in 2142 and here at North Woods, excited to get to know all the kids and everybody. Everyone I have met so far, like Kelly said, it’s super welcoming, so I’m excited to help build that sense of family.”

One way in which Poppler’s position will be different from a dean of students is in the administrative responsibility she will be taking on and the ability to team more with Engman.

“Crystal and I keep telling each other ‘I don’t have to do this by myself anymore,’” Engman said. “Now we have her and I as a team working with all our staff to implement our strategic plan, what we’re going to do to improve our culture, and all of the different things we’re do-



**Crystal Poppler**

ing. It’s both of us doing it together. In the past, the dean of student role was a teacher, so they didn’t have that opportunity. Now Crystal is able to help with observing teachers for evaluations and to positively work through conflict with teachers and parents. That opens up time for me to get into classrooms more, for her to get in classrooms more to see firsthand what’s going on and to meet with our teachers to provide professional development and support.”

And while both administrators tout the positives about North Woods, they’re not oblivious to the challenges students and staff are facing either.

“We’re still coming out of COVID and some of the things that people experienced,” Engman said. “They’re still learning skills that maybe they should have learned a couple of years ago. Along with that we’re seeing a lot of students with mental health concerns and we’re trying to help them with that. We’re looking at how those things play a role in student achievement because if our students aren’t able to learn because they have some other things going on it’s going to be really difficult to show proficiency on a test.”

Engman touted the school’s support system for students and families, which includes a social

worker, Indigenous support advocates, a counselor, a Check and Connect mentor, and the ADAPT program.

“We have an amazing support team, not only for our students, but for our staff,” Engman said. “That’s part of the culture of our school.”

Also part of the overall support focus is a focus on positive behavior through the Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports system, a school-wide framework that uses prevention-focused tools and strategies to promote positive student interactions and a safe learning environment.

“I feel like that’s a big focus and has been for a while within the district, but we’re really focusing on building those relationships and the whole child,” Poppler said.

Poppler will be handling a lot of the student behavior issues that arise, and she talked about one of the techniques called restorative circles.

“Everyone would sit in a circle, and you have a facilitator so everybody gets a chance to share and talk and you can work through something. Everybody is seen and heard within that circle, everybody gets to express why something happened, and how they felt. So kids work through those disagreements together.”

Research shows that when kids are engaged with school they do better, and student activities are a key component of that. Poppler sees student activities at North Woods as a strong point.

“I was truly amazed at how many activities are offered here for a small school,” she said. “We have a lot of extracurricular activities and I still probably don’t even

know all of them. I’m still learning. But it’s amazing. There are opportunities for anyone to be involved with where they will find a passion.”

The pair will also be facilitating the transition of new staff members into the North Woods community, and they’ll get a great deal of support from the rest of the staff.

“It’s fun to see our veterans take these people and just make them part of the team,” Engman said. “There’s a lot of mentoring that happens, and we have a lot of teachers returning that were new last year, so it’s a good mix of the newer and the veterans and a great opportunity for us to pave the way to improving for our kids every year.”

Engman is also passionate about connecting more with families and the greater community, something particularly important for a school in the country that draws from multiple communities. One new tool for that is a new weekly newsletter that’s sent out and posted on social media, but that’s only a beginning, she said.

“We have students coming from all over the place to be Grizzlies,” she said. “We want to as much as possible provide opportunities for people to come into our school and see what’s happening, to see the students working hard and doing the things they’re excelling at. We want to provide that chance for people to become part of the North Woods community. We want to make sure that we provide the tools and resources so that we have good communication with families and that we can build that trust with them, too, because that goes a long way in in a child’s success.”

# Hospital health fair promises to be largest in many years

COOK- The Cook Hospital Health Fair on Saturday, Sept. 16 has turned into a much bigger affair than organizers originally envisioned.

Interest from health-related businesses and organizations across the area has skyrocketed in recent weeks, and Chris Novak said Tuesday that 29 have signed up for booths at the fair.

Those are in addition to all of the booths that will feature Cook Hospital’s many and varied services.

“We were very nervous a couple of weeks ago, because we were struggling to get vendors,” Novak said. “The last couple of weeks we have gotten a lot of people signed up. There’s even vendors that we never even knew existed. We’re excited be-

cause it’s probably going to be one of our bigger health fairs.”

A few of the many vendors at the fair that display the fair’s diversity include Bridge to Health, Celebrate Health, Grief Support, Clean Life Family, Harbor View Spa and Boutique, Wilderness in the Woods, and St. Louis County Public Health.

The fair is definitely a family-friendly event. Novak said there will be a kids area with games, and a fire truck and ambulance to explore. A favorite feature for kids is royalty, and newly-crowned Mrs. Petite USA, Rachel Betterley, will be on hand to greet children. Betterley’s presence isn’t just because of her crown, either – her philanthropy, Sketchbooks for Kids, emphasizes the healing power of

art.

Those who attend can register to win some big prizes, too. First prize will be a Traeger grill, a brand that consistently appears in top grill lists. Two second prizes will be awarded, a \$500 gift certificate to Zup’s Market and a \$500 gift certificate to F&D meats. Third prize will be a \$250 gift certificate to Zup’s.

“There’s a lot of people struggling because groceries are expensive right now and this is one way to help them,” Novak said.

There will be other smaller prizes and giveaways, Novak said, including a grocery cooler bag for all who register.

The fair will be from 9 a.m. to noon at the hospital.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

# Book club to meet on Tuesday

COOK- The Cook area book club will meet on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at 1 p.m. at the Northwoods Friends of the Arts gallery in Cook. The book for discussion this month is “Under Ground” by Megan Marsnik.

“Under Ground” is a story inspired by true events in the history of the Iron Range. It is a story of a young Slovenian woman, Katka Kovich, who

emigrates to Minnesota’s Iron Range in 1915 where mines are on the brink of a revolution. Katka writes for her aunt’s secret newspaper and chronicles the shootouts at labor rallies, murders in the mines, police corruption and false imprisonments. The author grew up in Biwabik and was the daughter and granddaughter of union activists. As Marsnik stated, “There is no one

stronger than an Iron Range woman.” A truly inspirational story.

The book for next month’s discussion will be “Finding Me,” a memoir by Viola Davis, who was nominated for Academy Awards for best actress for her roles in the movies “The Help” and “Ma Rainey’s Black Bottom.”

## Historic church to host service

COOK- On Sunday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m. Trinity Lutheran Church of Cook will be holding its annual Sunday morning worship at the Little Fork Church on the corner of Wein Rd. and Samuelson Rd. in Field Township.

There is a handicapped accessible ramp in the back of the church. Coffee, treats and fellowship will be enjoyed after the service in this beautiful spot of God’s creation. In case of rain, worship will be held at the church in Cook.

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## TOWER-BREITUNG WASTE WATER BOARD

# Board seeks bids for drinking water plant

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**TOWER-SOUDAN** — Pressed by a recommendation from the Minnesota Department of Health, the Tower-Breitung Waste Water Board has approved seeking bids for the construction of a drinking water treatment plant that engineers estimate will cost as much as \$5.5 million.

Available funding for the project includes a \$3.375 million grant from the Army Corps and

a \$1.1 million grant through the state's Public Facilities Authority, leaving the joint water authority about a million dollars short of the expected cost.

That means Tower-Soudan residents may be picking up the tab for any remaining debt service.

But the new plant is close to a necessity, according to TBWWB manager Matt Tichel, given the recent reclassification of the communities' drinking water source as surface connected.

That puts substantially greater demands on a treatment facility, since surface water is subject to much greater fluctuation in quality than groundwater. That's been apparent in Tower-Soudan in recent weeks as a result of the ongoing drought, which has darkened the water and added tastes that the existing treatment facility can't address.

"The new facility should result in much better drinking water quality," said Tichel.

The new facility will cost

more to operate, although Tichel said it isn't clear how much more at this point. He said staff time to run the plant should be comparable to the existing facility, but he said chemical costs will likely increase.

Tichel said the Department of Health has limited its response to the situation to recommendation, but Tichel said the state agency could eventually require the communities' to install an improved treatment system.

The communities have long

relied on well water but those wells are shallow and recent studies have shown that their proximity to the East Two River and higher water tables due to beaver activity in the area, were creating surface contamination. State rules on drinking water treatment are considerably stricter when communities rely on surface sources.

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on the students' educational experience.

The school has hired two new teachers, in math and special ed, plus two new full-time licensed student support staff, including social worker Muriel Deegan and student success counselor Jackie Riding.

Sam O'Brien, who started working part-time at the school last winter, is now working full-time as the school director and science teacher. His background includes teaching visual arts, math, and science, as well as outdoor and experiential education. He has taught at charter schools and has worked with homeless youth as well. He spent eight years teaching at Great River School, a charter school in St. Paul before becoming the school's director for another eight years. O'Brien recently moved to Ely with his two teens, both of whom attend VCS, and a younger child, who started in the fifth grade at Tower-Soudan Elementary this week. He recently became a board member at Northern Lakes Arts Association, where he has taken on the treasurer role, and also volunteers as a coach for the mountain bike club at Hidden Valley as well as for the TS Elementary soccer program.

"School should help young people be excited about their adult life," he said.

### Orientation

The first two weeks at VCS will focus on building teamwork and group work



Students mug for the camera during a "Getting to Know You" exercise on the first day of classes at Vermilion Country School. photo by J. Summit

skills. One big goal, said O'Brien, is for all the kids to learn each other by name and to learn how to support each other.

"We are creating a strong support system for our kids," he said, "so they know they belong. Academic achievement is shown to go up when everyone knows each other's names."

Orientation week activities will include a trip to Voyageurs National Park to go canoeing in Voyageur canoes, community service projects, hands-on construction projects at the school, as well as plenty of active time outdoors.

### New staff and programming

O'Brien has written several successful grant applications to increase staffing at VCS this year.

The student success counselor Jackie Riding will be focusing on supporting individual students, helping them make plans

for after graduation, and working to help students gain college credit for work while still in high school, as well as gaining other experience needed to be successful after leaving VCS.

Riding has worked part-time in the ADAPT program at VCS the last two years and she is happy to be at this school full-time this year.

Special education social worker Muriel Deegan will be supporting the families of the school's American Indian students, co-teaching an Ojibwe culture class, supporting students who wish to study Ojibwe, as well as working as the school social worker.

A third new position, not yet hired, is the result of a successful Stronger Connections Grant. This funding will be used to offer Indigenous education to all students for the next three years. The grant funds a full-time position,

as well as field trips and other resources. Plans for this year include taking students out to harvest and process wild rice, maple sugaring, making moccasins, and teaching 1854 history in the upper-level social studies class. The school will be bringing in instructors, many from Bois Forte, to teach electives and seminars. As part of a world languages class, Ojibwe will be offered as a for-credit class.

Muriel Deegan, who most recently worked as a social worker at Tower-Soudan Elementary, is excited to be working at VCS. She will be working with special education paraprofessional Michelle Maki teaching the Ojibwe Culture elective. In her social worker role she will be a supportive liaison between students, homes, family services, protective services, and the school. She will also provide counseling and work with

students and families on social/emotional topics.

New math teacher Amy Hendrickson is no stranger to charter schools. She helped found the East Range Academy of Arts and Technology in Eveleth back in 2006, where she worked as both a teacher and director. This will be her 28th year teaching.

"I really like the approach of this school," she said.

She said O'Brien and his leadership style is a great fit for VCS. "This is not a traditional school," she said. "You need someone not leading by a traditional model."

Special education teacher Marjorie Wood has come out of retirement to take on a full-time role. Many students will be familiar with her as she was a substitute teacher last year.

"Our team is here to serve our students," she said. "I really like having the kids know that when they are here, it is a safe place and we are here to help."

Wood had a grandson enrolled at VCS previously and was a member of the school board.

But with the new learning spaces and new director "it feels like we are walking into a whole new era, starting on the ground floor and creating what we want this school to become."

"I feel like I've been preparing for this position all my life," she said. Wood's teaching experience was previously at the college level, and she also

worked in high tech, with Honeywell.

"My generation of adults might get the world to stop thinking of retirement," she said. "We are still useful. What better thing to do than contribute to our young people."

She and her late husband Michael raised four of her grandchildren, and she has plenty of real world experience on the parent side of special education.

"I know how to be an advocate," she said.

Language arts/music/art teacher Karin Schmidt is back, as well as social studies teacher and school chef Chris Glazer. Paraprofessionals Michelle Maki and Amy Heglund are back, and the school is now looking for one additional full-time special education paraprofessionals (high school diplomas required, and background check).

The school provides high quality breakfast and lunch free for all students. Transportation is provided from Tower/Soudan/Lake Vermilion, Ely, Embarrass/Babbitt, Quad Cities, with a new transportation option for students from Nett Lake and Cook through Big Woods Transportation. The school still has a few remaining openings for new students, especially in the seventh and eighth grades, with more limited openings in grades 9-12. See [www.vermilioncountry.org](http://www.vermilioncountry.org) or email [info@vermilioncountry.org](mailto:info@vermilioncountry.org) for an enrollment packet or school visit information.

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lease space at the center for community events, since the building also functions as a community center space for most of the Ely area.

She noted that "the Ely Senior Center has been self-sufficient, serving the needs of the area's seniors and the entire community for nearly 40 years."

Maki was followed by senior center supporter Gerald Tyler, who noted that the Ely Senior Center didn't get any support for operating costs from organizations like the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board and the Arrowhead Economic Opportunity. "Only Ely can fund the \$24,000 the Ely Senior Center needs," noting that many cities and counties fund senior centers or devote significant support to nonprofits delivering similar services.

The funding request is greater than the \$7,500 for the center that appeared on the Sept. 5 agenda, which the budget committee had recommended for approval. After listening to the two senior center supporters, council member Al Forsman, who is the council's liaison with the budget committee, moved that the council pass the \$7,500 contribution from Ely "as a placeholder," which was

passed unanimously. The council then resolved to discuss possible projects for the center at the upcoming projects committee meeting on this upcoming Monday. The council also placed the subject of how much the city can afford to contribute onto the agenda of the next budget meeting.

Forsman remarked that the senior center is used by more than just City of Ely residents and that the other local governments in the area should also support it better, noting that Morse Township only contributed \$400 last year.

The discussion at the next budget committee meeting is timely, given that city department heads are currently making their budget requests for next year, in preparation for the city council to set next year's maximum levy amount before the end of the month.

"We're close to setting the maximum levy," said Ely clerk-treasurer Harold Langowski, "and then we argue on how to spend that until December," referring to how Ely's budget process works.

"We won't leave you in the lurch," Ely Mayor Heidi Omerza told the Ely Senior Center supporters.

### Ely Area Ambulance

The council denied

paying a \$48,616.35 invoice from the Ely Area Ambulance Joint Powers Board (JPB) for the operating subsidy for the Ely Area Ambulance Service for further 2023 expenses. The council resolved to keep the support at the \$34,300 approved at their previous meeting. The invoice was based on a per-capita operating subsidy of \$15.15.

Forsman, who is the Ely representative on the JPB, remarked that Ely offered earlier this summer to fund the full \$48,616 "if the other two townships would also do so, but they declined, so I recommend that we stay with what we decided last meeting."

In describing some of the backstory about the 2023 subsidy requests from the ambulance service, Forsman explained that the JPB requested multiple times during 2023 for "information on what we would be funding (i.e., the 2023 budget), and we received nothing."

In other action on Tuesday, the council:

► Resolved to hold a joint study session meeting with the Planning and Zoning Commission on Sept. 26 to discuss the updated permissible and conditional uses list.

► Approved the purchase of a radar sign from

Radarsign for \$4,415 using the Public Safety Aid funds from Minnesota.

► Approved an additional \$9,000 in the 2024 budget for the Ely Area Ambulance Joint Powers Board, for ambulance building expenses.

► Approved a budget committee recommendation to receipt police abandoned property profits to the equipment replacement fund.

► Approved putting the wastewater treatment plant's 200-kilowatt generator up for bids.

► Approved purchasing the 2016 Ford Explorer from the Ely Area Ambulance Service for \$15,500.

► Approved soliciting bids on a new pickup truck for the Electric Department.

► Heard a report from the budget committee that future meetings will be at 4 p.m. instead of 4:30 p.m. on the 3rd Monday of the month.

► Approved the purchase of a new line tracer for the Electric Department for \$4,790.

► Approved the substantial completion status of the wastewater treatment facility project as well as related change orders No. 19 for \$1,897 and No. 20 for \$11,557.

► Approved paying

Butch Gornik \$450 for consulting services.

► Approved a lighting rebate to Circle K for \$1,364 and residential AC/Heat rebates for \$400 to Roy Anderson and \$400 to Derek Jensen.

► Approved the formation of a negotiating committee for the "Supervisors of Other than Essential Workers" contract that starts on January 1, 2024. City Council members Angela Campbell and Jerome Debeltz, and Mayor Heidi Omerza will be on the committee with council member Ryan Callen as the designated back-up.

► Voted to accept the donation of a dock from Nan and Gerald Snyder to be used at the North end of Miner's Lake. The council also resolved to send the Synders a thank you letter.

► Approved a note and mortgage for the residential rehab loan for Josh Brang and Sarah Murn at 931 E. Harvey St. for \$10,000 for a new propane boiler.

► Approved claims for payment of \$197,325 by the city and Ely Utilities Commission, \$4,018 for League of Minnesota Membership dues, \$30 for a Minnesota Mayors Association Membership for 2023-24, and \$6,153 for Coalition of Greater MN Cities 2024 membership

dues.

► Denied spending \$1,644 for a Minnesota Association of Small Cities 2023-2024 membership. In the discussion, Langowski noted that "our interests and theirs don't always overlap," but that, "we may want consider this for future budgets."

► Approved a resolution "authorizing to execute Minnesota Department of Transportation grant agreement for airport improvements excluding land acquisition."

► Approved an in-kind request from the Ely Chamber of Commerce for the Harvest Moon Festival.

► Approved the renewal of Stinky Pete's Edible Cannabinoid Dealer License for 2023-24, pending proper paperwork, insurance, fees and a valid certificate of occupancy.

► Voted to update the City Code (§5.01.8 ) on exclusive liquor stores to coincide with state law (Minn. §340A.412, subd. 14). The liquor store section on Minnesota's law site does not yet reflect the new 2023 legislation allowing liquor stores to sell cannabinoid edibles.

► Heard the report from Fire Chief David Marshall that the old ladder truck will be going out on bids this week.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

# Long-delayed Mesabi Trail work finally moving forward

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TOWER-SOUDAN— A project that's been plagued by delays is finally moving forward here and that's good news for hikers and bikers who use the Mesabi Trail.

That portion of the trail which extends from Tower's civic center to Soudan's Only Store, is among the oldest stretches along the entire 150-mile course of the trail and it's been showing its age the past few years with huge cracks in its pavement and humps and dips from years of frost heaving.

marked for completion two years ago, but the need to coordinate with sewer and manhole upgrades being undertaken by the Tower-Breitung Waste Water Board (TBWWB) along portions of the trail, proved a setback to that schedule. The sewer upgrades were originally scheduled to move forward last summer, but supply chain issues delayed work on the project, and this year's late spring pushed back completion even further.

The need to replace a trail bridge across the East Two River, a designated trout stream, accounted for additional delays on the trail work due to permitting

issues. Work on the bridge was expected to begin this past June, but as the sewer and manhole work got underway this summer, they discovered that two sewer lines that crossed under the river were made of iron rather than plastic and would need to be replaced. The permitting on those replacements is now in hand and the work is expected to begin within days, according to TBWWB manager Matt Tuchel.

One of the two lines needing replacement is very close to the bridge that's being replaced and Tuchel is now hoping to possibly piggyback off the dewatering of the river that is being done

by Northland Construction to facilitate the bridge replacement. Northland, which is handling the trail bridge replacement, got underway with the work this week.

The concrete abutments that Northland is pouring along the river will need to be finished by Sept. 15 and the new bridge, which will come as a unit, will be laid in place with a crane once it arrives.

Mesabi Trail director Bob Manzoline said he expects that work to be done very soon, with work on the trail tread and final repaving coming later this fall, assuming the weather cooperates.



Workers were busy dismantling the dilapidated Mesabi Trail bridge over the East Two River on Tuesday. Work on the bridge should be completed by the end of the month. photo by M. HelMBERGER

## ALGAE...Continued from page 1

algae love," said Anderson.

While some Lake Vermilion residents have been concerned that this year's bloom reflects a decline in water quality, that's not necessarily the case, said Anderson.

"Lake Vermilion has lots of water quality data, and it was assessed as meeting our lake water quality standards at the last assessment we did in 2017," said Anderson. "Our standards include the June-September "summer average" values for total phosphorus, chlorophyll-a (i.e. algae concentration) and water clarity," he said. "In general algae levels are lower in the Cook end of the Lake compared to the Tower end."

In fact, the noticeable algae bloom on Vermilion appears to be limited to areas, like the south shore of Pine Island, or bays on the lake's east end, where persistent southerly or southwesterly winds ahead of the latest heat wave, concentrated algae that blew in from Big Bay.

Blue-green algae is a natural part of virtually every Minnesota lake's flora, so its presence alone isn't necessarily cause for



Small rafts of blue-green algae float amidst the soupy water of Armstrong Bay this past week.

photo by M. HelMBERGER

concern. "Mild to moderate blooms [of blue-green algae] in Lake Vermilion in late summer and early fall are not uncommon," said Anderson. "I have seen and documented them in my past work on the lake."

DNR fisheries staff, who have been conducting their late summer gill

netting on Vermilion in recent days, say that the algae— both green and blue-green algae— appears worst on the far east end of the lake, from Cable Bay to Mud Creek Bay, and diminishes to the west. Reports of high blue-green algae populations have also come in to the *Timberjays* from

Canfield Bay, on the south side of Pine Island. Mary Beth Nevers, a seasonal resident on Pine Island, said the bloom is much worse than in past years and she said she's worried about its impact on fish, loons, people, and dogs.

While lakeshore development can spark additional algae growth on lakes, particularly when lakeshore owners don't take steps to reduce their use of phosphate-containing detergents and fertilizers, or have leaking septic systems, recent algae blooms haven't been limited to lakes with large numbers of summer homes and cabins. Last year, some lakes in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, saw extensive algae blooms as well, which suggests other factors may be contributing to the problem.

Research is underway to better understand what might be driving the apparent increase in algae blooms in Minnesota lakes. Scientists suspect that climate change may be playing a role since Minnesota lakes are getting warmer in summer, and that can increase algae growth.

Atmospheric deposition of dust or ash from wildfires can also import nutrients, even into remote lakes.

### Is blue-green algae toxic?

Blue-green algae, known to scientists as cyanobacteria, can be toxic, although that's not the case with most species of cyanobacteria. Unfortunately, you can't tell simply from looking at the algae with the naked eye whether it's a species capable of creating toxins or not. Which is why it's best to avoid water with large concentrations of blue-green algae.

According to the MPCA, you can become sick if you swallow, have skin contact with, or breathe in airborne water droplets while swimming, boating, waterskiing, tubing, bathing, or showering in water that has harmful algae or if you drink water that contains algal toxins. If you become sick, you might experience vomiting, diarrhea, rash, eye irritation, cough, sore throat, and headache. Symptoms generally begin hours to two days after exposure.

The activities that put

you in contact with the water — and the amount of time you spend on them — will affect your exposure to algae toxins. Children will generally be more affected than adults.

If you rely on untreated lake water for drinking, cooking, showering, or brushing teeth, especially for infants and small children, you should discontinue its use in the presence of blooms of blue-green algae. Boiling water will not destroy algae toxins and could actually increase toxin levels. Simple treatment options are also not effective; multiple treatment steps are typically needed to remove algae toxins.

Water that may be contaminated can still be used for washing dishes, or laundry, though it may irritate skin.

Toxins from algae can accumulate in the entrails (guts) of fish and occasionally in the muscle tissue. Levels in fish depend upon the severity of the bloom in the area where the fish are caught.

In general, fish that are caught in areas of a waterbody where major blue-green algae blooms are occurring may be safe to eat, as long as the guts are discarded. However, it's uncertain how much algae toxin can accumulate in fillets, so anglers may want to wait a week or two after algae blooms are over before fishing and eating fish from waters where a bloom is occurring.

Pets, especially dogs, are susceptible to harmful algae because they are relatively small and tend to swallow more water while swimming and playing in the water. Dogs may ingest algae if they lick their coats after leaving the water. They are also less deterred by green, smelly water that may contain harmful algae.

To reduce your dog's exposure to blue-green algae, the MPCA recommends that you don't let them swim or drink where there is noticeable algae in the water or scum on the shore.

If they did swim in water that could have harmful algae, rinse them off with fresh water immediately. Don't let them lick their fur.

Animals can experience symptoms within minutes of exposure to the toxins. Symptoms they might experience include vomiting, diarrhea, weakness, difficulty breathing, and seizures. In the worst cases, animals have died. If your pet experiences these symptoms after exposure to algae, contact your veterinarian immediately.



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COUNTY SCHOOLS

# District formally suspends SRO program

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

VIRGINIA - In a special meeting on Tuesday, the ISD 2142 school board formalized the suspension of the school resource officer program with the St. Louis County Sheriff's office.

Softening the language from "terminated" used to announce the move at its prior meeting, the board left the door open to renewing the partnership should a legislative remedy to the new restrictions on restraints in schools be forthcoming.

"It's a major disappointment," said board member Chris Koivisto. "It's one of the best programs we've had in our schools."

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office is one of at least a dozen law enforcement departments across the state that have pulled their SRO programs on the advice of legal counsel that their officers could be found civilly and criminally liable for using any kind of restraint in which they touched a lengthy list of body parts included in legislation passed last spring as part of a larger education

spending bill. The apparent intent of the legislation was to prohibit the use of prone and compression restraints, but the language in the bill appears to open the door for the restrictions to be applied more broadly, according to the Minnesota Police and Peace Officers Association.

Attorney General Keith Ellison tried to diffuse the controversy with a statement issued Aug. 22 in which he said the use of "reasonable force" is still allowed by school officials and police officers to "prevent bodily harm or death," and that the definition of reasonable force hasn't changed and allows for the use of certain restraints.

"Safety is essential for learning, and everyone in our schools — students, teachers, staff, administrators, SROs, and families — wants to be safe and feel safe," Ellison said. "The aims of the new amendments to our school-discipline laws are worthy. I issued this opinion upon [Education Commissioner Willie] Jett's request because it is important to provide clarity about the amendment's scope."

However, that wasn't enough for state House and Senate Republicans, who held a press conference on Aug. 30 to call on Gov. Tim Walz to call the legislature into special session to fix the bill. Republicans said the language was added to the education finance bill by the DFL over their objections and without consulting law enforcement officials. DFL representatives have said the language was proposed by the Minnesota Department of Education.

A remedy proposed by Republicans would repeal the recent law change eliminating prone restraints or physical holds and repeal the change to use of force standards to revert back to the original language that was in statute. The change does not impact the 2021 bill that banned all neck and chokehold restraints and remains in place for students and all Minnesotans.

"The safety of our kids, teachers, and schools should always come before partisan politics. Minnesotans expect us to govern responsibly. Moms and dads count on us to safeguard their children. The

confusion surrounding this law is causing a growing number of School Resource Officers to be pulled out of schools across our state leaving students and staff vulnerable in cases of emergency," said Sen. Zach Duckworth, R-Lakeville. "I'm calling on the Governor to bring Republicans and Democrats together for a special session before school starts so that we can fix this issue, keep our SROs, and ensure our kids are safe."

While Walz didn't meet the Republicans' desired deadline, he indicated on Tuesday at a back-to-school event in Bloomington that he is open to calling a special session to consider a fix.

"The issue is that there's not clarification. That's why we're trying to find a solution," Walz said. "I've said, if we need to, there needs to be a clarification in the law. Let's figure out how we work that together, striking that balance between students' safety, trusted adults in the building and appropriate use of physical force, if needed."

SUPREME COURT

# Walz taps Hudson as new chief justice

by BRIAN BAKST  
Minnesota Public Radio News

REGIONAL— Justice Natalie Hudson will rise to the role of Minnesota Supreme Court chief, becoming the first chief justice of color and the first Democratic-appointed judicial branch leader in 25 years.

Gov. Tim Walz introduced Hudson recently as the replacement for long-serving Chief Justice Lorie S. Gildea, who will retire in October after 13 years in the top spot on Minnesota's bench. Walz also selected his former office general counsel Karl Procaccini to fill the associate justice slot Hudson held.

Hudson, who is one of only a few Black justices in state history, has been on the Supreme Court since 2015 after her appointment by then-DFL Gov. Mark Dayton.

Walz called Hudson "a leader and consensus builder."

Hudson said she'll approach the job "with humility and resolve" and aim to uphold the quality court services she said her predecessors built up.

At a gathering in the rotunda of the Minnesota Capitol, Hudson noted the historic nature of her appointment.

"When you're the first

woman in a position, first person of color, you recognize the representational value of that, because it's so important for our little black girls, black boys, and women to see women and people of color in positions of authority and to dream for that," Hudson said.

Gildea praised her colleague as a judge with "collegial spirit" and "unparalleled work ethic."

Hudson previously sat more than a dozen years on the Minnesota Court of Appeals, served in private practice and public legal roles and was an assistant dean at the former Hamline University School of Law.

At 66, her time as chief will be limited. Minnesota has a mandatory retirement age for judges of 70. That

would mean a departure by January 2027 or sooner, potentially setting up an end-of-term replacement by Walz or a monumental early pick by his successor.

The chief justice is also a member of the state Board of Pardons otherwise made up of the governor and attorney general.

In Minnesota, justices are traditionally selected by governors; only Justice Alan Page won his seat in recent times through direct election. Justices and other state judges periodically stand for election, though there are seldom competitive contests.

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LAKE VERMILION

# Eye-catching big rig is boat show standout

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

**LAKE VERMILION-**When people go to the Lake Vermilion Antique and Classic Boat show, they're most often likely to find vintage vessels by time-honored makers like Chris-Craft, Stanley Boat Works, Gar Wood and others. But the big head-turner at this year's 31st edition had the nameplate "Peterbilt," a name usually attached to the big cruisers of America's highways.

Nestled in at one of the slips at The Landing's boat dock on Sunday was something unlike most attendees had ever seen before, a pontoon boat outfitted with a Peterbilt semi tractor in front and plenty of passenger space in the back.

So, what possessed Jeff Foster, CEO of Jeff Foster Trucking of Superior, Wis., to create such a fanciful craft?

"I've been asked that several times," Foster laughed.

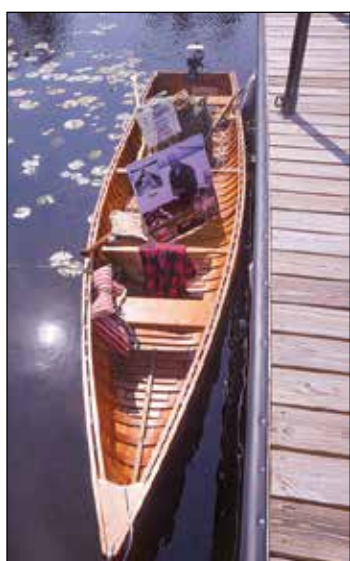
A friend of Foster's had passed away and he bought his friend's 28-foot pontoon boat from his mother. It sat for a good while on a trailer at his shop in Wisconsin before he came across his inspiration.

"I saw a picture on the internet of a pontoon boat that was made similar to this, but it was short and cobbled together," Foster said. "I showed it to the guy that runs our body shop and he went, 'We have a body shop, we've got all this stuff, we can build something a lot better than that!' And I'm thinking we've got other better things to do."

But then his body shop manager said crafting the truck/pontoon hybrid could be a good team building activity for the guys in the shop.

"That got to me," Foster said, "and all of a sudden here it is, we're going to build a pontoon boat. And this is the end result. I'm just amazed that when they do something they do it better than ever, and as you can tell this is an amazing piece. We're just so grateful to the guys who run and operate the body shop and their pursuit of perfection."

Foster's crew undertook the project in 2017, and it took about eight months to build. The



**Above: The most unusual boat at the show was "Petertoon," a combo Peterbilt truck cab and pontoon boat. Left: A handmade square stern canoe, "Suihky," built by Arnold W. Suihkonen in 1958.** photos by D. Colburn

"Once you can hear the horn, you can hear that for the next mile or two, so then everybody is coming down to their dock and everybody wants you to blow the horn."

And when Foster wants to beach the pontoon, there's no need for anyone to get their feet wet getting off and on the boat. The front grill is hinged, allowing crawl-through access from the front into the cab.

This year the Petertoon has a new engine, a 115-horsepower four-stroke Yamaha.

"We just put it on this spring, which is why we have it out a lot this year, because all of a sudden we have something

that's dependable and shifts when it's supposed to," Foster said.

Having the unusual conversation-starter has been nothing but fun, Foster said.

"It's enjoyable for our family, for the guys who built it, and for our company," he said. "It's a unique piece that not everybody gets to enjoy."

And as for those at the show looking for more traditional boating fare, there were plenty of antique wooden boats to delight them, including a first-timer to the show, a 1960 20-foot Mariner Deluxe Utility shown by Steve Long of Turtle Lake, just south of Bigfork.

"My wife decided she wanted a wooden boat but was thinking of something different," Long said. "She saw an advertisement for this one and thought maybe we could do this. We bought it thinking that we just needed to put a new bottom on it."

But as is often the case, a closer look revealed more extensive work was necessary to rehab the boat. Jeff Larson and Dana Hein at the Sunrise River Boatworks shop in Tower handled the restoration.

"They replaced a large majority of the wood in it," Long said. "As they pulled the bottom off they could see where there were bad spots and dry rot. They played it safe and replaced what they thought really needed to be replaced. They spent over two and a half years working on it and the boat has turned out to be just beautiful and runs well and handles very nice. We're really, really pleased with the job."

Long said the Gray Marine 175-horsepower inboard engine will propel the boat along at about 35 miles per hour, but that he and his wife haven't had it out much since getting it back in June.

"We haven't used it a lot this year because we've been busy with some other projects," Long said. "We've taken it out several times but we haven't used it as much as we would have liked."

And the boat, named "Endless Adventure," is a reflection of how Long and his wife view life. He said they're about to make a move to Minneapolis.

"Even though we have the 'Endless Adventure' here, it's another adventure," Long said.

## LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

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# 2023 Harvest Moon Festival

## Photographer captures the wonders of the Ely area

by CATIE CLARK  
Ely Editor

ELY- Larry Ricker draws much of his inspiration from the boreal forest landscape, which makes his recent move from Rochester to Ely especially convenient.

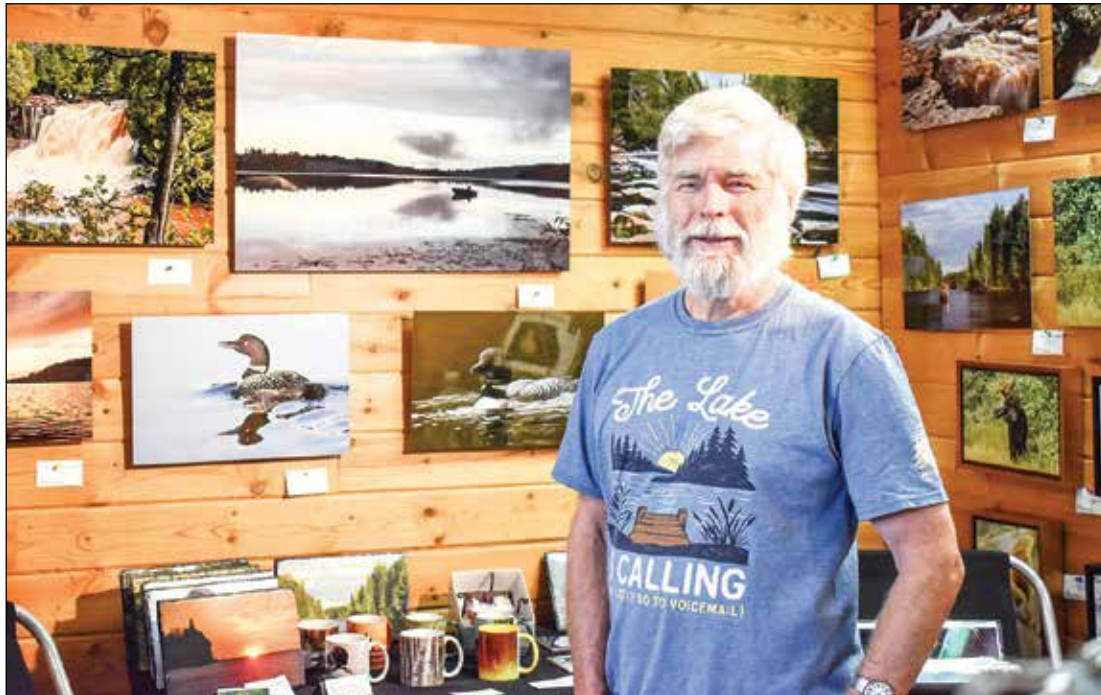
Ricker, who lived in the southern Minnesota city for 42 years, finally convinced his wife Pat that the change could meet both their objectives for retirement. "I wanted to be out in the country. She wanted to be in town. So, we moved to a place here in Ely on the edge of town, but right next to the trees."

In years past, Ricker would commute for much of his photography, traveling to Ely to create his images from the surrounding forest and lakes. "I consider myself to be a landscape photographer," Ricker said. "I am an opportunistic wildlife photographer," he added, noting the large number of wildlife photos he sells.

The aurora borealis is one of his favorite subjects. "I used to commute from Rochester to here to take pictures of the aurora." Since moving here, that commute is much shorter. "Now it's just a 15-minute drive to get away from the streetlights in Ely," he said.

While he's a new resident in the area, his work is already well-known in Ely. Ricker frequently posts his most recent images, especially his popular aurora borealis photos, on the "What's Up, Ely?" Facebook page.

Ricker's work has been published in multiple venues, including *Sports Illustrated*, *The Boundary Waters Journal*, *Canoe & Kayak*, and *CanoeRoots* magazines. He sells his photographs in Ely through The Cabin gift shop on Sheridan Street. Prints of his images are available in several different sizes, on paper, metal,



Photographer Larry Ricker in front of a display of his work at The Cabin gift shop at 120 E. Sheridan in Ely. photo by C. Clark

and slate backings. Also for sale are wares featuring his pictures, like coffee cups and coasters. He has recently added totes to his product line.

Ricker sells his photos and wares at the Tuesday evening Farmer's Market in Ely, at the Blueberry/Art Festival and at the Harvest Moon Festival. He also sells online at his website at [lhrimages.com](http://lhrimages.com).

"The coasters are successful sellers at the Farmer's Market," Ricker remarked. "This is actually my first year selling at the Farmer's Market, and other than when it rains out, it's been going well for me. I tend to sell bigger items at Blueberry and Harvest Moon."

### Five decades of photos

Ricker was born in Milwaukee and lived there until he was six years old. His family moved to

Atlanta and then North Carolina before returning to Milwaukee in the 1960s, where Ricker graduated from high school.

Ricker caught his enthusiasm for taking pictures from his father. As a field engineer for Allis Chalmers, his father often had to travel for work, and took a 35mm camera with him everywhere he went. He brought home slide shows of all the places he visited. His camera habit rubbed off on Ricker, who bought his first camera—a Kodak Instamatic 126—as a teenager.

Ricker joined the U.S. Air Force and served for four years, most of it in England, where he met his wife. While in the Air Force, he bought his first 35mm, a Yashica Rangefinder, one of the first cameras with an auto-exposure adjustment. He soon upgraded to his first SLR, also a Yashica.

After his time in the military, Ricker came home and completed a degree in electrical engineering at the University of Wisconsin in Madison. He then went to work for IBM in Rochester for 27 years before taking an early retirement.

Ricker shot film up to 2003 when he acquired a point-and-shoot Olympus. He picked up a Nikon D70 in 2004 and is now all digital. His current stable of cameras includes a Nikon D7200 and a Nikon Z50.

Ricker was hooked on the switch from film to digital. "One of the things I really liked was being able to look at a picture right away, instead of having to wait for the film to return from the color lab... I don't even know where I could buy 35mm film anymore," Ricker joked. "I have no idea where there are any color labs left that can develop film."

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Ricker's transition from engineer to photographer was a gradual one.

"I started selling photos before I left IBM," said Ricker. But his photography took off after retiring from IBM. "Something seemed to be working. My pictures started selling and I had a glimmer of hope that it could do more than just pay for itself."

That glimmer of hope has now become Ricker's second career and his photos and wares have been available for purchase at The Cabin, in Ely for almost a decade. "Marilyn Daane, who owns The Cabin, saw my work at Harvest Moon and invited me to sell my work at her shop," said Ricker. Daane has run The Cabin since 1978, opening it for four months every year during the tourist season.

### Moving to Ely

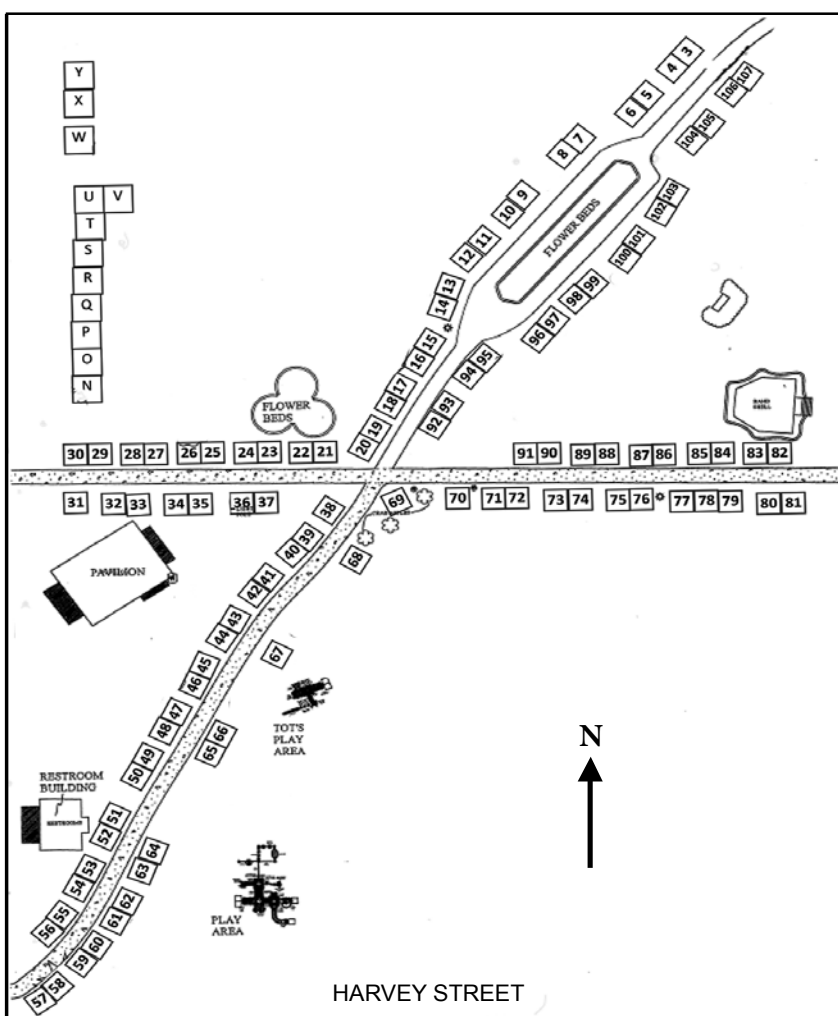
Besides photography, Ricker said he likes to camp, paddle, and snowshoe, which makes Ely his perfect home port and he's thrilled to be in the heart of the landscape he's been drawn to for decades.

"The boreal forest calls to me," he said. "Everywhere I look, there's a photo."

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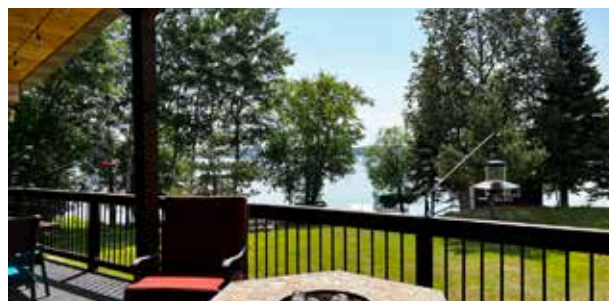
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## VOLLEYBALL

# Grizzlies dump Bigfork in straight sets

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

**FIELDTWP-** The North Woods volleyball team moved to 3-0 on the season with a home win against Bigfork on Tuesday.

Pumped up playing in front of a home crowd for the first time this season, the Grizzlies fed off that energy to take command of the first set early. With Lauren Burnett at the service line, the Grizzlies turned a 3-2

deficit into a 12-3 lead. The ten-point run included three aces by Burnett and three kills by Isabel Pascuzzi. North Woods controlled the pace from there, going up as many as 10 points before claiming a 25-16 win.

The Huskies kept pace with the Grizzlies through the midpoint of the second set, trailing just 13-11 when Burnett scored a kill to give the ball back to North Woods. Burnett served up a pair of aces in a four-point flurry that extended the Grizzlies

lead to 17-11. Bigfork was back to within three when a Huskies service fault put Talise Goodsky at the serve with a 20-16 lead. Goodsky ignited a five-point run with an ace and closed out the set with another as the Grizzlies won 25-16.

Needing a win to keep the match alive, the Huskies battled neck-and-neck with the Grizzlies in the third set, forcing seven ties through 16-16 and then taking a two-point lead at 18-16. North Woods came back

**Right: Addy Hartway looks on as Tori Olson fields a serve.**

photo by D. Colburn

to tie the set at 18-18, and Pascuzzi broke a 21-21 tie with a nifty push back to give the Grizzlies the lead for good. With Madison Dantes serving for the match at 24-22, the Huskies hit a weak return over the net that River Cheney slammed down for the win.

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## VOLLEYBALL

# Wolves crush L-BF in three

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**LITTLEFORK—** The long bus ride to Littlefork didn't seem to tire the Timberwolves, who thoroughly dominated the Vikings in a three-set match Tuesday evening. The reigning Section 7A champions took it 25-9-, 25-13, and 25-10 to improve to 3-0 on the young season.

"The game went well," said Ely Head Coach Megan Wognum. "It's been really fun to watch our team progress over the last three weeks."

During that time, Ely has only lost a single set, a 25-23 match-opening loss to Greenway in the second match of the season. As was the case last year, the Wolves have multiple players they can rely on to get the job done, and that's reflected in the stats.

On Tuesday, it was Hannah Penke who led the way offensively, with a dozen kills in addition to seven digs. Lilli Rechichi added six kills, seven digs, three aces, and two solo blocks, while Audrey Kallberg posted six kills and four digs. Clare Thomas posted five kills, six digs

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## CROSS COUNTRY

# Grizzlies run well at Grand Marais

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

**GRAND MARAIS-** The 2023 varsity cross country season got off to a good start for North Woods runners competing with the South Ridge Panthers on Thursday, Aug. 31 when they tackled the Pincushion Mountain course in the North Shore Challenge hosted by Cook County High School.

Grizzlies junior Alex Burckhardt set the pace for the Panthers in the boys 5K, capturing second place with a time of 17

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## FOOTBALL

# Grizzlies wallop LOW

North Woods rushes for over 400 yards, led by Kaden Gornick's 194 yards

by DAVID COLBURN  
Cook-Orr Editor

**FIELD TWP-** The North Woods backfield ran wild in their nineman football season debut against Lake of the Woods here on Thursday, Aug. 31, rushing for over 400 yards and five first-half touchdowns in a 46-12 rout of the Bears.

The Grizzlies put this one away early with an explosive second quarter. They came into the period leading 8-0 on the strength of a ten-yard touchdown run by junior quarterback Trajen Barto and a two-point conversion by junior running back Nick Abramson. The second quarter looked ominous to start. North Woods turned the ball over on an interception and gave up a 15-yard scoring pass from the Bears' Jayce Lucek to Cole Cook to make the score 8-6. But that's when the Grizzlies came to life. Taking

**Above: North Woods' Kaden Gornick leaves Lake of the Woods defenders in the dust on his way to a 35-yard touchdown.**

**Right: The Grizzlies' Trajen Barto celebrates one of his game-high four interceptions.**

photos by D. Colburn

over after the kickoff at their own 48, it took only two carries by junior running back Kaden Gornick for the Grizzlies to score, the second a 35-yard touchdown dash that put North Woods up 14-6.

After stopping the Bears on downs at their own 45, lightning struck again on the next play with Gornick breaking through the middle of the line and going the distance for another touchdown at the 7:33 mark of the quarter. Abramson

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## FOOTBALL

# Wolves slip to Broncos

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**ELY—** A couple painful early turnovers may well have made the difference for the Timberwolves in a 25-18 season-opening loss to International Falls here last Thursday.

The Wolves, who are back at the 11-man level after a stint as a nineman squad, had plenty of

opportunity and played much of the game with excellent field position thanks to a strong performance from the kick-receive special team. But twice, as Ely entered the red zone, they let opportunity slip through their fingers, first on a fumble and later on an interception. "Those hurt us," said Ely Head Coach Louie Gerzin.

Freshman Sean Merriman, who went out for football for

**Right: Ely senior Deegan Richards takes it in for a touchdown, one of three scored by Ely at the Wolves' season debut last Thursday.**

photos by J. Greeney

the first time this season, led the offense as quarterback. "He's really smart and he's an athlete," said

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## Obituaries and Death Notices



**Paul H. Mesojedec**  
Paul Herman Mesojedec, 80, of Soudan, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Aug. 23, 2023, at ViewCrest Care Center in Duluth. In keeping with Paul's wishes, there will be no service.

Paul was born on March 6, 1943, to Herman Frank and Agnes Marie (Chiabotti) Mesojedec. After graduating from high school, Paul married his childhood sweetheart, Darlene Rae Berg, on Sept. 2, 1967, at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower. In 1969, the couple welcomed their only child, Chad, to the world.

Paul and Darlene enjoyed spending time at the Ely Moose Club playing cards, and gambling in Las Vegas, Laughlin, and numerous casinos in Minnesota including Fortune Bay. They enjoyed trips to Jamaica and the Bahamas. Paul liked spending time at the island, the shack in the woods, walking, fishing, and swimming. He also enjoyed reminiscing about growing up in Soudan, playing hockey and football.

Paul is survived by his wife, Darlene; son, Chad (Jennifer); grandchildren, Maren and John Paul; and brother, Mitchell (Ginger).

He was preceded in death by his parents, Herman and Agnes Mesojedec; and grandmother, Helen Chiabotti.

**Thomas M. Reed**

Thomas Michael "Tim" Reed, 68, of Crane Lake, passed away suddenly on Thursday, Aug. 10, 2023, in Virginia. Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. on Sunday, Sept. 10 at Crane Lake Chapel and again in June 2024. He will be buried as he wished, at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery near Duluth.

He is survived by his sister, Nancy Reed Nichols-Goldstein; former wife, Melanie Reed; and many cherished cousins, nieces, nephews and friends.

**William Hill**

William "Lum" Hill, 86, of Virginia, passed away on Thursday, Aug. 31, 2023, at Benedictine Health Center in Duluth. A private celebration of life will be held at a later date.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Janet Jamnick Hill; daughters, Sherri (Jeff) Munson and Bonnie (Dean) Kuitunen; son, Michael (Shannon) Hill; son-in-law, Troy Barteck; many grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and beloved cat, Princess.



**William M. Sobyra Jr.**

William M. "Bill" Sobyra Jr., 83, of Cook, passed away on Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Sept. 9 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cook. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Bill was born in Chicago, Ill., on April, 15, 1940, to William Sr. and Stella (Bernal) Sobyra. Bill grew up and attended school in Chicago, graduating from Elgin High School in 1958. His first big job was with a federal life insurance company where he worked in printing. He would come up to Minnesota for summer vacations and that is where he met the love of his life in 1963. Bill and Karen went fishing and got stuck on the boat together. Knowing that Bill couldn't swim, Karen would rock the boat. They wrote letters back and forth which led to Bill proposing that Christmas. They were united in marriage on Jan. 2, 1965.

After they married, Bill and Karen lived in Glendale Heights, Ill., and he became the manager for Practical Offset Printing Company. In 1974, they moved to Cook with their three children. He had worked for a construction company and was proud to help build the Hibbing Hospital where all of his grandchildren were born. He also helped build the Cook Homestead and later Potlatch, where he was hired and later retired as a press operator.

Bill was an avid bowler, golfer and sports enthusiast. If there was a game on, he was always watching, especially when it came to the White Sox, Cubs and Twins. His grandkids grew up with sarcastic threats. If you asked him for anything, he would jokingly say, "It will cost you \$2." He was proud of

all his children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren, going to all their games, school events, and extracurricular activities. He was loved and will be greatly missed.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Karen Sobyra; son, William (Sherri) Sobyra; daughter, Julie (Peter) Schelde; grandchildren, Alicia Witte, Astion (Cierra Morris) Schelde, William (Calesha) Sobyra IV, Courtney (Zack) Zeig, Mikaela Schelde, Bridget Schelde and Cheyenne Schelde; great-grandchildren, Oliver Schelde, Rhett Zeig, Parker Klimek and one on the way; sister, Dolores Sobyra; bonus son, Torben (Susanne) Bruun; bonus grandchildren, Anne Kathrine and Frederick; and numerous nieces, nephews and other beloved family members.

He was preceded in death by his son, Master Sergeant Frank M. Sobyra; parents, William Sr. and Stella Sobyra; and brothers, Stanley Sobyra and Raymond Sobyra.



**James D. Keranen**

James Donald Keranen, 94, of Grand Rapids, passed away surrounded by family in the early morning hours of Sunday, Sept. 3, 2023, at Majestic Pines Senior Living in Grand Rapids. A visitation will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 12 at Rowe Funeral Home in Grand Rapids. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 13 at Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Grand Rapids, with one hour of visitation prior to the service. Pastor Ben B. Buchanan will officiate. Full military honors will be rendered immediately following the service. Arrangements are with Rowe Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Grand Rapids.

**Glenn W. Myers**

Glenn W. Myers, 86, of Babbitt, passed away on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023, at Vermilion Senior Living in Tower. Funeral arrangements are pending with Landmark Funeral Home of Virginia.

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  - 9 Airplane mea- sure
  - 10 Theater award
  - 11 Sharif of "Funny Girl"
  - 16 Ball club VIP
  - 20 Six-pack muscles
  - 22 Refuge
  - 23 Pre-diploma hurdle
  - 24 Sprite
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  - 26 Prized Chinese ves- sel
  - 27 Carry on
  - 29 Popular card game
  - 30 Cold and damp
  - 35 Conk out
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  - 41 Young fellows
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## Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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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.

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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.

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

## King Crossword

Solution time: 25 mins.

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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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Answer

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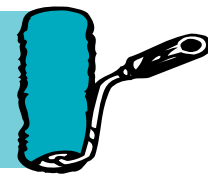
## Super Crossword

**ACROSS**  
1 Bucolic  
9 Break away formally  
15 Lazes about  
20 Out of prison conditionally  
21 Brand of infant formula  
22 "— vincit amor" ("Love conquers all")  
23 Try to get the job done  
24 "The Grass Is Singing" novelist  
26 Falco of "Oz"  
27 Bonding stuff  
29 Peevish  
30 O or Elle, e.g.  
31 Original host of "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire"  
35 In a calm way  
37 Bellhop's employer  
38 Ultimate  
40 Actress Hagen  
41 They suffer for what they believe in  
45 First lady who wrote "American Grown"  
52 Self-confident declaration  
53 Zilch  
54 Ugly plants  
55 Stuff oozing down a trunk  
56 She sang "I'll Be Missing You" with Puff Daddy  
60 Skewed view  
61 Unicycle part  
62 Trout feature  
63 "— go bragh"  
64 Makes taboo  
65 Sister chain of Marshalls  
67 Art collector who founded a Manhattan museum  
72 Daisy parts  
74 Nets or Nats  
75 Daily opinion page  
76 The Monkees' "— Believer"  
79 Since  
80 Like lingerie  
81 She played Kerry Weaver on "ER"  
84 Hertz offering  
85 Actress Keanan of "Step by Step"  
87 Transmitted  
88 This plus that  
89 George C. Scott's "Taps" co-star  
92 Certain stream of particles  
95 N, S, E or W  
96 — de mer  
97 Utility bill info  
99 Waifish supermodel  
104 Creator and star of FX's "Atlanta"  
110 Wall St. hedger  
111 Remove a collar from, e.g.  
113 Musk of SpaceX  
114 Co. transfer  
115 Luminaries like the eight featured in this puzzle? (hint: look at their first few letters)  
118 Took off on  
121 Pacific island nation  
122 Dubbed  
123 Greatness  
124 Some female singers  
125 Refugees  
126 Goes along with humbly  
4 George who played Sulu  
5 Singer Rita  
6 Get decayed  
7 Touches down  
8 Leave alone  
9 Second half of a single  
10 "— Beso"  
11 City about 50 miles west of Athens  
12 Arab leader  
13 Casino chips, e.g.  
14 J.R. Ewing's mother  
15 California city near San Jose  
16 Meditation syllables  
17 Japanese cartoon art  
18 Ultimate  
19 Drooping  
25 Invested (with)  
28 Funny Tracey  
32 Timid  
33 "— favor"  
34 Old Andean  
36 Eatery bill  
39 Chopping with an ax  
41 Peeve  
42 Brazilian berry  
43 Cloudburst  
44 Blasting aid  
46 Passports, e.g.  
47 Rent  
48 The, in Paris  
49 Area south of the Black Sea  
50 Karl with a manifesto  
51 Zenith  
53 Manipulation of matter on a tiny scale  
57 Satan's home  
58 God of love  
59 Liveliness  
60 Satchel, e.g.  
61 "Eww, no more!" in texts  
64 Lazy type  
65 Ellington's "Take — Train"  
66 Yoda is one  
68 Klutzy type  
69 Medication for acid reflux  
70 Part of LGBT  
71 "Fresh Air" ailer  
72 Postwar deal  
73 Morales of the screen  
77 Prefix with analysis  
78 Pallid  
80 Put in words  
81 Feline sign  
82 Occurring every year  
83 Clippers' org.  
85 Provocation  
86 Ruler's seat  
87 WWII battle city in France  
90 Pindar poem  
91 Frog-to-be  
92 Sullied reputation  
93 Yolk's place  
94 Business card no.  
98 Slanted  
99 Iota-lambda link  
100 "That's — shame"  
101 Fastening rod with a crosspiece  
102 Lazy type  
103 Bulgarian capital  
105 Essentials  
106 Arrangement  
107 Leaf features  
108 Vote in event  
109 Roping  
112 Being seen via the small screen  
116 Kung — shrimp  
117 Wallet bill  
119 Discharge from service, informally  
120 Wallet bill

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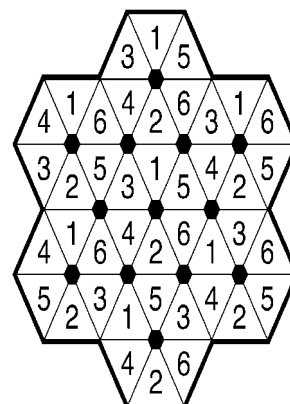
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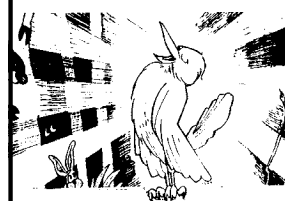
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