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A PENETRATING PROBLEM

Sharp gravel leaves Eagles Nest drivers flat

Residents and township officials urging St. Louis County to take action

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**
Managing Editor

EAGLESNEST— Township officials are raising the alarm over an issue that St. Louis County public works officials say they've never encountered before.

Residents along both Trygg and Mud Creek Roads here have experienced an exceptionally high number of flat tires as a result of

"improvements" undertaken by public works crews on the two county roads.

Earlier this summer, county road crews added about six inches of fresh gravel to both roadways and mixed it with a calcium chloride solution designed to reduce dust and better bind the aggregate to produce a smoother road requiring less maintenance. That's according to St. Louis

County Public Works Director Jim Foldesi, who spoke to the *Timberjay* about the unusual issue.

Foldesi said the county crews used the same local pit they've tapped for years for use on roads in the township, without ever experiencing anything like what they've seen this year.

"It's been a real head-scratch-

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Right: Residents along Trygg Rd. in Eagles Nest Township have experienced dozens of flat tires as a result of sharp gravel recently added there.

photo by M. Helmberger



Red maples were at or near peak this week across the North Country. Expect the maple color to peak this weekend.

photo by M. Helmberger

PUBLIC SAFETY

Ely's Gillson facing multiple charges

by **CATIE CLARK**
Ely Editor

ELY - A domestic incident here that sparked a house fire and a high-speed chase with law enforcement that ended in the woods in Waasa Township last week, has left an Ely man charged with arson, assault, discharging a firearm in city limits, and fleeing from police.

Jason Gillson, age 49, was arrested



Jason Gillson

on four felony counts and one misdemeanor. According to court documents, the incident began around 10 a.m., when the Ely Police Department responded to a call reporting that Gillson

was arguing at a high volume with his girlfriend at his single-family residence located at 45 E. Boundary St.

The initial incident

While enroute to the scene, Ely police received a dispatch reporting a female trying to break into Gillson's residence. When Ely Police Chief Chad

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Hundreds of runners will descend on Ely this weekend.

ELY EVENTS

Ely marathon brings runners, road closures

by **CATIE CLARK**
Ely Editor

ELY- The Ely Marathon weekend gets underway on Friday, with hundreds of racers on tap for the both the full and half marathons as well as the canoe portaging event. The race brings plenty of people to town, as well as detours and road closures to create a safe experience for everyone involved. Those detours were among the subjects of Police Chief Chad Houde's report to the city council here on Tuesday.

"Sheridan will close for the Glow Run (on Friday) at 6:45 p.m.," Houde reported. "On Saturday, Sheridan will be closed until 2 p.m. The complete list of road closures will be published in the local papers."

Race route maps and a complete list of road closures are on page 9 of this week's edition.

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LAKE VERMILION

Pontoon rams island, sends two to hospital

by **JODI SUMMIT**
Tower-Soudan Editor

LAKE VERMILION- Nighttime darkness, speed, and alcohol are believed to have contributed to a pontoon boat accident on Lake Vermilion the evening on Sept. 16, according to a news release from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office.

Area fire, ambulance, and law enforcement from Tower, Greenwood, Virginia, and St. Louis County responded to reports that a pontoon boat crashed into Rainbow Island, located in Daisy Bay, throwing a female passenger to the shore.

First responders located a female passenger who had been

thrown from the boat and provided medical assistance until she could be transported to shore by Greenwood First Responders. The passenger was subsequently transported to the Virginia hospital, via Tower Ambulance, with non-life-threatening injuries. The driver of the boat was also transported to shore by Greenwood

First Responders in their second rescue boat, and then transported by ambulance to the Virginia hospital for treatment of his non-threatening injuries.

Names of both parties are being withheld pending family notification and the ongoing investigation. Both parties were from the Twin Cities metro area

and were visiting the area on vacation.

Rainbow Island is a string of granite rocks in Daisy Bay, but is called Banana Island on some maps. Robert Fox, of Iowa City, Iowa, bought the island in 1988 from the son of the original cabin owner, through a state

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Community notices

Walters to discuss American perceptions of Chinese people and culture Sept. 27

COOK - The future prospect of Chinese domination of the global economy will be the focus of an upcoming discussion at Northern Progressives on Wednesday, Sept. 27 at 6:30 p.m. at the Crescent Bar & Grill, 9257 Olson Rd.

Terry Walters of Babbitt will present on the topic "Sleeping Dragon Awakes: American Perspectives on China vs. Reality." Walters said his presentation will challenge common American perceptions of Chinese people and their culture.

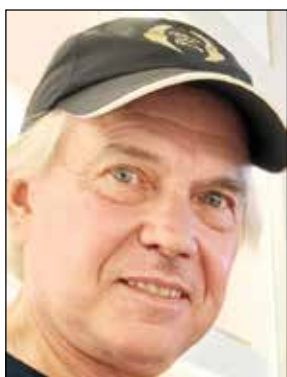
Since 1999, while directing English Language and American Culture camps in Chinese Schools, Walters has traveled throughout the country and engaged personally with the Chinese people, learning what they think of the U.S. and the American people.

"I have been trusted with their honest opinions of their own society and government, feelings they dread expressing aloud," Walters said. "My experiences have made me feel very privileged as well as humble. As politicians challenge each other to see who can be the toughest, we must ask if this current American orgy of Sinophobia is justified," said Walters.

According to Walters, China will inevitably dominate the world economy. He asks, "Why is this apparent, and will this mean the destruction of America as we know it? What is important to people in China; what do they commonly value? How strange and different is life in the People's Republic of China compared to our lives in the U.S."

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

Northern Progressives has a progressive social 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.



EXPLORE YOUR ROOTS
New genealogy workshop series offered at MDC this fall

Learn how to do research into your family's history

CHISHOLM - The Minnesota Discovery Center (MDC) announced a new genealogy workshop series, "Your Roots," starting this September and running through December. The new series will be hosted by Cathi Weber, past chairwoman of the Minnesota Genealogical Society's education committee and proprietor of NorthStar Genealogy. Cathi will cover a wide range of topics in several different workshop sessions held in-person in the Iron Range Research Center's education room located on the MDC campus. Workshop dates include:

➤ Saturday, Sept. 23: Genealogy 101 - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

➤ Thursday, Oct. 12: Ancestry.com - 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

➤ Saturday, Nov. 4: Census records, immigration records, and naturalization records - 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Includes 1-hour lunch break. Boxed lunch available for purchase onsite day-of).

➤ Saturday, Nov. 18: Family Tree Maker software - 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

➤ Thursday, Nov. 30: Organizing your family research - 6 p.m. - 7 p.m.

➤ Saturday, Dec. 9: Displaying, sharing, and publishing your family history - 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

"Every single day, we help people from across the United States and the world find their relatives' lost history, and we are pleased to announce a brand-new series of workshops that will help people on their family research journey, whether you're just starting out or have been at it for decades, we have resources to help you along," said MDC Archivist Christopher Welter.

In addition to teaching participants the ins and outs of conducting efficient family research, Cathi will share the unusual family history she discovered about her grandfather, who died the year she was born. After years of thorough research, she learned that her grandfather had changed his name and moved across the country, leaving one family behind, and starting another - with neither family knowing about the other one.



Top: Iron Range Research Center staffer, Alex Montclam poses next to new research equipment.

Bottom left: Cathi Weber will hold several workshops for those interested in learning more about their heritage.

Bottom right: The summer entrance to the Iron Range Research Center provides easy access.

Each workshop ranges from 1-3 hours and requires a \$15 pre-registration fee. To register for one or all the workshops call 218-254-7959 Tuesday-Saturday during MDC's open hours.

The Iron Range Research Center houses one of the largest collections of genealogical and local history research materials in the Upper Midwest and is free to visit Tuesday-Saturday outside of special events and programs. Furthermore, the research center is a longtime contributor to Ancestry.com, the leading online resource for genealogy, and has been recognized by *Family Tree Magazine* as one of Minnesota's best genealogy websites.

The workshop series is located at the Iron Range Research Center Education Room - 1005 Discovery Drive Chisholm. Phone 218-254-7959. Discover more workshop series information online at mndiscoverycenter.com and click the events tab.

Ladies of Kaleva Soinnuttaren Tupa 32 and Knights to meet Sept. 28

VIRGINIA - The Ladies of Kaleva Soinnuttaren Tupa 32 & Knights will be meeting Thursday Sept. 28 at 6 P.M. at Kaleva Hall. We will have a program after the meeting. Coffee will be served. New members are welcome.

MSA makes scholarships available for law enforcement students

REGIONAL - The Minnesota Sheriff's Association (MSA) is offering up to 20 scholarships worth \$2,000 each to law enforcement students. These scholarships are due to the coordinated efforts of the 87 Sheriffs of the State of Minnesota, and St. Louis County Sheriff Gordon Ramsay is encouraging students in this area to apply.

Scholarships are available to students currently enrolled in one of the following law enforcement programs:

1. Mandated POST Skills Program
2. In their second year of a two-year law enforcement program.
3. In their third or fourth year of a four-year college criminal justice program.

In order to qualify, students must have completed at least one year of the two-year program or two years of a four-year program.

Students meeting these criteria may pick up a scholarship application packet from the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office locations in Duluth, Hibbing or Virginia; or may access the application online at www.mnsheriffs.org.

The deadline to submit an application is Nov. 17, 2023. Scholarship awards will be announced by December 29.

Ladies of Kaleva to hold next meeting Oct. 2

VIRGINIA - Lokka Tupa #1, Ladies of Kaleva, will meet on Monday, Oct. 2, at noon at Kaleva Hall.

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Those who collect passport stamps at all four locations will be eligible for door-prize drawings at the Kwazy Wabbit at 7:45pm

ELY CITY COUNCIL

Dogs who run in the Ely Marathon allowed in Whiteside Park

by CATIE CLARK
Ely Editor

ELY- The Ely City Council, on Tuesday, voted to allow half-marathon runners to cross the finish line in Whiteside Park with their dogs, which are not normally permitted at the park.

Wendy Lindsay, race director of the Ely Marathon, made the request, explaining that this was the first year that the half marathon has allowed dogs to run with their owners.

"There are maybe a dozen dogs involved," Lindsay said, "so it won't be a circus. Dogs must be on a leash, wearing a bandana, and have their vaccines. The dogs will only be with the runners. Dogs will not be allowed (in the park) with spectators."

Senior Center

The city council accepted the recommendation from

About a dozen half marathon participants racing with their leashed dogs

the budget committee to keep the donation at the budgeted amount of \$7,500 for the Senior Center in 2024. At the budget committee meeting on Monday, the committee members decided not to recommend funding the entire \$24,000 operating expense of the center's building. According to the meeting notes provided to the city council, committee and city council member Al Forsman proposed that the \$7,500 already budgeted would be "sufficient to help with operating costs," and that a rehabilitation loan could help offset some of the building's needed capital improvements.

The council passed the motion with limited discussion, although council member Paul Kess noted that many cities support their senior centers. "We can always come back and re-

visit how much we contribute to the senior center," said Forsman.

Ely Memorial High School

As Ely's high school building approaches its 100-year anniversary, the city's Heritage Preservation Commission (HPC) and the Gardner Humanities Trust are both pursuing projects ramping up to celebrate that event.

Margaret Egan addressed the council about the HPC grant application to hire an art conservator to assess the Workman paintings "Education" and "Industry" in the entrance to the high school. The two huge paintings were the gift of the Class of 1920. The council approved the grant application and voted to send a letter of support.

Council member Angela Campbell reported that the HPC is already pursuing another grant, for \$10,000, to create a video and oral history of the high school. The HPC is also working to register the Workman paintings with the Smithsonian, to help establish the importance of the works.

The council also approved the recommendation of the HPC that City Attorney Kelly Klun meet with the commission members to gain an understanding of the "public realm" as it relates to the project work of the HPC.

Ely Area Ambulance

The council also approved the recommendation from budget committee to increase the 2024 Ely Area Ambulance Joint Powers budget to \$20.20 per capita, or \$64,900, and \$9,000 for building operations for a

total of \$73,900.

"This shows that the city of Ely has a commitment to support the ambulance service," said Forsman, while noting that next year's ambulance budget will still be in the red. "If there are questions regarding this, we can address it at the Truth in Taxation meeting," he added.

"We may have to raise the levy in future years to support the ambulance service," said Kess, should the trend of rising costs continue.

In a related motion, the council voted to make the next Ely Area Ambulance Joint Powers Ambulance meeting a special city council meeting. That meeting is scheduled for Oct. 30 at 4 p.m. at the Winton Community Center. This measure

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Latest search for missing Gheen man comes up empty

by DAVID COLBURN
Cook-Orr Editor

GHEEN- The St. Louis County Rescue Squad fanned out again around Gheen on Sunday looking for any sign of missing Willow Valley Township resident Glenn Stevenson, but once again came up empty.

St. Louis County Sheriff's Office lead investigator Andrew Feiro told the *Timberjay* that the rescue squad used tracked vehicles and specially-trained canines in Sunday's search, but nothing relevant to Stevenson's disappearance was found. Feiro said this was the last official search event for now.

"Currently, there are no further planned searches unless further information or tips are received," Feiro said. "The investigation does remain open and we will continue to follow any leads if they do come in."

It's coming up on three weeks since Steven-

No more activity planned without new leads

son was last seen walking along Willow River Rd. just south of Gheen on Saturday, Sept. 2. Kathy Stevenson, Glenn's sister, said he was agitated that morning and may have been suffering a delusion from an incorrect dosage of medication he was taking for Parkinson's disease. About a third of Parkinson's patients experience delusions, which can be brought on by

changes in medication or illness.

Kathy Stevenson told the *Timberjay* on Tuesday that she was holding up "OK" but that as time passes it becomes more difficult to keep up hope.

"It's getting harder and harder to be positive," she said. "When the dogs were out, I knew what they were looking for, so I was hoping and not hoping that they would find

something. All we can do is wait and hope someone finds him or has seen him."

Stevenson hasn't dismissed the possibility that Glenn may have made his way back out to the highway and hitchhiked someplace, even though a ping of his cellphone indicated it was still in the Gheen area.

"He had a day and a half to get out of the

area," she said, referring to the time between when he disappeared and when the search commenced in earnest. "Maybe he found someone to give him a ride."

Stevenson expressed her gratitude to the sheriff's office, the rescue squad, and all the local volunteers who have been involved in the search effort and hopes that some-

one might recall or know something and call in a tip.

"I just don't know what to do anymore," she said, "except to hope and keep the faith."

Anyone who believes they may have some information that could be helpful in locating Glenn Stevenson is encouraged to call 911 and reference case number 23129421.

REAL ESTATE

OPINION

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“CONGRESS SHALL MAKE NO LAW...ABRIDGING THE FREEDOM OF SPEECH, OR OF THE PRESS;”

The First Amendment of the United States Constitution

Editorial

Impeachment investigation

The bullies are winning in our nation's capital

The capitulation of House Speaker Kevin McCarthy to Donald Trump and his loud-mouth acolytes in Congress to the planned impeachment of President Joe Biden shows the extent to which the Republican Party has sacrificed all pretense of principle, or simply basic governance, to the all-out war on truth that the party's MAGA base demands.

McCarthy's ordering of an impeachment investigation into Biden last week is the first such investigation undertaken against an American president in which there was no evidence of so much as a misdemeanor, much less a high crime. For purely political reasons, Biden has been under the GOP's microscope for more than five years. The former Trump Justice Department and Senate Republicans spent three years trying to link Joe Biden to his son Hunter's business activities. They had access to every investigatory weapon, from subpoenas to search warrants to grand juries. Trump even personally leveraged U.S. military aid to Ukraine to pressure President Zelensky to announce its own investigation into Biden to help Trump's re-election bid, an act that led to Trump's first impeachment.

Since Republicans gained control of the House last year, they've relentlessly investigated the president, calling in witnesses and issuing subpoenas like tossed candy at a 4th of July parade. Over 12,000 pages of bank records and Treasury documents were reviewed. His son's former business partners, federal agents assigned to the Hunter Biden investigation, and even the senior Biden's longtime bookkeeper, all testified to Congress, under oath. The documents and testimony all revealed the exact same thing—absolutely no connection between Hunter Biden's overseas businesses and his father.

So disappointing were the results, that the Republicans resorted to posting nude pictures of Hunter Biden at one of their hearings. It had zero probative value to their investigation and was patently offensive to any normal human being, but it was tossed like chum to the GOP's increasingly unhinged MAGA base.

For years, the GOP has made false or unsupported claims, accusing Biden of accepting bribes or heading off investigations into Burisma, a Ukrainian company with ties to Hunter Biden. All of these claims have been thoroughly debunked by nonpartisan investigators. With the GOP's

own investigations now undermining their false claims, reasonable people would realize it's time to find something better to do, like pass a budget resolution so the federal government doesn't shut down in ten days.

“Reasonable” is not a term, of course, that can be used to describe those calling the shots in the GOP these days. With their investigation having come up empty and rapidly losing relevance, the Republicans did the only thing they could think of to allow them to continue blowing smoke up the public's rear end—launch an impeachment investigation. The result? More headlines as they plow the same fruitless ground over and over again! More breathless and fact-free commentary on Fox News! More campaign contributions!

Their strategy is plain, it's an effort to muddy the political waters and delegitimize the impeachments and multiple indictments of Donald Trump through false equivalency. As if to say, “See, how can you complain about Trump when Biden is corrupt, too?”

Yet the evidence of Trump's corrupt nature is all around us and has been laid out in voluminous witness testimony (virtually all provided by Trump-supporting Republicans), emails, text messages, video, call transcripts, recorded phone conversations, jury decisions, and court rulings. So, after five years of GOP-led investigation, where is the equivalent evidence showing corrupt dealings by Joe Biden? It doesn't exist. The only thing the GOP has proven is that the claims they continue to make about Biden are false.

Sadly, none of this matters to the spineless Speaker McCarthy, who was forced to bow to pressure from the bullies and thugs in his party, like Trump, Marjorie Taylor Greene, and Matt Gaetz, who have no agenda other than wielding power like a sledgehammer to wreak havoc on American institutions and revenge on anyone who would stand in their way.

These aren't people interested in governing. They're craven attention seekers and cheap grifters looking to line their own pockets peddling garbage to those poor suckers who actually fall for their schtick. They'll say anything and do anything to get their way. And they're the ones pulling the strings of leadership in today's GOP. No wonder fair-minded Republicans are leaving the party in droves. It's an absolute embarrassment.



Letters from Readers

Corporate capitalism comes with many costs

EXCLUSION in Econ 101, describes corporate capitalism as organized around hierarchy, dominance, division, conflict, and inequality emerging in the workplace as empowered employers (give orders) and disempowered employees (follow orders). The 99 percent, excluded from workplace decision-making, produce and consume economic output, but the 1 percent owners seize the surplus value.

EXPLOITATION by Corporatocracy keeps workers divided and powerless, yet without them nothing gets done. CEO's, the modern-day Lords and Masters, not only dominate workers, they decide how we live, work and recreate, plus what we eat, learn and do, even think. Economic subjects have no rights, few privileges, only duties as dictated by effete elites.

ENCLOSURE privatizes the commons promising efficient use of resources. Efficient for profiting the few, but ineffective, wasteful and indifferent to the greater good. Capture by private interests aim far beyond land ownership to public airwaves, social security, Medicare, seed patents, intellectual property rights and government itself.

EXTRACTION is the for-profit exploitation of natural resources and labor with disregard for consequences. Extractive enterprise has a notorious record for using air, water, land and climate as private disposal sites. Planetary depletion, degradation and destruction result from reckless extraction that drives capitalism.

EXTERNALITY maximizes profit by imposing social costs as public pain for private gain. In terms of human health and safety, the toll is staggering, animal suffering is horrific and planetary destruction is catastrophic. Hidden costs reveal the inefficiency of free markets. That few are better off because others are worse off is abhorrent.

ERASURE is the “lost, stolen and strayed,” history of wealth built by theft of land, labor and memory through treachery and violence. Corporate capture of culture, government, public institutions, and media crowds out critical analysis and thought. “Having the best Supreme Court money can buy,” is the latest coup to erase democracy!

Harold Honkola
Stillwater

It's not cheap to maintain the cemetery

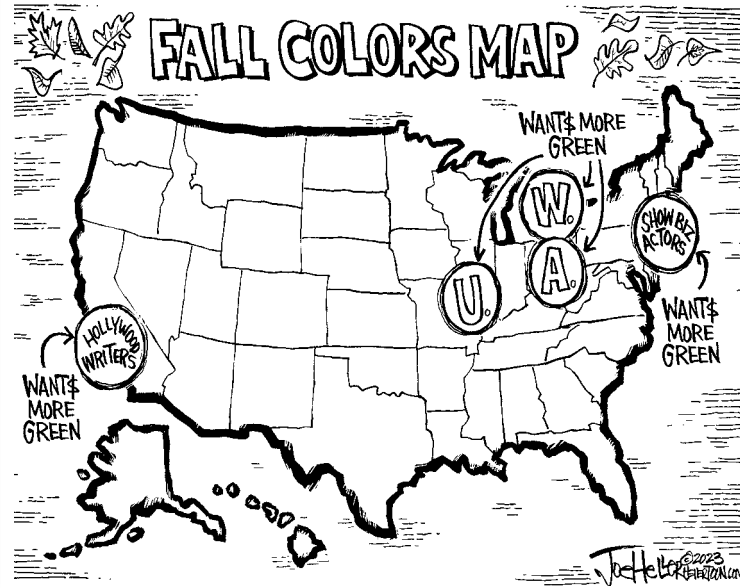
It is not like the old days when the cost was so little to maintain the Tower Cemetery

grounds. It would be nice if the Cemetery Association could keep all the money from a burial. The gravedigger gets \$400, the Cemetery Association gets \$250, and the sexton receives \$100. The cremation rate is \$300, the cemetery receives \$200 and the sexton \$100. Note: Burial on top of an old grave, there is an additional fee of \$200, which goes to the Cemetery Association.

As of Sept. 16, 2023, the Tower Cemetery Association has paid out \$29,503.13. It's not cheap to maintain the Tower Cemetery. Here are some of the bills that have been paid so far for the 2023 season: U.S. Treasury-\$818.70, “SFM” Workers Comp-\$986, Fuel costs-\$943, maintenance/repair on mowers-\$2,000, grass cutting-\$12,803, **Tower News**-\$210, *Timberjay*-\$114, Vermilion Tree Service-\$483, Postmaster-\$140.88, IBI Construction-\$250.

The association has had some generous donations this season. As it stands now, we will be in the negative. We are in need of new riding mowers, etc. Donate if you can to Tower Cemetery, PO Box 874 Tower MN 55790. “THANKS TO ALL.”

Leonard Stefanich
Soudan



We welcome your letters

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

We ask that letters be limited to 300 words.

Letters are subject to editing, primarily for length and clarity.

COLUMNIST

When good intentions turn out badly, or travels with a cat

Twenty years after the fact, the incident that taught me the meaning of the phrase “the road to hell is paved with good intentions” is still as vivid and horrifying as ever.

My ex-wife and I had finally sold the house where we'd lived as a family with our daughter, and the two of them were moving in with her new boyfriend. Kiersten, my daughter, had a dog and two cats, but the boyfriend was only willing to take in the dog and one cat, not two. Emily, a



DAVID COLBURN

beautiful tortoiseshell Persian, had always been ‘my’ cat, one I adopted from a shelter shortly after we'd moved to St. Peters, Mo., a St. Louis suburb. I welcomed this opportunity to get back ‘my’ cat and drove to St. Peters from my home in Kansas one weekend to pick her up.

The adoption agreement I'd signed when I got Emily mandated she be forever an ‘indoor’ cat, an agreement we'd stuck by all those years. But I thought

it would be nice for Emily to do a little exploring outside for once, so before picking her up I stopped at the pet store to buy a harness and a leash. Once I collected Emily, I detoured from the straight route home to go by Cuivre River State Park, near Troy, Mo.

Cuivre River is a beautiful, rugged Missouri park covered with white oak trees where I'd spent many weekends camping, and I knew just the spot to give Emily a little taste of wilderness. I parked the car, put the harness on her snug and tight, clipped on the leash, and off we went into the woods.

That makes it sound a little

faster than it really was - Emily was quite curious about every little thing in her path. She sniffed, she pawed, and she even chewed some of the plants. For about 30 minutes, I let her take the lead along a little draw filled with puddles from storms the prior day. She seemed to be enjoying herself just fine. But facing a six-hour drive ahead, 30 minutes was long enough for the excursion. Since she had no idea tugging on the leash meant to stop or change directions, I gathered her up in my arms and started the walk back to the car.

We made it all of about 20 yards.

Maybe it was one of the

plants she ate. Maybe it was too much fresh outdoor air. Maybe it was the ‘call of the wild.’ Whatever it was, something suddenly turned my lovely little Emily into the demon cat from Hades! No warning whatsoever - quick as a hiccup, Emily the docile morphed into Emily the crazed! Her eyes were wide and wild, she howled, she lashed out at me - and I had no choice but to drop her. She immediately bolted away, jerked to a sudden halt by the leash. She started furiously rolling back and forth in the leaves ... and then to my horror, she was free! Somehow, she

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Cook needs to be more business-friendly

A business partner recently wanted me to consider a proposition for a store front in the Iron Range area. He listed three potential locations for this new business, Cook being one of them.

I started doing my due diligence, which includes becoming familiar with the towns' ordinances, codes, and requirements as well as determining whether any land or buildings are for sale. I always review the last two years of city council meeting minutes to get a sense of what the town sees for their future and what is

planned that may increase the appeal of starting a new business there.

Let me say, I have done this so many times, it's almost robotic for me. I have never had such an experience anywhere in Minnesota, as I had with the city of Cook, and I don't mean it was a positive experience.

I spent several minutes trying to find the city council meeting minutes. I've always easily located these on a city's website. When I finally found them, I was quite surprised at how brief they were. "Following a lengthy discussion" would be written after a subject of discussion, but none of the discussion is ever transcribed. Just the motions are noted.

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satisfies Minnesota law, allowing council members to attend the meeting if they so choose.

Pet Ordinance

The council also approved the first readings of changes to the kennel ordinance to remove two old portions of the city's pet ordinances and replace them with the additions discussed over the summer.

The new pet ordinance contains new language that makes it clear that cats and dogs that go outside must be licensed, and wear a collar with tags, but that there is no requirement to wear a collar or tags inside. The new ordinance mainly adds sections on animal cruelty, dangerous dogs, and animals running loose.

When City Attorney Kelly Klun noted that public hearings are only required for land matters, Forsman made a motion that in addition to approving the first reading, the council should hold a public hearing on the proposed changes.

In the discussion, Police Chief Chad Houde said the rationale behind requiring licenses for cats "is to insure they have their rabies vaccines." He added that the police department gets a lot of calls regarding cats running free.

"We're struggling with any licenses other than (for) dogs," Klun said.

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had slipped out of the harness, and she dashed madly back into the woods at top speed, with me frantically giving chase.

Her dash ended 15 feet above the ground, clinging tightly to the trunk of a 40-foot-tall oak. These oaks didn't branch out until about 20-25 feet up, so the only thing supporting Emily was an ever-so-slight bulge at the point where she stopped. Part of me wanted to dash back to the car to get a blanket to 'net' her with when she came down - but I couldn't risk the chance she'd come down in the interim and get forever lost in the woods. So instead, I leaned my back against a nearby tree and tried coaxing this crazed kitty to come down. I'm sure you can imagine how well that strategy worked.

The forecast that afternoon was for scattered thunderstorms, and about 30 minutes after she scampered up the tree, one scattered our way. The winds came howling in, turning Emily into a reasonable facsimile of a circus acrobat perched atop one of those long, slender,

swaying poles. Back and forth she went as the rain quickly followed, both of us getting drenched in the process. It took about 20 minutes for the storm to move through - Emily's grip never weakened. She stayed put right where she was, soaked and swaying and howling.

Muscles, be they human or feline, get fatigued and cramped if left in the same position of exertion too long, and 15 minutes after the rain quit, Emily needed to shift a bit - and she slipped, plummeting to the ground. I immediately pounced on her, but she easily writhed away from my grasp and bolted for a nearby tree. Before she could get out of reach, I leaped as high as I could and latched on to her tail, ripping her down from the trunk. The only 'safe' option to keep from getting ripped to shreds by my crazed little girl was to maintain my grasp on her tail and hold her upside-down at arm's length, writhing and flailing and snarling, as I headed back to the car. I opened the door, tossed Emily in, slammed it quickly, and

Letters from Readers

I was also surprised to see that month after month, virtually no one from the public attended any meetings. No citizens have any feedback on anything going on or not going on in their town? Unheard of!

Then I read the minutes from the March 30, 2023 meeting:

"Councilor Bixby stated she had received input from some of the residents regarding going back to the 6 p.m. meeting time. Discussion was held and due to consideration of larger attendance at meetings, saving staffing costs, and effectiveness of 10 a.m. meetings, motion by Bruner, second by Storm to keep the Cook City Council meeting time at 10:00 a.m."

Well, of course citizens don't attend council meetings - they're held at 10 a.m. on a weekday. Staffing costs were listed as a main concern, which is a simple work around.

Again, I scoured the website for a link to the ordinances to no avail.

On Aug. 15, I emailed the address listed on the website: city@cookmn.us, asking to receive a copy of the city ordinances and also a copy of last year's city budget comparison report, to do a quick check for potential developments or rising expenses. This email is not a working email address and my message bounced right back.

I called the city and was given a different email address to use and

emailed again that same day. As of Aug. 23, I hadn't received a response from the city, so I sent a follow-up email.

On Sept. 6, I sent another follow-up email. On Sept. 7, I received an email response stating that I needed to complete a data request form to review reports and I would have to pay \$22 each to receive a copy of the city ordinances and the budget report, after my written request was approved, if it was. I also was asked what business I was with or if I was a private citizen.

Well, as of today, I am neither and based on this experience I won't continue to consider Cook as a viable location for a new business development. Who would?

I would think that for all the several daylong business trips that the city employees attend in the Twin Cities for meetings, trainings, seminars, and conventions, they would have the knowledge and tools to operate the city at the standards of the other cities within the state of Minnesota. The ones that encourage business development and make the process welcoming, for the betterment of their community, which has always been my experience in the past 24 years that I've been a business owner. Which the city of Cook, certainly does not.

Anna Antus

St. Paul

ommendation from budget committee to keep the maximum 2024 city of Ely levy increase at 2.99 percent or lower after adding the additional ambulance funding. The council can lower the proposed levy but it can't increase it once the proposed levy is set. The budget and the final decision on next year's levy will be made in December.

► Approved the recommendation from budget committee to allocate the \$48,816 petro fund cleanup reimbursement from the Community Center to the capital projects fund when received.

► Approved the recommendation from budget committee to approve the purchase of the sander from Mid-State Truck Service for \$20,402.

► Approved the recommendation from budget committee to purchase ArcGIS software from Prowest Associates for \$7,955 using the one-time public safety money.

► Approved the recommendation from the parks and recreation board to approve a wood fire oven at Semers Beach near the open-air pavilion. The oven will be built and funded by the Ely Folk School and available for use by the public.

► Approved the recommendation from parks and rec to install dog friendly signs in leashed-dog areas, and waste disposal stations.

► Gave its blessing to a mural on the side of the building at Semers Beach as a community project and to provide "some supplies of paint and brushes for a 'cool' mural."

► Approved the completion of Police Officer Dan Moores' one-year probation.

► Approved the request to hire two part-time police officers, Troy Bissonette and Scott Kochendorfer pending background check, psychological evaluation and medical.

► Approved advertising for a Police Administrative Assistant Backup Position.

► Approved the first reading of Ordinance 374, 2nd series to bring Ely's code in compliance with the changes in Minnesota statutes, approved by the Legislature this year, expanding the list of items that can be sold in liquor stores.

► Approved a subordination agreement for the Storefront Loan Mortgage with The Ely Portage LLC, dated Nov. 9, 2021, as Document No. 1429667.

► Approved the following claims for payment: City and EUC claims for Sept. 19 for \$234,992; pay estimate No. 1 for the Ninth Avenue East Project to Low Impact Excavators for \$234,269; pay estimate No. 2 for the East End Development Project to Low

Impact Excavators for \$158,259; Ely Community Resource fourth quarter payment of \$5,125; Invoice No. 89705 to AE2S for the Wastewater Treatment Project for \$33,484.

► Approved the application of Lawrence Reedy, resident of Ely, to fill the open seat on the Police Commission, with a term expiring on Jan. 31, 2024.

► Approved to accept in-kind services for the Northern Lights 5K Color Glow Run Race on Friday, Sept. 22, and the Ely Marathon on Saturday, Sept. 23.

► Approved Resolution 2023-019, authorizing the application by the Ely Blue Line Club for a raffle permit. The Ely Blue Line Club is a non-profit that supports ice hockey in Ely.

► Approved Resolution 2023-020, "Authorizing to Execute Minnesota Department of Transportation Grant Agreement for Airport Improvement Excluding Land Acquisition."

► Approved the low bid for the Trailhead Site Rebid project of \$549,413 from Mesabi Bituminous. The approval is pending federal approval.

► Approved a Residential Rehab Loan for Michael Dusich Jr. and Alyce Dusich at 129 S. 16th Ave. E., for up to \$10,000 for a new furnace pending proper paperwork and fees and directed Klun to work with the applicant and proceed with loan application.

► Approved a Commercial Rehab Loan for Surrey Trail LLC - Abby Dare - of 15 E. Sheridan St. for \$17,500 for a new heating system pending proper paperwork and fees and directed Klun to work with the applicant and proceed with loan application.

► Approved Resolution 2023-02, authorizing the city of Ely to apply for and accept funds from the fiscal year 2023 Development Infrastructure Grant Program.

► Approved the request of the Ely Student Council at Ely Memorial High School for a homecoming parade for Friday, Sept. 29 from 1-2 p.m.

► Approved Mayor Heidi Omerza and Clerk Harold Langowski as signers on the city of Ely's bank accounts at Highland Bank and Frandsen Bank and Trust.



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Week of Sept. 25

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

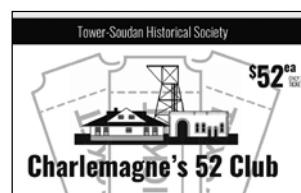
Tuesday
Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Oct. 17.

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

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

Breitung Town Board- 12 noon on Sept. 28.

Vermilion Country School Board- Meetings posted online at vermilioncountry.org.



TSHS week 8 winner

The winner of week eight Charlemagne's 52 Club \$100 cash prize is Theresa Martinson of Cook.

History Tidbit:
In 1893 the city of Tower issued 22 liquor licenses when Tower's population was 3,000 and growing due to the mining and timber industries. In what major way were the bars different from each other? By their ethnicity and the language spoken in each one.



Farmers market open in September

The Tower Farmers Market will be open through September, every Friday from 4-6 p.m. at the Depot. Raffle tickets for the Sharing the Harvest basket are still available for just one dollar. The drawing will be held on Sept. 22.

Free community meal at Immanuel on Sept. 27

TOWER- Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower is hosting their free monthly meal on Wednesday Sept. 27 from 4:30 - 6:30 p.m., or until the food is all gone. The meal this month is hamburger steak, mashed potatoes, gravy, and green beans. All are welcome. Eat-in or take-outs available.



SUPPORTING AREA YOUTH

TSAA Fall Auction returning on Nov. 9; donations needed for this annual fundraiser

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Athletic Association and Friends of Vermilion Country School will again be hosting their Fall Auction Fundraiser at the Wilderness at Fortune Bay on Thursday, Nov. 9. Details on tickets will be available soon. There will be food, karaoke with LuAnn Zaudtke, games, silent auction, and live

auction. This will be the first time we've been able to hold the fundraiser since 2019.

Right now, organizers are looking for donations for the silent auction, live auction, and game prizes. We are also in need of empty baskets to arrange items in. Themed baskets, hand-crafted items, gift certificates, home-

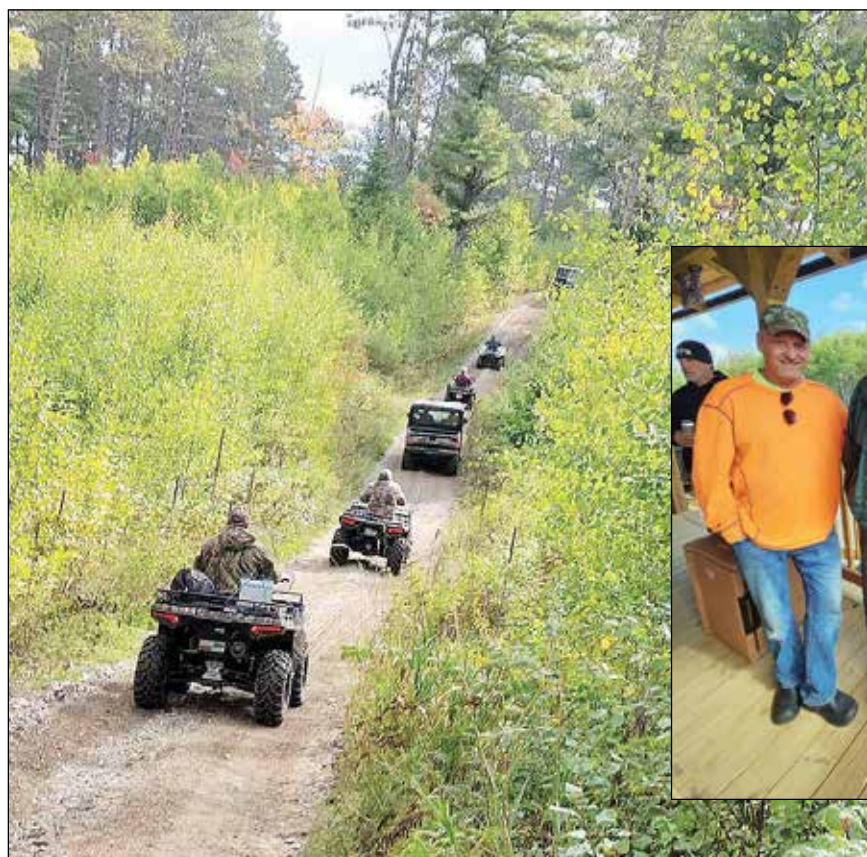
made canned goods, and homemade baked goods and candies are popular items for this silent auction. Cash donations will be used to purchase gift certificates for the larger prizes.

Funds raised go towards activities at the Vermilion Country School (athletic supplies, art supplies, field trips), Tower-Sou-

dan-Embarrass summer youth baseball, and special events at Tower-Soudan Elementary School (track and field day, and Ely Marathon entries).

Items can be dropped off at The Timberjay in Tower or call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950 with questions or to arrange pickups.

TRAILS



Dan Broten ride

Over 45 Off-road vehicles and 110 participants gathered on Saturday, Sept. 16 for a Prospector Trail Ride to honor the late Dan Broten.



Riders came from Ely, Tower, Babbitt, and Embarrass and met at the Greg Mosher Putnam Lake Outlook for lunch. "We couldn't have asked for better weather," said Dan's wife, Brenda Broten, who thanked Matt Lenci for organizing the event. Dan was part of the local group that worked for ten years to plan, get funding, and help create the Prospector Trail system. Left: Dan's parents Harlan and Adeline, along with Dan's brother-in-law Roland Shoен. photos by Brenda Broten

Final section of Ancient Cedars Trail boardwalk is completed

TOWER- Volunteers from the Wagoner Trails Club constructed a short section of boardwalk to connect the Mesabi Trail to the "orange trail" section of the Ancient Cedars trail on Sept. 16. The boardwalk now goes over the short swampy section that sometimes made this trail section difficult to access. The entrance to this section of trail is marked with a sign on the Mesabi Trail, and is a little ways east from the main entrance (that crosses the snowmobile bridge) for the trail system. The trail system, built in 2020, consists of about a mile-and-a-half of looping trails that let visitors explore a stand of old-growth upland cedar. The trail is rugged in spots, and supportive shoes and hiking poles are recommended.



The main entrance to the trail system starts with a 500-plus foot long section of boardwalk. This new section gets hikers over a low spot that is often very wet (though it is dry at this time). submitted photos

The Ancient Cedars Trail

Step back in time

Back in the late 1870s, before the founding of Tower-Soudan, fire burned the area you're about to enter. A forest dominated by northern white cedar grew back in the wake of the fire and this forest has stood, undisturbed, ever since, making this area the only known example of a primary forest site (never logged) found within the limits of a Minnesota city.

This site is not just extraordinary, it is a reminder of an ecological period that no longer exists in Minnesota. Had this site burned in recent years, the regeneration of white cedar would likely not have occurred due to the presence of whitetail deer, which browse heavily on white cedar. But when these trees grew up in the late 1880s, the forests of this area were populated by woodland caribou and moose, which subsisted mostly on other foods of the forest. That makes this forest unique as a relic of a bygone era in Minnesota.

As you explore this trail, you will find the forest to be quite open under the thick canopy above, which can make it difficult to follow the trail unless you're paying attention. Watch for the painted blazes on trees along the way, which are designed to keep you on the right path. You'll also find maps at key intersections to help you navigate along the way. Blazes along alternate trails and spurs will be made with other colors.

Please keep in mind that this is a wilderness-type trail, which means you assume some risks inherent with wilderness travel. Watch for loose rocks, roots, and steep and slippery slopes that could

Watch for painted blazes that will keep you on the trail.

Be aware as well that a portion of this trail is located on private land, generously made available for public use by the owners. Please be respectful of their generosity by

COMMUNITY NEWS

Tower-Soudan Singers to begin rehearsals

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Area Singers begin rehearsals on Monday, Oct. 2 at 5:30 p.m. in the Tower Elementary School music room. The singers will be preparing for their annual Christmas concert scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. in the Tower School gymnasium. This will be the first full con-

cert since 2019, so the singers are excited about "getting back to normal." If you like to sing, come join the group. They are a welcoming bunch and fun to be around. There is no cost to be a member. Mu-

sic is provided.

Tacos with Cops returns on Oct. 7

SOUDAN- The second annual "Tacos with Cops" is set for Saturday,

Oct. 7 from 12 noon - 4 p.m. at the Breitung Community Center, 33 1st Ave., Soudan. Stop by for authentic tacos, resources, and community dialogue. Last year's event sold out, so don't be late! Dona-

tions will be accepted for the meal and funds raised will benefit the Breitung Police Department and the wider community.

Meet our students

Elliot, senior year

The first in a series of interviews with Vermilion Country School students by VCS sophomore Elspeth O'Brien

Q: How long have you been at VCS? I started here at the beginning of the school year. I came here to get my high school diploma with smaller classes and a more individualized learning style.

Q: What do you like about the school? So far, I like that it's a lot of hands-on learning. For instance, I got to help make lunch today (homemade tortellini). I like how everyone works together like a real community. The smaller classes definitely help with the more individualized learning instead of having a (student-teacher) ratio of 1-30 it's more 1-15 or 20.

Q: Do you have plans after graduation, if so, what? After graduation I plan to attend a four-year college for an arts degree, more specifically in film. I do not yet know where I'm going, but I know that's the degree I want to pursue. I'm interested in a career path in film like acting or directing or producing.

Q: Do you think you'll have a better way to pursue this at VCS than at other schools? Yeah, I think this school has a lot more individualized learning plan, so I'll be able to get credits in the things that I need to in order to prepare for college, so that when I get there I'll already have some of the learning and skills that I need to pursue film.



Lauren Rehbein (background) and Sylvia Shock (foreground) trapping crayfish on the Burntside River. submitted photo

ECR water project

by LAUREN REHBEIN
Junior, Ely Memorial High School

ELY- Editor's note: Ely Community Resource has hosted a water project in Ely since 2016. Every year, they submit an article written by one of their high school employees for publication in the Timberjay.

The Water Project operated by the Ely Community Resource (ECR) offers Ely students the opportunity to connect to the area's surrounding water bodies and their organisms. It fosters the next generation of water conservationists through a wide array of programs.

Two mornings a week, Jill Swanson from ECR and I have the pleasure of taking a kevlar canoe out on the Burntside River. We tromp down the large, steep rocks on the edge of the water. Jill and I gently plop the canoe into the river—both of us hoping to lure the clawed critters out of their rocky hideaways.

This year, we were significantly more successful in trapping crayfish compared to 2022. It may have been due to the higher river level and flow as opposed to last year or just the natural ebb and flow of the crayfish population. It is such a unique and marvelous opportunity to observe how the river changes from week to week: such as the water lily blooms, varying levels of vegetation in the water, or the majestic blue herons that swoop over us.

The Water Project began in 2016, trapping and monitoring rusty crayfish along the Burntside River, and I've been part of the project since the summer of 2021. I also get the chance to help out with early detection of other aquatic invasive species. Alongside Liz Anderson of Lake County Water and Soil Conservation District, Jill Swanson, and my classmate, Sylvia Shock, we canoe on various Lake County lakes to inspect the arrival of harmful plant and animal species. We also participated in a two-day crayfish expansion project along the South Kawishiwi River, where we paddled and set traps to see if rusty crayfish had moved in.

At the beginning of each month, we traveled to five different locations in the White Iron chain of lakes with Dave Setterholm of the White Iron Chain of Lakes Associ-

ation (WICOLA).

We monitored water temperature, water clarity, dissolved oxygen, PH, conductivity, and sulfates. We also tested the water column for spiny waterfleas. The hands-on experience helps to give students like me and Sylvia the opportunity to help with WICOLA's results from its sample collection go into a database maintained by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) and used for reports related to our lakes' water quality.

In 2022, ECR was awarded the Community Conservationist Award by the MPCA and the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts. The nomination noted the group enriching opportunities for participating students in Ely and their real contribution to data collection. After receiving the award, ECR was contacted by the Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center to volunteer with their Environmental DNA (eDNA) Phase II study on Shagawa Lake.

This past July, Jill Swanson and five Ely Memorial students, including Sylvia and myself, took samples at six different locations on Shagawa Lake. eDNA, genetic material collected from the environment, is a powerful tool that can be used to measure the presence and abundance of organisms. Diffusion of eDNA should allow for detection of aquatic invasive species with small samples of water collected anywhere within the lake.

ECR's Water Project took on one more opportunity this past summer with help from the MPCA. Twice a month, Jill and five middle schoolers were assigned six different locations along the Shagawa and South Kawishiwi Rivers to monitor the following: stream appearance, recreational suitability, water clarity, stream temperature and stream stage. The students learned interesting details about characteristics important to the health of the watershed as well as the importance of data collection.

The Water Project keeps me delightfully busy during the summer and gives me a sense of fulfillment that I can do my part to help conserve the (Boundary Waters).

Frozen casting call

ELY- Over 30 students showed up on Sunday evening for auditions for Ely Memorial High School's production of Disney's Frozen—The Broadway Musical. Ely is the only high school in Minnesota with the rights to stage the full Broadway version of the musical, which it won in a competition run by Disney in 2022.

Among the students auditioning were at least one student from Northeast Range School and two homeschoolers.

Call backs for students in high school were held on Monday, and on Tuesday for junior high and sixth grade students. Rehearsals start on Sunday, Sept. 24.



Frozen vocal director Eliot Mokole warms up the students at Sunday's auditions for the musical. photo by C. Clark

What's up at Zup's?

by CATIE CLARK
Ely Editor

ELY- Other than those eating roots and berries in the woods, everyone in Ely has noticed all the construction at the Zup's parking lot over the last two weeks. What's it all about?

The answer is that the Zup's parking lot work is just one piece of a much larger Ely Economic Development Authority (EEDA) initiative called the East End Development Project. The EEDA put together a package with multiple funding sources, including a matching grant from the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board, a community block grant, and private funding from businesses.

The Ely City Council awarded the contract for the East End Development project to Low Impact Excavators at its March 21 meeting. The construction phase started earlier this summer. The work included extending a water line to the International Wolf Center and the Ely Cemetery

along with water and sewer improvements on the east side of the city.

The businesses which will benefit from the infrastructure improvements include Zup's, Spirit of the Wilderness Outfitters and Outdoor Store, Voyager North Outfitters, and Hammerheart Brewery. Harold Langowski, Ely's clerk-treasurer, told the *Timberjay* he believed the work would be completed "around the end of September," weather permitting.

The Zup's portion of the project will provide water and sewer improvements for the undeveloped lot next to Zup's, which will then be paved. Anyone who buys groceries in Ely will be overjoyed that Minnesota's narrowest right turn into a parking lot appears to be going away. The concrete and curb that created the constriction under the big Zup's sign is now gone. Once the former impediment is paved over, the horrible right turn into Zup's portion of the parking lot will become just a moderate-



The demise of the curb and paving of Ely's worst right turn into the Zup's parking lot: the material constricting the turn has been dug out and now will be paved over. photo by C. Clark

COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Open-Air Concert

ELY- The Northern Lakes Arts Association will host a Courtney Yasmineh public open-air concert at the Hidden Valley Chalet on Saturday, Sept. 23, from 4-6 p.m. Bring your own chair, snacks and drinks. In case of unexpected weather, a chalet will be available for shelter. Suggested donation \$20.

Racial Justice Group

ELY- The Ely Racial Justice Group will meet on Sunday, Sept. 24, at noon, at the First Presbyterian Church of Ely. Kes Ebbs will speak about the most recent trip he organized earlier in September to bring people of color up to the Boundary Waters for wilderness experiences.

Ely Public Library

ELY- The spice for September is rosemary. The library will celebrate Johnny Appleseed

Day on Tuesday, Sept. 26, from 3-4 p.m. This program is for all ages. Participants will learn to dry an apple, plant an apple seed, do an apple craft, and more. Participants must pre-register so the library can order enough supplies.

The Library Board will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 4, at 5:30 p.m.

The Get Crafty program will make haunted gingerbread houses on Thursday, Oct. 5, from 3-4 p.m. Participants must pre-register so the library can order enough supplies.

The Friends of the Library Bookclub will meet on Monday, Oct. 9, from 3-4 p.m. The title for discussion will be "Lessons in Chemistry" by Bonnie Garmus.

The Friends of the Library monthly board meeting will be on Tuesday, Oct. 10, from 1-2 p.m.

The Library Scien-

tists program will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 11, from 3-4 p.m. Participants will learn how eclipses happen, view eclipses safely, and will build a device to watch the partial solar eclipse on Oct. 14. This activity is for grades 2-4. Participants must pre-register so the library can order enough supplies.

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

All library events are at the Ely Public Library at 224 E. Chapman St., unless otherwise noted.

Ely Northwoods Chapter

ELY- The Ely Northwoods Chapter of the North Country Trail Association will hold its first official chapter meeting at the Grand Ely Lodge on Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 5-7 p.m. All are welcome.

Ely Cultural Alliance

ELY- The Ely Cultural Alliance will hold its third quarter meeting at the Ely Folk School, 209 E. Sheridan, on Wednesday, Sept. 27, starting at 5 p.m.

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, and the NLAA will provide audition materials.

Dance Lessons

ELY- The Reflections Dance Company will offer instruction in swing dancing, jazz dance, ballet and tap, starting Oct. 1. For details and registration, go to <https://www.northernlakesarts.org/reflections-dance-company>.

NLAA September Art Show

ELY- The Northern Lakes Arts Association September show will run from Monday, Sept. 18, until Sunday, Oct. 1, in the lobby of Ely's Historic State Theater. The show is "ISLANDLAND" by Ely photographer Parker Loew will be shown in the theater lobby from September 18 to October 1.

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. 26: Trump and the Rule of Law: A Prosecutor's Update on the Pending Cases with Frank Sherman

►Oct. 3: All About Lynx with Dave Grosshuesch Wildlife Biologist

►Oct. 10: A Trans Training: The Basics with Aleana (Ana) Kruger

Oct. 17: PolyMet update with MCEA

Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2023



yellows, oranges, reds adding highlights to the greens
color explosion

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.

ADULT BASIC

EDUCATION GED

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365-3359, or 1-800-662-5711.

CAREGIVER

SUPPORT GROUPS: Babbitt: 3rd Monday of

Month: 6-7:30 p.m. at Carefree Living.

Ely: 4th Monday of Month: 10-11:30 a.m. at

Ely-Bloomenson Hospital. Conference Room B.

COMMUNITY HEALTH



Cook Hospital Health Fair 2023

The halls of Cook Hospital were jammed Saturday by exhibitors and patrons attending the hospital's health fair.

Top left: Hospital administrator Teresa Debevec was at the welcome table to be sure folks signed in and picked up the first of many free goodies handed out at the fair.

Top middle: Eric Pederson provided musical entertainment for those dining outside.

Top right: Cook Lions Club volunteers Mark Eyre and Dede Doi serve a pulled pork luncheon.

Left: Mrs. Petite USA Rachel Betterley enjoys dancing with her son Ryland.

Right: Becky Laurich, of Cook, shows a line of nutritional supplements.



North Woods seeking support for new streaming service

Hudl TV to offer higher quality and more options and school events for free

by DAVID COLBURN Cook-Orr Editor

FIELD TWP- North Woods School is working to give the community free streaming broadcasts of Grizzlies sporting events and school activities by switching to a new platform, Hudl TV.

Like most schools, North Woods opted to go with a streaming service to provide access to football, basketball and volleyball games when fan attendance was restricted during the COVID pandemic. The school, along with the others in the ISD 2142 St. Louis County system, chose NFHS Network as its streaming provider. NFHS Network provided the cameras for the gym and football field and offered its streaming broadcasts by monthly or annual subscription fees to users. Other school activities that took place in the main gymnasium could also be streamed.

pal and activities director Crystal Poppler said the Hudl TV platform will allow the school to livestream more of the school's games and activities while providing a higher-quality viewing experience, and best of all, it will be free, provided the school enlists enough financial support from community sponsors to pay the annual Hudl TV access fee.

With Hudl TV, the school isn't limited to the Focus camera systems that the company will provide.

"Not only will we have cameras in our gym and our football field, but we can also use an iPad or smartphone to livestream events that are in other locations or are away events," Poppler said. "So we'll be able to livestream our baseball and softball games and also our band concerts, our choir concerts, graduation ceremonies, drum circles, anything like that. We're super excited to move to

this. I have the football field camera sitting in my office right now."

An additional feature for football and gym-based athletics is that the Hudl TV system will have a second dedicated camera trained on the scoreboards and the live image will be displayed in the corner of the main broadcast stream. Switching to Hudl TV also will give football, basketball and volleyball coaches access to Hudl's sophisticated statistical analytics, a package already used by the boys' basketball team for many years. The system can also create highlight videos of games and for individual athletes that can be viewed by college recruiters. Coaches, not the school district, have paid for Hudl access in the past, but through the sponsorship program North Woods will be able to provide coaches with free access to the statistical package as well.

"Hudl was here in

August and met with some of our coaches," Poppler said. "They did all the measuring and said the (NFHS Network cameras) can stay right where they're at, we don't even have to take them down. We have to install the Hudl TV cameras - they have a bracket and the camera hangs on the bracket. They need to be plugged into electricity and an Ethernet cable and that's it. There's a little bit of a learning curve and a process to get it all set up and running, but we're excited to be moving to this."

The goal of having free access to Hudl TV will happen only if North Woods can recruit enough financial support through its sponsorship program. Letters have gone out to area businesses and coaches are writing personal notes as well asking for support and explaining the sponsorship levels, which are:

Supporter - \$100-

\$999 per year. Supporters will be listed as season sponsors on all home game programs.

Powered by Sponsor - \$1,000-\$2,999 per year. Business logos will appear on the Hudl TV poster page seen by all viewers before clicking the play button for all live and archived broadcasts, and businesses will be listed as a season sponsor on all home game programs.

Commercial sponsor - \$3,000+ per year. A commercial for businesses at this sponsorship level will play every time a viewer clicks the play button for a school broadcast. A business logo will also appear on the poster page, and commercial sponsors will also be listed as season sponsors on home game programs.

"Your sponsorship will not only contribute to the success of our school events but also align your company with a school dedicated to excellence and community engage-

ment," Poppler said.

If funds from sponsorships fall short of the annual Hudl TV fee, the school would have to look at implementing a subscription option for Hudl TV service users, Poppler said. But subscriptions could limit who can access streams of school events and would run counter to one of the primary purposes of the switch, which is to create a stronger sense of unity within the school communities and extend the reach beyond the school's immediate vicinity. Free access would allow families, former students, and community members who have limited incomes to connect with the school's activities without putting additional strain on their finances.

To learn more about the Hudl TV project and sponsorship opportunities, contact Crystal Poppler at 218-666-5221 or email cpoppler@isd2142.k12.mn.us.

SUPPORTING RESPONDERS



Buyck Volunteer Fire Department members and Crane Lake Chapel representatives celebrate the fruits of August's National Night Out observance in Crane Lake to honor and support emergency responders. Turnout for the event was high, and donations raised during the evening totaled over \$4,100, so both the Buyck and Crane Lake Fire Departments were each given checks for over \$2,000.

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COOK- Experienced and novice artists alike are welcome to partake in the art experiences coming up at the Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook.

"Painting Flowers With Tempera Paint" by Ely artist Cecilia Rolan-

do will be held on Friday, Sept. 29 from 1-4 p.m.

The dual exhibit, which includes "Drawings from Nature" by Jim DeVries and "Reflections on a Water Lily" by members of the Open Art Group, continues its September run through the end of the month.

Registration for all

classes is required by calling 218-666-2153.

Open Art Mondays with host artist Jody Feist from 6 to 8 p.m. each Monday, no registration required.

The gallery is located at 210 S River St. in Cook. More information is available on Facebook.

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PUBLIC SAFETY

Ely woman arrested after alleged theft of ATV

by CATIE CLARK
Ely Editor

ELY- A woman from Ely is facing two felony charges after she allegedly took an ATV that didn't clearly belong to her. The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office received a report last Thursday afternoon, Sept. 14, that Jennifer Brandau, age 43, stole a Polaris Sportsman ATV from a property on Winton Road.

According to the criminal

complaint a St. Louis County deputy spoke to the owner of the vehicle, who said he stored the vehicle at the Winton Rd. property. The property owner confirmed he stored the vehicle for the owner and that Brandau did not have permission to take or use the ATV. He further stated that the Polaris was stored in a pole barn that Brandau would need to "break in ... to get to the ATV."

When contacted by deputies,

Brandau admitted she took the ATV and claimed it belonged to her and her ex-husband, the owner of the property where the vehicle was stored. She later changed her story, subsequently stating "there was divorce paperwork regarding ATV ownership." Brandau eventually disclosed the location of the ATV, which deputies then returned to the owner.

Brandau, whose current mailing address is at 45 E.

Boundary St., a residence belonging to Jason Gillson, was booked for two felony offenses, including motor vehicle theft without owner consent and theft of movable property without consent, early Friday morning. Both offenses have a maximum sentence of five years and a maximum fine of \$10,000.

Gillson faces multiple felonies from two recent incidents involving law enforcement.

Brandau is in the middle of settling a divorce initiated by her husband, with the first record of hearings in May 2022. The case is ongoing, with the most recent hearing on Aug. 29 and the next hearing set for November. The court has held decisions affecting the divorce case off the record so the statements on the ATV ownership as part of a divorce settlement could not be verified.

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Houde arrived, he found Gillson's girlfriend sitting on the back steps with an axe next to her and broken glass. She stated she wanted to get clothes from the home. She also said that Gillson had shot her phone with a pistol, grabbed her by the shoulders and hair, and threw her out of the house. She confirmed that Gillson had firearms in the residence and said that Gillson had been drinking.

Houde called Gillson, who was still in the house. Gillson told Houde he wasn't going to leave the house and was barricaded in his bedroom, asking "Can't you guys just go away?" During his 14-minute call with Houde, Gillson became increasingly upset before he hung up.

At approximately 10:56 a.m., law enforcement officers observed heavy smoke from the back of the residence. Gillson abruptly exited while holding a shotgun. Police on the scene accosted Gillson, who ignored their commands. He threw the shotgun into the yard, got into a white panel truck, and fled the scene.

The pursuit

Officer Bradley Roy chased Gillson at high speeds south on Co. Rd 21 and then west on Co. Rd. 904. Roy reported that the chase approached speeds of 90mph. The pursuit brought in assistance from multiple public safety agencies and organizations, including the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office, the DNR's Enforcement Division, Babbitt Police, East Range Police, Breitung Police, Ely Fire Department, and the Babbitt and Ely area ambulance services.

Gillson abandoned his vehicle on Co. Rd. 583, also known as the Virginia Ely Road, approximately 1,000 yards from the intersection with Co. Rd. 21 in Waasa Township. Photos of the panel truck taken by the *Timberjay* show that the left front tire was flat at the location where Gillson fled his truck on foot.

Officers eventually caught up to Gillson and DNR CO Anthony Bermel tased him in an effort to bring him under control after he refused commands.

Gillson was armed with a silver and black .38 Derringer Special with two rounds at the time of his arrest. The pistol was unholstered and found by his left hand, suggesting

it was in his hand when he was tased.

After capture, Gillson was transported to Virginia for medical clearance before being booked into the county jail. During transit, despite being handcuffed, Gillson wrapped a seatbelt around his head, leading officers to attempt to restrain him. It was during this incident that Gillson tried to spit at Roy.

Back in Ely

The Ely Fire Department responded to the fire call just before 11 a.m. Gillson allegedly set his house on fire in the basement, where a portion of the ceiling was charred and some items burned. The fire was out by 12:30 p.m.

According to sources at Ely City Hall, the residence was damaged sufficiently by the fire that it is currently uninhabitable and will require repair and renovation before the city's building inspectors can certify that it is safe for occupancy.

Once police investigators were able to enter the home, Houde also observed what appeared to be a bullet hole in a mattress in the same location where Gillson's girlfriend said he shot her phone. They also found a rifle and a taser in a green box on the bed. Several bullet cartridges were on a shelf near the bed.

Charges

Gillson was charged with several felonies, including first degree arson, which has a maximum penalty of a \$20,000 fine and 20 years incarceration. He's also facing a fourth-degree assault of a peace officer charge, which has a maximum penalty of \$6,000 and three years incarceration for spitting on Ely Police Officer Bradley Roy. In addition, he faces a charge for reckless discharge of a firearm within a municipality, and with fleeing a peace officer in a motor vehicle, which has a maximum penalty of a \$5,000 fine and three years incarceration. An additional domestic assault charge is a misdemeanor.

Gillson was released from St. Louis County Jail on Saturday, Sept. 16, after posting \$150,000 bail. The St. Louis County Attorney's office recommended the high bail amount because Gillson was a danger to both law enforcement and the community, especially his residential neighborhood.

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auction. Fox said the original owners always called it Rainbow Island, and he is unsure why it is designated as Banana Island on some maps. There is a single cabin, sauna, and boathouse on the 4-1/2-acre island. Fox, who was not at the cabin at that time, said he was told the boat driver was coming from Vermilion Club at full throttle in the dark, and ran the boat

right up on the island. The pontoon boat reportedly sustained serious damage.

The St. Louis County Sheriff's Office was assisted by the Tower Fire Department, Tower Ambulance service, the Greenwood Fire Department and EMS, the Virginia Fire Department and ALS, and the St. Louis County Sheriff's Office and Rescue Squad.

The bail request noted that Gillson was a flight risk. It was also the second time in under a month that he was charged with felony offenses involving a domestic dispute and the illegal discharge of firearms. Finally, the attorney's office's noted that arson in the first degree is a "presumptive commit," and that the "state is opposed to pre-trial release."

Lost custody

Gillson's actions on Sept. 13 triggered further legal consequences for him. His arrest on Sept. 13 led to a temporary loss of custody

and all visitation rights with his minor children.

Gillson and his former spouse divorced in 2019. According to Minnesota court records, she filed for sole custody of their minor children and a curtailment of Gillson's parenting ability in June 2022.

Gillson and his ex-wife came to an agreement on July 20, 2023, that restricted Gillson's contact with his children to "supervised visits on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays or Sundays, without any overnights." The agreement was a temporary order

and was to last for 90 days from the time it announced.

Immediately after Gillson's arrest on Sept. 13, Gillson's ex-wife filed an emergency petition on Sept. 14 for sole custody and no visitation. The court granted the emergency order, pending a hearing on Friday, Sept. 22.

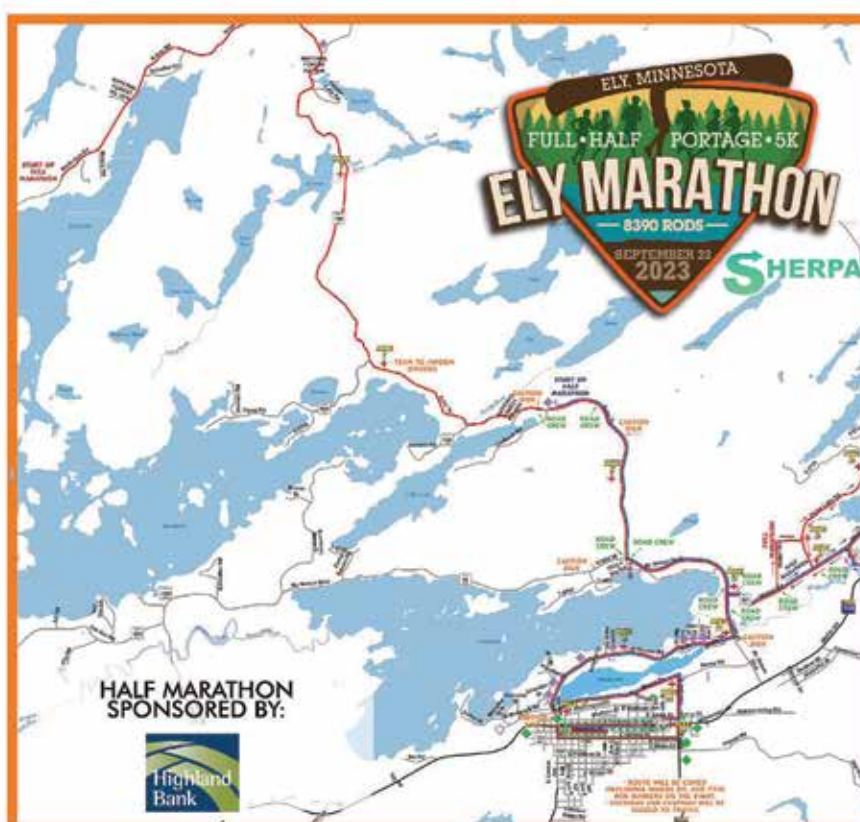
Previous felony arrest

In addition to the Sept. 13 incident, Gillson was charged with felony discharge of a firearm within a municipality on Aug. 20. Like the Sept. 13 incident, the August gun charge

also started with an alleged domestic altercation.

According to court records, a woman living at Gillson's house reported that Gillson had "held (her) hostage" for two days. When she attempted to leave on the afternoon of Aug. 20, Gillson exited the residence and shot out the tires of the vehicle she was leaving in with a 9 mm pistol. Immediately afterward, he also discharged a shotgun at his garage door "because he was frustrated."

ELY MARATHON ROUTE INFORMATION



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TRAFFIC IMPACTED-Saturday, Sept. 23

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

The following road closures will take place on September 23

- (Echo Trail) North Arm Road to Grant McMahan 7:30AM-10:00AM
- (Grant McMahan) Echo Trail to HWY169 8:00AM-12:00PM
- (Old Winton Road) Grant McMahan to W 6th Ave 8:00AM-12:00PM
- (Cedar Lk RD/Cloquet Line) Old Winton Road to Beel Road 8:00AM-12:00PM
- (Pioneer Road) Grant McMahan to Miners Dr. 8:30AM-1:00PM

- (Miners Drive) Pioneer to 17th Avenue 8:30AM-1:30PM
- (17th Avenue) Miners to Camp St. 9:00AM-2:00PM
- (Camp) 17th to 15th 9:00AM-2:00PM
- (Sheridan) 15th to 1st Ave 8:15AM-2:00PM
- (1st Ave) Sheridan to Harvey 8:15AM-2:00PM
- (Chapman) 1st Ave to 7th Ave 8:15AM-2:00PM
- (Harvey) 1st Ave to 17th Ave 8:15AM-2:00PM

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

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS:

FRIDAY:

- Noon-10 pm Packet pickup at Whiteside Park
- Noon-8 pm Epic Bounce House Obstacle Course
- Noon-8 pm Food Trucks at Whiteside Park
- 6-8 pm Dick Beardsley Book Signing
- 4-10pm Dorothy Molter Beer and Drink Tent
- 7 pm Northern Lights 5K GLOW RUN

SATURDAY:

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

ELY DETOUR DURING MARATHON

ELY STREET CLOSURES:

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

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

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

Performing at Whiteside Park at the Finish Line from 10:00-2:00 on Saturday

NORTHERN LIGHTS 5K GLOW RUN

Friday, Sept. 22 @ 7 pm

- The 5K race will be in effect for 6:40pm to 8 pm on Sept. 22
- The entire course will be blocked off to traffic during the race.
- Barricades will be placed so that alleys south of Camp Street will be accessible.
- The course will be cleared as the last racers move throughout the route.
- Registration will be at Whiteside Park for this event.

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BUILDING RESILIENCY

Climate-smart seedling growers receive \$15K grant

New cooperative sets goal of 1 million seedlings per year

by DAVID COLBURN
Cook/Orr Editor

REGIONAL—A northeast Minnesota farmers cooperative dedicated to growing climate-adaptive seedlings for reforestation and forest preservation has received a \$15,000 grant from the Minnesota Farmers Union to support their efforts.

The Farm and Forest Growers Cooperative is a network of small farms and nurseries, including two in the Embarrass/Babbitt area, that works with the Forest Assisted Migration Project (FAMP) at the University of Minnesota-Duluth to develop "climate-smart" tree seedlings that are more adaptive and resilient to climate change that are in turn sold to a network of reforestation programs.

The need for such seedlings has been touted by scientists who project that unrestricted climate change with its increasing annual temperatures could have devastating effects on Minnesota's boreal forests.

In a 2020 article in the *Washington Post*, Lee Frelich, director of the University of Minnesota Center for Forest Ecology, said that if the state's warming trend remains unchecked, the boreal forests could disappear entirely, which would also decimate a third of the state's native species of trees, flowers, birds, and pollinators. In an extreme scenario, Frelich said, much of Minnesota could turn into prairie land, devastating the timber and tourism industries.

"Minnesota could become the new Kansas," Frelich told the *Post*. "We have a perfectly good Kansas now. We don't need a second one in Minnesota."

Not all scientists share Frelich's dire projections, but the general consensus is that continued warming will wreak havoc on the forests, and evidence already exists that rising temperatures have negatively impacted forest regeneration.

David Abazs, executive

director of the University of Minnesota Extension Northeast Regional Sustainable Development Partnership and FAMP project lead, sees evidence of the impact every day.

"To put it really personal, I live in Finland, and on my property I'm watching our spruce and fir die, and I'm seeing grasses coming back in their place," Abazs said. "I'm seeing, you know, 80 to 90 percent of the trees dying."

Abazs noted that the challenges go beyond just rising temperatures. The effects of past forest management practices, the variability of drought and heavy rains, and the greater presence of pests and disease are enmeshed in the increasing challenges of forest sustainability in a time of climate change.

FAMP is pursuing two major objectives identified by UMD researcher Julie Etterson and the Nature Conservancy's Meredith Cornett that will help transition northern woodlands into a more sustainable forest, Abazs said. The first is collecting seeds of similar tree species from central and southern Minnesota, trees that are adapted to the type of climate anticipated for northern Minnesota.

"Research is showing that they are more resilient and outgrowing the seed from trees around, say Ely," Abazs said.

The second objective is growing out those climate-smart tree seedlings.

"We're looking to plant a diversity of these climate-smart tree seedlings in our forests to be better prepared for the coming years," Abazs said. "Those climate-smart trees will eventually grow up and be parents themselves. That will bring in those genetics into our forests and provide the seed for the next generation of trees." Growing is where the Farm and Forest Growers Cooperative comes in.

"We got together a group of 14 farmers originally, and they started growing these tree seedlings on their farms," Abazs said. "Through that piloting process the group got more and more formalized, and in March this year they became a cooperative. The Farm and Forest Growers Cooperative is a group of 17

farmers and 13 family nurseries that are all growing climate-smart seedlings. They're primarily growing the trees that you see out your window, but they're growing them from seed populations from central and southern Minnesota."

The \$15,000 grant will give the nascent coop the resources to tap the expertise of the Minnesota Cooperative Association and others to develop a business plan and do a market assessment of what reforestation organizations need so that they can provide seedlings at market prices, Abazs said.

Strengthening the coop from a business standpoint is essential to achieving their long-term seedling growth target.

"This year they've planted about 90,000, and not all will survive," Abazs said. "We're going to be increasing the number of farmers and the number of growers and the amount of seed collecting over the next four or five years. The goal of this group is to get to one million tree seedlings produced each year to try to keep up with the increasing demand for climate-smart trees."

Ariel Kagan, MFU Director of Climate and Working Lands, said the grant reflects MFU's long-standing commitment to cooperatives.

"What we're trying to do with this grant program is really elevate the role of cooperatives as a solution to the climate crisis and think about ways that all of the foundational parts of cooperatives, including democratic control and concern for your community, can really play a role in all of the things we need to address with the changing climate," Kagan said.

"With the grant we gave them, they're going to be able to do additional work on their cooperative governance," Kagan continued. "They'll be getting set with their board and governance documents and figuring out a feasibility and marketing plan for the seedlings that will help to support the growers that are participating in the cooperative. We're excited to see what the Farm and Forest Cooperative does with it and to help tell that story to a wider audience."

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Friday

The 5K Glow Race will affect Sheridan St., Camp St., Washington St. between 1st and 7th Aves., Miners Drive between 7th and 17th Aves, 17th from Miner's Drive to Camp, and 7th Ave. between Whiteside Park and Camp St. Traffic will be closed off for these streets until 8 p.m.

Saturday

Due to the lack of parking at the starting lines for both the marathon and half marathon, spectators are encouraged to observe the race from elsewhere.

Three east-west streets in Ely will be closed during the races, including Camp, Sheridan, and Chapin. The detour around these closures will be down Harvey St., with connections between Harvey and Sheridan at Central Ave. and 17th Ave.

Where to watch

Designated observation areas for the races will be:

➤ The intersection of Grant McMahon Blvd. and Echo Trail—To reach the observation area from Ely, take Hwy. 169 west out of County, and turn right onto County Road 88. The much shorter route to this intersection from Ely is closed as a race route.

➤ Main St. in Winton—Hwy. 169 east of 17th Ave. will be open between Ely and Winton.

➤ Miners Drive—Park at the Vermilion Campus of Minnesota College North.

➤ The finish line in Whiteside Park—Park at Ely High School or side streets.

The first half marathon runners are expected to arrive at the finish line around 9:20 a.m. The first full marathon runners and portage half marathon runners are expected to arrive around 10:15 a.m. The first portage full marathon runners are expected to arrive around 12:45 p.m.

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er for us, too," he said.

The handful of residents along Trygg Rd. began keeping track of their flats once the situation became apparent. "Between Kurt and I, we've had seven flats so far," said Barb Soderberg, referring to her husband Kurt, who is a member of the town board.

They're hardly alone. A neighbor down the road, Frank Gulbrandsen, said the two vehicles driven by him and his wife had tallied six flats since the roadwork was completed earlier this summer. He said his wife, who works in Duluth during the week, has had to have four tires replaced due to the damage caused from the couple miles she has to drive on Trygg Rd. while coming and going to work.

"It's been really crazy," said Bob Reichensperger, a resident of the township who also owns and operates Bob's Standard Service and Towing in Tower. "It's been keeping me busy all summer," he said. "We've fixed more flats this year than ever before. And Trygg Rd. has really gotten hit hard."

Soderberg said by her count, she knows of at least 38 flat tires by residents or other regular users of Trygg Rd. this summer, including a contractor who bid a job for a resident along the road unaware that flats would become a regular part of the job. So far, said Soderberg, she knows the contractor has had at least three flats and that he's started carrying a repair kit with him when he travels to his Trygg Rd. job site. According to a township letter to St. Louis County, users of Mud Creek Rd. have experienced at least 40 flat tires this summer.

As word of the problem has spread, Soderberg said friends will no longer come out to visit for fear of a flat. And she said neighbors are especially concerned about emergency vehicles, which could experience flats while responding to a medical or fire call. One of the township's fire trucks had to have two rear tires replaced after they were damaged by the sharp rocks while traveling on Mud Creek Rd.

The problem appears to stem from the unusually hard and fractured aggregate now coming from the pit, which features sharp edges and points. Combined with the calcium chloride, which further binds the material, the sharp rocks are penetrating tires, even heavy-duty tires.

Foldesi said the local county pit in the township, which has been used for years without incident is now nearly exhausted and it appears that some of the last remaining gravel deposits are comprised of different material than they've encountered before. "It kind of came out of the blue," he said.

County crews have tried to address the problem by using a sweeper to remove some of the aggregate. Foldesi said that seemed to help somewhat, at least initially. But after a recent grading of the road, the problem came right back and he's now concerned it will be a recurring problem for some time.



Sharp edged gravel is causing numerous flat tires on cars and trucks along Trygg and Mud Creek Roads in Eagles Nest Township.

photo by M. Helmberger
Township officials, meanwhile, are running out of patience and are demanding that the county take additional steps to fix the issue. "The strong request of the Eagles Nest Township Board of Supervisors is simple: We need this problem fixed and fixed now," wrote the town board in a Sept. 14 letter to the county.

It could be an expen-

sive fix since the improvements put a six-inch lift on the road and until all that aggregate is removed the problem is likely to continue to linger, at least until the road is snow-covered this winter. But that won't keep the issue from returning in the spring, as long as the sharp-edged stones remain within the road surface.

That prospect is irritating to residents, who now have to make adjustments in their own lives and schedules to account for the elevated risk of flat tires. "It's really frustrating," said Soderberg. "If you have something like a doctor's appointment, you now have to leave earlier in case you get a flat."

Gulbrandsen agreed. "It's a beautiful country road but this is a real issue now and it's very frustrat-

ing for a lot of people. I hope there is a solution and that it's not that every sharp rock winds up in somebody's tire."

If there's a silver lining to the problem, it is that county public works engineers may scrutinize their aggregate a bit more closely in the future. "We're going to be looking at our specifications for crushing," said Foldesi. "We'll be looking

to see if they can be tweaked to make sure this doesn't happen again."

The remaining gravel at the Eagles Nest pit, meanwhile, won't be used as surface coating on any other roads, although it could still be used as fill for culvert replacements. "The last thing we want to do is re-create this problem somewhere else," said Foldesi.

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VOLLEYBALL

Wolves run like clockwork

Three straight-set victories in a row keeps Wolves' perfect season intact

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

INTERNATIONAL FALLS— Another week, another three straight-set victories for the Timberwolves.

In International Falls, on Tuesday, Ely found an opponent that, at least, made a game of it even as the Wolves notched another win to add to their so-far perfect season, 25-15, 27-25, and 25-20.

Impressive backcourt action played a role in the win as Ely players combined for an astonishing 63 digs in the three-set match with the Broncos. Senior Hannah Penke led the way with 13 digs, but Audrey Kallberg was right behind with 12. Clare Thomas, Lilli Rechichi and Aubree Gerlovich all reached double digits as well.

Hannah Penke topped the court in kills, with ten, while Lilli Rechichi added eight to a team total of 37. Thomas tallied seven

Right: Ely junior Lilli Rechichi goes up high for a certain kill as the Wolves overpowered Lakeview Christian in straight sets on Monday.

photo by J. Greeney

kills, Amelia Penke added six and Kallberg posted five.

A total of eleven ace serves also helped Ely's cause, with Hannah Penke tallying four and Thomas

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VOLLEYBALL

Grizzlies top Cherry in three

by DAVID COLBURN
Cook-Orr Editor

CHERRY- The North Woods volleyball team returned to the court Friday in winning fashion, knocking off Cherry on the road 3-0.

The Grizzlies rebounded from their first match loss of the season on Sept. 12 to South Ridge with an effort that lacked the polish and precision of earlier wins through the first two sets.

Cherry opened a quick 3-0 lead before the Grizzlies got on the board with a Lauren Burnett kill shot, and an Isabel Pascuzzi slam gave North Woods a lead they would not relinquish at 5-4. While the offense continued to look a bit out of sync, the Grizzlies didn't suffer against the 1-7 Tigers, who've won only four sets this season. A kill and a block by River Cheney put North Woods up 14-7, and the Grizzlies took their largest margin of the set at 23-9 on a block by Amber Sopoci. After a three-point Cherry run, the Grizzlies regained control and closed out the 25-15 win. Cherry made a game of it in the second set, taking advantage of North Woods miscues to turn a 3-1 deficit into a 10-5 lead. A Pascuzzi kill gave the ball back to the Grizzlies, and with Addy Hartway collecting an ace during her turn at the service line North

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CROSS COUNTRY

Burckhardt continues to stand out

by DAVID COLBURN
Cook-Orr Editor

GRAND RAPIDS- North Woods cross country runner Alex Burckhardt continued his string of top-level finishes this past week in races at Grand Rapids and Mora.

On Tuesday, Burckhardt finished third in the Paul Bauer Invitational 5K held at the Grand Rapids Sports Complex behind a pair of runners from Duluth East. Burckhardt turned in a time of 16:59.2 as the first South Ridge Panther to cross the finish line. The Grizzlies' Lincoln Antikainen ran the course in 19:51.1, good enough for 49th place in the 99-man field.

Among the 13 schools entered in the meet, South Ridge placed fifth.

Last Thursday, Sept. 14, Burckhardt outraced 127 of the 129 runners competing in the Mora invitational 5K race, but another runner took away the top prize in the 18-team competition.

Burckhardt's time of 16:52.4 on the Spring Brook Golf Course circuit was

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FOOTBALL

Ely notches first win

Opening kickoff return proves the difference in 8-0 home victory

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

ELY— It took just ten seconds for the Timberwolves to score what proved to be the winning touchdown here in a defense-dominated home contest that notched Ely's first victory of the season.

Wolves senior Deegan Richards took the opening kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown against a stunned South Ridge defense. Moments later, Richards took the snap from center and connected with Jayden Zemke for the two-point conversion, and those proved to be the last points of the game as the Wolves went on to win 8-0.

"It's the first game I can remember where all the points were scored on the first play of the game," said Ely Head Coach

Above: A scrum of Ely defenders put the hurt on a South Ridge running back during last Friday's home contest.

Right: Ely defenders Gavin Marshall and Alex Merriman wrap up a South Ridge rusher.

photos by J. Greeney

Louie Gerzin.

Gerzin has talked up Ely's special teams all season, as they've consistently left the Wolves with good field position. It's been the Wolves' inability to take advantage of that field position thus far that has left them at 1-2 on the season.

Friday's matchup proved they still have a way to go, as they tallied an anemic 97 yards

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Rangers level North Woods 76-0

by DAVID COLBURN
Cook-Orr Editor

MT. IRON- A young North Woods football team didn't have the horses to run with 2022 state champion Mt. Iron-Buhl on Friday, as the Rangers scored at will

Left: A MIB defender slips around the block of Kaden Gornick to put pressure on North Woods quarterback Trajen Barto.

photo by D. Colburn

in a 76-0 romp over the Grizzlies.

A North Woods offense that ran rampant in their first outing of the season was shut down handily by the athletic Rangers, who didn't allow a sustained drive all evening. They shut down the Grizzlies' leading rusher, Kaden Gornick, who had just 20 yards on 13 attempts, and running mate Nick Abramson fared little better, gaining just 28 yards

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VOLLEYBALL

Nighthawks win one, lose one in week's action

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

BABBITT— An off-night for the Nighthawks translated into a straight set loss to Cook County here on Tuesday, 25-17, 25-14, and 25-17. “We’re working hard to find our consistency and certain nights look a little different than others,” said Head Coach

Misty Roseth. “They have this undeniable potential, but tonight we couldn’t find that perfect groove.” Roseth added. “We had an off night and our errors just outweighed the successes. It will happen and we will take this and learn and grow for the next match.”

Allison Flug and Else Bee combined for a dozen kills in

the match, while Bee added six digs. Danica Sundblad added 11 digs and went five-for-five from the serving line. Peyson Roseth added six digs and was perfect from the serving line as well, while Ezra Chamberlain notched two kills, six digs, and went 11-for-11 serving. Keydence Hancock tallied four digs and two kills.

Playing at home last Thursday, the Nighthawks were on fire as they beat Cherry in four sets, 25-22, 14-25, 27-25, and 25-22. Flug led the way for Northeast Range, tallying 14 kills and 13 digs. Danica Sundblad was a powerhouse in the backcourt, posting 23 digs and going 14-for-14 from the serving line. Maizy Sundblad posted 45

set assists, five kills and nine digs, while Hancock notched five digs and a kill and Roseth tallied four kills.

The Nighthawks will take part in the Rock Ridge tournament on Saturday and they’ll be on the road next Thursday, at North Woods.

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three. Senior setter Sarah Visser posted 17 assists while Gerlovich added 13. Playing at home on Monday, the Wolves were machine-like in a straight-set rout over Lakeview Christian Academy, polishing off the Lions in straight sets, 25-10, 25-10, and 25-17.

Rechichi led the way for the Wolves offensively with 13 kills, seven digs, and four block assists, while Penke notched nine kills and six digs. Kallberg added four kills and six digs while Thomas tallied five kills and four digs.

Visser added 14 assists and two digs, while sophomore Sadie Rechichi tallied six digs and three ace serves.

Playing in Aurora last Thursday, Penke had a huge night as the Wolves dumped the Giants in three, 25-19, 25-20, and 25-15. Penke notched 17 kills, 16 digs, and four ace serves in one of her best outings of the season. Rechichi wasn’t far behind as she racked up 14 kills and seven digs.

And the pair of stand-outs had plenty of help from Thomas who tallied six kills and 11 digs and Kallberg, who

Right: Ely senior Hannah Penke tips the ball over the net during Monday's contest with Lakeview Christian.

photo by J. Greeney

posted six kills and three digs. Setters Visser and Amelia Penke combined for 41 set assists, while Sadie Rechichi added five digs.

The Wolves will challenge their perfect season at a Friday-Saturday tournament in Burnsville this weekend. They’ll be back home to host Duluth-Marshall on Tuesday.



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of offense the rest of the night. “We just couldn’t find a way to get the ball moving,” Gerzin added.

He gave South Ridge credit for keeping Ely under wraps. “They were definitely athletic up front,” he said.

Ely’s defense allowed a few more yards but not where it counted as they kept the Panthers off-balance, mostly shutting down the run. “Our defensive backs did an excellent job of coverage as well,” said Gerzin, allowing Ely’s

defenders to harass, and occasionally sack, the South Ridge quarterback much of the night. “They had a lot of third and longs,” said Gerzin.

The Wolves racked up some impressive stats on defense. Senior Chase

Anderson and junior Garrett Rohr tallied nine tackles apiece, while senior Gavin Marshall, freshman Alex Merriman, and junior Brady Eaton each posted seven. Richards tallied five tackles and deflected a pass and Braydon Mosher added

four tackles. Sophomore Jayden Zemke added two tackles and a pass deflection.

Ely sophomore Jesse Oelke proved the offensive workhorse in the backfield for the Wolves, notching 52 yards rushing. Richards, as

quarterback, picked up six yards rushing and completed three passes for 15 yards and the conversion. Gerzin said the team was focused on offensive solutions all week as they prepare for their Friday night contest at Chisholm.

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Woods pulled back into a 10-10 tie. The Tigers would not go away, going up 16-13. Consecutive kills by Burnett and another by Hartway pulled the Grizzlies even again at 16-16, and it looked like North Woods was ready to pull away when Burnett smoked an ace for 20-17

advantage. But Cherry took the lead back at 21-20 on an ace that landed untouched in the corner, then squandered their momentum with a service fault. After a Tigers miscue Goodsky nailed an ace on the Cherry back line to put North Woods up by two, and the Grizzlies won the struggle

25-22 on a kill by Pascuzzi. There’s little doubt that between sets two and three Head Coach Kandi Olson harped on team focus – it’s been a factor she’s been emphasizing in recent matches, and it was certain to be so again after the Grizzlies’ lackluster second set.

Whatever the pep talk, the Grizzlies responded. Looking the most at ease they had all evening, North Woods asserted control from the outset in the deciding third set. With two good service runs by Burnett and Goodsky the Grizzlies quickly took a commanding 10-2 lead and

left little doubt that they were locked and loaded for Tigers the rest of the way. A pair of Burnett aces gave North Woods its largest lead of the set at 22-7, and North Woods took the set and match 25-11 when a Cherry return sailed out.

With the win the Grizzlies moved to 6-1

on the season. Up next is a Saturday tournament at Rock Ridge, a possible opportunity for a revenge match against South Ridge and a rivalry matchup against powerhouse Ely.

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on 11 tries.

On defense, the Grizzlies were a step or two slower than the Rangers, who ran through numerous tackles and romped through the defense for long scores. MIB went on top early after forcing a Grizzlies punt by connecting on a 61-yard pass play from MiCaden Clines to Colton Gallus, and put up two more first-quarter touchdowns of 45 yards and 37 yards.

Winners of 15 straight games coming into the contest, the Rangers left no room for doubt that they would extend the streak to 16 by adding on four more touchdowns in the second quarter. Big gainers contributed to the first three second-quarter scores, while a Grizzlies

fumble recovered by MIB at the North Woods 15 gave the Rangers their easiest scoring opportunity of the night.

Trailing 48-0 at the half, the Grizzlies didn’t quit, but couldn’t make up any ground against the state’s No. 1 ranked nine-man team, either on the field or on the scoreboard. The Rangers crossed the goal line three times in the third quarter, twice on passes of 20-plus yards and once on a 42-yard run by Trey Niska. With a running clock in the fourth quarter, MIB tacked on one more touchdown for the 76-0 drubbing.

With MIB having the ball for most of the game, the Grizzlies had plenty of opportunities to make tackles but didn’t collect

many. Gornick led the Grizzlies with three unassisted tackles and four assists. Four Grizzlies had two tackles each.

Head Coach Joel Anderson had nothing but praise for the Raingers.

“MIB is a very complete team, and they’re very well coached,” he said. “You can see why they’re the defending state champions. I’ve coached a lot of high school football and I’ve been part of very good teams and coached against very good teams. That one

Friday night might be one of the best disciplined teams I’ve seen. They didn’t miss a read.”

And despite the lopsided score, Anderson saw some positives for his young Grizzlies team as well.

“Mentally, we played a very good game,” he said. “A lot of our struggles where that we just weren’t fast enough, we just weren’t strong enough. But we had the right guys making the right reads. They had a lot of things that were scripted

that they tried and they did not work against us, so they had to go to Plan B and Plan C. Offensively we did open holes up, but they were just faster and stronger than us and closed them down much quicker than we could get through them.” “I looked at the film we had and we did have a lot of positives on our end that we can build off of,” Anderson continued. “You kind of pick your poison with them and the poison we picked was trying to make their quarterback beat us with

his legs, and he did. But we took away the deep ball. I was happy with the fact that we took them out of what their desired preference to go to was.”

The path doesn’t get much easier this week when the Grizzlies host Littlefork-Big Falls, rated ninth in nine-main with a 3-0 record. However, the Vikings barely squeaked by Cook County last week 18-16.

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the second-fastest of the day behind winner Mark Swanson of the Hanover Northwest Nighthawks, who clocked a 16:34.5. Burckhardt was the highest-finishing South Ridge Panther on the day, placing five spots about teammate Sawyer FierkeLepp.


North Woods’ Lincoln Antikainen finished 68th in the race with a time of 19:24.1, and fellow Grizzly Kahlil Spears came in 84th with a time of 19:45.3. The Panthers placed eighth in the team standings.

Girls

With North Woods’ speedster Evelyn Brodeen apparently sitting out the Grand Rapids meet it was up to the Burckhardt sisters to set the pace for South Ridge on Tuesday. Zoey

Burckhardt crossed the line in 20:54.4 for 12th, and Addison Burckhardt clocked a 21:18.20 for 14th. Tatum Barto had one of her better finishes of the season, placing 20th with a time of 22:05.2. The Panthers finished second among the nine teams entered.

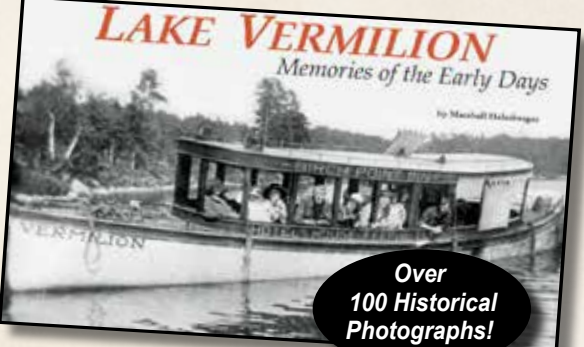
At Mora, Brodeen was the top finisher for the Panthers girls, crossing the line in fifth place in a field of 109 runners with a time of 19:44.4. Zoey Burckhardt circuit-ed the course in 20:37.6, good enough for 11th, and Addison Burckhardt timed in with a 20:56.3 to finish 15th. Tatum Barto finished 40th with a time of 22:15.6. As a team, the Panthers finished fifth.



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PeeWee Western Pleasure: Maddie Wiebusch with Shandy; Taya Waitalla with Hoocy

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PeeWee Sack Race: Taya Waitalla with Brandy; Dallyce Hardy with Phoenix; Avery with Miley; Maddie Wiebusch with Shandy; Daycee Hardy with Butters; Emma Goerd with Honey

PeeWee Package Race: Taya Waitalla with Brandy; Dallyce Hardy with Phoenix; Taya Waitalla with Remington; Daycee Hardy with Butters; Av-



The horses also like hanging out during the events at the Timber Hall horse arena. These two horses are related, but live on different farms, and were enjoying each other's company during the Team Penning competition in August.

ery with Miley; Taya Waitalla with Hoocy

PeeWee Pole Weaving: Taya Waitalla with Brandy; Dallyce Hardy with Phoenix; Taya Waitalla with Remington; Daycee Hardy with Butters; Maddie Wiebusch with Shandy; Emma Goerd with Honey

PeeWee Jumping Figure 8: Dallyce Hardy with Phoenix; Taya Waitalla with Hoocy; Avery with Miley; Daycee Hardy with Butters; Maddie Wiebusch with Shandy; Rylee Miller with Custer

PeeWee Barrels: Taya Waitalla with Brandy; Taya Waitalla with Hoocy; Taya Waitalla with Remington; Avery with Miley; Daycee Hardy with Butters; Maddie Wiebusch with Shandy

PeeWee Keyhole: Taya Waitalla with Brandy; Taya Waitalla with Hoocy; Taya Waitalla with Remington; Daycee Hardy with Butters; Avery with Miley; Dallyce Hardy with Phoenix

PeeWee Speed Dash: Taya

Waitalla with Brandy; Dallyce Hardy with Phoenix; Taya Waitalla with Hoocy; Daycee Hardy with Butters; Taya Waitalla with Remington; Emma Goerd with Honey

Junior Western Pleasure: Lexi Wiebusch with Feather; Khepra Hainey with Bert; Tyme Waitalla with Dash

Junior Egg & Spoon: Lexi Wiebusch with Feather; Arianna with Lena; Khepra Hainey with Bert; Tyme Waitalla with Dash; Brylee with Dancer

Junior Sack Race: Arianna with Lena; Lexi Wiebusch with Feather; Tyme Waitalla with Dash; Khepra Hainey with Tink; Brylee with Dancer

Junior Package Race: Tyme Waitalla with Brandy; Maija Peterson with Tippy; Khepra Hainey with Tink; Tyme Waitalla with Dash; Khepra Hainey with Bert; Maija Peterson with Telsa

Junior Pole Weaving: Maija Peterson with Telsa; Tyme Waitalla with Brandy; Lexi Wiebusch with Ty; Khepra

Hainey with Bert; Maija Peterson with Tippy; Tyme Waitalla with Dash

Junior Jumping Figure 8: Tyme Waitalla with Dash; Maija Peterson with Telsa; Khepra Hainey with Tink; Tyme Waitalla with Brandy; Arianna with Lena; Maija Peterson with Tippy

Junior Barrels: Maija Peterson with Telsa; Tyme Waitalla with Brandy; Tyme Waitalla with Dash; Arianna with Lena; Khepra Hainey with Tink; Lexi Wiebusch with Feather

Junior Keyhole: Tyme Waitalla with Brandy; Maija Peterson with Telsa; Khepra Hainey with Tink; Lexi Wiebusch with Feather; Khepra Hainey with Bert; Maija Peterson with Tippy

Junior Speed Dash: Tyme Waitalla with Dash; Maija Peterson with Telsa; Tyme Waitalla with Brandy; Arianna with Lena; Khepra Hainey with Tink; Lexi Wiebusch with Feather

Senior Egg & Spoon: Deanna Kunnari with Rio; Bink

Wallace with Dancer

Senior Sack Race: Deanna Kunnari with Rio; Bink Wallace with Dancer; Dale Martin with Cammie

Senior Package Race: Deanna Kunnari with Rio; Bink Wallace with Dancer; Dale Martin with Cammie

Senior Pole Weaving: Dale Martin with Cammie; Deanna Kunnari with Rio; Crystal Anderson with Eldy; Shayler Lislegard with Jasper; Crystal Anderson with Harley; John Wiebusch with Gambler

Senior Jumping 8: Dale Martin with Cammie; Shayler Lislegard with Jasper; Deanna Kunnari with Rio; Crystal Anderson with Harley; Bink Wallace with Dancer; Crystal Anderson with Eldy

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Senior Speed Dash: Dale Martin with Cammie; Shayler Lislegard with Jasper; Crystal Anderson with Harley; John Wiebusch with Gambler; Deanna Kunnari with Rio; Crystal Anderson with Eldy

Ribbon Race: Taya Waitalla & Maija Peterson; Tyme Waitalla & Maija Peterson; Daycee Hardy & Dallyce Hardy; Dallyce Hardy & Emma Goerd

Team Jumping: Lexi Wiebusch & Khepra Hainey; Deanna Kunnari & Bink Wallace Arianna & Brylee; Taya Waitalla & Maija Peterson; Tyme Waitalla & Taya Waitalla; Dallyce Hardy & Taya Waitalla

Death Notices

Glenn W. Myers

Glenn "Mike" Wayne Myers, 86, of Babbitt, passed away on Friday, Sept. 1, 2023. A celebration of life is planned for 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 23 at his home, Myers Manor, in Babbitt. Inurnment will be at Cherry Grove Cemetery at a later date. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by his children, Karen (John) Heikkila, JoAnne Myers and Tom Myers, all of Babbitt, and Heather (Bob) Larson of Woodbury; best friend, Bernice Norregaard of Babbitt; grandchildren, Robyn Stangland (Greg Johnson), Will (Nikki) Stangland, Nikki Adams (Josh Montgomery), Ashley (Tyler) Snyder, Adam Myers, Tanya (Ryan) Keller, Nate Bjork (Bessie Richer), Alrik Larson and Hilde Larson; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Judy B. Stapleton

A memorial mass for Judy B. Stapleton, 82, of Mt. Iron, formerly of Tower, will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 27, 2023, at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Virginia. A complete obituary will be following. Arrangements are with the Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

Tamara Rollins

Tamara Rollins, 53, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, at Ely Bloomenson Community Hospital. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

Shirley Pitt

Shirley Pitt, 83, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 14, 2023, at Babbitt Carefree Living. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

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Embarrass Canister Site 7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass Hours Sat: 12:30-4:30pm Thur: 10am-5pm	Aurora Transfer Station 5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora Hours Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am-4pm Tue, Wed: 10am-4pm Sat: 8am-noon
Household Hazardous Waste Facility 5345 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia Hours Tues and Sat: 8am-1pm	Regional Landfill 5341 Regional Landfill Rd, Virginia Hours Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm Sat: 8am-3:30pm

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Outdoors

Our lives in the
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ECOLOGICAL RESEARCH

Study: Predators play key role in ecosystem health

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— A new study, recently published in the journal *Oikos*, has confirmed that predators play an important role in the health of ecosystems beyond their effects on the behavior and resiliency of prey populations.

The study, co-authored by Tom Gable, with the Voyageur Wolf Project, has found that

predators create patchy ecological hotspots across natural landscapes as a result of their feeding behavior, which helps to distribute food sources and nutrients across the landscape. In addition, by keeping some prey species, like beaver, in check, they can sustain forest habitat that might otherwise be impacted by flooding or overgrazing.

By analyzing both empirical and theoretical data, the study concluded that the car-

Right: When large predators make a kill, it has ripple effects throughout the ecosystem, benefitting the entire food web.

file photo by M. Helmberger

cases left behind by medium-to-large predators are a major benefit to a wide range of species, including other smaller predators as well as scavengers

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THE BOUNDARY WATERS

DOWN MEMORY LANE

A recent visit to the BWCAW offers a reminder of the way things change

THE BWCAW— It had been at least 25 years since my last visit to Little Rice Lake, the one found at the end of the 60-rod portage from Slim Lake, north of Burntside. It's a shallow, 110-acre lake that's a bit murky as is typical of rice lakes, or perhaps more accurately, of former rice lakes.

A quarter century ago, back when my wife Jodi and I weren't afraid to go after the hard-work rice, we used to rice this lake, mostly for its remarkably large kernels, the largest I've ever seen. To us, this unique quality made it worth the portage into Slim, a mile or so of paddling to the next portage, and then hauling our gear, plus 50-60 pounds of rice, back out again.

The rice on the lake was never thick, but it was thick enough most years on the lake's west side that it was worth the effort given the quality of the rice. But gradually, like so many lakes, including numerous lakes in the Boundary Waters, the rice started to disappear. This past weekend, when a friend and I paddled across Little Rice on our way to Hook Lake, I found a total of six stalks of rice.

We know that, in some cases, rice can disappear as a result of competition from other aquatic vegetation, like pickerel weed or



lily pads. In other cases, sulfate discharges from upstream mining operations have had an impact. That clearly hasn't been the case in wilderness lakes like Little Rice, Lapond, or Hula, all of which have seen once reliable rice crops wither to near nothing. And, unlike some lakes, Little Rice has no detectable competition from other vegetation. I didn't see lily pads or pickerel weed. It's something else that is affecting the rice, a kind of systemic disappearance, one that is affecting lakes throughout most of the range of *Zizania aquatica*, otherwise known as mahnommin.

I don't have an answer to this troubling trend, just a memory of

when things were much different. Being in my 60s, those memories now go back a few years, long enough to know that the North Country is a much different place than it was back in 1984 when Jodi and I built our hand-hewn log cabin in the woods, which has been our home for the past 39 years.

Last weekend's short venture into the wilderness is all that my life allows right now (caring for elderly parents consumes almost all of my free time), but it was useful as a means of reconnecting with the past, ground-truthing my memories so to speak.

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Top: Ready to launch on Little Rice Lake, at the end of the 60-rod portage from Slim Lake.

Above: Paddling along the steep bedrock bluff at the north end of Slim Lake.

photos by M. Helmberger

Outdoors briefly



Waterfowl season opens Saturday

REGIONAL— Minnesota's regular waterfowl season opens a half-hour before sunrise on Saturday, Sept. 23, with the same regulations as last year.

Hunters are advised that water levels might be low due to dry conditions across the state. Scouting ahead of the season can help identify any changes hunters need to make in accessing their preferred hunting locations.

Hunters should check the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's waterfowl hunting page (mndnr.gov/hunting/waterfowl) for complete information including season dates, regulations, a waterfowl identification guide and weekly waterfowl migration reports.

Fishing reports

Ely area

Fall walleye anglers struggled a little this last weekend. Anglers were largely unable to find walleyes in their traditional fall locations, but not all struggled. Anglers catching walleyes were finding them in 7-9 feet of water, but great reports as shallow as four feet of water are still being reported by anglers. Minnows continue to be the bait of choice, using lindy rigs or a simple jig and worked over shallow rock and weedbeds. Pink, blue and orange/chartreuse remain top colors.

Smallmouth bass continue to transition out to sunken islands. Anglers have been using sucker minnows, on a lindy rig, to target the big smallies out there. Best depth out here has been 15-25 feet of water. Not all smallies have left the shorelines yet, so anglers can still find smallies on shorelines with topwater baits, Ned rigs and wacky worms.

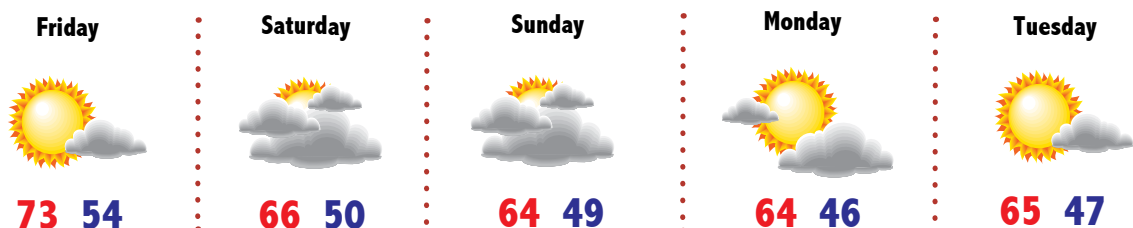
As water temps continue to drop, big pike (30+ inch) continue to show up in anglers catches. Anglers targeting them have been having great success throwing large spoons, in-line spinners, and fishing large suckers under a bobber.

Crappies continue to be a popular target, as anglers have been catching good numbers of crappies with jig/twisters, beetle spins and crappie minnows under a bobber. Anglers are starting to find crappies increasingly near deeper holes, but still close to cabbage beds, especially in the evenings.

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

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST

from NOAA weather



Location	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Emb.	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Cook	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Orr	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.	Tower	Hi	Lo	Prec.	Sn.
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YTD Total	18.36				YTD Total	19.09				YTD Total	13.93				YTD Total	NA				YTD Total	17.51			

SILVER LININGS

SNF offers free wood salvage permits in wake of severe storm

REGIONAL — Looking for some free firewood, minus the cost of your labor?

The Superior National Forest is issuing free wood salvage permits for several parts of the Laurentian and Kawishiwi districts that were hit hard by a Sept. 7 blowdown stemming from microbursts from a severe thunderstorm.

The damage left thousands of trees down across roads and trails, with the worst damage concentrated around Seven Beavers and Stone lakes on the Laurentian district.

No damage was reported to the north of the Tomahawk Rd., but some areas just south of the Tomahawk did experience damage from the storm. Forest Service personnel have been busy clearing roads and campsites impacted by the storm.

Several roads in the area are included in the free permit offer, including:

- FR 112 Dunka River Rd.

Above: Recent storm damage on parts of the Laurentian and Kawishiwi ranger districts has prompted the Forest Service to offer free salvage permits.

Courtesy of USFS

- FR 113 Rd.
- FR 130 Moose Line Rd.
- FR 383 Bandana Lake Rd.
- FR 1491 Deep Lake Rd.
- FR 420 Cranberry Lake Rd.
- FR 118 Camp 26 Rd.
- FR 791 Rd.
- Kelly Loop Trail.

The free storm damage permits are available only at the Laurentian and Kawishiwi District Ranger Stations for select sites and each permit is limited to four cords. Year-round wood permits are available for \$20 at any of the Superior National Forest offices. It is up to permit users to be familiar with the terms of the permits.

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We had some interesting experiences on Little Rice in those long ago visits there. Once, a couple older ricers from Ely screamed at us to go back to “The Cities” and quit taking their rice. We found their sense of entitlement amusing. Another time, the one other couple who showed up to rice that day decided to rice buck naked. We hadn’t encountered that before while ricing, since the tiny sharp hooks on the rice husks are irritating enough to the skin with all your clothes on. All we could figure is that couple must have itched for a week.

On the way in this past weekend, I was pleased to see that Slim Lake is as beautiful and clear

as I had remembered it, and Hook Lake, which I had only ventured to twice before, was the same interesting rock pile that I recalled. I like that lake because it’s all but a dead end as far as canoe routes go. And, it’s found at the end of a 130-rod portage, so it’s not a place that attracts huge numbers of visitors. There was no one at the lake’s lone campsite, which wasn’t a surprise and we saw no one else on the lake that day.

It was a reminder of something that dawns on me every time I spend a day paddling in the wilderness: I don’t do this nearly enough. I’ll be back, and it won’t be 25 years the next time.



A thick stand of young pine along the shore of Little Rice Lake in the BWCAW. photo by M. Helmberger

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like eagles and ravens. The carcasses also distribute nutrients contained in their tissues onto the land, where it benefits plant growth that subsequently feeds new prey populations.

“Carrion is an essential yet often-overlooked ecosystem component that drives myriad inter-specific interactions between predators, scavengers, and local invertebrate, plant and soil communities,” note the authors of the study. “And predators, particularly large carnivores, play a key role in generating carrion within ecosystems through predation.”

Predator dens or home sites also become ecosystem hotspots due to the accumulation of prey remains as well as predator scat, all of which adds to the nutrient levels in the soil and increases the activity of insect and other invertebrates in the soil.

“We’ve known for some time now that predators have unique effects on ecosystems,” said Gable, a post-doctoral researcher at the University of Minnesota’s College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences. “Even so, most of the research has been focused on understanding how predators affect ecosystems by altering

prey populations. In reality, there are a whole host of other, lesser-known ways that individual predators can leave a distinct imprint on ecosystems.”

The researchers note that it is becoming increasingly important to recognize and understand the full spectrum of roles that predators play in ecosystems in order to better manage and conserve their populations.

“As humans, we often like to think that we have the ability to mimic the ecological roles of predators, and therefore it may be okay to have some areas devoid of large predators,” said Sean Johnson-Bice, lead author of the study and a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Manitoba. “However, our work shows that there is such a wide diversity of ways that individual predators affect ecosystems that we could never realistically replicate their effects across entire ecosystems.”

The researchers hope that this research will ultimately help advance the conservation and management of predator populations, many of which are declining globally due habitat destruction, human encroachment, hunting and poaching, and climate change.

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Outdoors briefly

Take a Kid hunting this weekend

REGIONAL — Getting young people outdoors in pursuit of small game is the focus of Take a Kid Hunting Weekend on Saturday, Sept. 23, and Sunday, Sept. 24. During the weekend, adult Minnesota residents accompanied by a youth younger than age 16 may hunt small game without a license, although they must comply with open seasons, limits and other regulations.

Hunting small game is a great way to introduce kids to hunting. Kids learn how to search for game sign, properly handle firearms and access hunting land — all without too much time sitting still and being quiet. Anyone who wants to learn how to hunt can find helpful how-to guides on the Minnesota DNR website (mndnr.gov/gohunting) plus a recorded webinar about how to get started small game hunting (youtube.com/watch?v=Y-

GP0ASgC0w). Small game hunting regulations are available at the Minnesota DNR small game hunting webpage (mndnr.gov/hunting/smallgame).

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POSITION OPENING

Ely Public Schools Long Term Substitute Physical Education/Health Teacher 1.0 Full Time Equivalent (FTE)

Ely Public Schools is looking for a K-12 Physical Education/Health long term substitute teacher starting Monday, October 2nd, 2023 through November 3rd, 2023. Salary and fringes as per the Master Agreement between ISD #696 and the Ely Education Association and School Board policy. A background check is required.

- Qualifications include:
- > Current Minnesota teaching license
 - > Previous teaching experience preferred
 - > Excellent communication skills including verbal and written

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

A complete application must include the following:

- > District Licensed Application
- > Resume
- > Copy of official transcripts
- > Current Minnesota teaching license
- > Letters of recommendation

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

Start date: October 2, 2023

Application review to begin: September 25, 2023; open until filled.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR SEALED QUOTES FOR SNOW REMOVAL OF GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP RD. 4136 FIRE NUMBER 2232 THROUGH 2573 2023-2024 SEASON

The Greenwood Township board is accepting sealed quotes for the snow removal of Greenwood Township Road 4136 fire number 2232 through 2573 for the 2023-2024 season (Birch Point Extension). The quote should state the cost of snow removal once the snow reaches a depth of 3 inches, and also the cost of occasional sanding.

The contractor must provide a certificate of insurance as to general liability insurance coverage. Successful quotes must carry vehicle and general liability insurance for no less than \$1,000,000.00 for personal injury and property damage.

Sealed quotes are to be sent or delivered by Oct. 09, 2023 to JoAnn Bassing, Greenwood Township Clerk at 3000 Hwy 77, Tower, MN 55790 or emailed to clerk@greentownshipmn.com.

The township reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, to waive any irregularities and to accept any quote deemed most advantageous to the Township.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION TO BIDDERS Ely Area Community Foundation Facility

Notice is hereby given that sealed bids for the Ely Area Community Foundation Facility will be addressed and delivered to Ely Area Community Foundation, C/O Widseth at 704 East Howard Street, Hibbing, MN 55746.

BID DATE: October 5, 2023
 BID TIME: 1:00 PM Local Time

All bids must be prepared on the form provided by the Architect, are to be in a sealed opaque envelope conspicuously marked on the outside identifying the project name and are to be submitted in accordance with the project procurement requirements.

Plans, Specifications and Proposal Forms as prepared by Widseth Smith Nolting & Associates, Inc., 704 East Howard Street, Hibbing, MN 55746, (218) 263-6868, are available from the Architect's office either in electronic form at no cost or in hard copy form for a non-refundable fee for the cost of reproduction. Plans and Specifications may be reviewed at the offices of the Architect, the Owner, and the

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Each bid must be accompanied by a certified check, cashier's check, or bidder's bond in the amount of five percent (5%) of the bid, payable to the Owner; as provided in the specifications, said check and the amount thereof or the amount of the bidder's bond to be forfeited as liquidated damages if the bidder furnishing the same neglects or refuses to promptly carry out said bid or enter into contract with Ely Area Community Foundation.

No bids may be withdrawn within thirty (30) days from the scheduled closing time for receiving bids.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or parts of bids and to waive informalities therein, and to award the contract to other than the lowest bidder if in their discretion the interests of the Owner will be best served thereby.

A prebid meeting will be held on September 26, 2023 at 10:00 AM local time at the jobsite.
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OPEN POSITIONS

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Hospital/ER
 PT Registered Nurse (Wage starting at \$36.22 hr; \$4,000 sign-on bonus)
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Business Office
 FT Hospital Billing Technician (Wage starting at \$18.55 hr.)

Outpatient Services
 PT Unit Clerk (Wage starting at \$17.79/NAR or EMT Certification)

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PUBLIC NOTICE

GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP REQUEST FOR SEALED QUOTES FOR BRUSHING OF GREENWOOD TOWNSHIP RD. 4136 FIRE NUMBER 2232 THROUGH 2573

The Greenwood Township Board is accepting sealed quotes for the brushing of Greenwood Township Road 4136 fire number 2232 through 2573 (Birch Point Extension). The brushing would extend from the edge of the pavement to a height of ten feet.

The contractor must provide a certificate of insurance as to general liability insurance coverage. Successful quotes must carry vehicle and general liability insurance for no less than \$1,000,000.00 for personal injury and property damage.

Sealed quotes are to be sent or delivered by Oct. 09, 2023 to JoAnn Bassing, Greenwood Township Clerk at 3000 Hwy 77, Tower, MN 55790 or emailed to clerk@greentownshipmn.com.

The township reserves the right to reject any or all quotes, to waive any irregularities and to accept any quote deemed most advantageous to the Township.

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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ST. LOUIS DISTRICT COURT PROBATE DIVISION SIXTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT Court File No. 69VI-PR-23-136

NOTICE AND ORDER OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR FORMAL ADJUDICATION OF INTESTACY, DETERMINATION OF HEIRSHIP, APPOINTMENT OF PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Ralph Alan Hujanen, aka Ralph Allen Hujanen, Ralph A. Hujanen, Decedent

It is Ordered and Notice is given that on October 16, 2023, at 9:30 a.m. a hearing will be held in this Court at 300 5th Ave. South, Virginia,

Minnesota, for the adjudication of intestacy and determination of heirship of the Decedent, and for the appointment of Jesse A. Hujanen, whose address is 7536 Hwy 135 N, Embarrass, MN 55732, as Personal Representative of the Estate of the Decedent in an UNSUPERVISED administration.

Any objections to the Petition must be filed with the Court prior to or raised at the hearing. If proper, and no objections are filed or raised, the Personal Representative will be appointed with full power to administer the Estate, including the power to collect all assets, to pay all legal debts, claims, taxes, and expenses, to sell real and personal property, and to do all necessary acts for the Estate.

Notice is also given that (subject to Minnesota Statutes section 524.3-801) all credi-

tors having claims against the Estate are required to present the claims to the Personal Representative or to the Court Administrator within four months after the date of this Notice or the claims will be barred.

Dated: September 5, 2023

BY THE COURT
 Michelle Anderson
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 Amy Turnquist
 Court Administrator
 Chelsea Opdahl, as Deputy

Attorney for Petitioner
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Director of Victim/Witness and Community Outreach

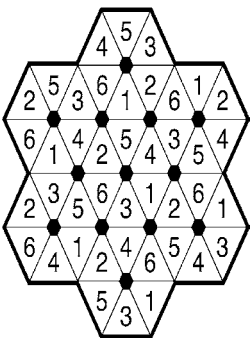
The St. Louis County Attorney's Office is seeking a Director of Victim/Witness & Community Outreach. Responsibilities include, but are not limited to, management of the victim/witness program including the supervision of victim/witness staff, ensure compliance with the Minnesota Victim Rights Law, organize community outreach programs, and working with the County Attorney to develop and implement an external communications plan; candidate will be responsible for enhancing outreach to underserved populations and engagement with community partners.

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by Linda Thistle

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SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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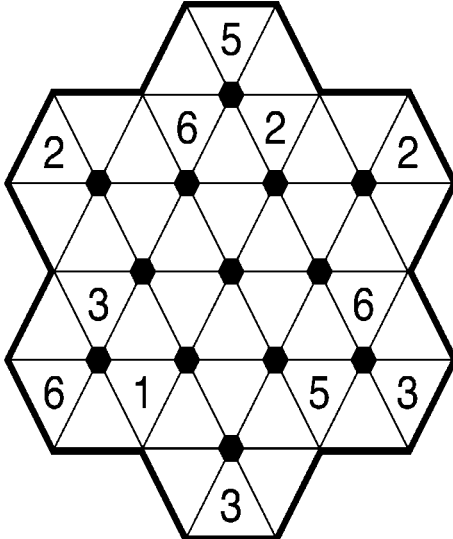
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 by Japheth Light

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.



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ACROSS

- 1 Mess up on
- 6 Dismiss, as an ill student
- 14 Pause-causing marks
- 20 Skunks' defenses
- 21 Quick size-up
- 22 1998 Masters winner Mark
- 23 Giving an officer a leg up?
- 25 Defaced
- 26 Neighbors of Czechs
- 27 Composes
- 28 "Li" fellow
- 29 Previous to
- 30 Food favored by logicians?
- 35 Belgrade citizens
- 38 Impish kids
- 39 Extra NFL periods
- 40 Spill a secret
- 41 Lake fed by the Huron
- 42 Port-au-Prince's place
- 43 2017-19 labor secretary Alexander
- 46 Poor grade
- 47 Monkey setting off big experimental blasts?
- 50 — 'n' cheese
- 51 Airing of ads on the tube
- 52 Eyeliner flaw
- 53 Least plentiful
- 55 Archaic verb suffix
- 56 Warty hopper
- 59 Son of Cain
- 62 Busy insects
- 63 Two things a baby might be wearing in cold weather?
- 68 — -Cola
- 71 St. Teresa's birthplace
- 72 Chili bit
- 73 Neighbor of Wash.
- 76 Leaves weaponless
- 79 Finger or toe
- 82 MRI alternative
- 84 Winnipeg's province: Abbr.
- 85 "I pray our reservation doesn't get canceled!"?
- 90 News agcy. founded in 1958
- 91 Fastener for paper sheets
- 92 Totally fills
- 93 Fabled snow humanoid
- 94 Actress Turner
- 96 Mined stuff
- 97 Female hip-hopper
- 98 Self-indulgent outing
- 99 Comment upon finally getting a chance to sit down?
- 103 "The Raven" writer
- 104 Typical
- 105 In perfect condition
- 106 Not mixing well with others
- 110 Thirty tripled
- 112 Ruling house enjoying great prosperity?
- 115 Comparable with
- 116 Get robots to do
- 117 Kate's mate on 1980s TV
- 118 Part of BBB
- 119 Rubs the wrong way
- 120 Bed boards
- 4 Torque transmitter in a motor
- 5 "Star Wars" won seven of them
- 6 Weeps noisily
- 7 Musician Brian
- 8 S.Sgt. or M.Sgt.
- 9 Tyranny
- 10 Pay-to-stay places
- 11 Sheep-related
- 12 High-IQ club
- 13 Minuscul bit of work
- 14 Jet engine part that includes the igniter
- 15 Muscat-ear?
- 16 Most trifling
- 17 Guys wearing wedding rings
- 18 "My lips — sealed"
- 19 In a blue state
- 24 Barely get, with "out"
- 28 "Don't — surprised!"
- 30 Londoner, e.g.
- 31 Author Joyce Carol —
- 32 Unskilled PC gamer, say
- 33 Marlins' and Mets' div.
- 34 Decides (to)
- 35 Pick up on
- 36 Blow up
- 37 Big name in photocopiers
- 38 Happy hour locale
- 42 Great devastation
- 43 "— of angels coming after me" ("Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" line)
- 44 Chocolate substitute
- 45 Santa —, California
- 48 Comics' Kett
- 49 Like Mutant Ninja Turtles
- 54 Actress Issa
- 57 Alias letters
- 58 Actor Patel
- 60 Corn holder
- 61 Garden tool
- 63 Jelly holder
- 64 Like some waves
- 65 Full of energy
- 66 Tijuana treats
- 67 Wild about
- 68 Fluffy clouds
- 69 Comparable (with)
- 70 Team of dogs on the force
- 73 Less genial
- 74 "Inferno" poet
- 75 Dickinson of "Rio Bravo"
- 77 Sporty English autos
- 78 Supreme Court's Sonia
- 80 "Let's move!"
- 81 Natives of Bangkok
- 83 Many a video chat
- 86 Hannah of "Roxanne"
- 87 Design detail
- 88 Raison d'—
- 89 — Paese (cheese type)
- 95 Thumbs-up
- 97 Witticism
- 98 Part of ASAP
- 100 Mozart's "Cosi fan —"
- 101 Love, to Gigi
- 102 Regional flora and fauna
- 103 — -Ops (CIA tactics)
- 106 Yemeni city
- 107 Dot in the sea, to Juanita
- 108 Toiling away
- 109 Strong alkalis
- 110 Collar
- 111 Singer Turner
- 112 Grocery holder
- 113 "Illmatic" rapper
- 114 '60s Pontiac

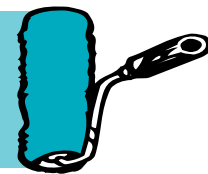
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