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ST. LOUIS COUNTY SCHOOLS

School chief to resign at mid-year

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**
Managing Editor

Steve Sallee has led ISD 2142 since 2014



Steve Sallee

REGIONAL— The St. Louis County School District is in the market for a new superintendent after current super, Steve Sallee, announced he'd be leaving at the end of December to assume a new position in

southeastern Minnesota. The announcement wasn't a total surprise to board members, since Sallee had let them know last week that he was interviewing for the position of executive

director for the Southeast Service Cooperative, based in Rochester. Board members expressed their disappointment, nonetheless, noting that Sallee had accomplished a lot since taking the

reins of the district in 2014, at a time when the district was still in an uproar over a controversial restructuring and missteps by the prior superintendent, Teresa Knife Chief.

Board member Troy Swanson said he wasn't looking forward to the search for a replacement, which will get underway on

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MILITARY SERVICE

MILITARY HONORS

Cook's Leo Hively presented with medals for WWII Naval service

by **JODI SUMMIT**
Tower-Soudan Editor

COOK- Leo Hively wasn't sure why he was leaving work early, last Friday. Leo is 96-years-old, still pretty darn sharp, and goes to work every day with his son, Bruce, who owns Arrowhead Paint and Repair in Gheen, where Leo acts as the office receptionist.

But as Leo entered the Bloom and Lahti VFW Post 1757 in Cook, on the pretense of getting something to eat with his son and daughter-in-law, Kathy, he was in for a surprise.

For this World War II veteran, the day would be a reminder of his time serving his country. Leo enlisted in the Navy when he was 16-years-old. His mother lied about his age, telling the recruiter he was 17, and back then, Leo said, children born at home didn't have official birth certificates. Leo served for a little over six years, and was honorably discharged in 1945.

Over the years, Leo



Leo Hively, a 96-year-old Cook resident, was presented with World War II service medals last week by U.S. Rep. Rick Nolan. The surprise event was held at the Bloom and Lahti VFW Post 1757 in Cook. photo by J. Summit

didn't talk much about his time in the Navy, though he did feel, according to his son, that veterans didn't get as much respect as they deserved. Bruce and Kathy decided that figuring out how to find his old medals

might help him feel that his service was being recognized as important.

"He wouldn't have come here today if he knew the whole family was coming for the ceremony," said Leo's daughter Carol David.

What Leo walked into was a rather unique ceremony, with Rep. Rick Nolan presenting the service medals that Leo had earned for his service over 70 years ago;

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CITY OF TOWER

Tower shelves further talks on FD merger with Breitung

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**
Managing Editor

TOWER— The city council here won't entertain further talks on the merger of the Tower and Breitung fire departments, at least for now. The council, after considerable discussion, voted to suspend further discussion on the merger while reassessing the merits of the proposal annually.

Their action came in response to a letter from Breitung officials, who expressed their continued support of a merger, despite the breakdown of plans for a joint emergency services facility.

Councilor Lance Dougherty argued for continuing the process, suggesting that fire officials from both communities hold at least one more meeting to weigh the "pros and cons" of a merger, even if it resulted in maintaining two separate halls. Dougherty said both communities had invested considerable time and money in the merger effort, and said the option of combining without sharing a common hall had only been briefly discussed at the final meeting of the joint facility committee. "I just hate to see that three or four years of work go away with the stroke of a pen," Dougherty added.

But Tower Fire Chief Steve Altenburg argued against further talks until the

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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Burnin' rubber

Car show, burnout competition supports Jake Forsman Memorial scholarship fund

by **KEITH VANDERVORT**
Ely Editor

ELY - The first annual Jake Forsman Memorial Car Show and Burnout Competition held on Saturday in front of the Ely City Hall exceeded the organizer's expectations in every way.

Ely resident Al Forsman, a city council member and father of the late Jake Forsman, coordinated the event in memory of

his son who died one year ago today in an automobile accident.

"The Jake Forsman Memorial Car Show and Burnout Competition was created to commemorate the life of a young man who had consistently reached out to help and comfort people who needed it - whether he knew you or not," Al Forsman said.

"My son Jake had the apti-

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Ely resident Albert Forsman burns the rubber off the tires of his 1975 Chevrolet Monza 2+2 hatchback Saturday at a memorial scholarship funding event for his son, Jake, who died following a vehicle accident a year ago. photo by K. Vandervort



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WATER QUALITY

Range officials decry proposed sulfate rule

Area legislators vow to pass new law to block enactment of water quality rule they required

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL—Insisting that a new water quality standard could bankrupt Iron Range communities and shut down the region’s taconite industry, about 75 people, mostly steelworkers, rallied in Virginia on Tuesday ahead of a five-hour public hearing sponsored by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

The hearing, which was presided over by an administrative law judge, was one of several being held around the state to take public testimony on the agency’s proposed new variable sulfate standard, designed to protect wild rice.

But speaker after speaker at Tuesday’s rally said there’s no scientific evidence showing that the new standard would actually benefit wild rice, and that meeting the standard would cost com-

munities in the region billions of dollars.

“It’s an attack on our way of life,” said St. Louis County Commissioner Tom Rukavina, who criticized the University of Minnesota scientist John Moyle, whose pioneering research on wild rice led to passage of the state’s original sulfate standard back in 1973. “This rule has never been passed by a Minnesota legislator, or by a federal lawmaker. It’s been by bureaucrats,” he said.

Yet lawmakers have weighed in on the standard more than once—and several vowed to do so again in the upcoming legislative session. “I’m working on a bill,” said Rep. Jason Metsa, of Virginia, who has teamed up with Sen. David Tomassoni to place a moratorium on the proposed new rule.

Ironically, it was Iron Range legislators who convinced the



Sen. David Tomassoni talks about the proposed new sulfate standard, which he said would require area communities to spend millions of dollars for wastewater upgrades.

photo by M. HelMBERGER

Dayton administration to revise the sulfate standard, which led to Tuesday’s hearing. The Legislature had initially funded new research to determine whether the state’s strict 10 mg/l standard is scientifically valid, but when that research largely confirmed the link between sulfate levels and the production

of toxic sulfides in aquatic sediments, the agency initially proposed keeping the old standard in place. But Iron Range legislators intervened and convinced the governor that a new rule was necessary.

They passed a law two years ago that required the MPCA to develop and enact a new standard

by 2018. The MPCA issued a draft of the new standard in August and Tuesday’s hearing was part of the public review of that proposal. MPCA officials say that final standard will likely be ready by late 2018, in com-

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MINING

Dayton announces support for PolyMet

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— Gov. Mark Dayton has thrown his support behind the proposed PolyMet copper-nickel mine, near Hoyt Lakes, but says that he still wants assurances that the company will be able to meet environmental standards and demonstrate sufficient financial wherewithal to pay for clean-up.

The governor’s decision has been a long time in coming, and he has faced enormous pressure

from both supporters and opponents of the proposed mine, which is expected to create about 350 jobs on the Iron Range.



Gov. Mark Dayton

Environmentalists argue that copper-nickel mining is more dangerous than taconite mining, since the metals are bound up in sulfide-bearing rock that is known

to leach acid when exposed to air and water.

The governor said he recognizes the risks involved, but said he thinks it can be operated safely and said the economic benefits of the mine outweigh the environmental risks.

The governor’s announcement this week almost certainly signals that the DNR is planning to issue a permit to mine for the project—and that could come soon. DNR officials, in August, told the *Timberjay* that they plan to issue a draft permit to mine

before the end of the year. Dayton said he won’t interfere in that permitting process.

The governor noted that his position on PolyMet does not change his view of the more controversial Twin Metals mine near Ely. That project, located closer to the Boundary Waters, would be located within the Kawishiwi River watershed, a major watershed within the 1.1 million-acre wilderness area.

The governor’s position on PolyMet appears to ensure that the project will receive all needed

state permits, but the mine still needs some federal permits, and the governor’s position is unlikely to impact those decisions.

And economics may ultimately decide the fate of the PolyMet project. At least two other copper mines in the U.S. have been fully permitted in the past two years, but have been unable to attract the investor interest needed to move the projects forward.

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GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY

Open meeting law violations aired in Tower

Timberjay publisher provides city council with evidence of multiple violations of state law

TOWER— Some city officials in Tower have been holding committee meetings in apparent violation of the state's Open Meeting Law, by failing to provide required notice to the public, the media, and by, on at least one occasion, meeting behind locked doors in the council chamber.

Timberjay Publisher Marshall HelMBERGER brought the concerns to the city council's attention Monday night. HelMBERGER provided councilors with a written statement of his concerns as well as several exhibits, including email documentation, portions of the relevant statutes, and guidance from the League of Minnesota Cities during Monday's council meeting.

HelMBERGER told the full council that he had initially tried to address his concerns about illegal meetings in an Oct. 2 email to councilors and in comments to Mayor Josh Carlson following the Oct. 10 city council meeting, but had been verbally attacked by city officials for doing so.

The state's Open Meeting Law pertains to all cities, and most other public bodies in Minnesota, including the city of Tower. The law requires that all meetings of any of the city's committees, subcommittees, commissions, boards, or departments be open to the public and specifies how public bodies are to notify the public when such meetings will be held.

HelMBERGER outlined several instances where city officials met in committee without providing proper notice, most recent-

ly at the initial meeting of the city's new EMS/city building committee, which the council created on Aug. 28. On Aug. 29, HelMBERGER emailed Tower City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith asking to be provided notice of any meetings of the new committee, which is set to discuss and make recommendations on the possible construction or renovation of new or existing city buildings.

Keith responded, indicating that she would "keep you posted."

Under the Open Meeting Law, any member of the public has the right to make a request to be provided notice of special meetings, which is a provision that news media frequently utilize to stay abreast of important deliberations by public officials.

But at the Oct. 10 council meeting, Councilor Lance Dougherty discussed a meeting of the building committee, which had been held several days earlier. Since the committee has no regularly-scheduled meeting date, every meeting of the committee is considered a special meeting under the Open Meeting Law, and so was subject to the requirement to notify anyone with a written request for notice on record.

The *Timberjay* was never provided notice of that meeting, as required, which is a violation of the law.

After HelMBERGER brought the issue to Carlson's attention following the Oct. 10 meeting, Mayor Josh Carlson did instruct Keith to notify the *Timberjay* of meetings of the committee in the future. In speaking to the council on Monday, however,

HelMBERGER said his larger concern is focused on the harbor committee, where the violations appear to be more systematic and intentional.

HelMBERGER provided the council with written notice he had sent to Keith on Aug. 1, 2016, in which he had requested notice of harbor committee meetings. Keith responded saying that the meetings are regularly-scheduled each month. Under the Open Meeting Law, regularly-scheduled meetings do not require that special notice be sent as long as the meeting schedule is posted publicly. The city of Tower does post its regularly-scheduled meetings at the entrance to city hall.

But HelMBERGER noted to the council that the harbor meetings are routinely held at times other than what is posted to accommodate the schedules of members of the committee. If a regular meeting is rescheduled, it automatically is classified as a special meeting under the law, noted HelMBERGER, which means the city must provide notice to anyone requesting it. The law also requires that the notice be provided three days prior and that it includes the purpose of the meeting, typically through an agenda.

HelMBERGER told the council he doesn't recall ever receiving an agenda for a rescheduled harbor meeting until arriving at city hall, although he said he did receive notice from Keith of a few rescheduled meetings, but not all of them. He specifically cited July 17 and Aug. 25, 2017, meetings of the committee for which he did not receive notice.

Of more serious concern, said HelMBERGER, is that it has become clear to him and others that the harbor committee has routinely been meeting earlier than the times that Keith has indicated to him.

"I have become aware through direct experience that the committee regularly meets prior to the meeting time that is provided to me and others," said HelMBERGER. "On numerous occasions, I have entered the council chambers at the indicated time, when I am told the meeting is set to start, and it is readily apparent that the meeting has started much earlier. On at least one occasion, I was informed of an 11 a.m. start and when I arrived the agenda indicated a 10:30 start and the meeting was half over. As a result of this, I have begun showing up ahead of indicated times, only to find the meeting already underway in some cases. On Sept. 11, I was informed by email that the harbor committee would meet from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. I showed up at approximately 10:40 a.m., to find the doors to the council chambers locked, even though I could hear members of the committee talking inside."

HelMBERGER said he returned at 11:30, at which time members of the committee unlocked the door and allowed him and Orlyn Kringstad into the room.

The Open Meeting Law does allow closed meetings under closely-prescribed circumstances, such as for discussion of existing or pending litigation with legal counsel, labor negotiation strategy, personnel evaluations, determination of offers

for real estate, or discussion of investigative data or other similar data that would not be considered public. HelMBERGER said there is no indication that any of these exceptions apply to the harbor committee. In either case, he said, if the committee was actually closing its meetings for one of these specific exceptions, it must state so in its notice of the meeting, which was not done. And those meetings, with the exception of meetings with an attorney, must be recorded.

HelMBERGER said he does not hold the entire council responsible, since most were probably unaware of the situation. He indicated that it is the job of the clerk to ensure that the city maintains compliance with the Open Meeting Law. "But once this information and documentation is provided to the council, it is up to you all to investigate, correct the situation, and take appropriate disciplinary action. Failure to do so makes this council culpable in these violations," HelMBERGER said.

The penalties for intentional violations of the Open Meeting Law can be significant, and can include fines and even forfeiture of office for three or more intentional violations.

Councilors did not immediately react to HelMBERGER's statement and submission of evidence. That prompted former councilor Joan Broten to press the council on the next steps. Mayor Josh Carlson indicated that the information would be forwarded to the city's attorney for evaluation.

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Editorial

Campground sewer

City should hold off and develop a better plan for next year

Taxpayers in Tower should sit up and take notice. The city council is poised to approve a construction bid as early as next week that could require bonding of as much as \$600,000 as part of a project to add seven new RV sites at the Hoodoo Point Campground.

We should make clear that we support the addition of new RV slots at the campground, if it can be done affordably. Allowing more people to spend time and money in our area helps our local businesses.

This proposal seemed perfectly sensible at first, but as more discussion ensued, the costs began to spiral, particularly when the city decided that the additional RVs would overtax the capacity of the existing sewage treatment system, which is clearly aging. That began a push to replace major components of the system and to extend the city's sewer line out the campground. The council rejected the first round of bids after the low bid included a significant math error and the next lowest bid came in at over \$600,000— which did not include the cost of remaining design engineering, construction oversight and inspection, and contingencies. Even the lowest bid was well above the engineer's estimates for the project. That, by itself, should have prompted reconsideration of the project, but the city requested new bids, which are due Oct. 27. The council, as of this week, is planning to award bids at a special meeting next week.

The city plans to issue a revenue bond for the project, but it's unclear that additional revenues will actually cover the annual bond payment, which is likely to exceed \$40,000 depending on the interest rate of the bond. A summary budget, prepared for the council, suggests the campground will earn an additional \$13,900 from the RV sites. The budget also assumes that the city will raise seasonal camper rates by \$200, monthly rates by \$150, and nightly rates by two dollars, which would raise an additional \$17,100. That's a combined total of \$31,000, which leaves the city approximately \$9,000-\$12,500 short. The rest will come from other campground proceeds, which otherwise help to offset some other city spending.

We recognize that the city will likely have to address the aging sewage system at the campground in the near future to prevent contamination of groundwater or Lake Vermilion. But we think that those improvements should be part of a broader strategy that could encompass a broader swath of Lake Vermilion shoreline. That's the kind of project that could generate public grant dollars. The state of Minnesota has poured millions of dollars into sewer projects on lakes up at the border. The city of Tower would have an excellent argument for similar investments on Lake Vermilion, which could deliver far more bang for the city's local dollar investment. The city should put the brakes on at least portions of this project and take the time necessary to explore more cost-effective alternatives.

If this were the only major capital investment under consideration at city hall, our discomfort level wouldn't be as high. But the city is actively exploring construction of new facilities or significant renovations to existing public buildings— projects which are certain to entail significant additional bonding.

At the same time, the city has committed to funding the cost of new roads and water and sewer for the harbor project. While the city has obtained \$350,000 from the IRRRB to help pay for some of that work, the city will very likely ultimately be responsible for hundreds of thousands of dollars in additional costs, which it appears will be covered by additional bonding. The city is also looking at upgrades to water mains.

We certainly recognize the need for cities like Tower to invest in their futures. But they also need to prioritize, because money doesn't grow on trees. At this point, finishing up the harbor project has to be priority one. Replacing the fire and ambulance storage building lost in a fire a few years ago is probably second on the list. Adding seven new RV sites at the campground would be nice, but it's hardly a top priority, and certainly not at the present price tag.

The city should take a breather, explore its options, and look for potential outside funding sources before moving ahead.



Letters from Readers

I think I have fallen in love with Ely

Here it is, more than two months later and my mind returns to my visit to Ely this past Aug. 1-2, and the wonderful hospitality shown to me by Barbara Cary Hall, the producer and playwright of "Root Beer Lady, the Musical".

I was in town alone to enjoy a few days of solitude and to explore and see what this charming little town had to offer. Many years ago, while living in southern Minnesota, I read about the story of Dorothy Molter, "the Root Beer Lady" in a local newspaper. I was intrigued by her story of living alone in the farthest corner of the BWCA, her independence, tenacity, and fierce desire to live out the rest of her days in her beloved cabin on her little island "way up yonder".

I remember seeing the story in the Minneapolis newspaper of her unfortunate death, and the end of an era of the kindly "Root Beer Lady of the BWCA". I couldn't wait to learn more about her life, and on my first full day in town, I thoroughly enjoyed my visit to the Dorothy Molter museum, spending about two hours there, watching the videos, listening to the tour guides, looking through photo albums, and visiting the cabins that replicated her little Isle of the Pines paradise. I returned the second day for more, and bought her book. I couldn't get enough! While hanging out in the gift shop, I heard that "Root Beer Lady, the Musical" was having its premiere the next evening, on Thursday, Aug. 3. Shoot, I had to leave town Thursday morning and would miss it. Suddenly, I had an idea. I have a severe to profound hearing loss, and use a cochlear implant to hear. Most of the time if I want to attend a stage performance, I need to have an American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter to understand the dialogue between the actors and actresses. I figured that the performers would be having their last rehearsal that

night, and wondered if I might be granted permission to watch this final performance before the curtain call? I asked the cashier in the gift shop if she might know who I could contact to ask permission. She immediately got on the phone and called Barbara Cary Hall, the writer and producer of the musical, and told her my story, and wondered if I could have a chance to watch the rehearsal in a quiet auditorium that night. Barbara was very gracious, and told the cashier to send me down to the school at a specific time, and she would have a seat waiting for me. I met Barbara at the door at the time we agreed on, and she ushered me into the auditorium as the actors and actresses were going about their last minute preparation onstage before the rehearsal. I sat back, mesmerized, and knew I was in for a treat. The musical began. And what a treat it was, a delightful retelling of the life of Dorothy Molter, the Root Beer Lady, the Nightingale of the North, with amazing music and local performers bringing her story to life on the stage!!! I was so touched by the glorious performance of the actors and actresses that I had tears! Tears of JOY that I could hear and understand most of what was said and sung, from my special seat that Barbara had saved for me, centrally situated a few rows from the stage. Twelve years ago, before my cochlear implant, this would have been impossible for me to understand without the assistance of an ASL interpreter. Afterwards, with tears still flowing, I thanked Barbara for making this special accommodation for me, and to this day, two months later, the memories of this amazing performance bring JOY to my heart! It was the highlight of my summer! Needless to say, I left Ely the next morning with a huge smile on my face after spending 48 hours in this charming little town where I had the chance to talk to locals and shopkeepers, explore the canoe outfitters, learn more about the

amazing life of Dorothy Molter, sip coffee in a local coffee shop and have lunch in a cafe, buy myself an Ely hooded sweatshirt, and just soak up the richness of this experience. I headed back home to Duluth telling my closest friends, "I think I have fallen in love with Ely!" What a gift I was given! Thank you Barbara Cary Hall, for making it possible to enjoy the fruits of your labor, and the amazing and talented local performers sharing Dorothy's humble life story on stage. Root, root, root for root beer!!

Joyce Atchison
Duluth

Why the attacks on Ely businesses?

I continue to wonder why as a member of the Ely City Council, Dan Forsman continues to disparage successful Ely businesses and residents. A city council and its members should try to promote Ely and bring in new business, no matter where it comes from. What difference does it possibly make? There are currently over 70 businesses run by "packsackers" (Forsman's term) in Ely. I came up with 16 run by "locals." Without these packsackers we wouldn't have many of the Sheridan and Chapman Street businesses, 11 restaurants, enough dentists, veterinarians, many of the local resorts and some of our doctors. Also please remember that a number of those 70 businesses mentioned above were originally-owned and operated by people who were born and raised in Ely. When they came up for sale who was it that stepped up and purchased them and kept them running? People Mr. Forsman refers to as packsackers.

I tend to believe that a number of business owners in this town may be getting a bit tired of being referred to as packsackers and might be due an apology for being called a term that is generally considered to be derogatory.

Ted Floyd
Ely

The trials and tribulations of Indian Summer

We've had such a beautiful fall this year and after a super-productive summer at our new house, we've been able to squeeze in a few more projects due to the warm weather. As I walked to the Tower Post Office from the Timberjay yesterday morning though, a brisk wind hit my face and I noted it was probably the end of our "Indian Summer," and a wrap on outside project opportunities. We always called it "Indian Summer"...



SCARLET LYNN
STONE

and when I got home from work, out of curiosity, I Googled to see where the

phrase originated and here is what I found.

Traditionally, an Indian Summer is a spell of above-average temperatures accompanying dry and sunny weather after the end of summer. In fact, it is only a true Indian Summer if a warm spell occurs after one, or a series of sharp frosts, and is associated with late-September to mid-November. Although the exact origins of the term are uncertain, it is thought to have been based on the warm and hazy conditions in autumn when American Indians chose to hunt.

I decided it's not offensive, so I'm going to keep using this expression. As I age, my goal is to be less fussy about

things in general. Well, sometimes it works and sometimes it does not. Here's an example of success.

Last summer I bought a red 2005 Jeep Grand Cherokee. It's a great vehicle, sporty and all of that, so I decided to accessorize it a bit. I bought a black fake-leather steering wheel cover with the word JEEP printed on it three or more times, in nice bold white letters. My husband Bill stretched it over the wheel for me. I immediately noticed the word JEEP was not centered when the wheel came to rest. I told Bill it was going to disturb me, possibly driving me insane,

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Letters from Readers

Which side really resorts to divisive name-calling?

I'd like to thank the following persons: Chuck Novak, the Forsmans, Tommy Rukavina, Rob Ecklund, John Daby, Jason George, Tom Emmer, Ken Martin and all the others who recently made a point of highlighting the vast difference between the "resource extraction faction" and the "preserve our hometown beauty bunch".

You see, they all chimed in with their profound indignance about a recent faux pas that Becky Rom and Reid Carron happened to express. They all condemned the remarks as divisive, disgusting, judgmental, egregious, sharp-tongued and downright not Minnesota nice! They insisted on a civil, productive dialog without resorting to name calling and insults and demanded an apology.

My thanks are for pointing out the obvious moral/civil high road the defenders of the Boundary Waters have taken over the years and for highlighting the despicable low life, name calling/insulting manner in which the pro-resource extraction gang has consistently behaved.

Two rather innocuous comments vs. years of bullying, bashing, threatening, dividing and whining— quite the contrast you've given us to ponder.

How have you failed to notice the bullying tone and the outrageously insulting remarks (disrespectful and dismissive) used by these (mostly elected) people of Minnesota that are used in print, in public meetings and hearings? Why no condemnation for these remarks - which, incidentally are frequent, common, profoundly worse and never apologized for? Here is but a small sample:

- Liar!
- Insane!
- Eco-wackos!

- Sherpas!
- Eco terrorists!
- Elitists!
- Wellstone wackos!
- Packsackers!
- Fakes!
- Paid activists!
- F___ Dayton, burn the BWCA! (actual bumper sticker)
- Giving the finger and throwing things at people marching in 4th of July parade!
- Environmentalists!

Yes, even this last one has become effective because they have been successful at rallying the locals to deeply dislike the very notion of defending the environment— making the association with killing jobs, wasting resources, dangerous terror groups.

There have been death and property threats and actual property vandalism carried out by anti-nature thugs. This is not only uncalled for, it is downright illegal.

You can't have it both ways - excoriate the opposition and demand an apology for saying someone watches TV and drinks beer and at the same time threaten, bully, name call and deeply insult the working middle class folks of our community ("I won't be anybody's Sherpa", "I won't clean up after people"). You are denigrating the hard working people you claim to be defending - duh!

You mock the fishing and wilderness guides, the hospitality service employees, the store owners and outfitting entrepreneurs, the small business people and others willing to go out and fill the positions you look down your nose at from your elitist "I'll only be a miner" attitude (talk about "one-issue folks"!). These supporters of a healthy economy do not deserve your hate and demeaning vitriol. They are humble, hard working Minnesotans. They are what keep this town afloat - not 100 miners (Tommy, where did you pull that one out of? Oh, wait, I think I know.).

The reason there is gridlock in D.C. and every state house in the union is because of people like those listed above. The Save the Boundary Waters Campaign has been calling for dialogue and a mutual way forward since the beginning but noone— from city officials on up to county, state and national figures has the decency to meet with or attend meetings to learn the issues even though they have been specifically invited.

They intentionally keep themselves ignorant of the facts -ignoring vital economic studies, denying the mining industry's own warnings, disbelieving the EPA's conclusion that this type of mining is the largest polluter in the U.S., lobbying against a science based study of the issues. Meanwhile they sit on the sidelines shouting insults while saying there should be productive dialog.

So thanks, eco-emasculators, for reminding us who indeed needs apologize to the hard working people of this town and the Iron Range but most importantly to the dedicated folks who work their jobs and still make time to volunteer their energy to preserve our way of life here. And please stop whining!

**Brad Carlson
Ely**

I have no choice but to respond to your editorial

Mr. Helmsberger, as the old saying goes, "Don't pick a fight with the newspaper as they will never run out of ink." I have no choice but to respond to your unwarranted attack on the Range Association of Municipalities & Schools organization as well as the elected officials of the Iron Range

You state, "The scaremongering by RAMS suggests an astonishing lack of understanding of virtually every aspect of this issue." Were you at attendance

when RAMS hosted an MPCA forum on Wild Rice/Sulfate last January in Mt. Iron? I don't recall seeing you there along with 90 other interested people from across the region as the MPCA presented information on their proposed standard and research on the matter. Were you present at the Wild Rice Community Advisory Panel meetings in St. Paul, or Duluth? Once again, I was there but don't recall seeing you in the small audience in attendance. Were you present at the forum on Wild Rice/Sulfate hosted by the Iron Ore Alliance and RAMS? Not that I recall. So when it comes to knowledge of the issue, well I'll let you be the judge, as I know you will.

Another allegation by you, "RAMS officials appear equally obtuse about the standard-setting process itself." I will readily admit that the resolution references the cost implications to our mining industry and communities, which is not a consideration under the Clean Water Act, but is something our region needs to understand now, and not after implementation of the new standard.

Next you go on to discuss the possibility of municipalities applying for a variance with the MPCA, and you state, "While the Clean Water Act remains a powerful piece of legislation, it was never designed to put industries out of business or push cities into bankruptcy. In fact, it specifically allows for variances in cases where the costs of meeting a standard will present undue financial burdens. That's especially true for public facilities, such as wastewater treatment plants, where such variances are relatively easy to obtain."

Well Mr. Helmsberger, in the state of Minnesota there are only five active variances and the only public facility with a variance is WLSSD.

Two final statements you made that require a response.

"While such variances might increase costs marginally for treatment plants, they aren't going to bankrupt cities or force communities to triple water rates, as RAMS officials have suggested." Check with International Falls, and check back with Winton, or Crane Lake, or Nashwauk in a few years. Wastewater treatment plants are run as enterprise funds and must support the cost of their operation on user fees. The cost of reverse osmosis, as stated in the MPCA's own study, "is very expensive". I believe the RAMS analysis of tripling rates is actually conservative.

And finally, the summary statements in your editorial that RAMS does not know what it is talking about, and neither do the elected officials who are following our lead. Let me remind you of the RAMS motto, in place since 1939 when RAMS was formed to create a unified front for the region at the state and federal level, "ONE RANGE – ONE VOICE". Hear our roar, Mr. Helmsberger, hear our roar when we consider your insult to the legion of hard-working, dedicated elected officials across the region who now know your true feelings about them as a person, a public official, a community member and neighbor.

**Steve Giorgi
Director, Range Association of Municipalities and Schools**

One side believes in co-existence, the other doesn't

The *New York Times* story and the aftermath both assume that Ely's economy must be based on either mining or tourism. For decades we had both (and logging). The two sides in this debate are those who believe mining will ruin the area (which it didn't do in the eighty years it was here) and those who believe the two can coexist.

**Doug Luthanen
Ely**

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to leave it that way and began the series of facial expressions and body language that will accompany "my act" when I want him to alter something. I suddenly stopped and said, "No, just leave it!" I'm getting too fussy as I age and need to learn to let things like this not bother me. It's now been over a year and I am fine with it, making note that I find humor in the fact I was able to let it go....just leave it be.

In addition to being less fussy, I'm trying to do less "nagging" for lack of a better word! Bill and I were in the hardware store last week and ended up in the paint department. I was rambling about needing a gallon of some shade for a kitchen wall in order to complete a project. I heard Bill about five feet away muttering, "Been in this house JUST over three

months...what's her rush with it all?" I decided he was right, and I left the paint department. "Let it go Scarlet...just let it slide!"

We have inside painting and outside painting going on all at once. When our weather turned to rain a few weeks ago, I came inside and painted our kitchen nook after first removing a stubborn wallpaper border that was gripping the wall for dear life up near the ceiling. That same border traveled all around the upper walls of the kitchen outside of the nook, too. I was tackling this at 1 a.m. and had nearly gotten it all off when I ran out of my "Mean Green" solution. It's harsh, but it works great on wallpaper removal! It has now been about two weeks and I still have that two-foot section of border remaining on one wall. But, I see it as an accomplishment in letting stuff slide; after all, Indian

Summer arrived and we went outside to paint on the exterior of the house again. Project rotation is the name of the game.

We've got plenty of projects that are not quite finished here, but doesn't everybody? Nobody juggles with just one ball! Recently, an encounter Bill had illustrated just how successful I have been in my "anti-nag and let it slide" approach because it never would have happened if I had been a super-nag. While walking across the street to get our mail at the Soudan Post Office, Bill nearly bumped into our neighbor as she exited. She saw him and promptly held her hand to her eyes to block the view of our house. She comically blurted, "I can't look at your house anymore, it's driving me nuts! Could you just finish painting that one corner PLEASE?" She laughed and so did Bill, but

upon hearing of the encounter, I knew how deeply she was suffering!

I let it remain unpainted for over a month, too high up for me. I looked at it every day, but said very little...I let it slide.... and slide and then LORD...I decided to PUSH. We can't have neighbors in peril. Plus, looking at the forecast I could see temperatures dropping. Bill got the corner painted between morning winds that blew the ladder down and evening showers. As it stands now, there are a few small areas on upper dormers that still remain unpainted and may have to wait until next year, unless we get a second Indian Summer! I am hoping we do, then I can get out my white trim paint and finish all the trim I can reach. Bill, on the other hand, doesn't want another Indian Summer as he has been moving through life

since last December with a torn rotator cuff. He has done amazingly well with the move and these projects we've been working on at our house. Yay, Bill!

So many projects and too little time is the way of it I guess! I hope your Indian Summer was more relaxing than mine. Time to be back inside. I guess I'll be returning to that two-foot section of stubborn wallpaper border in my kitchen and heading back to the paint aisle again.

Source: Defining Indian Summer: English Language & Uses Company

Scarlet Lynn Stone welcomes your comments and can be reached at: scarlet@frontiernet.net.

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pliance with the Legislature's directive, that is unless Iron Range legislators seek to block it again.

The push to amend the water quality standard came as the agency took steps to begin enforcing its original sulfate standard, which had been in state rules for decades but had been largely ignored. While the new standard would apply across the state, it would almost certainly require Iron Range taconite plants to undertake some level of clean-up, since the operations are generally significant dischargers of sulfates. Iron Range political leaders argue that the cost of clean-up could be prohibitive at a time when

the industry is already facing competitive pressures from an over-saturated global steel market.

About ten years ago, Minnesota Indian tribes and environmental groups began pushing the MPCA to start enforcing the state's wild rice standard out of concern for the decline of wild rice in parts of the state, particularly in north-eastern Minnesota.

But opponents of the new standard say it's not just taconite plants that would be affected. Sen. Tomassoni said the cost to community wastewater plants on the Iron Range would be staggering. "To add another \$10-\$12 million to community infrastructure is just not doable

and is not necessary because we have no proof that these sulfate standards will help wild rice grow."

MPCA officials have largely discounted the claims that enactment of a new standard will place huge new costs on local wastewater treatment facilities. Shannon Lotthammer, director of the MPCA's Environmental Analysis and Outcomes Division, acknowledged that the cost of treating sulfates would be extremely high, but said that fact in itself is justification for issuing variances to most dischargers, including community wastewater treatment facilities.

"We know that for virtually all wastewater treatment facilities, the

technology is unaffordable. So they would very likely apply for variances," she said.

Steve Giorgi, executive director of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools, says he doesn't buy it. He said applying for variances could cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and he notes that just six variances are currently in place around the state.

But Lotthammer said the number of variances ebbs and flows over time. "The lack of numerous variances right now may be much more a reflection of a lack of need in the recent past rather than a difficulty in obtaining a

variance." She said the high cost of treating sulfates means that "variances will be a tool that is employed more often going forward until treatment technology or prevention options advance."

Lotthammer added that the agency "now has expertise and staff time available to develop evaluation tools to add clarity and improve the efficiency of variance reviews."

Such assurances are unlikely to placate local political leaders, union officials, or taconite producers, who said they're united in their efforts to block enactment of the latest MPCA proposal.

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Correction

In the article on the Breitung Town Board meeting in last week's paper, the *Timberjay* incorrectly noted a donation from the Bois Forte Band to the Breitung Fire Department. The township received a \$7,500 donation from the Band, and was not requesting a donation. The township thanks Bois Forte for their donation.

St. Paul's Chili Feed set for Nov. 7

SOUDAN- St. Paul's annual "election day" chili feed will be held on Tuesday, Nov. 7 from 11 a.m. – 6 p.m. Cost is \$7 for chili, beverage, roll, and dessert. There will also be a craft sale at the church that day. Take-outs will be available.

TOPS changing meeting time

TOWER- Tower-Soudan TOPS meets every Monday. Weigh-in will be from 9-9:30 a.m. and meeting from 9:30-10 a.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church basement. This weekly weight-loss support group (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) is open to both men and women, and new members are always welcome. Any questions, call Joan Dostert at 218-753-3047.

St. Martin's Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 11

TOWER- St. Martin's Catholic Church is hosting their annual Christmas Bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Social Hall. We are very excited about this year's event. At present we have fifteen private vendors participating. In addition to the vendors, there will be bucket raffles, a quilt raffle, and cash drawings – be sure to bring your address labels.

There will be some activities for kids only – a make and take table (there will be a variety of decorations to choose from) and a Christmas Gift Shop for kids to do their own Christmas shopping.

Tickets for the quilt raffle cost \$5 and no more than 200 tickets will be sold. The quilt is on display at Jeanne's Card and Gift Shop. Tickets may be purchased from Jeanne as well as at the bazaar. The quilt raffle is sponsored by our quilt ministry. As always, there will be a lunch available for purchase.

All Saints Day and All Souls Day at St. Martin's on Nov. 1 and 2

TOWER- St. Martin's will be celebrating two important days on the Catholic Liturgical calendar, All Saints Day and All Souls Day. All Saints Day is Nov. 1 and is a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m. All Souls Day is on Nov. 2; this is the Mass where we remember those who have died. Special recognition will be given to those parishioners who have died during the past year. This Mass will be celebrated at 5 p.m.

Donations needed for this year's Operation Santa toy drive

TOWER- It's not too early to start planning for this year's Operation Santa. Operation Santa is a local fundraiser which purchases Christmas gifts (toys, gift cards, and warm winter items) for children whose families use the Tower Food Shelf. Last year we served over 150 area children.

The effort is organized by The Timberjay and the Tower Soudan Civic Club, with help from many area groups, churches, organizations, and individuals. If your group or church is planning to donate this year, please contact Jodi at 218-753-2950. (This helps with planning!)

Lake Country Power's Operation RoundUp® program has once again made a very generous donation to the Tower Soudan Civic Club (formerly the Tower Women's Club), to help cover the cost of purchasing warm items for the children.

Donations can be dropped off at the Timberjay in Tower. We are looking at donations of toys, games, art supplies, and sporting equipment for children, and gift cards to either Target or Walmart for our teenagers (\$10 or \$15).

We also accept gently-used holiday decorations and gifts for the adults who use the food shelf.

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Senior Bingo in Tower on Monday, Nov. 6

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, Nov. 6 at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m.

Christmas bingo (with special wrapped prizes!) is set for Monday, Dec. 4. There is no senior bingo in January, and then bingo resumes in February.

Bingo is cancelled if school is closed due to winter weather. Call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950 with any questions.

YOUTH ATHLETICS

Tickets now available for TSAA Auction

Annual fundraiser set for Thursday, Nov. 9 at The Wilderness

TOWER- Tickets are now available for this year's Tower-Soudan Athletic Association Auction Fundraiser, set for Thursday, Nov. 9 starting at 5 p.m. at The Wilderness.

This is the TSAA's single annual fundraiser. Money raised helps support local youth athletics and activities, including Little League and Babe Ruth Baseball, Tower-Soudan Elementary activities, unicycling and other Chimp-related fun, athletic activities, environmental education, outdoors-related field trips for the Vermilion Charter School, and other needs.

The cost for tickets is \$25 in advance, which includes a large buffet of hot and cold appetizers prepared by the amazing kitchen crew at The Wilderness. There will be silent auction items, games of chance, raffles, and live auction action. There will be homemade candies, jams and jellies, Minnesota-themed books, handcrafted items, gift certificates for favorites such as Firelight



Have a fun evening and help a great cause at this year's TSAA Auction on Thursday, Nov. 9 at The Wilderness. file photo

Galleries and Herberger's, Wilderness golf packages, hotel stays, and many other gift items up for grabs. LuAnn Zaudtke will once again be the emcee and provide karaoke. The evening is fun for both women and men.

Tickets must be paid in advance. To reserve your spot, contact Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950, stop by the Timberjay in Tower during

regular business hours, or mail your check and information to: TSAA, c/o Jodi Summit, PO Box 636, Tower, MN 55790. The event is co-sponsored by TSAA and Friends of Vermilion Country School. Anyone interested in donating items for the auction can call Jodi at the number above.

TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY

Golden Eagles: elementary style



Tower-Soudan Elementary girls played a match, at home, against an elementary team from Mt. Iron-Buhl, on Oct. 17. Pictured are team members: Front (from left): Lizzie Achterling, Jada Medicine, Chloe Adkisson, Presley Chiabotti. Back: Elsie Larson, Bailey Pratt, Hannah Aldrich, Raenna Medicine-Strand, Hayden Klassy, Valarie Guenthner. Not pictured: Rena Buckanaga.



Left: Coach Charissa Dahl went over some strategy before the games began.

Below left: Presley Chiabotti lobbed the ball over the net.

Below: Chloe Adkisson successfully made a service return.

photos by J. Summit



Watch for flag football team photos and action in next week's paper.

HALLOWEEN FUN

Children trick-or-treat on Main Street on Tuesday, then invited to Tower Fire Dept. children's party



Trick-or-Treat on Main Street

TOWER- Area children are invited to trick-or-treat on Main Street after school on Tuesday, Oct. 31 starting at 3 p.m. Participating businesses will have signs on their doors welcoming children. Any participating business who did not get a sign can pick one up at the Timberjay office.

Tower Fire Department Halloween Party

TOWER- Area children and their families are invited to the Community Halloween Party sponsored by the Tower Fire Department. The party will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 31 from 4-6 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. The event is free and all area families are welcome. Stop by for spooky fun and games, along with dinner.

CHILD CARE CENTER



Little Eagles Childcare staff (from left) Director Amy Richter, teacher's aide Tipuk Fitriyanti, lead teacher Marcy McGleno, assistant teacher Lu Stepec, and Health Director Chuck Neil will be welcoming children to the new center on Nov. 1. photos by S. Ukkola

Little Eagles Childcare Center to open

TOWER- Tower's new childcare center is ready to open. The non-profit Little Eagles Childcare Center is located at Tower-Soudan Elementary, and will be serving children 31-months to 66-months in age. The age span is due to complex state licensing rules. Organizers are currently working on an expansion plan that will allow them to serve a wider span of ages in the future. The center is being operated by the non-profit Tower-Soudan Community Development Corporation, a group that took on the task after realizing that child care was a critical unfilled need in the community.

The center received its final state inspection on Wednesday, and was cleared to open. Opening day is set for Wednesday, Nov. 1.

Center director Amy Richter, along with the new staff, is excited to finally get the center filled with children.

"We can't wait to cut the ribbon," said Richter. "It is so exciting to see everything come to



The center is fully furnished, with plenty of books, puzzles, building toys, imaginative play toys, tricycles, and arts and craft supplies.

fruition, from seeing the empty classroom in May. There has been a lot of learning."

But the best part, according to Richter, is how "exciting it has been to learn about play-based learning."

The opening of the center has been made possible thanks to grants and donations from many area organizations, including the Northland Foundation, United Way, and Lake Country Power's



Operation Roundup®. In addition, generous donations from several Tower/Soudan businesses and churches have funded the purchase of toys and supplies.

Openings are still available for full-time, or part-time care. For information, call 218-235-1694. The center will operate year-round, Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. - 6 p.m.

AEOA Senior Dining Menu

TOWER- Vermilion Country School and AEOA sponsor a senior dining site at the charter school in Tower. All meals include salad bar, fruit, choice of beverage and dessert.

Reservations are appreciated the day before, or morning of, but walk-ins are always welcome. Take-outs available. Seniors age 60 and older who have registered for the program and their partners qualify for special pricing of \$4 per meal, but all ages are welcome at the regular rate of \$5.75. There are no income guidelines.

Meals are served from 12:30 - 1 p.m. on days when the charter school is open. Call the school at 218-753-1246 ext. 1003 for reservations, or call AEOA at 1-800-662-5711 ext. 7323 for the one-time registration process.

Week of Oct. 30

Monday- Lasagna, Dinner Roll
Tuesday- Dinner with a Witch!

Wednesday- Taco Salad

Thursday- Chunky Pork Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll

Friday, Popcorn Chicken, Hashbrown Patty, Soft Pretzel

Week of Oct. 30

Monday
TOPS - Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tower, at 9 a.m.

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

Breitung Town Board- 1 p.m. on Oct. 30. Note change from regular meeting date.

Tuesday
Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is Nov. 21.

Greenwood Fire Dept.- Meetings on the first (drill) and third (business meeting) Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m.

Wednesday
St. Paul's Bible study-meets from 2-3 p.m. at the Soudan Apartment activity room.

Tower AA- Open Basics- 7 p.m. at St. James Presbyterian Church. Questions, call 753-2332.

Thursday
Vermilion Country School Board- Fourth Thursday of the month at 5 p.m. (except near holidays). Meetings posted online at vermilioncountry.org.

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



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Ely students learn about water issues

ELY - Ely students are taking the initiative to learn about the health of area lakes and rivers and potentially problematic non-native animals and plants. The students' volunteer work will further understanding of current ecology and even future fishing. Several government agencies and community organizations collaborate to make the students' work meaningful for them and useful for resource managers.

One project is a study of spiny water fleas in Burntside Lake. Spiny water fleas came from Europe in ballast water, and are known to reduce native zooplankton (fish food) through predation. Ben Gustafson, a senior at Ely Memorial High School started monitoring spiny water flea density in Burntside Lake during the summer of 2016.

He uses professional-grade equipment purchased through a grant from St. Louis County and the Burntside Lake Association. Data collection was designed by Darren Lilja with U.S. Forest Service and Lake County Soil & Water. Gustafson gets logistical support from Ely Community Resource, and he has turned his work into an independent study for credit.

Bo DeRemee, Ely science teacher and Science Club advisor, is guiding Ben's senior project which has taken on added dimensions in its second year.

In 2016, Gustafson conducted weekly vertical plankton tows and counted the number of spiny water fleas in the entire water column at three locations on Burntside Lake. The locations represent lake depths of 13, 20, and 35 meters.

In 2017, weekly sampling of the same locations is designed to track where in the water column the water fleas are found. A tow is done at four meters, eight meters, and total depth to show where the majority of fleas are found. Lilja does a temperature profile of the water column every other week to provide context for any density-at-depth changes noticed. Sampling is planned to continue until ice-up.

Through connections made last fall at a conference, Gustafson has also been invited to accompany a UMD research project attempting to identify best



Ben Gustafson conducted a spiny water flea study on Burntside Lake last summer. submitted photo

practice in preventing transportation of spiny water fleas from infested lakes to un-infested lakes. DeRemee said that Gustafson's research may contribute to better understanding of the life cycle and habits of "spiny" in Minnesota lakes that will be useful in aquatic management practices. Donn Branstrater of UMD is pleased to have someone paying attention to an additional spiny-infested lake. Gustafson indicated that he appreciates the opportunity to direct his own learning and to think through a problem and ways to address it.

A second project involves the rusty crayfish, which are so easy to find in Shagawa and Fall lakes. These large crayfish are native to the Ohio River basin and were brought to Minnesota as bait for fishing. They are more aggressive than the native species, so they have taken over habitat.

In addition, they destroy weed beds used by many fish species for hunting and/or hiding. In summer 2016, a number of students led by Gustafson helped to set a series of traps on the Burntside River one day and pick them up the next

day on a weekly basis.

"Rusties" are not currently living in Burntside Lake, but residents and fisheries managers are concerned that they may be able to march upstream in the river. The trappers use modified minnow traps baited with pieces of rough fish provided by the DNR. They have found mostly native crayfish, but do find and destroy – or cook and eat – the invasive ones.

The third piece of the Water Project sponsored by Ely Community Resource and EHS Science Club is cataloging the plankton found in area lakes. Each week since winter 2017, Lilja delivers a sample of lake water from Shagawa or Fall lakes (so far). Microscopes come out during advisory period Tuesdays and Thursdays in DeRemee's classroom to key out the many different members of the tiny organism community that is the bottom of our aquatic food chain.

Microscopes that can project what's magnified on a computer screen and an online picture-based key are providing valuable experience with technology. The work they are doing is followed and considered by the Ely Area Invasives Team which is made up of representatives of the lake associations and state and county resource managers. The Water Project is allowing students to learn about what makes our local ecosystem tick while enjoying exposure to a variety of career ideas.

Breathing Out

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out on miners' lake
cutting through deep dark waters
strong westerly wind

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AA - Alcoholics Anonymous

AA - 7 p.m. Mondays, First
Lutheran Church,
915 E. Camp St.

WOMEN'S AA - Noon

Mondays, Ledgerock
Community Church, Ely -
use 15th Street entrance

BABBITT AA - 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, Woodland
Presbyterian Church.

AL-ANON - Sundays 8-9 p.m.

at St. Anthony's Catholic Church
in Ely. For persons who
encounter alcoholism in a
relative or friend.

BABBITT AL-ANON -

Thursdays, 7 p.m., at Woodland
Presbyterian Church.

CO-DEPENDENTS' 12-step

support group, noon Fridays, St.
Anthony's Catholic Church, Ely.

ELY AREA FOOD SHELF - third

Wednesday each month. 15 W.
Conan St.

ADULT BASIC EDUCATION

GED Study materials and pre-
test available. Ely Community
Center Thursday 10 a.m.-4

p.m.; Tower by appointment.
Call 365-3359, 827-3232, 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



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AROUND TOWN



The Vermilion Community College Trap Team was represented by 34 students last week at the Northeast Minnesota Championship in Grand Rapids. The VCC team is coached by Vermilion Water Resources Instructor Wade Klingsporn. There were a total of 105 shooters at the event from six different community colleges. submitted photo

Ely Women Who Care meets Nov. 5

ELY – The 100+ Ely Women Who Care group,
formed to support our local nonprofits, will meet on
Sunday, Nov. 5, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Hidden Valley
Chalet.

In response to their first event, held last April, 113
Ely women from all walks of life joined together and
voted to contribute \$7,000 to Northern Lakes Arts
Association.

This is how it works. Each member and each team
pledge to donate \$100 to the 501(c)(3) public charity
selected at the event through a process of nominations
and votes. Once a charity is selected, members write
donation checks directly to the charity. By a group of
women joining together and donating a significant sum
at one time, the selected charity will be able to provide
services and programs they may otherwise be unable
to afford.

For more details and to register, go to
www.100ElyWomenWhoCare.org. Please register before
the gathering even if you donated at the previous event.
We need to confirm your membership status, plan the
venue and refreshments. Hard copies of the registra-
tion form can be found around town.

For more information, email a request to:
Info@100ElyWomenWhoCare.org.

Co-dependents meet on Fridays

ELY – The Ely co-dependents support group meets
Fridays at noon at St. Anthony's Church in Classroom 3.
Use west side entrance. For more information, go
to www.coda.org.

Winter Farmers Market opens Oct. 31

ELY – The Winter Ely Farmers Market will be open
Tuesday, Oct. 31 in the basement of Grace Lutheran
Church, 301 E. Conan St. from 5-7 p.m.

The Ely Farmers Market is looking for vendors who
grow produce in the winter, bakers, artists and crafters.
Space is limited, so call for details. For more informa-
tion, call Brian Naykki at 218-410-5600.

Artisans wanted for holiday craft fair

ELY - The Ely Arts and Heritage Center is pairing
with Stone Soup Events to host the Holiday Fantasy
Arts and Craft Fair, Nov. 24-25. The event will be held
at the city of Ely's Pioneer Mine site.

Invitations are offered to area artists and artisans
to reserve booth space. In 2016, over 700 visitors came
to see the toy trains, automatons and holiday decor in
the Miners Dry House, just off Pioneer Road.

For more information, call Janine LaMontagne, 218-
340-1211.

Ely Free Clinic open Mondays

ELY - The Ely Community Health Center is
Ely's Free Clinic. They are open every Monday
evening from 5:30-7 p.m. in the lower level of the
Frandsen Bank building on 1st Avenue in down-
town Ely.

They are available to see anyone who does
not have health insurance. They are also avail-
able for anyone who has health insurance but has
unaffordable co-pays or deductibles (underin-
sured).

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Gardner Humanities Trust awards arts grants



The Ely High School Dance Team was awarded \$1,000 to help support purchase of additional team costumes/supplies and scholarships and support for dance youth clinics. submitted photo

More than \$17,000 to local artists, organizations

ELY – Earlier this month, the Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust board voted to award \$17,280 to local artists, art organizations and fine arts events. The total grant money awarded for the community this year is \$34,089.

“This has been a great year for grants as we received many diverse applications from individual artists, youth at the schools, college scholarships and project grants,” said Keiko Williams, executive director for the Trust.

“This is also a good time to remind young people that the Trust board really values fine arts experiences for the youth of our community. The board is hopeful that the Trust will continue to receive more youth grant applications in the spring.”

Youth grant applicants are now required to schedule a grant application review meeting with the executive director. This will help ensure positive feedback on writing a good application and also learning how to articulate goals and passion for the arts.

The fall grant round included the following awards:

Individual artist grants are awarded for unique, short-term opportunities that will impact an artist’s career.

► Sarah Guy-Levar was awarded \$1,000 and will attend a five-day workshop at the Atelier Studio Program of Fine Arts in Minneapolis. Sarah hopes to improve her ‘life drawing’ skills.

► Nancy Scheibe was awarded \$1,000 to create and paint a mural of Ely’s iconic Eddie Crossman moose team to be hung at 427 E. Sheridan Street. The Trust board really liked the community impact component of Nancy’s grant as she will be soliciting applications from students at the school to work as an apprentice on this ‘real life’ artist project.

The Trust’s project grant program supports activities in the fine arts and is intended to make possible presentations or productions. Seven project grants were awarded this year to the following organizations:

► Ely High School Dance Team was awarded \$1,000 to help support purchase of additional team costumes/supplies and scholarships and support for dance youth clinics;

► Ely Community Spring Musical was awarded \$4,000 to help produce the March 2018 Ely Community Spring Musical: a Broadway musical theater production;

► Boundary Water Choral Festival was awarded \$1,000 to help produce advanced choral experiences for small northern Minnesota school choirs. The festival will again host a guest clinician and voice faculty from the University of Minnesota Duluth;

► The Sebastian Project, working with Vermilion Community College, was awarded \$1,000 towards a collaborative effort between two Ely artists, Joey Kenig and Tim Stouffer, to showcase new works in art, poetry and music during a concert. The artists will also be interacting with the college creative writing class;

► Mesabi Symphony Orchestra was awarded \$3,080 to help present a ‘Fun for the Family’ concert in Ely on Saturday, Feb. 10, 2018, and also have musical outreach in the Ely public schools;

► Ely ArtWalk was awarded \$2,000 to help produce an 11-day art show

in downtown Ely retail stores to be held Feb. 1-11, 2018;

► Ely Winter Festival was awarded \$3,200 for support of the Snow Sculpture Symposium at Whiteside Park during the festival.

The 2017 Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust board members are: Tara Boerst, Laura Moberly, Ryan Callen, Becky Zientek, Jill Swanson, Cade Thibodeaux, Beth Ohlhauser and Andrea Strom.

Any questions about the grant programs, the Trust or ways to support the arts in Ely can be directed to Keiko Williams, Executive Director at 365-2639 or at info@gardnertrust.org.

The purpose of the Trust is for the enhancement, growth and improvement of the Ely Public Library, the arts and artisans of Ely and surrounding area, to include the performing arts, the visual arts and literature, the creating and funding of scholarships, educational and artistic grants, and the cultural and aesthetic environment of the City of Ely and its surrounding area.

Tuesday Group Schedule

ELY - The upcoming Tuesday Group schedule (subject to change) is listed below. All talks are at 12 noon on Tuesday at Grand Ely Lodge, unless noted.

Oct. 31 – Meet New Elyites.

Nov. 7 – Citizens Climate Lobby (CCL)

Nov. 14 – Shawn Otto – “The War on Science”

Yesterday’s news, this week

from the archives of

THE ELY MINER

Courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society

October 26, 1917

Mine fatalities drop

Decrease in fatalities during the period since the enactment of the mining law is shown in the report of W.H. Harvey, recently resigned mining inspector of St. Louis County.

Ed Smith is now inspector for the county having been appointed to fill the position by a recent action of the county commissioners. Mr. Harvey to the county auditor says:

“The mining industry of the county shows an increase in production with less men employed, while the fatalities have been decreased from 7.48 per thousand in 1905 to 1.51 percent per thousand in 1917.”

“I have found a willingness on the part of the mining companies to do everything possible to better conditions and safeguard the men,” said Inspector Harvey.

Data regarding fatalities during the year’s operations which has just been filed shows 22 fatalities in 1917 as compared with 34 last year and 96 in 1905. Serious non-fatal accidents this year were 27 up to Oct. 1, which the year includes. There were 31 in this classification last year and 50 in 1905.

Fourteen of the 22 fatalities were men employed on the surface and eight were underground workers. Fatal accidents recorded in the report and relating to the Vermilion range are as follows:

John Mattila, Ely, killed when cars collided at the South Chandler mine;

Alex Ojala, Ely, instantly killed by falling down shaft at South Chandler mine;

George Mztassih, Semer, fatally injured by a blast at Vermilion mine.



A big contingent of Tuesday Group attendees gathered at the North American Bear Center this week. The facility’s founder, Dr. Lynn Rogers, gave a brief overview of the early days of the popular tourist attraction in Ely, his research on bears, and the expansion and growth of the Bear Center to include the Northwoods Ecology Center. Most of the center’s ambassador bears have begun to hibernate, but Ted came out of his hutch to greet the visitors and get a snack from staff members. photo by K. Vandervort

News in Brief

Superior National Forest crews burning debris in Ely area

REGIONAL - Fire crews on the Superior National Forest began burning piles of woody debris in various locations on the forest recently and will continue while conditions are conducive.

By reducing the amount of material available to burn in these areas, the Forest Service reduces the risk of wildfires that could spread quickly, become difficult to control and potentially threaten private lands and residences. Conducting these burns enables the Forest Service to reduce wildfire hazards during a time when visitor use is relatively low.

Piles to be burned are located in timber sale units, next to privately-owned lands, and in several campgrounds, including Fenske Lake Campground, South Kawishiwi Campground, Salo Lake, Birch Lake Campground, and the Sawbill Campground.

All of the planned activities will be conducted with the safety of the public and firefighters as the highest priority and will occur only when appropriate resources are available.

If you have any questions regarding these activities, please contact the Gunflint Ranger District at 218-387-1750 or the Kawishiwi Ranger District at 218-365-7600.

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ATTENTION ELY RESIDENTS Input Needed On Broadband

The Ely Area Broadband Coalition (ELY ABC) has been working the past year to utilize and improve broadband in the Ely area. The Ely Area was selected as a Blandin Broadband Community and received grant funding to complete a broadband feasibility study. The feasibility study is being completed by Design Nine, a professional consulting firm with extensive knowledge and experience. If you are a resident or business within the Ely school district ISD 696 please visit the link to fill out a quick online survey concerning broadband. If you do not have internet access you can get a paper copy at Ely City Hall or the Ely Public Library. It is important to hear from everyone in the study area to complete the feasibility study.

The deadline for filling this out is November 10, 2017. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Harold R. Langowski at 218-235-3083 or elyod@ely.mn.us

<http://projects.designnine.com/survey/ely-residential-broadband-survey>

<http://projects.designnine.com/survey/ely-business-broadband-survey>

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Cook Senior Citizens meet Nov. 1

COOK- Cook Senior Citizens will meet Wednesday, Nov. 1 at 1 p.m. at the Homestead Apartments in Cook. Entertainment will be provided by Wendy Eastman on keyboard. Eastman has been a musician since 1981 and has been performing in the area since 2015 at The South Switch, The Log Cabin, and Music in the Park. Refreshments will be served by Deanne Saarikoski and Audrey Armagost. For more information, call Barbara Strickland at 612-868-3040.

Lutheran churches to Host "Ref Fest" at Camp Vermilion

COOK- Area Lutheran churches are coming together to host "Ref Fest" on Saturday, Oct. 28 at Camp Vermilion to commemorate the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's Reformation. All are invited to this fun, family-friendly festival. It begins at 10:15 a.m. with a 2K Walk and 5K Fun Run, followed by a picnic lunch from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., "Grace Space" workshop options at 12:45 p.m. and 2 p.m., and a root beer and hymn sing from 3:30 - 5 p.m. in Camp Vermilion's new, fully handicapped-accessible Voyageur Lodge. Come for part or all of this fun day in "God's great Northwoods." All are welcome.

The Walk/Run registration starts at 9 a.m. Registration fees for the Walk/Run are \$20 per person or \$30 per family. The picnic lunch costs \$5 per person, and children age 0-3 eat free. Commemorative root beer tasting glasses cost \$5. A special offering will be taken during the hymn sing. All proceeds from the event support Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry.

Call 800-331-5148 or email VLM@VLMcamps.org to register for the race or to RSVP to the lunch and/or hymn sing. Reservations are helpful but not required. Visit www.VLMcamps.org for more information. This event is a collaboration of Voyageurs Lutheran Ministry and the Lutheran congregations of the Laurentian Conference of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

8th Annual Community Thanksgiving Dinner set for Orr Legion

ORR- Enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner at the Orr American Legion from 1-3 p.m. on Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, Nov. 23. Meals-to-go will be delivered beginning at 12:30 p.m. The Thanksgiving Dinner is a local gathering for families and friends that many look forward to. For some, this is a much-needed meal. For others, it is a chance to relax and visit with family and friends. Last year 240 people were served at the Legion and an additional 101 meals were made to go.

By community request, donations will be accepted at the event for the community food shelf, local emergency situations, and families at Christmas. Donations are not required. Churches from Orr, Crane Lake, and Cook use this food for families in need.

North Star Credit Union celebrates People-First Banking

COOK- On Oct. 19, North Star Credit Union, along with more than 56,000 credit unions around the world, celebrated International Credit Union Day (ICU Day), and the philosophy and achievements of the credit union movement.

North Star Credit Union branches in Cook and Nashauk offered their members a day of fun and an opportunity to support their local food shelves as part of their celebration. They provided coffee, water, and treats for anyone who visited their branch locations throughout the day. North Star C.E.O. Rich Crettol stated, "International Credit Union Day is a perfect opportunity for us to demonstrate the credit union difference and the impact of our mission. We are dedicated to building better communities through support and outreach." North Star donated \$1 to the Nashauk and Cook Community Food Shelves for every individual who visited their branches on Oct. 19. The Cook and Nashauk branches had 141 and 34 visitors, respectively. As a result, they are donating a total of \$175 to the food shelves.

North Star Credit Union celebrates ICU Day because it believes the not-for-profit structure and people-first principles of credit unions make them the ideal financial partners for all people. This year's ICU Day theme was "Dreams Thrive Here," a celebration of how credit unions help people achieve their biggest goals in life.

November is Fine Forgiveness Month at the Cook Public Library

COOK- In the spirit of Thanksgiving, the Cook Public Library will forgive fines during the month of November in exchange for non-perishable food donations. All donations will benefit the local food shelves.

How to participate

Food for Fines: Bring one nonperishable food item and we will delete all fines on one item. Items include books, DVDs, and audio books. For example, if you have fines on three items, three food donations will clear fines on those items. Food donations must be presented to library staff in order to clear fines from the library card account. Food items should not be outdated.

Restrictions: The Cook Public Library is not able to remove fines from other libraries. Library materials must be returned and checked in before fines can be removed.

CRANE LAKE

Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames

C R A N E LAKE- The weather forecast is not a hint of snow. Snow is predicted for several days this week. After an early snow the weather usually clears up and is warm. According



to folklore that is called Squaw Winter which follows Indian Summer. We will see if Mother Nature plays a trick on us this year. The National Weather Service predicts a wet and cold winter for Minnesota. The Dames can picture all the Snowbirds smiling; we are hoping the forecast is way off.

Halloween is next week. It is said to be the kids' favorite holiday after Christmas. The tradition of dressing in costumes to go trick-or-treating is traceable to the medieval practice of "mumming" and "guising" when early celebrants would construct costumes from woven straw. People sometimes wore costumes to perform in local theaters in plays and skits. During these times, poor people in Britain and Ireland would participate in a custom known as "sounding," in which they would knock on doors on Hallowmas to ask for food in exchange for offering up prayers for the dead. It wasn't until the conclusion of World War II that the practice of trick-or-treat-

ing began in the U.S. Today, Halloween isn't just for kids as many adults join in the fun of dressing up, too. The most popular costume for adults has been

the "witch," although we see a lot of vampires, pirates, and zombies. Have you got your costume ready yet? Some special birthdays on Halloween are Christopher Columbus, Dan Rather, Vanilla Ice and John Candy.

Sue Kaneski has purchased a home in Hibbing and is excited about moving into it in November. Good luck, Sue! We hope all goes well and that you enjoy your first winter back in the Northland after living for several years in Arkansas.

Sue Hankner is looking forward to her upcoming trip to South America. Is anyone available to help Sue in her mission to learn Spanish?

Preparation for the new shop is progressing at Handberg's Marine. Dirt is being moved, trees have been removed, and holes are being dug for blasting of rock to erect the new building. We will be eagerly watching future developments.

This was the year for weddings. Ruth Carlson attended five weddings from June to October. The

most recent one was held in October in Lutsen on the North Shore uniting Audra Harvey and Lukas Ferrian. Everything was beautiful inside. Outside the fog rolled in early and blanketed the entire area. Riding in the gondola to reach the wedding was an experience Ruth will never forget. She suffers from acrophobia. Don't tell her we told you.

The Dames are reminded of some of the old completions to the beginning "You know you live in a small town when" —

➤ Third Street is on the edge of town.

➤ You never have to use your car blinker because everyone knows where you're going.

➤ The local phone book has only one yellow page.

➤ You dial a wrong number — and they give you the correct number to call.

➤ A "night on the town" takes eleven minutes.

➤ And finally, everyone knows the news before the paper comes out, but everyone reads the paper to make sure the editor got it right!

Are you old enough to remember Johnny Carson, the late-night host of "The Tonight Show?" Johnny Carson was born on Oct. 23, 1925. Bob Hope was his most frequent guest, appearing on the show 131 times-

and Carson couldn't stand him. It was reported that Carson was resentful of the fact that Hope was the only person at NBC who was a bigger star than Carson himself. Carson didn't even think Hope was funny, because all his lines were written for him. But Hope always had something to sell, so he was invited on. Carson's first wife was named Joanne; and when she died, Carson married Joanna Holland. Bob Newhart joked that Carson didn't want to have to change the monogrammed towels. They had a prenuptial agreement that Carson tore up the night before the wedding. It may have been romantic, but ended up costing Carson \$35 million when they divorced.

Let us hear from you. If you are a snowbird tell us what life is like in your area. Snowbirds like to hear the news of what is going on at Crane Lake; we like to know about you. The Dames have very lively imaginations which they may use if they do not hear from anyone. Send news by e-mail to info@thelake-country.com, by fax to 218-757-3533, or by phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be added. So fire away with your news.

Until the next time the Teapot Dames are singing off.

DOMESTIC ABUSE

Domestic Abuse Awareness Month: What can you do

COOK- It is our hope that everyone reading this will share this information so that more victims may be helped. Broad community awareness may prevent others from experiencing the effects of abuse. The following lists are from www.loveisrespect.org

"There are many reasons why people stay in abusive relationships. If you have a friend in an unhealthy or abusive relationship, support them by understanding why they may not want to or be able to leave.

Conflicting Emotions

➤ Fear: Your friend may be afraid of what will happen if they decide to leave the relationship. If your friend has been threatened by their partner, family or friends, they may not feel safe leaving.

➤ Believing abuse is normal: If your friend doesn't know what a healthy relationship looks like, perhaps from growing up in an environment where abuse was common, they may not recognize that their relationship is unhealthy.

➤ Fear of being outed: If a person wonders if they are LGBTQ+ and has not yet come out to everyone, their partner may threaten to reveal this secret. Being outed may feel especially scary for young people who are just beginning to explore their sexuality.

➤ Embarrassment: It's probably hard for your friend to admit that they've been abused. They may feel they've done something wrong by becoming involved with an abusive partner. They may also worry that their friends and family will judge them.

➤ Low self-esteem: If your friend's partner constantly puts them down and blames them for the abuse, it can be easy for your friend to believe those statements

and think that the abuse is their fault.

➤ Love: Your friend may stay in an abusive relationship hoping that their abuser will change. Think about it, if a person you love tells you they'll change, you want to believe them. Your friend may only want the violence to stop, not for the relationship to end entirely.

Pressure

➤ Social/peer pressure: If the abuser is popular, it can be hard for a person to tell their friends for fear that no one will believe them or that everyone will take the abuser's side.

➤ Cultural/religious reasons: Traditional gender roles can make it difficult for young women to admit to being sexually active and for young men to admit to being abused. Also, your friend's culture or religion may influence them to stay rather than end the relationship for fear of bringing shame upon their family.

➤ Pregnancy/parenting: Your friend may feel pressure to raise their children with both parents together, even if that means staying in an abusive relationship. Also, the abusive partner may threaten to take or harm the children if your friend leaves.

Distrust of Adults or Authority

➤ "It's Just Puppy Love": Adults often don't believe that teens really experience love. So, if something goes wrong in the relationship, your friend may feel like they have no adults to turn to or that no one will take them seriously.

➤ Distrust of Police: Some teens and young adults do not feel that the police can or will help them, so they don't report the abuse.

➤ Language barriers/Immigration status: If your friend is undocumented, they may fear that reporting the abuse will affect their immigration status. Also, if their first language isn't English,

it can be difficult to express the depth of their situation to others.

Reliance on the Abusive Partner

➤ Lack of money: Your friend may have become financially dependent on their abusive partner. Without money, it can seem impossible for them to leave the relationship.

➤ Nowhere to go: Even if they could leave, your friend may think that they have nowhere to go or no one to turn to once they've ended the relationship. This feeling of helplessness can be especially strong if the person lives with their abusive partner.

➤ Disability: If your friend is physically dependent on their abusive partner, they can feel that their well-being is connected to the relationship. This dependency could heavily influence his or her decision to stay in an abusive relationship.

What Can I Do?

➤ If you have friends or family members who are in unhealthy or abusive relationships, the most important thing you can do is be supportive and listen to them. Please don't judge! Understand that leaving an unhealthy or abusive relationship is never easy. Try to let your friend know that they have options. Invite them to check out resources like www.loveisrespect.org, even if they stay in the abusive relationship.

➤ Don't be afraid to reach out to a friend who you think needs help. Tell them you're concerned for their safety and want to help.

➤ Be supportive and listen patiently. Acknowledge their feelings and be respectful of their decisions.

➤ Help your friend recognize that the abuse is not "normal" and is NOT their fault. Everyone deserves a healthy, non-violent relationship.

➤ Focus on your friend

or family member, not the abusive partner. Even if your loved one stays with their partner, it's important they still feel comfortable talking to you about it.

➤ Connect your friend to resources in their community that can give them information and guidance. Remember, www.loveisrespect.org can help.

➤ Help them develop a safety plan.

➤ If they break up with the abusive partner, continue to be supportive after the relationship is over.

➤ Even when you feel like there's nothing you can do, don't forget that by being supportive and caring, you're already doing a lot.

➤ Don't contact their abuser or publicly post negative things about them online. It'll only worsen the situation for your friend.

If your friend is the abuser

➤ It is difficult to see someone you care about hurt others. You may not even want to admit that this person is abusive. But remember, when you remain silent or make excuses, you're encouraging their hurtful ways.

➤ Ultimately, the abuser is the only person who can decide to change, but there are things you can do to encourage them to engage in healthier behaviors. It's not easy for abusive people to admit that their violent behavior is a choice and accept responsibility for it. They may benefit from having control over their partner and may turn to you to help justify the abuse. Do not support the abuse in any way. Remember, you're not turning against your friend or family member- you're just helping them have a healthy relationship.

➤ Learn the warning signs of abuse so you can help your friend or family member recognize their unhealthy or abusive behaviors.

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HOMECOMING



The Grizzly Cheerleaders, along with the young Grizzliettes, during the homecoming football game

Front (from left): Evelyn Thiel, Rebecca Koch, Khloe Hollnad, Trinity Vidal, Aluara Boshey, Kiley Kopatz, Laelyn Ehrbright. Second row: Elite Doten, Carol Connor, Brittan Koskela, Tatum Barto, Kate Cheney, Bailey Krenshaw, Mya Kinsey, Dakota Schwarzenberger, Merilee Scofeld. Third row: Ella Kruse, Tori Phillips, Sophie Arvila, Izzy Pascuzzi, Marley Peak, Isabelle Koch, Megan Taylor, Jasmine Munson, Kathleen Doten, Nevada Gauthier. Back row: Emily Koch, Grace Koch, Diane Hunter, Abby Koch, Cadence Saarikoski, Lucy Deatherage, Erin Houde.

Right (from left): Cheerleaders Grace Koch, Cadence Saarikoski, Erin Houde, Diana Hunter, Madison Rautiola, Abby Koch, and Lucy Deatherage.

photos by C. Stone



Grizzliettes (from left): Sophie Arvila, KC Zupanich, Tori Phillips, and Ella Kruse.

THANK YOU
Thank you to everyone who helped make the Peace Pole planting a reality. Special Thank You to: Cook Building Center for their generous donation of materials, to Northwoods True Value for paint, City of Cook for the parcel of land, Paul Metsa for his musical talent and Wendy Frost for keyboard sing-along.

Cynthia Hannem for leading the gathering in "Let There be Peace on Earth", Darren Snidarich and Philip Simensen for the muscle to cement the pole in place, Lisa and Philip Simensen for the design and painting of the pole, and individual donations of time and money. Northwoods Friends of the Arts

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- Your friend may try to blame the victim for the abuse. Don't support these feelings or help justify the abuse.
- Help your abusive friend focus on the victim's feelings and the serious harm they're experiencing. Don't support your friend's efforts to minimize the severity of their behavior.
- Don't ignore abuse you see or hear about. Your silence helps the abusive person deny that their behavior is wrong.
- An abuser choosing to seek professional help can be an important step for them to take in working toward change. If you feel completely safe doing so, suggesting that they consider this option could be another way to support them in changing. Chat with a peer advocate for help.
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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Time to buy your ice candles for Embarrass Ice Candle Holiday Celebration

EMBARRASS- With the change of the season, we are now thinking about the Embarrass Ice Candle Holiday Celebration. This is a reminder to buy your ice candles! As in past years, they will be \$3 each. We will be selling ice candles until Nov. 1. If you plan to buy a candle in remembrance of a loved one, please let us know as soon as possible by stopping by the clerk's office or calling us at 218-984-2084. We would like to get all the marked stakes put out at the gravesites by the first week in November. The Ice Candle and Holiday Gathering will be held this year on Saturday, Dec. 16 at the Embarrass Cemetery with Christmas goodies to follow at the Embarrass Town Hall located at 7503 Levander Road. Mark your calendars!

Watercolor Class by Lois Larson begins Nov. 8

COOK- Watercolor painting classes instructed by Lois Larson will be held for six weeks, every Tuesday beginning Nov. 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery in Cook. NWFA Gallery is located on the main street of Cook at 210 S River St. next to Dream Weaver Salon.

Larson is an accomplished artist well known in the community. Beginners are invited to attend her classes, as well as experienced artists. Bring your watercolors and paper if you have them and join the group for a couple of hours on Tuesday, Nov. 8 for the first class. Participants are expected to supply their own paint and paper after the first class.

The cost of the six sessions on Tuesdays is \$40 payable prior to class. Lois Larson is a NWFA member encouraging artists of all ages by holding painting classes each Tuesday evening in November and into December. To register, contact Larson by telephone at 218-666-5830.

Members of NWFA have worked to provide assistance to regional artists since 2010 when it was organized as a non-profit to inspire, nurture and celebrate the arts in all forms. The website is www.nwfamn.org.

Ruby's Pantry Oct. 28 in Babbitt

BABBITT- Ruby's Pantry will be distributing food on Saturday, Oct. 28 at the Babbitt Municipal Center, 71 South Drive from 10 - 11:30 a.m. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. A \$20 cash donation buys an abundance of food. There are no income or residency guidelines. Bring two large boxes or baskets. St. Pius X Catholic Church sponsors this event, which always takes place on the fourth Saturday of each month. Volunteers are always welcome!

Six-week Grief Support Group starts Nov. 6

VIRGINIA- A six-week Grief Support Group will take place Monday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m. on Nov. 6, 13, 20, 27, and Dec. 4, 11 at the Peace United Methodist Church, 303 9th Ave. S in Virginia. There is no cost for this group. Please call East Range Hospice at 218-749-7975 or 1-877-851-2213 to register by Friday, Nov. 3.

Experiencing the death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. Learning about the grief process and having support from others can help a great deal. Please consider reserving your spot to participate in this six-week grief support group. It is open to anyone in our area who has experienced the death of a loved one. Sponsored by Essentia Health St. Mary's East Range Hospice.

Sons of Norway to meet Nov. 2

VIRGINIA- Sons of Norway Haarfager Lodge 40 will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2 in the Virginia City Hall Club Room. The silent auction will be held with proceeds going to the Sons of Norway Foundation. Members are encouraged to bring items for the auction. Serving Committee are Jan Dzonkowski, Doris Seline and Nancy Roseen. Anyone interested in Norwegian culture and heritage is invited to attend.

EMBARRASS

Post office building moved to new site



The new Embarrass Post Office building was moved to its Hwy. 21 site on Saturday. C&C Winger has been working on the project. The U.S. Postal Service will soon be coming in to take over interior renovations. The opening date is still a few months away. The township would like to thank the IRRRB for help with funding for this project. submitted photo

LIVE MUSIC

Mesabi Community Band Veterans Day Concert on Nov. 9

MT. IRON- The Mesabi Community Band, under the direction of Paul Helfter, will present its annual Veterans Day Concert on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m. at Merritt School Auditorium in Mt. Iron.

For the past several years, the band has presented a Veterans Day Concert to honor veterans and active duty members of the Armed Forces. This concert will include The Thunderer March, The Stars and Stripes March, America the Beautiful, Highlights from "Fiddler on the Roof," Armed Forces Salute, and other musical selections to round out the evening.

Members of the combined Mt. Iron and Virginia Servicemen's Color Guards will present the Colors. The band is now in its 43rd year and has members from towns all over the Iron Range,



Mesabi Community Band members and veterans are pictured after a recent rehearsal. Back row: Steve Kniefel (Air Force), Kirby Stross (USNR-Ret., US Merchant Marine-Active), Larry Baker (Marine Corps, National Guard); Front row: Bert Needham (Air Force), Paul Helfter (188th Army Band, North Dakota National Guard), announcer Cam Jayson (US Army). The band will present a Veterans Day Concert on Thursday, Nov. 9 at 7 p.m., at Merritt Elementary School Auditorium. submitted photo

ranging from Pengilly to Aurora, Cook to Tower, and the Quad Cities area. Members range in age from teens to eighties. There are

also several members who have been or are current students of teachers in the band. Admission is \$5 and no charge for students

under 18. For more information, contact Holly at 218-744-5250.

AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES

Lake Vermilion AIS team kicks off new project to improve efficiency of watercraft inspections

REGIONAL— With funding support from the Initiative Foundation, the Lake Vermilion aquatic invasive species (AIS) prevention team will lead a two-year project to further improve the efficiency of boat inspection work at 17 Lake Vermilion and five Burntside Lake public accesses.

Watercraft inspections at Vermilion and Burntside are conducted by North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) in partnership with the Vermilion Lake Association and the Burntside Lake Association. All three organizations are involved in this pilot project.

"While boat inspections are the most effective means we have to prevent new AIS infestations, they are also labor intensive and our most



expensive AIS undertaking," said Jeff Lovgren, AIS program leader at Lake Vermilion. "Our partnership has an obligation to become even more efficient every year, and we're pleased to receive a \$33,000 grant to pilot some innovative ideas to make that happen."

"The key to inspection efficiency is to deploy our inspectors at the busiest public accesses at the busiest times of the day for the entire boating season," said Anita Provinzino, North St. Louis SWCD administrator.

"To do that, we need an accurate model to predict arrivals and exits at public accesses," observed Carrie Ohly-Cusack, Burntside AIS task force leader. "During the pilot project, we will gather data using magnetic traffic sensors, access cameras, and cameras overlooking the access

parking lots at both lakes to supplement data from our inspectors."

The traffic data at Burntside and Vermilion will be merged with information about fishing conditions, weather and wind direction, and the effect of fishing opener, weekends, and holidays to develop a predictive model. The intention is to use the model to predict boat traffic patterns and incorporate those into a flexible, fast-reaction staffing system.

During the second year of the project, the predictive traffic model will be tested at a third nearby lake with multiple public accesses before being shared more widely across Minnesota.

Funding for this project was provided from the Outdoor Heritage Fund, as appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature. The Initiative Foundation selects innovative projects to support and oversees those projects.

TOWER BINGO Monday, Nov. 6

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, Nov. 6 at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. - 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m. Senior Bingo is organized by the Friends of the Vermilion Country Charter School. In case of inclement weather or school cancellation, bingo may be cancelled. Questions, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

Upcoming dates for 2017:

- Monday, November 6
- Monday, December 4
- No bingo in January
- Monday, February 5



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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

VERMILION COUNTRY SCHOOL

Dinner with a Witch set for Saturday, Oct. 28

Celebrate the season with a spooky meal and Halloween fun

TOWER- Get into the Halloween spirit at the Vermilion Country School's Dinner with a Witch on Saturday, Oct. 28. This multi-course meal, served up by a group of friendly witches, will contain eye-popping surprises as favorite foods get transformed into Halloween-themed treats. Eat up a tasty dish of eyeballs (or meatballs perhaps?), along with spooky side dishes, and plenty of dessert options. There will be a graveyard walk (one ticket free with each meal purchased) for the chance to win desserts to bring home. The VCS school choir will also be providing entertainment. The school will be decorated for the season.

Cost is \$9.95 for adults, \$8.20 for seniors registered with AEOA senior dining, and \$7.95 for ages 10 and under. Seatings are at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. There is a second chance to check out the meal on Tuesday, Oct. 31 at 12 noon.



Each year brings new surprises for Vermilion Country School's Halloween extravaganza. file photo

Reservations are required in advance. Limited seating is available. Please call 218-753-1246 ext. 1003 during regular school hours or email cpettinelli@vermilioncountry.org to

reserve your spot. Vermilion Country School is located at 1 Enterprise Dr. in Tower (behind the new harbor area).

Indian Taco-Eating World Championship, arts and craft show at Fortune Bay on Saturday, Nov. 4

TOWER- World champion competitive eater Joey Chestnut will compete at the first-ever Fortune Bay World Indian Taco-Eating Championship on Saturday, Nov. 4 at 5 p.m. at Fortune Bay Resort Casino in Tower.

Chestnut recently defended his world championship title at the Fourth of July Hot Dog-Eating Contest by consuming a staggering 72 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes – setting a new Coney Island record.

Chestnut will seek to set a new world record in the taco-eating discipline and will face fierce competition from other world-renowned competitive eaters such as fourth-ranked Geoffrey Esper, sixth-ranked Gideon Oji, fourteenth-ranked Erik Denmark and fortieth-ranked Matthew Raible.

"We're extremely excited to host this great event," said Fortune Bay Resort Casino's Director of Public Relations Brian K. Anderson. "It sounds like Joey has his work cut out for him with several of the top contenders trying to take his title away. We encourage everyone to come out to watch this unique event take place right here in northern Minnesota."

The Fortune Bay Resort Casino

\$5,000 in cash prizes to be awarded



Joey Chestnut is the defending world champion, taking first place at this year's Nathan's Famous Hot Dog-Eating Contest at Coney Island, NY. submitted photo

Indian Taco is a divine dish, prepared on a bed of Native American fry bread. It will take an eater with the jaw strength, stamina and capacity of a true champion to prevail in this championship.

The event is taking place in conjunction with a Native American Arts and Crafts Show outside The Woodlands Ballroom from noon until 4 p.m. Local artisans will be selling their goods, including beadwork, jewelry, quilts and paintings. Indian Tacos will also be sold. The show is free to the public, as is the MLE Taco-Eating Contest, which begins at 5 p.m. inside The Woodlands Ballroom.

"These two events are being held as part of Native American Heritage Month," said Anderson. "While the arts and crafts show is the one more geared to the celebration of Native Americans, the MLE event gives a nod to an irresistible Native American dish."

Major League Eating (MLE), the world governing body of all stomach-centric sports, conducts more than 80 events annually, including the Nathan's Famous Fourth of July International Hot Dog-Eating Contest in Coney Island, N.Y. For more information, visit www.IFOCE.com, www.facebook.com/eatfast or twitter @eatingcontest.

HOLIDAY EVENTS

Nelimark Artisans prepare for November events

This year's theme is Birches, Berries, and Boughs

EMBARRASS- The Nelimark crew takes the month of October off after being busy from June through September. The crew has experienced the excitement of hosting various guests from all over the world this past summer. Nelimark has received guests from about half of the states and from many foreign countries. Some guests did not speak English but enjoyed conversing in their native tongues with staff and neighbors at the Nelimark. All quickly learn to understand each other, even with a smile, which goes a long way.

The experiences we have visiting with Embarrass tourists is amazing. Our unique township has become a destination for many new visitors as well as repeat visitors who are one for every two newcomers we see.

The things they seek for purchase at the Nelimark are varied and they seem to be satisfied with sauna supplies, soap,

scrubbies, original glass articles from the North countries, homemade aprons, hand-woven rugs, old time collectibles and of course, fresh Finnish biscuit (pulla) is a favorite on Fridays. The cinnamon rolls fly off the shelves and Grannie Mae's artisan bread has become popular this summer. The bread is a one-pound loaf with a unique crunch and chew. It is so popular because of its flavor and texture. Another fast seller is cinnamon swirl bread for toasting or served as French toast on a summer morning. Saturday was the day for visitors to enjoy a slice of homemade apple or blueberry pie with ice

cream and coffee. You would be surprised at who stops in and then stays for the usual two or three-hour visit.

The museum is scheduled to open on the second Friday and Saturday of deer season, Nov. 10 and 11. Friday will be bread day, spiced up with many fantastic sweet treats and Thanksgiving breads. Pumpkin goodies and early Christmas goodies will be available as well, along with many crafts and special creations the artisans have come up with. Many new items will be available. We will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. both days. Plan to stop in

for a free cup of coffee or cider and select your favorite gifts for the holidays while all the guys are out in the woods.

The Nelimark Homestead Museum is a destination worth traveling to. This November and December season's theme is Birches, Berries and Boughs. Come celebrate with us! You might even find a savory pumpkin pie for your table or a fresh smelling evergreen wreath to decorate your hallway or door for Christmas. The Nelimark is located on Hwy. 21 across from Timber Hall in Embarrass.

Mesabi Unitarian to celebrate Day of the Dead on Sunday, Oct. 29

VIRGINIA- Día de los Muertos, or the Day of the Dead, is a holiday celebrated throughout Latin America between Oct. 31 and Nov. 2. During that time, people gather to pray for and remember friends and family members who have died, and to help support their spiritual journey. Two speakers will share their photos, stories and experiences. Join us to celebrate on Sunday, Oct. 29 at 10:30 a.m. at Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church, 230 7th St. S in Virginia.

Usual services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. A parent/infant area is provided, as is toddler care, and religious education is provided for the over fives. All are welcome and we are handicap accessible. For more information, visit www.mesabiuu.org.

Vermilion Dream Quilters meet Nov. 2

TOWER- Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 2 in the social hall at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower. Marlene Johnson and Kathy Sacchetti will lead the program on hand quilting. Any members who have samples of hand-quilted quilts, please feel free to bring them to share.

The BOHO bag challenge was extended to the month of November, and the Bull's Eye challenge is also due at this meeting. Coffee an' will be served during the intermission. Hostesses are Kathy Lovgren, Catherine Farley, and Joan Johnson.

Vermilion Dream Quilters is a guild with members from throughout the Iron Range and Arrowhead Region and is open to anyone interested in quilting and creative sewing. Members encourage and instruct each other and share tips. For more information, please contact Corrine Hill in Tower at 218-753-4600.

Vendors needed for Tower Holiday Craft Show set for Dec. 9

TOWER- The Tower Holiday Craft Show will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. at the Tower Civic Center. Tables are \$20 each (limit two 8-ft. tables per vendor) and must be reserved and paid for in advance. Checks can be made out to Friends of VCS and mailed to Vermilion Country School, PO Box 629, Tower, MN 55790 or can be dropped off at the charter school or at the Timberjay office in Tower. For more information, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

Presentation on local weavers at Virginia Historical Society on Nov. 3

VIRGINIA- The Virginia Area Historical Society meets on Friday, Nov. 3 at 2 p.m. at the Columbia Apartments community room, 600 Third Ave. N in Virginia. Following a brief business meeting, Mary Erickson will do a Power Point presentation on "Northeastern Minnesota Weavers and Their Looms." She gave the program at the Swedish Institute in Minneapolis during FinnFest, where it was well received. Erickson is a skilled and talented textile artist, recently retired from the Discovery Center in Chisholm. Persons who may be unfamiliar with the craft of weaving will still enjoy seeing the fascinating creations that result from this time honored skill. Coffee and dessert will be served. The public is welcome.

Finnish Genealogy at Finnish Americans and Friends on Nov. 7

HIBBING- Mary Lukkarila, recently retired after 34 years as librarian for the Cloquet Library, will share her extensive research on DNA. Everyone is invited to hear this presentation on information on Finnish DNA and its traits and migration patterns. People who look into their own genealogy can discover who they are related to, leaving an important legacy for their families!

The meeting of Finnish Americans and Friends will be at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 7 at the Hibbing Tourist and Senior Center across from the county courthouse. Coffee will be provided and treats brought by attendees will be shared before the brief business meeting.

Open mic at the Lyric Center, Nov. 6

VIRGINIA- Writers, readers, and all who appreciate the written and spoken word, an open mic awaits you on Monday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 p.m. at the Lyric Center's monthly Words and Lyrics event. The theme for the evening is "Transition Times." Come to read your own work evoked by this theme or bring something by another writer. A new feature has been added to the Words and Lyrics program format – a few minutes of creative time to write your own thoughts about the topic while you enjoy coffee, tea or a snack. This event is free and open to the public at the Lyric Annex, 516 Chestnut St. in Virginia.

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Monday, with a 6 p.m. study session at the district office. Swanson lauded Sallee's work for the district. "He's great with communications," said Swanson. "I really like what we're doing with social media. I also like that he talks to the seniors in every school to find out what we can do better."

Dan Manick, who voted not to accept Sallee's resignation, agreed that the district will have big shoes to fill. "I hate to see him leave," said Manick, "he

was really good at just about every aspect of the job." Manick said Sallee had demonstrated an ability to get a sometimes fractious district to work together. "Everybody is just working their butts off, and with a positive attitude," he said.

For Sallee, the change means a return to familiar stomping grounds.

He had previously served as superintendent in the Southland Public School District and the Leroy-Ostrander Public Schools, both located in southeast-

ern Minnesota, before coming to the St. Louis County School District.

Looking back on his time in the district, Sallee said he was pleased that most of the controversies that had roiled the district for several years seem to have died down. "There were a lot of very unhappy people here when I arrived, for a variety of reasons, but for the most part I don't hear a lot of that anymore," he said. "The school board has been extremely supportive and I have a great team of

principals and district office staff. They deserve the credit for things running smoothly. All I did was step in and empower them to do their jobs."

Looking down the road, Sallee said the district needs to continue to focus on improving academic achievement. "A key component to that is going to be keeping this team of principals in place and teacher retention. I believe that's a big reason Tower has been so successful. Those teachers stay there.

We need to see more of that throughout the district." Sallee said the district is also trying to do more to support younger teachers. "I hope that will help," he said.

As for advice for any incoming superintendent, Sallee said: "Support the staff that you have and let them do their jobs. They will keep this place running smoothly if you support them."

Sallee's departure mid-year will make it difficult for the district to find a permanent replacement immedi-

ately, which means the board will likely turn to an interim superintendent through the end of the school year. Swanson said he expects the board will reach out to the Minnesota School Boards Association for assistance in their search for new leadership. "I'll be looking for somebody with experience, someone who is a great communicator, and someone who understands technology," said Swanson. "Also, someone who understands marketing. I really think that's made a difference."

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city's emergency services building needs can be addressed. He said members of the Tower fire

department had discussed the issue and concurred that the issue should be tabled. "No one is against

the idea...the problem is it's been three years, money has been spent, and nothing has been resolved,"

Altenburg said.

Mayor Josh Carlson argued that there was little point to a merger unless the

new department would be housed in one building. "It made 100 percent sense when you were all under one roof. I don't know if it makes as much sense in two separate buildings."

Altenburg also noted differences in the types of air packs used by the two departments and that combining the relief associations would be difficult. Councilor Kevin Fitton agreed. "Where I get hazy is how this would work," he said.

The merger discussion comes as city officials are seeking their own solutions to a space shortage for its fire and ambulance equipment. But Dougherty said if the city and township both build their own fire halls, it's likely to prevent any possible merger for decades. And he said the city has made little progress in its own facilities planning effort. "We still don't know what our plans are. We don't have a clue what our plans are," he said.

In other emergency services action, the council granted permission for the Tower Ambulance Service to sign on to a letter critical of a recent decision by the Eveleth City Council to contract with North Memorial for administration of ambulance services for the community. Altenburg said the move had upset other area ambulance services, who he said see the latest move as part of a troubling pattern with North Memorial, which now provides air ambulance service in the region. "They have a history of coming in with a helicopter and taking over local ambulance services," said Altenburg.

City councilors initially discussed whether they wanted to go on record as a city council, and seemed to be leaning that way for a time. But Dale Horihan, who was in the audience, suggested the council might want more information. "You might want to consult with Eveleth to see what the city's thoughts were," he said. "There had to be something behind it."

Mayor Carlson then recalled that the council had declined a request to take a position on expansion of the Cook-Orr Healthcare District when Vermilion Lake Township sought city support earlier this year. "Ultimately it wasn't our business," he said.

The council then authorized the ambulance service to sign on, without the council taking a position.

In development-related action, the council held off on a proposed sale of a lot in the city's industrial park to Lamma Manufacturing until it can vacate an old snowmobile trail easement that passes through the center of the lot that the company has indicated interest in purchasing. City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith

said the easement is inactive, but that it could still take 30-45 days to vacate. The easement needs to be cleared away, said Keith, in order for the city to provide the Lamppas with clear title to the roughly one-acre parcel. Keith suggested that the company consider Lot 3 in the industrial park, which could avoid the easement, but Dale Horihan, who was representing the wood stove manufacturer, said he couldn't approve that without consulting with company owner Daryl Lamma.

Mayor Carlson also noted that a sale agreement will need to be drafted, to ensure that the expansion goes forward once the sale is consummated. He said he would hope that agreement could be drafted by the council's next regular meeting, set for Nov. 13.

The council voted to move forward with the easement vacation and also authorized SEH to proceed with staking the corners of Lot 2 in the industrial park, for a cost estimate not to exceed \$1,500.

In other action, the council:

- Heard from Ambulance Director Altenburg about a proposal to change the billing for the annual ambulance service fee to surrounding townships from a per-capita payment to a per-parcel payment. He said the current system excludes a lot of non-residents from paying the cost of operating the ambulance service. He said the Ely ambulance recently made the switch and nearly doubled its revenue from the annual assessment without increasing the rate.

- Approved a resolution applying certain property transfer restrictions within the city of Tower, which will be submitted to St. Louis County.

- Approved a resolution to assess four seriously delinquent water and sewer accounts onto their property tax bills. Keith said all of the parties have been notified multiple times of their delinquency, and that the failure of some to pay their fees hurts the finances of the wastewater board. "As our water and sewer budget cries for money, this is not helping," she said.

- Requested that the city clerk provide budget numbers for a proposed water and sewer rate increase to the next council meeting. The wastewater board is considering a rate increase to the city and township of \$15 per household service per quarter, which the city will need to cover, either through its tax levy or an increase in the water and sewer user fee.

- Approved a resolution to allow Sunday liquor sales beginning at 8 a.m. this coming Sunday due to the early start of the Minnesota Vikings football game.

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medals that he had become separated from when he was much younger.

With the Cook VFW Color Guard providing a solemn backdrop, and dozens of three generations of family members filling the VFW hall, Nolan spoke about Leo's service, the legwork it took to get the Navy to reissue the medals, and the importance of honoring those who had served their country.

"It is important to give the recognition to those who stood up and served," Nolan said. "It is also important for our children to see us honoring our veterans."

Nolan noted that his office has worked in many cases to help veterans collect the benefits they had earned while in the service.

But in Leo's case, Nolan said, reissuing his medals at first seemed impossible.

"We were told it was not possible to resurrect his service record," said Nolan, "to determine what medals had been earned... But we didn't take no for an



The Leo Hively family gathered at the Bloom and Lahti VFW Post 1757 to celebrate his receiving of medals from his World War II Navy service. photo by J. Summit

answer."

It took over a year, but with prodding from Bruce and Kathy and work by Nolan's staff, Leo's service record, which turned into a file folder that was several

inches thick, was re-created.

Rep. Rick Nolan's office, to date, has assisted nearly 4,000 constituents struggling to navigate complex cases

and federal agencies.

Leo served as a Boatswain's Mate 2nd Class. He operated a landing craft, bringing men from the ship to shore and back, while serving in the

areas of North Africa, France, and the Philippines. At one point, his landing craft was blown up, but luckily Leo survived with only minor injuries. As the war was winding down, he

served on Navy crews that picked up bombs that had been placed in the Pacific Ocean, another dangerous job.

At the ceremony, Nolan pinned three medals and two service pins on Leo's shirt: the Navy Good Conduct Medal, the World War II Victory Medal, the American Campaign Medal, the Navy Discharge Button, and the Honorable Service Lapel Pin.

Leo grew up in North Dakota, and moved to Cook after both his children ended up settling in the Cook area, his son's family in Cook and his daughter's family on a farm in Gheen.

Leo and his wife retired to Florida. After her death, he moved in with Bruce and Kathy in Cook, where he was close to not only both his children, but his seven grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren. Leo's brother also served in World War II, but he passed away at the age of 82.

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tude, training, skills, attitude and smile to have a long career providing service for our area's heating and cooling systems."

The void created when he died gave birth to the idea of The Jake Forsman Memorial Scholarship for Ely High School graduates pursuing vocational education in the blue-collar trades - especially those seeking a career in the heating and cooling field.

The community support exhibited on a gloomy, rainy Saturday, seemed to brighten everyone's spirits.

"There were so many people, groups, clubs, and businesses that helped to make the inaugural event such a huge success, I know I will inadvertently leave out some names," Forsman wrote in a Facebook post on Sunday. "You all deserve credit for the great event we had. I will do my best to make it right. This event only worked because of all (who) watched, worked, displayed, drove, donated, and shared. You are the ones that deserve the credit for its success."

Almost 80 cars registered for the vehicle display show, and 30 contestants joined in on the burnout competition. Al Forsman wound up his 1975 Chevrolet Monza 2+2 and smoked and squealed his tires in dizzying circles



Fans of vintage cars inspect the engine compartment of one of the 80 vehicles on display in the Ely Public Library parking lot Saturday during the Jake Forsman Memorial Scholarship event. photo by K. Vandervort

within the confines of cement barriers, to a cheering crowd. He won the first heat of competition. Dan Forsman took first place in the second heat, and won the overall Best Burnout competition.

In a burnout competition, one person at a time enters into a burnout pit and they have their opportunity to squeal tires, and lay down some rubber. Some drivers even attempted to do NASCAR-style circles. With safety the top priority, the burnout pit was contained within an area enclosed by massive concrete barriers.

Paul Forsman took the Fan Choice at the car show with his black 1967 Camaro SS. Best of Show went to a 2011 Mustang

owned by Rick Holland.

Other results included: Best Dodge: 2015 Challenger Hellcat - Greg Johnson; Best Chevy: 2011 - Hank Braczynski; Best Brand X: 1988 Porsche 911 - Jan Lahtonen.

There were two categories within each decade class. The winners were: Pre-1950: 1946 Willys - Mike Forsman; 1930 Ford Model A - Merrill Roberts.

1950 - 1959: 1955 Chevy 3100 - Dave Vesel; 1955 Chevy Bel Air - John Samuelson.

1960 - 1969: 1965 Ford Mustang 2+2 - Ron Vine; 1968 Chevy C30 - Rob Mattson.

1970 - 1979: 1978 Ford F-150 - Mark Walker; 1973 Ford Mustang - Ron

Popesh.

1980 - 1989: 1988 Porsche 911 - Jan Lahtonen; 1981 Chevy Corvette - Brad Pearse.

1990 - 1999: 1993 Chevy Silverado - Josh Vessel; 1992 Chevy Corvette - Jerry Skubi.

2000 and up: 2011 Ford Mustang - Rick Holland; 2011 Chevy Camaro - Hank Braczynski.

"I'm just giddy at the huge response we got from the community and all the support my family received," Al Forsman said. "We built a solid foundation for our scholarship for Jake and will plan to do this again next year," he said.

As Facebook makes it possible for all voices to be heard, several people voiced their disappointment with the event.

"I am sorry this event does not agree with all," Al Forsman responded. "I expected the noise, smoke and smell to be offensive to some. I also hoped they would accept the inconvenience for what I thought would be a good event for the community. From what I hear, the positives for the community that I expected exceeded all predictions. Again, I am sorry for

the inconvenience of those who do not embrace our passions. To them I say, 'please consider accepting this event for it's balance of positives over the negatives.' To our supporters, please refrain from engaging (in) arguments with them. Instead, share my phone number with them, I will be happy to discuss the event with them. 218-235-3767.

"Car shows have been attempted more than a few times in Ely," Forsman said. "They seem to be attempted in most towns. Some are successful, some aren't. I don't know if there is an equation to pre-determine what makes it a

success. It seems to be important that there is something unique about the event. A lot of thought went into what it would take to make this a success for the whole city of Ely. Many area car club members said they will be bringing more members next year.

All proceeds from the event will benefit the Jake Forsman Memorial Scholarship, with an emphasis on attracting students to pursue trade-related jobs.

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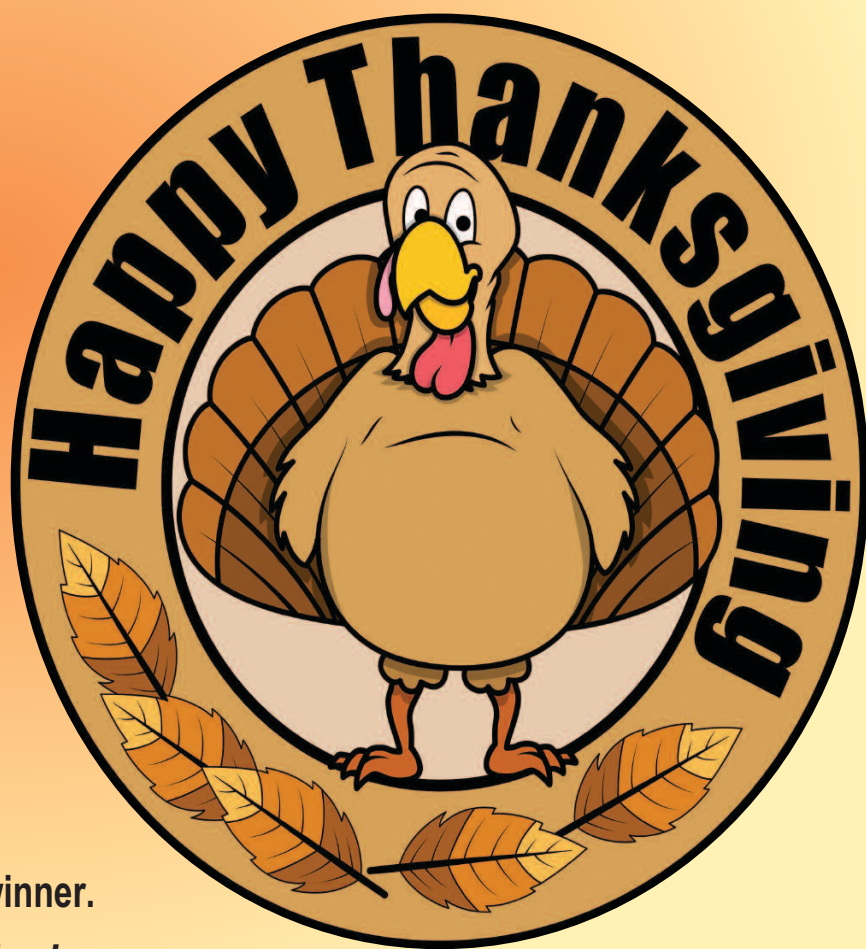
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SWIMMING

NER/Ely swimmers notch a win at home

Seniors put up strong performances in final home meet

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

BABBITT – Senior night went as planned as the Northeast Range/Ely high school swim team beat Chisholm 48- 42.

Tuesday’s meet was a bit of a milestone.

“It was our first win since 2014 I’m told,” said NER/Ely Head Coach Jason Limp. “We had an amazing meet.”

Senior night had Shayla Zaverl and Laura Pasmick swimming their final home meet. Both participated in individual races

and relays and had very good results. “Senior night is always a special night for us and the girls made it even better with a home pool win,” added Limp. NER/Ely is loaded with underclassman who really looked up to these two seniors, according to Limp. This year’s roster included only three additional upperclass swimmers, with two juniors and one sophomore.

NER/Ely will compete next in the Eveleth/Gilbert Jubilee, where Eveleth will celebrate their pool’s 100th anniversary on Thursday, Oct. 26 starting at 5

p.m.

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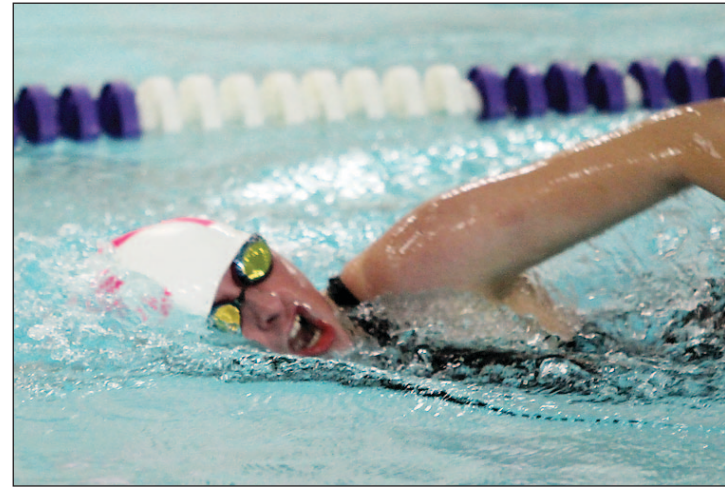
- 200 Freestyle
1. Shayla Zaverl
3. Aili Bee

- Individual Medley
2. Lily Tedrick
3. Maarja Faltesek

- 50 Freestyle
1. Brooke Pasmick
2. Kayla Mellesmoen

- 100 Butterfly

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Senior Shayla Zaverl competes in the freestyle event during Tuesday’s Northeast Range Triangular, in Babbitt. photo by J. Greeney

VOLLEYBALL PLAYOFFS

COMEBACK!

Nighthawks rally from two-game deficit to drop Chisholm in opening round

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

BABBITT— A playoff comeback for the record books. That’s the only way to describe the Nighthawks’ stunning come-from-behind victory in the opening round of the Section 7A playoffs Monday night.

Eighth-seeded Northeast Range had earned home court advantage for the first round, but it looked like it wasn’t going to make a difference as ninth-seeded Chisholm took the first two games of the match, 25-19 and 25-21, and grabbed an early lead in what looked to be the deciding third set.

But about midway through, the young Nighthawks squad appeared to shake off their post-season jitters and settled in with determination. Head Coach Jodi Reichensperger said she saw the change in the break between the second and third sets, and gave credit to her players. “Sophie Lenz said, ‘well I guess we’re going to five.’ And it seemed there was a shift. It’s like they woke a sleeping giant. Then it was like never say die, they weren’t going to go down.”

The Nighthawks fell behind early in the third set, but rebounded to take the game 25-21, thanks to some strong serving and fewer errors, which allowed them to gain some much-needed momentum. It showed in games four and five, when the Nighthawks played loose and with confidence to take down the Bluestreaks 25-22 and 15-11. “They had to use the AED to revive me,” quipped Reichensperger, who is known for her exuberance during matches. “It was torture to watch.”

And that was despite the fact that

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Above: The Nighthawks’ Hannah Reichensperger taps the ball over the net, above the outstretched hands of Chisholm’s Rylee Appelman.



Left: Northeast Range players set while awaiting a Chisholm serve.

photos by J. Greeney

FOOTBALL

Ely routs Bigfork in playoff opener

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

BIGFORK – Ely will get a rematch with North Woods after easily outpacing Bigfork during the opening round of the Section 7 Nineman playoffs on Tuesday. The Wolves, who appear to have recovered from a mid-season slump, took care of business as they defeated the Huskies 44 – 18.

Bigfork scored first, capping a 65-yard opening drive with a seven-yard touchdown run. The two-point conversion wasn’t good but the Huskies had delivered a statement with a 6–0 lead and took eight minutes off the clock.

The Wolves returned the kickoff to their 36-yard line, then drove the ball to the Huskies’ 10-yard line to set up first and goal. That became first and 20 after the refs tapped Ely for an illegal block. But Ely wasn’t to be denied, scoring two plays later on a 12-yard run by Matt Gerzin. The conversion failed, leaving the score knotted at six.

A series of turnovers stymied both teams for much the rest of the half. Ely’s Tjoe Banks recovered a Bigfork fumble. But on their first play from offense, Ely quarterback Carter Gaulke’s first pass of the game was picked off. The Huskies fumbled again,

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COLLEGE SPORTS

Vermilion dominates trap championship

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

ELY— What started as a semi-annual BBQ/trap shoot for fun has matured over the last year into a regular sport for Vermilion Community College students— and they dominated the championships held recently in Grand Rapids.

It was Vermilion’s first year in the Scholastic Clay Target Program, competing in the Northeast Higher Ed District’s trap league, which included teams from Rainy

River, Itasca, Mesabi, Hibbing, and Vermilion. Lake Superior Technical College, which is not in the NHED district, also competed in the league this season.

Standard trap league rules apply to the league, where players get five shots from each of five locations, with a top score of 25 points.

The new sport proved popular at VCC, with 40 students signing up for the coed team, including three young women. A total of 105 students participated this year from all

Right: Members of the Vermilion Community College trap team. submitted

six schools.

After a couple weeks of orientation and practice, they spent the next several weeks shooting competitively. Week nine was the state championship shoot when all participants in the league competed head-to-head in Grand Rapids. VCC had 34 participants this

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FOOTBALL

Grizzlies fourth-quarter rally sinks T-Wolves

Ely had dominated first three quarters in regular season finale

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

ELY - Turnovers can be costly — witness the fourth quarter of Wednesday night's game between the Timberwolves and North Woods. Back-to-back Ely fumbles in their own territory allowed the Grizzlies to put 14 quick points on the board en route to a 44-36 comeback victory.

On a windy and cool night the fans that braved Ely Memorial Stadium got to see the game of the season. Both teams' defenses struggled to keep the opposing offense in check.

The Wolves played some of their best football of the season for roughly three-and-a-half quarters. Midway thru the final stanza, Ely had the ball on their own 30-yard line, with a 36-30 lead. That's when a Wolves fumble left the Grizzlies with the ball well into Ely territory. Two plays later, North

Woods quarterback Tate Olson connected on a 30-yard touchdown pass and a two-point conversion giving North Woods a 38-36 lead, their first of the night.

Just moments later, it was déjà vu all over again, this time as the Wolves coughed up the ball on their own 37-yard line. North Woods initially lost ground, but on third-and-22, Olson bobbed and weaved his way to a first down, setting up the game's final touchdown a few plays later. With the quarter winding down, North Woods held the Wolves on their final drive, taking it over on downs with just seconds remaining.

Offensively, Ely made the most of their possessions, scoring their 36 points on just 289 yards of total offense. Sophomore Eli Conaway led in rushing, with 158 yards and four touchdowns on 29 carries. Senior Matt Gerzin added 83 yards on 12 carries, while Carter Gaulke ran three times for 49 yards.

A trio of seniors led the way for North Woods, including running back Brendan Parson who tallied 169 yards and three touchdowns on 23 carries. Garrett Abramson ran for 95 yards on 13 carries and added two touchdowns. Tate Olson completed 10 of 22 pass attempts, for 123 yards and a touchdown, while picking up 31 rushing yards on eight carries.

North Woods picked up a total of 424 yards.

The Grizzlies' win assured them the top spot in the section 7A playoffs. The Grizzlies will enjoy a bye in the first round, and will host the winner of Tuesday's quarterfinal match-up between fourth-seed Bigfork and fifth-seed Ely next Saturday, Oct. 28. Game time is 2 p.m.

Meanwhile, the Wolves will travel to Bigfork on Tuesday, Oct. 24, to take on the Huskies.



Ely's Carter Gaulke wraps up North Woods' senior runningback Brendan Parson during last Wednesday's game, played in Ely. photo by J. Greeney

NER survives winless season, bows out of playoffs

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

BABBITT - Northeast Range completed their football season without a win, and with just enough players to field a team. Their season came to an end this past Wednesday, as 2-5 Silver Bay shut them out 45-0.

It was the same story that the Nighthawks had battled all

season, an inability to score and an inability to keep the other team from scoring.

Silver Bay controlled the game from the start as their offense scored 23 points and the defense added a safety for a 25-0 first half lead. The second half included two more touchdown runs by the Mariners and their defense blocked a punt and recovered it in Northeast Range's end

zone as the game was ending for the game's final points.

It's been a long season for the Nighthawks as they have played with a small roster that included numerous underclassmen. Injuries forced Northeast Range to forfeit one full game, the second half of another, and the playoffs this year.

"It's a numbers game," said Northeast Range Head Coach

Mark Fabish. "It's hard to practice against air."

The Nighthawks' numbers game doesn't get any better as they lose six seniors this year and only had one junior and one sophomore on the roster. If the future doesn't improve it could lead to some changes for next year's schedule.

One thing that hopefully doesn't change is the intensity

and sportsmanship the Northeast Range football team has played with this entire season. "It has been a David vs Goliath season," said Coach Fabish. The Nighthawks kept their chins up despite playing the majority of games behind by double digit leads.

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giving the Wolves possession on Bigfork's 29-yard line. A short drive ended with a Gaulke 12-yard keeper for a touchdown. This time, Ely made the conversion, anchoring them to a 14-6 lead.

The Huskies came back with a successful drive of their own, but a failed conversion left them trail-

ing by two.

Gerzin took the ensuing kickoff and promptly returned it 65 yards for an Ely touchdown. Again the two-point conversion was unsuccessful, leaving the Wolves ahead 20-12.

The Huskies drove deep on their next possession, but Ely's defense held

at their own six-yard line and the Wolves took over on downs.

Ely dominated the second half, as they added six more on the opening kickoff, on another touchdown care of Gerzin.

After Bigfork turned the ball over on downs on their 40-yard line on their next possession, Gerzin

did it again, scoring his fourth touchdown of the game on a 33-yard run. After another unsuccessful two-point conversion the Wolves led 32-12 and were in control of the game as the third quarter ended.

Ely added two more touchdowns in the final stanza, while Bigfork scored one of their own.

It was another strong outing for Ely's offense, as they rushed for a combined 350 yards. Gerzin had a huge night, racking up 104 yards and four touchdowns on nine carries plus his kickoff return. Eli Conaway was the workhorse and the rushing leader with 24 carries for 171 yards. Quarterback Carter

Gaulke chipped in with two rushing touchdowns.

The Wolves will travel to North Woods on Saturday for their quarterfinal match-up. Game time is 2 p.m.

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Reichensperger had seen it all before. Indeed, the Nighthawks had defeated Chisholm in five games back in September, after losing the first two sets. Even the scores were remarkably similar, with

the Nighthawks winning the third set by the same 25-21 score before taking game five by the identical 15-11 final.

Melissa Nelmark, the Nighthawks' lone senior,

will be playing at least one more match as she led her team with 38 set assists while adding nine digs. Hannah Reichensperger was the team leader in kills with 18, along with 15 digs and four blocks, while

Sophie Lenz had 13 kills, 17 digs and two blocks. Maija Maki had 14 digs and Maude Lenz added 9 digs to go with 7 kills.

The playoffs weren't going to get any easier for Northeast Range as they

were set to travel to take to top-seeded Deer River on Wednesday night as the *Timberjay* went to press. The Warriors finished the regular season at 17-10, but Reichensperger said anything can happen come

the playoffs. "We're the underdogs for sure, but there's no pressure when you're eighth seed playing the first seed. We just have to maintain our intensity."

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year and placed better at the championship than during the regular season.

Vermilion swept the team awards winning all three places, including the gold, silver, and bronze teams. In the individual awards, VCC took eight of the top 12 spots.

The Ironmen coaching staff this year included

Wade Klingsporn, Jake Myers, and Dan Swope.

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88.
Bronze Team: Eric Omdahl 88, Mike Dietz 86, Luke Crawford 85, Mitch Ellingworth 82, Nathan Gillett 78.
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2nd Cole Hoffman 97 (beat Zach in shootout)
3rd Zach Eustice 97

Silver:
1st Travis Loewen 96
2nd Andy Schmaltz 91

Bronze:
1st Eric Omdahl 88
2nd Mike Dietz 86
3rd Luke Crawford 85

Women's Bronze:
3rd Alicia Smith

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2. Lily Tedrick
3. Maggie Dammann

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Ely School District ratifies new teacher contract

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

Facilities and building projects continue around campus

ELY – The Ely School Board ratified a two-year contract with the Ely Education Association this week. The master agreement is in effect for the 2017-2018 and 2018-2019 school years and calls for salary increases of between two- and four-percent, as well as substantial increases in health care coverage.

“The teachers ratified this contract overwhelmingly last week,” said ISD 696 Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson. “It is a good settlement.”

He highlighted some of the changes to the agreement during a special meeting Monday night.

School District contributions for health insurance for the length of the contract will be a maximum of \$10,000 annually for single coverage and \$20,000 annually for family coverage.

According to Abrahamson, the family insurance premium cap was at \$12,184. “It had been that for quite a number of years, so this is a significant jump,” he said.

The single coverage premium cap was at 100 percent. “The single payer high plan this year is \$10,981, so if that was chosen, the cost would be \$981 for the year. The two other lower cost plans costs are covered by the district for the single payer.

All three choices for insurance coverage for family plans will cost the employee some dollar amount. The low-cost plan premium is about \$21,000 and at the high end, the

premium cost is about \$29,000, Abrahamson said.

A flat dollar amount, rather than a percentage, for salary increase steps in the salary schedule will be implemented in the new contract. “To be perfectly fair, that was proposed by the EEA, which I thought was interesting and admirable,” Abrahamson said.

The first two steps on the bottom of the salary schedule were eliminated for the 2017-2018 contract, and another step will be eliminated for the 2018-2019 salary schedule. “That makes us a little bit more competitive in our starting salary with other districts in the area,” Abrahamson said.

For 2017-2018, the starting salary for teachers is \$39,961. Subsequent pay increases through 12 steps increases to \$58,810. For the 2018-2019 school year, the starting salary will be \$42,635.

“For the most part it was a good negotiating session. Much was accomplished in addition to what is in the contract,” he said. Heidi Mann, Rochelle Sjoberg and board chair Ray Marsnik made up the negotiating committee for



Ely School Board members check out the new windows on the Washington building. photo by K. Vandervort

the school district.

Marsnik said he was happy with the changes to health insurance coverage. “That was getting to be a problem with our employees,” he said. “I like to see the increase in starting salaries for our teachers. The more I see, we are anticipating a teacher shortage in the state of Minnesota before long and we want to make sure we have our salaries in line. By eliminating two steps this year and another one next year, I think that will put that starting salary up where it will be competitive with other districts around the state.”

In the last teachers

agreement, the starting salary was approximately \$35,000. “That’s not a hell of a lot of money in this day and age,” Marsnik said.

School Board member Tom Omerza remarked on the increasing amount of teacher and staff retention in the district over the last couple of years. “It wasn’t that long ago when teachers were coming and staying one or two years and leaving,” he said. “I can’t remember the last time a teacher left after one or two years. We must be doing something right.”

Facilities walk through

Abrahamson took school board members on a walking tour around campus to discuss the many improvements made to the buildings and grounds in the last year.

New windows were installed just last week on

the northwest corner of the Washington Elementary building in the vicinity of where the former JFK building was attached.

The top one-quarter of the new windows are actually opaque and are positioned above the suspended ceiling, Abrahamson said. “They look more like the original building. “Just the center window actually opens but it is restricted for safety purposes,” he said.

The long-term facilities plan calls for more window replacement on the north side of the Washington school building next year and beyond. The two window sections, including the required brick work and demolition to repair the wall connection with the JFK building cost about \$110,000. Abrahamson said he expects to have proposals ready for the school board to consider after the first

of the year.

The new playground project is almost complete. “We are struggling to get the asphalt path to the structure finished this fall because the job is too small,” he said. The old playground on the southwest corner of the campus will be dismantled next spring.

Grass will be seeded around the playground this fall. An open space exists for future playground equipment expansion. “The snow fencing will be replaced with regular fencing from the street to the building,” Abrahamson said.

New flooring was installed over the summer in the halls of the Washington building. The band room in the Industrial Arts building also received new carpeting and window treatments.

The elementary school computer lab was moved into the school library over the summer.

New Washington Auditorium stage curtains were installed over the summer.

A new sound system was installed in the Memorial high school gymnasium.

Abrahamson reported that the new tables in the cafeteria “meet everyone’s approval.” The new tables and attached chairs fold easily and quickly for cleaning and set up.

Several new water fountain stations have also been installed around campus.

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WOLVES AND HUNTERS

What does it mean when a wolf visits?

by CHAD RICHARDSON
International Wolf Center

It happens almost every time we set up our booth at events across the state. Once we put out the green tablecloth with our logo and the words “International Wolf Center” printed on it, a man in a camouflage hat steps up to talk.

He tells us a story of a remarkable moment.

There he was on deer opener, perched carefully atop his tree stand, rifle in hand. In the distance, he caught sight of something he didn't immediately recognize. Soon

“Some wolves have learned that when deer hunters are in the woods, the wolves may get a free meal.”

Chad Richardson

enough, he figured out a wolf was watching him. There the wolf sat, seemingly staring up at the hunter. The man didn't know what to think,

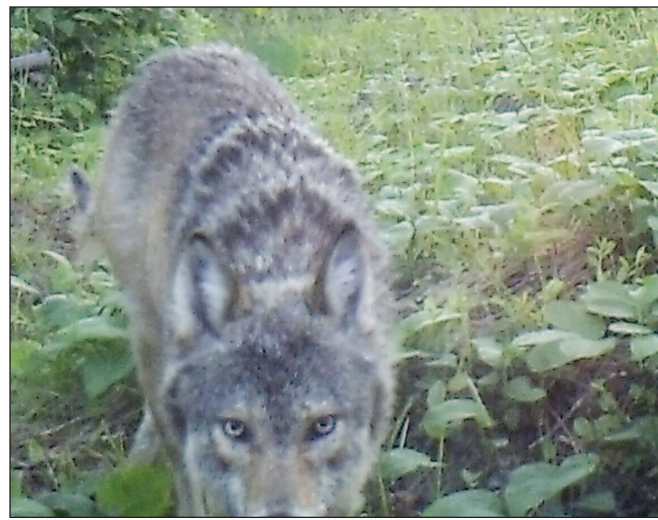
or what to do.

Finally, he decided to call a friend for backup. Together, they walked out of the woods and headed home.

As the number of wolves is reportedly increasing in Minnesota (according to the state's Department of Natural Resources there are now about 2,850 wolves in the state), encounters like this one are likely to become increasingly common.

Here's why: New studies show that wolves understand cause and effect much better than we'd

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LIFE AT THE BEAVER POND

The busy season

Beavers are stocking the pantry for the long winter ahead

It's the busy season at our neighborhood beaver pond, as the locals prepare for the impending season of scarcity. The signs of activity are everywhere, particularly along the pond's edges, where the resident beavers have recently felled at least a couple dozen youngish aspen to put away for the winter.

It all seems pretty familiar. We fill our own wood sheds and stock the pantry and freezer with the season's produce, and the beavers do pretty much the same. This time of year, the beavers are cutting aspen and willow and storing the branches and smaller trunks in a huge cache under the water, just outside one of their two lodges. These caches are readily visible this time of year — since some of the smaller limbs often stick out from the water — and are an easy way to tell if beavers are planning to spend the winter in any given lodge. Beaver lodges can last for decades and they can fall in and out of use over the years, so this time of year I always look for the telltale signs of a fully-stocked pantry to determine if a lodge is currently active.

During the winter, the beavers will spend their time inside their lodge, with occasional forays under the ice to grab a branch or two to chew on inside. Beavers, who seem to prefer aspen over any other tree,

strip off and eat the inner bark, which is bitter to our taste but desirable to beavers.

Once the ice arrives on the beaver pond, which could happen this coming week given our recent cool down, the beavers will be locked in for the winter. They'll live the next several months within their dark lodge, only occasionally venturing out of one of their underwater exits to grab a bite. While their pantry of sticks is their primary source of winter food, they also store large amounts of fat in their tails this time of year, which they will also rely on during the winter months. A beaver's tail, in the fall, is usually substantially larger than it will be when the beavers emerge from their lodges next April or May.

Inside the lodge, the winter conditions are remarkably comfortable. The lodges typically have two levels, one large level just above the water, where the beavers will eat and dry off after ventures under the ice. The second level, which is usually higher and drier, is where the beavers sleep. While beavers are not hibernators, they undoubtedly sleep for extended periods during the winter months, simply because there isn't much else to do. The next time that cabin

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MARSHALL HELMBERGER



Top: The neighborhood beaver was on patrol this past weekend. With the imminent return of ice, the beaver will soon be locked into its winter world.

Above: Freshly-chewed aspen trunks.

Below: The visible portion of the beaver's winter cache. photos by M. Helmberger



Nature Notes

Big-tooth aspen



After the leaves have fallen is a good time to distinguish one of our three most abundant species of aspen — the big-tooth aspen, or *Populus grandidentata*. While the quaking aspen is unquestionably the most common aspen in our region, they do best with abundant moisture, and that isn't always available on thin-soiled, rocky sites. This is where you'll most often find big-tooth aspen, which are more drought resistant than *Populus tremuloides*.

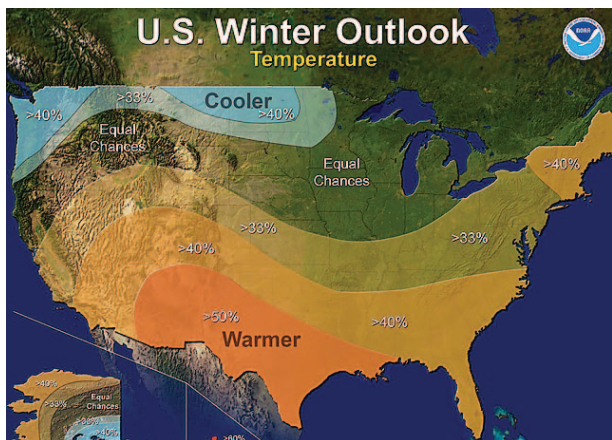
While it handles drought better than quaking aspen, the big-tooth has a more limited range, being found in the northeastern United States and eastern Canada, whereas quaking aspen are found from New England all the way to Alaska and throughout the high elevations of the West. Here in northeastern Minnesota, we're on the northwestern fringe of big-tooth range.

The big-tooth aspen are sensitive to frost in the spring and so are among our latest trees to leaf out. It's easy to spot the stands of big-tooth aspen in the spring because they typically look dead right into early June. By early October, their leaves have turned from a pale green to brilliant gold and they stand out on the forest floor for a couple weeks after they fall. In our area, big-toothed leaves are typically 50-percent larger than those of quaking aspen. But what really stands out are their leaves' large teeth, which give this species their name.

When you find these leaves, you know you have big-tooth aspen nearby. Their light, olive-green bark is another characteristic, so see if you can find some big-tooth aspen where you live.

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NWS releases winter forecast for 2017-18

Better than average chance for wetter conditions, equal chances on temperature

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Winter's coming...but what kind of winter will it be?

According to the National Weather Service, which just released its updated winter forecast, expect wetter conditions, and that typically means snow here in the North Country. While the forecast also includes a colder-than-average outlook in much of northwestern Minnesota, it shows an equal chance of above or below-normal temperatures this winter in other parts of the state, including the Arrowhead.

The latest winter forecast, which the National Weather Service issued Oct. 19, relies on what appears to be a developing La Niña in the Pacific, which historically brings greater than average snowfall around the Great Lakes and colder temperatures to portions of the northern tier of states. This year, however, the Weather Service is predicting that the colder-than-normal conditions will set up from Washington state, running along the border east to northwestern Minnesota. The forecast for a wetter-than-average winter would

be the continuation of a trend that's been in place for more than a year across northeastern Minnesota. Keep in mind that wetter-than-average doesn't necessarily mean a snowier winter anymore. Last winter was wet, but a significant portion of the precipitation fell as rain. That was true right into January, a time of year when rainfall used to be all but unheard of in the North Country in the past.

To add to the uncertainty, the folks at the Old Farmer's Almanac, are predicting mild and dry conditions over all of northern Minnesota this winter. The weather forecasters there recognize the impact of La Niña, but believe it will be too weak to allow significant cold air to penetrate beyond the Intermountain West.

The Farmer's Almanac generally bases its winter forecasting on solar activity and notes that the solar cycle is currently at a low ebb. That would normally prompt a colder-than-average winter prediction, but their forecasters note that other factors, such as the buildup of greenhouse gases, are contributing to warmer conditions overall.

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thought. And they understand it even better than domesticated dogs.

Some wolves have learned that when deer hunters are in the woods, the wolves may get a free meal. When a hunter harvests a deer, he or she needs to gut the deer before transporting it. What do hunters do with those gut piles? They leave them sitting right there in the woods.

The public is always cautioned against feeding any wild animal and, while hunters don't intend to feed wolves by leaving the gut piles behind, that's exactly what is happening. Obviously, some wolves have figured out that seeing a hunter (cause) may lead to finding a free meal (effect).

Also, another reason why wolves may stare at a hunter in his or her stand is because, in many cases, the area immediately surrounding the hunter often smells like a deer. Many deer hunters spray the area around

their deer stand with deer scent when they get in the woods. You'd better believe all of that scent could attract a wolf.

So, let's say you are in your tree stand this fall and a wolf keeps an eye on you from afar. What do you do?

First, there's no legitimate reason to be fearful of the wolf. In the state's history, very few instances of wolves attacking humans have been documented.

Here are some tips should a wolf pay you a visit in your stand:

- ▶ Do not entice the wolf in an effort to get closer to it.
- ▶ Don't approach the wolf.
- ▶ Leave room for the wolf to escape.
- ▶ If the wolf acts aggressively or approaches within close range of you, raise your arms and wave them in the air to make yourself look larger. Back away slowly. Make

noise and throw objects at the wolf.

Wolves prefer to avoid humans and they should not be seen as a threat to hunters. They should, though, be treated with caution, as they are unpredictable, wild predators.

More information about interactions between wolves and humans can be found on the Wolf Center's website.

The International Wolf Center aims to educate the public about wolves. It publishes International Wolf magazine, offers outreach programs to schools, and operates an interpretive center in Ely with a pack of resident gray wolves. For more information on the center, visit wolf.org.

Chad Richardson is the International Wolf Center's communications director. He can be reached at chad@wolf.org.

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fever settles over you in March, just be glad you aren't spending five months in a dark lodge made of sticks and mud.

But at least conditions within the lodge are relatively warm. Between the body heat given off by the beavers inside and the insulating properties of the lodge walls and the outside snow cover, the temperatures within the lodge tend to hover around freezing, even when temperatures outside are well below zero. And it's not as if the beavers don't have a few things to take their minds off the tedium — they typically

mate in January and February, and their two-to-four kits are typically born in the lodge, anywhere from April to June. The young beavers live with the parents through the following winter before being kicked out of the nest the following year, usually in late summer.

But thoughts of summer aren't on the minds of our neighborhood beavers these days.

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Obituaries And Death Notices

Helen J. Whiting
 Helen Jeanette Niemi Whiting, 85, of Ely, originally of Embarrass, died on Sunday, Oct. 15, 2017, in the Ely Bloomenson Hospital, surrounded by her loving family. A Celebration of Life service will be held at a later date. Family services provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower.
 She is survived by four children, Sherri (Bill) Dimich of Babbitt, Diane (Paul) Myers of Ely, Jerome (Brenda) Whiting of

Ely and Julie (David) Rhein of Winton; 11 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren and "one on the way"; sisters, Lillian Angelo and Martha Norha, both of Virginia; and extended family and friends.

Merle W. Lunceford
 Merle W. Lunceford, 82, of Ely, passed away on Saturday, Oct. 14, 2017, at his residence. A memorial service was held on Sunday, Oct. 22 at Kerntz Funeral Home in Ely. Memorials may be made to the Ely

Education Foundation, PO Box 373, Ely, MN 55731.
 He is survived by two sisters, Wanda McNeal of Cherry and Marlys Dixon of Rockford, Ill.; one brother, Marvin of Woodbury; and several nephews and nieces.

PUBLIC NOTICES

SOUDAN RESIDENTS SNOWPLOW ASSESSMENTS DUE NOVEMBER 1
 The Breitung Township snowplowing assessments for Soudan residents (\$10 per household) are due November 1, 2017. Please submit your payment to the clerk's office or mail to Breitung Township, PO Box 56, Soudan, MN 55782. Call 218-753-6020 with questions.
 Valeda McDonald, Town Clerk
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 Dated: October 12, 2017
 SIGNED BY: Scott Stowell
 MAILING ADDRESS: 1252 E. Washington St., Ely, MN 55731
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REQUEST FOR BIDS
Bois Forte Law Enforcement Center Door Upgrade
Background:
 Most recent safety and health inspections conducted in accordance with Bureau of Indian Affairs regulations indicate that Bois Forte Law Enforcement Center located at 12907 W. Palmquist Road, Nett Lake, MN 55772 has received a minor safety deficiency. The recommended correction involves the replacement of standard doors with fire-rated doors and assemblies and the addition of one door and assembly in a door opening with no current door.
Project Scope:
 The contractor will procure and install two interior building doors with minimum ¾ hour fire rated NFPA 80 door assembly including hardware and door frames. Doors, hardware and frames are to match existing color scheme, style and current door size. **More specifically, this project involves the removal and disposal of 2 existing standard doors to be replaced with the fire rated doors and the addition of 1 fire rated door and frame assembly on a room that currently has no door.
Contractor Responsibilities:
 • Contractor shall be responsible for measuring and procuring the correct size doors and door frames which are to be replaced at their current size of rough opening. Doors must be NFPA 80 compliant with a fire rating minimum of ¾ hour.
 • Contractor shall remove specified doors and door frames in their entirety and ensure proper disposal of all equipment and materials removed.
 • Contractor shall install key fob access equipment standard to Bois Forte government buildings.
Contract Provisions:
 • The Band's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance applies to this project. Please be sure to itemize a 2% TERO fee as a line item on your bid. The TERO ordinance also has tribal employment requirements that may apply, depending on the number of workers required for the project. Please contact Dawn Benner, TERO Officer, at 218-757-3261 for additional information.
 • Bidder must have an assigned DUNS number and provide such on bidding document.
 • Must adhere to contract provisions such as Davis-Bacon Act (40 U.S.C. 3141-3148), Copeland "Anti-Kickback" Act (40 U.S.C. 3145), and Contract Work Hours and Standards Act (40 U.S.C. 3701-3708)
 • All applicable safety standards and rules must be followed during construction.
 • Insurance. The successful contractor will be required to provide evidence of general business or personal liability insurance in an amount of at least \$500,000; general automobile liability insurance in the amount of at least \$500,000; and worker's compensation insurance. If a sole proprietorship, a waiver of liability and hold harmless agreements may be accepted in lieu of worker's compensation insurance, at the discretion of the Tribal Government.
 • All work is to be scheduled within sixty (60) days after bid has been awarded and notice to proceed is issued.
 • Bois Forte Tribal Government will pay Contractor within thirty (30) days following receipt of invoice provided the project is 100% complete. *There may be a down payment of 20% for materials that have been specified and then the payment of the balance upon completion and acceptance by the Government.
Sealed bids must be received by 3:00 pm on Wednesday, November 8, 2017
Send sealed bids to: Sidra Starkovich, Grants Manager
 5344 Lakeshore Drive, Nett Lake, MN 55772
 Phone: 218-966-7051
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE OF SPECIAL ELECTION OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 707 ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MINNESOTA NETT LAKE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special election has been called and will be held in and for Independent School District No. 707 (Nett Lake), Minnesota (the "School District"), on November 7, 2017, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. to vote on the following question:
SCHOOL DISTRICT BALLOT QUESTION
APPROVAL OF SCHOOL DISTRICT REFERENDUM REVENUE AUTHORIZATION
 The School Board of Independent School District No. 707 (Nett Lake) has proposed to revoke the school district's existing referendum revenue authorization of approximately \$300.00 per pupil and to replace that authorization with a new authorization of \$1,547.00 per pupil. The proposed new referendum revenue authorization would increase annually by the rate of inflation and would be applicable for 10 years unless otherwise revoked or reduced as provided by law.
 YES Shall the existing referendum revenue authorization be revoked and the increase in the revenue proposed by the School Board of Independent School District No. 707 (Nett Lake) be approved?
 NO
PASSAGE OF THIS REFERENDUM WILL RESULT IN AN INCREASE IN YOUR PROPERTY TAXES
 For the ballot question, the property tax portion of the revenue authorized will require an estimated referendum tax rate of 0.437833% of the referendum market value of all classes of taxable property in the School District, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, Section 126C.01, Subdivision 3, which excludes certain agricultural property, seasonal recreational residential property, and postsecondary student housing.
 The projected annual dollar increases for typical residential homesteads, apartments, commercial-industrial properties, and most other classes of property within the School District are as shown in the table below.

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Referendum Market Value	Revoke Pay 2019	New Pay 2019	Net Change
\$25,000	-.037722%	0.437833%	0.400111%
\$50,000	9.43	109.46	100.03
\$75,000	18.86	218.92	200.06
	28.29	328.37	300.08

(a) Taxable market value is the basis from which the net tax capacity is calculated. This value is not necessarily the price the property would bring if sold.
 (b) Tax rate increase is derived by dividing the levy on referendum market value by the total referendum market value. The dollar increase in taxes payable is derived by multiplying the tax capacity rate increase and the referendum market value by the referendum market value rate.
 (c) Residential seasonal recreational property and all but one acre and buildings of agriculture land are excluded from referendum market value tax.
 The figures in the table are based on School District taxes for the referendum levy only, and do not include tax levies for other purposes. Tax increases shown above are gross increases, not including the impact of the State Property Tax Refund Program. Many owners of homestead property will qualify for a refund, based on their income and total property taxes. This will decrease the net effect of the referendum levy for many property owners.
 NOTE: Agricultural property will pay taxes for the proposed referendum based only on the value of the house, garage, and one acre of land only. There will be no referendum taxes paid on the value of agricultural land and buildings. There will be no taxes paid for the proposed referendum for seasonal recreational residential property (i.e. cabins).
 The election shall be conducted by mail and with no polling place other than the office of the School District Clerk located at 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, Minnesota. No earlier than 30 days nor later than 14 days before the election, the School District will mail ballots by nonforwardable mail to all voters registered in the School District as of the 21st day before the election. Each qualified elector may cast their ballot only by completing the ballot in accordance with the directions thereon and (i) mailing the ballot in the pre-addressed and stamped envelope provided with the ballot to the office of the School District Clerk, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, MN 55772 so that the ballot is received by the last regular mail delivery by the United States postal service on election day or (ii) returning the ballot in such envelope to the office of the School District Clerk located at 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, Minnesota between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m. on November 7, 2017. Eligible voters not registered at the time the ballots are mailed may apply to the School District Clerk, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, MN 55772, for a ballot and registered voters who will be absent from the precinct may apply to the School District Clerk at the address specified above to receive the ballot at a temporary address. Ballots will be counted at 8:00 p.m. on November 7, 2017, at the office of the School District Clerk, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, Minnesota.
 If you have any questions, please contact James J. Varichak, Superintendent, Independent School District No. 707, 13090 Westley Drive, Nett Lake, Minnesota 55772, Phone: (218) 757-3102; Fax: (218) 757-3330.
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EMPLOYMENT

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 The Little Eagles Childcare Center is hiring a lead teacher to provide quality, engaging and safe care for the children in the Tower/Soudan area. The lead teacher will teach and supervise the children alongside a team of like-minded caregivers to promote the development of their social, emotional, physical and intellectual growth. Pay Scale: \$14/Hour, .75 to full time hours per week.
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 31 Fixed charge
 33 Like pretty decent wine?
 38 "Son of," in Arabic
 39 Actress Garr
 41 Used to live
 42 Untold eras
 43 Pirate's place
 44 Olympic sport that wine drinkers compete in?
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 51 Knead
 52 Academic URL ender
 53 Lubed (up)
 57 Exam giver
 59 Comedian telling jokes about wine?
 64 Cedar, say
 66 Egg cells
 67 Franz's skit partner
 68 In the way of
 69 Spanish pot
 72 Vegetable piece dipped in wine?
 76 "Fix" at the vet's
 77 Brazilian hot spot, in brief
 78 Autumn pear
 79 — and aah
 80 Lamarr of "Algiers"
 82 Wine-sipping nightclub vocalist?
 87 Adventurous
 91 Response to "Am not!"
 92 Negative or positive thing
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 96 Wine aficionados' electoral race?
 102 Fancy resort
 105 Juan's "two"
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 109 Wine-fancying jazz trumpeter?
 114 Graphic material with no gray areas
 116 See 60-Down
 117 Bridal bio word
 118 Work measures
 120 Fix illegally
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 131 "The Brandon — Story" (1998 film)
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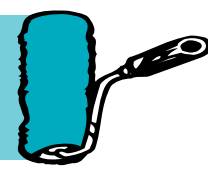
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