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POLLUTION CONTROL

Perspectives on new sulfate standards differ widely

Some claim disaster looms; others see inaction

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER

Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Think of the state Pollution Control Agency's proposed new sulfate standard for wild rice waters as a kind of Rorschach test, with interpretation subject to the eye of beholder. To some, like Steve Georgi, the executive director of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools, or

RAMS, or John Arbogast, with the Steelworkers Local 1938, it's a harbinger of economic doom for the Iron Range — a new water quality rule that will force the closure of most of the region's taconite mines and push small cities into bankruptcy.

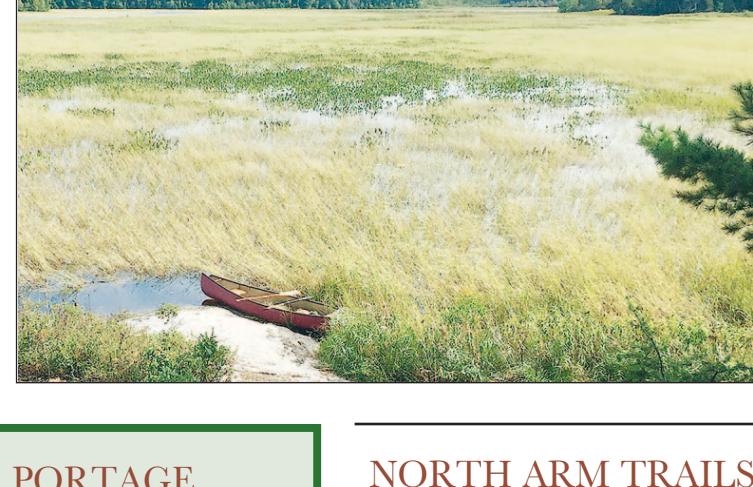
To others, like Nancy Schultdt, water program director for the Fond du Lac Band, it appears to be little more than

Overlooking an extensive stand of wild rice on the Vermilion River, south of Crane Lake.

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the same pattern of delay that has kept the MPCA from enforcing the existing wild rice rule for more than 40 years. She sees the draft standard, issued by the

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Turning the TV channel

Operational changes coming for Ely public access television

by KEITH VANDERVORT

Ely Editor

ELY — The City Council Tuesday night approved a committee recommendation to switch local television access programming to a new operator. Beginning Nov. 1, a local radio station personality, Todd Crego, will replace longtime Ely-TV operator, Mike Jankovec, at the controls of the two local television stations.

With the looming contract expiration, the city's Telecommunications Advisory Board advertised and received two proposals, and held interviews at their Aug. 29 meeting. They agreed to the decision to switch operational management at their Sept. 28 meeting.

Crego's new contract goes into effect next month and will pay him \$1,750 per month to manage the programming of the city's two cable access channels, 11 and 98. The contract will be reviewed on an annual basis.

Jankovec, a well-known local concert promoter, has owned the non-profit rights to the Ely-TV operation for the past eight years. He appeared before the City Council Tuesday night and presented an alternative plan for operation of the local access television channels.

"I am the developer, programmer, director, editor and overall creative force that is Ely-TV and have

INTERNATIONAL FALLS TO GRAND PORTAGE



Voyageur Challenge

Solo canoeist sets 260-mile border record

by JODI SUMMIT

Tower-Soudan Editor

REGIONAL — While many spent their Labor Day weekend celebrating the end of summer, Robert "BeaV" Vollhaber, David May, and Kevin McCann set off, each

Robert "BeaV" Vollhaber gives a thumbs while portaging along the route. submitted photo

in a solo canoe, from International Falls and paddled 260 miles to their destination — Grand Portage National Monument on Lake Superior.

"Each of these like-minded travelers journeyed on their own personal schedule and totally alone and unsup-

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NORTH ARM TRAILS

Timber harvest proceeds despite opposition

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER

Managing Editor

BURNTSIDE LAKE — A planned timber harvest opposed by neighbors and camp owners on Burntside Lake's North Arm will proceed, with ongoing input from stakeholders.

The plan includes thinning of red and white pine on about 62 acres of forest that foresters with the Department of Natural Resources say should be removed to help encourage the regeneration of younger pine. "We're going with a variable density thinning," said Dana Frame, head forester with the DNR's Tower area office.

In total, foresters looked at 101 acres for possible harvest, but opted to thin on 62 acres while leaving the rest untouched. The sale is expected to yield about 500 cords of pine bolts and sawlogs, although the timber has not yet been sold.

While relatively small sales like this one don't typically generate much controversy, the location of this particular cut, along a portion of a well-used hiking and cross-country ski trail system, has sparked more concern over the plan and its potential impact on the trail. Two YMCA camps on the North Arm, particularly Camp du Nord, as well as neighbors and others use the trail system extensively, year-round. The land in question is tucked up against the Boundary Waters wilderness on one side and federal land on the other and neighbors say the pine in question is of natural origin and is spectacular in its current state.

Greg Waibel, Chief Operating Officer of the YMCA of the Greater Twin Cities, said the decision "has disappointed many of the local residents and those we serve."

At the same time, Waibel said that his organization would participate in a stakeholders group that the DNR has promised to engage as the timber sale

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COMMUNITY THEATER

Murder and Mayhem

Ely audiences treat to a real gem in short run of classic Arsenic and Old Lace

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY — The co-director of Arsenic and Old Lace told his Ely audience Sunday afternoon what he learned in college a long time ago: "Theater is the suspension of disbelief." George Spaulding was quoting George Bernard Shaw as he introduced the radio-show-styled and staged reading of Arsenic and Old Lace.

With just a half dozen rehearsals, George and Mary Kay Fortier Spaulding joined a cast of a dozen highly-talented and highly-energetic Ely-area actors to present more than two hours of the suspension of disbelief. Sprinkled with mayhem and murder, the theatrical gem was full of uproarious laughter and sheer entertainment.

Practice and preparation may have been cut short, but the two-show production, sponsored by the Northern Lakes Arts Association and Happy for That Theater Company, was long on entertainment.

Spaulding asked the audience to look past the sparse set and imagine looking in on the goings on of a strange family in a Victorian mansion during World War II. Like radio-theater, the sound effects guy (Spaulding himself) was clearly visible

on the stage. The entire cast was visible at all times, seated in chairs right on stage. Rehearsals were replaced by the actors holding their scripts and reading along, waiting for their lines.

It didn't take long for the audience to suspend those distractions and to get caught up in the plot. The plot was as outrageous and unbelievable as a train wreck. One just couldn't look away. This could not possibly end well for the two sweet old ladies.

Set in New York City in 1941, Arsenic and Old Lace tells the story of Mortimer Brewster, a young, successful Broadway theatre critic who lives in Brooklyn with his two maiden aunts, Abby and Martha, and his harmless, but deluded brother, Teddy, who believes he is Theodore Roosevelt.

The plot turns quickly when Mortimer discovers, much to his shock and dismay, that murder seems to be the family business. A revelation he can't possibly share with his new fiance, Elaine, the girl next door.

As the bodies begin to stack up, Mortimer's evil brother, Jonathon, returns to use his old home as a hideout with his friend, and plastic surgeon, Dr. Einstein. Even the police become unwitting accomplices in this rollicking comedy by Joseph Kesselring filled with mirthful



Above: The police arrest Mr. Witherspoon on suspicion of murdering Dr. Einstein.

Right: Lovebirds Mortimer Brewster and Elaine Harper gaze adoringly while trumpets sound. photos by K. Vandervort

murder and mayhem.

The 1944 film version of Arsenic and Old Lace, starring Cary Grant, has been recognized by the American Film Institute as one of the 50 funniest scripts of all time.

The cast of Arsenic and Old Lace included Dave O'Donnell, George Spaulding, Karin Schmidt, Sara Skelton, Peter Kess, Andrea Strom, Mary Kay Fortier Spaulding, Lis McCrea, Vince O'Connor, Marcia Homer, Mary Ann Pauling, Jim Beaty, Cindy Dieter and Gil Knight.



CITY OF COOK

Business owners interested in new rehab opportunity

by MELISSA ROACH
Staff Writer

C O O K — T h e r e appears to be interest in the city's new commercial rehabilitation program. At the city council meeting this past Thursday, councilors heard a report on the program, which is being funded in large part by the Community Development Block Grant program and is administered through the Department of Employment and Economic Development and the city of Cook's HRA.

City officials and Reed Erickson of the HRA met with some business owners at an informational meeting last month to discuss the program, and indicated several businesses expressed interest.

Erickson explained

that the businesses would receive one-third of their total project cost as a grant for upgrades, up to \$15,000. Additionally, Theresa Martinson said the city council had approved setting aside \$6,000 in support of the project as an extra incentive for businesses to take advantage of the offer.

In other business, Councilor Liz Storm updated the council concerning progress of the Lake Vermilion Trail. Most notably, several other entities have signed the Joint Powers Agreement for the trail, including the cities of Cook, Tower, the Bois Forte Tribal Council, and townships of Beatty, Greenwood, Kugler, Owens and Vermilion Lake, as well as two unorganized townships. Breitung

Township, however, has declined to join the Joint Powers Agreement.

In other action, the council:

► Heard that the Grizzlies Broadband Community project continues to make strides. WiFi hotspots were installed last month for library patrons to check out, and new laptops have arrived. The committee along with Library Director Crystal Phillips has set up training schedules for the community to learn how to use the equipment and how to navigate the internet, including social media sites and home-based business support such as website page development.

► Reviewed the on-site inspection report for the Cook Municipal Airport. The FAA-associated report provides current information concerning the physical condition of the facility, visual landing aids, and obstructions surrounding the airport. The report identified a number of issues the city will need to address, including some trees that were listed as obstructions to the primary surface of the runway, calling on the city to keep them trimmed to maintain a clear approach.

► Reviewed the Cook Recreational Commission report detailing recommendations to repair the ice rink. The commission noted the rink will need a number of improvements and repairs with rotten boards, weed control, needed paint for the rink surface, as well as repair or replacement of the hockey goals. They also recommended the city advertise for a position for rink maintenance, rink flooding, and snow removal. The report included updates to the construction of the storage building, noting the site preparation and concrete will be done

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HEALTH CARE

Health centers still waiting on funding

Scenic Rivers CEO optimistic that trust fund reauthorization is on track in Congress, despite missed deadline

REGIONAL — A deadline for reauthorization of a key funding stream for community health centers came and went on Capitol Hill this past week, but health care advocates say there's still time to finish the job.

"Congress kind of drove the bus off the cliff," said Mike Holmes, CEO of Cook-based Scenic Rivers Health Services. Holmes is on the executive council for the National Association of Community Health Centers and he has closely tracked progress of the reauthorization measure for months. Holmes was in Washington back in June to testify before the House Energy and Commerce subcommittee on Health. He was there to urge Congress to reauthorize funding for the Community Health Center Trust Fund, which expired Sept.



Mike Holmes

30. Congress created the trust fund in 2010 as part of passage of the Affordable Care Act and it reauthorized the program for two years in 2015.

Since then, the fund has provided about 70 percent of all federal grants to community health centers and about a fifth of their annual revenues. The funding has allowed Scenic Rivers to expand its service locations, including adding medical and dental clinics in Tower. Scenic Rivers is one of 9,500 community

health centers around the country, which serve about 27 million Americans, mostly in low-income communities, or in rural, medically-underserved regions like northern St. Louis, Koochiching, and Itasca counties.

The community center trust fund wasn't the only major health-

care program that expired Sept. 30, when the 2017 federal fiscal year ended. The children's health insurance program, or CHIP, also expired, noted Holmes. "The last ditch effort of trying to repeal the ACA, just kind of sucked all the air out of Congress," he said.

But with an ACA repeal on hold, at least for now, Holmes said he's seeing signs that Congress will start to focus on the rest of its work. He noted that the same committee that he had testified in front of this summer was planning to mark up its bill for a two-year extension at current funding for the community health center trust fund.

While other events could still derail passage, Holmes remains confident that the funding will ultimately be approved, probably by the end of the month. "I think they know they have to pass this legislation," he said, noting that community health centers have enjoyed bipartisan support in the past. Indeed,

Holmes noted that senators were already circulating a letter of support to fellow senators that includes the signatures of 70 senators, with broad support from both parties.

"Certainly from the health center world, there has been a lot of contact with members of Congress, telling them they need to get this done," said Holmes.

While the uncertainty is already creating problems for some community health centers, which have had to postpone new hiring as they try to stretch remaining dollars, Holmes said Scenic Rivers will likely avoid those impacts. Funding from the program goes out on a set timetable that is different for the various centers and he said those centers that normally receive their funding in January are the ones facing the greatest uncertainty right now. "I think they have to get this done in the next six weeks or they really start putting pressure on sites."

Scenic Rivers, by contrast, doesn't receive its allocation until June 1, and Holmes said he remains reasonably confident that the trust fund reauthorization will be approved well before then.

"Whatever they do will still affect us, but we have a little more time," he said.

Despite the importance of the reauthorization, Holmes acknowledged that other things could still get in the way.

"They still have to deal with the hurricane relief, and fund the FAA," he said. "We don't want planes falling out of the sky." And Holmes noted that there are a limited number of days for legislative work. "If you look at the congressional calendar, we have Thanksgiving, Christmas, and a week off in October. There are only so many legislative days to get it done."

Ely hospital converts to electronic records system

New system will also improve patient access to records

by KEITH VANDERVORT
Ely Editor

ELY - Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital (EBCH) will go live next week with their new electronic medical records system, EPIC.

"This is the current system

used by many healthcare facilities statewide including Fairview, Allina and our campus partners, Essentia Health," said Jodi Martin, public relations coordinator for EBCH.

"By making this transition EBCH will be able to offer better quality, safety and patient satisfaction with regard to medical records, allowing them to travel with you as you will no longer need to wait for or carry paper copies," Martin said.

How might this conversion

affect patients? Patients will need to plan some additional time for registration during their first appointment following the Oct. 1 "go live" date. "Even if you have been a patient with EBCH in the past please bring identification and insurance card to your next appointment as we will need to reenter your personal and insurance information upon arrival," she said. "Be assured that following your first visit the process will be more streamlined."

The other significant change that will affect patients is the addition of MyHealth. As part of the EPIC conversion EBCH will offer patients access to their medical records, lab results and appointment information through MyHealth rather than the previously used "Patient Portal."

If you are enrolled in Patient Portal you will still be able to access your information through this system until Dec. 31.

MyHealth users who are already enrolled through another

healthcare facility should be able to merge their accounts so medical records from multiple facilities can be accessed in one convenient location. Medical records for EBCH will be visible for appointments on Oct. 1, and moving forward. If patients need past medical records, they can request them by calling the Health Information Management Office at 218-365-8753.

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Editorial

Las Vegas shooting

Highlights the senselessness of leadership in Washington

Sometimes events conspire to expose the senselessness of much of what passes for leadership in Washington these days. In the wake of Sunday night's mass shooting in Las Vegas, the U.S. House of Representatives was poised to vote on a new gun bill that would have, among other things, legalized sound suppressors, commonly known as silencers, as well as armor-piercing ammunition. That legislation has since been postponed, but it will almost certainly be back before Congress soon enough.

Both of these items have been on the wish list for the National Rifle Association for years, but they have been consistently opposed by law enforcement, who have expressed concern that suppressors would make their jobs more difficult in the event of a mass shooting, since perpetrators could be harder to locate. As for armor-piercing bullets, what more really needs to be said. With mass shootings now so routine that the public barely has time to reflect on them before the next bloodletting, most people could probably be excused for not concluding that America's real problem is a lack of firepower.

The legislation in question, known as the Sportsmen Heritage and Recreational Enhancement Act, sounds reasonable enough on its face and there are some perfectly sensible provisions within it.

And it's worth noting that there are arguments for the use of noise suppressors, and differences of opinion about how well they might work in a mass shooting environment. We recognize that silencers don't work as shown on television. But they do make it more difficult to locate a shooter because the suppressor muffles the sound to some degree and masks the rifle flash.

Shooting sports fans have argued for their use for some time as a means to protect their hearing. Of course, there are other means to do that—means that don't provide new opportunity for mass shooters, or other criminals, to evade detection and capture. Noise suppressors are, at most, a convenience. At worst, they could result in more needless American deaths. When you balance the two it's tough to conclude that legalizing noise

suppressors is sound public policy.

It's much the same with armor-piercing bullets. While there is disagreement about whether the use of silencers could have increased the death toll in Las Vegas, it's not difficult to imagine that Paddock could have taken a number of police with him had he used armor-piercing ammunition. Armor saves the lives of cops all the time. Armor-piercing bullets renders such protection ineffective, which is the main reason they're commonly referred to as "cop killer" bullets. It's no surprise that many law enforcement groups are strongly opposed to loosening restrictions on the use of such ammunition.

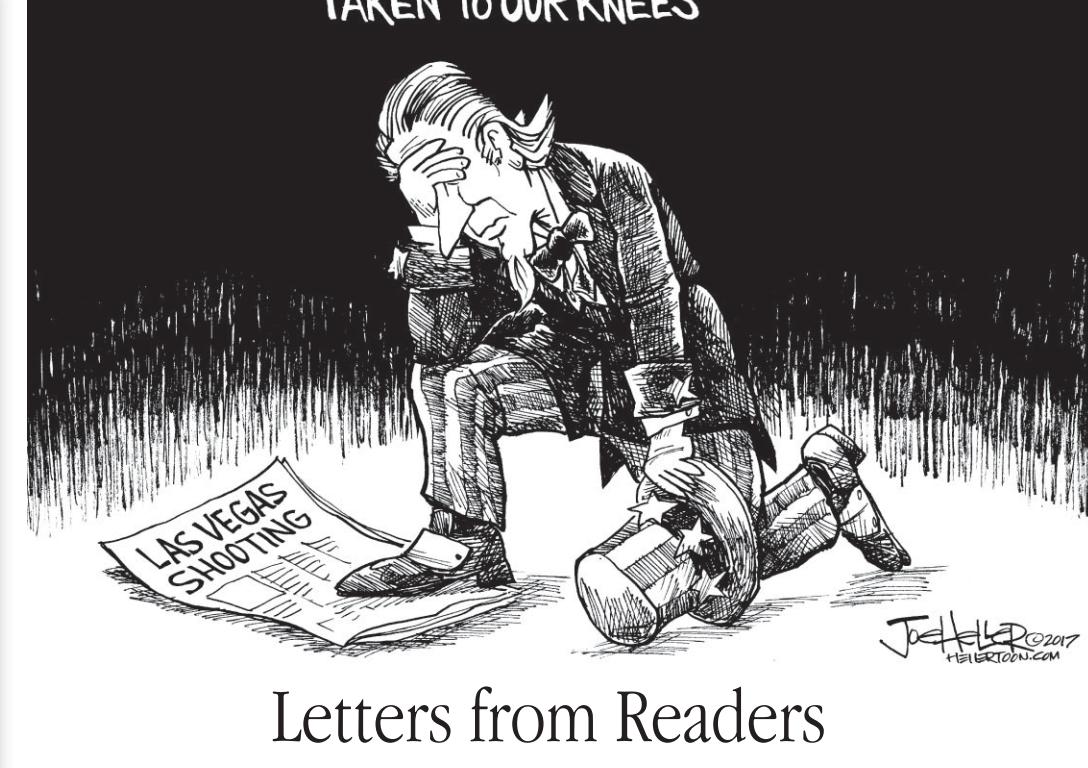
The just-pulled legislation made a mockery of the concerns of law enforcement. It addressed their concerns by requiring the manufacturers of armor-piercing bullets to label their ammunition as "for sporting purposes only." As if the ammunition is intended for flak-jacketed whitetails rather than cops.

All Americans recognize that the latest mass shooting will not spark a renewed push for even modest limitations on Americans' access to their guns. That battle has already been fought and the NRA won. The current line from conservatives is that mass murder is "the price of our freedom," so let's not kid ourselves about the prospects of even minimal restrictions on guns.

The question, however, is whether hunters and sportsmen and sportswomen really want to be connected with legislation that is, by its nature, extreme, and that is, in effect, potentially very dangerous. Do we really want to open whole new avenues of opportunity for the next mass shooting? Or the one after that? Or the one after that?

This legislation was originally slated to come to a vote in June, but the shooting of members of Congress put a hold on the bill. The timing just didn't seem right, apparently. We suspect that the timing will never be right for silencers or cop-killer bullets.

This is legislation that is simply unwise and unneeded and should be removed permanently from the congressional agenda. Let's not give mass shooters in America more tools than they already have.



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Letters from Readers

Problems with Frontier story rings true in Embarrass

The Sept. 29 *Timberjay* article about poor Frontier Communications service rings a bell in our household. We get our internet through Frontier's DSL "Broadband Max" plan, which costs \$44.95/month. During an entire decade or so on "Broadband Max" the speed and reliability of our service has been highly irregular. Both adults in our household have occupations that rely on the internet for a portion of our work. I am a nurse and a child care health consultant and this spring, I had to go to another household with better internet service to reliably access the MN Dept. of Human Services website so that I could work on written policies required to license a new childcare center in Tower. My wife can partially accomplish her work from home, but when the internet is very slow or down, she must drive into town to the office to do so. Such poor internet services waste time and gasoline, put extra wear and tear on cars, and keep rural areas from attracting and keeping residents.

In early September 2017, I called Frontier's customer service after several days of "Broadband Max" service so

slow that we often could not send or receive simple emails. Though their southern accents are sometimes difficult to understand, the Frontier staff are always polite over the phone.

But contacting Frontier can result in very long and frustrating phone calls, all of which end in the same way: a "ticket" is finally sent out to a local repair person who comes to the house a few days later. On about Sept. 6, 2017, I talked on the phone with a nice Frontier employee who kept putting me on hold to, "...check the lines" or "...talk with her supervisor". She also had me adjust many Frontier settings through my computer screen. This one phone call lasted two hours and 32 minutes!

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Our opposition is specifically based on the following:

The chemistry of sulfide mining is very different from taconite mining. The resulting acid drainage, with accompanying leached heavy metals, poses a huge longterm threat.

The chemistry of this mining is fundamental to the process and cannot be changed. The BWCA is not an area to try this doomed experiment. There are already

advisories to limit the amount of fish consumed due to heavy metals. The beautiful rock features offer very little buffering capacity for acid discharges. The BWCA cannot handle the mining process.

Mining companies have tried to be reassuring. However, long-term holding ponds and dams are not an answer. The recent examples of floods, hurricanes, earthquakes, etc. all bring to mind the power of Mother Nature. Current plans call for holding ponds and dams which will need to be in place and maintained for many centuries. All it would take is a tornado or other natural disaster to release the holding waters and their toxicity. Adding in other possible causes of release (i.e. human error, dam failure, etc.), it is not a question of if a release will occur, but when.

The company proposing to mine this area is a multi-national conglomerate. Like most companies, it is interested in only one thing—making money. Our local interests are not at the heart of this company's interest. While our capitalistic economic model usually works well, there are too few assurances and longterm resources to protect our national wonder.

Our national parks and wilderness areas belong to all of us and are rightfully managed for the benefit of all U.S. citizens both current and future. While we can understand the need for jobs, the environmental costs and risks are too high to generate a few hundred jobs for a limited amount of time.

The BWCA is a one-of-a-kind gem that is irreplaceable. Our family has been going to the BWCA for the past 30-plus years and we own a cabin on Eagles Nest 3.

Please do all you can to encourage the protection of the BWCA from sulfide mining. The beauty and use of the area must be protected for all generations to come. Any limited short economic gains will surely be off-set by the longterm negative consequences to area residents and all its visitors.

Stephen and Sheryl Casey
Ely, Minn.

BWCA too precious to risk for a mine

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My rollicking adventures with online dating

Finding a partner, husband, wife, lover, companion is sometimes an arduous task. Oddly, like many things it seems, the harder you try the more difficult it gets, until you throw your arms up in drama and despair, while swearing to the universe and god almighty that you will be single for the remainder of your days! Nowadays plenty of soulmate seekers have taken to the internet to find a partner. It's become acceptable. Before the internet, you'd often be the object of scoffing and



SCARLET LYNN STONE

joking about newspaper dating services and advertising for a love partner, that is, if you were brave enough to admit it. I met my loves and husbands the old-fashioned way for the most part, at the bar! "Cut me some slack." I met the first husband through a mutual friend and bars were not a part of my scene back then.

An exceptionally colorful female friend of mine

was quite busy using newspaper dating services one spring back in the 90s. This

was the era of response by mail, not internet. I remember a bunch of us "tuned-up" women sitting around a hot tub on opening fishing weekend reading the assortment of replies she'd gotten back from men and scrutinizing their photos. If they'd known a crew of crusty fisherwomen would be peering critically at their pics through half-focused eyes, reading their letters, making snarky comments all the while.....they'd have sworn themselves to solitude beforehand, I am sure.

It was about three years later when I found myself setting up an account in the *Duluth News Tribune* online dating service. Yes, I did.... (but don't tell anyone). I think it took those three years to decide

it was really okay to go about dating in this manner, despite some friends telling me I'd end up "prime cuts" in a rusty freezer in some serial killer's mobile home.

I was ready to just try this! I'd been living in the same small mining town with the same old faces and I just couldn't see any possibilities for romance. It's like opening the refrigerator and seeing a chunk of SPAM when you want a pork chop. Now I was running the meat market!

So when I set up my newspaper dating account I described myself as a "Jill of All Trades..." I thought it a clever

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Letters from Readers

Ely is dependent on mining, not tourism

We write in response to remarks made by Ely Mayor Chuck Novak in introducing Governor Mark Dayton at the Water Quality Town Hall event held at the Grand Ely Lodge in Ely. In introducing Governor Dayton, Mayor Novak surprised people on both sides of the mining vs. no mining debate when he told the audience, as quoted in local news reports, "the economy of the city of Ely is currently a tourism-based economy." Mayor Novak's quote is not supported by the facts. We offer the following facts in rebuttal.

The mining industry in Northeastern Minnesota has sustained our region's economy for 130 years. Ely's economy has always been dependent upon the mining industry, whether or not iron mining operations were conducted within Ely or in the region.

In 2013 the University of Minnesota/Duluth Labovitz School of Business was tasked to conduct a study regarding the economic impact of ferrous and non-ferrous mining on the state of Minnesota and the Arrowhead region. Specifically, UMD was asked to report on the direct, indirect and induced economic impact of construction and operations activities of ferrous and non-ferrous mining in Northeastern Minnesota, measured in employment, output and value added.

UMD's study was published in December 2013. In calculating the contribution of the various industry sectors to our Gross Regional Product (GRP), they

found that the mining industry accounts for 30 percent of GRP, tourism 11 percent and forestry 10 percent. All other economic activity accounted for 49 percent.

Another study, published in March 2017, demonstrates the importance of mining and its contribution to the Ely/Babbitt economy. It found that the mining industry injects about \$420 million in earnings per year into the Duluth-Arrowhead Economic Region per year, an average of about \$81,000 per worker. Earnings in the larger tourism industry total about \$116 million per year, or \$18,000 per worker. About 59 percent of workers in the mining industry work in occupations with a median pay of at least \$25 per hour. Just seven percent of tourism industry jobs offer a median wage of at least \$25 per hour. (See Forging the Economic Future of The Duluth-Arrowhead Region, A report for Mining Minnesota, March 2017).

Our research illustrates the contributions made by miners to our local economy, by both those still working and those who are retired. At least 215 miners employed in the mining industry currently live in the Ely/Babbitt/Embarrass area. The annual earnings of a miner today are about \$81,000. That number does not include life insurance, medical, dental and child care benefits received by the employee nor does it include monies paid monthly into his/her retirement account. The contributions made to our local economy by the 215 persons employed by the mining industry who live in the Ely/Babbitt/Embarrass area is estimated to be \$17.4 million dollars.

Our research also identified at least 400 retired miners (or their widows in the case of deceased miners) who live in the Ely/Babbitt/Embarrass area. Retirement benefits offered by the mining companies are quite generous. All of the mining companies currently offer retirement benefits of about \$100 per month for each year worked. The average number of years worked is about 25 years. Using a conservative number of \$55 per year worked, the retirement benefits currently paid each retiree are at least \$1,375 per month, or \$16,500 per year. The contribution to our local economy made by the mining industry in the way of retirement benefits paid to about 400 retirees is, therefore, about \$6.6 million.

Social Security benefits received by each retiree adds an additional \$1,875 to \$2,500 per month depending upon the age of the miner at retirement. Using a conservative number, \$2,000 per month, adds another \$24,000 per year to each retiree's income, increasing his/her gross annual retirement benefits (\$16,500 + \$24,000) to about \$40,500. Thus, the 400 retired miners living in the Ely/Babbitt/Embarrass area contribute an additional \$16.2 million to our local economy.

The total dollar contribution made to our local economy by persons employed by the mining industry, including both those currently employed and retired, is more than \$33.6 million dollars per year.

While tourism is an important contributor to our local economy, the economy of the city of Ely is not currently nor has it ever been "a tourism-based economy". The contribution to

our local economy by tourism pales in significance when compared to the millions of dollars annually injected into our local economy by the mining industry.

Gerald M. Tyler
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Ely, Minn.
David Johnson
Ely, Minn.
Bob Berrini
Morse Twp., Minn.
Bill Erzar
Morse Twp., Minn.

Thanks to folks in Greenwood for generous giving

I would like to thank the residents of Greenwood Township for the generous contributions to the DAV collection box located at the town hall. The clothing, shoes and other items collected help the #23 Kolstad Chapter of the MN DAV aid local Veterans when they find themselves in need of help. The contents of the boxes are sold and the proceeds go directly to the Chapter who then use the money to aid those Veterans. A win-win for all of us, as it saves you a trip to town and helps our area Vets as well.

I would ask though that all donated clothing be placed in tied plastic bags. It makes it far more easy to remove the contents. Also, as the containers are not watertight there have been occasions when the loose clothing has become wet and creates a problem within the container, especially if there are donated books, and yes, books are accepted.

Small household items are acceptable if they are in good

condition, something you might consider buying yourself is a good test. Ceramic and glass items unless wrapped well are often broken, please keep that in mind.

Again, thank you for your donations, it's much appreciated, and if you have questions my phone number is on the collection box.

Rick Stoehr
Greenwood Twp., Minn.

Greenwood isn't Cook's cash cow

Rumor is that the Cook-Orr Healthcare District is going to force Greenwood Township into their hospital district.

Why? It is all about the money and their hospital needs funds. Greenwood is worth some money. Let's tax them.

Our taxes are high now. This burden will be forever, not just a few years.

Now I don't use that hospital or clinic. I don't plan on it. I use Essentia. I pay for what I use, not through my real estate taxes. If Essentia is in financial distress, they don't grab my tax dollars.

I enjoy several businesses in Cook—the Montana Café, Subway, Zup's, the Cook License Bureau, and of course the Thrift Store. If this hostile takeover happens, I will be done going there.

I have about had it with others seeing our township as their "cash cow."

Attend our next board meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 6:30 p.m. Rep. Rob Ecklund will be there for questions and answers.

Mary Richard
Greenwood Twp

DATING...Continued from page 4

and honest representation of myself. No addresses or traceable information would be given out to persons interested in my ad. Responses came to an account that only I had access to. I could give out my telephone number when I was darned ready and extremely convinced it was safe to do so.

I recall visiting by phone with the first romance interest. After pleasantries and conversation, I gave him my number and it was decided we'd meet at Perkin's Restaurant in Duluth two days later. Give me some credit...I did wait the two days. On the drive to Perkins that day I remember thinking it'd be awkward sitting and chewing in front of a stranger. I questioned why first dates are often set up with eating involved?

Would he be watching my mouth, seeing if I licked my lips? I was sure I'd have an anxiety attack and break out in the sweats...trying to inconspicuously flip the rivulets of warm sodium off my brow before they plopped into my taco salad. Maybe a salad wasn't the way to go, I thought...SO much chewing and green rem-

nants too easily attaching to my teeth. Bad, bad visuals. I got myself so worked up..."What if he's creepy, has horrid teeth, oh I'm such a loser, why did I do this? I'm turning around and heading back home immediately."

I got out of my car and walked to the restaurant entrance...confidently pulling open the glass door and inconspicuously moving to the area behind the pie counter. There were two men waiting ahead of me. The one directly in front of me was rugged and handsome...definitely not SPAM or a pork chop. He was more like Sir Loin. "Could I be so lucky?" I thought. My eyes then drifted to the short, stout man standing next to him, eyes traveling down and then up, literally sliding off the top of the dark hair that was obviously saturated with Brylcreem... "a little dab will do ya!" So why smear a pint on your head? It quickly became more concerning as I noted he wore a black satin baseball jacket with light blue polyester pants. The ones that used to have that one-quarter inch topstitching in contrasting thread at the seams. Under the bells of the pant bottoms were

nerdy white socks and spiffy shiny black loafers. "LORD, let it not be him!" My eyes grew larger as my appetite dwindled and then he turned and looked at me.

I diverted my glance to a nearby newspaper rack, probably the *Duluth News Tribune*, the paper that had lured me to this moment of delusion. Now I would surely be punished for dabbling in the darkened depths of "ONLINE DATING...where you'll end up dead, quartered in a rusty freezer."

The King-of-Bryl then spoke, "Are you waiting for someone, too, by chance?"

"Who, me? No I'm not," I should have replied and bought a pie, then bolted. I took the damn high road. I felt obligated to suffer through this ordeal, so we sat in a booth with nothing to look at but each other. I got the sweats, he saw me chew, we had some things in common but it wasn't enough. He was not SPAM but not Sir Loin either. We thanked each other and he said he might call again but didn't (aw shucks....snark, snark). I knew after this I would have to take more time in my screening process. I'd

spent money driving to Duluth and bought a new jacket, too. Investments in adventure.

The second candidate was a fellow who lived somewhere in the area south of Superior. "Here we go," said my friends..."he's the one with the rusty freezer in a mobile home." "Ladies, relax." We corresponded a bit, he had a motorcycle and liked basketball. I don't care about motorcycles or basketball, but I gave him my number. Disturbed woman. He called one Sunday evening and the aggravation is still in my memory. It's always such an intrusion to be disturbed during Masterpiece Theater, but I took the call. I was attempting to focus on the conversation, but the quivering-dry raspy sound of his insecure voice, coupled with the trembling paper of his scripted conversation...ruled out the slightest possibility of a date.

This doesn't get better.

The last candidate in this particular series also got me to give him a telephone number. He was a resident of northern Wisconsin and said his home overlooked the Apostle Islands. I thought, "That sounds really beautiful, perhaps he owns an orchard or something near Bayfield." As we visited, he disclosed he was living on an old mink farm and had no plumbing, but had hopes of upgrading when he could afford it. He was a Star Wars fan too and sent me a nice card by mail. I eased it from the envelope, appreciating the effort of his correspondence. The green flesh, hairy ears and bulbous eyes of the character Yoda was the cover graphic. On the front of the card were four large words, YODA ONE FOR ME! I lightly gasped, thinking it a clever text, then pictured myself living on a smelly mink farm with a guy that resembled Yoda, while sitting in the outhouse

overlooking the Apostle Islands. I set the card down and decided it was time to stop the pursuit of newspaper and online romance for a bit. I further instructed myself...the best pursuit is to be friends and if something else happens after that...so be it.

I've not ever been one to wait or, as I say, "to sit on the bench." Some would argue that it is good to be alone. I agree that it can be, but I've never been very good at doing it and can't shame myself for trying to live a happy life. Efforts at online dating didn't prove to be a success for me but I'm extremely glad I didn't end up in a rusty freezer, or mending blue polyester slacks with quarter-inch topstitching, or in an outhouse on a mink farm gazing out upon the Apostle Islands.

Scarlet Lynn Stone can be reached at: timberjay@frontiernet.net

COUNCIL...Continued from page 2

by the end of September with construction of the building this winter.

► Heard that the Library Board is "pleased with the results" of the library's expanded hours for Tuesday and Friday. Additionally, Director Crystal Phillips now has office hours on Tuesday mornings, allowing for more time to pursue grants, work on the library website, and prepare trainings. The Library Assistant also has added hours to accommodate the library's needs.

► Learned that the Northwoods Friends of the Arts will hold the Peace Pole planting in front of City Hall on Oct. 15 at noon. The group is inviting the community to celebrate the installment of the pole as well as offer words of global peace and prayer.

► Approved shifting a position at the city-owned Last Chance Liquors from part-time to full-time.

► Approved a pay recommendation by the Ambulance Dept. for emergency responders with

under a year of service. The responders will receive \$25 per run to Cook, \$30 to Virginia, \$40 to Hibbing, \$50 to Duluth, and \$125 for over 100 miles.

► Heard that the city has received a couple of complaints regarding chickens. The current ordinance allows for chickens but no roosters. Administrator Martinson indicated that if they continued to receive complaints they might need to review the city's ordinance.

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Tower-Soudan Area Singers needed for holiday concert in December; rehearsals start on Monday

TOWER- Persons who enjoy singing, especially with others, can find an outlet for that enjoyment soon. The Tower-Soudan Area Singers, under the direction of Rolf Anderson, begin rehearsals for a Christmas/Holiday performance. Rehearsals will begin on Monday, Oct. 9 at 6 p.m. at St. James Presbyterian Church, in downtown Tower.

You don't need professional singing skills to join, just a desire to sing with others and share that enjoyment. A special feature piece this year is the fabled poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas," sung with chorus, soloists, and piano accompaniment. The remainder of the concert will feature all kinds of delightful holiday music, sung and played by many combinations of voices and instruments. The performance is scheduled for Sunday, Dec. 17 at 2 p.m. at the Tower-Soudan School gymnasium with refreshments following.

Christian Education set to begin at Immanuel

TOWER- Sunday School will begin on Oct. 8 at 9 a.m. for children age 3 up to sixth grade. Class will be from 9-9:45 a.m. Worship begins at 10 a.m.

Bibles will be presented to children age 3 and those in third grade on Oct. 8 during worship.

Students in grades 7-9 who are interested in confirmation classes, please contact Pastor Liz at 218-780-8907. We will be holding classes in conjunction with Trinity in Cook this school year. Pastor Liz has the class schedule and information and will be teaching one of the classes, so please contact her for more information.

All are welcome to attend. If you have any questions, feel free to call Pastor Liz or the church office at 218-753-2378.

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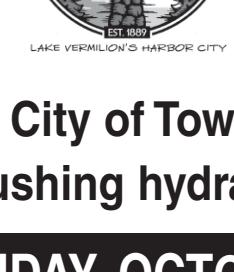
NWFA Gallery is located between Gustafson Motors and Dream Weaver Spa and Salon at 210 S River St. NWFA, inspiring, nurturing and celebrating the arts, may be contacted at the website www.nwfamn.org or by email at nwfamn.org@gmail.com.

Drivers Training Classes at VCS starts on Monday, Oct. 9

TOWER- Range Drivers Training will be offering classes in Tower at the Vermilion Country School starting on Monday, Oct. 9. Classes will be held Oct. 9, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 23, 24, 25, and 26. Class times are 4 - 7 p.m. except on Wednesdays, 2:30 - 5:30 p.m.

Students must be at least 14-1/2 years-old to take the class. After the classroom sessions are completed, students can test for their driver's permit. Additional on-the-road training classes are also required before taking the final license tests.

For more information, contact Mandy Northrup at 218-753-1246, ext. 2, or mnorthrup@vermillion-country.org, or call Range Drivers Training at 218-749-8926.



The City of Tower will be flushing hydrants on MONDAY, OCTOBER 9 starting at 1 PM

The flushing will last approximately 4 hours. Residents can expect discolored water and irregular water pressure.

GREENWOOD

Rep. Ecklund to be at Greenwood meeting Tuesday

Residents invited to come and ask questions; hospital district an issue

by JODI SUMMIT

Tower-Soudan Editor

GREENWOOD TWP- Greenwood residents are hoping to get some answers from Rep. Rob Ecklund, who will be attending the town board's regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 10. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m., and a town hall type discussion with Ecklund will be the first item on the agenda, after the regular report from the treasurer and claims approval.

Township residents are invited to the meeting to bring up any concerns they may have with their state legislator, but Greenwood Chair John Bassing is expecting most of the discussion to center around the apparent efforts of the Cook-Orr Healthcare District to legislatively annex Greenwood, and several other area townships.

"I plan to go over a little of the history," said Bassing, "and then ask why these other townships had the right to vote to join the district, but that now attempts are being made to take away that right from other townships that were never part of the law that established the district back in 1988."

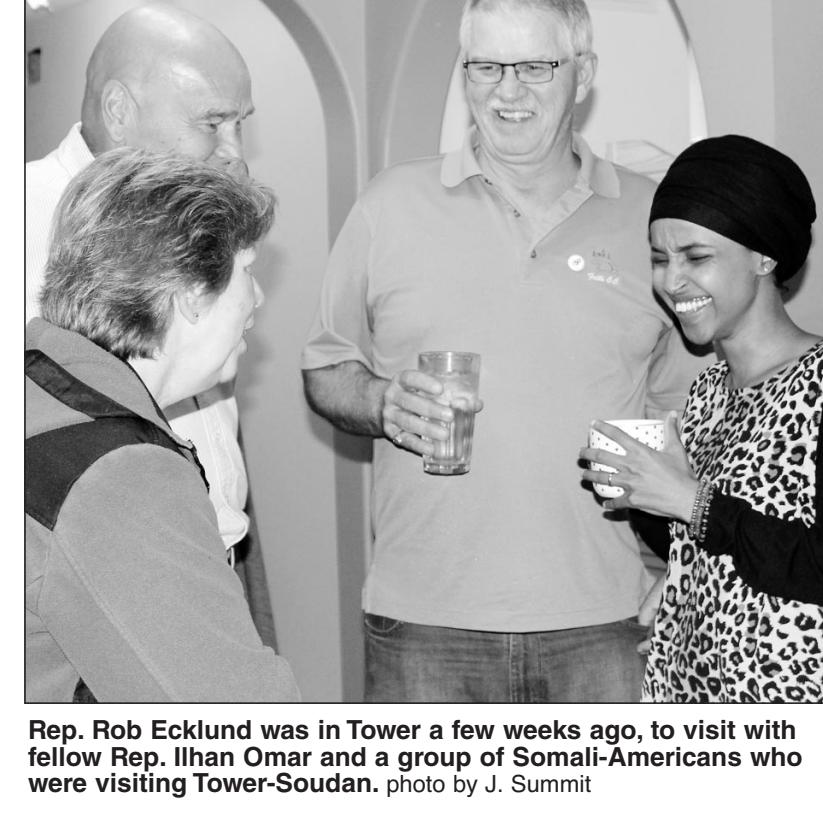
Bassing said he has yet to discuss this issue with Ecklund, so hopes residents can help him to understand the issue, and how it would affect Greenwood residents.

Kabetogama Township has been working with Ecklund to try to find a way to remove itself from the district. Kabetogama was an unorganized township when the district was formed, and when they became an official township, they automatically became part of the district, without a chance to vote.

"Their taxpayers contribute around \$100,000 a year to the district," Bassing noted, "but most of their residents use the hospital in International Falls."

The way the district is set up does not allow a unilateral withdrawal, and all the other members would have to approve letting Kabetogama go.

Greenwood Township residents have been asked on multiple occasions if they would be interested in



Rep. Rob Ecklund was in Tower a few weeks ago, to visit with fellow Rep. Ilhan Omar and a group of Somali-Americans who were visiting Tower-Soudan. photo by J. Summit

joining the district. But the tax implications of such a move would hit township residents hard, with an estimated \$100 levy for every \$100,000 in property valuation.

"Greenwood's market value, at \$470,000,000, is larger than any other city or township in St. Louis County except for Duluth, Hermantown, and Hibbing," noted Bassing. "At that value, the taxpayers of Greenwood would be taxed approximately \$470,000 a year just for the healthcare district. That number far exceeds the current township budget."

While Greenwood Township officials and residents have repeatedly noted they have not had issues with the quality of service offered by the Cook Hospital, they have been adamant in their view that township residents should not be forced into the taxing district for a hospital that is not their primary and/or local provider without a local vote.

The Cook-Orr Healthcare District board has said they want to annex Alango, Morcom, Sturgeon, Vermilion Lake, and Greenwood

townships, and have contacted their local legislators to see if special legislation could be passed to make this happen. This annexation would almost double the market value of the taxing district, with the vast majority of the new value coming just from Greenwood.

Current state law does not allow annexation without township approval. The current process calls for a resolution to be made by the township, and then gives voters the right to petition for a referendum on the issue. The Greenwood Comprehensive Plan survey asked residents about the issue of joining the district, and residents resoundingly voted against, by a 481-84 margin.

Greenwood, along with Vermilion Lake Township, is part of the Tower Area Ambulance Service. Area residents receive health care at many clinics and hospitals, including Tower, Ely, Virginia, Hibbing, and Cook.

VOLUNTEERS

Embarrass Vermillion FCU participating in statewide day of kindness on Monday

REGIONAL- On Columbus Day, Monday, Oct. 9, Embarrass Vermillion Federal Credit Union will join 37 other Minnesota credit unions and partners dedicating a total of 12,224 volunteer hours in 80 Minnesota communities with an estimated impact on more than 33,574 people.

The Embarrass Vermillion FCU Team will spend the day doing random acts of kindness in the communities we serve.

Credit Unions have long been known for "People Helping People". Last year, staff from EVFCU pumped gas for a lady and she tracked us down with tears in her eyes. She was filling the van for her dad do he could begin his chemotherapy treatments. We purchased breakfast for a group of dedicated bus drivers. We visited five assisted living/senior care centers bringing flowers and visiting.

CU Forward day is coordinated by the Minnesota Credit Union

Network, the state trade association for Minnesota's credit unions.

"As not for profit financial institutions, Minnesota's credit unions work every day to improve their members financial lives," said Minnesota Credit Union Network President & CEO Mark Cummins. "The collaborative effort on CU Forward Day is a perfect example of credit unions fulfilling their 'people helping people' philosophy."

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www.ScenicRiversHealth.org



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Northwoods Transfer Station
9384 Hwy 21 N., Ely/Babbitt
Winter Hours
Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am-3pm
Tue: 9:30am-3pm
Wed: 11am-5pm

County 77 Canister Site
2038 County Rd. 77, Greenwood Twp
Winter Hours
Thurs, Sun: noon-5pm

Embarrass Canister Site
7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass
Hours
Sat: 12:30-4:30pm
Thu: 10am-5pm

Household Hazardous Waste Facility
5345 Regional Landfill Rd., Virginia
Hours
Tues and Sat: 8am-1pm

Cook Transfer Station

2134 S. Beatty Rd., Cook
Hours
Mon: 10am-6pm
Tues thru Sat: 9am-3:30pm

Soudan Canister Site
5160 Hwy 169, Soudan
Hours
Mon, Wed, Sat, Sun
8am-5pm

Aurora Transfer Station
5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora
Hours
Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am-4pm
Tue, Wed: 10am-4pm
Sat: 8am-noon

Regional Landfill
5341 Regional Landfill Rd., Virginia
Hours
Mon-Fri: 8am-4:30pm
Sat: 8am-3:30pm

Winter hours effective October 1st through April 14th

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Office hours 8-4:30 Monday through Friday

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Cook Public Library celebrates quilts and quilters in October

COOK- All month long the Cook Public Library will be filled with the work of local quilters. Every time you check out a quilt-themed book during October, you will be entered to win one of several prizes. Books and prizes are available for all ages. A magazine exchange will be at the library for those who wish to bring and/or take quilt magazines. To wrap up the month's festivities the library will host a Quilt-Lovers Tea on Thursday, Oct. 26 from 4-6 p.m.

Angora Township Festival to be held Saturday, Oct. 7

ANGORA- All are invited to the Annual Angora Township Festival held on Saturday, Oct. 7 from noon to 3 p.m. This will be an opportunity for neighbors and friends of all ages to enjoy time together. We will have burgers, brats, beverages, and sweets for everyone. The township board hopes to see you there!

Cook Public Library offers computer and Internet classes

COOK- The Cook Public Library will offer computer and Internet classes starting in October. Classes will be held at the library on the first and third Tuesday of the month, October – April. A morning and evening session will be offered on the same topic. No registration or fee necessary for participants. Space may be limited. Everyone welcome. Funding for these classes is provided through the Blandin Broadband Grant. This grant was awarded to the Grizzlies community to support projects and raise awareness about Internet resources and services.

For more information, call the library at 218-666-2210 or visit the library website at www.cookpubliclibrary.org.

Tuesday, Oct. 17

Morning class: 11 a.m., evening class: 5 p.m.

Bring Your Own Device: Do you have questions about your laptop? Are you wondering how to download apps to your smart phone, e-reader, or tablet? Bring your questions and your device to the library.

A Matter of Balance class beginning Oct. 25 in Cook

COOK- Stay active, maintain your independence, and manage concerns about falls. Have you turned down socializing and cut down on favorite activities due to falling concerns? A Matter of Balance is an award-winning program designed for older adults to learn to manage falls, increase confidence, and improve activity levels. The fear of falling is as dangerous as falling itself as people limit activities, resulting in physical weakness, making the risk of falling even greater.

Two trained coaches guide participants through learning and activities that emphasize strategies to reduce fear of falling and exercises to increase strength and balance. Find joy and activate your lifestyle. Participants will learn to view falls as controllable, set goals to increase activity, make simple home changes to reduce fall risks, and exercise to increase strength and balance.

The workshop consists of eight two-hour sessions on Wednesdays starting Oct. 25 from 3-5 p.m. in the lower level of the Pioneer Building at 131 5th St., Cook. The class is recommended for age 60 or older adults. No cost is associated with this workshop. Matter of Balance was developed by the Maine Partnership for Healthy Aging and Boston University. Register today; space is limited. Contact Pam Rengo RN, at 218-361-3138 or PRengo@scenicrivershealth.org.

Bookmobile schedule

Visit your library on wheels, the Arrowhead Library System Bookmobile. Local stops and times include:

Thursday, Oct. 26; Nov. 16; Dec. 7, 28

Nett Lake – Community Center 9:30-10:15

Orr – City Hall/Tourism Center 11:00-11:45

Buyck – Vermilion River Tavern 1:15-1:45

Crane Lake – Ranger Station 2:00-2:30

Kabetogama – "Town" Hall 3:45-4:15

For further information on the Bookmobile or Mail-A-Book services, write or call the Arrowhead Library System, 5528 Emerald Ave., Mt. Iron, MN 55768 218-741-3840, or check our website at www.alslib.info.



NORTHWOODS FRIENDS OF THE ARTS

NWFA invites you to a Peace Pole celebration on Oct. 15

COOK- The Cook community will be linking with Peace Poles planted on all continents of the world proclaiming the prayer, "May Peace Prevail on Earth". The celebration will take place Sunday, Oct. 15 at noon in front of Cook City Hall.

Bring your singing voices and a message of peace in our community and across the globe. At the ceremony, a pop up choir will sing "Let There Be Peace On Earth". Everyone is welcome to enjoy the ceremony. Warm cider, coffee and cookies will be provided.

See the pole now at NWFA Gallery and enjoy the members' show, "October Festival of the Arts." Until completion the pole is located at NWFA Gallery next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon at 210 S River St. in Cook. Artists are applying paint and sealer to the pole. The prayer, "May Peace Prevail on Earth", will be attached to the pole. The four languages chosen are English, Finnish, Ojibwe, and the ancient language Sanskrit. The actual installation of the pole will take place before the Oct. 15 ceremony.

The Cook Peace Pole is the third phase of the NWFA's Summer Art Program entitled "Peace Begins With Me!" The Lions Peace Poster Contest, entitled "The Future of Peace", is going on right now and is the second phase. NWFA was organized in 2010 to encourage artists and the arts in the region of Cook. See our website at nwfamn.org. Contact NWFA by email at nwfamn.org@gmail.com.

LIONS CLUB

"The Future of Peace" Poster Contest for ages 11 to 14

COOK- Student artists between the ages of 11 and 14, have less than one month to enter the Lions Club Peace Poster contest, which is an international contest. The Peace Poster Contest is managed by Northwoods Friends of the Arts with the Cook Lions Club. Student artists with birthdates between Nov. 16, 2003 and Nov. 15, 2006, are eligible. "The Future of Peace" is the theme for the poster that must be art without words. Contact Shawna Kishel for rules and registration immediately at 218-780-6510.

Peace was the theme for NWFA's Summer Art Program this year, entitled "Peace Begins With Me!" Many may be inspired to create on the subject of peace as a way of coping with our world today. Art encourages a healing element to most artists and NWFA invites young artists to participate.

The third part of NWFA's "Peace Begins With Me" project is the installation of the Peace Pole at Cook City Hall on Sunday, Oct. 15 at noon.

Northwoods Friends of the Arts and gallery is located in Cook at 210 S River St. NWFA, inspiring, nur-



Zoe Tripp was a peace poster winner back in 2014. file photo

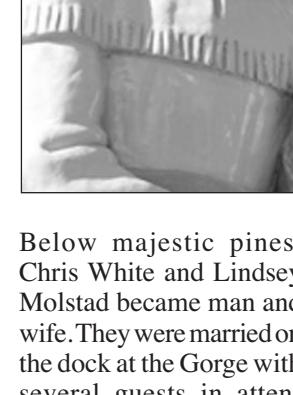
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CRANE LAKE

Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames

CRANE LAKE-



Below majestic pines, Chris White and Lindsey Molstad became man and wife. They were married on the dock at the Gorge with several guests in attendance. Many guests walked the trail while others chose to travel by boat. The day began with hearty trail walkers experiencing the Harriman Trail and Dover Lake. A Bloody Mary Bar was served at Nelson's Lodge for the thirsty travelers. The perfect weather showcased

the wedding ceremony in the afternoon, followed with a refreshing drink at Voyagaire Lodge, then a reception at Nelson's Lodge which lasted into the evening. Many of the guests were from Duluth and had never experienced Crane Lake. They were overwhelmed by the beauty of the area. It was apparent the "Gods" smiled on the couple as there was rain before and after the wedding day, with their day having perfect weather. As the guests left the wedding area an eagle soared over them, which is meant to be a very special blessing. A good time was had by all, as is Crane Lake tradition. Many happy years together to Chris and Lindsey!

Resorts closing this week are Nelson's and Voyagaire. Those remaining open have restricted days, so call before you go.

Fishing guides report that

crappies and walleye are

biting on Crane Lake. Fall

fishing can be as much fun as summer fishing. Keep your boats in the water for a while yet and you could be one of the lucky anglers.

The bucks have lost their velvet antlers, and there are lots of deer feeding in the ditches. Drive with care; this is the time of year when lots of deer/car meetings take place, with both participants suffering consequences. Hunters are already anticipating the hunting season since the deer are plentiful. Rumor has it that a nice eight-point buck was at the fire hall, taunting the Andersons across the road.

The last Saturday of September was the former date of the DU Banquets. Those who have attended remember what a good time that was. Banquets were always well attended, supported a good cause, and the locals enjoyed the end-of-the-season sociability.

Wouldn't it be fun to do it again?

Fall colors are showing up around the lakeshore, showing the beautiful contrasts during this time of year. Mother Nature surely paints a pleasing picture for us. Temperatures remain somewhat moderate, though there are hints of what is to come.

One more reminder about flu shots: now is the time to be thinking about getting one. Flu season will be here before we know it. It is not necessary to see your doctor to get a flu shot. Many of the local pharmacies provide them, and many insurance companies pay for them. Add "flu shot" to your next "town day" list!

Send news by email to info@thelakecountry.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 next time, the Teapot Dames are singing off.

ORR CENTER

Annual Pumpkin Contest and Festival set for Saturday, Oct. 7 at Orr Center

Full day of events added to Orr Lions annual pumpkin contest

ORR- Don't miss out on the Orr Lions Club Seventh Annual Pumpkin Contest and the First Annual Pumpkin Fest on Saturday, Oct. 7 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Orr Center (Old Orr High School), 10690 Hwy 23. Visit vendor booths, and enjoy kids art projects and games. The Orr Center will have lunch available from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Experience chainsaw carving with LeAnn Oman. A photo booth (with photographer) will be available for those fall family pictures. There will be canned and

baked goods, mittens, doll clothes, Young Living Oils, natural skin care, homemade soaps, wood signs, local garden produce, Perfectly Posh, Usborne Books, Scentsy, Norwex, beautiful photography by Carol Bowman and much more!

The Pumpkin Weigh-In will be at noon and the Pumpkin Cook-Off will be from 1 – 3 p.m. with a main dish or bread/dessert category. Come and show off your cooking skills and cook up something with pumpkin as an ingredient. Three winners will be

chosen, People's Choice, Most Original, and Judges' Choice. Contestants are to bring two dishes of your recipe, one to sample for the contest and one to sell. The pan to sell should be about eight inches square or equivalent. All money raised will be donated to the Orr Center heating fund. Please have your entry in by 12:30 p.m. This is a free event that is open to the public. We hope you can join us.

LOCAL ARTISTS

"October Festival of the Arts" now underway

COOK- Enjoy an autumn drive to Cook to your neighborhood gallery, Northwoods Friends of the Arts, where "The October Festival of the Arts" has filled the gallery to capacity with members' personal creations of art and craft in celebration of the season. Gallery hours are Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. NWFA Gallery is located next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon at 210 S River St. in Cook. Opening reception is Friday, Oct. 6 from 5 to 7 p.m. "October Festival of the Arts" will be on exhibit until Saturday, Oct. 28.

NWFA is a non-profit organization to encourage the creation, display, performance and appreciation of the arts while providing art education opportunities for all ages. See our website at nwfamn.org.



PUBLIC SAFETY

Dealing with domestic violence, dating violence

REGIONAL- Most people have their first relationships while in high school or college. It's new, exciting, thrilling, perfectly normal, and sometimes sexual. Unfortunately, this can also be one of the most dangerous times in a woman's life. Women ages 16 through 24 experience the highest rate of intimate partner violence. In fact, nearly 1.5 million high school students experience physical abuse from a dating partner each year and more than half of the women who are raped are under the age of 18.

Dating violence is domestic violence. But since this is often their first love or serious relationship, many young people may not know the red flags, or identify problematic behaviors. It is time to end the silence on this. Dating violence is domestic violence. It is the use of power and control over one individual by someone who is supposed to care about her or him. Dating violence

is not just physical abuse, but can also be emotional and psychological and include behaviors such as stalking, isolation from other friends and family, and being possessive. At our local level I know people who have experienced dating violence and the odds are that you or someone you know has, too.

What can we do? We speak up when someone jokes about a drunk girl being 'easy.' We offer support to a friend who is being abused. It is essential to raise awareness among young people so everyone can recognize dating violence and have the resources to help one another. Educating young men and women to respond is a key element to ending dating violence. Expect the best behavior and respectfulness from a dating partner, and call them on it if you don't receive respect.

Be there for your friend, listen to her or him, and have the courage

to point out behaviors that are troubling or have red flags. Don't judge or blame, which may just prompt them to defend an abuser. Let your presence be a safe place for your friend to be honest.

Education on healthy relationships exists at our college campuses, but there needs to be more education in middle and high schools, the media, and in the community at large. Without proper education, information about resources and how to stand up against it, dating violence will continue unchecked. Young adults should encourage their peers to take a stand against dating violence.

By Pastor Linda Freeman, Virginia Hospital Chaplain, Advocate for Victims of Abuse through the Evangelical Covenant Church of Cook.

AT THE MOVIES

Solatium, Twin Ports movie, showing in Cook on Oct. 21

COOK- Solatium, a feature-length film shot entirely in the Twin Ports with all local actors had its world premiere at the Duluth Superior Film Festival and will be having a local showing on Saturday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. at the Comet Theater in Cook. In addition to the October showing, the film is being submitted to film festivals in Minnesota and across the country.

The story is about John Weatherston, who is recovering from a bipolar episode where he experienced a messiah complex. He witnesses Bill, a shipping magnate, commit a crime. This creates a chain reaction as John enters a "manic state." John meets Elijah and Father

Luke, while John's ex-girlfriend and news reporter, Sandra, along with several of John's friends, becomes entangled in the action as John flees from enemies and himself. Solatium is a story of redemption, a psychological thriller with themes of mental illness and spirituality.

"Solatium is the culmination of years of work exploring the intersection of mental illness and spirituality, brought forth in a classic psychological thriller-narrative-feature film," said Director Nick Hansen.

With 25 characters and 34 locations across Duluth, the making of this movie was an intense experience. After completing production of the

movie, the creative team was able to raise \$5,000 through Kickstarter for post-production costs. Solatium features not only Duluth actors, but also the ethereal beauty of the area, including Park Point, Aerial Lift Bridge, Enger Tower, and several other locations around the Twin Ports. The creative team is very appreciative of the outstanding support from the local arts and business communities. View the official teaser trailer at <https://youtu.be/dXM1F3s7lIA>. Kickstarter video: <https://youtu.be/3ynfitkM0PY>.

North Star Credit Union member appreciation set for Friday, Oct. 6

COOK- North Star Credit Union is merging with Nashwauk Federal Credit Union effective Oct. 1, and they invite their communities to the Nashwauk Branch Grand Opening and Cook Branch Member Appreciation on Friday, Oct. 6. The events will happen throughout the day with door prizes, free hot dogs and brats, and staff chili cook-offs from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. North Star staff and board members will test their chili recipes against their colleagues, and the community will decide which is best. After everyone has cast their vote, one cook will be declared the winner and one voter will go home with a prize.

The grand opening of the Nashwauk Branch is not the only

thing North Star has to celebrate. Cindy Stevens, Nashwauk Branch Manager, is celebrating 40 years with the credit union. Door prizes will be awarded in \$40 increments in her honor. Rich Crettol, C.E.O., states, "We are grateful to have such a dedicated staff member join our team."

North Star has been active in their community since 1939 when they opened their doors as Northern Farmers Co-op Credit Union. They have won three state and two national awards for their student-led branches, located in two local schools. The third national award is being judged by a panel from the Credit Union National Association, and the announcement is expected this fall.

They host a 'Family Fun Night' complete with prizes, pumpkin carving, and a bouncy house every fall. They also hold free and open to the public educational seminars, build elaborate floats for the Timber Days Parade, and are active members of the Cook Chamber of Commerce. Crettol states, "We are not just a financial institution. We are a presence in the community. We want to do whatever we can to help the Iron Range grow."

All community members are welcomed to the grand opening and member appreciation being held at the Nashwauk Branch (401 Platt Ave. E) or Cook Branch (24 S River St.) from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6.

Seeking volunteers to facilitate Matter of Balance workshops

GRAND RAPIDS- The Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging is seeking volunteers or professionals to become coaches in the A Matter of Balance program. People interested in volunteering to become a coach will receive up to 12 hours of classroom learning and direct experience with strengthening exercises. Trained coaches will help seniors learn to view falls and the fear of falling as controllable, set realistic goals for increasing activity, make environmental changes to reduce the risk of falling, and promote exercise to increase strength and balance.

The next training will be at the Itasca YMCA, ElderCircle, 400 River Road in Grand Rapids on Monday and Tuesday, Nov. 6-7, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. and 9 a.m.-12 p.m. Registration is limited, so call now to reserve your spot. Registrations will be accepted through Oct. 23. The cost of the training is \$100; scholarships are available for volunteers and other qualified individuals residing in the seven-county Arrowhead region. For a registration packet or more information, contact Katey Fornear at 218-529-7531 or kfornear@ardc.org.

Volunteering with the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging can provide volunteers an opportunity to learn new skills, make a difference in someone's life, gain a sense of achievement, find creative ways to put talents to work, and be a community leader.

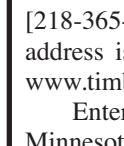
Promoting healthy activities for older adults and family caregivers is an important role of the Arrowhead Area Agency on Aging. It is the designated area agency on aging for the seven-county Arrowhead region. Area agencies on aging were established under the Older Americans Act to respond to the needs of Americans aged 60 and over in every state. They are designated by the Minnesota Board on Aging to provide funding administration, community planning, service development, information, and assistance.

The agency is part of the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission, a regional comprehensive planning and development agency serving Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Koochiching, Lake, and St. Louis in Northeast Minnesota. ARDC provides government and citizen groups a means to work cooperatively in identifying needs, solving problems, and fostering local leadership.

Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf

ORR- Loaves and Fishes Food Shelf located in the basement of Calvary Lutheran Church in Orr is open the third Friday of every month, 8-10 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. If you are in need of food assistance outside of these hours, contact Michelle at 218-666-6021, Jules at 218-780-1740, Diana at 218-780-3617, or Linda at 218-757-0080. Donations can be sent c/o Calvary Lutheran Church, PO Box 176, Orr, MN 55771.

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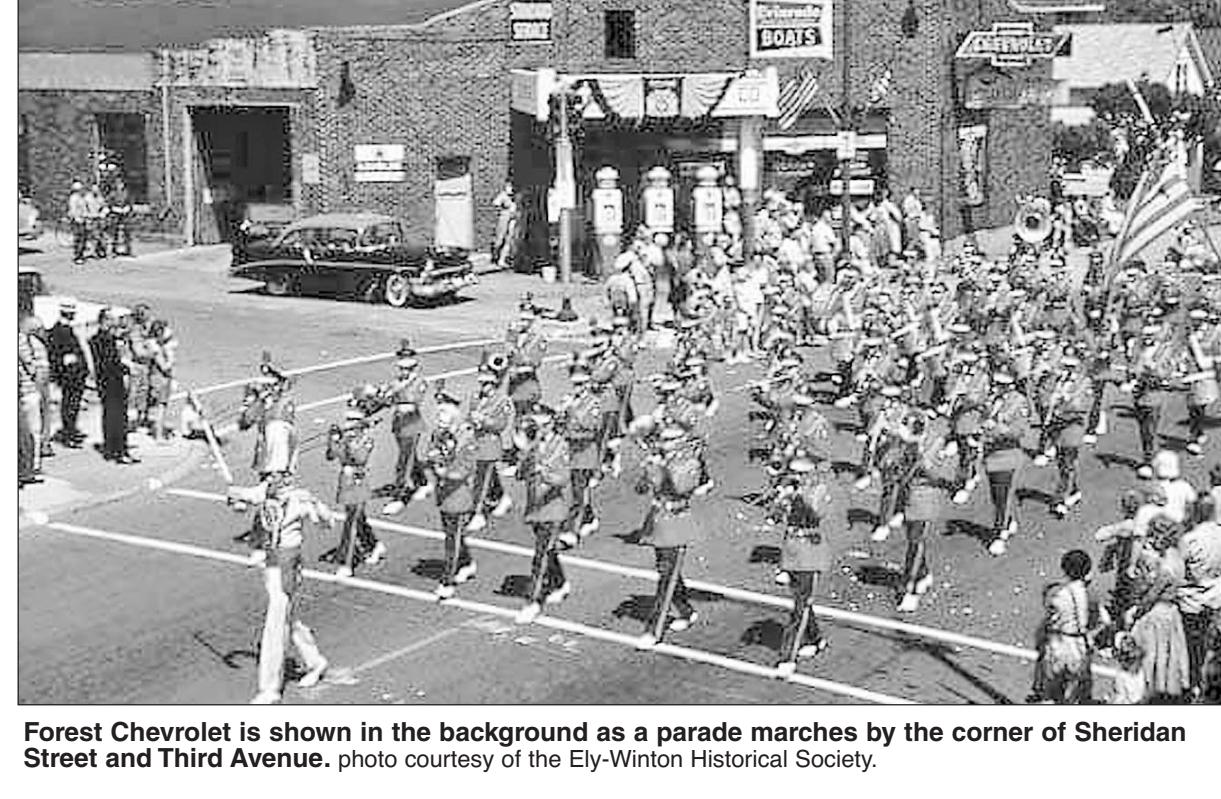
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Sleuthing on Third and Sheridan

by DAVID KESS
Ely-Winton Historical Society

How quickly we forget what we once knew so well! While there are many people who do still remember where the Chevy garage was on Sheridan Street, not that many Elyites remember Mantel's Hardware, Frank Petric's Grocery, or the National Tea Co. store. And how about the A.S. James house on Sheridan?

One could fairly say this has long been a dynamic corner in Ely. Many businesses and residences have come and gone. Originally the eastern boundary of Ely was called Fourth Avenue East. Central Avenue was formerly First Avenue and when that changed, Fourth Avenue became Third Avenue. Confused? Just know that what is now Third Avenue East borders the Rockwood Restaurant



Forest Chevrolet is shown in the background as a parade marches by the corner of Sheridan Street and Third Avenue. photo courtesy of the Ely-Winton Historical Society.

and Zup's.

The corner now occupied by Rockwood is first thought to have had a saloon. However, in the very early 1900s Frank Jenko operated Darling's Dime Store there. In 1915 John Zupancich Sr. bought this building and moved his family upstairs from Chandler Location. Downstairs on the main level he sold dry goods and shoes. "Grampa" John then ventured into groceries and meats. By the 1950s the need for more grocery space was clear and the building next door was purchased. The wall between the two buildings was opened up.

That adjacent building may have been other things at first but in the early 1900s it was Joseph Mantel's hardware and furniture store. He himself lived across the street. By 1949 Frank Petric operated the Sheridan Self Service Market there. That was acquired by the National Tea Co. until being bought out by Zup's in 1958.

As Ely expanded in the 1950s due to new taconite mining, Zup's saw the need for even more space and so arranged to buy Skala's Cash Market to the east. Three buildings became one. The Skala home next door was razed and became part of Zup's parking lot.

Growing like a hungry teenager, Zup's built an even bigger new store across the street in 1983. The Chevrolet garage had vacated their building on the corner. It

Finnish historical panels displayed in Ely

ELY — To mark one hundred years of independence in Finland, a 12-panel exhibit, assembled by the Minnesota Immigrant Archives, will be on display at the Ely-Winton Historical Society Museum at Vermilion College through the month of October.

Back during the American Civil War era, in 1864, immigrants from Finland first arrived in Red Wing, and then continued on to settle in what is now Cokato. Though their numbers were not great they spread out through the farmlands of southern central Minnesota.

It has been named Juhla, the Finnish word for celebration. The topics presented on the panels include the arts, farming, mining, cooperatives, education, family life, labor and workers' movements, religion, sauna, temperance, and modern Finnish Americans. As broad as this may be it nonetheless is not meant to completely cover the entire immigrant experience in Minnesota.

The Immigration History Research Center Archives collects and makes available material to aid interdisciplinary research regarding people from many ethnic backgrounds. These materials are kept under strict archival conditions but are quite openly available at the Elmer L. Anderson Library on the West Bank campus of the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.

Written records such as letters, meeting minute books, and audio tapes are available for research. There is a nominal charge for photocopies.

The museum at VCC is open on Tuesdays through Fridays from noon until 4 p.m. throughout the winter. It is closed on holidays. The exhibit will be at VCC until the first week in November.

was torn down as was the then-vacant Bethany Lutheran Church directly behind it. Zup's finally looked pretty much as it does today - set back from Sheridan Street.

The original Zup's building was then torn down. Some of that lumber went to build Theresa and Joe Jamnick's house on 8th Avenue, Mary and John Mike's house in Winton, and Ernie and Mary Ravnikar's house on White Street. The site of the first store first became Hardee's and then eventually, Rockwood. Think how many Ely families fit into this saga.

But there is still more: Zup's also acquired the once grand but deteriorated house on the west side of Third Avenue. This stately home had been built by Abijah and Frances James—he had

established the first pharmacy in Ely in what is still known as the James Building on Chapman Street. Abijah died at an early age as did his son Raub. Frances lived alone with her housekeeper in the big house, becoming rather reclusive. The once elegant formal garden in front of the house became overgrown and unsightly. Upon her death the house became vacant and remained so for a number of years. As a child it reminded me of Miss Havisham's house in Great Expectations.

Finally moved to East Harvey Street, it eventually became the home of Mike and Ernestine Forsman.

The building on the fourth corner of Third and Sheridan has "been there from the beginning" so to

speak. Once Marco Zoretic's variety store, it was owned for many years by the Veranth family. Margaret and Frank operated Frank's Variety Store for many years before the building was eventually acquired by Frank Salerno and operated as a video rental business. It is now owned by John Ott's Alley A Realty and may become part of a new theater complex.

The route to finding pictures for all these buildings and businesses has been particularly time consuming. The results of our search are now exhibited at Vermilion Community College near the Ely-Winton Historical Society office and museum.

It will remain on display until the first part of November when it will be moved to the Ely Public Library.

The Solar System comes to Ely

ELY — What do fake fruit pomegranates, peppercorns, salt, and sand have in common? They are all parts of a small-scale model of our solar system that kids explored on Thursday in the Ely Public Library's "Jump to Jupiter, Drive to Saturn" program. This program is part of the library's NASA @ My Library series and explores the concept of how much SPACE there is in space!

For the first part of the program, kids made their way down a course on the sidewalk that had common objects (like those mentioned above) illustrating the different planets in our solar system and the differences in size and distance between them. For example, if the sun is the size of a pomegranate, the earth is as big as a sea salt crystal located 50 feet away. Along the course, individuals count the number of jumps (or steps) that it takes to get from one object to the next as an approximation of how far apart things are located. The last planet on the course to count jumps was Jupiter.

In the second part of the program, kids helped make planetary models for a large solar system model. This time, the scale is larger and the area of the library's program space represents the sun; the earth grows to almost the size of a baseball.

All eight planets are represented and colored using photos from NASA for reference. These models will be placed out by library staff on Friday afternoon along Highway 21 heading toward Babbitt at the correct scaled distances for the community to share in learning about the comparative sizes and distances of the planets in our solar system.

The first planet, Mercury, will be located near the Ely Area Credit Union. All of the other models will be along the west (southbound) side of the highway. The last signpost will list the distances to Pluto and Alpha Centauri (the nearest star system to us) under the same scale. This installation will remain in place until Oct. 20.

The library invites everyone to "Drive to Saturn" and the other planets during the two weeks that the models will be on display, to see the participants' work and get a sense of the distances and sizes involved in our solar neighborhood.

If you have trouble remembering what order the planets are in and want to be sure not to miss any of the models, just try this mnemonic - "My Very Energetic Mother Just Served Us Nachos" - which stands for Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune.

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ELY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

Homecoming 2017



The Ely Memorial High School Homecoming 2017 King and Queen, right, were Carter Gaulke and Ryne Prigge. The Homecoming court included, from top, Blaise Lah and Lindy Dalberg, Ben Gustafson and Evelyn Bercher, and Ethan Hasz and Emma Kari. Timberjay staff photos



The High School Band, above, led the Homecoming parade Friday afternoon. Freshman Amelia Pluth, below left, cut letters out for hallway decorations last weekend. The dance team, below right, entertained the crowd as part of the football game halftime entertainment.



News in Brief

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.

Oct. 10 - Butch Dieslin - Low Tech Weather Forecasting

Oct. 17 - Bo DeRemee - Great Lakes Science from onboard the S/V Sullivan

Freemans to sign book in Ely

ELY - Dave and Amy Freeman's book, "A Year in the Wilderness: Bearing Witness in the Boundary Waters," was just released and they are celebrating the event with a book-signing party in Ely.

The Freemans will be at Piragis Northwoods Co. on Sunday, Oct. 8 from 4-6 p.m.

News In Brief

Winter Farmers Market to open in Ely

ELY - The traditional summer Ely Farmers Market is changing with the season. Beginning Tuesday, Oct. 17, and every other Tuesday after that, the basement of Grace Lutheran Church, 301 E. Conan St., will host a winter market from 5-7 p.m.

"This is the first year that the Ely Farmers Market has done a winter market, and to us it makes sense," said organizer Brian Naykki. "We have a lot of vendors who bake, craft, create, and can grow some produce all year long, so why not have them get their product out all year long and make a few bucks," he said.

"Also, this helps get the community together for a fun outing during the winter cold. While you are shopping for some local goodies this can be a great way to pick up some holiday gifts for others," he added.

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

Studio North celebrates 19 years

ELY - Studio North will be celebrating 19 years of business with a grand-re-opening celebration, ribbon cutting and community appreciation on Saturday, Oct. 14, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The party starts at 9:30 a.m. with a free Zumba class. A ribbon cutting follows at 10 a.m. to celebrate the facility's newly remodeled gym. Live Streaming of the "Polka Pal Ron Show" from WELY will be held from 10:30 a.m. to noon, featuring polka dancing in the studio.

Visitors will have an opportunity to tour the remodeled gym and try out the equipment. A bouncy house will be available for children.

The party will continue from noon to 2 p.m. with live accordion music by Bernie Palcher. As long as he is playing there will be dancing.

The celebration will feature food, door prizes, games, fitness and fun.

Order pasta to support Music Boosters

ELY - The Ely Music Boosters Fall Fundraiser is underway. The Band, Choir, and Musical Drama students are raising funds for a fall trip to the Ordway and you can help by ordering packages of "fun pasta," with 40 percent of your order designated for the Music Boosters group.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.funpastafundraising.com/shop/ely-music-boosters-1>.

Orders can go to support an individual student or to the music program as a whole. Please contact ely-musicboosters@gmail.com with questions or to volunteer to be a Booster.

Yesterday's news

Courtesy of the Iron Range Historical Society

War news from Ely, 1943

► Five sons of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Moravitz are now in the service of Uncle Sam. They are Frank, John and Jack at Camp Cody, Steve, who left last week from Eveleth, and Joe in Columbus, Ohio.

► Pvt. Raphael J. Grahek, an Ely soldier, tells of five months in the steaming jungles of New Guinea during which time he ate only field rations and slept on the ground.

► Elyites, Lt. Mildred Lindholm of the Army Nurses Corps and Sgt. Carlo Columbo, who are members of the same unit, have arrived safely at an undisclosed American base.

► Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rozman have four sons in the service. They are Albin, Fred, Frank and Louis.

► Elyites are preparing for canned goods rationing and every person in the household, including children of any age, will have 48 points to use in obtaining rationed foods.

► Mrs. Mary Pulis has four sons in the army. They are John, Frank, Joseph and Loren.

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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

Amy Shreve to perform at Free Church on Sunday, Oct. 15

EMBARRASS- The Evangelical Free Church of Embarrass will host a concert by Amy Shreve on Sunday, Oct. 15 at 6:30 p.m.

Amy Shreve is a singer, songwriter, and accomplished harpist, who has recorded sixteen records and been nominated for a Dove Award.

She is accompanied on guitar and mandolin by her husband, Gary, and by her daughter, Elise, on percussion.

The resulting sound creates an appealing Celtic folk/pop genre. All are welcome for an inspirational night of music.

"Notes of a Native Daughter" on Oct. 8 at Mesabi Unitarian

VIRGINIA- Reverend Suzanne Wasilczuk will present "Notes of a Native Daughter" on Sunday, Oct. 8. at 10:30 a.m. at the Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church.

A first-generation white woman reflects on her introduction to Native American peoples, indigenous history and sacred vision.

Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church is located at 230 7th St. S in Virginia. Usual services are Sundays at 10:30 a.m. For more information, visit www.mesabiuu.org. A parent/infant area is provided, as is toddler care, and religious education is provided for the over fives. All are welcome and the church is handicap accessible.

Ruby's Pantry food distribution in Cook on Oct. 12

COOK- The next Ruby's Pantry food distribution will be Thursday, Oct. 12 from 4:30 - 6 p.m. at the old Cook School. Registration begins at 3 p.m. at the school. A \$20 cash donation is required at the door. Volunteers are asked to please arrive at 3 p.m. Please bring your own containers. Ruby's Pantry is now offering online registration at rubyspantry.com starting Friday, Oct. 13 for the November distribution with a \$21 donation at sign-up. Ruby's Pantry is sponsored by St. Paul's Lutheran Church of Alango. For more information, contact Sue Kolstad at 218-741-3925.

Readers and Rappers to meet Oct. 10

COOK- Readers and Rappers, a Cook area book club, will meet on Tuesday, Oct. 10 at 1 p.m. The meeting place will be at the Cook Homestead Apartments in the Community Room.

October's book is "The Song Poet" by author Kao Kalia Yang. Moderator will be Janelle Goerdt and hostess is Vickie Lange. All are welcome.

The book for November is "The Garden of Beasts" by author Erik Larson.

Essentia Health St. Mary's Hospice seeks volunteers

REGIONAL- East Range Team is seeking volunteers within a 60-mile radius of Virginia. Are you looking for a fulfilling volunteer opportunity? Come and join the team at East Range Hospice and make a difference in your community one family at a time. The volunteer opportunities are varied: visiting in the home, bereavement follow-up, office support, veteran peer-to-peer support, and 11th hour.

Join us Thursday, Oct. 12, from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the McMillan A room on the lower level of Essentia Virginia Hospital, 901 9th St N in Virginia. Pre-registration is required. Some computer knowledge is recommended but not required. To register, please call Dee Dee at 218-749-7875.

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4-H

North St. Louis County 4-H'ers participate in Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show



REGIONAL- Six 4-H youth from North St. Louis County participated in the Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show, Sept. 14-18. This year, 683 youth from across the state participated in the annual event at the Minnesota State Fair. 4-H'ers demonstrated their skills and knowledge in hippology (showing knowledge and understanding of equine science and husbandry), horse judging (study of an animal, measuring it against an accepted ideal), horse training and achievement, speeches and demonstrations about interest in horses or the horse industry, showmanship, and drill team skills.

Youth who participate in the Minnesota 4-H Horse Project learn about show, trail, and endurance riding, test their horse knowledge at quiz bowls or on judging teams, and study horse science. Youth may participate if they own or lease a horse. There are even options for youth who are interested in horses, but don't have

access to one in their community.

"Through the Minnesota 4-H State Horse Show, youth build communication skills, gain deeper learning and interest in horses, and build relationships with caring adults," said Renee Kostick, Extension Educator who manages the 4-H Horse Project in Minnesota. "These experiences contribute to their success in school, community, and the future."

Karlee Grohndal placed first in ninth grade keyhole, Matthew Laitala placed third in tenth grade keyhole and eighth in tenth grade poles, Angelia Tuominen placed fifth in twelfth grade barrels. Mackenzie Dale, Heather Herbranson, and Molly Johnson were also members of the North St. Louis County delegation. North St. Louis took an honorable mention in herdsmanhip, earning a solid 100 percent.

To learn more about the Minnesota 4-H Horse Project, contact 4-H Program Coordinator Nicole

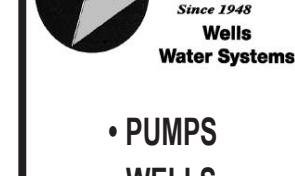
Kudrle at 218-749-7120 or visit the website at <https://z.umn.edu/4Hhorse>.

4-H is a youth development program of the University of Minnesota Extension available for youth from grades Kindergarten to one year after high school. 4-H'ers participate in hands-on learning experiences in STEM, citizenship, leadership, animal science, creative arts, and much more. Through this learn-by-doing process, youth obtain essential life skills such as problem solving, decision making, coping and communicating, that help them succeed in their school, college, community and career. Research shows that youth who participate in 4-H have better grades and are more emotionally engaged with school, are more than twice as likely to be civically active and contribute to their communities, and are 47 percent less likely to have risky or problem behaviors.

Traditional Scandinavian wood carving at First Stage in October

VIRGINIA- The First Stage Gallery in the Lyric Center for the Arts is presenting an exhibit of traditional wood carving by Ryan Toot and Tom Dengler during the month of October. The exhibit, called "Green Wood Bowls," shows Scandinavian hand-carving techniques for bowls and spoons.

Ryan Toot has been actively working with wood since 2012, though he has



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been drawn to natural materials since his youth near Virginia. His primary focus began with making knife handles, spoons and shrink boxes in the Scandinavian tradition. In addition he has made snowshoe frames in the Attikamek tradition, birch bark containers in the Russian tradition, and traditional black ash splint baskets.

"I am fascinated by and driven to making utilitarian objects needed for exploration of the wilds, harvesting wild food, and for home life," says Toot. All of the bowls and spoons in the

exhibit are hand carved from recently fallen wood. "Wood is much easier to work with hand tools before it is dried and loses all of its moisture. Drying must then be done evenly and slowly to avoid checks and cracks," says Toot.

A hand axe is then used to shape the outside, followed by a drawknife. Small details are done with a simple carving knife. The inside of the bowl is carved with a bowl adze. The bowls are finished with a mixture of food-grade flax (linseed) oil and beeswax. These objects are made to be used.



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COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

EMBARRASS

Embarrass Ranch Sorting event results

EMBARRASS-The Embarrass Region Fair held its annual ranch sorting event on Sept. 16. Ranch sorting is a competition derived directly from ranch work. A two-person team has 60 seconds to sort ten head of cattle in numerical order from one pen to another. This year a total of 25 teams participated in the beginner runs. For the first time, riders age 15 and under had two free sorts. A total of 35 teams entered the competition runs.

Jessica Huxol and Jeff Thurlow sorted 13 heads in their three runs with a total time of 161 seconds. They won \$200 plus buckles. Jessica Huxol and Dianna Thurlow won second place with 11 cows, and Matt and Wyatt Shultz sorted nine cows for third place.

The top ten sorters were Jessica Huxol and Jeff Thurlow with 13 cows, Jessica Huxol and Dianna Thurlow with 9 cows, Matt and Wyatt Shultz with 9 cows, Jeff and Dianna Thurlow with 9 cows, Danny Theel and Paul Knuti with 8 cows, Jessica Huxol and Heather Anderson with 8 cows, Wyatt Shultz and Paul Knuti with 6 cows, Gary Kouppela and Bridger Shultz with 6 cows, Dianna Thurlow and Paul Knuti with 5 cows, and Matt and Bridger Shultz with 5 cows.



Jessica Huxol (pictured above) and partner Jeff Thurlow took top honors in this fall's Ranch Sorting event. She also took second place with partner Dianna Thurlow. submitted photo

SAFETY

Fire Prevention Week this Oct. 8 - 14

REGIONAL- Knowing that today's homes burn faster than ever, the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) announced "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out" as the official theme for this year's Fire Prevention Week campaign, Oct. 8-14. Experts say you may have as little as two minutes (or even less) to safely escape a typical home fire from the time the smoke alarm sounds.

"Modern home furnishings, along with the fact that newer homes tend to be built with more open spaces and unprotected lightweight construction, all contribute to an increased rate at which home fires burn," said Lorraine Carli, vice president of Outreach and Advocacy at NFPA. "These factors make home escape planning and practice critical."

Meanwhile, a national survey recently conducted by NFPA shows that Americans continue to have many misperceptions around home

escape planning and practice: Less than half of Americans (48 percent) know that the correct components of a home fire escape plan include working smoke alarms, two ways out of each room and an outside meeting place. Nearly one quarter of Americans (23 percent) do not know that each room in the home should have at least two exits. Close to three in five Americans (57 percent) think that in a typical single-family home fire situation, once the smoke alarm sounds, the average person would have more than two minutes to escape safely.

"Home is the place people are at greatest risk of fire, but ironically it's the place they feel safest from it," said Carli. "That over-confidence may contribute to the public's continued lack of awareness around home escape planning and practice."

"Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out" works to teach people about the true speed at which today's home fires can spread, and

the vital importance of home escape planning and practice in the event of one. A home escape plan includes: working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas; two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window; and a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) that's a safe distance from the home. Home escape plans should be practiced by all members of the household twice a year.

"In a fire situation, a practiced home escape plan ensures that everyone knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds and how to use that time wisely," Carli said. For more information about Fire Prevention Week and this year's campaign, "Every Second Counts: Plan Two Ways Out," visit fireprevention-week.org.

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.

Sustainable Home Tour on Oct. 7

REGIONAL- The Minnesota Renewable Energy Society is organizing a Sustainable Home Tour in your area and statewide on Saturday, Oct. 7 between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. This is a free, self-guided event open to the public.

Homeowners who have implemented renewable electricity and smart devices are opening their houses to anyone curious about these emerging technologies. Some homeowners have gone practically off-grid, while others are receiving negative-value electricity bills! This event is also for those who would like to learn more about reducing their reliance on the grid while contributing to cleaner air in our state.

It is a unique opportunity to directly experience the impact of "smart buildings". Visitors can speak with their neighbors who have taken a step towards letting "green" or "smart" technologies into their everyday life. We believe this is the best way to raise awareness but also a critical viewpoint on the ongoing energy transition, so as to harness the full potential of new and emerging technologies.

To find the home tours in our area, visit <https://www.mnrenewables.org/sustainable-home-tour/>.

Salvation Army Job Fair on Oct. 20

VIRGINIA- The Salvation Army will be hosting a job fair for local businesses and people on Friday, Oct. 20 from 9 a.m. – 12 p.m. at the Virginia Salvation Army, 507 12th Ave. W.

The Virginia Salvation Army has been serving Minnesota's Iron Range communities since 1907. The Worship and Service Center currently serves over 25 ZIP codes in northern and eastern Saint Louis County, providing food, youth programs, spiritual care, and other critical services. Nearly 1,900 households and 19,000 hot meals are served per year. To volunteer with The Salvation Army or make a donation, call 218-741-1889 or toll free at 800-SAL-ARMY (725-2769). Checks made out to The Salvation Army may be sent to 507 12th Ave. W, Virginia, MN 55792. For more information or to make an online donation, visit SalvationArmyNorth.org/virginia. Find us on social media at Facebook.com/VirginiaSalvationArmyMN.

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

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MPCA in August, as so complicated to enforce that it almost guarantees many more years of political and legal wrangling before any action is taken to protect a resource that she says is increasingly endangered.

In the middle are local wastewater treatment facility operators who don't know what to make of the new proposal, but find the uncertainty unsettling.

The proposed new rule, which is now open for public comment through Nov. 9, calls for a flexible sulfate standard that would be determined on a case-by-case basis depending on the chemical and bacterial makeup of the sediments of any lake or river receiving discharges from an industrial facility, wastewater treatment plant, or any other source. MPCA officials say it has the potential to provide better protection for wild rice where conditions warrant, while not over-regulating where it isn't necessary. The new rule would replace the existing standard, of 10 milligrams per liter, which has been in effect, but unenforced, since the 1970s.

Several years ago, under pressure from tribes, environmental groups, and the federal Environmental Protection Agency, the MPCA began attempting enforcement of the existing standard on taconite mines on the Iron Range, which are significant dischargers of sulfates. But the agency's efforts faced political pushback from Iron Range legislators and the mining industry. In the end, the Legislature and Gov. Mark Dayton agreed that the agency should conduct more research on the merits of the state's standard and offer up a possible change based on their findings. In the meantime, the Legislature gave the MPCA until 2019 to revise the standard through a new rulemaking process and prohibited them from enforcing the existing standard until then. In effect, it bought the mining industry more time.

So when the agency issued a draft rule in August of this year, some Iron Range officials suggested the MPCA was moving too quickly. "I think the

concern is that the MPCA is being premature with the rulemaking hearings," said Georgi, of RAMS. "In the last legislative session, Rep. Ecklund pushed through a delay until 2019. We're curious as to why there is a rush." Georgi said that the MPCA is supposed to issue a report next year on the estimated costs of compliance with their proposed new standard, and he said any public comments on the new rule should wait until after that report is issued. "As it is, we can't testify knowledgeably," he said.

MPCA officials say such concerns reflect a misunderstanding of the process. "Part of the panic you're hearing is that people don't know how long the rule-making process actually takes," said Shannon Lotthammer, director of the MPCA's Environmental Analysis and Outcomes Division. At their current pace, Lotthammer said, the agency would not expect to issue a final rule before mid-summer of next year. "And it then still has to be approved by the EPA," noted Lotthammer. "It takes time."

Lotthammer said the concerns about the potential economic costs of implementing the new standard are legitimate, but not for this stage of the process. "Under the Clean Water Act, costs cannot be a factor in deciding what the standard needs to be," she said. "Where costs come into play is in the implementation stage," according to Lotthammer, and that's where most wastewater dischargers are likely to discover the new standard is nowhere near as onerous as some are currently suggesting. "If a facility has the potential to impact a wild rice water, and addressing it is too costly, federal law allows the state to issue a variance. The idea of the variance is to try to improve the situation, while recognizing that full compliance is not financially viable."

Lotthammer acknowledged that the only currently available technology for effectively treating sulfates is reverse osmosis, which is very expensive

both to purchase and operate. Georgi said that Hoyt Lakes recently received a cost estimate for a reverse osmosis system of \$4-\$7 million, with annual operating costs of between \$450,000 and \$900,000, depending on the system. "That would triple their rates," he said.

While that might sound frightening to city officials, Lotthammer said such calculations will help make the case that variances are warranted. "We know that for virtually all wastewater treatment facilities, the technology is unaffordable. So they would very likely apply for variances," she said.

Assistant MPCA Commissioner Rebecca Flood made a similar point in a recent letter to the editor in the *Mesabi Daily News*, submitted in response to warnings from Arbogast and others that the new wild rice standard would devastate the region.

"When a new wild rice standard is finalized and the MPCA begins setting requirements for permitted facilities (like mines and wastewater treatment plants), we are committed to ensuring that requirements don't cost too much," wrote Flood. "The law allows the granting of variances (like a waiver or exception) in cases where enforcement of a rule causes 'undue economic or social harm.'"

While those might be reassuring words to local officials, they simply confirm the fears of Fond du Lac's Schuldt, who sees the proposed new rule as another opportunity for the state to delay enforcement of a standard that it ignored for decades. "You know that this will be challenged by industry," said Schuldt.

While MPCA officials tout the flexible standard as a means of tailoring discharge allowances on an individualized basis, tribal officials and environmentalist see the potential for endless delay by mining companies. Under the proposal outlined by the MPCA, agency staff would need to assess the chemical and bacterial composition of downstream sediments whenever they determine a standard for a

facility. But Schuldt and others worry that the mining companies will simply conduct their own testing and dispute any determinations made by the MPCA as long as the agency tries to set a standard that would require costly clean-up. If the MPCA doesn't yield to the company's own science, the issue would likely play out in the courts, most likely for years, say wild rice advocates. The MPCA is already being sued by US Steel over its decisions and actions related to sulfate.

"There's nothing about this rule that gives me any confidence that the state will be protecting wild rice through its standards," said Schuldt.

That's a view shared by Paula Maccabee, of Duluth-based Water Legacy.

"One of the concerns we have raised, is to what degree is this just a method of delay to avoid enforcement," said Maccabee. "Whenever there is pressure on the agency, it seems the response is, 'don't worry our whole strategy is to find ways that you don't have to do anything.'"

But Lotthammer said just because many wastewater dischargers are likely to receive variances doesn't mean there's no benefit to enforcing the wild rice standard, whether it's the existing rule or the proposed flexible version. "Even when issuing a variance, we need to have the facility look at what's the best that they can do," she said.

"There are some things that can be done to help that aren't as costly. So there is still some improvement that happens even when variances are issued. It still moves the ball forward in the short term. In the longer term, it encourages the development of better treatment technologies. And as they become more affordable, then we can start to better enforce the standard."

For many wastewater treatment facilities, it's likely to be years, possibly as much as a decade, before variances would actually be needed, and that's true even if the facilities are discharging into

wild rice waters. The Tower-Breitung wastewater facility, for example, currently operates on a general five-year permit. If the new wild rice standard were to take effect in 2019, the first step would be to require that the facility begin testing for sulfates once its permit came up for renewal. "We haven't tested for sulfates before," said Matt Tuchel, who manages the Tower-Breitung facility. Only at the following renewal stage, five years later, would the MPCA determine if the facility's discharges were out-of-compliance with the standard. And that would require additional analysis by the MPCA to test sediments in Lake Vermilion.

Given the relatively limited scale of the Tower-Breitung facility and the significant dilution capacity of Lake Vermilion, it is entirely possible, if not likely, that the facility would be required to take no additional action.

Tuchel is watching the issue with concern, but not panic. He said he recognizes some of those sounding the alarm are probably resorting to scare tactics to some degree. "I take some of the claims out there with a grain of salt," he said. "We don't know if this is going to apply to everybody," he said. "I think the MPCA has done a fairly good job of trying to do it right, in understanding the cost of it and the nature of what you're trying to accomplish," he said.

Tuchel said it's an improvement over the implementation of the mercury standard, which is proving costly for some facilities that discharge into the Lake Superior watershed. "I think the mercury standard is what scared people," said Tuchel.

While Tuchel recognizes that his facility would likely qualify for a variance if it ultimately needs to reduce its sulfate discharge, he noted that variances do still come with a cost.

"It's not simple. There's extra work that goes into that. Some smaller facility operators have to hire consultants to do the paperwork," he said.

Longtime facility

operator Terry Jackson said the focus on sulfates isn't as new as some people think. "The whole issue has been around for at least ten years," he said. That's back when he operated Ely's wastewater facility, and he remembers some of the tribes were pushing the issue then out of concern for the decline of wild rice beds.

These days he's managing Crane Lake's wastewater treatment plant and isn't overly concerned with the push for greater enforcement. Crane Lake already tests for sulfates, and averages about 25 milligrams per liter in its discharge. That's higher than the current 10 mg/l standard, but it remains unclear when the facility would be in compliance under the new flexible standard the MPCA is proposing. "The question is what impact does it have on wild rice way down the lake."

And that's the question that continues to weigh on Schuldt, who notes that wild rice used to grow across much of the eastern two-thirds of the country, but has largely disappeared, except in Minnesota.

"It's a unique and very sensitive ecological resource," said Schuldt. "It deserves the same kind of extraordinary protections as trout waters or calcareous fens." And while wild rice, or mahnomen as it's known to the Ojibwe, continues to hang on in parts of northern and central Minnesota, Schuldt said it continues to decline in the state. "How many water bodies are named Rice Lake or Rice River that have none left?" she asked. "It's been wiped out from human development, water quality changes, agriculture, and changes in land use."

And Schuldt doesn't see that trend changing as a result of the latest MPCA proposal. "They're walking a really fine line between fulfilling their charge from the Legislature, and walking within the legal intent of the Clean Water Act, and I'm afraid that the line that they found is not going to protect mahnomen," she said.

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design moves forward. "We hope that there will be continued discussions on this topic to ensure that we are protecting the beautiful environment for today and tomorrow," added Waibel. "The YMCA is committed to environmental education and preserving outdoor classrooms that provide such educational and enriching, recreational experiences for all ages."

The area in question has been thinned before, according to DNR public affairs officer Amykay Kerber. "Part of the beauty of the trail is that it has been thinned," said Kerber, who said she's a user herself of the popular trail system, located near Camp du Nord. "A lot of the unthinned areas are densely crowded with dead and

dying balsam," she said. The planned cut won't affect any of the ancient "sentinel" white pine found in the area or any designated old growth, according to Kerber.

Jennifer Hengelfelt, whose family has had property in the area for decades, disputes some of the Kerber's claims. She said the area slated for thinning is of natural origin, is

showing significant pine reproduction, and hasn't been subject to thinning before.

While Helgenfelt has been asked to serve on the stakeholders group, she's non-committal at this point, saying she doesn't want to be seen as supportive of the proposal, at least as currently envisioned. "I'm not buying the current plan, but I do want to give them a chance to come up with something that is really solid. And they should know that a lot of people are paying attention. There is an educated and concerned community that is very concerned about this."

According to Helgenfelt, the thinning begins just north of the sentinel pines and encompasses popular sections of the trail, including the Troll's Bridge and Thor's Trail.

DNR officials say the thinning will have a number of benefits, including the reduction of fire danger and will allow the stand to start regenerating itself. While white pine is more shade tolerant than other pines, it grows better with more light. Red pine

is generally difficult to regenerate without significant sunlight for the young trees, which typically isn't available under a dense canopy of mature pine. Instead, shade tolerant species like balsam fir tend to fill in under the pine, where they can add to the fire danger.

In a natural environment, periodic fire tends to burn out those species more frequently, leaving the more fire resistant pine still standing. But because fire is quickly suppressed on most public lands these days, these other species generally have more time to fill in below pine stands and further block sunlight to young pines.

While pine will often naturally reseed themselves once the canopy is opened, the DNR plans to augment that with pine planting after the thinning is completed, according to Frame.

Exactly when the work might go forward isn't clear. Kerber said the Tower foresters are still working on the final design of the harvest and that they'll be working with local stakeholders, including a representative from Camp du

Nord, to provide input on the placement of skid roads, the designation of leave trees, and other considerations. "The design will be done to try to minimize impact to trails," said Kerber.

The timber likely won't go to auction before December or January, and it remains uncertain whether a successful bidder will opt to begin the harvest this winter.

Harvest levels

The timber sale is being planned just as public concern has been heightened over a proposal being explored by the Dayton administration to increase harvest levels on state forests. As part of that, the DNR has significantly shortened rotation ages for planted pine in order to meet a demand for more softwood logs from industry.

But while the North Arm pine thinning will include some new pine planting, Frame said it won't be subject to the same short rotation as with other pine timber. "This would never revert to short rotation," he said.

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been since its inception," Jankovec said as he provided background information on the issue. He said he wanted "the council to make an informed decision" regarding the future of the Ely community access television stations.

Ely-TV assumed operations in 2008 under the management of Jankovec to provide programming for Channel 11. "The previous contractor provided little more than live broadcasts of City Council meetings, and then would switch over to the Arts Channel, provided by Charter Communications," he said.

With a new contract in hand, Jankovec acquired non-profit status and took total operational control, and established a studio on Sheridan Street.

"Automation systems were completed and an independent technician was hired by Ely-TV to provide the training necessary to transition to an automated programming system," he said.

"After nearly a decade of operation, we have not missed one live City Council meeting," Jankovec asserted. "In addition to fulfilling contractual obligations, Ely-TV provided thousands of interesting, educational and entertaining programs for its viewers." He listed many types of shows, including school events, parades, cooking shows, nature programs, religious programs, and historical documentaries, among others. "You name it, and I have probably put

it on Ely-TV over the years," he said.

A second public access television channel was added a couple of years ago. "This was another vehicle to deliver to our viewers the kind of uncommon, educational and entertaining television you can't find anywhere else," Jankovec said.

He said he did not understand, nor agree with the recommendation of the Telecommunications Advisory Board to give the local access television contract to another party. "My purpose here is not to question that decision, but to voice the concerns I have pertaining to the well-being of the station."

Jankovec offered an alternative option for the council to consider.

"Without an extensive programming library and proper training, this station simply will not function properly," he said.

"There is a huge learning curve involved with operating a television station."

He provided a solution to avoid the "potential collapse" of the local access television station, rather than "removing an

experienced operator and replacing him with an unknown or unproven" operator.

He offered a one-year contract alternative to the city involving both parties. "Each entity would run its own channel and develop its own content on its channel," Jankovec said. He said studio time at City Hall could be split and a fair compensation for both parties could be negotiated. "I would be available to provide training to the other operator," he said. "This would be a safer, more cost-effective, and agreeable solution to the future of public access television in Ely."

Telecommunications Advisory Board member Dan Forsman made a motion to award the Ely-TV contract to Crego, with the stipulation that the contract will be reviewed after one year.

Paul Kess supported the motion, and said he wanted the issue sent back to TAB to consider Jankovec's 11th-hour proposal. "I appreciate the loyalty and the work Mike has done in building up this station," Kess said. "I think we owe him that much. He has

been our (television) operator for a decade or so, and this would give the committee a chance to see if his proposal is workable."

Mayor Chuck Novak said, in reviewing the two proposals, "We have a responsive proposal and a non-responsive proposal. I am in full support of supporting our boards and commissions. They do all the homework and all the studying, and if the council ignores them, they could all quit. That is the serious concern I have."

Kess responded, "I certainly respect the work of the committees, but I don't think that any council should take it

blindly and do whatever they say. It is our responsibility to the public to exercise our own judgment."

The council voted unanimously, to award the local access television contract to Crego, and directed the clerk to send a letter of appreciation to Jankovec.

Other business

In other business, the council took the following action:

► Agreed to form a negotiating committee to meet with supervisory staff in October to initiate contract negotiations;

► Approved a resolution indicating the

city's concerns regarding the MPCA's proposed water quality standards to protect wild rice;

► Agreed to changes in the Pastika Building LLC purchase agreement calling for longer deadlines to complete building improvements;

► OK'd a commercial renovation loan for Ely Steam Bath to replace a second boiler, totaling \$12,108;

► OK'd a commercial renovation loan for Timmorthy and Jessica Leeson for Roots Salon for \$17,500.

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ported," said Lori Johnson, who has a cabin near Ely. Johnson helped with trip logistics at the starting and ending point of the journey, and tracked the paddlers progress via GPS. The only rule to the challenge was that the canoeists needed to arrive at Lake Superior within eight days to catch a ride back to their cars in Ely.

Johnson, who has spent her entire career working with children, canoeing, and as camp director for the Campfire Boys and Girls, said she is now unable to get out into the wilderness due to age-related health issues.

"I can't go," she said. "But I can watch and help monitor."

Johnson got to know Vollhaber through the online message boards for paddlers on the bwca.com website. And as plans for the trip evolved, she stepped up to be in charge of the logistics.

The idea, she said, was to recreate the route taken by Verlen Kruger and Clint Waddell, two canoeists with worldwide reputations for their distance paddling feats. They are credited with paddling the route in 1969 in 80 hours, 40 minutes, though Johnson said there was not the ability to track the time via satellite, as it is now done. Several others pairs have re-created the route, though none have started as far west as I-Falls, and none have gone solo. By going solo, the three hoped to set a solo course record.

So the "Kruger Challenge" was born. The route covers 42 lakes, six rivers, and over 20 miles of portaging. It is a route familiar to this crew; Vollhaber has paddled the route multiple times, the first time in 2011, when he did it in 15-1/2 days, which at the time he thought was a fast time. He had done 45 Boundary Waters trips so far, but the border route is what he calls his "big trip." He also does competitive paddling in the Everglades, through a group called Water Tribe.

"Each paddled on their own schedule," Johnson said, "and all three were ready to meet the shuttle on time." The journey was tracked and monitored by GPS satellite equipment.



From left, Robert "BeaV" Vollhaber, David May, and Kevin McCann at the start of the Labor Day weekend trip. submitted photo

"Why" I do the Kruger Challenge.

"BeaV": Vollhaber wrote when trying to find some like-minded paddlers for the 2017 challenge....

"I like adventuring here and there, especially by canoe. But most good adventures require a huge time commitment in planning and putting lives on hold. So one solution to this is to create the atmosphere of an adventure by adding a time constraint to a route that may not otherwise be too difficult. A real adventure usually involves some tough moments that create unforgettable memories. Not that paddling/portaging 260 miles is not hard or an accomplishment, but add a time constraint to it and you're in for a challenge. You will be forced to test mother nature and test yourself, even as your physical stamina decreases your mental toughness hopefully makes up the difference. Will you quit when things get tough or overcome it? There is something special that can come out from such struggles. I am hoping to just facilitate that opportunity for others to go for it."

What makes this even better is the camaraderie that develops from getting people together with the same goals at the start, experiencing similar struggles along the route even if not paddling together, and celebrating with the same feelings of accomplishment at the end. It really is great.

You should plan on doing this route UNSUPPORTED if you expect me to buy you a drink at Grand Portage. Unsupported means no preplanned assistance such as a support crew, phone calls to home for navigation assistance, and food resupply. Take what you need from the start. What really makes this a challenge is the time constraint component. The harder you push the greater the challenge."

Some people like to base camp, some do fishing trips, some just like to travel from lake to lake when in the BWCA. So do I, but I also enjoy pushing myself to see how fast and far I can go for the sake of adventure.

**Still Paddling,
BeaV**

Johnson had help with the GPS tracking, with other volunteers stepping in for nighttime duty so she could get some sleep.

Vollhaber, now in his late 40s, is no stranger to endurance paddling. In 2013, he spent six months paddling his solo canoe approximately 5,000 miles from the Pacific Northwest coast through the inland passage to Alaska. His next challenge, he had decided, was to paddle the Minnesota border route.

Vollhaber, from Stacy, Minn., met the challenge, paddling the route in a record-setting 91 hours. A civil engineer and avid distance canoeist, he is well-known in the canoeing world.

The final portion, which can easily be described as grueling, started on Crooked Lake and finished at the Fort at Grand Portage. Vollhaber covered 134 miles, including 36 portages, on

Vollhaber was paddling a 35-pound We-no-nah canoe, with about 50 pounds of gear and food. There were strong head winds, tail winds, and cross gusts on Rainy Lake, Lac La Croix, Saganaga, and Gunflint Lake, said Johnson. David Kay got stuck on Basswood Lake, wind-bound in a hailstorm, but the two others, a little farther along, missed the worst of that storm.

"The first two days of the journey he fell behind his timetable," said Johnson, "but then mustered the strength and determination to increase his pace for the big push to the finish."

The final portion, which can easily be described as grueling, started on Crooked Lake and finished at the Fort at Grand Portage. Vollhaber covered 134 miles, including 36 portages, on

only two hours of sleep.

"The push culminated with walking the nine-mile Grand Portage after enduring two days of fierce canoe travel and portaging rain-soaked

said, "and had to get out of my canoe a few times, but made it through safely."

Johnson said she got a call from another volunteer at 2 a.m., letting her know that Vollhaber was getting close to Grand Portage.

She had been staying in Grand Marais, and quickly got up and drove up to the fort, not knowing quite where she would find him.

"But there he came," she said, "trucking across the road to the fort."

He was intending to just fall asleep right there on the ground, but Johnson got him into her car and drove him to the nearby Grand Portage Hotel. A day later, Kevin McCann, the youngest of the bunch at 35, made it in, and then finally, but still on schedule, 69-year-old David May.

The other two solo paddlers, David May from Connecticut, and Dr. Kevin McCann from St. Cloud, also safely finished the route. An additional couple, both in their 70s, joined the challenge mid-way on the route, and also safely ended at Grand Portage in time to get the shuttle back to Ely.

Back in Ely, celebrating with the traditional Dairy Queen visit, some other BWCA visitors asked her group if they had just come out of the BWCA, or were headed out. Johnson said that Vollhaber, never the one to brag, didn't say a thing, but another at the table did let it slip that this crew had just paddled 260 miles.

packs and his solo canoe," Johnson said.

"He paddled 12 miles on the Pigeon River in the dark," Johnson said. "Then did the portage in the dark." For the length of his trip, only 15 hours were spent in camp. Over half the route was traveled in the dark, where there were encounters with moose and beaver.

The weather was not cooperative, with lots of pouring rain, muddy portage trails, and slippery boardwalks on the final Grand Portage.

"The knee-high mud and slippery boardwalks of the Grand Portage tested his sleep-deprived body while playing tricks on his mind," said Johnson. "The dramatically exciting, yet almost deadly, challenge route and his pace of travel was historic and remarkable."

Vollhaber said he had not planned on paddling the Pigeon River rapids in the dark, but ended up in darkness about half way through the mile-long stretch.

"I did get trapped on shallows a few times," he

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VOLLEYBALL

Sweeps week for the Grizz

North Woods tops Nighthawks, falls to Cook County

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

FIELD TWP— It was sweeps week for the Grizzlies volleyball squad, but they came down on both sides of the mark in contests against Northeast Range and Cook County.

On Monday, in Grand Marais, the Grizzlies were just the latest victims in the Vikings' win streak, now at seven games. The Grizzlies were cold from the start, losing the first two games 25-11 and 25-16. They came to life in game three, but Cook County maintained its momen-

tum and eked out a 32-30 victory in an epic back-and-forth matchup.

Regan Ratai proved the workhorse yet again, notching six kills, three blocks, and eight digs. Coley Olson tallied six kills, two digs, a block and an ace, while Hanna Sandberg collected four digs and two aces. Setter Claire Beaudry notched two kills and 16 assists, while Karlyn Pierce put up four kills and a block.

The Grizzlies had an easier time hosting Northeast Range last Thursday, as they won 30-28, 25-18, and 25-19. But Nighthawks Head Coach Jodi Reichenberger said the match was a lot closer than the scores indicated. "We had good leads in the first and third sets," she added. "With a little better focus, we could have had it. We had the kind of stats for a win."

Kate Stone led the way for the Grizzlies with five kills and four aces, while Ratai tallied seven kills. Beaudry notched 22 assists, an ace, and a kill, and Pierce tallied four kills and an ace. Kayla Tschida served up three aces and added a kill.

Hannah Reichenberger led the way for the Nighthawks with 14 kills, seven digs, and five blocks. Sophie Lenz tallied seven kills and ten digs, while Jenna Smith racked up 15 digs.

The 8-6 Grizzlies host Nashwauk-Keewatin on Monday and travel to Ely to take on the 9-3 Timberwolves on Tuesday. The Nighthawks will attend the Mesabi East tournament this weekend and host Duluth-Marshall on Tuesday, in Babbitt.



Kayla Tschida goes up for the hit as Hannah Reichenberger prepares to block.

photo by J. Greeney

FOOTBALL

Wolves fall to the Rangers

Timberwolves were handed their second-straight loss

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

ELY— Mt. Iron-Buhl played homecoming spoiler this past Friday as they handed the now 3-2 Timberwolves their second-straight loss, 36-6. The Wolves, whose vaunted defense hadn't allowed opponents a single point in their

first three games of the season, have now given up 58 points in their last five quarters.

The absence of senior full-back and linebacker Blaise Lah was apparent against the Rangers, and Ely made some lineup changes to adjust. Senior quarterback Carter Gaulke shifted to a runningback slot, giving sophomore QB Bryce Longwell his first start of the season. The Wolves hope to have Lah back in the lineup this week along with senior running back/linebacker Matthew Gerzin.

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(Top) Eli Conaway runs between two tacklers.

photo by J. Greeney

(Left) Dalton Schreffler rushes before being taken to the ground.

photo by K. Vandervort

Sports week

Football

Friday, Oct. 6
Ely at Cook County, 7 p.m.
North Woods hosts South Ridge, 7 p.m.
NER at MI-B, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12
North Woods hosts Floodwood, 7 p.m.

Volleyball

Thursday, Oct. 12
North Woods hosts Floodwood, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 13
Ely at Silver Bay, 7 p.m.
NER at South Ridge, 7 p.m.

Cross Country

Tuesday, Oct. 10
NER/Ely hosts Virginia, 5 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 12
NER/Ely at I-Falls, 5 p.m.

Swimming

Wednesday, Oct. 11
SR/NER/NW at Grand Marais, 1 p.m.

Grizzlies rout Nighthawks

The Grizzlies post 200-plus yards both in the air and on the ground

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

BABBITT— North Woods claimed its fourth straight Section 7 Nineman victory as they routed the winless Nighthawks 47-8 before a homecoming crowd here last Friday. The Grizzlies pretty much

did it all, posting 200-plus yards both in the air and on the ground, while holding Northeast Range to just 176 yards of total offense.

"The whole team looked good," said North Woods Head Coach John Jirik. "We were able to both pass and run pretty effectively. That's been one of our strengths."

The Nighthawks struggled defensively, as they have all season. Adding to their woes was the absence of senior linebacker and offensive end Chase Bialke. The one bright spot for the Nighthawks was their fourth-quarter touchdown, which came on a two-yard run by eighth-

grade quarterback Ty Fabish.

Several North Woods players put up impressive numbers, including senior runningback Brendan Parson, who racked up 164 yards on just four carries, including a 90-yard touchdown run in the first quarter and a 55-yard run in the second. Senior quarterback Tate Olson completed six of ten passes for 153 yards, including two touchdown strikes, both to junior wide receiver Tanner Barto.

Olson also scored on a two-yard, first quarter scamper into the

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North Woods QB Tate Olson drops back for a pass.

photo by J. Greeney

VOLLEYBALL

Lady Timberwolves dominate Lions

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

ELY — The Timberwolves came out of the chute with spark on Tuesday, scoring early and often against a young Lakeview Christian Academy team. The Wolves cruised to a three-game sweep against the Lions, winning 25-11, 25-6, and 25-12.

Against a clearly weaker team, the Wolves played loose and didn't let a few errors slow them down as they have in some games.

"Ely dominated the match tonight," said Ely Head Coach Andrea Thomas. "Everyone on the team was able to get some action on the court."

With less than two weeks left in the regular season, the Wolves are playing with confidence and remain healthy. That's perfect timing as they enter a tough part of their schedule, with four matches and a tournament in a period of

just eight days. A good run over the next week would put the now 10-3 Wolves in a favorable position for the playoffs.

Ely had big nights from a number of players. "Erika Mattson and Kalley Fischer both did a nice job serving," noted Coach Thomas. Mattson served up 11 aces, five kills, and six digs. Following her was Brielle Kallberg with nine kills, while Kalley Fischer added four ace serves. Lida Dodge was the team leader

with 14 set assists.

Lakeview Christian Academy was led by Megan Bechtold with seven digs and one assist.

The Wolves were set to host Bigfork on Thursday, Oct. 5. They'll participate in the Mesabi East tournament on Saturday and will host a strong North Woods squad on Tuesday.

Jenna Merhar, number 12, goes for a kill shot.

photo by J. Greeney



“Everyone on the team was able to get some action on the court.”

Head Coach Andrea Thomas

FOOTBALL

Ironmen can't stop Rochester's quick start

by JAY GREENEY
Sports writer

ELY — Parents Weekend was sunny and warm but that was about the only good news for the home-town Ironmen. Rochester jumped out to a 30-0 first quarter lead and never looked back enroute to a 57-38 victory.

The 1-4 Ironmen appeared ready to play, but turnovers and special teams gave the Yellowjackets great field position all game long. Five fumbles and two interceptions by the Ironmen proved costly, allowing most of Rochester's scoring drives to start from VCC territory.

Defensively, VCC couldn't find

a way to stop Rochester's dual threat of running and passing early in the game. The Yellowjackets had a pair of rushing and passing touchdowns along with a field goal before the first quarter ended.

The Ironmen ended up with some big passing numbers but the majority of them came late in the game when it no longer mattered. Quarterback Breon Jackson was 25 of 59 attempts for 376 yards, three touchdowns, and two interceptions. Rochester defenders also sacked Jackson eight times. Leading receivers were Glenn Smith with eight receptions for 133 yards, DeReiko Meridy caught five passes for 91 yards and a touchdown, and

Rasheed Cameron had four receptions for 81 yards and two touchdowns. Rushing was not a factor against a good Yellowjackets defense as they gained just 14 yards on 27 carries. Dondre White provided a big special team play by returning a kickoff 85 yards for a touchdown.

Penalties by both teams turned the game into an almost four-hour-long marathon. Refs assessed Vermilion 72 yards on ten penalties, while hitting Rochester with nine penalties costing them 115 yards.

The Ironmen take on 1-4 Fond du Lac on Saturday, Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. at Superior Spartan Field Complex.

Sports in brief

Nighthawks beat Spartans in five-game match

NASHWAUK — It was a late evening here on Tuesday for the Nighthawks, but they emerged with a hard-fought victory in a five-game match with the Spartans.

"It was definitely up and down," said Nighthawks Head Coach Jodi Reichensperger, who watched her team rally after a 25-22 loss in the opening set. The Nighthawks took the second set 25-19 before dropping the third set, 25-15. But they bounced back in set four, winning 25-14, then grabbed a quick lead in the deciding fifth set, and held on for the 15-6 win.

"We did some really great things and then we'd have some real lapses," said Reichensperger. "After the fourth game I told them that whichever team comes out fast in the final set will take the match, and that's what they did."

Hannah Reichensperger and Sophie Lenz both had big nights. Reichensperger notched 22 kills, 19 digs, and five blocks, while Lenz tallied 16 kills, 20 digs, and two blocks. Setter Melissa Nelmark put up 32 assists and nine digs, while Maija Maki notched 15 digs and Jenna Smith tallied 13 digs.

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"We will be back at full strength," said Ely Head Coach Brian Lamppa. "Everyone will be back to their normal position."

Ely's offense, which has struggled at times this season, had another tough outing against the Rangers, as they watched promising drives wither while racking up just 198 yards of total offense. Eli Conaway

proved the workhorse, with 77 yards on 25 carries, while Gaulke carried 22 times for 37 yards. Longwell completed three of five pass attempts for 21 yards and scored Ely's only touchdown on a short run.

Conaway led Ely's defense as well, with seven tackles, followed by Thomas Montana with six, and Collen Seliskar and Nate Netiffee with four apiece.

The Wolves, now 1-2 in the Big North conference, hope to get everyone back on the field and back

on track on Friday. The remainder of the season won't get any easier for Ely and the remaining schedule will play a big role in determining their playoff seeding.

The Wolves travel to Grand Marais on Friday to face the 4-1 Vikings and will be at Silver Bay on Oct. 13 to take on the 1-4 Mariners. They host 4-1 North Woods in their regular season finale on Wednesday, Oct. 18.

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end zone.

Junior Chase Kleppe, who filled in for Olson for much of the game, completed two of two passes for 42 yards.

Sophomore Clay Janssen had a big day defensively with nine tackles, followed by juniors Stefen Johansen and Blake Scofield, with eight tackles apiece.

Dylan Day added six tackles, while junior Alex Byram tallied five.

The Grizzlies face three tough matchups as high school football heads into its final two weeks. They face a powerful 4-1 South Ridge team on Friday, followed by 3-2 Floodwood for the Grizzlies' homecoming on Thursday, Oct. 12. They finish their regular season on the road, on Wednesday, Oct. 18, against the 3-2 Timberwolves.

"We're going to have to be much better at stopping strong running teams," said Jirik, noting that both

South Ridge and Ely typically bring a relentless rushing attack to every matchup. "That's true of South Ridge, in particular," said Jirik.

The Nighthawks head

to Mt. Iron-Buhl on Friday.

They head to South Ridge on Oct. 13 and host

1-3 Silver Bay in the regular season finale on

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BREITUNG TOWNSHIP

Breitung says no to joining Lake Vermilion Trail effort

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA
Staff Writer

BREITUNG- The Breitung Board voted 2-1 against joining the Lake Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Agreement, effectively turning down an opportunity to have a small portion of trail along CR 697 between McKinley Park and the Tower Airport completed for them. Board members Greg Dostert and Chuck Tekautz have been on opposite sides of the issue since this agreement came to the table. Dostert, who serves on the LVT committee, has strongly advocated for joining the agreement, citing how it will benefit the community. Tekautz has been strongly opposed and has raised concern for the potential costs the trail could have in years to come. In the past few months, board chair and deciding vote, Tim Tomsich has kept an open mind, but in Tuesday night's meeting he ultimately decided to turn down the agreement.

The agreement has so far been signed by the cities of Cook and Tower and the townships of Kugler and Greenwood, according to Steve Lotz, another LVT committee member who was in the audience. The agreement asks only \$1 per capita of residents in their respective area, for Breitung this would amount to about \$600 per year. Even though the township has turned down joining the agreement Tomsich is still on board with getting "the loop" trail finished. The board accepted a motion to contact JPJ Engineering to design a layout for the proposed trail.

The township has been in negotiations with the city of Tower for the construction of a new joint fire department for the past two years. The original agreement, which was never signed by either party, is set to expire at the end of October. Breitung has been and remains in favor of joining the departments. While no official word has been given by the city of Tower,

they have opted to suspend joint fire department meetings and are now exploring a new possibility of a different building to house all of the Tower city offices and vehicles. The township board saw Tower's actions as a suggestion that Tower is no longer in favor of partnering with Breitung to join fire departments. Fire Chief Steve Burgess said, "We've put a lot of work into this and it's just sad if all that time and effort was expended for nothing." Dostert said it could still be possible to create a fire district with townships like Greenwood, Kugler, Eagles Nest, Vermilion Lake, and other interested townships without Tower. The township passed a motion to send a letter to Tower to explain they are still in favor of joining fire departments and to inquire on their official position.

Roofing material is on its way for the town hall renovations, and construction will begin soon. The post office renovations are still in the design phase. The most

significant issue in the design is that a handicap-accessible toilet is required and there is currently no room for one in the existing space. The architect has recommended a plan where the restroom would be built off to the side and into current township garage space. The designs currently do not have a cost estimate but costs will hopefully be available by the next meeting.

The current MINOS building tenants will vacate by Sept. 30. The township will be able to move in starting Oct. 1. The township plans on moving the police department and some maintenance vehicles into the building before winter.

Other business

► The township has been receiving noise complaints about loud generators. The township currently has no existing noise ordinance so the board members will be working on putting together a new ordinance to address these concerns.

► A flagpole is being installed next to the scoreboard at the baseball field. It will also include a light for evening games.

► Tom Burns from the Vermilion Park Inn approached the board for assistance in finding a place for a Vermilion Park Inn sign. The board was unable to offer township property for signage but suggested alternative solutions.

► Agreed to store two boat cleaning stations from the Clean, Drain, Dry initiative inside of the MINOS building over the winter. The rental price has not been negotiated.

► Passed a motion to buy six new eight-foot picnic tables for a total of \$4,500.

► Set the next meeting for Tuesday, Oct. 17 at 1 p.m. to discuss DSGW architectural plans for the post office. Regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 24 at 6 p.m.

Obituaries And Death Notices**William F. Deyak**

William F. "Bill" Deyak, 97, of Ely, passed away on Thursday, Sept. 28, 2017, at the Carefree Assisted Living facility in Babbitt. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 6 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely with Rev. Fr. William Skarich as celebrant. Visitation will be for one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial with military rites accorded by the Ely Color Guard will be in the Ely Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Anthony's Catholic Church or to the charity of your choice are sug-

gested. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by three sisters, Margaret Mich, Helen Koschak and Veronica "Bonnie" Zupancich; his special friend, Katy Sustercich; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Carol A. Blair

Carol Ann Preblich Blair, 80, of Ely, passed away on Monday, Sept. 25, 2017, at the Boundary Waters Care Center. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 6 at Kerntz Funeral Home in Ely.

She is survived by her husband, Carl; daughter, Cindy (David) Dahl of Duluth; son, Bryon (Jamie) Blair of Hastings; grandchildren, Miranda, Alexandra and Jacob; sister, Donna (Ralph) Karlinski of Centerville; and several nieces and nephews.

Glenn T. Beatty

Glenn Thomas Beatty, 86, of Virginia, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, Sept. 26, 2017. Glenn's wishes were to have a private graveside ceremony. He and his sense of humor will be genuinely missed by his friends

and loved ones.

He is survived by daughters, Diana (Philip) Kuopus of Eveleth and Ginger (John) Jawish of Stacy; son, Scott (Julie Mohr) Beatty of Crane Lake; grandchildren, Rachel, Ashley, Mathew, Joey, John Jr. and Joseph; and sister, June Hanson of Tampa, Fla.

Peter J. Scheuer

Peter Joseph Scheuer, 59, died on Thursday, Sept. 21, 2017, in Beijing, China. A Funeral Mass will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely with vis-

itation being held one hour prior to the service at the church. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

He is survived by his wife, XiaoXiao; children, Bronte, Brandise, Peter Jr. (Tom) and Eugene; parents, Robert and Katherine Scheuer; brothers, Karl (Rose), Paul and John; and sisters, Gretchen (Brad) Bensen, Veronica (Warren) Olsen, Anna (Keith) Larson and Nichole (Duane) Farkas.

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HUNTING

Bear hunter success high

To date, 46 percent of hunters have bagged a bear

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER
Managing Editor

REGIONAL—With the days winding down in the 2017 bear season, it appears the total harvest will end up down about 20 percent over last year. That's in line with what DNR wildlife managers were expecting, and will likely allow the region's black bear population to increase somewhat over the next year. "This was the desired effect of the permit reduction for 2017," said Tower Area DNR Wildlife Manager Tom Rusch.

The DNR has been seeking to lower the bear harvest in recent years to allow for a rebound in bear numbers after high harvests several years ago

cut the region's bear population in half. But the recovery has taken a bit longer than expected, in part because of significantly higher hunter success in recent years. Last year, due in part to limited natural foods, more than half of bear hunters bagged a bear in the state's quota zone, a record success rate. This year, about 46 percent of hunters have taken a bear so far this season, with just nine days remaining.

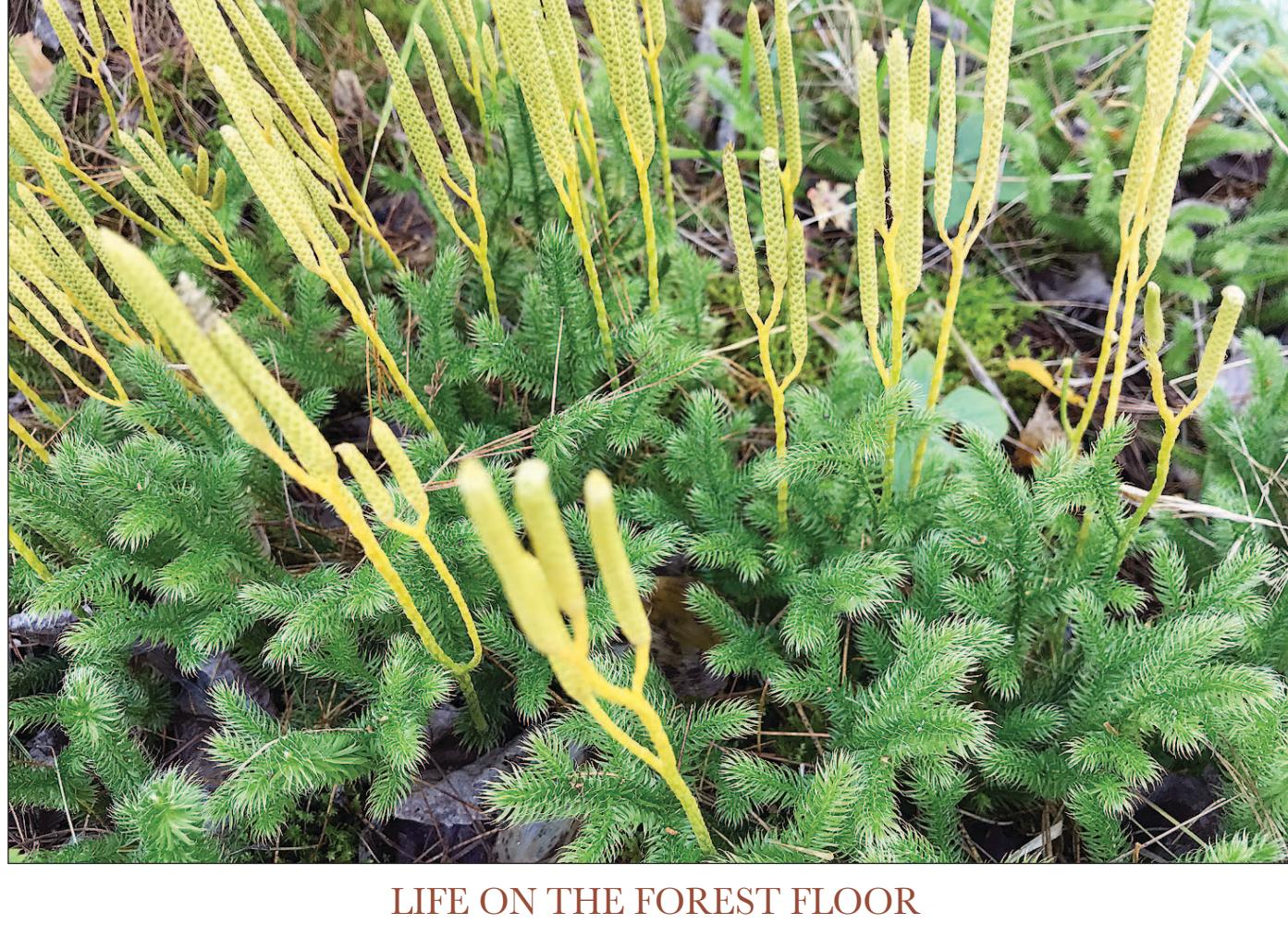
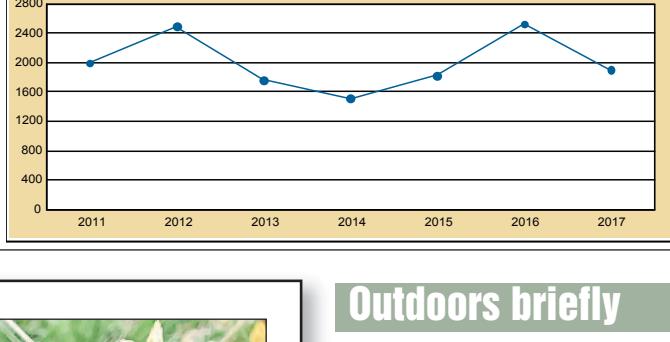
As of Tuesday, hunters had registered 1,901 bears, which should put the final tally at around 2,000. That would be down about 20 percent from last year, but still up from the three prior years. The

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Bear harvest thru Oct. 2



Year	YTD	Total
2017	1,901	1,901
2016	2,526	2,633
2015	1,828	1,972
2014	1,512	1,624
2013	1,767	1,861
2012	2,495	2,598
2011	1,997	2,124



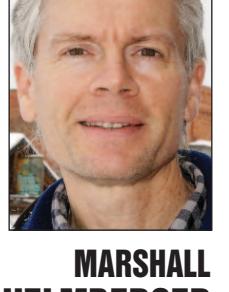
LIFE ON THE FOREST FLOOR

Season of the lycopodium

The club mosses are their own class of "evergreens"

It's that season of transition here in the northwoods, from flaming reds and yellows to the browns and grays that are soon to follow. But despite the season, one group of forest plants retains its bright greens, even when the snow begins to fly.

Most folks in our area know these plants as "princess pine," although that typically refers to one particular species of a group of ancient plants known collectively as the club mosses, or lycopodiids.



MARSHALL HELMBERGER

Above: Running pine lycopodium with freshly grown sporangia.

Right: Another fairly common species of lycopodium known as ground cedar.

Lower right: Ground pine, or princess pine.

photos by M. Helmberger

they receive at least a little filtered light during parts of the day. We

have at least a dozen species here in northern Minnesota, including the princess pine, or ground pine, which looks, as it names suggests, like a miniature pine tree. At least as common are the running ground pine, which grows like a branching vine sprawling across the forest floor, and the shining club moss, a coarser-leaved species

that grows a bit more vertically than the running pine and is a deeper green. The ground cedar is another species, which is easier to distinguish from the other club mosses because the plants appear to be tiny white cedar trees.

Despite their name, club mosses are not mosses at all. They

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Outdoors briefly

Open house on Pelican Lake fish regulations

ORR—The Department of Natural Resources will be host open houses this fall to gather input on the future of northern pike and bass regulations on Pelican Lake.

The next open house will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 17, from 7 - 9 p.m. at the American Legion Post 480, 4543 Hwy. 53 in Orr.

The open houses are intended to provide background information, answer questions, and take public input on the future of experimental regulations on these waters.

Experimental regulations for northern pike and bass have been in place on Pelican Lake since 1998. The northern pike regulation requires the immediate release of all pike from 24 to 36 inches. One northern pike over 36 inches is allowed in a possession limit of three. The bass regulation protects fish from 14 to 20 inches, with one over 20 inches allowed in a possession limit. The current regulations expire on March 1, 2018. These regulations may be modified, extended or dropped.

Comments on these regulations can be mailed to Kevin Peterson, Area Fisheries Supervisor, DNR Area Fisheries, 392 Hwy. 11 East, International Falls, MN 56649, or sent by email to kevin.peterson@dnr.state.mn.us. Comments will be accepted through Oct. 31.

You can advise DNR on fishing

REGIONAL—Volunteers can apply to join one of the citizen-agency work groups that discuss how the Department of Natural Resources manages fish.

There are individual work groups for bass, catfish, panfish and walleye, and one focused on both northern pike and muskellunge. New members are needed for all of these work groups except the panfish group.

"Fisheries work group members have valuable discussions about topics like fish habitat, bag limits, water quality, fishing's ties to local economies and angler trends," said Don Pereira, DNR fisheries chief. "These groups improve the DNR's relationship with citizens and they go in-depth on fisheries issues and angler points of view."

Volunteers can apply to one of the groups through Monday, Oct. 30. Applicants must be Minnesota residents age 18 or older. For more information or an application form, visit mndnr.gov/fishgroups or call 651-259-5182.

Outdoors briefly**Learn about off-grid solar living**

Would you like to produce electricity from the sun, but do not know where to begin? Join Timberjay Publisher, Marshall Helmberger for a primer on solar power on Thursday, Oct. 12, from 5:30-7 p.m. at the new Natural Harvest Co-op store in Virginia. Marshall and his wife Jodi have lived "off-the-grid" at their rural Tower homestead for over 30 years, using photovoltaic panels for their electrical energy. The price of solar panels has plunged in recent years, which makes this a more affordable option than ever before for the public. But whether or not solar panels make sense for you depends on a number of factors and Marshall will walk you through the various questions to ask before you make a final decision. He'll also give you practical advice on how to move forward with your own solar installation and answer any other off-the-grid questions you may have (time permitting). Anyone interested can register with payment in-store or over the phone with a credit card at 218-741-4663. The cost of the class is \$13 for co-op members, \$15 for the general public.

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more important number, said Rusch, is the harvest of female bears and it looks as though the final tally will come in just under 800, which was the uppermost limit that wildlife managers believed was acceptable this year.

But not every bear zone is meeting that goal. In zone 24, which includes a wide swath of St. Louis County, south of Hwy. 1, about 44 percent of the bears registered have been female. "That's too high," said Rusch, who notes that the females provide the reproductive potential for

the species. But unlike with deer hunting, the DNR can't realistically switch to a male-only harvest since distinguishing between male and female bears can be difficult under typical hunting conditions.

The continued high hunter success isn't necessarily a sign of a higher bear population, said Rusch. The DNR has significantly reduced the number of permits in recent years, and that's translated to less competition from other hunters. "Your odds go up," he said.

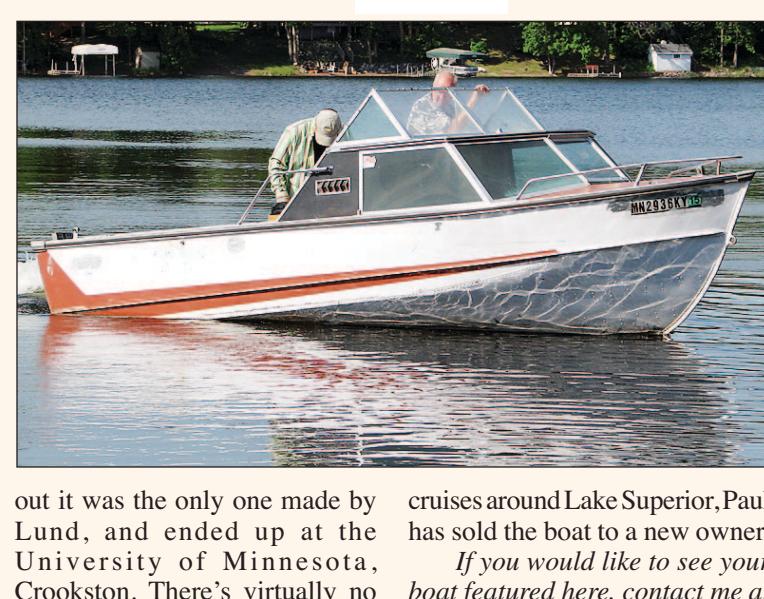
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What's In YOUR BOATHOUSE?

by ROBERT MATSON
Columnist

What's so special about this boat, you might ask? Well, it is one of a kind. The 1970 Lund Cuddy was owned by Paul Christensen of Askov. Paul was looking for a project boat when he came across an ad for a boat. When he called, he was told that the boat was sold, but that he had another one for sale. After Paul looked at it, he bought it and began the restoration process. There was a metal tag that said Lund Boats, New York Mills. When Paul called Lund to get more info on it, the archivist thought it was a strange number. Paul was told to call back after the archivist had more time to research it. It turns



out it was the only one made by Lund, and ended up at the University of Minnesota, Crookston. There's virtually no water around Crookston, so why the university there needed this boat is a mystery. After a few cruises around Lake Superior, Paul has sold the boat to a new owner.

If you would like to see your boat featured here, contact me at 218-343-5719, or email at rcmely@frontiernet.net.

CLUB MOSS...Continued from page 4B

Shining club moss has coarser, shinier leaves and grows more vertically than running ground pine.

not the seeds produced by modern flowering plants.

Seeds are created by the combination of both male and female gametes from a flowering plant, so they contain the full complement of genetic material needed to grow the next generation of the plant. That's not the case with spores, which include only half the number of chromosomes and don't, by themselves, develop into a mature plant of the same species. Instead, they grow into a tiny organism, sometimes underground, that we very rarely ever see. This tiny plant grows for the sole purpose of creating male and female gametes that can combine, usually after rain or in morning dew. Once combined, the resulting zygote grows into the form that we see when we walk in the woods.

The fall is the time of year when the club mosses are actively creating spores. This takes place in yellowish sporangia that usually grow atop two-to-six-inch stems. These sporangia have a club-like shape, which undoubtedly accounts for their name. The spores are yellow and can appear like yellow

smoke this time of year if you happen to walk through a patch of brush some of the clubs with your hand. These spores have been used by humans for years for a variety of purposes. They repel water and have been used as a replacement for talcum powder. The spores are also highly flammable and were used for many years on stage or in photography as flash powder.

Most often, of course, these plants are used in our area to provide greenery for the holidays. In some places, these plants were overharvested for such purposes. They're slow growing, so it can take a while for them to recover from such excesses. Up here, the supply is unlikely to be overtaxed by the occasional harvest, so picking some for a wreath or two shouldn't cause any harm, although you might need a permit to do so on public land.

The club mosses have fallen far from their once dominant position in the world of plants. But they're still worth a look, especially at a time of year when most other plants are fading into dormancy for the long winter.

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Kugler Township Notice of Regular Meeting

The Kugler Town Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, Oct. 17, 2017, at 6 p.m. at the Kugler Town Hall.

Julie Suihkonen, Town Clerk

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Field Township Notice of Regular Meeting

The October Board Meeting of Field Township will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 7 p.m. at the Clerk's address, 9998 East Lind Rd., Angora.

Pat Chapman, Town Clerk

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Advertisement for Bids Hoo Doo Point Campground Improvements City of Tower, Minnesota SEH No. TOWER 138989

Notice is hereby given that sealed Bids will be received by the City of Tower until 11:00 a.m., Friday, October 27, 2017, at the Tower City Hall, at which time they will be publicly opened and read aloud, for the furnishing of all labor and material for the construction of Hoo Doo Point Campground Improvements. Major quantities for the work include:

Item	Unit	Quantity
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2" Forceman - HDPE (Horizontal Directional Drill)	LF	4092
Duplex Grinder Station	LUMP SUM	1
Topsoil Borrow	CY	270

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Linda Keith, City Clerk - Treasurer

City of Tower, Minnesota

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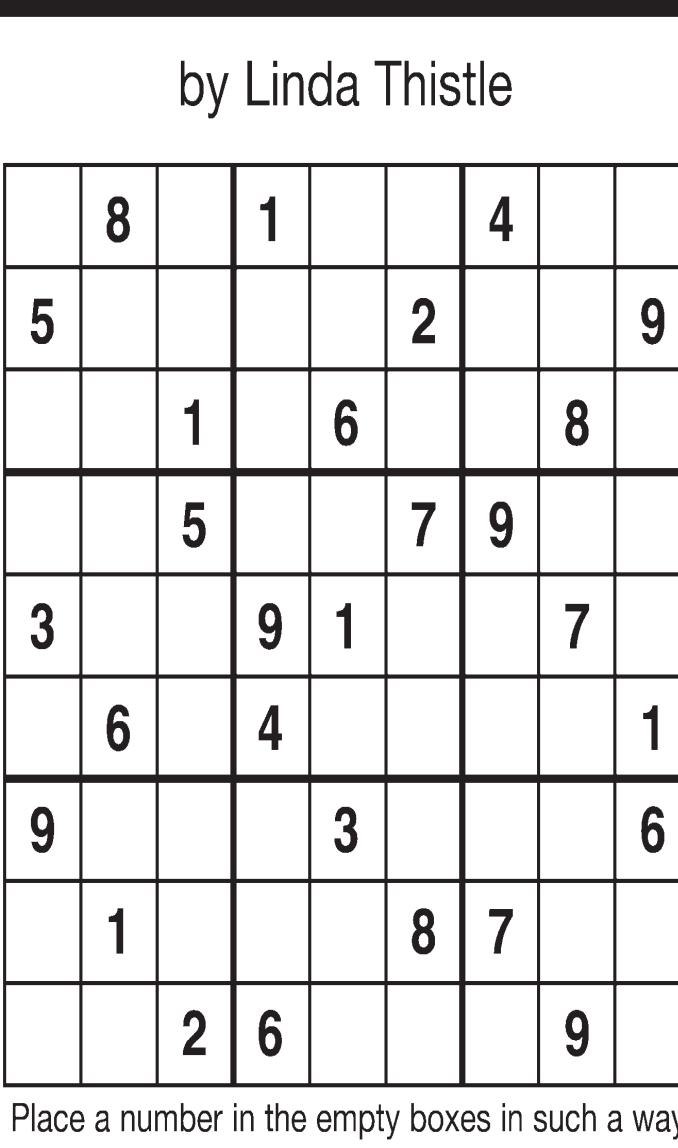
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Answers



Place a number in the empty boxes in such a way that each row across, each column down and each small 3x3 square contains all of the numbers from one to nine.

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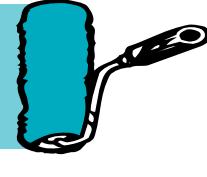
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| 58 | 10,000,000 | 97 | Chemical ending | 131 | Harper of Hollywood |
| 1 | Nest item | 59 | Lend support | 132 | Seaport of Scotland |
| 4 | Funny Mort | 60 | Tip sheet | 100 | Run-of-the-mill |
| 8 | Casual top | 63 | Statistics | 102 | "Inc." relative |
| 14 | Cape, e.g. | 64 | Askew | 103 | Start for guerrilla |
| 19 | British lav | 65 | Guevara the Roma | 106* | 13th-century pope |
| 20 | Jai — | 66 | Berry of "The Call" | 108* | General Mills cereal |
| 21 | Its capital is Roma | 67 | Lushes | 111 | Cascade Range peak |
| 22 | Turn a profit, say | 68* | Fulfill, as a promise | 115 | kwon do |
| 23 | * Group for motorists | 69 | What you don't need a return ticket for | 117 | Squirmish fish |
| 24 | * Turn a profit, say | 70 | Speed test | 118 | With 104- |
| 25 | Skew | 71* | Crucial arteries | 119* | Down, cure |
| 26 | On the other side of | 72 | Amtrak area | 120 | concocted by Mom |
| 27 | * "La Vie en Rose" singer | 73 | 84 — noire | 123 | The mineral citrine, e.g. |
| 28 | * Amass wealth | 74 | 85 D.C. VIP | 125 | What the first and last letters of 13 answers in this puzzle proceed through |
| 29 | Scheming | 75 | 86 Like tapestries | 126 | Lowest point |
| 30 | Drench | 76 | 87* "No noise allowed" | 127 | Lift |
| 31 | On the other side of | 77 | 88* Kids' chemistry set, e.g. | 128 | Printer's unit |
| 32 | * "La Vie en Rose" singer | 78 | 89* Fed. of Brezhnev | 129 | Chemical ending |
| 33 | * Amass wealth | 79 | 90 Son of Eve | 130 | Gives applause |
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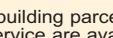
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