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## SULFIDE MINING

# What's next for PolyMet?

### With permits in hand, company offers no clear timeline

by **MARSHALL HELMBERGER**  
Managing Editor

**REGIONAL**— For more than a decade, PolyMet Mining issued a seemingly never-ending series of optimistic timelines for the start of construction and operation of the state's first copper-nickel mine.

Each, in turn, fell by the wayside as the environmental review process dragged on for more than a decade.

Now, with the environmental review completed, and all of its major permits finally in hand, the company is offering no clear sense of when, or even if, the now-permitted project will proceed—at least as proposed.

While the company's completion of a marathon environmental review and state and federal permitting process was a significant achievement, it came at considerable cost— more than a quarter of a billion dollars in debt. A total of \$243

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The former LTV plant near Hoyt Lakes, now owned by PolyMet, will be utilized as a processing facility for the mining operation. Timberjay file photo

## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT



# Growing a business in the North Country

### Many resources are available for entrepreneurs

by **MARCUS WHITE**  
Cook/Orr Editor

**REGIONAL** - When Mike Gronski and his family looked to open their own candy store after living in California for 20 years, one town stuck out.

"The year before moving to California I discovered Ely and the Boundary Waters," said Gronski, who opened

**Mike Gronski opened Ely's Old Fashioned Candy Store on Sheridan Street last year.** photo by K. Vandervort

Ely's Old Fashioned Candy Channel broadcaster always enjoyed small town candy stores and wanted to open his own. Gronski said he tried in California, but it never took off, since most places already had a candy store to call their own.

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**Betsy Olivanti**

## ELY SCHOOLS

# Renovation project comes into focus

### Estimated to cost between \$5 million and \$13 million

by **KEITH VANDERVORT**  
Ely Editor

**ELY**— A facilities renovation committee for the school district here concluded their community engagement meetings this week with consensus on priorities for a campus improvement project.

The committee, made up of community members and school staff, has met four times since the beginning of the year with architects and school finance experts to evaluate various scenarios for improving the three campus buildings for safety, growth and learning.

The committee identified five priorities, including:

- Improved school safety and security through connecting the three campus buildings.
- A single, secured school-day entrance to be located near the soon-to-be demolished former boiler plant building.
- Added gymnasium space on the west side of the Memorial building.
- Renovated locker rooms utilizing the former swimming pool area.
- Remodeled kitchen and cafeteria

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## DEMOCRATIC FARMER LABOR PARTY

# DFL: Reconnecting with grassroots

by **JODI SUMMIT**  
Tower-Soudan Editor

**TOWER**— Activists with the DFL Party in northeastern Minnesota are hoping to reconnect with their grassroots and they held another in a series of meetings across the area this past Thursday in Tower.

More than two dozen area residents turned out for a wide-ranging discussion with members of the DFL's District 3 board. Board member Leah Rogne, of

**Area residents attended a wide-ranging discussion in Tower last week with members of the DFL's District 3 board.** photo by J. Summit

Gheen, noted that board members held similar meetings earlier this winter in Cook and Ely. Results from the three meetings will be compiled and brought back to an upcoming district board

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## Embarrass Fair Pancake Breakfast, April 6 at Timber Hall

EMBARRASS - Support the Embarrass Region Fair by attending an all-you-can-eat breakfast with pancakes, choice of ham or sausage links, juice, and a bottomless cup of coffee the first Saturday of each month through May at the Timber Hall. The next breakfast is Saturday, April 6 from 8 to 11 a.m. Adults cost \$5, children (6-10 years) \$3, and children under 5 years are free. These breakfasts are sponsored by the Embarrass Region Fair Association.

## Last class for Winter Writers on April 13

COOK - The last Winter Writers Class at Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery will be Saturday, April 13 from 1-3 p.m.

The writing group is voluntarily orchestrated by Dr. Ellie Larmouth, retired college professor. All individuals who enjoy writing are invited to attend and engage in writing activities with the camaraderie and support of other writers.

The Summer Writers Group will begin with an "Open Mic" session on Tuesday, June 11 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Writers will have the chance to share their personal and published writing with the community as part of NFWA's "Spring Art Expo," an annual event scheduled with Cook businesses taking place for 23 days from June 5 to 28.

Mark your calendars with Summer Writers Group Tuesday dates: June 25, July 9, July 23 and Aug. 13.

NFWA is a nonprofit membership volunteer organization in support of all creative arts in the Cook area. The gallery is now open Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For more information, visit online at [nwfamn.org](http://nwfamn.org) or find NFWA on Instagram and Facebook. The gallery is located at 210 S River St.

## Ruby's Pantry in Cook, April 11

COOK - Ruby's Pantry Food Distribution will be on Thursday, April 11 from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the old Cook School. Registration begins at 3 p.m. with a \$20 cash donation at the door. Volunteers are asked to arrive at 3 p.m. Please bring your own containers. Ruby's Pantry is now offering online registration at [rubyspantry.com](http://rubyspantry.com) starting on Friday, April 12 for the May 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 Amy Viita at 218-666-2220.

## GARDENING

# Learn about growing heirloom varieties and saving seeds, April 27 at Giants Ridge

BIWABIK - The Embarrass Regional Flower and Garden Club will host the Eighth District Minnesota State Horticultural Society Spring Meeting with guest speaker Jackie Clay-Atkinson, homesteading expert, presenting "Growing Heirloom Varieties and Saving Seeds." The meeting will be at The Lodge at Giants Ridge, 6329 Wynne Creek Drive in Biwabik on Saturday, April 27 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Jackie Clay-Atkinson and her husband Will live off-the-grid on a diverse homestead in Angora along with their cattle, goats, chickens, turkeys, and horses. They also grow a large variety of heirloom vegetables and specialize in saving seeds from year to year. Jackie will present tips and tricks to growing these cherished varieties and how to save your own heirloom favorites. Jackie regularly writes for "Backwoods Home" magazine and recently

began publishing an heirloom seed catalogue, "Seed Treasurers." She will bring knowledge of how to raise tasty and beautiful crops, as well as seed samples. Wear your special spring/gardening hat and win a prize.

Registration begins at 9 a.m., with an Eighth District MSHS business meeting at 10 a.m. Lunch is at noon and Jackie's program begins at 1 p.m. You need not be a member of MSHS to attend the program.

Cost is \$25 for the event, lunch and refreshments. The event is hosted by the Embarrass Regional Flower and Garden Club. **Registration must be made by April 15.** To register, contact Linda Cox at 218-984-3002 or at [lakesideenterprises@frontiernet.net](mailto:lakesideenterprises@frontiernet.net).

**Jackie Clay-Atkinson shows off one of her heirloom melons at the Orr Center Expo last summer.**



## ARROWHEAD LIBRARY SYSTEM

# Calling local authors: Libraries sponsoring local author contest

REGIONAL - Arrowhead Library System is pleased to join in the announcement of a local author contest that will accept submissions of adult and young adult fiction, to be recognized as the top independently-published eBooks in Minnesota. Winners in each category will receive \$1,000, inclusion and promotion in Indie Minnesota, a digital collection of local authors on BiblioBoard Library (winners and finalists), honors at the 2020 Public Library Association Conference in Nashville, Tenn., opportunities to promote the winning title at Minnesota public libraries, inclusion in a full page spread in Library Journal, one of America's oldest and most renowned trade publications for library news, and if available, print copies of your book will be purchased and made available for checkout through



Minnesota's public libraries.

The creation of the Minnesota Author Project gives librarians not only a chance to engage with a growing group of fresh literary voices, but also an opportunity to play an active role in the discovery and promotion of new works.

For indie-published authors, the contest is a fantastic prospect to elevate their careers and businesses. Along with the accolade of the award and its perks, being recognized by librarians creates credibility and visibility in the growing

marketplace of digital content and indie-published books. Winning authors will reach hundreds if not thousands of new readers via the library and can also leverage being an award-winning indie author for additional marketing opportunities. Each book that is submitted to the contest must be independently-published, in the category of adult or young adult fiction, written by a Minnesota resident, and available in either PDF or ePUB format. Multiple submissions are welcome. The contest will accept submissions from April 1 through May 31. Authors can submit at [indieauthorproject.librariesshare.com/minnesota](http://indieauthorproject.librariesshare.com/minnesota).

# NRCS and SWCD seek public input, April 10

VIRGINIA - The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) and the North St. Louis Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD) invite interested parties to a Local Work Group meeting and listening session on Wednesday, April 10 from 1 - 3 p.m. in Virginia at Mesabi Range College. NRCS works to implement practices to reduce soil erosion, help water quality, and other practices identified in the Farm Bill. The SWCD partners with NRCS to help put those practices on the ground, in addition to a variety of other conservation services. Each year a local work group meets to provide input on the Environmental

Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) for the next year.

This meeting is an opportunity to provide input on the 2020 funding priorities for the conservation provisions of the Federal Farm Bill that NRCS is responsible for implementing.

During this meeting participants will identify and prioritize resource concerns and conservation practices, identify geographic areas/watersheds to receive priority, make technical and programmatic recommendations to address specific resource concerns, and identify partnership opportunities to further conservation efforts.

Your input will be important to helping the NRCS and SWCD implement the Farm Bill programs in northern St. Louis County.

The meeting will be held at Mesabi Range Community College, Norse Conference Room, L159. Park in the south parking lot and use Door 2 on April 10 at 1 p.m.

RSVPs are requested but not required, call 218-471-7287 or email [phil@nslswcd.org](mailto:phil@nslswcd.org).

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TUESDAY GROUP

# New push to add ERA to state's constitution

Elyites mark "equal pay day" with events

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY — Representatives from ERA MN were in Ely this week to promote state efforts to add an Equal Rights Amendment to the state constitution. Heather Allison, ERA MN president discussed the topic at Tuesday Group.

According to Allison, the ERA amendment has passed the state House, and is waiting to be taken up in a Senate committee before a floor vote on the measure. Following an affirmative vote in the Senate, the amendment will be placed as a

resolution on the 2020 ballot so that citizens can make the final decision on whether or not to add the amendment to the state constitution.

Minnesota was the 26th state to ratify the federal ERA in 1973. Now, 46 years later, women are still not a protected class in either the Minnesota or national constitution, she said.

Allison talked about the history and current status of the ERA, both in Minnesota and nationally and why it is needed now more than ever. Participants learned more about the roadblocks that have stopped it from passing and that still hold equality at bay, and received information on how to get involved to help clear away those barriers.

"The Equal Rights Amendment fits everything," she said. "You can tie in so many



Right: Autumn Cole dressed as Rosie the Riveter during a pay-equity event on Tuesday.

Left: Heather Allison.

issues that are happening right now into one single topic."

The federal ERA amendment reads, "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex."

Congress originally passed the ERA in 1973. By 1977, 35 out of the required 38 states had ratified the constitutional amendment, but the early momentum behind the initiative faded without approval of the remaining states. The seven-year deadline to have at least 38 states



ratify the amendment expired in 1979, and a time extension expired in 1982 without ratification. A precedent was established with the Congressional pay amendment that no deadline

adheres to the passage of constitutional amendments, according to Allison, which is why a new push for ERA ratification is

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CITY OF ELY

# City to utilize Facebook, adds 5G wireless policy

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY — A social media presence could be coming to the city of Ely. Council members here this week gave the go-ahead for staff to develop a Facebook page and a corresponding policy based on existing guidelines established by the League of Minnesota Cities.

Council member Heidi Omerza apparently met with staff prior to the Tuesday council meeting to discuss the issue and then asked the council to approve moving forward with her idea.

"I would like to promote a city Facebook page where we just present information, and not have responses," Omerza said in floating the idea. She indicated that staff time utilized for the added responsibility would fall under the employee handbook. "We can use the League's digital policy for how to handle this from the city's side."

She suggested a policy draft could be presented at the next regular meeting of the council for members to consider.

Omerza's idea is for the city of Ely to post reminders and immediate

news items, such as the dates of the upcoming spring clean-up days, city office hours, etc. "There would be nothing controversial, but informational only," she said.

Mayor Chuck Novak agreed that having a comment capability "would be risky at best." He referred to much of social media as "anti-social" media. "People feel like you can't see them so they can say what they want," Novak said.

"With just 3.5 employees here, staff can't be responding to every comment that comes in on social media," he added.

Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski touted the immediacy of posting information and updates to Facebook. "It is so much easier for the administrator to add information, than on the website," he said.

"If there is a project, or an emergency going on, we can put that information up immediately to notify people that intersections may be closed or service will be interrupted."

Langowski admitted that he has been reluctant to embrace Facebook for the city's purposes. "Other departments within the city are utilizing Facebook, like the library,

Police Department and Fire Department, and it has been working well to disseminate information. We can still use the radio stations and newspapers and our website, but for more immediate issues, this is the way to go."

Council member Paul Kess commented that he thinks Facebook is not as popular as it once was, except with older people. "I don't think my son even uses Facebook," he said.

"There's more people on Facebook than you'd think," Langowski answered.

A city social media policy could be ready to

discuss at the next regular council meeting.

## New policy for 5G wireless

In an eleventh-hour move this week, council members approved a public right-of-way policy covering small wireless facility aesthetic requirements and construction criteria just ahead of the federal deadline of mid-April.

City officials became aware of the issue just this week through the League of Minnesota Cities. "If we don't have a policy in

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# OPINION

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## Editorial

### Ego over empathy

President Trump would throw millions off health insurance for a talking point

The recent decision by the Trump administration to seek to overturn the entire Affordable Care Act is just one more example of the degree to which the current occupant of the White House is unfit for the office of president.

The ACA is far from perfect, as we have noted here on several occasions. Yet since its enactment seven years ago, an estimated 20 million additional Americans have gained health insurance coverage, reducing the level of the uninsured in America to a historic low. Nearly 200,000 Minnesotans are among those who have gained affordable coverage under the law.

But President Trump now wants the courts to declare it unconstitutional in the wake of a decision by a conservative federal district court judge in Texas, which would very likely have the effect of throwing the majority of the newly-insured Americans back into the ranks of the uninsured or underinsured.

President Trump, naturally, claims that he'd replace the ACA with something better, just as he claimed during the 2016 campaign. But when given the opportunity to actually propose an alternative, President Trump and his Republican allies in Congress punted. The truth is, President Trump has no idea how to fix health care. That's not just our opinion, it's the view expressed by Republican leaders in Congress, who have made it clear to the White House that they are washing their hands of any effort to upset the ACA applecart. Congressional Republicans got the message on health-care this past November—Americans don't want less access to health care and they'll punish politicians who threaten to take away a benefit that millions of Americans now rely on.

President Trump, of course, is planning to run for re-election with the message: "Promises Made, Promises Kept." And Trump ran on the destruction of the ACA, or Obamacare as he derisively calls it, so he's ready to send the torpedoes no matter the consequences to millions of Americans.

As with almost everything Trump does, it's a matter of ego over empathy. He's happy to rob millions of their health care coverage for a bit of bluster in a stump speech.

The ACA does need fixing, and if President Trump and Republican leaders were willing to work constructively toward that end, they might find a willing partner in the

Democratically-controlled House. Trump won't do that, of course. He's a bomb thrower, not a fixer.

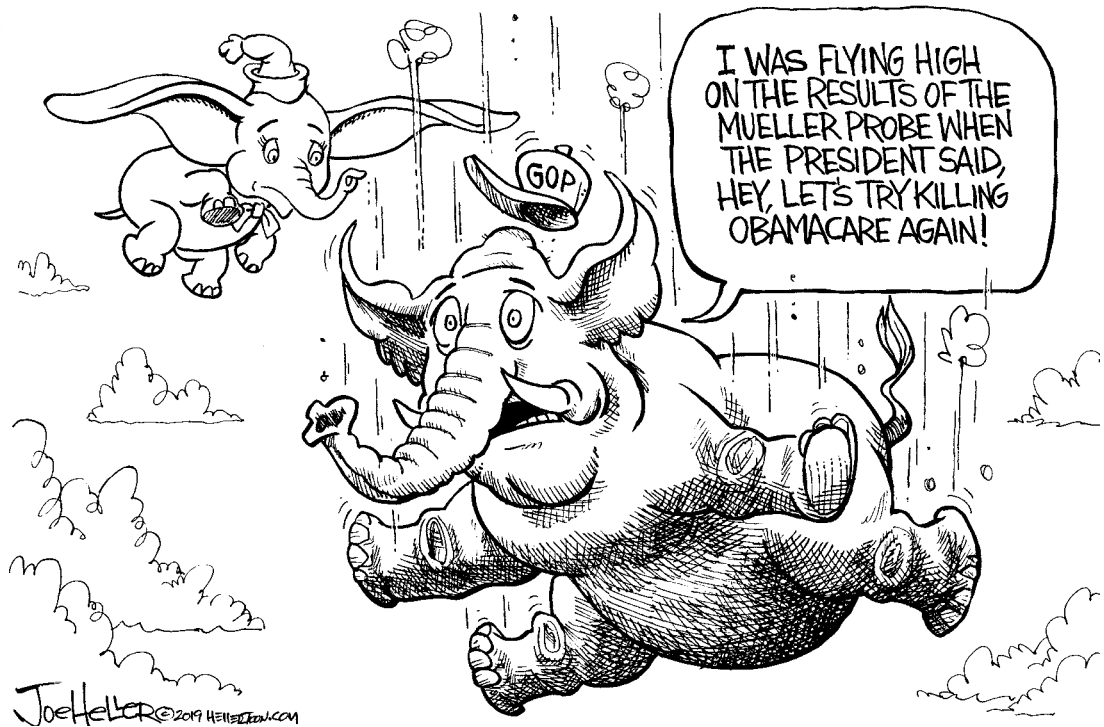
Trump's reckless decision on the ACA gives the Democrats an opening, and it's one they should take by outlining how to expand coverage to all and make health care less costly in America. We can't afford to spend twice as much as the rest of the world for lackluster health outcomes while still leaving 25 million Americans uninsured.

The Democrats shouldn't shy away from a Medicare-for-all type solution because the government is the only entity powerful enough to implement the kinds of changes necessary to get the spiraling costs of care under control. Let's be clear—the reason that Americans pay so much more for health care is that the profit motive drives so much of the decision-making here in the U.S. Drug companies charge Americans twice what they charge Canadians for pharmaceuticals because the government here allows that to happen.

Shifting to a single-payer system doesn't have to be disruptive. A phased approach could allow individuals and small businesses to buy into Medicare, much like the public option originally proposed for the ACA. In that case, adding to Medicare's enrollment would likely improve the program's fiscal outlook while providing a more affordable option for many. Gradually stepping down the eligibility age for Medicare over a decade or so would ease the transition. There's nothing magic about 65 after all.

Those who say that a switch to a single-payer system would be expensive are misunderstanding key facts. A Medicare-for-all system would ultimately save money on overall health care spending because of administrative savings and because Medicare pays providers about 40 percent less than private insurers. And, finally, allowing Medicare to negotiate drug prices would lower the cost of pharmaceuticals. Even studies from conservative think tanks have projected overall savings from Medicare-for-all.

The Democrats shouldn't be content to play defense on health care. They need to recognize the limitations of the ACA and push for bolder solutions in response to Trump's attacks on the program. It's time for a party that is both progressive and strategic as it works to find real solutions to what ails health care in America.



## Letters from Readers

### Help our kids by halting sulfide mining

In last week's edition, state Rep. Rob Ecklund wrote in support of the PolyMet project, citing the potential benefits to the School Trust Fund for the future of our children. In his words he administered the poison pill to his own argument. I quote: "Under the law the DNR is directed to maximize long-term economic returns while maintaining sound natural resource conservation and management principles." In the case of the PolyMet sulfide mining venture, that's impossible. As has been noted before in these pages, there has never been a sulfide mine in a wet environment anywhere in the world that has not violated "sound natural resource conservation and management principles."

A decade ago when this project was first proposed, PolyMet officials themselves tacitly admitted as such when they made assurances that their operation would be "different," that new technologies and methods would be employed to short circuit the dismal record of the sulfide mining industry. Not so. There's nothing new about the design of the proposed mine, and, moreover, in what seems like a bait and switch, PolyMet now intends to establish a significantly larger project that what was proposed and approved. In addition, PolyMet's plan for a 252-foot high upstream earthen dam (the cheapest solution for the highly toxic tailings basin), mimics a design that is now banned in Brazil after a recent catastrophic failure in that country that killed hundreds of people. That dam was certified safe using the same method (the Olson Method) that PolyMet employed. What reason is there to expect a different result? The dam in Brazil lasted for 52 years. The PolyMet dam is supposed to last for centuries. The MinnTac tailings basin dam has been leaking for decades, and the same Iron Range legislators that have blocked the mitigation of that problem now champion a more dangerous operation.

If you are concerned about the future of our children, it seems odd to support a project that will threaten their health and safety for the next ten generations.

**Peter M. Leschak**  
Side Lake

### Ecklund letter needs a reality check

In last week's letter to the editor, "Supporting mining also supports our state's schools", District 3A Rep. Rob Ecklund explained that "In 2018, activity on these [School Trust] lands generated over \$33 million to expand education opportunities across the state for more than 856,000 students." Doing the math, that amounts to \$38.55 per student. To put that into perspective, in 2017 the public spending per student in Minnesota was \$12,432, a far cry from the \$38.55 per student School Trust Lands contribution. My 2017 numbers come from the MN. Dept of Ed. Data Center. \$38.55 is about half what it costs to fill my pickup with gas. We need to keep our focus on reality.

**Lee Peteron**  
Greenwood Twp

### Destroying wetlands won't help our kids

While I appreciate the work Rep. Ecklund does for us in St. Paul and hope to vote for him again, I disagree with his letter to the *Timberjay* promoting the importance of mining and the Permanent School Fund. If you use the numbers in his letter it appears that the fund contributes less than forty dollars per student per year. A tiny percentage of student education costs.

I've been trying to convince my wife that we should contribute a billion dollars to the School Trust Fund. We could put a hundred dollars into an interest-paying account and donate a dollar a year for a billion years. That would be almost as effective as what the mining corporations are doing for us now.

Destroying our wetlands to open up a sulfide ore body on

school trust lands is an insult to our children and to common sense.

**Bob Tammen**  
Soudan

### We must regain our sense of civility

In the book, "Berlin" the author takes readers back to 1930s Germany as Hitler's movement was growing. No one thought what was taking place was opening the world to the terrors of tyranny. In the book, armbands with white circles, absent the swastika, reveal the casual attitude of Germans toward the lies, and the propaganda that enslaved their nation in a few, short years.

I am grateful for Marshall Helmerger's op-ed in the *Timberjay* regarding to today's presidential realities. I am grateful that he regularly states his understanding of the truth. Dedicated to civil discourse, he prints letters that express the writers' opinions in open discourse. We are blessed to have this paper. It gives us genuine community dialogue.

We have given governing power to a man many of us dare not trust. The power of lies and fake news affects us daily. That is why it is vital not to regard the square in our flag with all of its stars as just a blank white box, as did the author of "Berlin" with the swastika. Those stars represent our states, and most importantly, our sense of truth.

It is essential that every citizen express her or his perception of the truth as to what is going on in our nation and world. This means reading the *Timberjay*, listening to more than television, writing letters to the editor, reading books and articles that represent more than what makes us feel good. We need to recognize civil discourse and then engage in it. We care about our nation and what is true. First we need to listen to what is being said. Then we need to share what we are learning. Then we listen, and share, and listen and share. If we begin landing blows meant to kill, the patch of stars in our flag becomes a mass of black.

**Art Dale**  
Soudan

## Thoughts on the generational differences in the U.S.

When I first heard of the designation of Gen X for the generation following my fellow Baby Boomers, I thought it was really dumb—just one more trendy catchphrase in our soundbite world attempting to label people unnecessarily.



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generation? None of us like to be pigeonholed as a "type", wiping out our unique humanness with an offhand comment: "Oh, that's because you're a... (fill in the blank: woman, black, Scorpio, Southerner, vegetarian, etc.) We're more complicated than that.

I never felt offended being

called a Baby Boomer, because I thought of our generation as just the bulge in the demographics, like the rabbit going through the snake's belly, beginning with the explosion of births after WWII and ending with the advent of the birth control pill.

I wondered if this labeling was more harmful than useful and was curious about how these generation spans were determined and named. I decided to research and also to explore it from the inside out, asking people of different ages if they

thought the descriptions of their generation were true and if they themselves fit the mold or not. Since I'm not Pew Research, I had a very limited pool of interviewees in a very limited amount of time.

But first some background. Pew Research and others have been collecting information for many decades. The "edges" of the generations, which are necessary to do generational analysis, are determined by demographics, attitudes, historical events, popular culture, and prevailing

consensus among researchers.

Opinions vary about the precise years and characteristics of generations. The Pew Research Center regards them as guidelines, not absolute distinctions, providing a lens through which to understand societal change, rather than a label used to oversimplify differences between groups.

The naming of the generations is sometimes instigated by an individual and other

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## Letters from Readers

### No time to walk softly with an authoritarian in the White House

After a thorough two-year \$25 million investigation, Special Independent Prosecutor Mueller, for as yet unknown reasons, has issued a final report that neither indicts nor exonerates the president. And already the president and republicans are taking a victory lap. They have chosen to aggressively play their "trump card" early in this political poker game in order to make nervous democrats fold their hand early.

Though the democrats have been dealt a difficult hand, the game is not over and there is too much at stake to just fold. To begin with, we have not seen the Mueller Report; we have only seen the Barr Report. And since William Barr's resume for Attorney General was a 19-page letter attacking the very legality of the Mueller investigation,

he has the very kind of conflict of interest that the "Special Independent Prosecutor Law" was meant to prevent. Therefore Barr must release the report to Congress.

If Barr refuses to release it, Congress must exercise its constitutional duty of oversight with a subpoena for the report as well as for Mueller's testimony under oath. Let the American people be the jury. They paid \$25 million for the investigation. They should get to see the hand they paid for, and to play that hand out.

There are at least three cards to be played by an informed public: A Trump resignation, voluntary or by Republican Party pressure; removal by senate impeachment trial; or by election. None of these cards can be played unless Congress demands public hearings.

If the democrats do not demand public hearings, the American people will be denied the hand the Constitution has

promised them. If the democrats equivocate for fear of being accused of furthering a "witch-hunt" they will surely lose the respect of history, and likely the next election as well. Even worse, democracy will have suffered a defeat at the hands of an autocrat who puts himself above the law. Trump must not be allowed to play that card.

**Larry A. Johnson  
Duluth**

### They know us; we don't know them

"I'LL BE WATCHING YOU. EVERY BREATH YOU TAKE, EVERY MOVE YOU MAKE". George Orwell, English novelist, disturbed by social injustice, friend of democratic socialism, enemy to fascism, foresaw political manipulation through corrupt use of language and lies by Big Brother thought police.

"EVERY BOND YOU BREAK, EVERY STEP YOU

TAKE" Modern technology has dramatically extended the power of our senses beyond natural limits. Instruments allow us to peer deep into both the micro and macro world, search into our DNA history, listen to the ends of the universe, and reach beyond the stars.

"EVERY SINGLE DAY, EVERY WORD YOU SAY" In an Orwellian world lawful investigations become witch-hunts, the press is enemy of the people and reality is a hoax. Big Lie propaganda is "truth". "Us against them" rhetoric stokes fear and mistrust among willing participants in the death of democracy from within.

"EVERY GAME YOU PLAY, EVERY NIGHT YOU STAY" Unwittingly complicit, game show and reality TV contestants (ordinary people) enrich promoters as cheap raw material for entertainment. Likewise, by default, users of social media become raw material for a mother lode of personal infor-

mation for market exploitation. "EVERY MOVE YOU MAKE, EVERY VOW YOU BREAK" Cameras on street corners, listening "bugs" easily hidden, data mining (extraction and exploitation), cell phone tracking, and assorted recording devices threaten personal privacy. The One Percent know everything personal about us to profit from conditioned behavior and yet we know nothing about them!

"EVERY SMILE YOU FAKE, EVERY CLAIM YOU STAKE. I'LL BE WATCHING YOU" Quotes in caps are lyrics sung by The Police (1983). Institutional capture shapes public enterprise as instruments to serve corporate interests. Now, people capture seeks to shape us in the corporate image of what they want us to be. Liberty is always literal, never a metaphor!

**Harold Honkola  
Tower**

## GENERATIONS...Continued from page 4

times bubbles up from a cultural boiling pot, when multiple names may arise until one perseveres. Generation Z, the youngest generation to have come of age, was first called by several names: "iGen" (because they were the first to have smartphones since birth), "post-millennials," "centennials" and "Homelanders," but "Generation Z" has been adopted by Miriam Webster, Oxford, and Urban dictionaries, so it looks like the name is going to stick.

Following are the designated age groups:

► The Lost Generation, 1883-1900. They fought WWI, and "lost" refers to the 40 million people who died as well as an aimless confusion that beset survivors. Gertrude Stein coined the term and Ernest Hemingway popularized it in *The Sun Also Rises*.

► The Greatest Generation, 1901-1927, now 92-118 years old. They

fought, worked in factories, and won World War II. The term was coined by Tom Brokaw in his book by the same name.

► The Silent Generation, 1928-1945, 74 to 91. Children of the Great Depression and World War II, their "Silent" label refers to their image as conformist and civic-minded.

► Baby Boomers, 1946 to 1964, 55 to 73. Named for the profusion of babies after WWII; aka "the me generation."

► Generation X: 1965 through 1980, 39 to 54. Originally called the Baby Bust, with lower birth rates than Boomers (and Millennials), the name came from a 1965 book called *Generation X* as well as Douglas Coupland's 1991 book called *Generation X: Tales for an Accelerated Culture*.

► Millennials, 1981-1997, 22 to 38. So named because they came of age at the millennium. Originally called Generation Y, aka

"the me, me, me generation" and referred to as the "echo boom," as they are largely children of Boomers.

► Generation Z, 1998-2010, 9 to 21. Lazy labeling takes over the more creative names mentioned above.

Generational differences are nothing new. Cave men and women probably looked at their children playing with fire and said, "That's not the way we did it. What is this younger generation coming to?"

There are complex and interwoven factors associated with those differences. Researchers look at three separate effects that can produce attitudinal differences between age groups: life cycle or age effects, period effects, and cohort effects. The life cycle or age effect means differences between younger and older people is largely due to their position in the life cycle. For example, young people are less

likely to vote and engage in politics. Boomers were the same way when they were young, but today are among the most likely to vote and get involved.

The second process is a period effect, when events and circumstances (like wars, economic booms or busts, scientific or technological breakthroughs) or broader social forces, such as increasing visibility of gays and lesbians in society, impact everyone, regardless of age, and generally have lasting effects.

The third is a cohort effect. "Cohort" can mean a group of companions or warriors, but in this context means an age group. When members of a cohort experience a unique historical experience, like the Vietnam War, it can shape their world view, values, and personal identities.

If it occurs during the formative years of adolescence and young adulthood, it can have a more powerful impact. The whole population was affected in varying degrees

by the Vietnam War, but the Baby Boomers bore the brunt. Young men were being drafted into a war they didn't believe in, and the young women lost brothers, friends, sweethearts, and potential mates to death as well as to the long-term emotional and mental aftereffects so many Vietnam vets carried with them. In earlier history, the Great Depression and its aftermath helped shape a cohort of Americans who were strong Democrats for long after.

As I talked with people, one Millennial said, "Don't be too hard on us," because his cohort has caught a lot of flak. A 2013 *Time* magazine article started off calling Millennials narcissistic, fame-obsessed, over-confident, and lazy.

Psychology professor Roy Baumeister says that parents wanted to give their kids high self-esteem, but the result was narcissism, and that it was an honest mistake. He predicted that inflated

levels of confidence set up unreal expectations, which can lead to ongoing disappointment in the way the world regards them and rewards them, especially in their work lives. But the article ends by recognizing Millennials as "earnest and optimistic, pragmatic idealists, tinkerers more than dreamers, and life hackers."

Tom Brokaw, champion of the Greatest Generation, loves Millennials. He calls them the Wary Generation, and he thinks their cautiousness in life decisions is a smart response to their world. "Their great mantra has been: Challenge convention. Find new and better ways of doing things. And so that ethos transcends the wonky people who are inventing new apps and embraces the whole economy."

I have lots more to muse about but no more room, so watch for Part II on the generations' gaps.

## PAY EQUITY...Continued from page 3

underway now.

The ERA is still not part of the Minnesota constitution. "Every year since 1982 the bill for ratification of the ERA here has been on the legislative agenda," Allison said. "This is about equality. The ERA is about creating equal opportunity under the laws. Our state constitution has pieces in it for protecting hunting, gambling, fishing, but not gender."

In the last two years, two more states ratified the federal ERA amendment, including Nevada and Illinois, meaning just one more state is needed.

"Virginia's effort just died as a result of one white man who voted against having a hearing," she said. "Arizona is picking up a ton of steam. A number of states in the south are really working hard as well."

### Equal Pay Day

Individuals across the country also joined together on Tuesday this week to mark Equal Pay Day. According to Bureau of Labor statistics, it takes until that date in April for women to earn a salary comparable to their male counterparts' previous year's salary.

The day was marked in Ely with an "Unhappy Hour" at Northern Grounds. The event was sponsored by the Ely branch of American Association of University Women, and the Ely Rotary Club, in cooperation with Northern Grounds.

Caroline Owens, AAUW public policy chair, said "It was an opportunity for community members to talk about the issues surrounding equal pay. At this year's event we had much to celebrate. For the previous two years of this event, our Congressional District has

ranked dead last in the state in pay equity. But with the most recent statistics, the district has risen from eighth to fifth. We are also celebrating the 87 local businesses who have joined in support of equal pay for their employees by signing an Equal Pay Affirmation."

Ely AAUW chapter members also passed out equal pay information and cookies, signifying the pay gap between men and women, at Vermilion Community College on Monday.

Owens added, "There are pay differences because

of the type of jobs women have traditionally chosen and because women often take time off from work for child-rearing. Those differences do not, however, account for the disparity in pay when you compare the pay differential between men and women in substantially the same job with substantially the same education and experience."

The Equal Pay Act was signed into law by President John F. Kennedy on June 10, 1963. The law mandates that men and women receive equal pay for "substantially equal" work at the same

establishment. A year later, Congress passed the Civil Rights Act of 1964 that added protections against discrimination based on an individual's national origin, religion, race or sex.

"The issue isn't so much that laws mandating pay equity don't exist, but that the mechanisms for monitoring and enforcement are not in place," Owens said. "Education on pay equity issues will help both employers and employees in ensuring adherence to the say and pay equity for all."

## ELY...Continued from page 3

place by April 15, though shall never have a policy," Novak said. "That's the way it's written through the FCC (Federal Communication Commission) regulations."

Langowski explained that the policy covers new 5G wireless connection technology that requires many small antennas to be installed in close proximity to each other on utility poles, street lights, buildings, trees, stop signs or any other stationary object, in order to maintain a 5G wireless connection.

"I've seen what some of these antennas could look like, and they are extremely ugly," he said. "So we'll have (a policy) in place. Thanks to the

League and the mayor for noticing this (deadline) and jumping on it right way so we have a policy in place. It's a no-brainer. We want (the antennas) to match our streetlights. We don't want to add more visual pollution. Whether or not 5G ever makes it here, it's good to be prepared."

Novak noted that without a policy in place by the city, providers could install 5G wireless antennas on poles or anywhere they want. "If we move a pole, we could have a dead pole sitting there with a 5G wireless antenna sitting on it. At least this (policy) gives us some say in the matter."

### Other business

In other business, the council:

► Heard from League of Minnesota Cities staff who traveled to Ely to personally thank council member Heidi Omerza for her service as president of the organization that represents 800 municipalities

across the state.

► Authorized the mayor to attend the Minnesota Mayors Association Annual Conference, April 26-27, in Stillwater.

► Granted permission to Library Director Rachel Heinrich to establish a new wireless provider and improved service for the

library.

► Approved the sale of a lot in the East Spaulding Plat to Andy and Paula Hill;

► Accepted the resignation of Rebecca Reiss from the Library Board and agreed to advertise for a replacement.

► Awarded the Voyageur ATV trail con-

struction bid to George Bougalis and Sons Co. for \$1,260,360, contingent upon receiving the Department of Natural Resources Public Waters Permit.

► Adopted a resolution authorizing the Ely Igloo Snowmobile Club to sell pull tabs at Dee's Bar.

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# Greenwood holds reorganization meeting

GREENWOOD TWP- The Greenwood Town Board held their annual reorganization meeting on March 28. Carmen DeLuca was installed as chair, and Paul Skubic as vice-chair. Committee assignments remained the same as last year. Larry Tahija is the township representative on the Lodging Tax Board, Tower Area Ambulance Commission, and the Vermilion Trail Joint Powers Board. Mike Ralston is the Road Supervisor. Carmen DeLuca is the Grounds and Maintenance Supervisor, 911-Coordinator, and Noxious Weeds Inspector. Treasurer Pam Rodgers is on the Tower-Soudan Joint Powers Recreation Board. The *Tower News* will remain the township's official newspaper (low bid of 65 cents/inch for legal notices and \$2.50 column inch for display ads), and Couri and Ruppe continues as the township attorney.

The township's annual Local Board of Appeal and Equalization will be held on Wednesday, April 24 from 10 – 11 a.m.

The board approved moving forward with a joint project with the Tower Area Broadband Project. The proposed project would include putting a computer for public use in the town hall, which would also be able to access the township office printer (for a per-piece copy fee). The computer would be available for residents to use during the regular clerk office hours. A grant would cover the cost of the computer, and the township would provide their in-kind donation for the space and wifi access. The town hall also has a public wifi available, and the town board approved spending up to \$500 to have the router adjustments made to make the wifi available in the parking lot.

# Tower City Council meets on Monday at the Civic Center

TOWER- The Tower City Council is holding their regular meeting at the Herbert Lamppa Civic Center on Monday, April 8 at 5:30 p.m. Mayor Orlyn Kringstad requested the change in venue. The regular city council chambers can

only seat about 20 people, and it was standing room only at the last council meeting. The city's 2018 audit will be reviewed at this meeting, and representatives from the city's auditing firm will be on hand to answer questions.

# Part-time Breitung Police Officers will see a raise starting this month

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA  
Staff Writer

SOUDAN- The Breitung Town Board made quick work of their regular meeting and annual township reorganization last Wednesday, increasing rates for many part-time employees, including a \$3 per hour raise, from \$17 to \$20 per hour, for part-time Breitung Police Department officers as of April 1. The town board didn't grant a raise to the officers last year, and had only increased the wage by a dollar the year before.

Chief Dan Nylund advocated for the significant raise by saying that the department was attracting candidates who were less experienced and often right out of school. This ultimately costs the township more because of their need for equipment, training, and high turnover rate, Nylund said.

Nylund also said it has been

hard to find officers to fill shifts, since most are working full-time for other area departments and can make more money doing overtime at their home department. Nylund said he hopes the raise will encourage more part-time officers to fill in open shifts.

The township recognized and thanked Chimp Tuominen, his crew of volunteers, and those who donated to Chimp's skating parties. "Chimp and his helpers did a wonderful thing this winter having a party every weekend for the kids," said Supervisor Greg Dostert. "I'd estimate there were an average of 35 kids at each party."

## Reorganization

During the meeting, the town board made the following changes as part of their reorganization. The town board:

➤ Raised the minimum wage from \$8.07 to \$8.25 per hour.

➤ Raised the rink attendant wage (for 18 and over) from \$9.50 to \$9.75 per hour.

➤ Raised the office cleaning rate from \$11 to \$12 per hour.

➤ Raised the recreation maintenance worker wage from \$12.50 to \$13 per hour.

➤ Raised the treasurer salary by \$1,200 a year, to a total of \$22,200 per year.

➤ Raised the wage for township grant writer from \$10 to \$15 per hour. The position is currently held by Chairman Tim Tomsich, who abstained from the vote.

➤ Appointed Greg Dostert to represent the township on the Joint Recreation Board.

➤ Changed the regular board meeting time to the fourth Wednesday of the month at noon. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 24 at 12 p.m.

## SOUDAN

### BREITUNG POLICE DEPARTMENT

#### February 2019

Calls: 115  
Arrests: 0  
Citations/formal charges: 2  
Monthly mileage: 1,485 (Tahoe: 1,326, Explorer: 159)

#### Squads

Current end-of-the-month mileage for the Gold 2012 Tahoe (Tower) is 80,324 and end-of-the-month mileage for the Ford Explorer is 17,069.



#### February Police Report

Breitung Police Chief Dan Nylund

#### Other news

Chief Dan Nylund said there was a very informative and well-attended presentation at St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower on what to do during an active shooter situation and that Officer Sanderson did a presentation on the opioid epidemic at the Soudan Lutheran Church's men's breakfast.

#### Drunk driving

Drunk driving accounts for nearly one-third of vehicle-related fatalities in the United States. Buzzed driving is drunk driving. If you plan to go out and enjoy the evening with alcohol, make sure you refrain

from driving.

#### Citations/formal charges/arrests

(1) Citation: Use of tobacco or E-cig on school property

(1) Citation: Use of tobacco or E-cig under age 18

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### St. Martin's Lenten Schedule

TOWER- St. Martin's Catholic Church is

happy to announce their schedule of Lenten activities.

Stations of the Cross

will be prayed Friday evenings during Lent at 5:30 p.m. A fish dinner will be served after the stations.

The Women's Bible Study continues through Lent, meeting on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall.

In addition to the Women's Bible Study, Father Nick will be leading a Bible Study on Friday mornings at 8:45 a.m. This Bible Study is open to everyone.

### Easter services at St. Paul's

SOUDAN- Palm Sunday Service will be held on April 14 at 8:30 a.m. at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Soudan.

Good Friday Service is a joint service at St. James Presbyterian in Tower at 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday Service is at 8:30 a.m. at St. Paul's.

All are welcome to attend.

### Estate planning classes set for April 10 and May 22

TOWER- Local attorney, Kelly Klun, from the Klun Law Office will lead you through key factors to drafting and personalizing wills and trusts, preparing probate documents, creating documents for long term health care, drafting durable power of attorney, and preparing health care directives. Classes will be held on Wednesday, April 10 and May 22 in the Tower-Soudan Elementary School library at 4 p.m. You must pre-reg-

ister so we can plan accordingly for class space and materials. Please text or call Leone Graf to pre-register at 218-343-3744. If no answer, please leave a message, with how to spell your name, the class you are interested in, and its date.

### Scholarships available from Virgie Hegg

REGIONAL- Each year Virgie Hegg Hospice Partners (VHHP) gives out two high school scholarships and one college scholarship each in the amount of \$1,000. Applicants must be pursuing a career in a medical field such as nursing, physician assistant, dental, or EMT. High school students from the Cook, Nett Lake, Orr, Tower, and Soudan school atten-

dance areas may apply. Any student with an address that falls in one of the listed areas qualifies.

**Applications are due to VHHP post-marked by Monday, April 15.** Applications can be obtained from the North Woods High School counselor's office, by contacting program director Becca Bundy at 218-780-5423, or by emailing vhhpdirector@gmail.com.

High school and college recipients will be notified by mail in May. The college scholarship is mailed to recipients in mid-June and high school recipients will receive their scholarship after successfully completing one semester of college and mailing a transcript to VHHP.

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<p><b>County 77 Canister Site</b> 2038 County Rd. 77, Greenwood Twp Winter Hours Thurs, Sun: noon-5pm</p>	<p><b>Soudan Canister Site</b> 5160 Hwy 169, Soudan Hours Mon, Wed, Sat., Sun 8am-5pm</p>
<p><b>Embarrass Canister Site</b> 7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass Hours Sat: 12:30-4:30pm Thu: 10am-5pm</p>	<p><b>Aurora Transfer Station</b> 5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora Hours Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am-4pm Tue, Wed: 10am-4pm Sat: 8am-noon</p>
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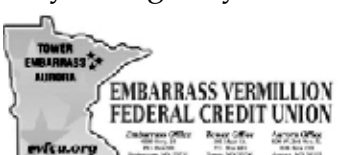

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Tower area residents envision a public community technology center



Tower City Councilor Rachel Beldo helped tally input from the group that gathered in Tower last week to work on improving broadband access in the area. photo by S. Ukkola

by STEPHANIE UKKOLA  
Staff Writer

TOWER- Nearly 40 residents of Tower and surrounding communities met with Blandin Foundation representatives last Wednesday at the Tower Civic Center to come up with project ideas that could be funded by a \$75,000 community technology grant through Blandin and IRRRB's Iron Range Broadband Communities program. The most popular idea was to create a community technology center with desk space and computers available for short-term rental or day use for teleworkers, students or as a business incubator, ideally

with a nice atmosphere or view. The next most popular idea was a youth public access area/homework center. St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Soudan was a suggested location. The third most popular idea was to help local small businesses get online with grants and training to improve web presence on search engines or social media, or by building a website.

Blandin representative Bill Coleman and community members Betsy Olivanti, Michael Wood, Dan Keller, Marshall Helmberger, JoAnn Bassing, and Orlyn Kringstad gave short talks, giving a local perspective on the six facets of

building a technology-adept community including broadband itself, knowledge workers, innovation, advocacy, digital equity, and sustainability, respectively. Later, participants broke out into groups and looked further into each topic, determining what assets the community has, what barriers are in the way of our goals, and desired outcomes.

These projects, and possibly more, will be implemented over the next year by the local steering committee and community members who are passionate about these projects. If you'd like to get involved, have questions or ideas, call Stephanie at 715-969-7728.

Week of April 8

**AEOA Senior Dining Menu**

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

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

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

Homebound seniors can sign up for meal delivery. To register for the new Meals on Wheels, or for more information, please call AEOA Senior Nutrition at 218-735-6899.

**Week of April 8**

Monday- Beef Fried Rice, Breadstick

Tuesday- Chunky Chicken Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Green Beans

Wednesday- Breaded Pork Patty with Country Gravy, French Toast Bites

Thursday- Sloppy Joe, Baked Beans

Friday- Pizza, Vegetable

**Monday**

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

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

Tower City Council, 5:30 p.m. on April 8 at the Herbert Lamppa Civic Center in Tower

**Tuesday**

Tower Area Food Shelf- Open on the third Tuesday of every month from 2:30-5:30 p.m. Located in the back of the Timberjay building on Main Street. Next food shelf day is April 16.

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

Greenwood Town Board- 6:30 p.m. on April 9

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

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

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

THE NEWS OF THE WEEK FROM MS. VERA MILION



Snow-bound - cold bound - what else can possibly happen weather-wise to make this weather more depressing, dismal, and disheartening?

What is new in the cosmos for which we need to be punished?

What? What? What? What?

What problem have we created that it must be this cold?

During this cold snap we have done thirty-seven jigsaw puzzles, cleaned and rearranged the contents of every drawer and closet in the house.

We have watched television channels that we have never watched before.

We have arranged all the books alphabetically and then by the color of their covers,

We have written letters to our various reps, Peggy Flanagan, Steve Simon, Julie Blaha, Tim

Walz, Thom Petersen, Keith Ellison, Chris Schmitter, the list goes on and on. The only reply we got to our correspondence, from anyone in St. Paul, was a cease and desist order delivered by a heavily armed state trooper.

So, what could we do but turn the TV back on? There they were, infomercials. We were offered: Blank Wireless home security systems, convectional toaster ovens, air rryer ovens, Fly London footwear, Mastiff and Shotgun, Bong Appetit, the final soccer scores for the Bangladesh National Quarter finals, and quotes from 'Sagradas Escrituras', a 1569 English-Spanish Dictionary, 'Dr. Ho Relieves Back Pain,' 'Girl Meets Farm,' and more convectional toaster ovens. And how can we forget the free bottle of ageless male max, atomic charge wallet, that blanket that becomes a robe, the thunder shirt dog anxiety solution, and the VibraRazer Renovating Tool—all perfect and practical gifts for Christmas or whatever.

Once again, I was saved from a fate worse than, whatever, by a Federal Agency...the United States Mail.

The spring seed and plant catalogs were clogging the mailbox once more, Brent and Becky's Bulbs, Burpee Seed Company, Gilbert H. Wild & Son, Gurney's Seed & Nursery Co., Klehm's Song Sparrow Farm & Nursery, Wayside Gardens, and White Flower Farm.

I am not that 'into' vegetables, but who can pass up plants from a company named Timeless Tomatoes?

Oh, I talk a good game but, like always, I will be buying our plants locally at our local greenhouse.

And here are some recipes for our earliest garden vegetable, the rhubarb.

**Rhubarb syrup**

Makes about 1 cup  
1 pound fresh rhubarb cut into disks  
1/2 cup sugar  
1/2 cup water

Put all the ingredients into a medium pot

and bring to the boil. Reduce the heat to a simmer and cook for 20 minutes or until the fruit is very soft. Turn the heat off and cool in the pot.

**Rhubarb Blush Sour**

2oz gin  
2oz rhubarb syrup  
1oz fresh lemon juice or more to taste  
1 oz egg white  
edible rose petals for garnish, optional

Make the rhubarb syrup. Strain the syrup through a fine sieve into a measuring jug. Leave the fruit to drain for a few hours and then use a funnel to transfer to a bottle or other suitable container. Keep in the fridge for up to four weeks.

Make the cocktail. Put all the ingredients into a cocktail shaker. Add plenty of ice and shake hard for 30 seconds.

Strain into two rocks glasses filled with crushed ice. Garnish with a rose petal.

Ms. Vera Milion

Bookmobile Schedule

<b>Wednesday, April 17; May 8, 28; June 19</b>	
Bois Forte Boys/Girls Club	11:00-11:30 a.m.
Greenwood Town Hall	12:00-12:30 p.m.
Soudan Fire Hall	1:45-3:00 p.m.
Tower Civic Center	3:15-4:15 p.m.
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*Chimpy Tuominen would like to thank Dick Johnson and Joanne Connell for being the sponsors of the final skating party this year. He also wishes to thank all those who contributed throughout this year's skating season, as well as the adult volunteers. Another big round of thanks goes to Breitung Township and the skating rink staff for keeping the rink and warming shack in tip-top condition all winter long.*

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Tuesday Noon-6 pm  
Wednesday Noon-6 pm  
Thursday Noon-6 pm  
Friday Noon-5 pm  
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AA - 7 p.m. Mondays,  
First Lutheran Church,  
915 E. Camp St., Ely

**WOMEN'S AA** - Noon Mondays, St. Anthony Church basement, Ely

**BABBITT AA** - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church.

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**Tuesday Group**

ELY - The upcoming Tuesday Group schedule is listed below. All talks are at 12 noon on Tuesday at the Grand Ely Lodge.

**April 9** - Paya de Marcken - Conserving Biodiversity in the Chaos of the Congo

**April 16** - Martin Kubik - Update on the PowWow Trail

**Ely Free Clinic**

ELY - The Ely Community Health Center is open every Monday evening from 5:30-7 p.m. in the AFU Building, 111 S 4th Ave. E.

For more information, call 218-365-5678, or visit their website, www.elycommunityhealth.org.

**Play Smear at Senior Center**

ELY - Smear tournaments are held the first and third Mondays at the Ely Senior Center, 27 S. 1st Ave E, starting at 6 p.m.

There is a \$5 entry fee, plus 25 cents per set.

**Breathing Out**

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**More new Elyites join the community**

by **KEITH VANDERVORT**  
Ely Editor

ELY - Ely continues to attract new people. A number of new residents have moved here since last fall and now call the end-of-the-road their new home. They related their re-location stories at a recent Tuesday Group gathering.

Peg Simonson is recently single and moved to Ely from the Twin Cities to start a new life. She joined Dr. Scott Anderson's dental office as a dental hygienist. She has a cabin on Eagles Nest Lake.

"I'm low on the skills set for out-of-doors things," she said, but has already received an invitation from Elton Brown to learn how to Nordic ski. "Kayaking is on my list for the new season."

Growing up on Lake Michigan, in the small town of Port Washington north of Milwaukee, she said she didn't have a lot of fishing opportunities. "The lake accessibility is what I really love about this area," she said.

Simonson has a 25-year-old son who works as a chef in the Twin Cities. "He stands 6-10 and is 320 pounds. His father and grandfather come from the Tower area and helped build many log homes in the area," she said. She also has a 22-year-old daughter who is starting a doctorate program in physical therapy at Concordia College.

Quilting is another of her new interests and she is familiar with community education programming. She minored in gerontology while in college, and worked with dental students at an offsite clinic in a nursing home setting. "We focused on dementia care and some of the issues of Parkinson's disease to get them ready for the real world."

Her new job in Ely has been a good avenue for meeting people in town "Everyone seems very friendly and very open. I get lots of good suggestions for things to do here." And with that, she was invited to join the local quilting club.

Barbara Muhvich Scheuer and Dr. Russell Hart are perhaps a little bit different from some of the other new Ely people.

Barb grew up in Ely and the couple recently decided to spend about half of their time up here. They have rented the old party room at the former Vertin's, now Insula, and will be running a research and development lab there starting next month.

"The company we started, Arbor Assays, is based in Ann Arbor, Mich., and we develop test kits to help wildlife conservation scientists determine how animals are behaving in



**New Elyites featured at a recent Tuesday Group gathering include Russ Hart and Barbara Muhvich Scheuer, above, Gary and Zandra Nevalainen, right, and Peg Simonson, bottom right.**

photos by K. Vandervort

response to social, environmental and physical changes," Hart said.

They spent last week introducing their company at the Endocrine Society's meeting in New Orleans.

Barb grew up on Camp Street near the lumberyard. "It was the original Muhvich family home," she said. "All of the older generation Muhviches were born in that house. I moved away and went to school and moved back and worked in the Ely Hospital for a while," she said. She moved on to the diagnostics industry, where she worked in quality control. "That led me to Russ's small company in Minneapolis that also did diagnostic equipment testing."

In a thick British accent, Russ said he grew up in a small village in southeast England. "They call it London," he said. "They have a million or million and a half people."

To give a historical reference, "I went to see The Who in 1964 in a room of 500 people," he said. "I was 14 at the time."

Wanting to get away from London, Hart went to college, earned a doctorate degree, and came to the United States and earned a post-doctorate degree at the University of Georgia. He returned to England, then returned to the U.S. and lived in Chicago, and eventually started his own company in Minnesota. "I hired Barb as a research technician, and we sort of hit it off," he said.

Together, they started their own research company, built it up to about 100 employees, and left that "because it got too big."

In layman's terms, Hart explained that their research entails chemical reactions. "Most chemical reactions generate heat. If you are crafty with your



chemistry you can make it produce light. You can also make sound as well with chemistry, but that's a different story," he said.

"I'm sort of like a serial entrepreneur," Hart said. "We just started our fourth company, and we are now here in Ely. "We will be researching and developing new kits to measure biologically-important molecules. We make test kits to allow people to predict stress and reproductive behavior in animals."

Hart mentioned his love of the "crystal clear" skies of Ely. "You don't get that in London," he said. "I enjoy the winter. Minus 30 is fine with me."

Scheuer said their company is still based in Ann Arbor, and the Ely location is the "satellite lab," and they hope to get involved with the North American Bear Center, the International Wolf Center, and Vermilion Community College here.

They reside part-time in a small cabin on Farm Lake. The original dwelling, built by Barbara's father, has been replaced by a new cabin. "We have indoor plumbing now and we can drink the water," she said. "We're learning how to split our time between here and Michigan."

Newcomers Gary and Zandra Nevalainen live a simple life. They have been married for 45 years. Gary is originally from the Hibbing and Chisholm area. Zandra was born in Chicago and moved to the Iron Range with her family in the early 1970s.

The couple met in college. "We were both a couple of theater rats," he said. They were married in 1974. He worked in the mines until the mid-1980s when the steel industry crashed. "We ran out



of options, and moved to Rochester until just recently."

They bought a lot on River View Road about 15 years ago, and built a cabin "with an eye on staying connected to the north" and retiring up here.

Gary retired a year ago. They added on to their cabin to make it home-sized. "We moved up here last fall and have been hunkered down all winter to finish our house," he said.

They have three children and seven grandchildren. "To me, life is all about paddling," Nevalainen said. "I have too many paddle craft. We enjoy fishing too. We have access to the White Iron chain. We love the small town life." He also added music as one of his other hobbies. "I learned to play the guitar and discovered bluegrass."

Barb added that she loves sewing, quilting and reading.

He pointed out that Ely is not dying. "This is a vibrant town. That stuff spreads. We heard from others that Ely is dead and we shouldn't move here. There is lots to do up here. There is traffic and there is business. It is a real fun place to be," he said.

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**News in Brief**

**Dog obedience class begins May 7**

ELY - Want a better best friend? Want a dog that is truly a part of your family, well-mannered and welcome in your community? Beginner Obedience is the answer.

Registration is now open for the spring dog obedience class offered by Ely Community Education. Sign up at elyclasses.com.

Obedience training is one of the best things one can do for their dog/puppy and themselves. Share a connection between you and your dog and have fun.

Instructor Paula McKenzie's class will focus on positive reinforcement for both participants and their dogs. The class begins on Monday, May 7, and runs for

eight weeks from 6-7 p.m. at the Ely Ice Arena, located on the Ely School campus. The class fee is \$120.

Designed for dogs six months and older, this class provides the foundation for a well-mannered pet. No dog is too old to learn. The owner/handler is taught the basic concepts of dog training and skills to help their dog become a wonderful companion.

Those skills include: come when called, walk on a loose leash, sit, down, and developing a positive relationship between dog and handler. Positive reinforcement (praise, treats, play, toys) is the cornerstone of training. Emphasis is on building a clear communication system with mutual respect while having fun together.



WASHINGTON, D.C. ADVENTURE



Senior students from Ely High School and Northeast Range High School in Babbitt, along with their chaperones, gathered on the steps of the U.S. Capitol last week with U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar. The first Ely High School senior class trip to Washington, D.C. was in 1995. The whirlwind tour started with a pre-dawn bus trip to the Twin Cities last Thursday morning and a chartered flight east for more than 40 students from the two schools, along with a dozen chaperones, and ended early Tuesday morning when they returned home. More than 1,000 students and chaperones have taken the adventure through the years. submitted photo

News in In Brief

**Ely Food Shelf will be open April 17**

ELY - The Ely Area Food Shelf, located at 15 West Conan St, will be open on Wednesday April 17, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Shopping assistance is available from 4-6 p.m.

"We can count into our March Food Share month totals any donations received by Monday, April 8," said Director Cheryl Boyes. Donate online at their website, [elyareafoodshelf.org](http://elyareafoodshelf.org), or by mailing a check to P.O. Box 786, Ely MN 55731. "Thank you to all in our community near and far for supporting those who are food insecure. It is appreciated," she said.

For more information, call 218-235-8527.

**Walk for water on April 22**

ELY - The Ely Key Club is hosting its third annual "Walk for Water" event on Monday, April 22, beginning at 2 p.m. at the Trezona Trail.

Their goal is to create a community awareness of the global water crisis. The Thirst Project raises money to provide safe, clean drinking water to those who do not have that luxury.

Did you know that waterborne diseases kill more children every single year than AIDS, malaria, and all world violence combined? Or that women and children spend an average of six to eight hours a day to fetch water over an average distance of 3.75 miles? When we provide a community with safe, clean drinking water, disease rates drop up to 88 percent virtually overnight.

Just \$25 provides a person with safe, clean drinking water for the rest of his or her life, and \$50 provides a married couple safe, clean drinking water for the rest of their lives. Only \$100 provides an entire family safe, clean drinking water for the rest of their lives.

Key Club invites the community of Ely to the "Walk for Water" to raise awareness for this crisis. It is a free event but if you would like to contribute to the cause, they are accepting donations.

Participants will walk the Trezona Trail, and some will carry a container of water. For more information on the Thirst Project, visit their website, <https://www.thirstproject.org/about/our-mission/>.

APRIL FOOLS DAY IN ELY

**New Barbershop Quartet debuts here**

The Pebble Spa in Ely has been wracking their brains to answer that age-old question - what's the most relaxing genre of music? Finally, after months of agonizing research, they came to the (entirely correct) conclusion: a Barbershop Quartet.



They made the announcement on Monday. That's why they decided to dust off their pitch pipes, clean off their straw boaters, and warm up their throats. Welcome to The Treble Spa Co. They've discovered the exact frequencies and pitches to relax tired, aching muscles. Unwind to the soothing sounds of "Hello, Ma Baby" or "Sweet Adeline". Got a particular tune in mind? They take requests. (The only one they don't know is "Far, Far Away.") To book a barbershop experience, call 1-800-APRIL FOOLS. submitted photo

**Freemans to spend a year underwater**

Dave and Amy Freeman, who spent a year in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in 2015-2016, are at it again - but in a much more challenging manner. "We're going to spend a year underwater!" Dave Freeman said on Monday, April 1. They are currently studying lake depths and average water temperatures to determine which lake. They will be using snorkels to breathe, because SCUBA equipment is not allowed in wilderness areas. They will be gathering data on native fish populations during their time underwater. "It'll be a challenge," Amy Freeman said. "We'll have to figure out how to eat and sleep underwater. Our skin will get really pruny too!" Perhaps their biggest challenge will be the winter, when the lakes are covered in ice. The intrepid pair plans to keep a breathing hole open, "much like seals do," Dave said. They've put out a call for volunteers to help keep the breathing hole open when temperatures are below zero. That person's job will be to sit on a five-gallon bucket near the hole, with a chisel. submitted photo



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**ELY KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION & REGISTRATION**

- If you have a child who will be 5 years old by September 1, 2019, they are eligible to enter Kindergarten next fall.
- You are invited to attend Parent Information and Registration Night on **Wed., April 17, 6-7 PM in Washington Auditorium.**
- This informational session is a chance for parents to ask questions and start the registration process.
- Further information will be distributed to the pre-school programs in March. If your child is not enrolled in a pre-school program, please contact the elementary office at 365-6166, ext. 4 and we will provide you with the information.
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ICE FISHING



North Woods fifth-graders recently took a trip to the Fortune Bay Resort Casino marina to do some ice fishing before it got too dangerous to venture out onto the Lake Vermilion ice. Students worked with volunteers from the Lake Vermilion Guides League to catch fish through drilled holes in the ice. The ice sheet was thick enough that the students were able to keep warm from a fire lit in a hearth placed directly into the ice. Above: Sophie Arbilla, Britton Lappi, and Megan Taylor wait patiently; above right: Payton Scofield holds up his catch; below right: Fishing guide Joe Panichi helping Marley Peak. photos by M. White

NORTH WOODS THIRD QUARTER HONOR ROLL

**A Honor Roll**

**Seniors**  
 Madison Antikainen  
 Claire Beaudry  
 Emily Benoit  
 Bria Chiabotti  
 Kristen Cook  
 Samantha Fultz  
 Katlyn Hartwig  
 Jakob Hyppa  
 Parker Jones  
 Tyler Kiehm  
 Chase Kleppe  
 Jacie Lakoskey  
 Kylee Lange  
 Regan Ratai  
 Blake Scofield  
 Ian Sherman  
 Anna Trip  
 Rebecca Triska

**Juniors**  
 Trevor Adelman  
 Brielle Anderson  
 Bethany Cotten  
 Daniel Crockett  
 Kenzie Fox  
 Clayton Janssen

David Moes  
 Trevor Morrison  
 Olivia Niska  
 Nicole Olson  
 Karlyn Pierce  
 Nicole Roy  
 Neiva Smith  
 Kayla Towner  
 Michaela Tschida

**Sophomores**  
 Jocelynn Carver  
 Zachary Cheney  
 Emily Fosso  
 Samuel Frazee  
 Olivia Fultz  
 Aubrey Koskovich  
 Brynn Simpson

**Freshmen**  
 Morgan Burnett  
 Ty Fabish  
 Trey Gibson  
 Michelle Hagen  
 Alex Hartway  
 Joseph Hoagland  
 Anneliese Isham  
 Taylor Jones  
 Abby Koch

Owen Land  
 Michaela Luecken  
 Jacob Panichi  
 Olivia Udovich  
 Brandie Walker  
**Eighth Grade**  
 Cooper Antikainen  
 Kohen Briggs  
 Mason Clines  
 Hannah Kinsey  
 Kaden Ratai  
 Karah Scofield  
 Elias Smith  
 Steven Sopoci  
 Skyler Yernatich

**Seventh Grade**  
 Jonah Burnett  
 Annabelle Calavera  
 Brandon Cook  
 Madison Dantes  
 Addy Hartway  
 Helen Koch  
 Riley Las  
 Steven Morrison  
 Victoria Olson  
 Jessy Palmer  
 Autumn Swanson  
 Madison Taylor

Trinity Vidal  
 Jacob Whiteman  
 Keenan Whitney

**B Honor Roll**

**Seniors**  
 Tanner Barto  
 Brody Driscoll  
 Cade Goggeye  
 Carlie Hadrava  
 Katie Lundemo  
 Kayla Palm  
 Madalyn Serna  
 Drayke Snidarich  
 Kate Stone  
 Braden Thom

**Juniors**  
 Lauren Arvila  
 Zander Carr  
 Katrina Chapman  
 Luke Gabrielson  
 Amia Kisch  
 Morgan Malecha  
 Meadow Prescott  
 Hope Robinson-Zebro  
 Taylor Vagle

Macy Viita  
 Kennedy Wardas  
 Courtney Woods

**Sophomores**  
 Tyrus Leinonen  
 Logan Nurmi  
 Austin Sokoloski  
 Elijah Squires  
 Cole Thiel  
 Zoe Trip  
 Andrew Zika

**Freshmen**  
 Shyla Adams-Lightfeather  
 Haley Bogdan  
 JessieAnne Drift  
 Aayanna Goodsky-Spears  
 Erik Hagen  
 Kadence Holland  
 Sierra Jensen  
 Timothy Lilya  
 Leona Lindgren  
 Sean Morrison  
 Cole Snidarich  
 Kaya Tschida  
 Jaden Whiteman

**Eighth Grade**

Jared Chiabotti  
 Thomas Debeltz  
 Kia Deegan  
 Brielle Hujanen  
 Grace Koch  
 Benjamin Kruse  
 Garrett Lappi  
 Dillon Musakka  
 Jacob Swanson  
 Avery Thiel  
 Emily Trip  
 Alexandria Whiteman

**Seventh Grade**

Cora Chapman  
 Sean Drift  
 Rhonda Hoagland  
 Zefrym Mankowski  
 Cadense Nelson  
 Xander Russell  
 Luke Will



Community Notices

**Your story as art**

COOK - Your story matters, so who is this class for? Any person at least 12 years old who wants to play. Artists looking for inspiration. Writers wanting a new perspective on their story and poets with ideas. Humans who need a break from the daily grind. Makers seeking community. The curious. The intimidated. The open-minded.

Join us at the NWFA Gallery in Cook on Saturday, April 20 from 10:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Be guided in creating

a visual representation of your story. Use drawing, collage, paint and paper provided (or other materials you bring) to create a finished art piece on canvas, board or paper. This class transcends just the technique of 'how to' draw, paint, etc, by diving into concept, symbolism, representation and metaphor in a fun and stress-free environment!

We will spend some time developing our stories and experimenting with materials. Then we continue to learn about composition, visual symbols, drawing, surface

treatment, and current artists who are using story.

What is 'My Story'? "Story" may be a memory, fiction, dream, story, idea, poem, opinion, struggle, victory, comedy, tragedy, etc. We can work with anything!

A check confirms the registration for each class. \$40 for NWFA members, or \$55 for non-members for each class plus an additional \$5 supply fee payable on the day of class (minimum of 10 students, maximum of 12).

Need more info? Contact Kris at kmusto@mcad.edu or 612-325-0258.

Register through nw-famn.org@gmail.com or by calling Alberta Whitenack at 218-666-2153 or Shawna Kishel at 218-780-6510. Checks written

to NWFA can be dropped off at the NWFA Gallery in Cook or mailed to NWFA, PO Box 44, Cook, MN 55723.

**Cook Senior Citizens Club**

COOK - The Cook Seniors meet monthly on the first Wednesday at 1 p.m. For more information, call Nancy at 666-2726 or Lois at 666-5578.

**Readers and Rappers**

COOK -The Cook Area Book Club meets on Tuesday, April 9th at 1 p.m. at the Homestead Apartments.

April is national Poetry Month and members are asked to bring poems or a short story to share. The moderator is Ellie Larmouth. Book selection for May is 'Mennonite in Little Black Dress' by Rhoda Janzen. New members are always welcome

**Virgie Hegg invites scholarship applicants**

REGIONAL - Each year VHHP gives out two high school scholarships and one college scholarship each in the amount of \$1,000. Applicants must be pursuing a ca-

reer in the medical field such as nursing, physician assistant, dental, EMT etc. High school students from the Cook, Nett Lake, Orr, Tower and Soudan school attendance area may apply. If you live in one of these attendance areas, you don't have to be going to that school, just have an address that falls in one of the listed areas. Any previous scholarship recipients now in college are encouraged to apply for the college scholarship as well as any other college student who lives in the same attendance areas.

Applications are due to VHHP postmarked by Monday April 15. Applications can be obtained from the North Woods High School counselor's office or by contacting program director Becca Bundy at 218-780-5423 or vhhpdirector@gmail.com.

High school and college recipients will be notified by mail in May. The college scholarship is mailed to the recipient in mid-June and high school recipients will receive their scholarship after successfully completing one semester of college and mailing a transcript to VHHP.

**Spring Events at NWFA**

COOK - Preregister for these classes. The fee for classes is \$40 for NWFA members and \$55 for non-members.

Call Shawna at 218-780-6510 or Alberta at 218-666-2153.

Fee payment confirms registration. Mail to: NWFA, PO Box 44, Cook, MN 55723.

►Artist Adam Swanson presents a Day Long Acrylic Painting Class Saturday, May 18, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Cook Community Center,

►Select your favorite photos to enter this fun fundraiser! Cash prizes!

Photo Contest "Your Best Shot" - adult and student submissions accepted until April 27.

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LENTEN SEASON



**COOK -** On Wednesday, March 27 the elementary Religious Education students from Holy Cross/St. Mary's Church in Orr/Cook invited the students from Trinity Lutheran Church of Cook to join them at a Lenten Fair. The fair was held at St. Mary's Church in Cook and there were roughly 40 students and 12 adults participating. The adults manned seven different stations and the students rotated through each of the stations in 15-20 minute increments. They learned about the season of Lent and how so many things can make us think of the wonderful things in church history and how we can reference things back to Jesus Christ and his life and story of salvation. photos by E. Koch



GRIZZLY UPDATE

# Meet Ms. Kandi Olson

Principal John Vukmanich interviews a selection of educators and coaches at the North Woods School

This week, we continue our teacher interviews with another teacher who hails from the local area, Kandi Olson.

Mr. V: Where are you originally from and where did you go to high school and college?

Ms. O: My family moved to Cook when I was a very young. I graduated from Cook High School. After high school I earned my bachelor's degree from the College of Saint Scholastica and my master's degree from Saint Mary's University.

Mr. V: Were there teachers who were an influence on you? Please name a few if you can.

Ms. O: Two teachers that I'll never forget were Madame (Judith) Blyckert and Ann Bidle.

Mr. V: What characteristics did these teachers have that were important to you?

Ms. O: Madame Blyckert came to every class energized and passionate about her subject. I appreciated Mrs. Bidle for the connection she made with her students.

Mr. V: What do you teach at North Woods?

Ms. O: I teach 8th and 10th grade Language Arts and CEP College Writing.

Mr. V: Why did you choose teaching as a profession?

Ms. O: I knew right away that I wanted to be a teacher. I had so many wonderful opportunities and experiences because of school and athletics. When I graduated from high school, I knew that I wanted to share my love of learning with the next generation.

Mr. V: What are your hobbies?

Ms. O: It may sound



**JOHN VUKMANICH**



**KANDI OLSON**

strange, but my main hobby is chasing dreams! Right now, I spend most of my time helping my kids chase their dreams. I also love recording those memorable moments in photographs.

Mr. V: What is something you really like about North Woods?

Ms. O: The family atmosphere is amazing. Once you become a part of the Grizzly Nation, you have another family. I've read this in almost every teacher interview, but we say it because it's true!

Mr. V: What is a professional goal for you?

Ms. O: Lately, I've

been trying to focus on relevance and asking myself daily, "How can I make each lesson more relevant for students?" I'd like to continue working on that goal.

Mr. V: What is something you love about northern MN?

Ms. O: Our lakes are the best! If I could, I would spend all day, every day exploring a new aspect of one of our lakes or enjoying our stunning sunsets.

Mr. V: What is a piece of advice you'd give your students?

Ms. O: You'll never regret working hard in

school! No one expects perfection from you, but we do want to see you trying your best. Also, don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone and try something new!

Mr. V: Do you have a favorite saying or expression?

Ms. O: I have several quotes that I love, but since it's golf season, "In golf as in life, it is the follow through that makes the difference."

Mr. V: What do you hope that your students will remember you for?

Ms. O: Wow...this is a tough question. Someone once shared a made-up word with me that I grew to love. The word is "firmth". It's a combination of firm and warmth. I hope my students remember that I always had high expectations for them, but I also really cared about them.

Thank you, Mrs. Olson, for letting us get to know you, and thanks for the many hats you wear at North Woods School!

Go Grizzlies!  
**Your Principal,  
John Vukmanich**

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## Lyme Discussion Group meets April 18

VIRGINIA- A Lyme Disease discussion group will meet on Thursday, April 18 from 5:30 to 7 p.m. at Natural Harvest Food Co-op, 732 4th St. N in Virginia.

Join others for a discussion on education, prevention, and possible treatments of Lyme Disease and the multiple tick-borne illnesses that have become epidemic in this region. Learn how Lyme mimics many auto immune disorders such as MS, Chronic Fatigue, Lupus, Parkinson's, ALS, Fibromyalgia, Neuropsychiatric Disorders, and more.

This group is in no way affiliated with or receiving monetary gains from Natural Harvest Food Co-op. The group will be led by Mike Keenan and Gina Empey, who are thankful to be using the co-op's classroom to educate the community. For questions, email Lvlymegroup@outlook.com. Keenan and Empey are not medical professionals but citizens who would like to share experiences with treatments that have helped them and others.

## "Health is a Human Right" at Mesabi UU, April 17

VIRGINIA- Rev. Eric Northard will present "Health is a Human Right" at Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church on Sunday, April 7 at 10:30 a.m. The church is located at 230 7th St. S in Virginia and the building is handicap accessible.

In recognition of World Health Day, Northard will lead the group in examining the importance of health for all. The congregation will come together to investigate how the long history of our liberal tradition has led, and continues to lead, our fellow religious liberals into advocating and acting for quality health care services for all.

## CHORAL MUSIC

# Range of Voices celebrates 50 years with performances on April 12 & 14

VIRGINIA- For Range of Voices, 2019 marks 50 years of performing choral music across the Iron Range. RofV has been providing joyous voices in song to audiences in Babbitt, Chisholm, Duluth, Ely, Eveleth, Gilbert, Hibbing and Mt. Iron. 50 years will be celebrated with performances on Friday, April 12 at 7 p.m. at the Chisholm Baptist Church and on Sunday, April 14 at 2 p.m. at Gethsemane Lutheran Church in Virginia.

It all began in 1968, when a choral group directed by Dallis Frandsen performed The Messiah on Palm Sunday at Goodman Auditorium in Virginia High School. Members of the chorus included choral students from Virginia High School, Mesabi State Junior College (now Mesabi Range College), and interested adults from the East Range area, especially from church choirs. The interest in creating a community choir was obvious. East Range Choral Society (now Range of Voices) was created in the spring of 1969 through Frandsen's initiative. Since its inception, more than 1,000 people have sung with ERCS. Singers have come from Ely to Coleraine and every town in-between. Members have ranged in age from 13 to at

least 87.

Throughout the years, ERCS/Range of Voices has had over 30 conductors. Most were area high school and college choir and band directors. Collaborations have been achieved by performances with the Mesabi Symphony Orchestra and Minnesota Orchestra. Range of Voices has also performed Carmina Burana in Mt. Iron and Ely as part of the Northern Lights Music Festival in 2007 and 2010, and members performed in Pagliacci at the 2012 Northern Lights Music Festival.

When Barbara Baldrice, with over 10 years conducting the organization, stepped down from being the music director, Ann Marie Lubovich picked up the baton and accomplished performances with the Minnesota Opera that continued for three years. Lubovich also brought a concept forward to rename the group and represent the geographic diversity and evolution of the organization. Without hesitation, the members enthusiastically voted for a name change. East Range Choral Society became Range of Voices.

Guest groups that have performed with Range of Voices include Sweet Adelines, Eveleth Men's

Chorus, Now and Then Singers, Five Seasoned Brass, the Choralaires, Mesabi Symphony ensembles, and soloists.

Angela Cantlon was named the Range of Voices music director for the 2018-19 season. Cantlon is a retired music teacher with a Master of Science in Curriculum and Instruction from UW-Madison, and a Bachelor of Music degree from UW-Stevens Point. She has taught music in the public schools of Drummond, Wis. Ironwood, Mich., and Iron Mountain, Mich., and the Sacred Heart School in Shawano, Wis. Cantlon is currently the Choir Director at the Presbyterian Church in Virginia.

As RofV celebrates its 50 years of singing, the words of former director Matt Krage ring very true to the RofV mission. "Range of Voices is a community choir dedicated to giving both audiences and singers a high quality choral experience. It is a choir full of eclectic individuals from all walks of life. These men and women come from all corners of the Iron Range to share a common interest - a love of singing!" Range of Voices encourages individuals who enjoy singing to join the group.

## Obituaries and Death Notices



### Albert V. Asleson

Albert Vandoren "Buck" Asleson, 93, of Embarrass, died on Friday, March 29, 2019, in St. Michael's Health and Rehabilitation Center in Virginia. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 3 at Lutheran Church of the Good Shepherd in Babbitt with Pastor Jonathan Varns officiating. Spring interment will take place in the Waasa Cemetery. Family services were provided by Bauman-Vermilion, a Bauman Family Funeral Home in Tower.

Buck was born on April 2, 1925, in Greenbush, the son of Asle and Nedeline (Buley) Asleson, and grew up in Greenbush, one of 10 children in his family. Buck served in the United States Navy during WWII from June 1943 to January 1946 and was assigned to the Construction Brigade's 33rd and 4th Battalions "Seabees". He was stationed on many different islands in the South Pacific and was on Okinawa at the end of the war. His unit received a commendation for building an airstrip in a record time of 19 days. Buck married Lois VanDeHey on July 5, 1952. They moved to Embarrass in 1960 and raised four children there. He was employed as a heavy equipment operator for Saint Louis County. Buck was active with his Church Council, served on the township board, the Embarrass-Vermilion Federal Credit Union board, and was an instructor for snowmobile and gun safety training courses. He was often found woodworking in his garage, and fixing and repairing just about anything. Buck liked to read and study the Bible, and enjoyed word search puzzles.

Buck is survived by his wife of 66 years, Lois;

children, Ronald (Linda) Asleson of Embarrass, Debra (Ben) Jeziorski of Sheboygan Falls, Wis., and Sharon (Mark) Weise of Plymouth, Wis.; 13 grandchildren; many great-grandchildren; three great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by children, Albert, Donna and Ginger; and siblings, Oscar, Arlo, Gladys, Beatrice, Clara, Minnie, Velma, and two brothers in infancy.



### Daniel E. Radle

Daniel "Dan" Edward Radle, 57, of Orr, passed away on Wednesday, March 27, 2019. A Celebration of Life will be held at 1 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 at the Orr American Legion. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Dan was born to Tom and Magdalane "Dillon" Radle on Dec. 31, 1961, in Virginia. He grew up in Orr and graduated from Orr High School in 1980. Soon after, Dan went to work on the oil rigs as a "roughneck". He always said that is where he got his muscles. Dan then returned home to Orr to work for Forest Abramson at Abramson Construction (later to be called KGM Contractors Inc.). He would log with Tony "Norton" Norman for various logging companies in the off-season. During this time, he met and married the love of his life, Rebecca Kay Warren. They were united in marriage on Aug. 9, 1986. They were blessed with three children. Shortly after marriage, Becky joined him at KGM and they worked together, played together, camped all over Minnesota for various work projects, and met many amazing people along the way. He

and Becky did everything together and sure had the time of their lives. He was a foreman and heavy equipment operator for KGM and had a huge passion for his job. He always made sure the job got done right and many of his employees admired his leadership and work ethic. He continued to work for Forest at KGM Contractors Inc. for a total of 32 years until he and Becky retired together in 2017. He was also a proud member of Local 49.

Dan enjoyed fishing, hunting and golfing, especially if it included his family and friends. He loved boating and he and his family would take a vacation on Ebel's Houseboat every summer. He also enjoyed taking RV trips with Becky to Florida to make memories with their close friends Katy Ebel (and family) and Mike Hoffer. He also took his family to Texas every year to visit his mother and brother. Dan loved to dance. He was always moving to the music, no matter where it was playing. His family remembers his smile and contagious laugh, and that he "had some killer moves", the "Sprinkler" and the "Chainsaw" to name a couple. Dan loved to tinker in the garage. He had a genius mind for mechanics which allowed him to fix anything. He was a Master Mechanic and Jack of all trades. He eventually used his talents to open his own shop "Radical Repair" which he proudly ran until his illness no longer allowed him to work.

Dan had an adventurous spirit and knew no fear of anything. Although he had an intimidating stature, he was light-hearted and a soft Teddy bear on the inside. He was also a man who would help anyone out; no matter the time of day or night, he was there for the people of his community and family. Dan was generous to a fault. He would give his last dollar; the only reward he needed was knowing that he put a smile on someone's face. When he wasn't giving, he was joking around with everyone .....always the goal in life: to smile, laugh and enjoy life to the fullest!

Dan was a rock to his family, and he loved them with all of his heart and

soul. Throughout his life, Dan and Becky were the best of friends, spending every waking moment together and loving life with their two fur babies, Jozi and Jazi. His children and grandchildren were the light of his life; the sun rose and set on them. He loved to spend time with his grandchildren and took the time to teach them things and pass down his knowledge. Dan was treasured by his family and he will be dearly missed.

Dan is survived by his loving wife, Rebecca Radle of Orr; children, Kelsey (Patrick) Norri of Virginia, Courtney Radle of Orr and Thomas Radle of Minneapolis; grandchildren, Alauna "Lucy" Boshey, Weslee Norri and Charlee Norri; step-grandchildren, Wyatt and Rylee Jo; sisters, Celine Radle of Duluth and Colleen (Marty) Parker of Zimmerman; mother-in-law, Kay Warren of Lakeland; sister-in-law, Brenda Warren of Biwabik; brothers-in-law, Mike (Denise) Warren of Chisholm and Bruce (Debbie) Warren of Virginia; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Dan was preceded in death by his parents, Tom and "Dillon" Radle; brother, Steve Radle; nephew, Eric "Bear" Kolstad; and father-in-law, Dennis Warren.



### Jeffrey D. Carlon

Jeffrey David Carlon, 42, of Tower, died unexpectedly on Sunday, March 24, 2019. A Memorial Service will be held at 2 p.m. on Saturday, April 6 in Bauman's Vermilion Funeral Home in Tower. Family services are provided by Bauman's Vermilion Funeral Home in Tower.

Jeff was born on July 20, 1976, in Virginia, the son of Lyle and Lila (Ulrey) Carlon. He

graduated from Tower-Soudan High School and Vocational-Technical College. Jeff married Morgen McDougall on Aug. 27, 2011, in Tower and was a lifelong Tower resident. He was employed as a welder for Lamppa Manufacturing, and was a member of #teamramrod. Jeff enjoyed everything outdoors, fishing, snowmobiling, hunting and boating. He was proud of his classic 1963 Chevy long box pickup.

Jeff is survived by his wife, Morgen; stepson, Frederick McDougall III of Soudan; father, Lyle Carlon of Ft. Pierce, Fla.; sister, Eliza (Matthew) Lucachick of Springville, Ind.; grandparents, Carolyn (Ray) Stevens of Tower; in-laws, Penelope Trenberth of Duluth and Fred (MaryAnne) McDougall of Hibbing; brothers-in-law, Frederick (Vicky) McDougall II of Taoyuan, Taiwan, Christian McDougall of Cass Lake and Noah McDougall of Minneapolis; aunts and uncles, Keith (Linda) Carlon of Buhl, Bill (Luanne) Carlon of Morristown N.J., Scott (Naomi) Carlon of Anoka, Lowell (Kathleen) Carlon of Virginia, Liz Cheriff (Brian Drake) of Minneapolis, Violet Carlon of Denver, Colo., Ruth Carlon of Germany, Beth (Robin) Krom of Lanesboro, Joe (Mary) Ulrey of Naples, Fla., Bill Trenberth of Babbitt, Vivian Werman of Hibbing, Edith Tawyea of Hibbing and Dale Werman of Minneapolis; niece and nephew, Gabe and Carolyn; extended family and friends.

He was preceded in death by his mom, Lila; grandparents, Joe and Carol Ulrey and William Carlon; and special friend, Brandon Dougherty.

### Jean M. Maki

Jean M. Miklausich Maki, 76, of Ely, passed away on Saturday, March 30, 2019, after a courageous four and a-half-year battle with cancer. A funeral service celebrating her life was held on Wednesday, April 3 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely.

She is survived by her husband, Bill; children,

Bill (Jodi) Maki and Kelly (Lance) Ronn; grandchildren, Madison, McKenzie and Parker Maki and Wyatt and Whitley Ronn; and sister, Nancy Rozman, who was lovingly by her side throughout her life and cancer battle.

### Barbara L. Wessman

Barbara Lee Luukkonen Wessman, 69, of rural Tower, died at St. Mary's Hospital on Tuesday, March 26, 2019. A celebration of life was held at Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Virginia on Thursday, April 4.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Dennis of Tower; children, Michael (Lisa) Wessman of Cumberland, Wis., and Michelle (Rich) Skerbitz of Hoyt Lakes; granddaughters, Alicia Wessman and Ashley Luukkonen of Aitkin; brother, Albert Luukkonen of Britt; sisters, Diane Miller of Lawler, Darlene Lossing of Cook and Cindy Bozicevich of Duluth; several nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

### Robert Kovall

Robert "Bob" Kovall, 99, lifelong resident of Ely, died in the gentle, caring hands of Boundary Waters Care Center and Essential Hospice on Monday, March 25, 2019. Bob's life and faith were celebrated with a Funeral Mass at St. Anthony's Catholic Church on Saturday, March 30. Family arrangements were by Kerntz Funeral Home in Ely.

He is survived by his children, Bob (Carol), Patsy, Janice and Richard; grandchildren, Kari, Jill, Steve and Dan Kovall, and their mother Kathy; grandchildren, Nick (Judy), Ben (Chrissy) and Megan Gibney; great-grandchildren, Brett, Taylor, Connor and Landon Gibney; brother-in-law, Bob (Linda) Senta; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his family, Bob will be missed by many who knew him through the years, especially his neighbors at Pioneer Apartments.



POLYMET

# Court hears arguments for supplemental impact statement

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL — Lawyers for environmental groups, the Department of Natural Resources, and PolyMet Mining squared off last Thursday before a three-judge appeals court panel charged with determining whether to order a supplemental environmental impact statement for PolyMet’s proposed copper-nickel mining operation near Hoyt Lakes.

At issue is whether changes in the company’s mine plan in regard to water treatment, and the project’s deteriorating financial picture, require a second look at some aspects of the project under Minnesota environmental rules.

Under the rule, known by the number 4410.3000, an agency must prepare a supplemental EIS under a variety of situations, including when “there is substantial new information or new circumstances that significantly affect the potential environmental effects from a proposed project,” and when that information has not previously been considered in the original EIS.

Lawyers for environmental groups argued that the changes PolyMet has proposed or is likely to propose amount to a “bait-and-switch” since the original EIS examined a project proposal that is likely to be significantly different from any mining operation that ultimately goes forward. Environmentalists noted that following completion of the original EIS, PolyMet dropped plans for a reverse osmosis water treatment plan

“A bait and switch cannot be the basis for the most important first mine that would bring sulfide mining to Minnesota.

**Water Legacy lawyer Paula Maccabee**

at its mine site and argued that is a new circumstance requiring supplemental analysis.

But that change is relatively minor compared to the significance of the new circumstances revealed in a March 2018 feasibility study, which an independent engineering firm prepared for PolyMet under the terms of Canadian securities law. That study revealed that the financial viability of the project has diminished greatly in recent years and that the company is exploring mining operations of a much greater scale in order to try to improve profitability.

PolyMet has since received all of its required state and federal permitting for a 32,000 tons-per-day operation, but the March 2018 study suggests such an operation would generate a rate of return to investors of just ten percent, far below the level of return that investors typically seek for mining projects, which are inherently risky ventures.

Yet that March study also examined the financial returns of two different alternatives, including a plan to mine 59,000 tpd and another to mine 118,000 tpd. Both alternative proposals assumed that the company would remove significantly more of the known deposit, including lower

grade material not considered in its original plan. The two alternatives did improve the estimated return on investment, while remaining well below the company’s original estimated return of 30.6 percent. The study predicted a rate of return of 19 percent for the 59,000 tpd option and 21.9 percent for the 118,000 tpd option.

Lawyers for the environmental groups argued that the PolyMet project, given the financial realities, is unlikely to proceed as currently permitted and that the company will almost certainly be requesting an expansion of the operation in the near term.

Previous courts have ruled that a supplemental EIS is not necessary in cases where a possible expansion or major change in the project is only possible or speculative.

“Here, there are real expansions proposed in great detail,” said Water Legacy lawyer Paula Maccabee, referring to the mine alternatives outlined in the March study. “A bait and switch cannot be the basis for the most important first mine that would bring sulfide mining to Minnesota,” she argued to the three-judge panel.

John Martin, representing

the DNR, argued that the profitability of the mine plan is not the agency’s concern. “That’s the subject that the market determines,” said Martin. “Our concern is the financial assurances. And we have imposed robust financial assurance requirements on PolyMet.”

Martin also argued that PolyMet’s plan to drop the use of a wastewater treatment plant at the mine site does not substantially impact environmental impacts, because the company proposes to pump mine discharges to the treatment plant planned at the plant site and treat that water there and return it to the mine site via pipeline. “We’re talking about the same amount of wastewater and the same discharge locations,” said Martin.

PolyMet attorney Jay Johnson argued that the mining company is only permitted to mine up to 32,000 tpd and that any increase over that level would require additional environmental review. And he argued that the March 2018 study did find the mine to be profitable even at 32,000 tpd. “It recommends that PolyMet proceed with final design, construction and operation of the 32,000 tpd design that is discussed in this technical report,” said Johnson. “The report itself says the mine is profitable and the other scenarios are speculative.” Based on that, Johnson argued that environmental review is not required unless the company actually proposes an increase in the rate of mining.

But Elise Larson, repre-

senting the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, argued that delaying such a review limits its ability to determine the optimal environmental controls. “Once the train leaves the station, the analysis for environmental review changes,” she said. “If you analyze one iteration of the project and then you’re considering how do we move our environmental controls around based on an expansion, then that is a different inquiry than how should we plan out our environmental controls in the first instance because we know this is going to be a big project.”

Larson also took issue with the suggestion that financial viability was not a consideration for the DNR. She noted that the original EIS does address financial return and that the agency did not examine other mining alternatives, such as an underground operation, due to concerns about financial profitability.

Maccabee had the last word in the arguments, and drilled in on the financial question, stating that PolyMet raised the prospect of a larger mining operation in order to hold out the hope that the project could be more financially viable, and thereby more attractive to investors.

Without a substantial increase in the rate of mining, environmentalists contend, the project is unlikely to proceed, making an expansion in the operation a virtual necessity.

A decision in the case is expected by mid-summer.

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million of that is owed to PolyMet’s principal financial backer, Switzerland-based Glencore Xstrata.

Company officials note that retiring those loans remains at the top of their to-do list for now. Glencore agreed last month to give PolyMet a three-month extension for repayment of that debt, which had been set to mature on March 31. Some of that debt is convertible to ownership of the project, but PolyMet officials declined to say whether they expect Glencore to accept a greater ownership stake in lieu of cash repayment. Glencore currently owns just under one-third of the company and has representation on the PolyMet board of directors.

PolyMet is planning to offer current owners of its common shares the chance to purchase additional stock in the company in hopes of raising the capital it will need to retire its debt with Glencore by the new maturity date of June 30. How much interest they’ll find in the offering is the \$243 million question upon which the future of the project could rest. Despite the company’s newly-issued permits, investor interest in PolyMet stock remains lackluster. As of this week, the stock was trading at just 65¢ a share, close to an all-time low for the company.

PolyMet’s 2018 annual report listed strengthening its balance sheet, either through restructuring or repayment of outstanding debt, as among its top five goals for 2019. Other goals include completing a “project optimization plan,” as well as securing the roughly \$1 billion in financing for construction. At the same time, the company is hoping to complete an “implementation plan”

and maintain social, political, and regulatory support for the project.

As other mining operations have demonstrated in recent years, obtaining permits for a mining project, while a critical milestone, is no guarantee of a project’s success, at least in the short term. Regulators in Nevada issued permits for a proposed copper and gold mine there, known as Pumpkin Hollow, in 2015. Four years later, the project is finally under construction, albeit at a significantly smaller scale than originally proposed and at an upfront price tag of \$197 million, barely one-fifth the capital that PolyMet will need to advance its proposed NorthMet mine plan. The company behind that project, known as Nevada Copper, struggled for three years before putting together a financing package for its stripped-down project, despite a higher grade of ore than PolyMet is proposing to mine and an expected internal return on investment before taxes of 21 percent.

In the case of PolyMet, there probably isn’t an option for a smaller-scale project, with a less imposing upfront investment. If anything, the company’s most recent financial projections suggest that a much larger project than the proposed 32,000 tons-per-day operation might be the only way to boost financial returns to a level likely to pique investor

interest. A March 2018 financial update projected an internal rate of return of just 10 percent on PolyMet’s current mine plan, well below the usual standards of the inherently risky mining sector. And PolyMet’s lackluster financial estimates assume a copper price of \$3.29 per pound and nickel at \$7.95 per pound, both well above current prices for these critical metals.

The future of the NorthMet project likely ultimately depends on a commitment by a major mining company to take on the venture in a partnership with PolyMet. The financial consulting firm, EOR, which the Department of Natural Resources hired to assess the project, has raised doubts about PolyMet’s ability to develop the project through traditional commercial debt.

“PolyMet alone would probably not be able to obtain the necessary financing and required financial assurance instruments without the backing of Glencore or another large company,” note the consultants in a report issued late last year. “Therefore, we concluded that it is unlikely that the project would proceed without this financial backing. So long as Glencore or another large company invests in the project, there would be little risk of the project failing.”

Will Glencore or

another major mining company agree to invest upwards of another billion dollars to finance construction and start-up for a project with marginal profitability? That’s an unknown, although it would be consistent with Glencore’s long-term view that prices for metals like copper, nickel, and cobalt are likely to rise over time with the greater adoption of electric vehicles. According to the company’s 2017 annual report, Glencore is projecting that electric vehicles will comprise more than a third of the total vehicle fleet globally by 2030, just 11 years from now. If so, the company predicts that global demand for copper will increase by 18 percent over 2017 production levels, while nickel demand will jump by 59 percent over 2017

production levels.

It’s that expectation that is currently fueling the interest in bringing new copper, nickel, and cobalt production online. In addition to copper and nickel, the PolyMet mine is expected to produce small amounts of cobalt, which is typically a byproduct of nickel production.

According to EOR’s financial assessment for the DNR, Glencore is “focusing on controlling and adding to its reserves of copper, nickel and cobalt, which explains its involvement in PolyMet.”

As EOR noted, Glencore is a major company with 2017 revenues of \$205 billion and a profit of \$5 billion. “The NorthMet project would be a minor part in Glencore’s overall portfolio. In this regard, there would be no economic

reason for this project not to be successful so long as Glencore guarantees the financing and the financial assurances, especially when there are unexpected dips in the cash flow.”

While Glencore’s size would seem to be an advantage for the NorthMet project, the project’s marginal economics could put the project lower on the priority list for a company with vast global holdings in the sector. While a small start-up like PolyMet might be eager to get mining underway, since it has no other source of revenue, a large multinational corporation like Glencore could afford to sit on a deposit like NorthMet, possibly for years, until an increase in the price of metals makes the project more economical.



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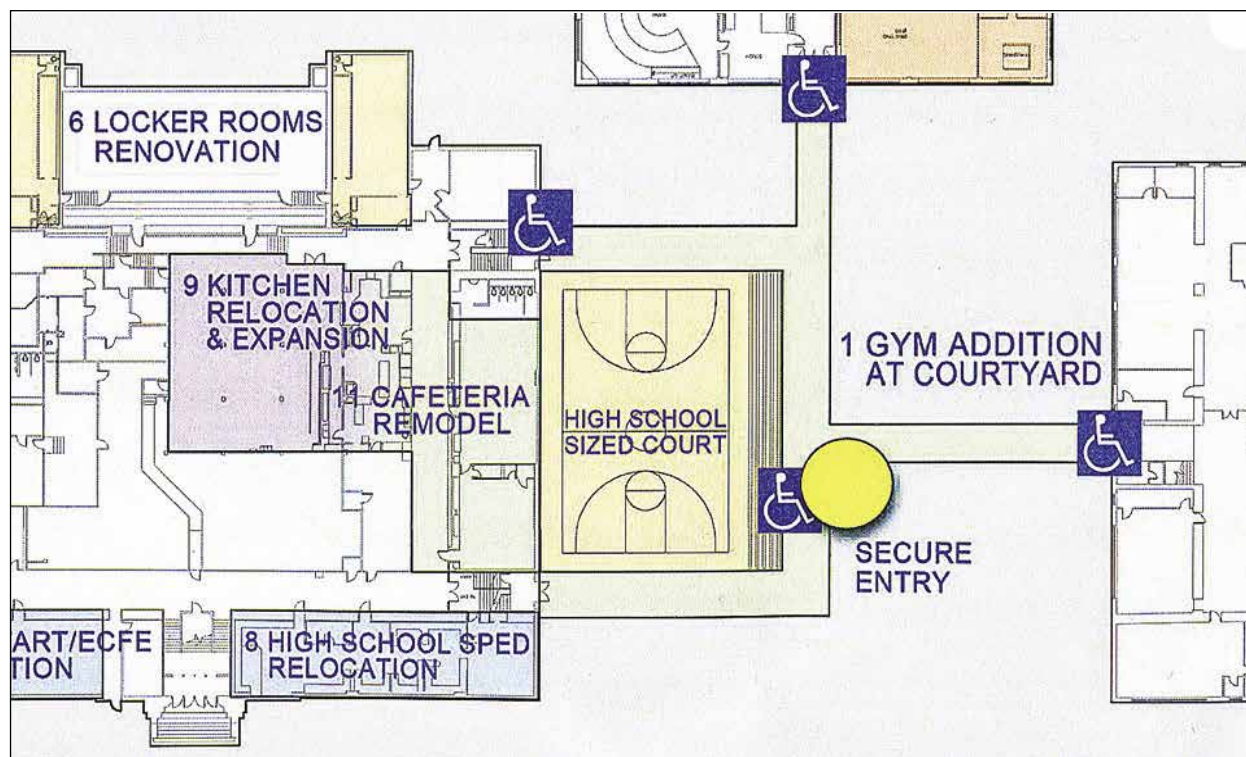
area and high school media center.

The committee also agreed that formerly planned infrastructure improvements, including a new roof for the Memorial building, finishing the window replacement project for all three buildings, and replacement of air handling units and interior doors, should all be a part of the project.

Committee members reviewed two options with different locations for the additional gym space. Hildenbrand presented three scenarios for each option, at a cost of between \$5 million and \$21 million. Various components could be added or deleted from each option and scenario to help the committee fine tune the renovation project.

The renovations will likely be paid for, primarily, through a voter-approved referendum that could be on the ballot as early as this fall. The cost to taxpayers is still unclear, but voters could be asked to approve a referendum with two questions asking them to gauge the amount of property tax increase they would be willing to absorb.

The renovations will likely cost more than \$5 million and less than \$13 million, according to preliminary estimates. That could boost property taxes on a \$100,000 home by about \$16 a year for a \$5 million bond or \$82 a year for a \$13 million bond, according to Ehlers, the school district's financial firm.



**A proposed school renovation project for the Ely schools campus could include a new high school-sized court and bleachers on the west end of the Memorial building, a secured entrance near the soon-to-be-demolished boiler plant building, and connecting walkways between the three buildings. Cafeteria remodeling, kitchen expansion and relocation, renovated locker rooms, and updating of the high school media center were also identified as priorities by the facilities committee. The special education relocation, shown at lower left, could be a future consideration if a new office area is added near the secure entry. The project could cost between \$5 million and \$13 million. School board members will consider the project at an April 16 study session.**

For an Ely commercial/industrial building with an estimated market value of \$250,000, taxes would rise between \$97 a year and \$487 per year respectively, depending on the size of the bond.

Any voter-approved school building bonds for the project would be for a term of 20 years.

"We are trying to identify a scope (of investment) that you think is important," said Katie Hildenbrand, designer for Architectural Resources Inc., (ARI) the firm working with ISD 696

to formulate the building renovation plan. "We will work on funding sources and financing, and come back with a more formal number for you. Right now, we are just trying to figure out a feel for what you want and what is important to you."

Facilities committee member Ross Petersen was skeptical that Ely voters would approve a bond as high as \$10 million. "I think you have to look at being realistic," he said. "This is a hell of a hard sell at \$10 million. I would love to see us get everything we

want," he said.

Jodie Zesbaugh, senior municipal advisor for Ehlers, noted, "If that does not meet your needs over a 20-year period of time, we could do a step down and provide some flexibility as an option."

Hildenbrand pressed Petersen to identify what amount he would be comfortable with.

Petersen stressed the importance of completing the planned-for building renovations that including window replacement and a new roof, and the courtyard renovation with the

new full-size gym. "We have \$4.3 million and another \$4.2 million, and add the locker rooms," Petersen said. "I'm not really even comfortable with \$10 million. I think we have to look at between \$7 and \$10 million."

Committee member Paul Maki asked Ely superintendent Kevin Abrahamson what bonding referendum amount he would be comfortable with. "What do you think is realistic that we could adapt and work for?" Maki asked.

"In my opinion, we

are between \$5 million and \$13 million," Abrahamson said. He said he can get closer to an amount if the school board approves conducting a community survey. "He didn't name the survey organization, but asserted that when school districts used the company and followed their recommendation, they have "a one-hundred percent success rate."

The group came to a consensus that two referendum questions, one for \$7 million and another for \$12 million in bonding, could be brought to the voters as early as this fall. Prior to that, a community survey would be conducted to gauge the acceptance of the projects. "You could offer a base plan, and then another plan with the added priorities," Hildenbrand said.

Abrahamson noted that a community survey would spell out exactly what is being considered for the renovation project options. "It is pretty in depth," he said.

An informational community meeting, recapping the work of the facilities committee, may also be planned.

A facilities committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 16 to finalize the recommendations that will be made to the school board. An enrollment projection study should also be released by then, according to Abrahamson. A board study session is scheduled for that same day to discuss the issue.

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With a business plan already developed and his town of choice selected, Gronski needed contacts to help make his dream come true. He went to the Chamber of Commerce and began networking with area associations and banks to accomplish what he set out to do.

According to the Small Business Administration, over 600,000 new businesses open in the United States each year and the SBA has a small army of affiliated consultants and lenders working across the country in a wide variety of economic development programs and lending institutions to help dreamers like Gronski open up shop.

"A lot of business owners don't always understand all of the resources available to them," said Betsy Olivanti with University of Minnesota-Duluth's Center for Economic Development. "We come up with plans to get them in touch with what is available."

Last year Olivanti worked with 100 clients, six of whom have now

opened businesses, creating jobs for 100 employees. Bank loans and various grants provided the new business owners an infusion of \$4.4 million in working capital.

There is no one-size-fits-all solution when it comes to starting a business in northeastern Minnesota, but there are some easy guidelines to follow.

The first step is to contact the city or local chamber of commerce where you'd like to do business.

"We know how good it is to get started off on the right foot," Ely Chamber Executive Director Eva Sebesta said. The Ely Chamber offers programming to business owners, both new and seasoned, on marketing, social media and human resources to keep businesses up on the newest ways to keep in touch with their customers and the area workforce.

"When you're a new business, you want to talk to somebody," said Don Negley, a business owner and board member with the Entrepreneur Fund. "You

need help to see how it all fits together."

Negley and his wife, Leanne, own Rural Living Environments, an organization in Babbitt and Ely providing services to people who are developmentally-disabled as well as a crisis home for people in a variety of challenging situations. When they started the business about 15 years ago, the Entrepreneur Fund provided loan funding and business coaching. When they expanded their operation to open the crisis home, they turned to the Entrepreneur Fund once again.

While networking with organizations like the Entrepreneur Fund and the local chamber of commerce is important, a trip to city hall is also in order, says Cheri Carter, the clerk and treasurer in Orr. She says you'll want to be sure that local zoning is consistent with your plans.

Additionally, Carter said, a new business owner needs to make sure there are no special taxes or fees, such as a lodging tax

or conditional use permit fee, that would be required from the city or county.

Once those hurdles are cleared, it's time to look at financing and business planning.

For Gronski, that took the form of a small business loan from a local bank, and for Negley, it was time for a visit to the Entrepreneur Fund.

The Entrepreneur Fund provides small business loans, usually in the form of gap loans where extra money is needed to make up the difference between a mortgage and what an owner already has on hand.

"We network with partners such as city halls, realtors, banks and credit unions," said Steve Peterson, the Entrepreneur Fund's business loan officer. "People need a plan. How's it owned? Who is involved? What are you doing different? Does the idea make sense?"

According to Peterson, 80 percent of businesses who get help succeed, which is a much higher success rate than is typical of small businesses. Aside from aiding in financing and business planning, the Entrepreneur Fund also helps new business owners make contacts in the commercial world.

While the initial steps appear straightforward, there are many bumps on the road that can occur.

Olivanti said new business owners, particularly in small towns with an older commercial building stock, aren't aware of the work needed to bring an older building up to code.

"There are a lot of barriers for businesses that want to be on Main Street when it comes to overcoming building challenges," she said. "New roofs, ren-

ovations, etc... It's more than just new paint and a couple of walls."

At the Ely candy store, this was a problem when the interior of the building needed painting and the exterior needed a new awning.

Most area cities offer low-interest commercial rehabilitation and storefront loans and some grants are also available from organizations such as the IRRRB, especially if the business plans to retrofit heating and lighting to improve energy efficiency.

Trying to find the right hours and location can also be a challenge.

Gronski said he needed to figure out just how many people would pass by his shop, a statistic not available in Ely.

"That was the one issue, 'how many people are going to walk by my store front?'" he said. "I had to figure it out on my own."

Ultimately Gronski would use permitting information from the Boundary Waters to see how many people came for that attraction. He also used sales tax data from tourism and lodging to estimate how much money businesses were making.

And once the doors are open, finding people to staff the business can be a major hurdle.

"There is a challenge in finding affordable housing and childcare for employees," Negley said. "It can really inhibit a business's ability to grow."

While those challenges are generally beyond an owner's ability to control, Negley said more support is needed from local governments to diminish their effect on businesses.

While Gronski said he

wasn't in need of out-of-town help, being a busy tourist town meant even the local high school students were in high demand, with many businesses competing to hire them for the busy season.

### Many benefits

Once the hurdles are overcome and the doors are open, the benefits of a new business are wide-ranging.

"There is an added tax base," Carter said. "It allows more services to be offered by the city and it can keep utility service fees lower for everyone. The more people we get into town, the more all of our businesses benefit."

Opening a business in the north country also has added benefits for owners and their employees.

"You have small town living without the hassle of a large city," Carter said.

"We live in this really beautiful area," Sebesta said. "It's just minutes from getting off of work to being able to go canoeing, snowshoeing or hiking. Other places can't offer that. The quality of life is really what draws people up here. For both new businesses and new employees, that is what they are looking for."

More information on starting a business can be found through UMD at <https://ced.d.umn.edu/> or the Entrepreneur Fund at <https://www.entrepreneurfund.org/>. The Ely Chamber of Commerce can be reached at [www.ely.org](http://www.ely.org). Information on Orr can be found at [www.cityoforr.com](http://www.cityoforr.com). In Cook, the chamber can be found at [www.cookminnesota.com](http://www.cookminnesota.com) and the Lake Vermilion Chamber can be found at [www.lakevermilionchamber.com](http://www.lakevermilionchamber.com).

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Lake, and Cook counties. Strong preference will be given to music majors who are planning music-related careers. Students pursuing unrelated majors that are actively involved in music activities (e.g., ensemble, band, choir, etc.) in college are also

eligible to apply. "It is our intent to encourage young music makers, particularly in rural areas with limited resources, to pursue their passion. We are pleased to be able to offer this scholarship incentive for the ninth year in a

row," says Troy Rogers, FOBMF president. The scholarship application deadline is Monday, April 29 at 5 p.m. More information and an application are available online at [www.friendsofbrad.org/scholarships](http://www.friendsofbrad.org/scholarships).

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meeting in Duluth. The meeting attracted residents from Tower-Soudan, Greenwood, Eagles Nest, Ely, Vermilion Lake, and Embarrass. While Rogne led the discussion, District 3 board members Carol Orban, of Ely, and Missy Roach, from rural Cook, also helped to facilitate the roughly 90-minute meeting.

District Chair Bob Miller, from the Duluth area, also attended, listening to the input from residents.

Rogne said the meeting had a purpose. "We want to engage DFL people in our community," said Rogne. "We want to talk about the last election and prepare for the next one. We want to let the candidates know what the grassroots voters want," she added. "And we want to help guide the DFL to select good candidates for upcoming elections."

Rogne noted that while the DFL did well statewide in 2018, that wasn't the case in the Eighth District, which was one of only three U.S. House districts in the country that switched from Democrat to the GOP.

The contentious Eighth District endorsing convention in Duluth, where delegates failed to endorse a candidate for Congress was a problem, many noted. "The good old boys had their agenda," said Andy Urban, of Eagles Nest. "And they found a way to get it through. That is why people who have supported the DFL for 50 years say, no more."

"We need to reform

the process at the district level," said Steve Wilson, of Tower, who argued the endorsement process is set up to narrow the pool of people willing to participate. Others cited "byzantine rules" and procedures at the convention, which can be confusing and frustrating, particularly for first-time convention delegates.

Others discussed the lack of state DFL party support up in the area, including a lack of such basic campaign tools as lawn signs.

Most agreed that Joe Radinovich was a weak candidate, and said that established DFL politicians in the area, with a few exceptions, did not appear to publicly support him.

Carol Orban said Radinovich campaign staffers assigned to this area had little or no knowledge about this part of the district.

Spending by outside political action committees was another concern, particularly the more than \$350,000 in campaign spending that outside groups poured into the primary contest, ostensibly in support of Radinovich. Given the sources of that funding, which came from largely conservative elements, some speculated that outside groups wanted to advance Radinovich in the DFL primary, thinking he would be a weaker candidate than some of the others in the race, in part because of a history of mostly minor traffic infractions.

Many of those who turned out agreed that

the DFL needs a clearer message and greater social media savvy to more effectively reach out to younger voters. Several suggested that DFL candidates need to support longtime DFL issues, such as protecting the environment.

"We can't abandon the environment history of the DFL," said Urban. "They can't talk out of both sides of their mouths. People voted for Trump because of the perception they could trust he would do what he said."

Miller said that candidates need to do a better job of being specific about the mining issue.

"The DFL supports iron mining," he said. "We do not support sulfide mining...that's why we lost, we let the Republicans define us."

The group talked about the impact of bringing statewide candidates up to meet local voters, such as the outreach done by the Northern Progressives group in Cook, and the Tuesday Group in Ely.

"This is what the DFL party should have been doing all along," said Roach.

The group decided to hold regular meetings in Tower, which is centrally-located within

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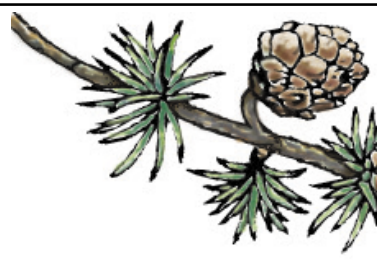




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## HEROES

### Ely resident accepts Medal of Honor for late father

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY— The grandson of an Ely man accepted a Congressional Medal of Honor this past week on behalf of his late father, Army Staff Sgt. Travis Atkins, at a White House ceremony led by President Donald Trump. Trevor Oliver, the grandson of David Oliver, of Ely, said he wants his father to be remembered as the best

parent and best soldier anyone could ever ask for. David Oliver was among those who attended the event at the White House.

Atkins, of Bozeman, Mont., was 31 years-old when he died in June 2007 while trying to subdue a suspected Iraqi insurgent in a town near Baghdad.

After realizing the man was trying to detonate a suicide vest, Atkins wrapped his body around the man and threw him to the ground, away from three other soldiers who were nearby,

according to reports. Atkins, who was on his second tour of duty in Iraq and leading a 15-soldier squad, was killed instantly.

At a somber White House ceremony, Trump said Atkins had called his son days before that

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**Trevor Oliver accepts the Medal of Honor from President Trump.**  
submitted photo



## THEATER

# Cabaret

Musical closes this weekend at Vermilion Community College

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - The Ely Community Spring Musical, "Cabaret," was well-received by audiences during the first weekend of performances at the Vermilion Community College auditorium. Additional performances are set for this Friday and Saturday.

The production, presented by the Northern Lakes Arts Association, is the 1966 stage version of "Cabaret." The story focuses on the nightlife at the seedy Kit Kat Klub, and revolves around American writer Cliff Bradshaw (Todd Crego) and his relationship with English cabaret performer Sally Bowles (Nicole Sophia). A subplot involves the doomed romance between German boarding house owner Frau Schneider (Maria Paschke) and her suitor Herr Schultz (Zeke Smith), a Jewish fruit vendor. Overseeing the action is the Master of Ceremonies (Tom Bennet) at the Kit Kat Klub.

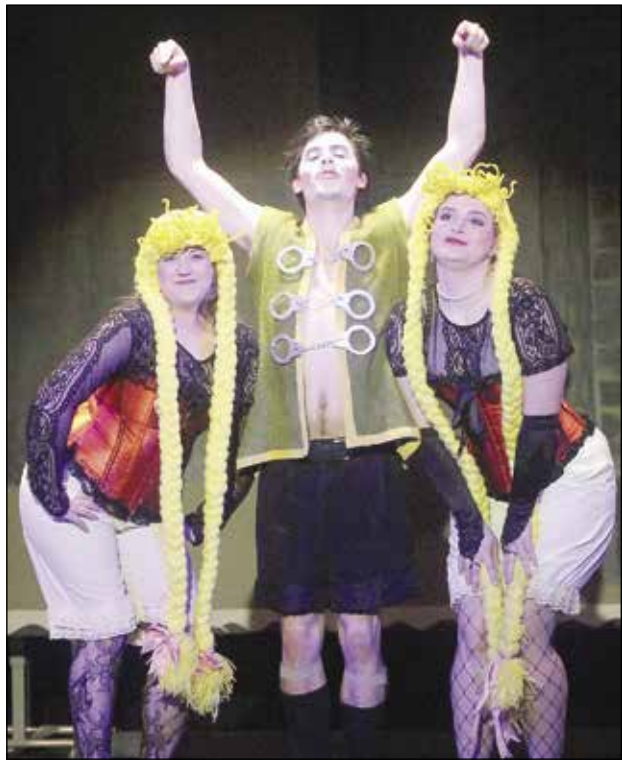
An array of college students and community members fill out the cast as Kit Kat Klub dancers, waiters, patrons and various Berliners from many walks of life.

The production, with collaboration from Vermilion Community College, concludes this weekend, with performances on Friday and Saturday, April 5 and 6 at 7 p.m. Tickets are available at BrownPaperTickets.com (credit cards) and Kess Gallery (cash/check) or at the door. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for NLAA members and \$8 for students.

For more information, check the Northern Lakes Arts Association website at northernlakesarts.org.



**Clockwise from top: The Kit Kat Klub dancers from left Frenchie (Kasha Hyde), Elsa (Courtney Brittingham), and Schatzi (Crystal Poppler) perform; Sally Bowles (Nicole Sophia) at the Kit Kat Klub with Cliff (Todd Crego); Herr Schultz (Zeke Smith) and Frau Schneider (Maria Paschke) sing "It Couldn't Please Me More;" Master of Ceremonies (Tom Bennet), Elsa (Courtney Brittingham) and Frenchie (Kasha Hyde) sing "Two Ladies."**  
photos by K. Vandervort



## ELY

### Thrift store will accept items on Monday

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor



ELY – The economic development picture here brightened this week with the announcement that the shuttered Goodwill store location will soon be reopened as the Ely Drop and Shop Thrift Store.

"We have secured the building at 204 E Sheridan St. and will start receiving donations on Monday, April 8," said store manager Monte Martin, who held the same position at the former Ely Goodwill Industries facility. That store closed on Jan. 19.

"Our team at Ely Drop and Shop is very excited that we will be opening a new thrift store in town," Martin said. "Everything has been going quite smoothly and things are falling into place nicely. Our team has been working very hard."

Martin said the location for the new venture is ideal, since area shoppers are used to a thrift store in the same location. "We are doing the best we can with what we've got so far, but we still need a lot of help."

The organization's GoFundMe me page is still active and they still have an account open at the Ely Area Credit Union. "If you would like to donate that way we would sure appreciate it," Martin added. "We are striving to build a successful business that will give us an opportunity to be able to give back and help contribute to our community's needs."

The Drop and Shop Thrift Store committee, comprised of former Goodwill employees and other community supporters, has a goal to raise money for local groups.

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Volunteers are needed in the Ely, Tower and Embarrass areas to drive persons to medical appointments and to work.

If interested, contact Martin Lepak at 218-410-9755





BROADBAND

# Open house for Back40 Wireless at Orr Center tonight

by Marcus WHITE  
Cook-Orr Editor

ORR — Residents here who are looking for Internet access alternatives to CenturyLink will want to attend an open house at the Orr Center this Friday evening, April 5.

That's when a representative from Back40 Wireless will explain how the company's new wireless Internet service operates in the community. The company, based in Jackson, Minn., will have computer stations set up at the Orr Center for residents to test the speed of the company's wireless broadband network. The event is set to run from 5:30 to 8 p.m.

Customers of the new system will obtain Internet through the use of a small receiver placed on their home or business, similar to a satellite service. Back40 Wireless recently installed a transmitter on the top of the Orr water tower that connects to a fiber optic cable operated by Consolidated Telephone Co., or CTC, out of Brainerd. The transmitter provides a wireless broadband connection to customers who have a clear line of site to the water tower.

Local representative, J.P. Metsa, said he plans to have maps at the Orr Center in order to show residents where the service will be available. While some customers may only just be learning of the new service, one business on Pelican Lake

has already been utilizing the new service for about a month.

"It's been very good and very fast. It's reliable," said Ross Coyer, operator of the Cabin O' Pines Resort.

Coyer said the business made the switch after service provided by CenturyLink barely allowed enough speed to check emails.

"As a business that does a lot of online work, it was very frustrating," he said. "For our guests it was almost unusable."

With the new wireless network, Coyer said he and his guests went from barely being able to check emails to comfortably streaming movies without a problem.

The extra speed does come with an increase in cost. Coyer said his Internet bill has risen from about \$50 a month to \$75, but with the added speed, he said it is "absolutely worth the cost."

The plan to bring the company to town was approved late last year by the Orr City Council with the company providing service to city offices in exchange for using the water tower.

The Orr Muni was hooked up this week, with city hall coming online within the next few weeks.

More information on Back40 Wireless can be found at their website, [www.back40wireless.com](http://www.back40wireless.com).

Light refreshments will be served at the open house.

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charities, and organizations that are working to achieve short-term goals.

"Unsold items will be recycled through our community in many different ways," Martin said. "We have lots of exciting ideas in the making, but we would also like to hear yours so if you have an idea you'd like to share with us, please let us know."

Martin can be reached at 218-235-6110. The organization's email address is [elydropandshop@gmail.com](mailto:elydropandshop@gmail.com). Ely Drop and Shop also has a Facebook page.

"We ask that everyone please be patient and understanding with us as we work on all the details. Being that we are a new business and everything is happening so fast, we expect there to be some road bumps along the



The old Ely Goodwill store on Sheridan Street will be reopened as the Ely Drop and Shop. photo by K. Vandervort

way. Just know we are dedicated to serving our community the best we can," he said.

Ely Drop and Shop does not accept the following donations: Stained or irreparable furniture, bean bag chairs, sleeper sofas, large appliances, hot water heaters, air conditioners, pillows, mattresses, box springs, windows, sinks, toilets or

other fixtures, paint or any chemicals or fluids, baby furniture, toys, car seats, and games that do not comply with CPSC safety standards, tires, wheels, batteries, firearms and fireworks, food and beverages, opened cosmetics and hair care products, damaged or stained clothing, apparel and shoes, any type of trash or hazardous materials, nor items that

are wet, mildewed, rusty, flammable, or in any way dangerous.

Donations will be accepted Monday-Saturday, starting April 8, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Drop off donations for Ely Drop and Shop, at 204 E Sheridan St., at the second door down on the side of the building.

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fateful June day to wish the boy a happy 11th birthday. Neither knew it would be the last time they'd speak, Trump said, adding that Oliver has always known that his father sacrificed himself for his country.

The Medal of Honor is the nation's highest military honor for bravery

against an enemy. Trump presented the eighth one of his presidency to Atkins.

David Oliver did not respond to multiple attempts by the *Ely Timberjay* to contact him for comment on the event he attended.

Atkins had been awarded the Distinguished

Service Cross, which was upgraded to a Medal of Honor after a Defense Department review.

Some 3,523 people have received the Medal of Honor since President Abraham Lincoln awarded the first one in 1863, during the Civil War, according to the Congressional Medal

of Honor Society. There are 72 living recipients.

The first awards Trump presented after taking office went to first responders who were wounded in 2017 when a gunman fired on lawmakers at a baseball practice, critically wounding Rep. Steve Scalise, R-La.

# Road Runners pasta and meatball fundraiser, April 12

VIRGINIA- Road Runners Special Olympics team is hosting their

annual pasta and meatball dinner on Friday, April 12 from 4-7 p.m. at Our Saviors Lutheran Church at the intersection of 8th St. and 12th Ave. in Virginia. Cost is \$9 for ages 10 and over and \$5 for ages 10 and under. Dinner includes pasta, meatballs, coleslaw, bread, dessert and a beverage.

Take-out is available. Call Roxy at 780-0196 or Leola at 741-5068 to pre-order.

# Operation Round Up® gives \$53,000 to community programs

REGIONAL - Through the contributions of Lake Country Power's

participating members, the Operation Round Up® Trust Board recently approved \$53,000 in assistance to local community programs during its quarterly meeting.

The cooperative's Trust Board reviewed and considered 53 grant applications and distributed funds to 51 projects and programs this past quarter. Since the program's inception in October 2004, more than \$2.2 million has been distributed to community-based projects and programs.

All funds generated through Operation Round Up® are set aside in a trust fund. A voluntary Trust Board of nine co-op members administers the

Trust. Of the funds collected through the program, 100 percent is distributed to charitable organizations through an application and selection process. The trust board uses special guidelines and policies when choosing recipients.

Most recent recipients in our area include: Laurentian Environmental Center Youth Eco Solutions; Vermilion Community College TRIO student support; Northstar Foundation arts camp; North Country RIDE; St. Louis County Volunteer Rescue Squad; Sisu Heritage security system; Ely Area Concert Series; Storage Portage in Ely; Advocates Against Domestic Abuse; ElderCircle Bone Builders; ElderCircle Groceries to Go; North St. Louis County Habitat for Humanity; and Iron Range Partnership for Sustainability.

Operation Round Up® is a charitable program unique to electric co-ops, which is designed to provide financial assistance to worthwhile activities and community projects by "rounding up" members' electric bills to the nearest dollar. The average donation of each participating Lake Country Power member is less than \$6 annually.

More than 71 percent of Lake Country Power members participate in the program through voluntary contributions. Interested members can opt into Operation Round Up® by calling Lake Country Power at 800-421-9959 or using an online form at [lakecountrypower.coop](http://lakecountrypower.coop).

Applications are available online at [www.lakecountrypower.coop](http://www.lakecountrypower.coop). The next application deadline is May 15.

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The Embarrass Region Fair is seeking queen candidates for its scholarship pageant. **The winner will receive a \$1000 scholarship, the runner-up a \$500 scholarship, and Miss Congeniality \$100 cash.**

Candidates must be female, ages 15-18, student in good standing, drug & alcohol free, and live in or be affiliated with family members in Aurora, Babbitt, Biwabik, Breitung, Britt, Eagles Nest, Ely, Embarrass, Greenwood, Hoyt Lakes, Kugler, Morse-Fall Lake, Palo, Pike Sandy, Soudan, Vermilion Lake, Waasa, White, Winton or Wuori.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

**Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet Thursday, April 11 in Tower**

TOWER- Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet Thursday, April 11 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Martin's Catholic Church Social Hall in Tower.

The program for April is Share Advice Day. Bring your in-need-of-repair or problem project to get suggestions for

help, or prepare a "don't do this" tip and example to help prevent problems for others. Nancy A. will present Brown Bag Challenge 2. Please bring your projects for Show and Tell; we all love to see what you are doing, especially your projects from our April retreat.

For more information, please contact Corrine Hill in Tower at 218-753-4600.

**Lake Country Power annual meeting, April 17**

REGIONAL- Lake Country Power will hold its 2019 annual meeting for members on Wednesday, April 17 at the Lincoln Elementary School Auditorium in Hibbing. Lake Country Power will report 2018 operational results and outline objectives for this year.

Dinner and registration for co-op

members begins at 4:45 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 6 p.m. in the school auditorium. The musical group Due North will provide toe-tapping music.

Members are encouraged to bring food donations for the Salvation Army of Hibbing to help stock its shelves. In exchange for cash donations or nonperishable food items, Lake Country Power will give members up to two light-emitting diode (LED) lights during registration.

**PUBLIC NOTICES**

**CITY OF ELY Council Minutes - March 19, 2019 Regular Meeting Ely City Council - City Hall Council Chambers**

1. CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Novak called the Regular Council Meeting to order at 5:30pm.

2. PRESENT: Council members A.Forsman, Kess, Debeltz, Omerza, Callen, Campbell, and Mayor Novak  
ABSENT: None

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the minutes from the March 5, 2019 Regular Meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

4. ADDITIONS OR OMISSIONS TO AGENDA: A. Additions 8.A. Budget Minutes  
Item A was added without objection

5. MAYOR'S REPORT  
Mayor Novak reminded everyone to pick up after their pets and the City requires dog licenses. Mayor Novak discussed the unfortunate news that Shopko is closing by mid-June.

Mayor Novak will be going to the cities tomorrow to discuss the bonding package that is being submitted for the Trailhead Development and Hospital Access Improvements.

6. CONSENT AGENDA:  
A. Motion to waive readings in entirety of all ordinances and resolutions on tonight's agenda

B. Approve staff and council to attend the Smile You're in Ely dinner meeting on April 2nd at the Grand Ely Lodge.

C. Approve staff to attend the Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association Competent Person & Excavation Safety Workshop on May 1 and 2, 2019 in Marshall, MN. Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the consent agenda items A-C. Motion Carried Unanimously.

7. REQUESTS TO APPEAR: None

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS: Standing/Special Heritage Preservation Commission- Minutes included in the packet

Planning and Zoning Commission  
Request from Planning and Zoning Commission to have discussion with the Council regarding Planning and Zoning role in public hearing process when city property is vacated or rezoned. Council deserves to hear directly from public rather than having Planning and Zoning holding a public hearing first. At Council's request Planning and Zoning will continue to mail neighbor notification letters and place Public Notice in the City's official newspaper.  
Discussion was had to have a joint public hearing with Planning and Zoning for hearings on vacations and other issues if needed.

Projects Committee  
Callen/Campbell moved to approve the recommendation from Projects committee to complete the required paperwork to request the land swap with St. Louis County for the 60 acres of tax forfeited land for a 40 acre parcel the city owns along Highway 21. PID 465-0010-00530. The County would have an appraisal done to determine the value of both parcels of property to ensure they are equitable. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Callen/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from Projects Committee to direct City Attorney to revise the ordinance on the Spaulding lots to allow for the purchase of more than one lot per residential unit if the lots alone are deemed to have limitations resulting in it not being feasible to build a home.

Attorney Klun asked who would make the decision as to whether a lot is unbuildable or not. Klun stated that she would assume that it would come back to the

council whether or not a lot is unbuildable or not.

Mayor Novak stated that the council would have the final decision and can coordinate with Langowski and others determine whether a lot is buildable or not. Kess suggested it should go to projects committee first. A.Forsman suggested if the council deemed necessary to send it to projects they could, otherwise the council could take the advice of the building official and the knowledge of each individual situation. Mayor Novak suggested leaving the language that the council makes the final decision. Motion Carried Unanimously

Tree Board- Minutes included in the packet

Employee Relations Committee  
Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from the Employee Relations Committee to approve the hire of Richard Posey for Water/Wastewater Operator Position pending completion of a physical and background check and keep the second candidate on the hiring list for one year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Omerza/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from the Employee Relations Committee to approve the hire of Roger Nyquist for the position of Infrastructure Maintenance Worker pending completion of a physical and background check and keep the second candidate on the hiring list for one year. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Budget Committee  
A.Forsman/Kess moved to approve the recommendation from Budget Committee to reject the one ton Building Maintenance Truck Bids. A.Forsman stated that he felt limited on what they could receive bids on. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A.Forsman/Debeltz moved to approve the recommendation from Budget Committee to get new quotes for a three quarter ton and/or one ton truck with standard cab, white, power windows, trailer break control and rear bumper delete, and snow plow prep package. Motion Carried Unanimously.

A.Forsman/Campbell moved to approve the recommenda-

tion from Budget Committee to dedicate \$20,806 of the Holiday Gas Leak receipt for Fire Department Equipment Purchases in the Equipment Replacement Fund. Motion Carried Unanimously.

Ely ABC Steering Committee - Minutes included in the packet

Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust - Minutes included in the packet

Housing & Redevelopment Authority- Minutes included in the packet

Lodging Tax - Information included in the packet

Other Committee Reports  
A.Forsman reported on the Sanitation Committee meeting yesterday (the minutes will be in the next council agenda). The sanitation committee is proposing several locations for the relocation of the Recycling Center; the new locations will not have a brush dump or organic waste disposal. The Recycling Center needs to be on public property for the county to put there recycling bins on the property. Forsman asked the public to think about locations and give the city some ideas. A.Forsman stated that the annual clean up days will be May 17 and 18 this year.

9. DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS:  
A. Clerk-Treasurer  
i. The Ice Rink at the Rec Center is Closed for the Season.

B. Fire Chief

C. Library Director  
Library Director Heinrich gave an update of the upcoming events at the library which can be located on the Library Website.

D. Police Chief  
Debeltz/Callen moved to approve Sergeant George Burger to attend the Leadership Academy at Camp Ripley May 7-10, 2019. Motion Carried Unanimously

Coffee with a Cop- Sergeant George Burger stated that tomorrow will be the first Coffee with a Cop at the Front Porch Coffee Shop Meeting Room at 9:00am. Coffee with a Cop is a program that was started as a community-policing initiative to build relationships between law

enforcement and the community they serve. This event will provide a way to meet a police officer from Ely Police Department in an informal and relaxed setting.

Sergeant Burger stated that Saturday, April 27th is National Prescription Drug Take Back Day from 10am-2pm at the Ely Police Department. Ely City Hall also has a drop box for old prescriptions or medicines available throughout the year.

E. City Attorney

F. City Engineer

10. COMMUNICATIONS:  
Matter of Information  
A. Correspondence from Northwoods Partners  
B. Thank you to the Ely Fire Department  
C. Census 2020 is looking for Census Takers

11. CLAIMS FOR PAYMENT:  
A. Callen/Debeltz moved to approve the City and EUC claims for March 19, 2019 for \$494,500.22. Motion Carried Unanimously.

12. OLD BUSINESS:  
A. Letter from Dr. Chip Hanson regarding Sale of Land where Ely Vet Clinic is located  
The letter from Dr. Chip Hanson states that he would like to purchase the land where the Ely Vet Clinic is located for \$1.00. The reasoning is when the lease was put in place for the Vet Clinic the city did not have the legal ability to sell the land. Since the lease was signed he has paid around \$18-\$20,000 in lease payments, and has also paid the property taxes while not acquiring any equity in the property.

A.Forsman stated that on the St. Louis County Land Explorer web it says the property is tax exempt. Why was the property unseizable at the time?  
Attorney Klun stated that she will look into the property taxes, to the best of her knowledge they have been paying property taxes. When the land originally got platted, some of the land was platted and some was on hold for a period of time until they could clean up the right of way issue with the railroad and the mine land reclamation issue. At the time the city

did not have clear title to the property.

Kess stated that if we would have sold it to him at that time he would have still paid property taxes on the property all these years.

A.Forsman asked if there was a timeline to purchase this property. Kess stated that the Hanson has been paying the lease payment directly to the city for all these years and he has been paying property taxes which we have received money from also.

Mayor Novak stated that we need to look at how much they have paid in lease payments over the years versus what the purchase price was back then.

A.Forsman stated he would like to know why the property did not sell back then and why the City developed a lease with Hanson and to direct the Attorney to investigate. Forsman stated that if the only reason the City did not sell the land to Hanson at the time was because the City did not have clear title, then the lease payments could be considered payments for the land. Debeltz/A.Forsman to direct Attorney Klun to investigate the reason the City did not sell the land to Hanson earlier and to investigate the cost of the lease over the years. Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. Debeltz/Campbell moved to approve the purchase agreement for the sale of Lot 1 Block 4, East Spaulding to Andrew and Paula Hill for \$10,000. Motion Carried Unanimously.

C. Debeltz/Callen moved to approve the Quit Claim Deed for Lot 2, Block 4 East Spaulding for Timothy and Jessica Leeson. Motion Carried Unanimously  
Attorney Klun suggested that the Quit Claim Deed be released after the 2nd Reading of Ordinance 333 2nd Series. Council Agreed.

13. NEW BUSINESS:  
A. Debeltz/A.Forsman moved to approve the request from Cody Perkins to tap Maple trees on the 300 block of James St. Kess indicated that this item was in the Tree Board minutes and they did not have any objections to the tapping of these trees. Motion Carried Unanimously.

B. Callen/Omerza moved to authorize advertising for bids for the Pattison and West Camp Street project. Motion Carried Unanimously.

C. Callen/Campbell moved to approve the 1st Reading of Ordinance 333 2nd Series, An Ordinance of the City of Ely, Minnesota, Adding to the Ely City Code, Chapter 20, Section 20.2.33, Sale of Land Located in the East Spaulding Plat. Roll Called A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

D. Letter from Bernard and Jeanette Palcher to purchase Lot 3 in Block 4 on Sibley Drive to build a garage due to the limitations on their current property to build a garage.

Attorney Klun suggested revising the current Ordinance 333 amending condition number 5, to include except for Lot 1 and 3 of Block 4 in East Spaulding Plat.

Debeltz/Campbell accepted the amended motion to include revising the current Ordinance 333 amending condition number 5 to include except for Lot 1 and 3 of Block 4 in Spaulding Plat and to approve to allow Bernard and Jeanette Palcher to purchase Lot 3 in Block 4 on Sibley Drive to build a garage due to the limitations on their current property to build a garage. Motion Carried Unanimously.

E. Lake County requesting consent to the assignment of the Agreement to Pinpoint Minnesota LLC confirming that (i) consent of the Assignment; (ii) agree that no breach or default will arise from the consummation of the transaction; (iii) the Agreement will continue in full force and effect following the Transaction; and (iv) consent to the Transaction will remain in effect without regard to when the Transaction occurs, and the County is not required to provide you with any additional notice that the Transaction has occurred.

Mayor Novak questioned as to what this was for.

A.Forsman assumed it has to do with the location of their buildings by our substation.

Omerza/Callen moved to postpone this item until the next meeting. Motion Carried Unanimously.

F. Debeltz/Omerza moved to approve Resolution #2019-008 Authorizing Special Olympics MN/Northland 300 to Apply for Raffle Permit. Roll Called A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

G. Omerza/Campbell moved to approve Resolution #2019-009 Resolution for the Project Ely Trailhead Development; Hospital Access Improvements. Roll Called A. Forsman-yes, Kess-yes, Debeltz-yes, Omerza-Yes, Callen-yes, Campbell-yes, and Mayor Novak-yes. Motion Carried Unanimously.

14. OPEN FORUM: None

15. ADJOURN  
Mayor Novak adjourned the meeting at 6:27pm without objection.

Casey Velcheff  
Deputy Clerk

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**CITY OF ELY Important Information Regarding Property Assessments This may affect your 2020 property taxes**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Ely, MN will meet on Thursday, April 11, 2019 from 5:00 pm - 6:00 pm in the Council Chambers at City Hall, 209 E Chapman St. The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local Board of Appeal and Equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county Board of Appeal and Equalization.

Harold R Langowski, Clerk/Treasurer

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**LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION TOWN OF CRANE LAKE**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for the Town of Crane Lake shall meet on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 10 a.m. at the Crane Lake Chapel Fellowship Hall

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the town has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Jo Ann Pohlman, Clerk,  
Town of Crane Lake

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**CITY OF ELY NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC**

The City of Ely is calling for interested applicants to fill the following vacancies on the

Ely Library Board  
1- mid-term  
\*City of Ely Resident

Please remit a letter of interest and qualifications by 4:30 p.m. on April 15, 2019 to the Ely City Clerk's Office, 209 E. Chapman Street, Ely, MN or email casey.velcheff@ely.mn.us. Questions, please contact the Clerk-Treasurer's Office 218-226-5449 or Ely Library 218-365-5140.

Casey Velcheff, Deputy Clerk

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**LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION KUGLER TOWNSHIP**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Kugler Township shall meet on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 from 10 - 11 a.m. at the KuglerTown Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Julie Suihkonen, Kugler Township Clerk

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**Morcom Township Important information regarding your property assessments. This may affect your 2020 property taxes.**

The Board of Appeal and Equalization for Morcom Township will meet on Wednesday, April 17, 2017 from 10 -11 am at the Bear River Community Center, formerly the Bear River School.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. This board will review your assessments and make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Sasha Lehto, Morcom Township Clerk

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**LOCAL BOARD OF APPEAL & EQUALIZATION BEARVILLE TOWNSHIP**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeal and Equalization for Bearville Township shall meet on Tuesday, April 23, 2019 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bearville Town Hall.

The purpose of this meeting is to determine whether taxable property in the jurisdiction has been properly valued and classified by the assessor, and to determine whether corrections need to be made.

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

Kathy Cressy, Bearville Township Clerk, 218-376-4495

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# Outdoors

Our lives in the  
Northwoods

## WHITE-NOSE SYNDROME

# Soudan Mine's bat mortality reaches 90 percent

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**SOUDAN MINE**— About 90 percent of the bats in this once-thriving hibernaculum appear to have died since the introduction of a devastating fungus that causes white-nose syndrome in a number of species of bat. That's according to a survey of hibernating bats in the mine that researchers with the Department of Natural

Resources conducted last month.

The impact of white-nose syndrome appears to have hit the northern long-eared bat the hardest of all. In past years, the forest bat species typically accounted for roughly 5-10 percent of the estimated 15,000 bats that used to spend the winter in the mine, according to Gerda Nordquist, a DNR biologist who has been studying the Soudan Mine's

bats for years. This year, said Nordquist, she did not find a single northern long-eared bat. In fact, the little brown myotis was the only bat species found in the mine this winter, said Nordquist.

The DNR first confirmed the presence of white-nose syndrome in the Soudan Mine as well as Mystery Cave in southeastern Minnesota in 2015. The latest survey results are consistent with the pattern

of mortality observed in neighboring states once the deadly fungus that causes white-nose syndrome is introduced into a mine or cave where large number of bats congregate during hibernation. DNR officials believe the same type of mortality is also certainly being experienced in other lesser-known bat hibernacula.

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A northern long-eared bat shows signs of white-nose syndrome.



## LIFE IN THE SWAMP

# The Lilliputian forest

Harsh conditions make survival a constant challenge in a Minnesota peatland

**O**ur early spring sun, combined with a lack of any appreciable new snow, has been steadily eating away at our snowpack. So, I took advantage of last weekend's chilly temperatures to make what I expect will be my last fat tire bike foray of the season into the Lost Lake Swamp.

As I've written before, I most often make my treks into this sprawling peatland in search of big trees—the kind long forgotten on some of the remote upland islands that are most easily accessed during our season of "The Crust."

But on my latest visit, I was looking for quite the opposite. The swamp might offer ideal growing conditions for the bog heaths, like leatherleaf and bog rosemary, but surviving the challenging conditions there is almost impossible for most other plants, particularly most of our native trees. The only exceptions are the black spruce and tamarack, which tend to dominate what passes for forest cover in most of our area peatlands.

The black spruce does best in sites dominated by cold, wet, acidic soils, which are commonplace from northern Minnesota right up the tree line in northern Canada. These are the types of sites where black spruce will grow in dense stands to a harvestable size in our region. And there are many such sites along the edges of the Lost Lake Swamp. But across the vast majority of this sprawling peatland, the trees are noticeably stunted, comprising natural bonsai forests that can stretch for miles. In fact, Minnesota has something on the order of a million acres of stunted black spruce.

While trees are common

here, the landscape is really dominated by the bog heaths, sedges, and sphagnum moss that cover the "ground." In another few weeks, these wet places, which can seem prairie-like in their openness, will be home to singing savannah sparrows, sandhill cranes, and sharptail grouse.

In such places, individual hummocks of moss can seem to be home to their own Lilliputian forest of black spruce, with an occasional tamarack thrown in for variety. The tiny black spruce may appear to be individual trees, but often they are clones which sprouted from lower branches of the parent tree after those branches were engulfed by the slow rise of sphagnum moss. Such "layering" is a common mode of reproduction for black spruce.

When looking at a miniature grove of three-foot tall trees, it's easy to forget that you could well be looking at an old-growth stand. If you look closely,

you can tell that many of these trees grow barely half an inch a year—or barely ahead of the growth rate of the sphagnum moss at its base. That means that a three-foot tree could easily be twice that tall and may have been growing there for 150 years. But half of that original tree is located under the moss, down in the peat layer.

While black spruce is often found in pure stands in the more acidic and stagnant parts of peatlands, where groundwater upwelling raises the pH and adds a bit of calcium, tamarack will tend to outcompete the black spruce. It's easy to recognize the patterns of water movement in most peatlands, by the sometimes abrupt changes in the makeup of tree cover. There are places in the Lost



**Top:** A panoramic view of a portion of the Lost Lake Swamp.

**Second from top:** A grove of two-foot-high black spruce. While they appear to be separate trees they may actually be clones of each other, reproducing through a process called layering.

**Above:** The writer's curious dog Loki looks like a giant amid a tiny forest of black spruce.

**Left:** Traveling the swamp's hard morning crust by fat tire bike. photos by M. HelMBERGER

Lake Swamp where you can travel from a dense stand of black spruce into an open sedge meadow and back into a forest dominated by stunted tamarack within a distance of 100 feet. Water movement, or the lack of it, determines the surface vegetation.

The term "swamp" really doesn't do it justice. Peatlands are remarkably complex and always interesting. Which, I guess, is why I keep coming back, season after season.

## Outdoors briefly

### Learn about new bird study in Ely

**ELY**— School students here will be taking part this spring in a study of the dangers that windows pose to migrating birds. The study is being funded through a grant from the Minnesota Ornithologists Union to the Ely Field Naturalists.

The spring migration is underway and over the next several weeks the Ely school buildings will serve as a field study site. Any birds striking windows at the school will be collected and identified. Experimental window treatments will also be tested for their effectiveness in reducing window strikes by birds.

You can learn more about the study this coming Wednesday, April 10. The writers of the EFN grant will discuss the study and research methods, as well as the results of research conducted elsewhere. There will be also be an update of school activities and a discussion of ways to safeguard windows for birds.

The presentation is set for 6:30 p.m. in Classroom CL104 at Vermilion Community College.

Window strikes kill an estimated 365 to 988 million birds in the U.S. every year.

## Fishing report

### Kab-Nam fish

Now that spring has "officially" arrived we are starting to see some signs that winter is coming to an end. Bald eagles are being seen near nesting areas, and swans as well as Canada geese are beginning to show up.

Shoreline ice varies from 6 to 12 inches with some areas opening up a bit more. Out on the main lake we still have a good 18 to 24 inches of solid ice with a little slush on top.

Right on time, the crappies have begun to hit. Lost Bay, Ash River and other traditional staging areas have been producing nice fish. It is an inconsistent bite but it is a sign they are starting to stage in deeper water preparing for the spawn. Another indication spring may be just around the corner. Perch have been hit or miss over deep mud.

You can check out the Gateway webcam to keep an eye on the progression of ice out.

Courtesy Gateway General, Lake Kabetogama



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a rare hibernaculum in Minnesota that hasn't yet been impacted, WNS is likely to be present anywhere bats hibernate in the state," said Ed Quinn, DNR natural resource program supervisor. White-nose syndrome is named for the white fungal growth observed on infected bats. It is not known to pose a threat to humans, pets, livestock or other wildlife.

Researchers in other states have noticed that the northern long-eared bat appears to be the most susceptible to white-nose syndrome, and the species was federally-listed as threatened in 2015. Nordquist said the species may be at risk of extirpation in parts of its range, although total extinction is less likely.

Summer research in northeastern Minnesota in 2017 did show the presence of some northern long-eared bats, although in significantly lower numbers than in years before the introduction of the disease. The precipitous decline in Minnesota's hibernating bat population may be reaching its low point. Many parts of the eastern U.S. saw similar declines when white-nose syndrome spread to those areas, beginning in 2007, but at least some individual bats appear to be more resistant to the effects of the fungus. "We're hoping that this is the bottom," said Nordquist.

Even if surviving bats can provide the nucleus of a more resistant population, Nordquist notes that recovery, if it happens at all, will be a slow process. Bats are slow breeders, with females typically having no more than one pup per year. That's why researchers

are now focusing on ways to ensure the health of bats that do survive the effects of white-nose syndrome. "We are currently hoping to get funding to look at the effects of artificial roost structures," said Nordquist. By providing bats with safe and reliable summer roosting and denning sites, researchers hope it will allow bats to heal, raise their young, and put on body weight before the next period of hibernation. Nordquist said researchers have concluded that bats that go into hibernation with the most stored fat reserves seem to be more likely to survive the effects of white-nose syndrome.

Researchers hope that developing the ideal "bat house" and understanding the best locations and alignment for such houses will provide bats with a better chance of long-term survival.

**Underground tours will continue**

Although the disease is transmitted primarily from bat to bat, people can inadvertently carry fungal spores to other caves on clothing and caving gear.

For several years, public tours of Soudan Underground Mine and Mystery Cave have begun with a brief lesson on how to prevent the spread of WNS.

As tours will continue at these and other caves, the DNR will continue to follow recommended national decontamination protocols to prevent human transport of fungal spores. The DNR urges owners of private caves to learn about WNS and take similar visitor precautions as outlined in the protocols.

**LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST**

from NOAA weather

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**COMMENTARY**

**Elk reintroduction plan shows CWD hypocrisy**

by TRAVIS LOWE  
North American Elk Breeders

A recent *Timberjay* article asked a compelling question: Will elk reintroduction in Minnesota be undermined by fears about Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)? As scientists are concerned about the accidental spread of CWD, the situation exposes double standards in wildlife politics.

CWD has unfortunately become a political issue as the disease has been detected more frequently in the past few years in Minnesota. Recent bills in the state legislature have sought to bring the hammer down on the many deer and elk ranches in Minnesota that produce meat and velvet or supply private game ranches.

Supporters claim that deer and elk ranches are a threat for the accidental spread of CWD since they move animals between Minnesota and other states.

This then begs the question: Doesn't elk reintroduction run the same risk? It actually may be worse.

Deer and elk ranches already have federal regulations governing the interstate movement of animals. In order to move elk, they must have tested their herd for CWD for a minimum of five years with zero positive results. Many ranches have

been testing for 15 years or more with no issues. In the rare instance CWD is detected, a ranch can be quarantined and depopulated.

In contrast, elk reintroduction programs do not have to abide by the same precautions. Elk reintroduction programs in other states have used animals that can be traced back to CWD-positive states such as Utah and Kansas. Since the only reliable CWD tests are post-mortem, there's a risk of moving the disease to a new area.

Unlike in a closed facility like a ranch, elk reintroduced on public lands can spread disease more freely. There's no putting the genie back in the bottle.

Our organization, which represents elk ranchers, does not oppose elk reintroduction if it's done responsibly to minimize the risk of CWD spreading. After all, our members' livelihoods are based around these majestic animals.

But we also think that the playing field should be fair. If the state is going to import elk, it should go through the same precautions that elk ranchers have to go through.

Consider this: If a private ranch imported an elk without going through the proper CWD (and TB and Brucellosis) protocols, it would be a federal crime. But state wildlife agencies got themselves an

exemption from these same rules.

A spokesman for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources rightly notes that the agency can't tell the public not to move deer and elk on one hand while doing the same thing itself on the other hand. But the leadership of the agency has at the same time been singling out deer and elk ranches in Minnesota for oppressive regulations.

This needs to end. Passing laws or proposing regulations to prohibit ranches from doing business won't accomplish anything when they must already abide by strict federal protocols.

If the DNR and state lawmakers are truly concerned about limiting CWD, then they need to focus on ensuring safeguards are in place for elk reintroduction.

*Travis Lowe is executive director of the North American Elk Breeders Association*

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Speaker Mark Shepard will offer a session on "Beginning Restoration Agriculture" and there will be a screening of the documentary short "The Power of Minnesota"

A paper shredder truck will be available as a Mesabi Humane Society fundraiser

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**Employee Engagement**  
April 15, 2019, 9 a.m. Grand Ely Lodge

What your employees think and feel matters. Understand how employee engagement is defined and why it is important. Explore strategies on how to increase employee engagement and draft the next steps for post workshop adoption.

Session lead by Cecilia Quattromani of CQ Squared.

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from the Issuing Office (Office of the Engineer): JPJ Engineering, Inc., P.O. Box 656, 425 Grant Street, Hibbing, MN 55746, Phone: 218-262-5528, www.jpjeng.com.

Bidding Information" link for \$25.00 (non-refundable). These documents may be downloaded by selecting this project and entering the eBid-DocTM Number 6248355 on the "Search Projects" page. For assistance and free membership registration, contact QuestCDN at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com. Following registration, complete sets of Bidding Documents may be downloaded from the Issuing Office's website as portable document format (PDF) files.

Bid security shall be furnished in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders, in an amount not less than 5% (five percent) of the Total Bid. The successful bidder will be required to provide a Performance Bond, Payment Bond and a Certificate of Insurance.

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Quotes**  
The City of Ely is requesting quotes for the construction of a kiosk for maps and information at the Ely Cemetery. Details and specifications for this work can be viewed at Ely City Hall or requested by email: elyod@ely.mn.us. The City reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and to award the work in the best interest of the City. Quotes are due at Ely City Hall by 2 pm Tuesday April 16th.

**CITY OF ELY  
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Quotes**  
The City of Ely is requesting quotes for the construction of a mountain bike skills trail at Hidden Valley. The project will be partially funded by an IRRRB grant and prevailing wage requirements must be followed. To be eligible to quote this project you must have past experience in the design, development and construction of single-track mountain bike trails. Please provide a list of past projects and references with your quote. The City reserves the right to reject any and all quotes and to award the work in the best interest of the City. To get additional information

concerning the project email: elyod@ely.mn.us. Quotes are due at Ely City Hall by 2 pm Tuesday April 16th.

Harold R Langowski  
Clerk/Treasurer

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Bidding Documents also may be examined at the office of the Owner, the Hibbing Builders Exchange and the Duluth Builders Exchange.

Printed copies of the Bidding Documents may be obtained from the Issuing Office upon payment of \$75.00 for each set. No refund will be provided. Checks for Bidding Documents shall be payable to JPJ Engineering, Inc. Upon request and receipt of payment indicated above, the Issuing Office will transmit the Bidding Documents via U.S. mail. Partial sets of Bidding Documents will not be available from the Issuing Office. Neither Owner nor Engineer will be responsible for full or partial sets of Bidding Documents, including Addenda if any, obtained from sources other than the Issuing Office.

Bidders responding to this solicitation document shall submit to the Owner a signed statement under oath by an owner or officer verifying compliance with each of the minimum criteria in Minnesota Statutes, Section 16C.285, subdivision 3.

The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities and informalities and to award the contract in the best interest of the OWNER.

By order of the  
Ely City Council.  
March 19, 2019  
Harold Langowski,  
P.E. / Clerk-Treasurer

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**KUGLER TOWNSHIP  
NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING**

The Kugler Town Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 16 at 6 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Julie Suihkonen, Town Clerk

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Prospective Bidders may examine the Bidding Documents at the Issuing Office and may obtain copies of the Bidding Documents

Alternatively, Bidding Documents may be ordered on line by registering with the Issuing Office at www.jpjeng.com under the "Construction

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Seasonal Staff  
Position**



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Application available at www.ely.k12.mn.us, or on the bulletin board, 2nd floor of the Memorial building; return application to: ISD No. 696, Attn: Superintendent, 600 E. Harvey St., Ely, MN 55731. Application deadline: April 15, 2019. 4/12

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ISD No. 696 ELY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
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1 Busy bugs	64 Comic actor Seth	100 Delighted	4 Hawk	48 "A Bell for —" (1944 novel)	92 Flee hastily
5 As a matter of routine	65 Melodic, musically	104 Lustful god	5 It follows chi	50 Ranch group	93 Cutty — (clipper ship)
13 Take for granted	67 — -Caps (candy)	106 Not-quite-identifiable cafeteria	6 Actor Glass	52 Rowing tool	96 Equine beast of burden
20 Snoozefest	68 Won gold or silver	108 Quality of 2% milk, say	7 "No way!," in a text	54 Garden tool	97 High degree
21 Mogadishu native	70 Jacuzzi sites	111 Agitate	8 Marvy	55 Where a company's leaders meet	98 School org.
22 Replaced the inner layer of	73 New England soup	112 Athenian marketplace	9 Cantina pot	56 Eye lustfully	100 Test-marking teacher, e.g.
23 Lego bit, e.g.	76 Crimson or ruby	113 Air traveler	10 Major melee	57 Essential	101 Lentil, e.g.
25 Witty adage	77 Gas station fill-up amount	116 Singer Cleo	11 Georgia city	58 Winds down	102 Holds dear
26 — -Saxon	79 Water, to Yvette	121 Dodge SUV	12 Kind of sock	60 Bialy, e.g.	103 NBAer Kevin
27 Coral reef	80 Little chore	124 Apt occasion for this puzzle's theme	13 Lead-in to fix	61 Actor Butterfield	105 Hoagie ingredient
29 — acids	82 Mink relative	129 Touched up, as text	14 D.C. VIP	62 Class whose students might cook	107 Holler
30 Single-named male model	83 — gestae (deeds)	130 Home of St. Louis	15 Inventor Howe	66 Post-op site	109 Sweet treats
35 Totally tidy	84 With 120-Down, like	131 Give up, as territory	16 They follow rhos	67 Mu — beef	110 Easy two-pointer
38 Lamb serving	85 Nasty cats or Frank Sinatra	132 Give a new look to	17 Like green bananas	68 Paltry	114 Word before white
44 Russian autocrat	88 Like a scary ride in a vehicle	133 Essential	18 Bully	69 Mesozoic —	115 Go upward
45 Lentil, e.g.	89 Moe, for one	134 Word that can follow the ends of 23-, 35-, 38-, 53-, 73-, 89-, 106- and 108-Across	19 "D.O.A." star O'Brien	70 Put in a hold	117 Writer
46 Free speech org.	93 Tesla CEO Musk	1 DOWN	24 Tip, as a hat	71 Maze route	118 Notion, to Pierre
47 Tiny neighbor of France	94 African plain	1 "Waterloo" pop group	28 Range ropes	72 "Nay" sayer	119 Zip
49 — as it is	95	2 Gerund, e.g.	31 — for All Seasons"	74 Wine holders	120 See
51 Son of Poseidon			32 Frank holder	75 Joanne of "Red River"	84-Across
53 Totally evil			33 "— be a real shame if ..."	77 On the house	122 Styling goo
59 — Bubba (bubble gum brand)			34 Siouan speaker	81 Part of n/a	123 Shelley work
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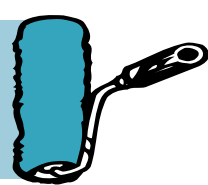


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