

“ Ely Echo Editorial

Coming together to save Ely's ambulance service

Representatives from Ely's four governmental bodies sat down Thursday afternoon to discuss ways to make sure when you need an ambulance one will arrive quickly and with qualified and well-trained staff.

Today that starts with finding a permanent home for the Ely Area Ambulance Service, a non-profit run entity that works to make ends meet and that the service runs smoothly.

A joint powers board made up of Ely, Winton, Morse and Fall Lake has the ability to provide tax revenues, something that has been in place for decades. But now the joint powers board is being asked to do even more, help the ambulance service find a better home.

Currently the hospital rents the ambulance service a building that is basically just that. No running water or sewer, just a place to park the ambulances along with a small office. Plans have been in the works for years to replace that building with a more fitting home.

On Thursday the joint powers board discussed a new option, purchasing a building that could be used with minor renovations. Instead of spending \$1.5 to \$3.5 million, the total cost could be as low as \$620,000.

This could be very good news for those of us who end up in a position where we need an ambulance and fast, either for ourselves or one of our loved ones.

It wasn't that long ago that the hospital provided the people to staff the ambulance. When they weren't on ambulance calls, they were employed in the hospital. But changes in hospital funding brought that program to a

close. Now the Ely Area Ambulance Service has its own employees who need a place to be when they are waiting for a call. Today that's a rented house part-way across town from where the ambulances are located.

A building with both space for ambulances and temporary living quarters would mean faster response times for those who have dialed 911.

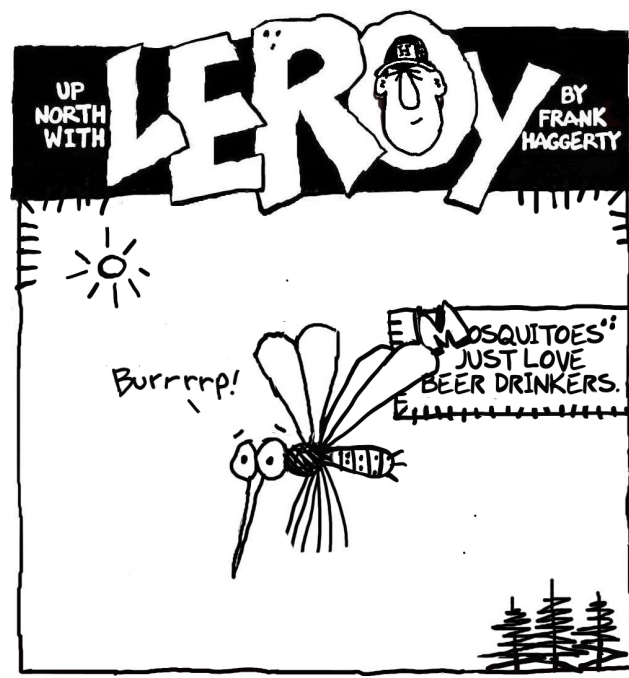
At this point it's unknown if the plan to acquire a building that would serve the needs of the EAAS will come to fruition. But there was one thing clear at the meeting held in the Winton Community Center. Everyone is on the same page.

Each government representative pledged to work together to find a solution to both the need for a new building and to make sure our ambulance service can continue to operate financially.

Currently each government entity pays in \$10.10 for each citizen it represents. That number may need to go higher, as much as double the current subsidy.

There are more meetings to be held, more discussion to take place but we were encouraged to see that differences can be set aside when everyone knows how important it is that they all come together.

We need to make sure our local ambulance service is there for us when called. That they have a home to leave from and the funding to keep operating can be the difference between life and death.



Letters to the Editor

...live with very disturbing noise

Dear Editor,
Why is Zup's roof top units' noise level allowed to exceed the noise ordinance #10.29?

It is causing people to move out of the neighborhood and the rest of us to live with very disturbing noise. Jimmy has solutions to this problem but doesn't seem

to care about implementing them.

Zup's is a very nice store but their unconcern for others is damaging their family tradition. Drive down Harvey street behind the store and experience what is like.

Thank you.
Tom Shank
Ely, MN

...it's a heart and mind in people problem

Dear Editor,
This week's headlines: "Kidnapping and assault charges filed in incident" "Gun brandished in bar, charges filed" ...in the Ely Echo.

It's much worse that this theme is common - week after week. I often wonder to myself the decline of our society and think that the increased frequency of criminality is proportionate to the increased national population (births/mortality + immigration).

Then, people like me face the slap Ely is less than half what is used to be.

So it isn't a math problem. It's a heart and mind in people-problem. The headlines came in the last 10 years. Before that, you have to think back a long time to the burglary/shootout that happened on Chapman Street, years ago - When the population was near 6,000 people living in Ely.

Justin W.Doering
Hutchinson, MN

...These groups have not given a dime to the health and well being of Ely

Letter to the editor:
Choose wisely for the job at hand.

In the future will new generations see a change in our democracy in which past generations worked so hard to have.

If we continue to do business as usual and let foreign countries control when we will receive products and resources, then our children will need to learn new language skills, which is ok, but will not experience the freedoms we have so enjoyed thanks to so many home grown dynamic human beings that protected, that innovated, and could forsee into the future for our well being.

Our children will unfortunately be ruled possibly by imperialism or by dictators.

In order to make the great machine roll along, the USA will need to educate how our politics are chosen especially in our cabinet entries.

We should not have people chosen because of their faces, rather these elected officials should be chosen with well qualified skills and knowledge for the position. Should we accept a podiatrists opinion a day before we are to have open heart surgery?

If we truly want to have a free and safe future for our children, we must keep our great machine running by doing the things we have always done in the past, to build a great nation, accepting the challenges innovating, educating with science building for the 21st century and beyond.

In order to continue our great nation, we will need to control our destiny here at home by mining, logging with research, and new ideas and development using our own resources collaborating with all to benefit the USA.

Let's make sure to elect people who are educated and qualified in the fields they are chosen.

It is way past time to make sure the ill advised visitors

that come to Ely and donate funds to these environmentalists; like Northeastern Minnesotans for Wilderness, Sustainable Ely, Sportsman for the Boundary Waters, Boundary Waters Action fund, Friends of the Boundary Waters Wilderness, The Conservation Coalition Alliance from Bend Oregon, that sponsor these groups are still operating with close relations to political figures and are violating the bylaws for a 501c3 non-profit. In order to keep these non-profits operating legally write to the Internal Revenue Service, Attn: EO Classifications Unit, 1100 Commerce Street, Stop 4910, Dallas, TX 75242.

These groups have not given a dime to the health and well being of Ely, MN But I know who has year after year after year, mining dollars!!! Just research Minnesota's IRRRB funds and you will be amazed.

Just remember when visiting Ely, be thankful for all the amenities that mining dollars have paid for with on-going grants each year like, Piragis Northwoods store, the Ely Folk School, the State Theater, projects like Veterans on the Lake, Ely School, Vermilion Community College, trails, biking, ski, ATV, snowmobile, streets, water, sewage plants, storm water, too, too many to list.

Please visit Seraphine Rolando and Bill Erzar at the Pioneer Mine and learn about the history of Ely's mining days with its prosperity located across from the Grand Ely Lodge, Miners Drive on Miners Lake. Also, the Ely Winton Historical Society located at Vermilion College.

Let's make sure we will continue to keep our country #1 and keep our destiny within our own hands by mining and manufacturing the right way in Ely, MN and our home land by educating politics.

Proud to be in the USA.
Tom Cooper
Ely, MN

...everyone with a 401K or Roth IRA is losing value of your hard-earned retirement

Letter to the editor,
In a recent speech at an AFL-CIO event, President Biden was yelling again, calling everyone a liar that disagreed with his policies.

When has any president ever called 70% of the US liars? How much more pathetic can this disgusting low life con man pretending to be presidential get while defending his ignorant draconian policies? Where is our local economic analyst who regularly dissed Trump to guide us with expert analysis of how great Biden and his team of economic geniuses are doing with Build Back Better?

Why have stock indices lost all gains since Biden was elected into office by you democrats? Everyone with a 401K or Roth IRA is losing value of your hard-earned retirement. Additionally, historic high inflation is raping middle America of hard-earned income, a double hit for us middle America retirees.

It is why director of the Center for Retirement Re-

search at Boston College, Alicia Munnell said, "The bottom line is that older (retired) workers have gone back to work."

Bank of America issued a warning that the inflation shock in the United States isn't over yet and that the economy is in "technical recession."

U.S. annual inflation rose to 8.6 percent in May, the highest level in 40 years, as key drivers such as food, energy, and housing showed no signs of abating. The markets now anticipate a more aggressive response from the Federal Reserve, which may result in a larger economic downturn.

In short, Hartnett said, "inflation shock" isn't over, "rates shock" is just beginning, and the "growth shock" is on the way. He also said there's "no release valve from peak in yields" and that the bear market rally is "too consensus."

After the May Consumer Price Index (CPI) data, the bear market rally for stocks has ended. The Dow Jones

Industrial Average plunged by more than 800 points, the S&P 500 dropped by nearly 2.3 percent, and the Nasdaq Composite Index plummeted by 3 percent on June 10, as markets expect more rate shocks.

The economic growth for the first quarter was negative 1.5 percent, while Biden brags about his economic success falsely claiming the US is the "lowest inflation in the world, the world, the world." Now prediction for the second quarter is only a paltry 0.9 percent.

"What can turn shallow into deep is the great unknown of the shadow banking system," he said, referring to nonbank lenders such as hedge funds who aren't subject to banking regulatory oversight.

Private credit funds make loans to highly leveraged companies, mainly in the middle market, that big banks won't touch. They typically obtain floating-rate loans. When interest rates rise, most of these companies will struggle to service their debt, according to analysts.

The June 10 inflation report shows that food prices soared by 10.1 percent and energy prices increased by 34.6 percent year-over-year. The persistent jumps in a

wide range of commodities, including crude oil, natural gas, gasoline, and diesel, are expected to send the CPI higher in the coming months.

Since the beginning of the year, Hartnett noted, natural gas prices have increased by 141 percent, gasoline by 91 percent, oil by 61 percent, iron ore by 45 percent, wheat by 39 percent, and soybeans by 33 percent.

Geopolitics, the end of globalization, and "extraordinarily misguided" energy policies of the world's seven largest economies, including the United States, have resulted in a "commodities shock" unlike any other since the 1970s, Hartnett said.

Democrats are oxymoron idiots;

Democrats want to teach little kids about sex and gender fluidity but want to cancel comedians who mock that stupidity.

Democrats want to flood America with illegal aliens but don't want to confiscate guns from law abiding citizens

Democrats have a plan to distribute crack pipes but failed to make sure there is baby formula available.

Mike Banovetz
Ely, MN

AUDITIONS for Prairie Fire Children's Theater's production of "Wizard of Oz"

MONDAY, JUNE 27TH

Registration: 10 am • Auditions: 10:30-12:30pm
Vermilion Community College

Auditions are open to anyone ages 7-18yrs.
Participation fees: 1 child \$50, 2 children \$80 and 3 or more \$100

Up to 83 children (and adults if applicable) are needed to play the roles. Prairie Fire Children's Theatre will direct the production and play the roles of THE WICKED WITCH OF THE WEST and THE SCARECROW.



Rehearsals will be held 9:00am to 1:15pm throughout the remainder of the week. Performances for Saturday, July 2 at 2pm & 5pm in the theater at Vermilion College in Ely.

Sponsored by PRAIRIE FIRE CHILDREN'S THEATRE & Northern Lakes Arts Association

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DONATIONS NEEDED!

The Ely Events Committee needs your donations for the sponsoring of the 2022 Ely 4th of July Parade and activities that are enjoyed by hundreds of families and visitors every year.

Please make your contribution now for Ely's 2022 4th of July Events.

July 2nd Rock the Park Music Event

The Rock the Park music event on July 2nd is planned in Whiteside Park from 5-11pm with two musical acts. Beverages will be provided by the Ely Fire Relief Association and Food Trucks will be in the park for this fun, family event.

- 5-6:30pm Steve Ernster from Nashville
- 7-11pm The Northwoods Band from Two Harbors performs

July 4th Events

- 7am Raising of the Flag at Veterans Memorial
- Ely Track Club's 4 on the 4th - 4 mile Run and Walk at Miner's Lake Trezona Trailhead - Run starts at 8am and the Walk starts at 8:10am
- The Parade will start at 1pm on the 4th of July.
- Flyover from the 148th Fighter Wing (Tentative-more details later)
- Activities and food in Whiteside Park from 11am-4pm sponsored by Young Life
- The Fireworks will be put on by Premier Pyrotechnics and is scheduled to start around 10pm, shot over the east side of Miners Lake.

Donations can be mailed to the Ely Events Committee, PO Box 231, Ely MN 55731.

Thank you,
Casey Velcheff
Ely Events Committee

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June 11, 2022
June 18, 2022
June 25, 2022

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