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## RANGE HISORY

# A new life for an old fire hall

Tower renovation project estimated to cost \$700,000

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

TOWER- Historical preservationist Leone Graf did not have high hopes the first time she took a close look at the old Tower Fire Hall.

“The front was unimpressive from a construction standpoint,” she said. “There were cracks above the windows, missing bricks, insulation sticking out...

the cracks were indicative of movement from the foundation. My thoughts were, this was a really bad building,” she said.

Graf was a featured speaker at the Tower-Soudan Historical Society’s annual meeting at the Tower Civic Center on Sept. 18, and she made her comments as the TSHS is working to finance a major renovation of the old fire hall, the oldest community

**Tim Kotzian’s work on Tower’s historic fire hall in the early 1990s stabilized the building’s foundation.** submitted photo

fire hall north of Duluth. The building, which dates back to 1895, has been on the National Historic Register since 1980.

Despite her initial reserva-  
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## ELY MARATHON

# A world record

Guinness Book of World Records now lists full canoe marathon

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – Cool temperatures greeted the 583 participants in the fourth annual Ely Marathon and Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon, last weekend, and several hundred more spectators at the edge of the wilderness.

According to race organizers, just over 60 percent of the racers were women and just under 40 percent of the runners were men.

The premier event this year, the

**Some winners in the 2018 Ely Marathon included Daniel Drehmel, top right, in the full marathon portage, Chris Johnson, bottom right, in the half marathon portage, and Otto Devine, below, of Ely, in the kids race.**  
top photo courtesy of Ely Marathon, bottom photos by K. Vandervort

Ely Full Marathon Portage Division, was won by Daniel Drehmel who

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## CITY OF ELY

# MIXED VOICES

Ely Community Center sale draws many opinions to public hearing

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY— The city council chamber here was filled Tuesday night as Ely area residents weighed-in on the proposed sale of an 80-year-old city landmark for use as a Korean cultural and technical center.

As many as 75 people listened as several residents voiced their opinion, mostly in opposition, to the sale of the former Ely Community Center to Jimmy and Africa Yoon and their K America Foundation, through which they plan to renovate the building and transform it into a venue for Korean culture-inspired youth camps. The Yoons have offered \$30,000 for the building, although they estimate the cost of renovations at \$3 million.

Council members voted 5-2 last

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## ORR/NETT LAKE

# Project to expand Internet access nears completion

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook/Orr Editor

ORR— Residents in Orr may soon have expanded Internet access, pending the completion of ongoing upgrades by the local telecommunications provider, CenturyLink.

CenturyLink currently has crews in place

installing “Very-high-byte Digital Subscriber Lines” or VDSL at the end points of new lines that connect to the company’s main fiber optic line that passes through the region.

CenturyLink installed the main line several years ago but did not add feeder lines that would allow residents in Orr and Nett Lake

to have adequate speed and data capacity. Residents found themselves unable to connect to the Internet, including businesses and institutions such as the Orr Center. “We’re considered an unserved area here,” Orr City Clerk Cheri Carter told the *Timberjay* last November. “When new people come into

town, they’re told they can’t get Internet.”

The latest upgrades, which should be completed in another four-to-six weeks, should provide residents living within a two to three-mile distance [from the main line] access to the fiber optics cable already in place, according to Bois Forte IT Manager

Randy Long.

The current lack of service has constrained the community, Long said. Even those who have been able to connect to an Internet provider have been restricted to speeds of only up to 10 megabytes per second (mbps).

The new service, once completed, will provide

residents speeds of up to 40 mbps.

Even with the project completion looming, residents won’t be able to connect right away. Long said residents and businesses that lay within the radius of the line will be contacted after the com-

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## Keith Ellison will be at The Crescent on Wednesday, Oct. 3

COOK- DFL candidate for State Attorney General, Keith Ellison, will be at the Crescent Bar and Grill on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m. Meet Keith and learn why he is running for Minnesota Attorney General. This civic event is sponsored by Northern Progressives, and is part of the "Why I'm Running" series, bringing constituents and candidates together.

## NWFA Open Art begins Oct. 6

COOK- Northwoods Friends of the Arts Gallery's Open Art is a place to do art, experiment with new media, finish a project, or begin a new experience with other artists of all ages. Some objects will be available to draw for still life and some ideas for painting will be available too. Open Art is a weekly event starting Saturday, Oct. 6 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## Harbormasters Barbershop Chorus at B'nai Abraham, Sept. 29

VIRGINIA- The Duluth-Superior Harbormasters Barbershop Chorus will present "Home on the Range" with special guest A Touch of Class, an afternoon of barbershop harmony on Saturday, Sept. 29 at 3 p.m. at the B'nai Abraham Museum and Cultural Center, 328 5th St. S in Virginia. The chorus and quartets will be singing four-part harmony in the barbershop style. There will be no admission charge, and a portion of the donations will be given to the Virginia High School Choir Trip.

## Vermilion Dream Quilters meet Oct. 4

TOWER- Vermilion Dream Quilters will meet at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 4 in the social hall at St. Martin's Catholic Church in Tower.

Where has summer gone? And how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful area – with great quilting buddies! If you are participating, the Chinese New Year Challenge is due – and that is a project inspired by dogs. Our program this month is 4 x 4. Four members, Lois Nelson, Lois Robillard, DeDe Doi and Joyce Swanson, will each bring four of their favorite quilting projects to share and discuss. As always, please bring your own projects to share for Show and Tell since we all gain inspiration when we see what is possible!

Our hostesses for October are Judith Ulseth, Karen Lamppa and Barbara Rinne.

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

## October is Fiber Arts Month at the Cook Library; special events planned on Oct. 11 and Oct. 30

COOK- Come to the library all month long to see local fiber art pieces including quilting, knitting, crocheting, embroidery, weaving, spinning and felting. Antique/vintage needlework and tools from local collections will also be on display. Special events to celebrate fiber arts will be a spinning demonstration on Thursday, Oct. 11 from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and a Fiber Arts Tea on Tuesday, Oct. 30 at 5 p.m.

Fiber-art themed books for all ages will be available for check out. Each check out earns a chance to win one of several prizes. The Friends of the Cook Public Library are sponsoring a ticket raffle for a chance to win a beautifully embroidered and quilted wall hanging, donated by a local artist.

## LAKE VERMILION



The National Park Service recently presented the Vermilion Trail Joint Powers and Working Group with a Partner Excellence Award for the group's work on the Vermilion Trail development planning. The group is working on securing funding for a paved bike trail that will stretch from Cook to Tower along Lake Vermilion. Pictured (from left) are Joint Powers and Working Group members: Barrett Steenrod from the National Park Service, Phil Anderson, Joan Broten, Josh Gillson, Tom Lantry, Carol Booth, Holly Larson, Caroline Owens, Sidra Starkovich, Terri Joki-Martin, Cathy Hively, and Larry Tahija. submitted photo

## COOK

# October Festival of the Arts opening reception at NWFA on Friday, Oct. 5

COOK- Annually in October, Northwoods Friends of the Arts holds a Member Art and Craft Show called "October Festival of the Arts." All NWFA members were invited to exhibit their art and craft projects during the month. The gallery will be filled to capacity. The opening reception will be on Friday, Oct. 5 from 6 to 8 p.m.

Featured at this year's member show is a special exhibit in memory of Sue Martin, inspirational leader and first president of NWFA. Sue passed away suddenly last winter. "Rocks, Trees, and Water" is the theme of the exhibit in Sue's honor. Artists were invited to submit art in all forms which capture the spirit of the wilderness. Some of Sue's paintings will be on display. There

will also be matted prints of Sue's work for sale, with the generous permission of her family.

Visit the NWFA Gallery throughout the month to take in the complex exhibits until Oct. 27. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday and on Saturday the hours are 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. NWFA is located at 210 S River St., next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon.

Susan Martin, owner with her husband of Moosebirds on Lake Vermilion, was the main energy inspiring the creation of Northwoods Friends of the Arts in 2010. NWFA is a non-profit membership organization, inspiring, nurturing and celebrating the arts in the Cook region. For more information, visit



nwfamn.com.

Pictured is a painting by Sue Martin, titled "Birches," donated to NWFA by Martin's family.

## Ely forum to focus on universal healthcare on Wednesday, Oct. 10

ELY- Congressional Candidate Joe Radinovich will be featured at a public forum focusing on universal healthcare on Wednesday, Oct. 10, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall (CL 104) at Vermilion Community College in Ely.

Also on the panel will be Rose Roach, Executive Director of the Minnesota Nurses Association; Mike Maleska, member and former president of United Steelworkers Local 6860 of Hibbing; and Bruce Miller, Outreach Director for the Minnesota Farmers Union. A question and answer period will follow the presentation.

Radinovich is the DFL candidate for the 8th District Congressional seat. Radinovich is a former Minnesota state legislator and labor organizer. Healthcare is one of his top legislative priorities.

"Healthcare is a right," said Radinovich. "A broken arm shouldn't bankrupt you and you shouldn't have to choose between preventative care and paying your electric bill. I support universal healthcare that keeps us and our families healthy and working."

Roach is a registered nurse with a 40-year history in the labor movement. "Every single study shows that single payer saves

money, improves quality, covers everyone, and (most important) saves lives," Roach said. "That's why the Nurses Association is laser-focused on getting this system to protect patients."

Maleska, who has worked for 40 years in iron mining as an hourly laborer, truck driver, and electrician, said he believes that "in every medical facility in our region, our current healthcare premiums are supporting the medical costs for people who have no coverage or inadequate coverage. If everyone had affordable coverage, union negotiators could take healthcare off the table and talk about other serious

issues."

Miller will talk about the impact of high health insurance premiums and deductibles for farmers, sometimes totaling \$25,000 to \$43,000 annually.

There will be a meet-and-greet for Radinovich at 6 p.m. at the VCC Lecture Hall prior to the 7 p.m. healthcare forum.

The forum is sponsored by Northern St. Louis County Healthcare for All Minnesota and the St. Louis County 03 DFL Organizing Unit. For more information, contact Missy Baker Roach at 218-969-6872 or bearriverfarm@aol.com.

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### What to bring?

There is a \$10 fee at the door to help pay for lunch, materials, and transportation. We will be outdoors for part of the day, so dress accordingly.

*This event is organized by the East Range Private Forest Management Stakeholders Group, which is a coordinated group of forest professionals that serve as a resource for private landowners to sustainably manage their forested lands and habitats. In accordance with ADA, if you need assistance to access the field tour, please indicate this during registration.*

SAINT LOUIS COUNTY

# County board approves 3.45-percent levy hike

Most county residents will see little change on tax bill

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

WUORI TWP— St. Louis County taxpayers could pay more overall next year after the county board voted this week to increase the county levy by 3.45 percent for 2019. But an estimated four-percent increase in the county's tax capacity, means that the average taxpayer should see little change next year on the county portion of their property tax bill.

St. Louis County Administrator Kevin Gray highlighted that point during his presentation of the proposed 2019 levy request during the board held Tuesday at the Wuori Town Hall.

The 2019 levy, at \$136.7 million, represents a \$4.5 million increase over the \$132.2 million that the county assessed taxpayers this year. According to

Gray, the higher costs reflect the county's increased spending on human services to address the social costs of the opioid crisis, as well as the additional cost of the final conversion of assessing services to county control. Increases in wages and benefits were another driver of the higher overall spending.

Despite those higher costs, growth in the county's property base means most taxpayers will pay a slightly smaller piece of the overall pie next year, which should keep the average property tax roughly steady. "That's the power of a growing tax base," said Gray.

The levy approved this week is a preliminary one and could still be reduced when the board approves a final levy in December. The board will not, however, be able to impose a higher levy that the 3.45 percent

approved on Tuesday.

As part of the budget process, the county board has set two public Truth-in-Taxation meetings to take public input on the levy and budget. They are set for Nov. 29 at the county courthouse in Virginia and on Dec. 6 at the courthouse in Duluth. Both meetings are set for 7 p.m.

## Response to complaint

In other business, the board heard an impassioned protest under public input from Zim resident and longtime county social worker Dennis Frazier, who objected to the county's decision not to investigate a complaint he filed last week over Commissioner Pete Stauber's alleged use of county resources to promote a campaign event. St. Louis County Human Resources Director James Gottschald issued that decision on Sept. 19, just two days after Frazier filed



**Zim resident and longtime county social worker Dennis Frazier addressed the board over the county's decision not to investigate his complaint about improper use of county resources for the campaign of Eighth District congressional candidate Pete Stauber.** photo by M. Helmsberger

his complaint. The four-sentence letter indicated Commissioner Keith Nelson, the current county board chair, convened a meeting with the county administrator and Gottschald to review the

complaint but provides no rationale for the decision not to investigate.

"I and many others have

See COUNTY...pg. 5

# Unorganized township road levy sparks debate

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

WUORI TWP— This year's levy for unorganized township roads prompted a heated debate at the St. Louis County Board meeting on Tuesday. The proposed levy of \$1.582 million is the same as last year, but it represents a substantial increase over what it was a decade ago, and that's putting an unfair tax burden on those who live in unorganized portions of the county, according to Fourth District Commissioner Tom Rukavina.

"You raised taxes on some of these people by 300-400 percent," said Rukavina, who

questioned whether those taxes have provided real improvements to unorganized township roads. "It's eight million dollars over nine years, for a sign that says UT," he said. He noted that other county roads are funded by general county taxes, rather than a special levy to local residents, as is the case with the UT system.

The county maintains about 329 miles of mostly gravel roads under its unorganized township system. That compares to 1,295 miles of designated county roads.

According to Rukavina, the decision ten years ago to shift about 290 miles of former county roads into the unorganized township system, meant a substantial

tax increase for residents living in unorganized areas without any noticeable improvement in the roads serving their area. Prior to the change in road designation, the county levied about \$220,000 a year for unorganized township roads.

He noted that the Britt area saw 19 miles of formerly county roads transition to the unorganized system, and that residents there had seen sizable tax increases as a result.

Public Works Director Jim Foldesi, in comments to the board, noted that the county board had approved the transfer of roads into the UT system as part of an effort to tap more

state aid earmarked for township roads. The board adopted the change in 2008, after the financial crash had left many local units of government scrambling for new sources of revenue.

While the change had brought in more revenue for maintenance and bridge replacement on UT roads, it came at the expense of substantially higher taxes for residents of unorganized areas, according to Rukavina.

While Rukavina's comments found support from Commissioner Frank Jewell, board chair Keith Nelson took issue. "You've made a political career out of representing

victims," he said, addressing Rukavina. "The reality is that 'UTs' are not victims. They are the beneficiaries of what has been a tremendous effort...to address what was truly a neglected system. We were 25-30 years behind when I came on this board. I still think we're 10-15 years behind, but we're starting to catch up."

Nelson said it takes money to make improvements, noting his own recent home improvement project and said he had to reach into his pocket to pay for it. "It costs money to do work," he said, arguing that the

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# OPINION

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## Editorial

### Investigate or withdraw

All sides in the Kavanaugh debate would benefit from FBI involvement

With at least two, and possibly three, separate women now accusing Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh of sexual assault or impropriety, Republicans would appear to be left with two choices—reject his nomination or request an expedited FBI investigation in hopes of shedding more light on the allegations.

Anything short of that would reveal the Republican leaders of the Judiciary Committee as willfully complicit in elevating a potential sexual abuser to a lifetime appointment on the nation’s highest court. The Republican Party has, without question, lowered the bar on the question of character in the age of Donald Trump. But turning a blind eye to multiple allegations of sexual assault would lay bare any claim of remaining decency as fiction.

This really is the ultimate test for the GOP. Is the party so focused on filling the Supreme Court with a right-wing ideologue, who now conveniently espouses that the president is above the law, that it will overlook a past of drunken debauchery and possible abuse of women?

We recognize there are those who have doubts about the events described by the women who have come forward with allegations against Judge Kavanaugh. Some of the women acknowledge they have gaps in their own memories, given that the alleged events occurred in the 1980s. If Republicans doubt the women, they should ask the FBI to investigate, as the Senate Judiciary Committee did in the 1980s when the allegations by Professor Anita Hill came forward. Certainly, in 2018, the U.S. Senate can show at least as much concern for the treatment of women as was demonstrated 35 years ago, particularly since the allegations against Judge Kavanaugh are far more serious in nature, involving charges of actual assault.

Instead of seeking the truth of the matter, Republicans on the Judiciary Committee attempted to force Kavanaugh’s first accuser, Professor Christine Blasey-Ford to testify on Monday, with Kavanaugh to respond the same day and an immediate vote to follow. We now know why Republicans were so eager to force a vote earlier this week. At the time they were pushing for a quick vote, they knew that more women were likely to come forward and they were hoping to cast the vote before that could happen. But is that really the way to elevate someone to the nation’s highest court? Under a cloud of suspicion?

If anyone would benefit

from an FBI examination, it would be Kavanaugh—at least assuming he’s telling the truth about his high school and college days. Instead, his GOP backers are doing everything possible to block such an investigation. It’s Kavanaugh’s accusers who want the FBI involved. There’s likely a reason for that.

This entire episode reeks of the privileged white male entitlement culture that is on full display in Trump’s Washington. It is no coincidence that both of President Trump’s Supreme Court picks to date were products of Georgetown Prep, the elite all-male enclave of the children of the conservative Washington establishment. They grew up in a milieu in which they knew their place was set, based not on merit, but on the connections and wealth that they saw as their birthright. They drank and partied their way through high school and college and took liberties with women because they knew they could. They were entitled.

For those who would like to pass off such behavior as the exploits of youth, or “boys being boys,” we would only ask why the double standard? Young black males, younger than Kavanaugh was at the time, are routinely arrested and subjected to harsh sentences for such offenses. Donald Trump famously ran a full-page ad in the *New York Times* calling for the death penalty in response to the 1989 arrest of five black teenagers who were suspects in the rape and beating of a jogger in New York’s Central Park. The young men, who were between the ages of 14 and 16, were initially convicted in a racially-charged trial and spent years in prison before being exonerated by DNA evidence and released.

When we now hear President Trump bemoaning that the allegations against Kavanaugh are “ruining his life,” it’s only proper to question where Trump’s sympathies were for the five black teenagers whose lives he helped to destroy, and to whom he has never apologized.

At worst, Kavanaugh faces a plum lifetime tenure in his current job as a federal appellate court judge, not life in prison, or the electric chair. Besides, this isn’t just a question of Kavanaugh’s past. He has categorically denied all of the allegations raised against him, so what is at stake today is his credibility. If he’s lying, the American people should know.

Kavanaugh’s past does matter, as do his current denials. If Republicans insist on advancing his nomination, they should at least take the time needed to find the truth.



## Letters from Readers

### I am no longer a candidate in Tower

Despite my best intentions, I was not able to secure residency in Tower as required by my hopeful candidacy for Tower City Council prior to the election as required by law. Therefore, I am no longer a candidate who is qualified to serve.

I was motivated to apply after hearing of the lack of applicants at a time when I see a strong need for Tower to have more council members ask the critical questions required for sound decision-making. Some recent examples I feel could have had more informed decisions made include the Hoodoo Point Campground sewer extension, the decision to dedicate more ambulance and staff time to non-emergency transfers, and the harbor project.

As someone who loves Tower and desires to open a manufacturing-based business in town, I can’t wait to see a Tower where the business park is nearly full with businesses providing numerous and varied well-paying, full-time jobs with health insurance, the Main Street revitalized with interesting businesses providing employment for those seeking part-time work, and with residents well enough physically and financially to enjoy all the amazing recreation options they have in the area.

Council members need to ask the right questions and connect the dots on projects presented to them. What do we want Tower to become? What steps need to be taken to get there? Does this project before us help us reach our goal? Does this project help us reach our objectives in one part but negatively impact another? If so, what alternatives do we have so both objectives can be met?

I hope for wisdom for Tower City Council that guides sound action resulting in a thriving Tower. Thanks for those that supported me. See you at D’Erick’s, on the trails, or somewhere in between.

**Victoria Ranua  
Shakopee and Soudan**

### Why so much resistance to training?

In last week’s letter to the editor, it appears the Greenwood Treasurer would like to have the reader believe the training events she cites are provided by the Minnesota Association of Townships, or MAT. Nothing could be further from the truth, and on the MAT website, it is stated these courses are not provided by them. MAT provides training for township supervisors during the months of March and April and June and July. The dates the Greenwood Treasurer lists are all in September, October, and November with some topics for city councilors (obviously not for township supervisors) and are not provided by MAT since they have no courses in those months.

What Treasurer Rodgers doesn’t tell you are the training and topics MAT does provide supervisors during March, April, June, and July. We will list but a few and their relevance to our township.

► **Workers’ Compensation** - The township has had several cases in the past few years. We should understand the process and our responsibilities in that process.

► **Contracts** - The township signs contracts (employment, service, construction, and grant) on a regular basis.

► **Data Practices and the Open Meeting Law** - The township has lost a lawsuit on not making public documents public and was recently found to be in violation of the Open Meeting Law.

► **Board of Audit and Board of Canvass** - The Board of Audit is town financials and township dollar disbursements review. The Board of Canvass deals with township elections.

► **“Troubled Townships”** - Training held during this year’s town legal review included how to address conflict both within the board and with the public. This is an issue Greenwood Township has had great difficulty with.

Of course, not all topics at a training event are pertinent

to every township in the state, but they do afford interaction with other township supervisors with similar concerns in our region. Also, most meetings include attorneys, which affords a supervisor the chance to ask other township questions in a face to face setting without legal fees to the township.

Hundreds of supervisors, clerks, and treasurers attend MAT training events and find them worthwhile of their attendance. The Greenwood Treasurer would have you think through her misleading statements that all training events must be pertinent to only Greenwood Township to be beneficial.

Pam Rodgers signed her letter as treasurer. Does she speak for the board in this matter since Supervisors Ralston and DeLuca have publicly stated the trainings are only on topics irrelevant to Greenwood Township? Why so much resistance to training?

**John Bassing  
JoAnn Bassing  
Greenwood Township**

### Senators play politics with court pick

I find it simply amazing that our two U.S. Senators, Tina Smith and Amy Klobuchar, cannot support Judge Kavanaugh for the Supreme Court when he is probably one of the most qualified people in America for the appointment. They cite a 36-year-old sexual assault complaint where there is absolutely NO evidence. But they totally support and won’t say a word against Keith Ellison for Minnesota Attorney General when there is ample proof of his physically assaulting his ex-girlfriend, which she reported. And our Senators want us to believe they are not playing politics with this Supreme Court nomination. Our Senators are simply puppets for the Democratic Party and vote however Nancy Pelosi tells them to. If you don’t think so, check their voting records and see just how many times they voted WITH their Republican colleagues?

**David Akerson  
Tower**

# Everything I needed to know, I learned from Star Trek

Over the past few months, I’ve been revisiting my youth through the 79 episodes of the one 1960s television show that I never missed—Star Trek.

I was hardly alone in my fascination with the crew of the Enterprise. While the original series only lasted



**MARSHALL  
HELMSEBERGER**

three seasons during its run from 1966-1969, the show lived on in syndication for decades, during which time it became arguably the most beloved and influential television series of all time. While some elements of the show, such as Captain Kirk’s smarmy womaniz-

ing and sexism, appear comically outdated in the #MeToo era, the show’s overarching themes are as relevant today, if perhaps somewhat less revolutionary, as they were back in the 1960s.

As a kid, some of the show’s cultural influences obviously went over my head, but over the years of watching countless reruns, they clearly took root and have guided my view of humanity and its potential ever since. Growing up in the 60s and

learning to “duck and cover” at elementary school, it was easy to assume that mankind was headed for self-destruction. But every weeknight at 5 p.m. on the TV was a vision of the future where humans had put aside their differences, found a way to live in peace and, together, reached out to the stars.

It was an enormously hopeful vision, yet it generated plenty of controversy and the show suffered low ratings during

its initial run. Many cultural conservatives objected as the show took on such issues as race relations, cultural and economic inequality, authoritarianism, and the futility of militarism, all within the progressive political framework espoused by Gene Roddenberry, the show’s creator.

NBC, which aired the show for its first three seasons,

## Letters from Readers

### I stand by comments on recycling canisters

I would like to take the opportunity to respond to John Bassing's comments in last week's editorial page of the *Timberjay*.

The permit for the county requires that the recycling canisters be in a secure and monitored site when placed on county property. Therefore, the township would have limited access to recycling.

Although the county does have ample land available for future expansion of the dump site it is my understanding from conversations with Environmental Services staff that the current layout would not accommodate the recycling canisters and site work would need to be accomplished to provide the space, thus requiring the use of the Soudan site.

I stand by my comments at the meeting.

**Mike Ralston**  
**Greenwood Township**

### Let the Ely Community Center fulfill its promise

Knowing Ely as I do, and its residents' fierce resistance to the interference of "outsiders" in their affairs, I am reluctant to speak out on an issue as volatile and fraught with conflict as

the fate of the Ely Community Center.

I am not a resident of Ely.

But my mother was born and raised here. Betty Mae Ahola spent the first nine years of her life in a building built by my great-grandfather, Emil Ahola, who immigrated to Ely from Finland in 1898. Like many of Ely's early immigrants, he came here to start a family. But he did much more—he helped build a community.

Emil was not a man of many words, but his actions spoke volumes. I didn't know much about him until I came to Ely last summer. I didn't know, for example, that he built the Ely Public Sauna in 1915, or that the Ahola family owned and operated it for nearly 100 years. Nor did I know that my mother spent a significant part of her childhood there. What especially impressed me about this bit of family history, however, was *how* Emil Ahola built the sauna - a pillar of Finnish culture. He had only a single wooden form for making bricks, you see, so he made each brick, one at a time, by hand.

I don't think - no, I know - that Emil Ahola didn't have a "business plan" to guide his work. He had a vision of a better life for himself, his family, and community, and he took personal responsibility for creating it. And he set about building it, brick by brick.

My mother's father- my

grandfather--Taito Ahola, began his dental practice in the building that Emil built. He eventually went on to become a successful dentist, businessman, and community leader. He built Maple Leaf Lodge on Basswood Lake--a resort that drew visitors from across the country. He was a pioneer in establishing aircraft access to what is now the BWCAW. He served as president of the Ely Chamber of Commerce. These and other accomplishments aside, however, one of the most eye-opening things about him--which I also didn't know until last summer--was his boundless generosity.

One story stands out: Taito was on his way to the bank to make a deposit when he crossed paths with a young woman on the street. He was surprised to see her there; he knew that she had planned to attend college. Why wasn't she in school? Unfortunate circumstances had intervened, she explained, and she could no longer afford the tuition. So, without batting an eye, he handed her the envelope destined for deposit--a "loan," he said, so she could pursue her education. That young woman went on to graduate and pursue a successful career in a pioneering technology company based in Minneapolis: Control Data Corporation.

But the story doesn't end there. My mother's brother, Amyl Ahola (different spelling,

another different story), graduated with a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of Minnesota. The woman who interviewed him for the job that would ultimately launch his career recognized the Ahola name immediately; this was the son of the man who had freely given her the money to go back to school all those years ago.

My Uncle Amyl went on to become a top executive and CEO of several high-technology companies in Silicon Valley and helped lead the computer revolution. Of course, Taito never mentioned this long-ago "loan" to his son, who learned about it for the first time during the interview. I didn't know this story, either, until last summer.

Like so many others, I fell in love with my mom's hometown--even began planning to move to Ely to be closer to my extended family. I'll never forget something Amyl reflected upon at the time. I would have a big, perhaps unique advantage over most newcomers to Ely because I "have family buried in the cemetery." Those words came at just the right time, and helped me regain a sense of balance, perspective, and grounded-ness.

That's why I'm writing this tonight, after attending a meeting at City Hall, where members of the Ely City Council voted to accept a purchase offer from the "K America Foundation." A possible shell organization,

the K America Foundation was formed seemingly only a few months ago, in May 2018. Look it up on the internet - admittedly a risky source of credible data - this seems to be the only source with which to glean the scant records on K America. Its self-promoting leaders appear to have none of the experience or credibility required to carry out their business plan—which, by the way, the City Council has heretofore kept hush-hush from the taxpaying public. This does a great disservice to American democracy and the people of Ely, who built the ECC as a shining beacon of its hope and promise.

Let us now unite to preserve and sustain our forebears' legacy, embodied in the community center, for future generations. Let us honor them by emulating their example. It is time for the Ely Community Center to serve its rightful owners: the sons and daughters of the proud pioneers, patriots, loggers, and miners of Ely, Minnesota, who built it during one of our nation's darkest hours. Let the ECC perform the role its builders intended. Let it spark and inspire future generations to set down deep roots here, in Ely, to make it their hometown. Let this majestic Ely landmark be both sign and symbol of a new spirit: a place where Old Ely and New Ely come together.

**Peter Kizilos-Clift, PhD**  
**Excelsior**

## STAR TREK...Continued from page 4

received plenty of hate mail from those who objected to the cast, which was revolutionary for the time for its multiracial, and even multispecies, diversity. Lt. Uhura, a beautiful and highly-intelligent African woman, sparked the most complaints to NBC from white viewers, according to published accounts of the public reaction to the show. Prior to Star Trek, black women rarely had appeared on American television and then only as servants, so the portrayal of Uhura as a highly-accomplished Star Fleet officer was more than some white Americans could stand.

For black Americans, by contrast, Uhura's character, played by Nichelle Nichols, was a cultural milestone on par with Jackie Robinson joining the Dodgers. Later in the series, when Nichols was contemplating leaving the show, Martin Luther King Jr., who was a huge fan of Star Trek, prevailed upon her to continue to play Uhura, which he believed provided a critically important role model for black children.

Star Trek's progressive

and hopeful vision of the future was no accident, and it has been a central theme of the show throughout its many iterations since the original series. While not widely known at the time, Roddenberry was a humanist, which means he believed that humans were capable of continuous advancement through reason and cooperative effort, and Star Trek was the first, and ultimately one of very few, American television series that presented a future for humanity where religion played little, if any, role.

If Star Trek had a "religion," it was the belief in science, the value of cooperation, and in the Prime Directive, which was supposed to bar anyone from the United Federation of Planets from interfering in the cultural development of the more primitive societies that the crew encountered on their journey through the galaxy.

While the series marked a cultural watershed, it also marked a major milestone in science fiction, largely because it explored real scientific concepts

and ideas, such as warp drive, that were cutting edge at the time. While the special effects certainly seem dated today, for the 1960s the show's portrayal of other worlds seemed remarkably vivid and realistic at the time.

And the portrayal of technology on Star Trek was astonishingly prescient, and without a doubt had an influence on the later designs of personal computers, digital tablets, and cell phones. I always liked my old "flip" phone because it looked just like a Star Trek communicator. Even the female voice on the Enterprise's computers predicted the rise of Siri.

In part because of its cultural significance, Star Trek has been the subject of considerable satire over the years. Viewed by the attitudes of today, the original series was campy and retained far too many inconsistencies to be overlooked. Kirk, for example, a washbuckler if there ever was one, routinely violated the Prime Directive. And there were episodes, like "Arena," which first aired in 1967, in which Captain Kirk fights the lizard-like Gorn,

where the special effects were comically bad. But at least the episode helped spawn one of the best movie parodies of all time—Galaxy Quest, in which a crew of washed up actors from a Star Trek-like series encounter real aliens who have been watching the show from afar. The aliens face annihilation from a rival, militaristic race, and not realizing that the Galaxy Quest crew members were merely actors, come to Earth seeking their help. If you're a Star Trek fan and haven't seen Galaxy Quest, rent it. Now. It's incredibly fun.

While re-watching the original series brought back vivid memories of my childhood, it also revealed how my optimism about the future of humanity has waned. While it presented a vision of the future, Star Trek was certainly a product of its time. We had our problems in the 1960s—pollution, famine, and the threat of nuclear war, but many of us at the time shared a sense that, despite all that, humanity's future would be brighter than its past. The enlightened and egalitarian

society envisioned in Star Trek seemed futuristic, but also achievable.

Half a century later, with twice as many humans on Earth as when Star Trek first aired, we live in a very different world, where we're literally killing the oceans, heating the planet, and seeing the political ramifications of what is certain to be an ever-escalating flow of increasingly desperate refugees around the world. Today, as I think about the future, it's a lot easier to envision a scene from Mad Max than the hopeful images portrayed in Star Trek.

Then again, in the world according to Star Trek, it was just such extraordinary challenges that ultimately forced humanity to work together to solve such crises. Will we rise to the challenge and eventually make it to that world envisioned by Gene Roddenberry? Will humanity live long and prosper, or ultimately destroy ourselves? In the end, it's up to us to decide.

## ROADS...Continued from page 3

condition of unorganized township roads has been improved and that those roads provide access to homes, cabins, and hunting lands that county residents need and he said he hears thanks from those property owners for upgrades in the UT system.

"Your predecessor brought this forward and supported it," said Nelson, again addressing Rukavina. "So, to sit here and tell us that we are somehow irresponsible, you could simply not be more wrong. You don't get to play the victim in

this case. Because, quite frankly, your constituents are benefitting greatly."

Rukavina responded. "I'm glad you brought up your house. Because if you gave a contractor money to fix your house up and they never fixed your house up, you'd be pretty upset. And

that's the point I'm trying to make," he said. "They didn't get any new roads. They didn't get any black-top. They just got the roads they already had. The same roads. All they got was a different sign."

## COUNTY...Continued from page 3

found the response from the county to be extremely inadequate," said Frazier. "I am protesting the lack of transparency in this process. Where is the public record of what happened in this meeting?" he asked. "It looks like a cover-up to myself and many others and knowing that the county board chair is a supporter of the candidate in question does not put my mind, or many others' minds, at ease."

Frazier said Stauber

had admitted to media that the event in question was a campaign event. "Any fair-minded person would see that there was a clear misuse of county resources," Frazier concluded.

In response to questions from the *Timberjay*, county information officer Dana Kazel said county officials were not involved in the organizing of the event, nor did the county pay for any of the travel costs for Congressman Greg Walden, of Oregon,

who visited an opioid treatment facility in Duluth at the behest of Stauber, who is currently running for Congress. Several county staff and at least two commissioners, Stauber and Commissioner Beth Olson, participated in the event, held at the ClearPath Clinic. Kazel also issued a news release announcing the county's participation in the event, which included a roundtable discussion and a tour of the clinic. Kazel noted that the

county has invested significant funds in ClearPath's Pathfinder Unit, to match state and federal resources in an innovative treatment program to help address the opioid crisis in the county.

The county board, on Tuesday, offered no response to Frazier's comments and it is unclear what additional action, if any, the board might take.

### 2019-20 FAFSA Opens October 1

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TOWER-SOUDAN ELEMENTARY

That last 1.2 miles: Students participate in Ely Marathon



ELY- It was a chilly morning, but perfect for running, according to Tower-Soudan Elementary teacher Jo Holen. For the third year in a row, Holen worked with elementary students who all logged at least 25 miles prior to marathon day, then raced the final 1.2 miles in Ely on the official course, earning their medals on Sept. 22.

“We had 21 racers from Tower-Soudan,” said Holen, of a total of 78 runners ages 12 and under.

“This year was great,” she said. “Some of the students have run the marathon three years in a row. One runner wore his t-shirt from last year with his medal underneath for good luck.”

Fourth-grader Nico Lenci was Tower-Soudan’s fastest runner, with a time of 12:04 for the 1.2-mile race, a 10:02 mile pace, with Greyson Reichen-sperger right on his heels, three seconds later. Thomas Aldrich and Rena Buckanaga were close behind.

“It felt good to cross the

finish line with everyone laugh-ing and cheering you on,” said nine-year-old Thomas Aldrich.

“If I had the chance to do it again,” said eight-year-old Claire Jonas, “I would gladly.”

The fastest runner this year was 11-year-old Otto Levine

who finished in 8:42. Devine finished in third place last year.

The Tower-Soudan Athletic Association paid the entry fees for all the participating

students. The children’s marathon is sponsored by the Dorothy Molter Museum.

Above: T-S finishers pose with their medals. Below left: Jada Medicine speeds to the finish line. Below center: Teacher Jacque Horvat gives some finish line inspiration to Claire Jonas. Right: Hayden Klassy helped her friend Destiny Koivisto-Boshey participate in the race. Also pictured is school paraprofessional Cherie Seopa. photos by K. Vandervort and K. Jonas



COMMUNITY NOTICES

Tower Farmers Market holds last day on Friday, Sept. 28

TOWER- The Tower Farmers Market will close for the season after the last market on Friday, Sept. 28. The weather has been less than cooperative the last few weeks, but overall it was a great year. Thank you to the many residents and visi-

tors who supported local vendors by purchasing garden produce, baked goods, photography, rugs, woodworking, arts and crafts, eggs, aprons, BBQ sauce, jams and jel-lies and much more.

The drawing for the Sharing the Harvest raf-fle basket will be held on Friday, so you have one last chance to buy a ticket. Each vendor do-nates an item or two for

the basket. Proceeds go to support the Tower Area Food Shelf. Call Janna at 218-749-2186 or Mickey at 218-984-3951 with any questions.

Grief Education and Support Group, Oct. 11

TOWER- A Grief Education and Support Group will meet Thurs-

day, Oct. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Immanuel Lutheran Church, 304 Spruce St. in Tower. The group is open to anyone in our area who has ex-perienced the death of a loved one and is free of charge.

Experiencing the death of a loved one can be very difficult. Learn-ing about the grief pro-cess and having support from others can help a great deal. Please consid-er reserving your spot to participate in this month-ly education and grief support group.

The meeting will discuss “Spirituality and Searching for Meaning” as well as the Book Club discussion of the book, “Option B: Facing Adversity, Building Re-

silience and Finding Joy,” by Sheryl Sandberg and Adam Grant.

The Grief Educa-tion and Support Group regularly meets the first Thursday of each month from 2 to 4 p.m.

Registration is not required, but it is recom-mended. Please call East Range Hospice at 218-749-7975 or 1-877-851-2213 to register.

This Grief Education and Support Group is sponsored and facilitat-ed by Essentia Health St. Mary’s East Range Hos-pice, Patient and Family Grief Support Services.

Soudan Baptist Sunday service time change

SOUDAN- The Sou-dan Baptist Church wel-comes Pastor Joel Hasz as their interim pastor. Services will now be held at 8:30 a.m. and Sunday School is at 10 a.m.

Adult classes at St. James

TOWER- St. James Presbyterian Church of Tower will hold an adult class at 9 a.m. each Sun-day. The class will fea-ture a series called “That the World May Know” by renowned teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan. In each lesson, Vander Laan illuminates

the historic, geographi-cal, and cultural context of the sacred Scriptures. Filmed on location in the Middle East and elsewhere, the That the World May Know film series will transform your understanding of God and challenge you to be a true follower of Jesus. The next five week theme is “Cultures In Conflict,” Paul Proclaims Jesus As Lord - Part 2.

Estate planning class offered

TOWER- A local at-torney, Kelly Klun, from the Klun Law Office, will lead you through key factors to drafting and personalizing wills and trusts, preparing prob-ate documents, creating documents for long-term health care, drafting a du-rable power of attorney, and preparing health care directives. This free class will be held on Wednes-day, Oct. 10 in the library at the Tower-Soudan Ele-mentary School at 4 p.m. You must pre-register so we can plan accordingly for class space and mate-rials. Please text or call Leone Graf to pre-regis-ter 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.



Area Solid Waste Facility site hours

<b>Northwoods Transfer Station</b> 9384 Hwy 21 N., Ely/Babbitt Winter Hours Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am–3pm Tue: 9:30am–3pm Wed: 11am–5pm	<b>Cook Transfer Station</b> 2134 S. Beatty Rd., Cook Hours Mon: 10am–6pm Tues thru Sat: 9am–3:30pm
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<b>Embarrass Canister Site</b> 7530 Koski Rd., Embarrass Hours Sat 12:30–4:30pm Thu: 10am–5pm	<b>Aurora Transfer Station</b> 5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora Hours Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am–4pm Tue, Wed: 10am–4pm Sat: 8am–noon
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VERMILION LAKE TOWNSHIP



Vermilion Lake Township residents and friends gathered on Sunday, Sept. 16 for their annual township potluck picnic. Township supervisors grilled Polish and hot dogs, and everyone filled their plates with the many side dishes and desserts that were brought. Pictured is long-time and now-retired town clerk, Fran Silverberg (at left) visiting with a new township resident. photo by J. Summit

VERMILION COUNTRY SCHOOL



School pet...

Vermilion Country School students were excited to meet their new school pet, Kaede (Ki-day), a seven-year-old female corn snake who is over three feet long. The students had been asking for a snake and were enthused when they found out they were getting one! Kaede, her tank, supplies, and a monetary donation of \$200 were presented to the school last Thursday by Stephanie Ukkola. Pictured are Todd Zibrowski and science teacher Paula Herbranson getting to know Kaede.

LOCAL HISTORY

Tower-Soudan Historical Society kicks off sustaining membership drive

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Historical Society annual dinner meeting was held on Tuesday, Sept. 18 at the Tower Civic Center. 51 members and guests enjoyed a delicious buffet meal prepared by Chef Marko Stefanich. Guest speakers Leone Graf and Nancy Larson put together a detailed PowerPoint and verbal presentation, “Historic Fire Hall Restoration—Our History and Our Future.”

President Doug Workman reviewed the society’s activities for the past year. A total of 1,804 visitors from five countries and many states signed the guest book at the Depot-Museum,

with another 1,000 or more touring the trains and homesteader’s cabin; work continues on the H/O model train layout in the central room of the Depot-Museum; and grant monies received to date for restoration of the historic fire hall will help cover repairs to the roof and repair/sealing of the outer brick walls to prevent further deterioration of the building.

The historic fire hall at 504 Main St. in Tower is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is the oldest community fire hall on the Iron Range. It is now owned by TSHS and is undergoing a multi-phase restoration process to

make the building usable for various public functions, as well as displaying the 1891 horse-drawn Ahrens steam pumper “James Tippet.”

TSHS has launched a Sustaining Membership Support Campaign for community members to contribute to the restoration. See more information at [www.tower-soudanhs.org](http://www.tower-soudanhs.org) or contact any TSHS board member listed below to make a tax-deductible donation.

Two new board members were elected

at the annual meeting: Wayne Dahl and Kathy Siskar. The 12 board members and officers for 2019 are President Doug Workman, Vice-President Nancy Larson, Secretary Linda Folstad, Treasurer Diane Meehan, Cookie Bonicatto, Barb Burgess, Corrine Hill, Pauly Housenga, Desirae Larson, Mary Shedd, Wayne Dahl, and Kathy Siskar.

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Tower Civic Center	3:15-4:15 p.m.
Embarrass, Four Corners	5:15-6:00 p.m.

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AEOA Senior Dining Menu

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

Meals are served from 12:30 – 1:30 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 Oct. 1

Monday- Mexican Macaroni Hot Dish, Bread Stick

Tuesday- Chicken Noodle Soup, Cheesy Bread Sticks, Marinara Sauce

Wednesday- Beef Fried Rice, Bread Stick, Peas

Thursday- Lasagna, Dinner Roll

Friday- Chicken Chow Mein over Brown Rice, Fortune Cookie

Read It Here

Week of Oct. 1

Monday

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

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

Tuesday

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

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

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- Next meeting is Thursday, Oct. 25 at 4:45 p.m. Meetings posted online at [vermilioncountry.org](http://vermilioncountry.org).

**Fridays: 4-6 PM**  
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Friday Noon-5 pm  
Phone: 827-3345

Support groups

AA - Alcoholics Anonymous  
AA - 7 p.m. Mondays,  
First Lutheran Church,  
915 E. Camp St.  
WOMEN'S AA - Noon Mondays, Ledgerock Community Church, Ely - use 15th Street entrance.  
BABBITT AA - 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Woodland Presbyterian Church.  
AL-ANON - Sundays 8-9 p.m. at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. For persons who encounter alcoholism in a relative or friend.  
BABBITT AL-ANON - Thursdays, 7 p.m., at Woodland Presbyterian Church.  
CO-DEPENDENTS' 12-step support group, noon Fridays, St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Ely.  
ELY FOOD SHELF - Third Wednesday each month, 15 W. Conan St..  
ADULT BASIC EDUCATION  
GED - Study materials and pre-test available. Ely Community Center  
Thursday 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; Tower by appointment.

In Brief

Oktoberfest benefits Winter Festival

WINTON - The Winton Roadhouse is the place to be Wednesday, Oct. 3. for the Ely Winter Festival's fifth annual Oktoberfest.  
The fundraising event will be held between 6 and 9 p.m. Each person will get German tacos (pastrami and kraut on softtacoshells), chips, cheese and crackers, and their choice of beer or wine.  
Sonja Jewell and Mary Louise Icenhour will donate strudel. A special treat will be Joe Baltich Sr. playing polka music on his accordion. Everyone will have a chance to win door prizes.  
Tickets are \$20 and are available at Land of Lakes Insurance Agency (240 W. Sheridan), the Winton Roadhouse, and from EWF Board Members.

Breathing Out

by Cecilia Rolando © 2018

a raven luncheon gathering round the dumpster  
fine get together

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ELY HISTORY

Albin Zaverl art displayed by Ely-Winton Historical Society

ELY - The Ely-Winton Historical Society recently opened a new art exhibit that features paintings representative of Ely's mining history. The artist is well-known Ely painter Albin Zaverl who died in 2016, leaving a treasure trove of artwork behind. The Ely-Winton Historical Society museum is open Tuesday through Friday, noon to 4 p.m. at Vermilion Community College



Drafted in 1941, Albin was a medic with the U.S. Army Air Corps Flying Tigers and served both in China and India. After World War II, he returned to the Iron Range and was employed as a commercial artist working for W. A. Fisher Company in Virginia, painting and doing design work. Albin was known for his artistry. In addition to his work for W. A. Fisher he also did his own sign and

painting work for many companies, and created logos that are seen at many Ely and northeastern Minnesota businesses. He was particularly noted for the backdrops he produced for Ely area canoe outfitters that were seen at sports shows across the country. His home in Virginia was a one-man art gallery with hundreds of paintings and drawings on display. His art work has been exhibited across north-

eastern Minnesota and in Washington, D.C., in 2014 when the Slovenian Embassy displayed his "Old Country Memories" collection. The Ely-Winton Historical Society also announced they received the paintings from Albin's "Mining" collection as a donation from his niece, JoAnne Coombe, Director of the St. Louis County Historical Society.

In Brief

Gardner Trust offers arts grants

ELY - The Donald G. Gardner Humanities Trust's second grant cycle of the year has a grant application deadline at noon on Friday, Oct. 26.  
"The Trust has again spent some time reviewing a couple of the grant applications," said Keiko Williams, the Trust's executive director. "The Trust tries to review and update different grant programs each year so that the guidelines and application are more clear."  
Applicants should note that the Individual Artist and organization Project Grants have been updated. Youth Grant applicants are reminded that they need to schedule a grant review meeting with Williams in order to go over their draft application. "This should really help the individual youth to make their applications as compelling as possible," she said. Youth Grant applicants must call and schedule their grant review meeting by Monday, Oct. 1.  
Grant forms and eligibility requirements are available on the Gardner Humanities Trust website at www.gardnertrust.org. Those without internet access can contact Williams by phone at 218-365-2639 or email at info@gardnertrust.org to have an application mailed to them.  
Completed applications can be mailed to the Trust office at P.O. Box 720, Ely, MN 55731 or dropped off at the Ely City Hall, Clerk's Office, at 209 E. Chapman Street.

UPCOMING ELY LIBRARY EVENTS

Preschool Storytime - every Friday morning at 11 am.  
  
Thursday, Oct. 4 - 3:30-5:30 p.m. - NASA@ My Library : Field Trip to the Moon - all ages  
Find out what the moon is really like by exploring the stations with experiments developed by NASA to explain concepts related to the moon! We will have a lunar sample disc at this program for people to look at actual moon rocks and regolith (soil) samples that the astronauts brought back. This program will be geared towards families, but all are welcome. This program is part of the NASA@ My Library partnership. The NASA@ My Library project is led by the National Center for Interactive Learning at the Space Science Institute. Partners include the American Library Association (ALA) Public Programs Office, Pacific Science Center, Cornerstones of Science, and Education Development Center. NASA@ My Library is made possible through the support of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Science Mission Directorate as part of its STEM Activation program. Lunar sample disc on loan from NASA.

Monday, Oct. 8 - 11 a.m.-1:30 pm - NASA@ My Library : I Just Want to See the Moon - all ages  
Drop in over your lunch for an informal opportunity to take a closer look at the moon rocks brought back from the Apollo missions that are on loan from NASA. There will be a digital microscope available to use on the lunar disc as well as other information to look at. This program is part of our NASA@ My Library partnership.

Friday, Oct. 12 - 3 p.m. - Movie Matinee : Apollo 13 - all ages (Note that the movie this month

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Monday, Oct. 8 - 3 p.m. - Friends of the Library Book Discussion - for adults  
The title for discussion is "Educated" by Tara Westover. You do not need to be a member of Friends of the Library to attend.

is rated PG-13)  
Looking for a fun way to spend the afternoon? Join us for popcorn and a movie at our monthly Movie Matinee series. Each month, we have a new movie for you to enjoy in our meeting area. This month's title is Apollo 13. We'll have the popcorn ready for you! This program is sponsored by Friends of the Library.

Thursday, Oct. 18 - 3:30 p.m. - NASA@ My Library : Telescope Basics - elementary students to adults  
Learn more about how telescopes work and how to use them effectively. This program is designed for people who have little or no experience in using a telescope but might be interested in seeing the night sky. The library's circulating telescope kit will be at this program so that patrons can learn more about checking out a telescope from the library.

# ULTIMATE PORTAGE



The ultimate boat portage across northern Minnesota was delayed in Ely Saturday morning during the running of the fourth annual Ely Marathon. As race participants carried canoes for the half and full marathons, an over-sized semi-truck and trailer carrying a 57-foot yacht from Baudette to Lake Superior, along with several escort vehicles, was required to wait at the top of the hill on Sheridan Street until Highway 1 was re-opened after the race. Ely Police Chief John Lahtonen said the big rig showed up just after 11 a.m. with all their proper MnDOT permits, but he kept them idling in front of Insula Restaurant for several hours while the marathon concluded. “At least they had time for a nice lunch,” Lahtonen said. photo by K. Vandervort

## SCHOLARSHIP PAGEANT

# Miss Ely, Little Miss Ely to be crowned Friday



Jess Anderson



Kenzie Peterson



Audrey Engen



Kayla Larsen



Lindi Zemke

ELY – The 2018 Miss Ely and Little Miss Ely Scholarship Competition and Coronation Pageant will be held at 7 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 28 in the Washington School Auditorium.

Admission is \$5 with all proceeds going toward academic scholarships.

Miss Ely candidates and business sponsors are Jess Anderson, sponsored by Timber Trail Lodge, and Kenzie Peterson, sponsored by Boundary Waters Care Center.

Little Miss Ely candidates and the business sponsors include Audrey Engen, sponsored by Salon No. 10, Kayla Larsen, sponsored by

Tara Kay Photography, and Lindi Zemke, sponsored by Heavy Metal Sports.

Miss Ely is a non-profit academic and community service-based program, sponsored by Studio North Dance and Fitness Center.

## SUPPORTING THE ARTS

# Studio North Junior Competition Team takes first and second place honors at Duluth event

The Studio North Junior Competition Team, back row from left, Allie Petrizilka, Madisyn Carlson, Chloe Anderson, and Rosemary Schossler, front row from left, Kiarstin Eaton, Charlize Carlson, Isabelle Schiltz and Ella Nappa, won medals in jazz (second place) and hip hop (first place) at the recent Triple S Dance Competition in Duluth.

submitted photo



## Grief support group meets next month

ELY - Experiencing the death of a loved one can be a very difficult experience. Learning about the grief process, and having support from others, can help a great deal. For help, consider reserving a spot in an upcoming six-week grief support group. It is open to anyone in our area who has experienced the death of a loved one.

The Fall 2018 Six-Week Grief Support Group will meet on Wednesdays, beginning next month at Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital.

The dates are Oct. 10, 17, 24, 31, and Nov. 7 and 14 from 2-4 p.m. in Conference Room B at the hospital, 328 W Conan Street, Ely. There is no cost for these groups

The workshop is facilitated by Catherine Burt, BSW, East Range Hospice Family Grief Support Services, and Linda O’Neill DeRemee, LGSW.

Call by Friday, Oct. 5 to register, 1-877-851-2213 or 218-749-7975.

This workshop is sponsored by Essentia Health St Mary’s East Range Hospice.

Donald C.

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Updated grant applications and guidelines are available online at [www.gardnertrust.org](http://www.gardnertrust.org)

**APPLICATION DEADLINE IS:**

**12:00 noon on Fri., Oct. 26**

*Applicants are strongly encouraged to contact Keiko Williams, Executive Director, by Oct. 12 for help and review of their applications.*

**Call 365-2639 or email [info@gardnertrust.org](mailto:info@gardnertrust.org)**

*Youth Grant applicants must call by October 1 to schedule a grant review meeting with Keiko .*

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<p><b>Northwoods Transfer Station</b></p> <p>9384 Hwy 21 N. Ely/Babbitt</p> <p>Winter Hours</p> <p>Mon, Thu, Fri, Sat: 8am–3pm</p> <p>Tue: 9:30am–3pm</p> <p>Wed: 11am–5pm</p>	<p><b>Aurora Transfer Station</b></p> <p>5910 Hwy 135 N., Aurora</p> <p>Hours</p> <p>Mon, Thurs, Fri: 8am–4pm</p> <p>Tue, Wed: 10am–4pm</p> <p>Sat: 8am–noon</p>
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[www.stlouiscountymn.gov/recycle](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov/recycle)

# Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



Who hijacked Fall? What happened to the nice Indian summer days we have experienced in the past? Lately, we have had late October days of rain and clouds. All we can hope is that those nice days will still come and that what we have now is not the harbinger of even colder temps, darker days and freezing nights.

Hunters are getting ready for those days in the woods. Whether it be grouse, pheasants, ducks or deer, many sportsmen are getting ready for “the best time

of the year.” However, a nice lunch in the woods is sometimes rather Spartan and limited to what you can carry in your backpack. The sandwich becomes a gourmet meal! Did you ever wonder how the ordinary sandwich came into being? John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich, was a British statesman who succeeded his grandfather as the Earl of Sandwich in 1729, at the age of ten. He is best known for the claim that he was the inventor of the sandwich. A very conversant gambler, Lord Sandwich did not take the time to have a meal during his long hours playing at the card table. Consequently, he would ask his servants to bring him slices of meat between two slices of bread, a habit well known among his gambling friends. Because John Montagu was the Earl of Sandwich others began to order “the same as Sandwich. So—when hunting, you may not “eat like a king”, but you can say your meal is fit for an earl!

The American flag has been called a symbol of freedom and justice that is to be treated with the most respect, a respect that extends to the flag’s eventual retirement. The United States flag code states the flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem of display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. The George and Mark Klobuchar Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4456 of Gilbert and the Auxiliary conducted their annual disposal or retirement of flags that were worn and tattered and soiled beyond repair last Satur-

day. Commander Bill Kerzie conducted the ceremony following the guidelines of the United States flag code. The ceremony began with the attendees coming to attention, reciting the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief period of silence. The flag is then placed on flames. The ceremony, held annually, is open to all area residents. Ruth Carlson attended the ceremony this year, retiring three flags. If you have flags which need to be retired, you are welcome to bring them to Ruth Carlson or the Gilbert VFW and they will see that the flag is retired in a respectful manner at next year’s retirement ceremony. Two of the flags Ruth retired were rescued from the local trash by Tom Hazlett. Thank you to Tom for realizing the flags needed to be retired in a respectful manner.

Keep your eyes and ears open for the big sale coming to our area. Many of you are already aware that Zelda Bruns on Myrtle Lake is moving in October to Spartanburg, South Carolina. She has purchased a new home and even though it sounds lovely, her new house is not as large as her present home. Oct. 5 and 6 are the dates of her sale; hours are to be from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Check out all the items for sale and say good bye to a friend, former Orr School Board member, local business owner, good person and loving wife to Paul Bruns, who passed away five years ago. Good wishes, Zelda; we will miss you.

The gray wolf is also known as the timber wolf and is the largest wild member of the dog family. These wolves have large canine teeth set in powerful jaws, keen senses, and can pursue their prey at speeds up to 37 miles per hour. Male gray wolves may measure 6.6 feet in length, including their bushy tails. Gray wolves are pack animals, living in groups of up to two dozen individuals. Wolves are on the increase in our area. Have you heard them howling at night yet? Take care of your domestic dogs and animals; they likely won’t win a fight with a wolf.

Let us hear from you! Send news by e-mail to [info@thelake-country.com](mailto:info@thelake-country.com), by fax to 218-757-3533 or by phone to Sandy at 218-757-3233 and it will be added.

Until next week the Teapot Dames are singing off.

# NORTH WOODS VOLLEYBALL TOURNNEY CHAMPIONS!



VIRGINIA - The Grizzlies dominated and swept their competition at the annual Virginia Tournament last weekend. The team went 4-0 for first place, unseating the reigning champs and tournament host Virginia Blue Devils. A full recap of the weekend event can be found in the sports section on page 1B.

**The Grizzlies volleyball team poses with their trophy on the courts at Virginia High School last weekend.**

photo by C. Stone.



## PROM AND GALA

# Cook dances the night away

by MELISSA ROACH  
Staff Writer

COOK - Attendees filled the Old Muni here last Saturday evening and danced the evening away to the band Cowboy Angel Blue.

The dance was a prom and gala for residents of Cook.

“I never went to the prom,” said Bob Lasko. “We talked about this and decided we needed to go.”

“Plus, I have shoes I want to wear,” said Bob’s date, Rebecca.



**Jack Luecken donned a bow tie for the event. Bob Lasko with his prom date Rebecca.**

photo by M. Roach

The official ask came in the form of an old fashion phone call. “He called me up and

said that he sat behind me in math class and wanted to know if I wanted to go to the prom with him,” she continued. “I thought that was really cute.”

Lasko was not the only first-timer in attendance. Gabby Pihlaja and Greta Jenske both grew up in Germany.

“There isn’t anything like this in Germany, and I thought, ‘I want to go to the prom’,” said Pihlaja.

Although there was no after prom party, strict curfews were not enforced this time around.

## Community Notices

### Keith Ellison to visit Cook, Oct. 3

COOK - DFL candidate for State Attorney General, Keith Ellison will be at the Crescent Bar and Grill on Wednesday, Oct. 3 at 6:30 p.m.

Come meet Keith and learn why he is running for Minnesota Attorney General. This civic event is sponsored by Northern Progressives, and is part of the “Why I’m Running” series, bringing constituents and candidates together.

### Author and book signing, Oct. 4

COOK - Join Anne Sherve-Ose as she tells the story of thirteen years paddling the Mississippi River from the headwaters to the Gulf of Mexico. The book follows the experiences of Anne and two college friends who finally finished paddling the river in 2016.

Sherve-Ose is a former canoe guide who has visited the Boundary Waters Canoe Area for the past fifty years. Paddling the Mississippi presented unique challenges including flying carp, violent storms, and sharing the river with huge barge trains and alligators.

Sherve-Ose taught music for many years at Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls and recently purchased a cabin on Elbow Lake. She is retired and splits her time between her cabin and her farm in Iowa.

### Pastor Larry Peterson to speak at Cook Covenant

COOK - During the

coming months Cook Covenant will host a variety of guest speakers. This Sunday, Sept. 30, Pastor Larry Peterson will be the guest speaker. Many local folks remember him fondly for his encouraging words and wry humor.

Cook Covenant welcomes everyone, and is part of the Evangelical Covenant Church (ECC). The ECC dept “Love Mercy & Do Justice” supports Advocates for Victims of Abuse and fights against Human Trafficking worldwide.

### New Discussion Group at Cook Covenant

COOK - Cook Covenant Church announced a new discussion group starting Monday, Sept. 24 at 11 a.m. in the church Fellowship Hall (come in the rear kitchen entrance). Educator Shirley Nicholas will convene the group. Shirley led the Ann Voskamp study last year, and will lead this Ann Voskamp DVD group on 1,000 Gifts. Books will be available to purchase. This group is open to the public and there is no charge to participate. The Cook Covenant Church is open to all and welcomes everyone.

### American Legion Post 480 selling 52 Club dinner/drawing tickets

ORR - The Orr American Legion is holding a 52 Club dinner and drawing. Tickets are \$52; one ticket admits two people. Only 260 tickets are sold, so act quickly for your

52 chances to win. The drawing will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at the Orr American Legion Hall. Dinner is at 6 p.m. and drawing is at 7 p.m. Tickets are on sale at the following locations in Orr and Cook: American Legion Hall, Pattenn’s Café, Pelican Bay Foods, Orr Muni, Norman’s One Stop, Oveson’s Pelican Lake Resort and Inn, VFW Post 1757, Auto Value, and Northwoods True Value Home Center, or call 218-404-5847. Tickets are on sale in the Tower area at Benchwarmer’s and Lake Vermilion Houseboats. Proceeds go to scholarships, community projects, and charities.

### NWFA fall events

COOK - Exhibiting In September: “Adventures of Jeanne and Kris”: See the displayed work of two fine artists, Kris Musto and Jeanne O’Melia, until Sept. 29. The hours are Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

“Rocks, Trees and Water” is a call for artists to prepare a memorial art (of any kind including literature and music) in honor of Sue Martin, NWFA’s first president, who died this past winter. Sue loved the rocks, trees

and waters of the place we live. Call Shawna at 218 780-6510 for info. Deadline is Oct. 3 for the members show, “October Festival of the Arts.”

Woodworking Club (formerly wood carvers group) meets every Tuesday from 6 to 8 p.m.

The annual members art and craft show, “Oct. Festival of the Arts” is coming soon. Members exhibiting have a deadline of Oct. 3 or 4 during gallery hours.

### New church times

COOK - First Baptist Church of Cook is going back to our Fall/Winter times. Services will now be:

9:15 a.m. Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship

**Used -a- Bit SALE**

**Saturday, October 6 9 AM-3 PM**

St. Paul's Lutheran Church  
9808 Hwy. 22, Angora

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High-Dose Shot Available!  
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Bring your Insurance Card, Photo ID, and Please Wear a Short-Sleeved Shirt

COOK PUBLIC LIBRARY

Learning the alphabet with zebras

COOK - Kids and artists alike gathered at the Cook Public Library on Friday evening to learn about the alphabet from author Amy Lucas-Peroceski. Kids got to listen to her new book, Arthur Zar's Amazing Zebras, and then were able to work with local artists to design zebras of their own.



Above: Amy Lucas-Peroceski reads her books to children at the Cook Public Library. Below and left: Following the reading, children of all ages were able to work with artists to design their alphabet zebras. photos by C. Phillips



GRIZZLY UPDATE

Meet Mr. Peter Micholic

North Woods Principal John Vukmanich interviews one of the school's newest teachers

Last week, we were introduced to North Woods' new Vocal Music teacher, Ms. Roettger. This week, we will get to know an "almost brand new" teacher, Mr. Micholic!

**Mr. Vukmanich:** Where did you grow up?

**Mr. Micholic:** The small town of Apple Valley, Minn. I went to high school at Eastview and graduated in a class of about 500 students!

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

**Mr. M:** Elementary Band 5-6, Junior High Band 7-8, High School band 9-12, Junior High General Music.

**Mr. V:** Why did you become a music teacher?

**Mr. M:** From 7th grade on, band was a very important part of my life, it is what I excelled in. The education piece came later in high school. I had some very influential band teachers who were really important in my life, and I wanted to be that person for kids.



JOHN VUKMANICH

**Mr. V:** Who were some of the teachers who influenced you?

**Mr. M:** Several, but I guess Joel Fircho at Falcon Heights Middle School and Dr. Tim Mahr at St. Olaf College. Amazing teachers.

**Mr. V:** What are some of your hobbies?:

**Mr. M:** I collect vinyl albums and have about 250. I enjoy playing video games and computer games. I enjoy playing tuba and also banjo, and I like camping.

**Mr. V:** What is something you enjoy about working at North



Peter Micholic

Woods?

**Mr. M:** At first, I was sort of leery about working in such a small school, but now that I have gotten to know the kids, I feel super connected to them and their families. I really feel like I know them because of our small-school setting.

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

**Mr. M:** Communicating my expectations with the band clearly. Right now we are establishing expectations for the bands. I am learning to take charge. Also, it is a goal to grow the band program. I also would

like to march the band in a parade but need the students to be interested.

**Mr. V:** What is something new or unexpected about Northern Minnesota?

**Mr. M:** EVERYBODY HUNTS!!! Opening weekend of deer hunting I am missing half of my class.

**Mr. V:** Now that you live in Northern Minn., what is something new you'd like to try?

**Mr. M:** Snowmobiling.

I want to thank Mr. Micholic for giving us a chance to get to know him better. Please support our band as they support our teams in fall and winter sports, and don't forget to come check out the bands in concert this winter.

Go Grizzlies!

Your principal, John Vukmanich



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**Kabetogama** - Town Hall 3:15 - 3:45 p.m.

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



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tions about the building, Graf said she soon realized that her first impression didn't tell the whole story.

After meeting with Tim Kotzian, who had undertaken major repairs after purchasing the building in 1990, Graf said she realized the issues she was seeing were mostly cosmetic.

Kotzian had done a thorough job of documenting his project through photographs.

"These pictures saved the building," she said. Graf is now working with the TSHS to secure the estimated \$700,000 in funding needed to restore the hall.

The pictures documented that the structural improvements and repairs done by Kotzian had in fact stabilized the building. Kotzian also documented the exact position of interior and exterior water and sewer lines, something that can be difficult to ferret out in older buildings.

"The cracks in the bricks show no sign of movement since Tim did the repairs," she said. "He did everything right. It was a tremendous amount of work."

Graf said if those repairs had not been done, the building would likely not warrant saving today.

Kotzian, who at the time was the Tower City Clerk/Treasurer, said he purchased the building to try to save a treasured piece of the city's history.

"When I was growing



This old postcard shows Tower's downtown with the old fire hall. photo courtesy of the Tower-Soudan Historical Society

up," he said, "this was the place to be....Cub Scouts, Boy Scouts, and even the first time I danced with a girl."

Kotzian, and his brother-in-law Chuck Cathcart, purchased the building from Sandy Wells, who owned the building with a partner.

Kotzian said he knew the building was in rough shape when he bought it and he determined that stabilizing the foundation was the first priority. "That southeast corner would have collapsed," he said, due to slippage in the foundation on that portion of the building.

Kotzian said his father, Ed, along with his teenage sons, helped with the renovation work.

"It was a labor of love," he said. The family stabilized the foundation, did major repairs on the interior walls and floors, installed a new set of oval-shaped glass doors on the front of the fire hall portion, and added a

small rear addition with bathrooms.

While Kotzian owned the building, it was used for several businesses, including a video rental store, a gift shop, an early office for the still-fledgling *Timberjay*, the Corner Attic, and North Country Quilts. It has been vacant since North Country Quilts moved to a new location on Main Street in 2008.

In its earlier years, the building housed the city hall, jail, and fire hall. A bell tower sat on the roof, to warn of fires. A huge cistern was built into the basement to hold water in case of fire. When the city's new fire hall was built in 1965, the building was used as a community and youth center, until it was sold to a private party in the 1980s.

The old brick fire hall was built after the city's first fire hall burned down. The bricks came from a small brickyard in Soudan. The quality of the bricks was not uniform,

and deterioration is very apparent on the west side of the building, which was recently exposed when the old Central Hotel building, subsequently Kitto's Hardware Store, and later Bits and Pieces and Northern Cabin, was torn down.

The building is now owned by the TSHS, which is in the process of securing funding to restore it for future uses.

## Funding the project

Tower-Soudan Historical Society Vice-President Nancy Larson has been the driving force behind securing funding for the project. "I knew it would take a lot of money," she said. At this point the old fire hall was privately owned but vacant, and in need of much repair.

Larson credited the actions of the late state Rep. David Dill, back in 2013, for getting funding for the project seriously considered. Working with Graf, who had previously worked with the TSHS on the historic train depot, the board got to work.

Joint funding from the IRRRB and the Minnesota Historical Society allowed the TSHS, in 2014 and 2015, to assess the status of the building and create a rehabilitation plan, along with a structural engineering study. TSHS asked the IRRRB for a grant of \$52,500 to help purchase the building. While purchasing real estate was something the IRRRB had not normally funded, Commissioner Mark Phillips supported the project, and the funding was awarded.

"The IRRRB knew the

only alternative was to tear the building down," said Larson.

TSHS has worked since then with Architectural Resources, of Hibbing, on the detailed plans required for the renovation. Since the building is on the National Historic Register, renovations need to match the historical nature of the building, which drives up the cost and complexity of the project, Larson noted. Each stage of the plans needed approval from the state historical society, and multiple stages of project revisions took place before the current plans were approved.

Current estimates place the total project cost at \$700,000. The Minnesota Historical Society has indicated they will fund the project, in four phases. The IRRRB has agreed to help cash flow the project by giving TSHS a grant of \$51,000 to cover the 20-percent holdback that is part of the MHS grant process. But once the first phase is completed, Larson noted, the holdback is repaid, and the TSHS will be able to use that IRRRB money to cash flow the holdbacks in the upcoming phases.

Larson said the project will take at least four to five years to complete. They will hear this fall if funding for phase one is approved. If so, construction will begin in 2019.

## You can help

The big question left for the project is making sure TSHS has a stable source of local funding in place to maintain the building once it is restored.

"We are kicking off our sustaining membership drive tonight," said Larson. "There is a lot of great history in this building to bring alive."

Many at this year's TSHS annual meeting had stories to tell about the old fire hall, which was used as the city's community and youth center for many years after the civic center was built.

"This is one of the oldest public buildings left on the Iron Range," Larson said. "This is a great community project.

The historical society is asking for annual pledges of any amount to create a stable financial base. "The \$10 annual dues for the TSHS supports the organization itself," Larson explained. "The sustaining pledges will be used for the longtime viability of the building itself, as well as matching funds for future grants."

Pledges can be sent to TSHS, PO Box 465, Tower, MN 55790. PayPal donations can be made online at [www.towersoudanhs.org](http://www.towersoudanhs.org). Future plans for the building are to once again create a community space for events, celebrations, and displaying local history, including the city's original steam fire engine, the Tippet. A display of the old 1890s-era fire engine inside its original hall will be a unique feature for Tower.

## Fun facts

Tower's old horse-pulled steam engine, which is known as the Tippet, was bought in 1891 and actually named after the city's mayor at that time. It is an Ahrens brand horse-drawn fire engine. The city didn't own horses, so contracted with local stables to supply horses whenever there was a fire. The first horse team to arrive would be paid \$5. When the city's first fire hall burned down, the building also housed the city jail. Prisoners in the jail at that time pulled the Tippet from the burning building. The Tippet was then housed in the new brick fire hall.

The city did not have water or sewer lines at that time, so the fire hall has a 30,000-gallon cistern in its basement, that was used to supply water in times of fire. The cistern was filled using a 1,500-foot-long, four-inch pipe that ran from the building to the East Two River (located by the old light plant).

The Tippet continued to be used to fight fires until 1928, when the Oliver Mining Company paid to extend water and sewer lines to Tower. The old brick fire hall was used by the city fire department until 1965.

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The following activities will be at the Orr Center  
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9:00 am Coffee and pumpkin donuts  
9:00 am - 10:00 am Register for pumpkin cook-off  
9:00 am - 3:00 pm Craft and direct sales vendors inside  
Photo booth, self-use

10:00 am - 4:00 pm  
Outdoor vendors  
Food booths  
Kids games and activities  
Face painting  
Arts and crafts

11:00 am - 1:00 pm Pumpkin Cook-off, inside  
11:00 am - 3:00 pm Chili served inside  
12:00 pm - 4:00 pm Music outside  
12:00 pm Pumpkin growing contest weigh-in  
1:00 pm - 3:00 pm Punkin Chunkin, outside  
3:00 pm Basket Raffle

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6:00 pm Bean Bag Tournay, sign up 5:30 pm, Orr Muni  
8:00 pm Hillbilly Hoedown, Orr Muni

Activities will be moved indoors during inclement weather

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month to enter into a purchase agreement with the Yoons.

Any activity at the building, which has been vacant for almost four years, could be several more years away as the Yoons' business plan calls for financing renovations through grants and donations. Terms of the deal include a six-year period, and a possible three-year extension, for the new owners to complete renovations to the building and to further develop their business plan.

City Council candidate Angela Campbell submitted a separate \$37,000 offer for the structure. She is highly critical of the sale process for the building that included closed council meetings for discussion of negotiation strategy. The state's Open Meeting Law does allow for closed meetings for such purposes.

Campbell presented an updated business plan to the council Tuesday night and said she plans to develop the building as the Ely Civic and Conference Center within three years. She plans to rely mostly on \$3 million in unspecified grants and donations in funding to pay for renovations to the building.

Many Ely residents have taken to commenting on a Save The Ely Community Center Facebook page, created earlier this month, in support of Campbell's vision. The mission of the Facebook page is a "call to action" to the community of Ely regarding the forthcoming sale of the Historic Ely Community Center.

Tuesday's hearing was part of the city's process for the sale of the public building. "We are here to listen," said Mayor Novak. "This is not a popularity contest. We want to hear concerns. Comments will be used to make a final decision."

Not all of the comments were critical of the Yoons' proposal.

"I read the business plan of K America Foundation and it looks to me like quite a worthy endeavor," said Carol Orban. "They have analyzed their customer base. They are prepared to do intense networking, publicity and fund-raising. I

think their four-to six-year plan is reasonably possible. Don't throw away this opportunity to create a highlight of educational activity in this town."

But Ann Kostinen, who lives less than a block from the Community Center, said she is concerned about "the things that are going to go on there, the things that could go on there and the impact it would make on my neighborhood." She added. "This is a city of Ely asset and should be used by the city as an asset."

Campbell surprised the council by presenting her updated business plan. Novak directed her to present it to the city's real estate agent for the Community Center sale for consideration. "I want to stress the importance of keeping the Community Center in the community," she said. "It was built by the miners and their families and it is a generational legacy." She said she intends "to restore it and use it for profit." The Community Center is the only building in the city, according to Campbell, that is a designated bomb shelter.

Ely resident David Ziegler said he saw many similar situations of "ethnic groups" moving into communities in California and Colorado. "I've seen these slow incursions snowball into something that gets way out of hand," he said. "In Garden Grove, Calif. I saw literally half of the city taken over by foreign entities literally overnight. When certain groups of people get their foot in the door that is just the beginning of what's to come. They start their own businesses and support each other and push everyone else out. There is a lot of real estate in this town. Lots of houses here have been for sale for years. That's the stuff they come after."

Mark McCoy has lived right next to the Community Center for the past 30 years. "It has been a real trying situation living next door. I want what's best for Ely." He said his house will go up for sale no matter who buys the center.

Mike Banovetz called for the city council to take a pause and evaluate both purchase proposals for the Community Center.

Lottie Pinckney said she was at the hearing to say what everyone else won't say. "We don't need Korean culture here," she said. "I'm not prejudiced. If they want to come here, we have a Veterans on the Lake (resort) that they can stay at. We don't need to be rezoned. That is right across the street from my house. I don't want any Koreans around. They will bring diseases. Think about it." At that point Mayor Novak said she was out of order with her comments and prohibited her from continuing.

Several area residents also spoke on the topic.

Betsy Flaten, a summer resident from Eagles Nest Township said her adopted daughter is Korean. "I was very excited to hear about this proposal," she said. "I went to Korean camp in Minneapolis with my daughter. This is an opportunity for us and I hope we take advantage of it and reach out rather than close in."

Morse Township resident Steve Saari said many Ely residents feel left out of the process of selling the Community Center because of the closed real estate negotiations and rezoning procedure.

Ely Heritage Preservation Commission member Celia Domich said many non-legitimate purchase proposals were made for the Community Center in the past four years. "Ideas are cheap, and execution is expensive," she said. The K America Foundation plan is the first one to "recognize the challenge" of the building. "I think we should support them. They have what I consider, an excellent plan."

Ely residents will have another opportunity to weigh-in on the issue during a public hearing set for Wednesday, Oct. 3, at 6 p.m., in the council chambers. That hearing relates to the proposed rezoning of the community center property from Public (P-2) to Residential Transition (RT). An earlier zoning change, approved by the Planning and Zoning Committee, has to be nullified due to a failure to provide required notice to nearby neighbors.

resident of the BWCAW. She was the last "non-indigenous" resident. The *Timberjay* regrets the error.

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**See you next year for our 10th Annual (Celebration) Chili Cook Off on Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019.**

## Correction

An article about the Ely Marathon in the Sept 14 issue of the Timberjay, referred to Dorothy Molter as the last "indigenous"

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# District numbers increase over last year

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook/Orr Editor

Continued growth in enrollment at South Ridge and Cherry helped push total enrollment higher in the St. Louis County School District this year compared to last year. Based on initial enrollment figures from mid-September, a total of 1,958 students showed up for the start of the school year, an increase of 60 over the same period last year. And while the numbers may fluctuate and come down, something to be expected Business Manager Kim Johnson said, it is a good sign for the schools. The growth is limited to the southern portion of the school

district, with Cherry experiencing the biggest jump, from 499 last September to 537 this year. South Ridge also saw gains, with 564 students showing up this year, compared to 539 at the same time last year. Enrollment in the sprawling northern portion of the district, meanwhile, was flat, with initial enrollments nearly identical to last year. North Woods reported 543 students, down one from 2017, while Northeast Range slipped by two students. Tower-Soudan Elementary, meanwhile, saw 67 students, up two over last year. “The trend being high is really promising,” Johnson said.

While the enrollment increase is limited to the southern part of the district, the added revenue will benefit all the schools, according to Johnson. Johnson said part of the draw to the district is the rural appeal in the southern portion of the region. Johnson said she speculated that rural families in the Hibbing district were open-enrolling at Cherry because they felt Hibbing couldn’t serve their needs. In addition, she said, programs offered at one school can be offered at all schools via the district’s implementation of tele-presence technology, allowing students at any campus to sit in on a class at another location,

a service not readily available at single-high school campuses in districts like Ely, Virginia and Hibbing. **Revenue calculations** To figure out how much money the school will receive from the state, the district uses a state standard known as Average Daily Membership, or ADM. The metric judges, on average, how many students across the school year were served by a particular campus. For example, last year Tower-Soudan had an ADM of 66.3. While the actual enrollment may have been higher or lower at any particular point in the year, the

score is averaged across those numbers based on monthly headcounts. ADM is broken down to each individual grade level at each campus. To estimate what this year’s ADM will be, to formulate the district’s budget, Johnson said she looks at yearly trends in the district and takes the initial headcounts through January to create an estimate of what the final ADM will be six months later. The preliminary ADM for this year, solely based off of September enrollment is 1,928.6. Total ADM for all of last year came in at 1,866.4 students.

ELY SCHOOL DISTRICT

# Ely School Board considers architects for building project

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY— School Board members here continued their discussion this week of a proposed facilities building project to connect the campus buildings, and make other renovations. At the request of board member Rochelle Sjoberg, ISD 696 Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson provided a list of eight architect and design firms located in northeast Minnesota, and their potential charges associated with overseeing the multi-million dollar project. “This is in response to the concern that we do our due diligence in regard to selecting a potential design firm for our project as we move forward,” he said. Most architectural/design firms charge a percentage of the cost of the project and that percentage averages about seven or eight percent. “One of the things that became apparent is that there really is a distinct

difference in (their costs) if you are doing new construction, or remodeling, or a combination,” he said. “We all know what it’s like to open a wall up and go, ‘Oh, I didn’t know that was there.’ Remodeling costs tend to be much higher.” Up to this point, Abrahamson has mostly used the services of Hibbing firm Architectural Resources, Inc. (ARI) for preliminary planning discussions. That firm worked recently on the Washington building window replacement project. Abrahamson said he also worked with ARI in previous projects at other school districts. They charged eight percent for the window project and will charge seven percent for the larger building project, he said. He cautioned, “All information is going to be ballpark until there is a plan. This does not mean the same as design. A plan is where you want to go.” “How do you want

to move forward?” asked Board Chair Ray Marsnik, addressing the rest of the board. “We need to get on to the next phase,” said Tom Omerza. He suggested getting teachers and staff involved in discussing what is actually wanted and needed for campus building improvements. Marsnik agreed that getting the staff involved is an important part of the process of moving the project forward. Heidi Mann suggested that after the architectural firm is selected, the board should have another design meeting and invite school staff to take part in it. “They should have the chance to directly ask questions of the architect,” she said. Abrahamson was ready last month to recommend to the school board to work with ARI in designing the facilities project, when he was directed to obtain more information. Sjoberg asked if any board

members had any other questions or concerns with the architect cost research. There was no response. Abrahamson will likely again ask for the board’s approval at the October regular meeting for a recommendation to use ARI as the district’s architect for the project. After more discussion, board members agreed that getting staff involved in the project planning, as well as asking for more community input, will be important steps as project planning moves into a design phase in the coming months. “This is going to require more than a couple hours a month,” Omerza said. **Event passes** On a request from teachers and staff to again provide athletic and event passes at no charge, board members agreed with the idea and will likely take action next month. “We did this in the past,” Marsnik said, “and we cut it out when we had

financial difficulties, and asked everyone to sacrifice a little bit. Our budget is now in better shape, and we are being asked to reinstate this (policy).” He said he was concerned that for the current school year, many people already purchased their season passes. “Maybe we should look at starting this again next school year,” he said. Abrahamson added that free student passes were also suggested. Typically, admission is charged for regular season football, volleyball, basketball, and hockey games, along with the two school plays. Fees are not charged for baseball or softball regular season games. “I would be more inclined to want to give this to students before the staff,” said Scott Kellerman. “We can give it to both.” Marsnik agreed. He noted that ISD 2142 board members are having the

same discussion. Virginia School District also allows free student admission, according to Abrahamson. Athletic Director Tom Coombe said the lost revenue from gate receipts is “not a lot of money in the long run, as long as that lost revenue isn’t used to cut athletic activities in the future.” He said a family pass for a family of four costs \$180 per year. There are as many as 40 home events to attend throughout the school year. Staffing each home athletic event costs about \$500 a night, Coombe said. Staffing a football game is about \$750 per home game. “That goes up a little bit every year,” he said. “Those expenditures are still going to be there.” Omerza said he was in favor of having more fans attend school events. “There’s nothing like a Friday night football game, or a home basketball game. It is just pure fun,” he said.

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ran the 26.2-mile course in 5:23:48. “This is the first official race of its kind and is now registered with the Guinness Book of World Records,” said event organizer Wendy Lindsay. The other top finishers, and their times, in the Full Portage Division included: Benjamin Gardner, 5:48:39; Brian Bittner, 5:53:30; and Edward Sandor, 7:27:28. The top four 2018 Half Marathon Portage finishers who ran the 13.1-mile course included: Chris Johnson, 2:39:00; Dana Gilbertson, 3:04:12; Craig Sinclair, 3:25:48; and Kristy Goetsch, 4:28:13. The idea of portaging a canoe in the race took off a couple of years ago, according to Lindsay, after a few participants focused in on the race’s marketing pitch for the full marathon as an “8,390-rod portage,” a reference to the number of rods in 26.2 miles. Portages in the nearby Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness, where canoes and camping gear are transported between lakes, are measured in rods. A total of 97 racers participated in the full marathon and 88 runners finished the course. The top three winners in the

men’s division, and their times include: Russell Groebner, 3:13:49; Dane Rauschenberg, 3:18:02; and Cameron Wing, 3:23:10. The top three women’s division winners and their times include: Shaelin Lekatz, 3:43:37; Kristin Hietrich, 3:51:00; and Megan Gornick, 3:58:40. There were 382 participants and 313 finishers in the Boundary Waters Bank Half Marathon. The top three winners in the men’s division, and their times include: Hudson Kingston, 1:20:56; Charles Biberg, 1:22:33; and Christopher Wilson, 1:22:45. The top three winners, and their times, in the women’s division include: Lisa Smith, 1:25:23 (course record); Laura Macdonald, 1:32:37; and Allison Downing, 1:38:14. The 1.2-mile kids marathon, coined the Dorothy Molter Root Beer Run, included kids who ran 25 miles prior to race day and finished out the last 1.2 miles of the marathon route to reach the official marathon finish line. Of the 89 participants, Otto Devine crossed the finish line first with a time of 08:42, followed by Owen DeYoung, 08:44, and Dylan Durkin, 09:03.

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pletion— which doesn’t have a concrete date, yet. CenturyLink declined to give comment and the story, and said they

are reserving any public information on the project until it is completed later this year.

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## FOOTBALL

# Wolves shutout by Panthers

by JAY GREENEY  
Sports writer

ELY—Timberwolves fans had little to cheer for last Friday night as visiting South Ridge blanked Ely 29-0 to snap the Wolves’ two-game winning streak. Despite the lopsided score, Ely had its chances. South Ridge took six minutes off the clock in a scoring drive on their

first possession, but the Wolves stiffened for much of the rest of the first half. A Panther interception on Ely’s first possession left them in Wolves territory. After driving to Ely’s 17-yard line, the Panthers stalled and when Ely blocked a field goal attempt it seemed the momentum had shifted. In the second quarter, the Panthers flubbed the

snap on a punt, giving Ely their first real scoring opportunity, starting at the South Ridge 21-yard line with 6:21 remaining. The Wolves drove the South Ridge eight-yard line, leaving them first-and-goal. But the stout Panthers’ defense kept Ely out of the end zone and scoreless with 3:02 remaining. “That was big momen-

tum switch,” said Ely Head Coach Cory Lassi. “Had a chance to take the lead going into the half, but a fumble that later resulted in a South Range touchdown took the wind out of us.” The Panthers’ big offensive line provided plenty of pass protection on the ensuing drive. They

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Ely defensemen move to block the Panther quarterback. photo by J. Greeney

## VOLLEYBALL

# North Woods takes Ely in three

A lack of momentum and misreading lead Ely to defeat

by Marcus White  
Cook/Orr Editor

FIELD TWP - North Woods made quick work of the Timberwolves Thursday evening, defeating Ely in three sets, 25-16, 25-12, 25-22.

“The girls came out strong and didn’t let up,” North Woods Coach Gabby Sundquist said. “I thought they did a great job at passing, communicating and finishing the play with kills. The girls really saw the court and where to place the ball.”

Knowing where to place the ball would be Ely’s undoing as the Timberwolves found themselves dominated by the Grizzlies until the third set.

“We really did not have a lot of momentum until the third game and by that point it was not enough to turn things around,” Ely Coach Andrea Thomas said. “North Woods does a great job reading the floor.”

For North Woods, Regan Ratai led the way with 12 kills on the evening with five digs and one ace. Karlyn Pierce had seven kills and three blocks, while



Regan Ratai putting down a hit past blocker Winter Sainio. photo by C. Stone

Coley Olson posted seven kills and four digs and Hanna Sandberg added six digs and two aces. Setter

Morgan Burnett tallied 27 set assists and two block assists.

Timberwolves, Jenna Merhar notched 11 digs and seven kills, Erika Mattson had six kills

and three aces. Brielle Kallberg posted 11 digs and six kills.

## VOLLEYBALL

# Wolves route Hilltoppers in three

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

DULUTH—The Timberwolves volleyball squad made short work of Duluth-Marshall on Tuesday, downing the Hilltoppers in straight sets, 25-18, 25-14, and 25-16. The Wolves started a little slowly, said Head Coach Andrea Thomas, but “the girls were able to pick up the tempo and play aggressively” as the match moved along.

Brielle Kallberg had a big night with 12 kills and as many digs, along with three blocks. Jenna Merhar notched 11 kills, four digs and two blocks, while Erika Mattson posted nine digs and six kills. Setters McCartney Kaercher and Lida Dodge posted 15 and 14 assists respectively, while Winter Sainio notched seven ace serves on the night.

In tournament action this past weekend, the Wolves had a hot start, but struggled in the later rounds at the Virginia Invitational on Saturday. Ely made short work of Class AA Cloquet, winning 25-18, 25-12. “The

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## FOOTBALL

# Grizzlies fall at Cook County

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook-Orr Editor

GRAND MARAIS—North Woods quarterback Chase Kleppe passed for 186 yards and a touchdown here last Friday as the Grizzlies performed well, but not well enough to win, against section favorite Cook County. The Grizzlies led 26-24 at one point in the second half, but a late rally by the undefeated Vikings sent North Woods home nursing their third loss of the season, 38-26.

Cook County jumped to a quick lead, putting 16 points on the board in the opening quarter. The Grizzlies answered in the second quarter with eight points of their own to head into the break down by only eight. In a third quarter shoot-out, the Grizzlies added 18

points and took the lead briefly before the Vikings rebounded with two touchdowns and two conversions to retake the lead 32-26 before the stanza concluded. The Vikings went on to add six points in the fourth quarter to pad their final margin. “The keys to the game were the two long runs that we gave up in the first quarter and Cook County’s ability to control the ball in the fourth quarter,” Coach John Jirik said. “We had an interception and fumble recovery (for a touchdown) in the third quarter that got us back in the game.”

Kleppe had his best performance of the year, completing 10 of 21 pass attempts, six of them to senior wide receiver Tanner Barto for 116 total yards. Kleppe also

connected with Ian Sherman on three passes for 55 yards and a touchdown. Jake Hyppa rushed for 47 yards and a touchdown, while Kleppe added six points on one of his seven rushes good for 21 yards. TJ Chiabotti led on the ground, with 61 yards on 11 carries.

The Grizzlies largely shut down Cook County’s passing game, although the Vikings had little trouble running the ball much of the game. Trevor Morrison and Nathan Crain each led the Grizzlies’ defense with 12 tackles apiece. Kleppe notched ten tackles, while Chiabotti added seven.

The Grizzlies will have their first taste of 11-man football this week when they host International Falls at home on Friday night. Kickoff is at 7 p.m.

# Grizzlies top Virginia tournament

by Marcus White  
Cook/Orr Editor

VIRGINIA—The North Woods volleyball team is increasingly looking like the team to beat in the region, as they improved to 12-2 on the season and emerged as champions in last Saturday’s Virginia Invitational tournament.

The Grizzlies proved an unstoppable in tournament action, as they dominated each of their opponents, including the reigning champs and hosts, the Virginia Blue Devils.

“Throughout the day the girls progressed well and kept getting better with the momentum they

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# Sports week

## Football

**Friday Sept. 28**  
North Woods hosts I-Falls, 7 p.m.

**Saturday Sept. 29**  
Ely at Mountain Iron-Buhl, 12 p.m.

**Friday Oct. 5**  
North Woods at South Ridge, 7 p.m.

Ely hosts Cook County, 7 p.m.

## Volleyball

**Thursday Sept. 27**  
NE Range hosts North Woods, 7 p.m.

**Monday Oct. 1**  
North Woods hosts Cook County, 7 p.m.

**Tuesday Oct. 2**  
Ely at Lakeview Christian, 7 p.m.

NE Range hosts Nashwauk-Keewatin, 7 p.m.

**Thursday Oct. 4**  
Ely at Bigfork, 7 p.m.

NE Range at Hill City, 7 p.m.

## Cross-Country

**Thursday Oct. 4**  
North Woods and NE Range at Crosby-Ironton, 3 p.m.

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# Board tours Cherry ahead of expansion vote

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook-Orr Editor

**C H E R R Y** — Members of the St. Louis County School Board toured the Cherry School prior to their meeting here on Tuesday, to get a better look at the proposed renovations and expansion at the campus as enrollment there continues to grow.

Business Manager

Kim Johnson said she expected Cherry to overtake both South Ridge and North Woods this year in enrollment.

Most of the board's regular meeting focused on updates to the Cherry school's football program, which is not fielding a team this year due to low interest. The school's junior varsity team has been growing and appears

to have sufficient numbers to transition to full varsity next year, although next year's season is still in the planning stage.

In other business, the board:

➤ Welcomed the new School Resource Officer, Deputy Brock Kick, from the St. Louis County Sheriff's office. Deputy Kick will serve at Northeast Range, Tower-

Soudan and North Woods.

➤ Approved a preliminary tax levy ahead of the final tax levy to be voted on Dec. 11.

➤ Formally adopted a new ticketing procedure previously discussed earlier this month. The new policy will allow all district students to attend games at any campus for free.

➤ Approved plans

for renovations at South Ridge and Cherry. The plans will now go out for final revisions and bidding.

The school board will meet in two weeks on Oct. 9 in Virginia for their monthly study session, followed by a regular meeting at South Ridge on Oct. 23. Both of those meetings will be at 6 p.m.

## 2018 GENERAL ELECTION

# Independence candidate looks to shake up race

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook-Orr Editor

**REGIONAL** — Some political candidates take in big political donations from committees and corporations, others sell fry-bread tacos — Ray "Skip" Sandman is one of the latter.

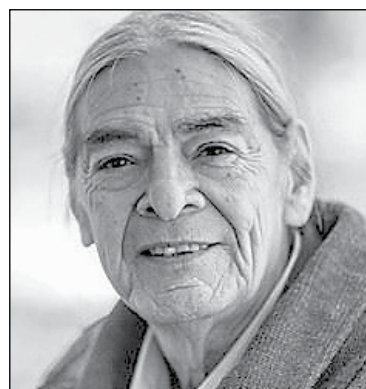
"Voters need another choice outside of the two-party system," Sandman said. "The other candidates can be bought, their donors won't let them carry out their own plans. Democracy needs to be brought back to the hands of the people, not with corporations."

Sandman is running on the Independence Party ticket and is mounting his second run at the Eighth District. His first was four years ago on the Green Party ticket.

While his opponents, Pete Stauber (GOP) and Joe Radinovich (DFL) have been going head-to-head, largely ignoring the third-party candidate, Sandman has been quietly working to gain grassroots support, one fry-bread taco sale at a time.

He has already been to every county in the district and has won endorsements from far-left voters and anti-copper-nickel mining activists in the Duluth area, including the city's contingent belonging to the Democratic Socialists of America, the largest socialist group in the country, which has nationally backed the independent campaign of Bernie Sanders and some Democrats, including the congressional bid of Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez in New York.

Sandman's campaign is based on forward thinking and



Skip Sandman

not kneejerk reactions to major issues.

"I am looking at seven generations down the line," he said. "What will they have if everything is destroyed? It's time to step up to the plate."

That destruction comes from two major problems he sees in the country today — the whittling away of democratic values through outside interests and the endangerment of the country's water system, especially through proposed projects like the PolyMet mine.

"They don't have the technology and the procedure to protect the environment," Sandman said. "Even their own scientists have talked about 500 years of pollution if a dam would fail. That would destroy our tourism industry. For 150 jobs, it's not a good gamble. We need to look at sustainable options like wind power. We need to start working towards that goal right now."

To add to his case, Sandman said the PolyMet mine would only be sustainable for two decades or so, and that, he said, is not enough to be worth the investment.

Being against projects like

PolyMet does not mean Sandman is against the mining industry as a whole, and he admits the only thing he has agreed with President Trump on is steel tariffs to try to reinvigorate the Iron Range.

He admits taconite mining has its own risks, but they are not the risks of copper-nickel mining that could bring what he said would be a disaster to the region.

Sandman also said he knows his support for steel tariffs is a double-edged sword, with the district's agriculture industry taking a huge hit.

He said, however, the president's plan to subsidize farmers won't give enough aid to the people working the fields, and too much of the \$12 billion promised will go to agricultural corporations.

Sandman said his work for 25 years as a correction officer is what influenced him to support policies that help people.

Whether it is his stance on providing free college tuition, at least through community and technical colleges, or his support of universal healthcare through a single-payer system, his campaign is about recognizing where people need help and then giving it to them.

"When the voices aren't being heard, it leads to desperations," Sandman said.

Sandman is highly critical of the president's immigration plan. He said it unfairly attacks people crossing the country's southern border, when there are 600,000 European immigrants still in the country after their work and travel visas have expired.

Sandman said if the wall is

built, people will just fly over it, and the money would be best used fixing the nation's problems. Of his opponents, Radinovich and Stauber, Sandman said they were much of the same that came before them.

Stauber, he said was "just an empty suit" who will be unwilling to challenge his own party because he will be in debt to them for all of the monetary support they've given him. He added that too much support has been given to a president who disrespects women, the disabled and pays off porn stars.

"Radinovich is really wishy-washy on environmental opinions," Sandman said. "We need to become more progressive. I think the voters are seeing that. I look at both parties, and if they are accepting money from corporations, you can find the talking points of each party will never happen."

With endorsements from the left, Sandman said he isn't concerned Democrats will split between him and Radinovich, giving a near certain victory to Stauber.

"We can protest all we want, scream and shake our fists, but if the leadership doesn't change, your protest goes nowhere," he said. "If I can become a leader, I could be in a place to make those hard decisions."

And if he does win, he said he is under no illusion that it will be easy to serve in congress with his ideals. Until then, however, Sandman plans on keeping on the road, financing his campaign, one fry-bread taco at a time.

## Bad week for Nighthawks

**B A B B I T T** — The Nighthawks struggled this week in a disappointing loss to Chisholm and in a weekend tournament in Virginia in which they finished eleventh in a 12-team competition.

On Tuesday, the Nighthawks showed they're still plagued by injuries and occasional miscommunication as they fell to the Bluestreaks in straight sets, 15-25, 23-25, and 17-25.

"It was another match where we really struggled with basic skills," said Head Coach Jodi Reichensperger. "We are a skilled team but it just did not come together for us. We need to work on communication and just getting our feet to the ball."

Senior Sophie Lenz posted seven kills and eight digs, while junior setter Lara Poderzay put up 14 assists.

Tuesday's final was a continuation of the team's struggles from last Saturday's tournament. "We struggled all day at the Virginia tournament," said Reichensperger. "We are trying to identify why we are struggling after such a strong start this season. Hopefully it will come together. It is definitely not for lack of trying."

The team had started the season with three straight victories, but has faced tougher-going in recent weeks as a result of illnesses and injuries. Standout freshman hitter Hannah Reichensperger has been out for several games due to a bad ankle sprain. "We hope to see her back soon," said Coach Reichensperger.

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to spot them first and ten at Ely's 13-yard line with just 9.4 seconds left in the half. That's when South Ridge hit pay dirt once again on a pass play as time ran out. Ely blocked the extra point, leaving the Panthers up 13-0.

Ely had the ball to start the second half, but defense ruled for much of the third quarter, until a blocked punt by the Panthers gave them the ball on the Wolves 30-yard line. They capped a quick drive with a 13-yard touchdown run and added a two-point conversion to give them a 21-0 lead with 3:21 left in the third quarter.

The Wolves again put themselves in position to score as they advanced the ball to the Panthers' 31-yard line on a long pass play following the kickoff. But that's where Ely again stalled, forcing it over on downs.

The Panthers took over on their 29-yard line and engineered another long drive. With 10:02 left in the game, a five-yard touchdown scamper and another two-point conversion put the Panthers up 29-0.

"We struggled to move the ball against a very physical South Ridge team," said Lassi. "We ended up with 145 yards of offense."

South Ridge, meanwhile, racked up 354 yards and dominated the time of possession.

Things won't get any easier for the Wolves. "We have another tough matchup with MI-B as we are in the heart of our schedule," said Lassi.

That game, set for Saturday, will be played in MI-B's new AstroTurf stadium. Kickoff is set for noon.

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girls came out with energy and enthusiasm and played outstanding volleyball against Cloquet and Blaine," said Coach Thomas. "I think we were a little nervous coming into the matches not knowing what to expect from the AA and AAA schools, but we settled in and played aggressively."

Brielle Kallberg led

the way against Cloquet with seven kills, six digs and three blocks. Jenna Merhar was right behind with seven kills, five digs, and two blocks, while senior setter Lida Dodge put up 11 assists.

In a hard-fought game against AAA Blaine, the Wolves took set one 25-22, lost the second 26-28, and won the

decider 15-13. Kallberg again led the way, with 15 kills and five digs, while Erika Mattson posted 13 digs. Dodge put up an even dozen assists, McCartney Kaercher added seven assists, and Merhar tallied seven kills.

But Ely ran into the North Woods juggernaut for the second time in a week during the afternoon

round, falling 25-8, 25-14. "North Woods outplayed us in every aspect of the game," said Thomas.

The Wolves managed a better outing against Cherry, but still lost in three, 17-25, 25-13, and 8-15. Ely appeared to recover from a tough opener and dominated the Tigers in the second set, but serving and receiving

errors and miscommunication led to a third set letdown. Kallberg posted seven kills, six digs, and four set assists, while Merhar tallied four kills, four digs, two blocks and three ace serves.

The Wolves were set for a week-long break after this week's outing at Duluth-Marshall.

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the momentum they were building from each game," said Head Coach Gabby Sundquist. "I think that when we have a strong team on the court and on the bench, it is beneficial. We were able to use everyone and with that everyone contributed to each of our wins."

The Grizzlies started cold, losing their first set to South Ridge 20-25. But they quickly turned it around, winning the match in back-to-back

sets, 25-19 and 15-3.

Regan Ratai tallied 12 kills along with five digs and two block assists, while Coley Olson posted 10 kills, four digs and two block assists. Hanna Sandberg notched seven digs.

In the second match of pool-play, the Grizzlies again dropped their opening set, this time falling 24-26 to Mt. Iron-Buhl before making a quick recovery winning the second set 25-20.

The Grizzlies would seal MI-B's fate with a stunning 15-5 win in the third set to take the match.

Ratai put up 12 kills, three digs, and two block assists, while Kate Stone had 13 kills, three digs and an ace. Freshman setter Morgan Burnett tallied 24 assists, and two ace serves, while Olson posted 11 kills and Sandberg added nine digs.

In the first round of bracket play, North Woods handily defeated

the Ely Timberwolves 25-18 and 25-13.

Burnett had 20 assists, two digs and as many kills, while Ratai notched seven kills and a block assist. Senior Taylor Mejdrich tallied five kills and a dig, while Sandberg posted five ace serves.

The win set the stage for their championship match against Virginia. The Grizzlies opened strong in their first set, downing the Blue Devils 25-17. Virginia rebounded

with an 25-18 win of their own, before the Grizzlies took the tie-breaker 15-9.

Ratai posted 13 kills, six digs and an ace, while Olson notched six kills, four digs, and three ace serves. Burnett had 24 set assists and an ace.

The Grizzlies were set to play Northeast Range in Babbitt on Thursday evening. They'll host Cook County next Monday. Game time is 7 p.m.

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## FAMILY ROOTS

# Miettunen family traces roots back to early days in Soudan

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

SOUDAN- What better place to hold a family reunion than a spot that has a significant hold on that family's imagination.

Imagine being pregnant in Soudan, 77 years ago, and requiring an emergency cesarean section delivery. Now imagine that the doctor on duty at the local hospital had never performed a cesarean section before. Imagine being worried that the doctor on duty may have been drinking. Now imagine the fear of listening to a surgeon from Duluth describe the surgery over the phone to the doctor in Soudan, and the relief of Ed and Julia Miettunen as the doctor on duty successfully delivered a baby boy.

That boy was named Bob, and this weekend he spent the night at the Vermilion Park Inn, in the room located on the exact spot where he had been born 77 years ago.

The Miettunen family roots trace back to Finland. John and his wife Marie, married in 1899, had 11 children, including one daughter who died of tuberculosis while in her 20s. All these children were born in Soudan, but many of them were born at home. Most of the children, when grown, settled nearby, but by the third generation, family had scattered across the country.

Over 20 Miettunen cousins, coming from the states of New York, Washington, Minnesota, Wisconsin, and Tennessee, attended the reunion. They started their weekend at Mona Miettunen Abel's home in Side Lake on Saturday, but on Sunday the cousins gathered at Vermilion Park Inn in Soudan. This newly-renovated bed and breakfast is located in the old Soudan Miner's Hospital, built in 1891. The hospital provided medical care to Soudan miners, their families, and local residents. After it closed,



it was turned into a boarding house, group home, and then the bed and breakfast.

While the Minnesota contingent were familiar to each other, some who had come from farther away were busy getting to know long-lost second and third cousins.

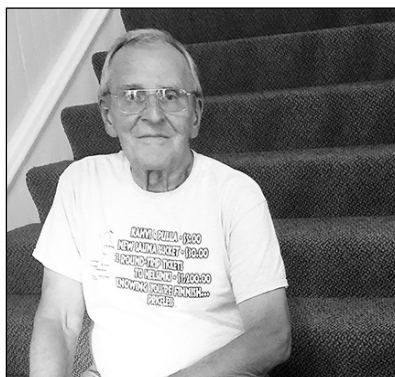
All these Miettunen cousins had ties to the Soudan Mine. Their grandfather had moved to Soudan to work in the mine. Most of the boys in the family at least started out in the mine, but others moved on to other opportunities after the mine was closed. Bob's father, Edward, was running the hoist at the Soudan Mine the year it closed. Ed ended up building a resort with over two miles of shoreline (which he purchased from U.S. Steel) at what is now McKinley Park Campground. Another brother went to Alaska and became a salmon fisherman.

Almost all these third-generation Miettunens had fond memories of time spent in Soudan and on Lake Vermilion as small children. Several had attended elementary school in Soudan, when their mothers moved

back home as fathers served overseas during World War II and Korea.

Karen Annala remembers getting stitches at the Soudan Hospital when she was five years old, after a fall. She needed 22 stitches and her mother worried because the stitches were loose and crooked.

Stories were spun, family photos were shared, and new memories were created. The family is planning their next reunion in 2020, at the Vermilion Park Inn.



**Bob Miettunen (above) and his cousins (at top) at the old Soudan Hospital where Bob was born.**

## EMBARRASS

# Nelimark closing for October; holiday weekends are Nov. 9-10 and Dec. 7-8

EMBARRASS - Following a summer of busy times, hosting local guests and others from around the world, the local Nelimark Homestead Museum is taking a break for the month of October. Saturday, Sept. 29 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. is the last day open for the fall.

The Nelimark will reopen on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 9 and 10 and Friday and Saturday,

Dec. 7 and 8 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day. The theme for Christmas at the Nelimark this year is "Sleighbells Ring."

It has been a hundred years since the Nelimark family moved into the home we all enjoy visiting. The homestead will be decorated and smelling sweet for the holidays. A new furnace will be installed in October so the building should be warm and tasty. There will be the

usual array of greenery and red and white decorations in all the rooms. Many new items will be on display and crafts created by the volunteer artisans for the season will complement and create an atmosphere of delight for young and old to experience.

Take a break and get into the Christmas spirit. If you would like to know

more or order something special from one of the folks at the Nelimark, call Verna or Jeannine at 218-984-2302 or 218-984-3012 and they would be happy to assist you. You can pre-order baked goods or anything else you may need to make your season bright and special.

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## TOWER BINGO Monday, Oct. 1

TOWER- Senior Bingo will be held in Tower on Monday, Oct. 1 at the Tower Civic Center from 11:45 a.m. – 3 p.m. There is a \$10 charge for the bingo party, which includes lunch. All ages are welcome to attend this community event. Lunch is served starting at 11:45 a.m., and bingo begins at 12:45 p.m. Senior Bingo is organized by the Friends of the Vermilion Country Charter School. Questions, call Jodi Summit at 218-753-2950.

### Upcoming dates for 2018:

Monday, November 5  
Monday, December 3

## Singers needed for Christmas season concert in Tower

TOWER- Since Christmas is associated with lots of music, especially singing, this is your chance to join in the fun of "The Many Moods of Christmas." Area singers will be joining together for rehearsals beginning Monday, Sept. 24 at 6 p.m. at the Tower Elementary School music room. Rehearsals will continue on Mondays until the Sunday, Dec. 9 presentation at the Tower-Soudan Elementary School gym.

The music will be varied, depicting those many moods with favorites for all.

For more information, call Rolf Anderson at 218-753-3262. Come and join this group of singers from Babbitt, Cook, Ely, Embarrass, and Tower-Soudan for a fun-filled holiday sing.

## Breitung Police investigating weekend stabbing in Tower

TOWER- Breitung Police are investigating a stabbing that took place at a home on the 100 block of North Third Street in Tower on Friday, Sept. 21.

At 10:48 p.m., the police responded to a 911 call for a stabbing that was the result of a domestic altercation where a male was stabbed one time in the back of his shoulder. The male was treated and released at a local hospital. The investigation is ongoing, and Breitung Police expect to release additional information this coming week.

## Vendors needed for Tower Holiday Craft Show set for Dec. 8

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

## Tickets available for TSAA Fall Auction on Thursday, Nov. 8

TOWER- Tickets are now available for the Tower-Soudan Athletic Association Fall Auction on Thursday, Nov. 8 at the Wilderness at Fortune Bay.

This once-a-year event features an appetizer buffet, live and silent auctions, karaoke with Irene Hartfield, and many games and raffles. While the event is known as a "ladies" night, men are also welcome to attend. A cash bar is also available.

We are also looking for donations of prizes for the games and auctions. Hand-crafted items, gift baskets, wine and spirits, and gift certificates are needed. All the funds raised go to youth activities in Tower-Soudan. This is the group's only fundraiser each year, so please consider helping out this important community event. In the last two years, TSAA has donated over \$8,500 in the community, including: Tower-Soudan Little League and Junior Legion baseball, the running club at Vermilion Country School, T-S Elementary Ely Marathon entry fees, community family events at Vermilion Country School, athletics and choir fees at VCS, and more.

## CALLING AREA SINGERS... Ely • Babbitt • Embarrass • Cook Join us in "The Many Moods of Christmas!"

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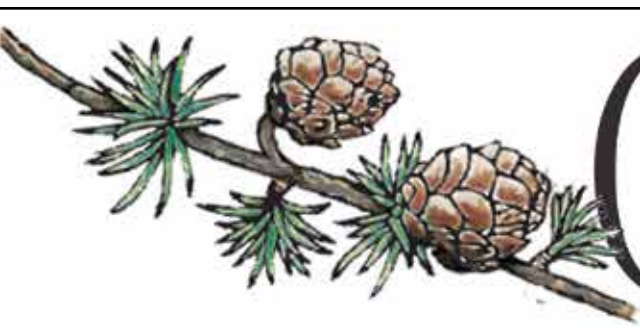
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## DUCK MANAGEMENT

### Refuge status subject of hearing

Wildlife managers recommend continuing refuge designation for Little Rice Lake

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**LITTLE RICE LAKE**— Wildlife managers with the Tower Area DNR are recommending a continuation of wildlife refuge status here based on evidence that the waterfowl protection the refuge has offered has improved duck

hunting on nearby Big Rice Lake and other area lakes. Little Rice Lake is located about 15 miles southwest of Tower.

The public will have a chance to weigh-in on the DNR recommendation at a hearing set for Tuesday, Oct. 16, at the Tower DNR Headquarters, located at 650 Hwy. 169 in Tower,

from 6-8 p.m. A regional DNR hearing officer will be present to record input from the public.

DNR wildlife officials are recommending the continuation of the refuge status based on data they've gathered since the refuge was established in 2012. That includes results from weekly waterfowl counts

during the hunting season on Little Rice Lake, which have shown a significant increase in waterfowl usage of the lake since the refuge was established. "We've had as many as 6,000 birds at one time using it when there's good rice," said DNR Tower Area Wildlife

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**A male ring-necked duck and two teal take off from Little Rice Lake.**

photo by M. Helmberger

## PREDATORS



### Survey: State's wolf population unchanged

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

**REGIONAL** — Minnesota's wolf population is continuing to hold steady, according to the results of the latest survey of the species, conducted by the Department of Natural Resources.

The DNR's latest estimate put the state's wolf population at 2,655 individuals, including 465 wolf packs. The number reflects wolf numbers from mid-winter to avoid the seasonal spike due to reproduction. Many wolf pups fail to make it to maturity and so aren't reflected in the winter count.

The latest result is down slightly from last year's estimate of 2,856 wolves and 500 wolf packs, but with a margin of error of plus-or-minus 700 wolves, the change is considered statistically unchanged. The latest population estimate does reflect an increase from those estimates ranging from 2012-2015, when the state maintained a hunting and trapping season on wolves. In those years, the wolf population estimates averaged 2,280 over the four-year period.

"Subtle changes in wolf population numbers year to year indicate that Minnesota supports a healthy wolf population and the long-term trends demonstrate that the wolf population is fully recovered," said Dan Stark, large carnivore specialist for the DNR.

Survey results suggest pack sizes were the same as last year (4.85 versus 4.8) and packs used larger territories (61 versus 54 square miles) than the previous winter. Although neither individually represented a significant change from recent years, slightly larger pack territories last winter explain the lower population estimate and are consistent with estimated changes in deer numbers in many parts of the wolf range.

"The accuracy of our

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## RESEARCH

### New look at spruce grouse

Study should help researchers track changes in population and range of this boreal species

**REGIONAL** — Researchers in northern Minnesota are hoping that a new method of estimating the region's spruce grouse population will give wildlife managers a better handle on the species' abundance and population trends. That could prove important in maintaining the species in the state in the face of climate change.

Using dozens of agency cooperators and citizen volunteers, the new survey used spruce grouse droppings as a means of documenting the presence of spruce grouse at dozens of locations across the northern third of Minnesota. By conducting the survey annually, researchers can detect meaningful changes in the population.

For years, researchers have considered the spruce grouse to be notoriously difficult to count and the abundance of the species has typically been assessed based on hunter harvest surveys, but those numbers can vary significantly depending on hunter effort. Few hunters actually target spruce grouse, which is perceived to have a "gamier" taste than ruffed grouse. Most are harvested simply as incidental take by ruffed grouse hunters, and hunter effort varies dramatically from year-to-year in northern Minnesota, depending on the ruffed grouse population cycle. That makes it

an imperfect gauge of spruce grouse abundance. Since 2006, hunter surveys have suggested that the spruce grouse harvest has ranged from a low of 10,000 to a high of 27,000.

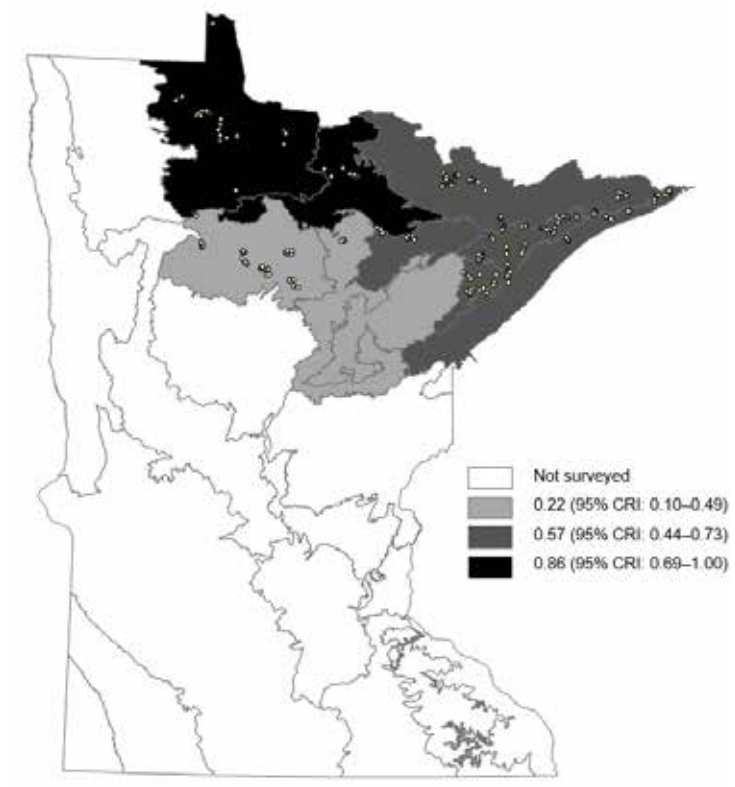
Spruce grouse are a game species in Minnesota, but in neighboring Wisconsin they are listed as threatened, which suggests that Minnesota is on the edge of spruce grouse range. As a species dependent on conifer forest habitat, they are expected to have a smaller range in the future because of climate change-induced habitat loss, and that's one reason that researchers are seeking better methods for tracking population changes.

"We needed better information about the population to make informed management decisions," said Charlotte Roy, grouse project leader with the Minnesota DNR. "This survey is expected to detect meaningful changes in the population over a 10-year period."

The first survey was conducted this past spring, as cooperators from the U.S. Forest Service, northern Minnesota tribes, the DNR, as well as 40 citizen volunteers, including Vermilion Community College students, surveyed 65 routes throughout the conifer forests of northern Minnesota, ranging from Warroad in the northwest to Grand Portage in the east.

"Citizen-scientist volunteers and cooperators are

**Above: A female (l) and a male (r) spruce grouse.**  
file photos



**Estimate of mean spruce grouse site use, adjusted for detection bias. The darker regions indicate a greater incidence of spruce grouse.**

Courtesy MNDNR

important contributors to the survey. We couldn't do this survey without their help," she said.

Survey participants found spruce grouse sign at 88 sites representing 32 percent of those surveyed. More sign was found in the northwest portion of the survey region, primarily that portion of northcentral Minnesota known as "The Big Bog." Researchers in that area found spruce grouse droppings in 68 percent of the sites they surveyed. The Tower area had

the second-highest percentage, with spruce grouse found in 58 percent of the sites visited, while researchers in the Ely area found spruce grouse droppings in 52 percent of sites visited.

Researchers will conduct the survey annually to track population trends and changes in distribution.

The DNR's 2018 spruce survey report and grouse hunting information can be found at [mndnr.gov/hunting/grouse](http://mndnr.gov/hunting/grouse).

Fishing reports

Ely area

Now that the water temps have cooled, some walleye anglers are reporting that the bite has picked up again. The fish have been holding at mid depths between twelve and eighteen feet of water and are readily taking both crawlers and minnows. The action seems best late in the day and for some, some larger “eyes” have been taken during this period. Slow trolling Lindy-style rigs at or near the bottom. Some also are having luck with larger sized crank baits at these same depths. A few folks are extending their days and are scoring some fish right at sunset, fishing minnows under lighted bobbers near the mouths of shallow bays. Northern pike too have been striking both spoons

and spinner baits fished along weed edges and reefs extending from mid-lake islands. Sucker minnows are working there as well, when either fished under a bobber or with dead suckers or smelt fished right on the bottom. The trout bite has slowed somewhat or perhaps they have gone a bit deeper, but nonetheless are still striking crawlers fished at ten to fifteen feet for some, with others trolling tiny crank baits and spoons a bit deeper. Crappies are starting to bunch up and are readily taking small minnows or soft plastics fished on a jig. Look for them to be suspended midway down in the water column. *Courtesy Babe’s Bait, located at Ely’s west entrance.*

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wolf population estimate is dependent on radio-collaring a representative sample of wolf packs,” said Dr. John Erb, DNR wolf research biologist. Although wolf population estimates have been conducted annually since 2012, the portion of the survey that is used to calculate total and pack-occupied wolf range is completed every five years. This past winter’s survey estimated a 9,321 square-mile increase in total wolf range from the 2012-2013 wolf population survey. Even so, the survey results indicated that only about 23 percent of this new range, or 2,175 square miles, was deemed to be occupied by resident wolf packs during

the winter of 2017-2018. Minnesota’s wolf population remains above the state’s minimum goal of at least 1,600 wolves and is above the federal recovery goal of 1,251 to 1,400 wolves. The DNR’s goal for wolf management, as outlined in the state’s wolf management plan, is to ensure the long-term survival of wolves in Minnesota while addressing wolf-human conflicts. Wolves in Minnesota returned to the federal list of threatened species as a result of a Washington, D.C., federal district court ruling in December 2014. Visit the DNR website at [mndnr.gov/wolves](http://mndnr.gov/wolves) to find the full report.

LAKE COUNTRY FORECAST from NOAA weather

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WHAT'S IN YOUR BOATHOUSE?

by ROBERT MATSON  
Columnist

My featured boat in this issue is a 1960 fiberglass Alumacraft 14-footer, powered by a 1965 65HP Mercury outboard. She’s owned by Matt Jennings of Ham Lake, Minn. This was the first year Alumacraft started making fiberglass boats. They for years made boats out of aluminum, and still do today. This looks like a Tripoli to me and was available in several colors. This is a rare boat and you don’t see many of them around any more. This boat has been extensively restored, says



Matt, and is looking for a new home. The boat is pictured here sitting on Clam Lake in Siren, Wis. *If you would like to see your boat featured here, contact me at 218-343-5719, or email at [rcmely@frontiernet.net](mailto:rcmely@frontiernet.net).*

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Manager Tom Rusch. In addition, according to Rusch, hunter surveys on Big Rice Lake have found consensus in support of the refuge status as the majority have reported that hunting on Big Rice has improved since the establishment of the refuge on Little Rice. That included seeing an increase in both species diversity and abundance. Wildlife officials had established the refuge out of concern that heavy hunting

pressure on the area rice lakes was causing most waterfowl to avoid the area lakes, or move on quickly, during migration. That, in turn, was reducing hunting success. According to Rusch, providing waterfowl a protected resting place encourages ducks and geese to remain in the area longer, providing more opportunities for hunters as the waterfowl move around to other feeding areas, like Big Rice Lake or

the Darwin Myers wildlife management area in Embarrass. “We think that the refuge is functioning as it was proposed,” said Rusch. “And we have the data to prove that.” As a state game refuge, Little Rice Lake is closed to hunting and trapping from Sept. 1 through Nov. 25 each year. The refuge, which includes the lake and forest bog perimeter, is about 288 acres.

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  - Gilbert/Eveleth Area: Lake Ore-Be-Gone: Fri-Sun, 10 AM-6 PM

## Briefs

### Document requirements announced for Real ID driver's licenses

**REGIONAL-** The Minnesota Department of Public Safety has announced requirements for Minnesotans to obtain new driver's licenses or ID cards compliant with the federal Real ID program. When applying for a Real ID card, which won't

be required for air travel until October of 2020, applicants must provide documents proving identity, date of birth, legal status, Social Security number and Minnesota residency.

"While Minnesotans have plenty of time to get a new Real ID-compliant license, it's important they know what they need to have when they apply," said Rep. Rob Ecklund (DFL - International Falls).

"This is a new process that will represent a bit of a change for most folks, so it's not too early to make sure they have what they need. As always, I encourage constituents to contact my office if I can be of assistance."

The additional documentation required by federal law ensures the new licenses and ID cards meet minimum federal security standards established by Congress in 2005

under the Real ID Act. To apply for a Real ID, Minnesotans will need to present the following documents in person:

One document proving identity, date of birth, and legal presence in the United States, such as a passport or a birth certificate. If the name on the identity document is not the same as a person's current name, a name change document must be submitted.

One document proving their Social Security number, such as a Social Security card or a federal W2 form.

Two documents proving current residency in Minnesota. Examples include a valid driver's license or ID card, a cancelled check or a credit card statement.

A complete list of acceptable documents for Real ID can be found at REALID.dps.mn.gov. The U.S. Department of

Homeland Security has additional information available online as well. Real ID-compliant cards will be available starting Oct. 1, 2018. To

prepare for this transition, Driver's License Agent offices will be closed on Friday, Sept. 28, and Saturday, Sept. 29.

## Obituaries and Death Notices



### Pearl Shea

Pearl Swanson Shea, 87, of Framingham, Mass., originally of Ely, died on Friday, Sept. 21, 2018. A Memorial Mass has been held in Framingham, Mass., and a Funeral Mass will be held in early August 2019 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely. Pearl's remains will be buried next to her husband Hank in the Ely Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Ely Area Food Shelf, PO Box 786, Ely, MN 55731-0786 or <https://elyareafoodshelf.org/>. For further information or to view a memorial guestbook, please visit [www.everettfuneral.com](http://www.everettfuneral.com).

Pearl was born in Ely on Nov. 21, 1930, to Samuel Swanson and Eleanor Hyatt. She attended and graduated from Ely High School and Ely Junior College. Her first job was as a switchboard operator in Ely. After working as a secretary in Chicago, Ill.,

she joined the Red Cross, working in Minneapolis and Walker, before being assigned in 1952 to work as part of the Red Cross staff at Camp Chitose in Hokkaido, Japan. There she converted to Roman Catholicism, and then met First Lieutenant Henry "Hank" Joseph Shea, who was returning from fighting in the Korean Conflict. On Aug. 27, 1955, they wed at St. Anthony's Catholic Church in Ely and then moved to Bay Village, Ohio.

Between 1956 and 1961, Pearl gave birth to five sons. She spent the next two decades raising those sons in Ohio, Illinois, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, with annual summer vacations in Ely. Between 1982 and 1986, Pearl and Hank lived in Singapore, and then in Houston, Texas, for four years. In 1991, they moved to Vero Beach, Fla., and spent each summer in Ely. Pearl and Hank were married for 50 years, until his death in 2006. Pearl was active in women's organizations, Cub Scouts, St. Vincent DePaul, and each parish where she lived.

Pearl is survived by her sons, Hank (Chris) of Tucson, Ariz., Patrick (Jane) of Wilton, Conn., Timothy (Eva) of Denville, N.J., Michael of Stratford, Conn., and Daniel

(Judy) of Natick, Mass.; 13 grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

### Marie A. Williams

Marie Ann Boldin Williams, 77, a lifelong resident of Ely, passed away at the Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital on Friday, Sept. 21, 2018, after a short battle with cancer. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Sept. 28 at First Lutheran Church in Ely with visitation being held one hour prior to the service at the church. Family arrangements have been entrusted to Kerntz Funeral Home of Ely.

She is survived by her sister, Caroline (Donald) Mikolich of Ely; children, Michael (Molly Bridges) of Traverse City, Mich., Tim (Linda Niemela) of Lino Lakes and Stacy (Rick) Steel of Proctor; grandchildren, Christopher (Kayla Johnson) Bissonette, Meghan, Annikka, Jenni and Ricky Steel, Robert, Kathleen and Jack Williams; great-grandson, Jaius Steel Jennings; sister-in-law, Linda (Barry) Williams of Ely; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jack and Mary Williams of Waseca; and many nieces and nephews.

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by Linda Thistle

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**DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ♦**

♦ Moderate ♦♦ Challenging  
♦♦♦ HOO BOY!

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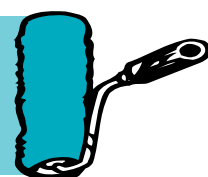
### DRUNK IN THE KITCHEN

- ACROSS**
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14 Campaign's twin city  
20 Composer Vivaldi  
21 Concert bonus  
22 "La Cage aux —"  
23 What Swiss steak may be braised in  
25 Circular window  
26 Personal identity  
27 Half-arcing shots  
28 "Gotcha!"  
30 To be, in Bordeaux  
31 Expanded  
35 Ballpark snack with lots of toppings  
39 Amtrak stop  
40 Care for  
41 Make sad  
42 Title for Tuck  
44 Big bird that doesn't fly  
47 Honeybunch  
48 They may be sprinkled on sauteed spinach
- 55 Partner of Porgy  
56 Southern French city  
57 Yuletide  
58 Quits  
61 Arab prince  
62 Mine metal  
64 Genie's gift  
66 Actor Cariou  
67 Actor Jacobi  
70 Popular cookout side  
73 Armour product in a can  
76 With 96-Down, "Hang on a minute!"  
77 "I'm impressed!"  
78 Jane of fiction  
80 Suffix with pagan  
81 Final words from Caesar  
82 Superstars  
84 Two-masted craft  
86 Exhorting individual  
87 Abnormally deep sleep  
90 Movie theater tubful  
94 Staves off  
97 Colo.-to-Ga. direction
- 98 Thrashes  
99 Old World elk  
101 "Tis a shame"  
104 Middy snoozes  
109 Specialty of Popeyes  
112 Cause of heartache  
113 Elvis' middle name  
114 Go — spree  
115 Indian tourist city  
117 Ride ordered by app  
118 Like some census data  
121 Rollmop's main ingredient  
126 Big name in online brokerages  
127 Alternative to PJs  
128 Oozing stuff  
129 Teeterboard  
130 PC-linking protocol  
131 Head locks
- DOWN**
- 1 Catholic services  
2 Bent (on)  
3 — Artois (beer)  
4 Unlike the Atkins diet  
5 Ending for phenyl  
6 Assistance  
7 "I" or "J" top  
8 Floor model  
9 Empower  
10 Follows, as advice  
11 Aussie hopper  
12 Tire feature  
13 Pronoun for both genders  
14 Aliens' craft  
15 Fabled bird  
16 Maryland crustaceans  
17 Mentally alert  
18 Woody Allen film subject  
19 Sizes up  
24 Prehistoric  
29 Total up  
32 Schisms  
33 '90s veep Al  
34 "Idylls of the King" lady  
36 Yemeni city  
37 Homer's TV neighbor  
38 LummoX  
40 Sextet half  
43 Sleeping woe  
45 Lotsa  
46 4x4, briefly
- 48 Judo-like exercise fad  
49 Financial guru Suze  
50 Comparable  
51 Sahara-like  
52 Info-packed  
53 Lilly of drugs  
54 Sea dogs  
59 Look as if  
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65 Lance  
67 Turn loose  
68 Western film  
69 Do a 180  
71 Palme —  
72 Finches' homes  
74 Wavy mark in Spanish  
75 Bygone Ford make, briefly  
79 Reuben bread  
82 Fragrant white flowers  
83 Natl. voting day  
85 Spun traps  
86 Agitate  
87 Subway charges, e.g.
- 88 Judge too highly  
89 So-so  
91 Ship wood  
92 UTEP part  
93 Big elevator innovator  
95 Nugent with a guitar  
96 See 76-Across  
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102 Enter via the cracks  
103 "Life of Pi" director  
105 Drinks loudly  
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