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**VOLUNTEERISM**

## Unsung hero

Ely resident honored by nonprofit council

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
 Ely Editor

ELY—Local resident Carol Orban is an unsung hero—and she now has the plaque to prove it. Orban, a longtime community activist here, was one of four recipients this year of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits' Virginia McKnight Binger Unsung Hero Award.



Carol Orban

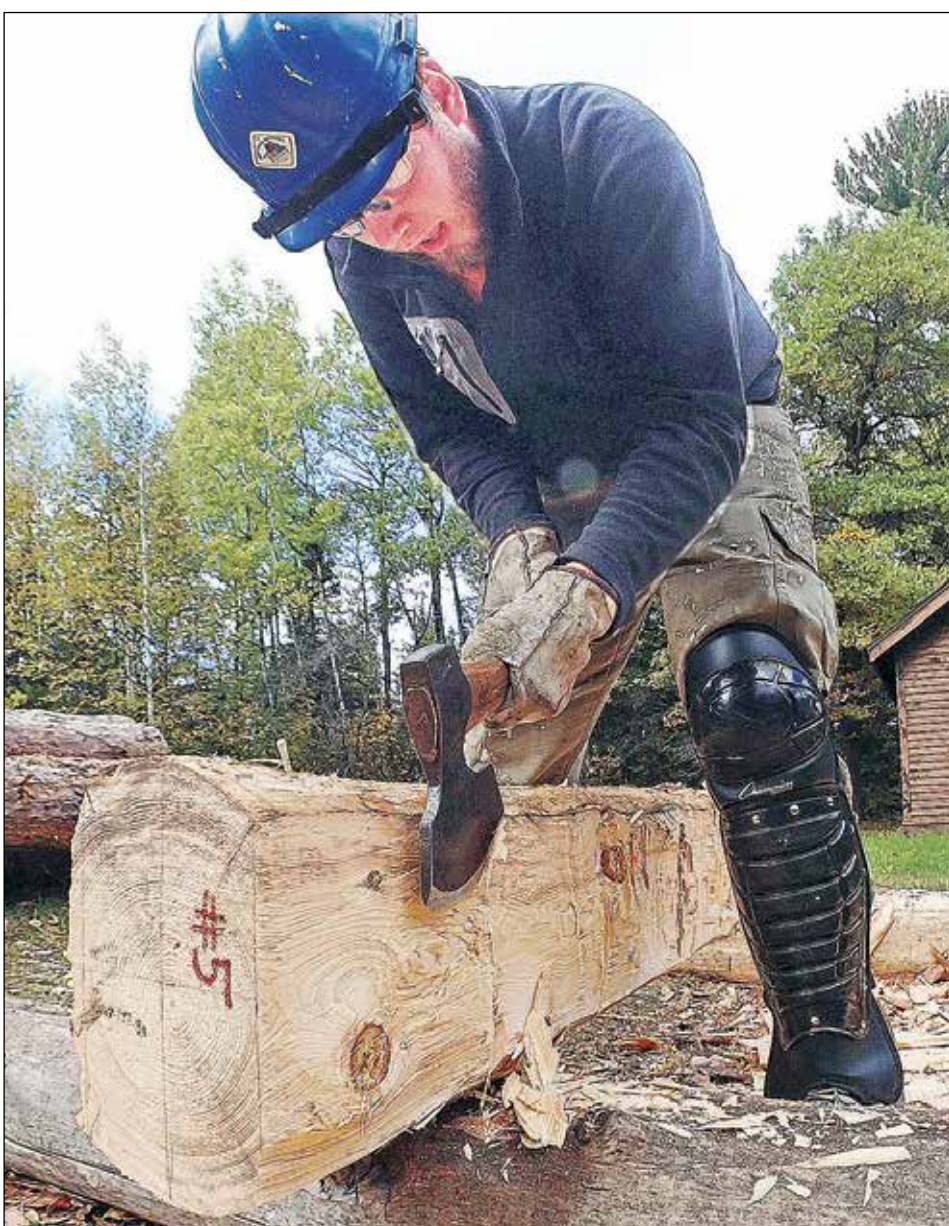
The four recipients were honored for their community work last week at a luncheon in Minneapolis. Winners of the award receive \$10,000 and are recognized again at the MCN's 2018 annual conference, to be held Nov. 14 in St. Paul. "What a kick!" said Orban when she learned of the honor. "I've received a pretty darn wonderful award."

Orban's friend Linda Ganister, of Ely, helped shepherd the nomination process, recruiting several friends who wrote what they know about Orban's volunteer and organizing activities in Ely over the past 40 years. Three people also conducted phone interviews as part of the nomination process.

According to the McKnight Foundation's short biography of Orban, she has been a sustaining force in the community since arriving in Ely in the 1970s. For 23

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**HALFWAY RANGER STATION**



## Log Lessons

AmeriCorps project highlights hewn log structure construction

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
 Ely Editor

ELY – Young adults with the AmeriCorps Historic Preservation project spent the last week near Ely learning "old school" log construction techniques. They put their hands-on lessons to work building a hewn log structure, complete with dovetail joinery, at the Halfway Ranger Station Historic District.

Nine members of the Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps, based in Duluth, spent the week at the historic site,

**AmeriCorps student Ian Hanson, above, shapes a red pine log with a hand axe last week at the Halfway Ranger Station historic site near Ely. He was part of a week-long project that included learning hewn log building techniques.**  
 photo by K. Vandervort

located off Highway 1 near the Kawishiwi River. Rainy conditions, cold temperatures, even an overnight snowfall, forced the crew

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**TOWER**

## Bids OK'd for work on cultural center



IRRRB providing \$268,000 for project

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
 Managing Editor

TOWER— On Tuesday, a short-handed city council, minus Mayor Josh Carlson and Councilor Brad Matich, approved bids for renovations to the Lake Vermilion Cultural Center building on the city's Main Street. The city is handling the bidding for the project since the funding is coming through the IRRRB.

Earlier this year, the council had rejected bids that had come in well above the available funds for the project. But the cultural center board revised the project to lower the cost and the latest round of bidding came in mostly as expected.

The council approved the low bid, from TNT Aggregate, of Grand Rapids, totaling \$273,466, or just over the \$268,000 in funding that the IRRRB made available for the project. That included a base bid and two project add-ons, which will provide needed fixes to the building's foundation and rough framing for other portions of the facility. The bid approval should provide a much-needed boost to the project, which has languished for the past two years after problems were detected in the structure of the historic church building that was moved to Main Street in 2015. The building is to be the

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**ELECTION 2018**

## Rep. Keith Ellison campaigns in Cook

by MARCUS WHITE  
 Cook/Orr Editor

COOK— Congressman Keith Ellison said he wants to be "the people's lawyer" during a campaign stop at The Crescent Bar here last Wednesday night. Ellison, who is giving up his seat in Congress to run for Minnesota Attorney General, spoke to a crowd of about 40 people to push forward his plan for economic equality in Minnesota.

"Some of them (corporations) are just

Pushes support for economic equality

**Congressman Keith Ellison, who is running for Minnesota Attorney General this fall, made a stop in Cook last week.** photo by M. White

lying, crooking and cheating," said Ellison. "We'll pull them into court."

At the top of Ellison's list: pharmaceutical companies, student debt servicers, and employers who won't pay a fair and equitable wage to all employees. On day one, he said, his first task will be to rein

in drug prices in the state and fight back against 2003 federal legislation that barred government officials from regulating drug prices.

Part of the fight against drug compa-

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# COMMUNITY EVENTS AND NOTICES

## Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital offering free flu shots in our area

REGIONAL- To fight the flu, Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital will be giving free flu shots to the public on:

- Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 8 to 11 a.m. at Babbitt City Hall,
- Tuesday, Oct. 16 from 1 to 4 p.m. at Tower Civic Center,
- Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 2 to 6 p.m. at Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital,
- Thursday, Nov. 1 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Ely-Bloomenson Community Hospital.

Flu shots will be available in Ely during parent/teacher conferences, Tuesday, Nov. 13 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at Washington Elementary and Thursday, Nov. 15 from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at Ely Memorial High School.

## Roadrunners Special Olympics host pancake breakfast on Sunday, Nov. 4

MT. IRON- The Roadrunners Special Olympics team will be hosting a pancake breakfast fundraiser on Sunday, Nov. 4 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center, 8876 Main St. in downtown Mt. Iron.

Pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and juice will be served. Cost is \$8 for adults, \$5 for ages 5 to 12, and kids under 5 are free. Money raised will help fund state bowling and flag football competitions.

## Indigenous Perspective on Land, Prayer and Community, Oct. 14, at Mesabi Unitarian

VIRGINIA- LeAnn Littlewolf (Anishinabe/Leech Lake Nation of Ojibwe) will reflect on the relationships we hold and how this can connect us with our spiritual center in her presentation, "Relationship is the Root of Everything: Indigenous Perspective on Land, Prayer and Community." Littlewolf will explain the relationship between land, prayer and ceremony from an indigenous perspective. Please bring a rock with you as we explore relationships. This event will be Sunday, Oct. 14 at 10:30 a.m. at Mesabi Unitarian Universalist Church, 230 7th St. S in Virginia.

## Greenwood Pizza Party on Oct. 20

GREENWOOD TWP- The Greenwood Community Recreation Board is hosting their annual all-you-can-eat pizza dinner and silent auction on Saturday, Oct. 20 from 4 - 7 p.m. at the Vermilion Club. Come and support ongoing maintenance and improvements to the Greenwood Recreation Center. Everyone is welcome. Freewill donation for the pizza. Over 30 items for the auction. Get a head start on your holiday shopping. To donate auction items or if you have any questions, call Jarri Ankrum at 218-750-7236.

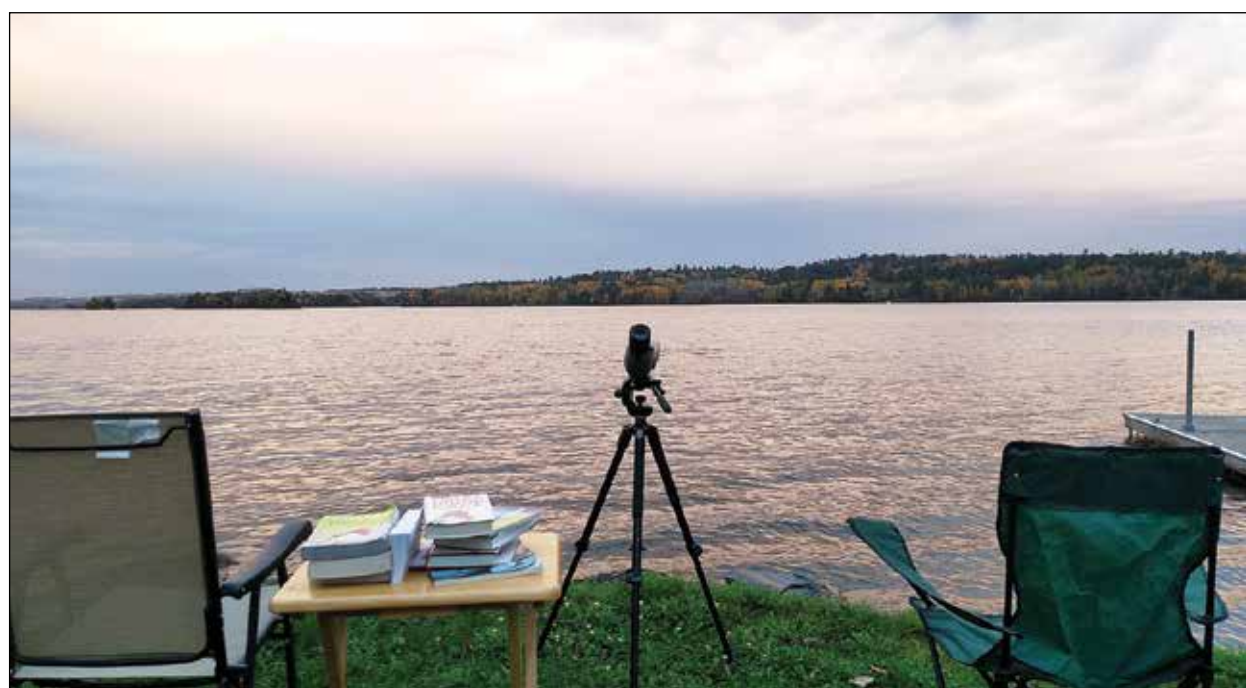
## Paul McDonald at Northern Progressives meeting on Oct. 16

COOK- Candidate for St. Louis County Commissioner, Paul McDonald, will be at the Crescent Bar and Grill on Tuesday, Oct. 16 at 6:30 p.m.

Come meet Paul and learn why he is running for St. Louis County Commissioner. This civic event is sponsored by Northern Progressives and is part of the "Why I'm Running" series, bringing constituents and candidates together.

## BIRDING

# Area naturalists holding a "Big Sit" at Shagawa Lake on Sunday



Come learn about bird-watching and bird identification

ELY- The Big Sit is a bird count conducted each year at the beginning of October. This year the Ely Field Naturalists will be at their Boreal Birdometers Count Station on Sunday, Oct. 14 from sunrise to sunset and maybe even a little earlier for some owl calling.

The Ely location each year is at the public water access just east of Grand Ely Lodge on the south shore of Shagawa Lake in Ely. Everyone is welcome to come for a little while or all day. The group hopes to hit a good point in the fall migration and to see birds on the lake, in the air, and around the wooded edges of the public access.

Ely Field Naturalists will come

and go during the day and not only conduct the bird count but also discuss upcoming fall and winter bird-feeding strategies, demonstrate feeders, share Christmas Bird Count and other scheduled bird count activities, discuss 2018 loon observations, and explore any other nature interests.

The group will start sprinkling some bird seed on the ground to see if they can draw in some hungry birds as count day approaches. Maybe someone will even bring a road kill animal to attract other types of birds. Last year an eagle came and snatched a dead snowshoe hare that was put out.

## What is a Big Sit?

Every year, bird watchers from around the globe unite on this special day by participating in this free event, open to any person and club in any country.

The Big Sit is like a Big Day or a bird-a-thon in that the object is to tally as many bird species as can be seen or heard within 24 hours. The difference lies in the area limitation from which you may observe.

Some people have called it a "tailgate party for birders." Find a good spot for bird-watching, then create a real or imaginary circle 17 feet in diameter and count all the bird species you see or hear.

## Lake Country Power seeks applications for Community Award

REGIONAL- In the true spirit of grassroots movements, Lake Country Power will once again recognize a non-profit organization that has made outstanding contributions to the local community through a special effort of volunteers and unique efforts.

Lake Country Power is seeking applications for the Touchstone Energy Community Award. Any non-profit organization that has

helped make northern Minnesota a better place to live and work through its community service is eligible for the \$500 cash award.

Community members may nominate an organization by completing an application form, available at Lake Country Power or online at [www.lakecountrypower.coop](http://www.lakecountrypower.coop). Questions may be directed to Tami Zaun at 1-800-421-9959. The application will require a description

of the community service project, program or event and the positive impact it brought to the community. Applications should be returned no later than 4:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 1 to Tami Zaun in Grand Rapids.

The award recipient will contend for the statewide Touchstone Energy Community Award, which has a cash prize of \$1,000.

## Briefs

### Two hospitalized after boat crash

CRANELAKE— Three people were taken to the hospital late Saturday night after a spotlight malfunction led to a crash.

Responders from Orr, Crane Lake and Hibbing responded after a 24-foot houseboat went aground on Indian Island. The boat's pilot tried to slow the boat following the failure of the spotlight but hit the island in the process.

Sherri Blazevic, 60, of Grasston was airlifted to Duluth with "signifi-

cant facial lacerations" with another unidentified male being transported to Cook Hospital with minor injuries.

The crash is still under investigation, but alcohol is not suspected as a factor.

### Alcohol, speed suspected in weekend fatality

COOK— A 23-year old man is dead following a weekend crash near Cook.

Cedric Schuster, of Gheen, was declared deceased at the scene, after his vehicle apparently veered into the

ditch along Buboltz Road and struck a tree head-on. According to the St. Louis County Sheriff's Department, the vehicle had left the road after Schuster, who was west-bound at the time, failed to negotiate a turn at high speed, and Schuster had been trapped as a result.

Responding deputies noted the crash had likely happened hours before it was discovered.

The cause of the crash is still under investigation, but alcohol and speed are considered "significant contributing factors."

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10 A.M. - 5 P.M. CLIMBING WALL + MTN BIKING + SCENIC CHARILIFT RIDES

9 A.M. - 5 P.M. FOOD CONCESSIONS

11 A.M. - 1 P.M. SNOW SPORTS ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

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9 A.M. - 3 P.M. SEASON PASS SALE

9 A.M. - 5 P.M. FOOD CONCESSIONS

10 A.M. FALL FEST 5K FUN RUN/WALK

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COUNTY SCHOOLS

# T-S Elementary awarded \$109,000 state safety grant

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL - The Tower-Soudan School was the only school in ISD 2142 awarded a piece of Gov. Mark Dayton's \$25 million safety grant program this month. At Tuesday evening's meeting of the St. Louis County School Board, Superintendent Reggie Engebretson announced the \$109,200 award.

She said the breakdown of the funding is as follows:

- \$12,499 for public address system upgrades.
- \$48,360 for communica-

tion access control, including adding strobes to interior and exterior areas where alarms may not be heard because of noise.

- \$19,169 for impact resistant glazing on entry doors and doors in administrative areas of the school. The district specifically said the glazing should be able to withstand 30 minutes of attempted entry.
- \$16,000 on bullet proof glass at the school's main entrance.
- \$13,000 on improved wireless communication for emergency responders in schools. Currently the school

has dead zones where personnel cannot communicate.

According to the Department of Education, 1,166 viable applications were received from across the state with only 137 school outside the metro receiving any money from the program.

The district will have until the end of the school year to spend the money or else the money will be given back to the state to redistribute to wait-listed schools.

Engebretson did not say when the district would bring bids to the board but said they would be actively working on it

in the coming weeks.

The Ely School District's Industrial Arts Building proposal received \$495,000, and was the only other school building in the region to receive safety grant funds.

**Other business**

- Engebretson informed the board that another full-time teacher would need to be hired at South Ridge after the fifth grade reached 55 students.
- Open enrollment at the Cherry School will be closed for the remainder of the year.
- An update on the Northeast

Range roofing project revealed extensive weather delays and leaks in the already-completed sections. Engebretson said the contractor has been working with the district to address the problem once drier weather prevails.

- District staff will attend a joint meeting with the Virginia, Eveleth-Gilbert and Mt. Iron-Buhl districts to discuss plans by Virginia and Eveleth to build an "academy school" in the area, modeled after a vocational program in the Alexandria School District.

MINING

# Groups appeal DNR decision on new EIS for PolyMet

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

REGIONAL— A coalition of environmental groups is appealing a decision by the state's Department of Natural Resources to reject calls for a supplemental environmental impact statement on PolyMet Mining's proposed copper-nickel mine near Hoyt Lakes.

The Friends of the Boundary Waters has now joined Water Legacy and the Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy in asking the state Court of Appeals to take a second look at the DNR's decision. Environmental groups have argued since the spring that a supplemental EIS is needed after the company's updated 43-101 technical report said the company is looking at a significantly larger mining operation than the DNR and other agencies examined during the mine's original environmental review process.

All sides agree that any

proposal for a larger mining operation would require additional environmental review, but environmentalists say that review should be done before the DNR issues PolyMet a permit for the original mine plan of 32,000 tons-per-day. They believe if the DNR approves the current mine plan, and PolyMet begins operations and hires mine workers, the agency would have little choice but to approve any expansion proposal—regardless of the environmental impacts—or face blame and potential political fallout for mining layoffs.

Environmentalists contend that PolyMet has no intention of operating a 32,000 tpd operation, at least not for long. "The NorthMet mine project as proposed in the permit to mine application is clearly uneconomic, and will never be built in its current form," wrote MCEA attorney Kevin Lee earlier this year in comments to the DNR.

PolyMet suggested a massive increase in the scale

of its mining after its updated technical report pointed to much lower financial returns than the company had originally projected under the 32,000 tpd mine plan. The report, issued last March, showed an internal rate of return of just 9.6 percent under the current mine plan, well below the 30-percent return projected in the company's initial technical report published in 2006 and updated in 2008.

The report also indicated that the company was exploring increasing the rate of mining, from the 32,000 tpd that was the subject of environmental review, to a 59,000 tpd option and a 118,000 tpd alternative. A higher rate of mining could enhance profitability of the operation, boosting the internal rate of return to 18 percent in the case of the 59,000 tpd scenario, and to 24 percent for the 118,000 tpd option.

Such an increase would lead to significantly greater environmental impacts, and

environmental groups say those effects should be studied before PolyMet receives any permit to mine. "The updated technical report is a staggering concession," states Lee. "What it makes clear is that if Minnesota ever sees a NorthMet project, it will be as a mega-mine processing four times as much rock as proposed today, and generating four times the waste, creating a tailings basin four times the size."

In rejecting the environmentalists' position, however, DNR officials argue that the change in PolyMet's financial picture does not constitute the kind of "new information" that would require the completion of a supplemental EIS. Finally, the DNR argues that it has not yet received an expansion proposal that it could actually study.

**Project status**

The latest appeal comes as the DNR continues to wait for a financial review and update by its project consultants, who

are expected to weigh in on PolyMet's economic viability prior to a final permitting decision. At issue is whether adequate funding will be available to cover the costs for clean-up and a long-term closure monitoring and maintenance plan that will need to be viable for centuries. DNR consultants have previously expressed doubts about whether PolyMet will be able to obtain the surety bonds or irrevocable letters of credit that they'll need to begin mine construction, at least without backing by a much larger company, such as Glencore, its current financial backer. Glencore, however, remains under a federal investigation for violations of the Foreign Corrupt Practices Act and U.S. laws prohibiting money laundering stemming from its acquisitions of mining properties in Nigeria, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and Venezuela.

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## Editorial

### The future of newspapers

Despite the digital revolution, newspapers will continue their essential role for years to come

It's become almost cliché to suggest that newspapers are living on borrowed time. But like so much conventional wisdom, such a suggestion fails to recognize the pivotal role that newspapers still play in their communities — and will likely continue to play for the foreseeable future. That's something worth reflecting on during National Newspaper Week, which runs through Oct. 13.

Newspapers tell the story of the communities they serve, and that's a role that isn't going away, at least not if we hope to continue to live in a functioning democracy. Small town newspapers, in particular, have a broad mission, one that is integral to life in a small community. It's the place most people still turn to for coverage of the elementary concert or last Friday's high school football game. It's where we learn that the local garden club has a home tour next week, or that the coffee shop on the corner has new owners. It's where we learn about a local tragedy, or see the joy on the faces of new, young parents as they pose with their little one.

It's where we read about the successes and milestones of those who share our common bond of community.

It's often said that newspapers write the first draft of history, and it's true even in small towns where little of consequence ever seems to happen. Life, even the quiet pace that we covet in small towns, is the bread and butter of community journalism. It's our collective story, recounted in these ink-stained pages each week for less than the price of a cup of coffee.

Newspapers tell our story, and that story includes how we govern ourselves. Our nation's founders recognized the importance of that role, which is why they enshrined freedom of the press in the First Amendment of our Bill of Rights. They well understood that a democratic system of government

could not survive without an informed electorate.

While elected officials like to pretend otherwise, in truth, they are regularly influenced by the watchful eye of their local newspaper. At the *Timberjay* office, we still recount the comment by a former member of the Orr City Council, during a tumultuous time in that city's history. In a closed meeting, for which we later obtained an audio tape, the councilor warned: "We have to mind our p's and q's with the *Timberjay* watching."

He didn't mean it in a complimentary way, but those of us in the *Timberjay* news room could only smile for what his comment truly revealed: We were doing our jobs.

It's a job that makes a difference. In an era of increasing newspaper consolidation and closures, the loss of newspapers is being felt in some places. A recent study by a pair of Notre Dame economists found that the cost of government went up when the local newspaper shut its doors. The researchers looked at more than 1,500 newspapers around the U.S. that operated between 1996 and 2015. In 296 cases, the newspaper in question closed, and when it did, the researchers found that the cost of government increased beyond the rate of communities that still had their watchdog in place.

Newspapers are clearly in a period of transition and no one really knows whether the printed product will survive given the digital revolution. But one thing is for sure. We still want and need the news. Social media may be a tool for sharing content, but it won't give you a detailed and accurate account of what happened at the Cook city council meeting last Thursday night. Only a trained journalist, working for a newspaper, can do that. Which is why newspapers are going to be around for a long time to come.



## Letters from Readers

### Anti-Korean comments disturbing

I am very disturbed to read about the negative comments made regarding Jimmy and Africa Yoon and by extension the Korean community they seek to serve with their plans to renovate the Ely Community Center. I do not speak to the business aspect of this proposal. It is the responsibility of the Ely City Council and its advisors to make sound fiscal decisions that best serve their constituents.

Rather I speak to comments such as, "I don't want any Koreans around. They will bring diseases. Think about it." Tell that to the Polynesian inhabitants of the Hawaiian Islands who lived there in good health for centuries until the Europeans arrived and killed thousands of Hawaiians with the infectious diseases they introduced: measles, chicken pox, and tuberculosis.

Or comments such as, "I've seen these slow incursions snowball into something that gets way out of hand...When certain groups get their foot in the door that is just the beginning of what is to come..." Tell that to the First Americans who lived on this continent for thousands of years until the European settlers nearly decimated an entire culture through brute force, deceit, swindle, and government action.

(Above quotes from the Sept. 28 edition of *The Ely Timberjay*.)

I began to read the letter, "Let the Ely Community Center fulfill its purpose" (in the same edition of *The Timberjay*), with enthusiasm. I believed that here is someone who really understands the immigrants' story. When I arrived to the concluding statements of the letter, however, I discovered that understanding only applies to white, northern Europeans.

We are a nation of immigrants: from the First Americans who arrived thousands of years ago, to our grandparents and great-grandparents who arrived in the late 19th/early 20 centuries, or to our neighbors who

arrived recently. We need to respect everyone and share what we have to improve the lives of all human beings.

**John P. Krebsbach  
Ely and Maplewood**

### We must balance economics and the environment

While sitting through many storms under tarp and tent on Crooked Lake north of Ely recently, I had the chance for a good deal of reflection on the future of the Boundary Waters Canoe Area. There are plenty of reasons to be concerned. On my late September trip, the water temperature was so high that some of the smaller fish looked unhealthy. While other factors certainly may be at work here, warmer water is just one of the many threats to the future of this outstanding global treasure.

One can take encouragement from groups like the "Friends." Save the Boundary Waters, and now, more recently and maybe more importantly, Kids for the Boundary Waters. Without future generations, combined with all the other known pressures on the wilderness, the BW could vanish in a very short time. And if those of us who advocate for wilderness protection fail to acknowledge the economic realities at work in the lives of the residents of Northeast Minnesota, progress will continue to be compromised.

I'm a retired professional financial manager and economist, and I have to acknowledge the need for a robust economy in Northeast Minnesota. Every year, there are fewer kids in the towns closest to the Boundary Waters, for the simple reason that there is a lack of gainful employment.

I call on the above advocacy groups and others to consider three things. One is to broaden their mission statements to include an acknowledgement of the essential economic facts-of-life. Secondly, they should include representatives of resource development inter-

ests on boards of directors and advisory councils. Finally, there must be more frequent and respectful eyeball-to-eyeball exchanges between the various advocacy groups on all sides of the issue. Our kids are depending on us.

**Jim Marshall  
Lafayette, Colo.**

### Does Stauber want to eliminate Medicare?

The *Timberjay's* useful report on the *Duluth News Tribune* debate among Radinovich, Sandman and Stauber revealed some misconceptions about health care reform.

Mr. Stauber says "The Medicare-for-all scheme is a \$33 trillion full-throttle government takeover of health-care."

Does Mr. Stauber advocate abolishing Medicare? It certainly sounds so; after all, isn't it a "full throttle takeover?" With what would he replace my Medicare? He did not get around to explaining that.

Second, he refers to the scary \$33 trillion cost of national single payer. That is his off-base recollection of the 10-year cost projected by the Mercatus Center, a right wing think tank. Mr. Stauber forgot to explain that Mercatus found that continuing the current system would actually cost more. Single payer covers everybody for less money.

Finally, Stauber trots out the "government takeover" canard about single payer. That is what they said about Social Security and Medicare, too. In fact, single payer changes only the financing system behind our medical services. Doctor offices and hospitals would continue to compete in the private sector, as now.

It is too bad that a major party candidate is doing so little to foster accurate understanding of health care reform.

**Joel Clemmer  
St. Paul**



## We all do better when we all do better...

As I'm puzzling about where to put my writing attention, my mind is buzzing with questions. These days, no matter how many answers I have, there are always more questions. My biggest question this morning is, "Why don't people get it?" That "it" is a cavernous category.



**BETTY FIRTH**

There are so many basic concepts that seem pretty darn simple to me, and they all really come down to one: "We all do better when we all do better," an aphorism coined by Senator Paul Wellstone in a 1999 speech to the Sheet Metal Workers Union. This is the idea that underlies

unions: we stick together, we support each other, we're stronger, and we can make positive changes.

Paul talked about the appalling attempts of Congress, with Republican majorities in the House and the Senate, to undermine prevailing protections with double-speak titles: efforts to weaken OSHA called the Safe Act, allowing companies to hire their own consultants and exempt themselves from government sanctions and pen-

alties. Or efforts to overturn the forty-hour work week called the Family Friendly Workplace Act. Efforts to go back to company unions called the Team Act. Paul Wellstone fought all these efforts and would be appalled to see what is going on today.

We all do better if free, quality education is available for everyone. Without the quality education I received in public schools and two state universities, I would neither know that "aphorism" means "a short pithy

instructive statement", nor how to spell it. I also wouldn't know the correct usage of neither/nor. The Earth would not rock off its axis if you and I didn't have that knowledge, but our society and our world are impacted very heavily by an educated citizenry who value lifelong living; understand how to ask good questions and work on solutions; who can do work that is satisfying and sustaining; who know how to

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# Letters from Readers

## McDonald will do his best for those he represents

In the race for 4th District County Commissioner, we wish to express our enthusiastic support for Paul McDonald.

Paul has demonstrated, in both his intellect and his character, the qualities necessary to be an outstanding advocate for those of us in northern St. Louis County. He has done his homework and understands deeply the issues that are most important to the people he will represent. Whether it is creating the framework for new job creation, promoting a robust infrastructure for our roads and bridges, or addressing the many health care challenges of the county, Paul has articulated a plan to meet these challenges. We were particularly struck by the contrast of Paul's grasp of the issues as compared to his opponent when we were able to attend a recent debate. The difference was striking. We need someone to be strong and articulate in representing our interests and he certainly demonstrates that he can.

Above all, Paul McDonald will be a true public servant of the highest character, who will always tell the truth and do what is best for those he serves. We give him our highest recommendation.

**Joe Bianco MD  
Mary Bianco MD  
Ely**

## Why do I remain unconvinced?

Whiteside Park in Ely was busy with various booths and vendors selling their home-crafted artwork. Near the southeast entrance was another, different sort of booth and display. This one was occupied by the good folks from "CWCS" - Conservationists with Common Sense.

"Thanks for coming by!"

"Thank you for your efforts."

I heard you speaking about how Twin Metals and PolyMet will create and maintain an 'environmentally responsible' mine. That's certainly good news!"

"Oh, you bet! These mines won't even be given a permit until after they've gone through a thorough environmental review process!"

"More good news, then! But... what if something goes

wrong? A breach in a tailings dam, or migration of sulfides following a heavy melt, or acid leaching into surrounding streams, or..."

"That won't happen. Both Twin Metals and PolyMet have committed to maintaining their operations in a way that will keep surrounding streams and rivers protected."

"How do they do that?"

"Well, as part of the permit process, every mine must commit to 'maximum contaminant levels,' or 'MCLs.' You see, these are limits to ensure that any proposed mine will NOT cause harm to our water, our wildlife or our people! And these MCLs are MUCH more stringent than in other countries!"

"Wow. Still more great news. One thing though. Where are they?"

"What do you mean?"

"Well, WHICH wetland copper-nickel mines in the U.S. have managed to complete their operations without contaminating their land or groundwater? Which ones have completed their operations WITHOUT exceeding established MCLs?"

"Arizona! Wyoming! Nevada!"

"Hmm. Well. Those aren't exactly 'wetlands.' But never mind, what are their names? I want to know more."

[Stern look.] "I'm not going to do your homework for you. Look them up. Take this with you; it's all in here!" And she handed me a packet of CWCS periodicals. I studied it later and did find a number of examples from 2015 in which mines were, apparently, being excavated and reclaimed 'responsibly.' Notably absent from these articles, however, was any mention of compliance with the maximum contaminant levels (MCLs) that had been agreed upon as a condition of these mines' permits to operate. At best, we're asked to take heart from the promise that contaminated waters will be 'monitored.'

And finally, there was this statement from 'an expert in hard rock mining,' Jim Kulpers. Quoting him verbatim: 'If we can encourage good mining companies with good solid deposits to do the right thing, we *might actually make some advance* in terms of environmental protection, and things like that.'

"Might." "Actually." "Make SOME advance." . . . and things like that. And on that basis, these mines are moving forward.

**Duane Behrens  
Ely**

*Mr. Behrens was a union miner in the Gas Hills of Wyoming from approx. 1977 to 1984. He and his wife own and operate a nine-person environmental testing and consulting firm in southern California with revenue exceeding \$1 million for the past four years. The 23-year-old company is now partly managed from rural Ely, where they have owned their home since 2004.*

## Are town supervisors acting credibly?

Supervisor Ralston's letter to the editor in last week's *Timberjay* was inconsistent with his prior statement at the Greenwood board meeting of Aug. 10, 2018. At that meeting, he stated county officials told him there was not enough room at the County Rd. 77 site for recycling canisters, and if the canisters were moved from the present Greenwood site, they would be moved to Soudan.

Supervisor Ralston's above statement is not congruous with a letter he received from county officials regarding the canisters. The county officials (Mark St. Lawrence and David Fink) stated the canisters would be moved to the 77 site. It is also incongruous with a statement made to me by Mark St. Lawrence in which Mark stated that no discussion by county officials ever mentioned the Soudan site. Thirdly, it is not congruous with the statement made by Supervisor Ralston in last week's letter to the editor in which he stated, the 77 site has ample land for future expansion. Also, Supervisor Ralston stated, Greenwood residents would be required to use the Soudan site which is not true. The Cook site is also available, open six days/week and is closer for some Greenwood residents.

At the June town board meeting, Supervisor Ralston gave instructions to citizens to not make false and misleading statements—and that the statements must be backed up and true. My declarations are true and backed up by Ralston's recorded statements from the August and September board meetings, a newspaper article, a letter addressed to Ralston from St. Louis Co. Environmental Services as well as a statement from Mark St. Lawrence (Director of SLC Environmental Services). Is the Greenwood Township board maintaining

credibility with the residents? I think not.

**John Bassing  
Greenwood Township**

## What if they were Swedish?

In a recent discussion about the different future development opportunities for the Ely Community Center, disparaging comments were made by some residents about "Koreans" and "ethnic groups." These comments, among others, were published in both the *Timberjay* and the *Ely Echo*.

As an Iron Ranger, these words are disheartening to me; as a Korean-American, as an adoptee who has lived here my entire life, and as a person who works tirelessly for the betterment of our region, these words are devastating to me.

I have spent my entire life disregarding and dismissing similar statements. I have chosen to not acknowledge the stares or obvious discomfort some people seem to experience when they are around me—until they find out that I am from Cherry. That being said, these recent comments ring different to me and are ones I cannot ignore. Demonizing entire populations of people in such a public manner (a proclamation from the rooftops of sorts) is an embodiment of the fears I have carried within myself all my life.

Perhaps for many of you, the words were taken out of context or were simply misguided statements made by only a few people. For me, they provided a stark reminder of why I fear for the futures of my daughters. The comments reminded me that I am not white and left me feeling very alone on this island.

Perhaps for many of you, the CC project is about preservation of community as-is, about holding on to the roots of the community and honoring them to the bitter end. It may give you hope that you will keep the people you have and that it will bring other people to Ely where they will spend their money but then go home.

For me, the CC project gives me hope that we can move our region forward so anyone, regardless of race, sexual orientation, religion, etc. can call the Iron Range home. It gives me hope that as a region, we can break our own stereotype of exclusion and lose the term "pack-sackers" to describe

people who move into our neighborhoods.

I understand that new and unfamiliar people coming to a community is likely scary to some, and the thought of your community looking a little different can bring apprehension. What I cannot understand is how some can generalize entire groups of people different from themselves as people who will bring disease, crime, or violence to their community and take jobs away from existing residents.

For those who spoke up for or against the possibilities for the Ely Community Center, I commend your commitment and concern for your community. For those who expressed concerns about the idea of a Korean Cultural Center, I can't help but wonder, would you have expressed the same concerns if the proposal were for a Swedish Cultural Center?

If anybody would like to learn more about people from Korea, I would cherish the opportunity to sit down, enjoy some soju, and learn more about each other...even if you are Swedish.

**Wayne Kangas  
Hibbing**

## Remember Stauber's anti-Range bias

I notice a number of signs on the Range for Stauber that should be commented on. A main point is that Mr. Stauber was on the county board and was often against any proposal that would have been of benefit to the Iron Range. Rangers should remember his ant-Range bias when casting their ballot. A second point is that he is supporting Republican tax cuts to the wealthy (about 80 percent went to corporations and the top 10 percent in income distribution) that have resulted in Republicans calling for cuts to Medicare and Social Security. The tax savings of many middle and lower economic class people have been eliminated by tariffs and the sharp rise in gas and oil prices. Stop and think. Has the Republican Party ever been for the working man, unions, the elderly, or disadvantaged? Please consider the issues that will concern you in the future before you give more power to the corporate and wealthy supporters of the GOP. Every Range ex-athlete should remember the treatment given to Range teams in years past before they vote for a Duluth Republican.

**Dan Kearney  
Lake Vermilion, Tower**

## DO BETTER...Continued from page 4

communicate and create meaningful work and personal relationships; who comprehend the structure of a democracy, how it is supposed to work, and what their roles can be within it.

We all do better if we have good, affordable health care so we can access preventative wellness care to keep healthy and critical care when the need arises, without having to make the choice between getting food or getting health care and without going bankrupt or losing our home because we didn't have sufficient medical insurance. We would all do better if those of us who are in need could get excellent mental health care without being stigmatized.

We all do better if we can walk on the street without fear and live in a safe place we can call

"home." We all do better if we can live in nurturing families and communities.

We all do better if we have opportunities to obtain whatever kind of education fits for us, secure a job, and get a home without discrimination of any kind putting obstacles in our way to leading a fulfilling life.

Why is it that some people don't understand that their lives are better when they help others? I have often experienced the generosity of people who don't have very much. In Mexico, I stayed with a family for a month while I went to school, and the mother, the señora, served us meat with every dinner, an expensive sacrifice, even though her family was boarding me because they needed the money. I actually preferred tacos and stuffed peppers to chunks of meat, but I

couldn't tell them because I didn't want to insult them. The señora was also generous with her time, proofreading my essays and teasingly correcting my spoken Spanish. I also know very generous people who live very comfortably, but people with less money often have to rely on others, and they also understand what it is to be without. The Biblical story of the loaves and fishes is not a parable about magical food, but about the miracle of sharing.

I've never understood why some people didn't get bonked with the wand of generosity, because it just seems to be common sense, and it feels good, to share with others when we have more than we need, especially when it lifts other people up.

Even if people don't quite see or share the value of caring for our

fellow beings, there are just plain practical and selfish reasons to want everyone to do better. If people do not live in fear and deprivation, they are much less likely to steal or hurt others out of desperation. The level of violence has been escalating in our country, as unhealthy, angry people use their fists or pick up guns to take their rage and frustration out on others. As the gap between the wealthiest and the rest of us expands, as tax breaks and benefits accrue to the wealthy at the expense of people with lower incomes, the frustration, anger, and hopelessness grow as people try to just live a decent life and provide for themselves and their families. When people sequester themselves in gated communities, perhaps they see themselves as privileged, but it seems to me they

are locking themselves in, being voluntary prisoners, instead of living without fear in their community.

People with adequate healthy care are not reliant on expensive visits to the emergency room with everyone else paying increasing insurance premiums to cover the cost. If people are healthier, happier, with adequate education, they are likely to be better at whatever work they do, and we would all have the blessing of interacting with people who are good at their jobs, providing excellent service.

Along with many others, I'm frustrated with the partisan politics and the voters who support candidates who don't seem to understand their responsibilities or what the "common good" means. Doesn't a Supreme Court candidate who will

need intelligent and reasoned judgment pretty much disqualify himself when he dissolves into rage, partisan accusations, and bullying right on the stand? Doesn't a president involved in thousands of lawsuits who routinely bullies and demeans women, immigrants, minorities, and reporters disqualify himself as a leader of the country?

What I do understand is that we have a powerful tool to make a difference, and that is the right to vote. Fight for what you care about, education, health care, human rights, social security, gun laws, environmental standards, or anything else. Research the candidates, and support those who represent your values. Talk to others and encourage others not to sink into apathy or hopelessness. That's a sure win for the opposition.

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DNR Assistant Commissioner Barb Naramore said the financial review is "ongoing."

Meanwhile, Naramore said the DNR has yet to decide whether to hold a pre-decisional contested

case hearing before an administrative law judge, as environmental groups have also requested, and the DNR has no current timeline for when that decision might be made.

The debate over the

project comes as the price of both copper and nickel remain well below the levels that PolyMet projected in its latest financial report. That report pegged copper prices at \$3.22 per pound, or well

above the current price of \$2.80 per pound. Copper prices have averaged under \$3 per pound over the past year. PolyMet's financial projections also assume an average nickel price of \$7.95 per pound,

more than two dollars per pound higher than current nickel price of \$5.68 per pound. Copper and nickel would provide more than three-quarters of the revenue from the proposed mine. PolyMet

stock continues to trade within a relatively narrow range around 90 cents per share.

# Embarrass, Kugler, and Eagles Nest elections to be held on Nov. 6

REGIONAL- The following Tower-Soudan area townships hold their town board elections along with the general election on Tuesday, Nov. 6. Area residents can visit [www.stlouiscountymn.gov](http://www.stlouiscountymn.gov) to get information on absentee and early voting, to find their polling place, as well as what information is required to register to vote at your polling place on election day.

### Embarrass

Gary Rantala, Gene Wright, and Caleb Cowden all

have filed for the one open Supervisor seat. This seat is currently held by Bernie Mettler, who is running for county commissioner. Rantala and Wright have both previously served on the board.

Mary Novak, the incumbent, filed for Treasurer.

### Kugler

Dean Broten filed for Supervisor Seat C. Diane Meehan, the incumbent, filed for Treasurer.

### Eagles Nest

Richard Floyd, the incumbent, filed for Supervisor Seat

A. Andrew Urban, the incumbent, filed for Supervisor Seat D. DeAnn Schatz, the incumbent, is being challenged by Larry McCray, for Supervisor Seat E.

James Sutherland has filed for Treasurer. He has held the position in the past.

Greenwood, Breitung, and Vermilion Lake townships hold their elections in March.

## City of Tower/Wagoner Trails Club to meet Wednesday

TOWER- We know snow is coming, and in fact have already had some snowy mornings! Please join us for a meeting to plan volunteer projects to get the ski trails and signs ready for winter. The club will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower. All are welcome. If you can't come but would like to help us out this fall, call Terry Vagle at 218-248-0654 or Mary Shedd at 218-753-6110.



## NWFA Writers prepare for winter

### The Snowy Road

*I want to walk forever down that snowy road  
In a bleached white world  
With arms of trees holding pillows,  
Bowing as I pass.  
The ground covered,  
Sparkling white diamonds,  
A gazillion shimmering gems.  
The quiet so loud  
I hear nothing,  
Only the chickadee's lyrical solo,  
Singing, singing for me.  
The air so clear I smell nothing,  
But cold and snow  
As I keep walking down that snowy road,  
I hope goes on forever.*

Ellie Larmouth

COOK- The Northwoods Friends of the Arts (NWFA) Writers Group meets on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 1 to 3 p.m. (and every second Saturday each month) at Northwoods Friends of the Arts gallery, at 210 S River St. next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon, behind the big tree.

This is an open group that welcomes all who love to write. During each session, participants engage in the writing process as well as sharing personal writings. Ellie Larmouth, of Tower, is the facilitator for the group.

NWFA is a non-profit organization founded to encourage creative thinking and skills in the community of Cook and beyond. October is the members show, "Festival of the Arts" and "Rocks, Tree and Water", a memorial to Sue Martin. Check the website for information about classes, events and exhibits at [NWFAMN.ORG](http://NWFAMN.ORG). Gallery hours in October are Wednesday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

## COMMUNITY NOTICES

### T-S ECFE Open Gym and Pizza Party, Oct. 16

TOWER- Tower-Soudan Early Childhood Family Education is having an open gym and pizza party at the Tower-Soudan Elementary School on Tuesday, Oct. 16 starting at 4:30 p.m. This event is free and open to all children ages 0-5 and their parents. Siblings in early elementary grades are welcome. Open gym starts at 4:30, parachute games will be at 5:10, and pizza supper is at 5:20 p.m. There will be a bouncy house for toddlers. For more information, contact Mary Larson at 218-753-4040, ext. 6113.

### Paul McDonald to speak at Soudan Men's Breakfast on Oct. 13

SOUDAN- Soudan Baptist and St. Paul's Lutheran Church Men's Breakfast will be held on Saturday, Oct. 13 at 8 a.m. at St. Paul's. Guest speaker will be Paul McDonald, who is running for St. Louis County Commissioner. All are welcome to attend. There will be time for questions after the talk. Any questions, call Greg Dostert at 218-248-0648.

### Movie Night on Oct. 21 at 6 p.m.

TOWER- St. James Presbyterian Church in Tower is hosting a free movie night on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 6 p.m. This

month's movie is "God's Not Dead - A Light in Darkness." After a deadly fire rips through St. James Church, Hadleigh University leaders use the tragedy to push the congregation off campus, forcing the church to defend its rights and bringing together estranged brothers for a reunion that opens old wounds and forces them to address the issues that pulled them apart. The film is rated PG.

### Red Hat Belles to meet Oct. 18

TOWER-The Northern Red Hat Belles will meet on Thursday, Oct. 18 at 12 noon at Sulu's in Tower. To make your reservation call Barbara at 218-753-2091 before Tuesday, Oct. 16. New members are always welcome.

### Barbershop Chorus in concert, Oct. 12

VIRGINIA- The Great Northern Union will present Minnesota's Barbershop Chorus in concert on Friday, Oct. 12 at 7 p.m. in the Goodman Auditorium at the Virginia High School. The concert will feature performances by the Great Northern Union, Virginia High School Choirs, and The Choralaires. Tickets are \$7 for adults; students 18 and under will be free.

The mission of the Great Northern Union is to change lives of audiences and singers alike by creating "thrilling harmony" with nearly flawless

unaccompanied vocal music, performed with deep passion and great energy. They envision a world where all men are singing and everyone is listening. They believe such a world would be more harmonious in every way, and seek to promote a lifetime of singing among a diverse community of men and women.

All proceeds from the concert will be donated to the Virginia High School Choir Department to help students pay for their upcoming music trip to Orlando, Fla.

### Crafters needed for St. Martin's Christmas Bazaar on Nov. 10

TOWER- St. Martin's Christmas Bazaar will be held on Saturday, Nov. 10. The event is looking for local crafters to participate. The cost for a table is \$20. If you are interested, please contact the rectory at 218-753-4310. Office hours are Monday and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

### Orr 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 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.

### Community Education instructors needed

REGIONAL- New instructors wanted for new classes. If you know of anyone interested in teaching a class in the fall, now is the time they should contact Leone Graf. Call or text 218-343-3744 or email [camplake@earthlink.net](mailto:camplake@earthlink.net) for more information.

### 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.

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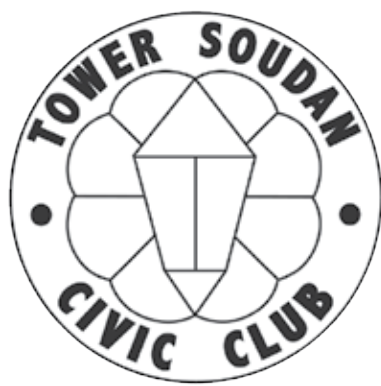
# Meet and Greet Candidate Forum set for Oct. 24 at the Tower Civic Center

TOWER- The Tower-Soudan Civic Club is sponsoring a Meet and Greet Candidate Forum at the Tower Civic Center on Wednesday, Oct. 24 from 6 – 7:30 p.m. All Tower voters and other interested community members are invited to attend.

As of press time, all three mayoral candidates and three of the four active council candidates have agreed to participate.

The forum will be moderated by Tower resident and Civic Club member Ellie Larmouth, PhD. Larmouth is a retired college professor, who has worked as a teacher and a therapist.

The forum will consist of an introductory section where each



candidate will have three minutes to address the forum. That will be followed by a 30-minute question and answer session, where audience members can submit written questions for individual candidates

that will be read by the moderator. The final portion of the forum will be a time for individuals to talk one-on-one with candidates.

Coffee an' will be provided by the Civic Club and Sulu's.

Mayoral candidates include Steve Altenburg, Jeff Hill, and Orlyn Kringstad. Council candidates Steve Abrahamson, Rachel Beldo, and Mary Shedd have all said they will attend. Council candidate Michael Larson has yet to respond to the invitation. Victoria Ranua, who had filed for council, has indicated she is withdrawing from the race.

The election will be held on general election day, Tuesday, Nov. 6, at the Tower Civic Center.

## TOWER SOUDAN CIVIC CLUB

### Local jewelry artist to speak to Civic Club on Wednesday

TOWER- The members of the Tower Soudan Civic Club will hold their next meeting on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at the Tower Civic Center at 7 p.m.

Local artist Brittany Foster, a jewelry-maker, will be this month's speaker. Foster will present examples of her beautiful one-of-a-kind jewelry. She will show the different choices of materials and tools used in creating her

masterpieces, as well as talk about how she finds inspiration in the natural world around us. Foster sells her jewelry in galleries in the Twin Cities and Grand Marais, as well as online in her etsy shop. Photos of her work can be viewed online at brittanyjewelry.com.

Everyone in the community and surrounding area is invited to this presentation.



## HALLOWEEN

### Trick-or-treat on Tower's Main Street on Wednesday, Oct. 31

TOWER- Area children are invited to trick-or-treat on Main Street after school on Tuesday, Oct. 31 starting at 2 p.m. Participating businesses will have signs on their doors welcoming children. Trick-or-treating will start an hour earlier than in previous years, because elementary students have an early release time on Wednesdays.

Any participating business that did not get a sign can pick one up at the Timberjay office.

### Tower Fire Department hosting children's Halloween Party, Oct. 31

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



The Timberjay is only one of the many Main Street businesses that will have treats for area children the afternoon of Oct. 31. file photo

## Mail-A-Book services available to many area residents

REGIONAL- Paperback books, DVDs, and audio books on CD can arrive in your mailbox thanks to the Arrowhead Library System's Mail-A-Book program.

The service loans paperback books and other items via the U.S. Mail, free of charge. This tax-supported service delivers library items directly to your mailbox, including the cost of postage. They arrive in a

canvas bag with a return label and prepaid return postage.

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### Week of Oct. 15

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<b>Tuesday-</b>	Chunky Chicken Gravy over Mashed Potatoes, Dinner Roll, Green Beans
<b>Wednesday-</b>	No School
<b>Thursday-</b>	No School
<b>Friday-</b>	No School

## Week of Oct. 15

### 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).

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Thursday Noon-6 pm  
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**Gardner Trust offers 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.

Grant forms and eligibility requirements are available on the Gardner Humanities Trust website at [www.gardnertrust.org](http://www.gardnertrust.org). Those without internet access can contact Keiko Williams by phone at 218-365-2639 or email at [info@gardnertrust.org](mailto:info@gardnertrust.org) to have an application mailed to them.

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Where the rubber meets the road



Burnout competition, scholarship event returns

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY - The second annual Jake Forsman Memorial Car Show and Burnout Competition returns to Ely on Saturday, Oct. 20. The event will again take place in front of City Hall on Chapman Street.

Al Forsman, a city council member and father of the late Jake Forsman, coordinated the inaugural event last year in memory of his son, who died the year before in an automobile accident.

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

"My son Jake had the aptitude, training, skills, attitude and smile to have a long career providing service for our area's heating and cooling systems."

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

"We will have a number of car enthusiasts with discerning eyes serving as judges again this year," Forsman said. There will be at least 24 categories to earn a prize medal: Pre-1935 Original and Modified; 1935-1949 Original and Modified; 1950-1959 Original and Modified; 1960-1969 Original and Modified; 1970-1979 Original and Modified; 1980-1989 Original and Modified; 1990-1999 Original and Modified; 2000-up Original and Modified; Best Chevy; Best Ford; Best Mopar; Best Brand X; Fan Favorite; Best in Show.

The schedule for this year's event includes:

- 10 a.m.-Car Show Starts, and Face Painting

- for Kids
- 11 a.m.-First Burnout Session
- Noon-Face Painting ends
- 1:30 p.m.-Car Show Judging Complete
- 2 p.m.-Second Burnout Session
- 2:45 p.m.-Burnout Championship
- 3:15 p.m.-Silent Auction Ends
- 3:30 p.m.-Car Show Awards
- 3:45 p.m.-Car Show Entrants Prize Drawings
- 4 p.m.-Car Show ends

In addition, there will be awards presented for Best Burnout, Runner Up Burnout and Hard Luck Burnout. "Hopefully we will not need to issue that again this year," Forsman said.

Jake Forsman Memorial Scholarship Silent Auction will be held from 10 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. on Oct. 20. "We have received some wonderful donations for the silent auction," he said.

Here are some of items to bid on: Autographed

guitar by Nuno Bettencourt from Extreme - Donated by Bryon Blair; Light up Snowmobile print - Donated by Northern Expressions; Pampered Chef Basket - Donated by Heidi Artenseni; Dinner's by Deb - Four Course meal for four - Donated by Deb Campbell/Deb Zup; Minnesota Timberwolves - twogameticickets Minnesota Twins - Photograph signed by Tony Oliva; Minnesota Wild - Autographed puck and photo of Richard Park; 60-minute massage - Donated by Pebble Spa; 10 Tanning Sessions and Gift Set - Donated by Salon #10; Squirrel Proof Bird Feeder - Donated by Ely Flower & Seed; Two Ely Northland Market Gift Cards - \$100 - Donated by Donna Richards; One Zup's Gift Card - 100, plus cooler - Donated by Jimmy Zup.

Donations can be sent to the Jake Forsman Memorial Scholarship, 641 E. Camp St., Ely, MN 55731.



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AROUND TOWN

New pastor joins Grace Lutheran Church

ELY - Pastor Eric Thiele was recently appointed to lead Grace Lutheran Church. Pastor Thiele was officially installed on Sunday, Sept. 30.

The congregation was joined that day by Deacon Brenda Tibbetts, Assistant to the Bishop.

Thiele grew up in Rothschild, Wis., where he was involved in many sports including basketball, baseball, football, and track. He graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, in 2012, earning a degree in Spanish and Religion with a minor in Communication Arts. He graduated from Luther Seminary in St. Paul in 2016 and was ordained on July 9, 2016.

During the summers, Eric worked as a counselor at Sugar Creek Bible Camp in southwest Wisconsin. This is where he met his wife Megan. Megan grew up in Onalaska, Wis. where she enjoyed playing violin in orchestra, swimming and running track. She graduated from Luther College in Decorah, Iowa in 2016 earning a degree in Environmental



**Eric and Megan Thiele, and their husky, named Thorin, recently moved to Ely.**

Science and a minor in Art.  
Eric's first call was in Northeast Minnesota. He and Megan enjoyed

living close to Ely and visiting it frequently.

In his free time, Eric enjoys kayaking, canoeing, hiking, reading, cooking, and playing sports. He also enjoys cheering for the 13-time NFL world champion Green Bay Packers football team. "One of my favorite things to make is homemade pasta," he said.

Throughout their relationship, Eric and Megan have enjoyed spending time outdoors camping, hiking, canoeing, kayaking, and various sports. They have recently taken up cross-country skiing and look forward to improving.

The Thieles both love dogs and in the fall of 2016 they brought home a husky named Thorin who is now two years old and full of energy. He loves to meet new people and other dogs.

Eric says he is easily won over with a good (strong) cup of coffee and is excited to be part of Ely's community and to be part of the ministry of Grace Lutheran.

ROAD WORK



Work is nearly completed on 17th Avenue near Vermilion Community College. photo by K. Vandervort



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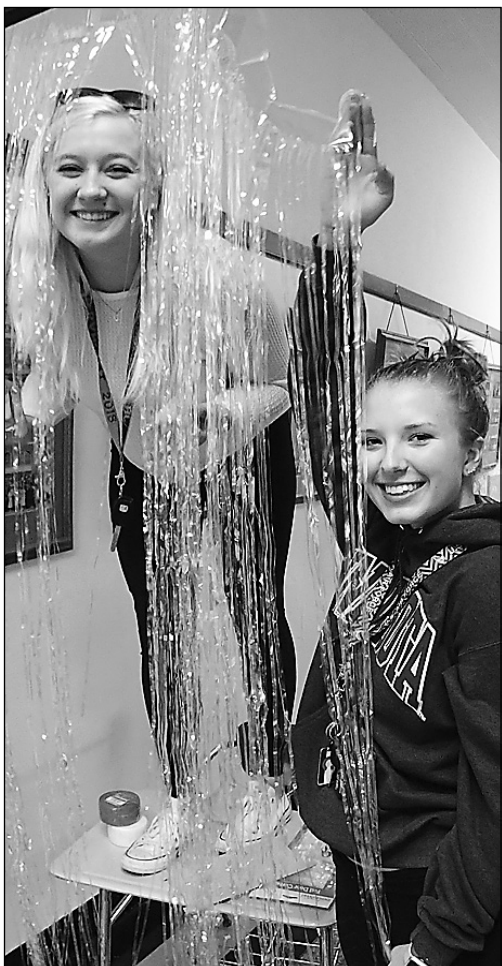
# Homecoming 2018



Elissa Bennett, above, decorates lockers at Memorial High School last Sunday afternoon in preparation for Homecoming Week. Apolonia Homer, below, decorates the hallway by the junior class lockers.



The 2018 Homecoming king and queen, above, are Lida Dodge and Tim Moskalyk. They were crowned Tuesday morning during a pep rally. Julia Schwingamer, below, and other members of the sophomore class pull with all their might in the tug-of-war competition during the pep rally. photos by K. Vandervort



Seniors Makenzie Peterson and Gabi Omerza, left, hang streamers in the hallway. The High School band, right, dressed up for "Hawaiian Day."

# Community Notices

## NWFA October gallery and events

COOK- At NWFA Gallery there is an explosion of new art and craft made by your friends and neighbors. Featured at this year's Member's Show is a special exhibit in tribute and memory of Sue Martin, inspirational leader and first president of NWFA.

"Rocks, Trees, and Water" is the theme of the exhibit; a celebration of 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 these complex exhibits until Oct. 27. Gallery hours on Cook's main street at 210 River St. are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. On Saturday the hours are from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. located next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon.

Events In October at the Gallery:

Tuesdays Wood Carvers Group 6 to 8 p.m.

## NWFA Meeting Change

COOK - The regular meeting of Northwoods Friends of the Arts is the third Tuesday of each month. Tuesday, Oct. 16 at NWFA Gallery the meeting will convene at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at 12 noon.

## NWFA Writers Group

COOK - In Cook the Northwoods Friends of the Arts (NWFA) Writers

Group meets on Saturday, (and every second Saturday each month) Oct.13, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Northwoods Friends of the Arts gallery, 210 S. River St. next to Dream Weaver Spa and Salon, behind the big tree.

This is an open group that welcomes all who love to write. During each session, participants engage in the writing process as well as sharing personal writings.

## Harvest Fest at Cook Covenant

COOK - Headlining Cook Covenant Church's annual Harvest Festival, Oct. 21, is Dave Peterson, retired pastor for the Evangelical Covenant Church. Dave graduated from Virginia High School in 1967, and was employed by the Duluth News Tribune for many years. Dave graduated from Bethel Seminary in 1999, becoming a pastor and part-time hospital chaplain, and served as lead pastor at Salem Covenant Church in Duluth for seven years. He and his wife Sue have three children and five grandchildren. Music has always been a passion for this singer-songwriter. Dave produced three custom albums, the most recent, released in 2016 is titled My Heart Is Full.

The public is welcome and invited to attend this event, Sunday afternoon Oct. 21 at 4 p.m.

As is Cook Covenant's custom, a freewill offering will be taken followed by a full course thanks-giving dinner for everyone who attends this event. Come and enjoy!

## 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, Patten'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.

## ARTISTS SPOTLIGHT



## NWFA gallery opens

COOK - The Northwoods Friends of the Arts opened their annual October members gallery last Friday evening here. This year's gallery features works in memorial to one of the group's founders, Sue Martin, who passed away earlier this year. Visitors to the gallery were treated to an array of art, treats and conversation.

submitted photos



## MISSISSIPPI MISADVENTURES



Anne Sherve-Ose reads from her new book, "Mississippi Misadventures" at the Cook Public Library last week. 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. The author splits her time between her farm in Iowa and a cabin on Elbow Lake. photo by C. Phillips

# Weekly Crane Lake News by the Singing Teapot Dames



Yes, it was snow. Crane Lake was spared with just a few flakes; however as one traveled south in Buyck there was snow covering trees and bushes. Further south the Iron Range received two to three inches. Hopefully we will have some warm weather before the arrival of snow that stays.

On Oct. 6, at the Anderson's beautifully landscaped backyard, Andrew Anderson and Hanna Chopp became husband and wife. Before a magnificent stand of trees in full fall colors vows were read with good friend Sue Conna-ker officiating. The six bridesmaids attired in dazzling plum-colored gowns were attended by six groomsmen dressed in formal black tuxedos. The bride was dressed

in her mother's spectacular wedding gown; the groom was in a formal black tuxedo. The weather was a bit nippy, however no rain, snow or wind dampened the affair.

A reception was held at the Crane Lake Groomer Garage which had been transformed into a majestic ballroom. The evening was spent with appetizers, music, a buffet dinner, speeches, dancing and fireworks. The happy couple will enjoy a honeymoon in December in Bali.

Parents of the bride are Chris and the deceased Roxanne Chopp. Parents of the groom are Mark and Lisa Anderson.

Speaking of weddings, some studies show that people who argue really love each other more. Psychologists believe that the main reason for it is the communication between those two people. Arguing about every problem allows the couple to solve problems before it becomes too late. Just remember to take care about the words you use! So—want to show your love—ARGUE with your partner. (A Dame and her spouse must be ecstatic!)

Everyone wishes speedy recoveries to Marie Anderson on her shoulder surgery and Jill Crain on her foot surgery.

Zelda Bruns held a very successful Garage Sale. She donated many items to next year's Crane Lake Bazaar. Thank you to Zelda, we shall miss her. Zelda will be moving to the Spartanburg, South Carolina, area in mid-October. She would love to have company, so if your plans include being in that area, she would love to show visitors around her new home. The days of her sale were cold, windy, some light rain or even snow. South Carolina now has temps in the 70s. Do we feel sorry for Zelda? Not so much!

Chris and Lindsey White spent a weekend with Ruth Carlson harvesting wood for the winter.

Did you know that Oct. 16 is National Boss's Day? Boss's Day is dedicated to all employers and provides a prospect of improving the liaison between employers and their staff. Many workers dedicate this day to their supervisors for various reasons, such as supporting staff with their jobs and careers. This obser-

vance also gives employees a chance to recognize those in supervisory positions.

The concept of National Boss's Day began in 1958 when Patricia Bays Haroski, then an employee at State Farm Insurance Company in Deerfield, Illinois, registered the holiday with the United States Chamber of Commerce. She designated Oct. 16 as the special day because it was her father's birthday. Haroski's purpose was to designate a day to show appreciation for her boss and other bosses. She also hoped to improve the relationship between employees and supervisors.

Four years later, in 1962, Illinois Governor Otto Kerner backed Haroski's registration and officially proclaimed the day. The event's popularity is growing outside the United States and is now also observed in countries such as Australia, India, and South Africa.

Some people give their bosses cards, gift certificates, or flowers on Boss's Day. This observance is becoming increasingly popular in various workplaces. It has received both praise

and controversy.

Boss's Day, which is on Oct. 16, is an observance and it is not a nationwide public holiday in the United States. If it falls on a weekend, then it is celebrated on the working day closest to it.

The best boss is the one you have when you are retired.

Let us hear from you! Send news by e-mail to [info@thelakecountry.com](mailto:info@thelakecountry.com), by fax to 218-757-

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GRIZZLY UPDATE



It's homecoming week at North Woods! Here is the schedule of events for the upcoming week:

**Retro Theme Days**

- Thursday Oct. 11:** Grease vs. Greece
- Friday Oct. 12:** Freaky Friday
- Monday, Oct. 15:** Manic Monday (pajama day - must be appropriate)
- Tuesday, Oct. 16:** Meme/Vine Day
- Wednesday, Oct. 17:** Spirit Day

**Events/Activities**

- Monday, Oct. 15:** Coronation: 1:30 pm in the gym. Practice at 12:00 p.m. Volleyball Game: NW vs Chisholm, C/7/8 at 5:30 p.m., B at 5:45 p.m., A at 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Oct. 17:** Homecoming Football Game: NW vs Ely, 7 p.m. Also Parents Night Homecoming Dance: 9 -11 p.m., in the Commons.

**Dance Info:** Costs are Single- \$5, Couples- \$7. The dance is for grades 7 - 12. Seventh and Eighth graders must have permission slips to attend. Only students in grades 9-12 may bring a guest from another school. Students must also have a permission slip for out of town guests. All permission slips must be handed in by Wednesday, Oct. 17 by 12 noon.

# Meet Mr. Ryan Bajan

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

This week, I would like to introduce another new teacher at North Woods School, Mr. Bajan. We welcome him to our team!

Mr. Vukmanich: Where did you grow up?

Mr. Bajan: Windsor, Conn., until age 10, then Simpsonville, S.C. I came to Minnesota in 2012.

Mr. V: What brought you to MN?

Mr. Bajan: I was working in program called Wilderness Voyage, which was a partnership between the Boy Scouts and the United States Forest Service. It involved taking age 16 and over Boy Scouts into the wilderness for two-week trips to work on portage trails in Southern Quetico and Boundary Waters Canoe Area. It's a program that's been going on for over 20 years and is the Scouts' only international program.

Mr. V: What do you



**JOHN VUKMANICH**

teach at North Woods?

Mr. B: 7-11 Special Education, resource math/language arts.

Mr. V: Why did you become a teacher?

Mr. B: I grew up in similar type roles as a camp counselor, Boy Scouts, youth conferences, etc., and also had a particularly excellent AP English teacher who influenced me. I went to college to be a history teacher, but after working with a teenager one-to-one with some special



**RYAN BAJAN**

needs, I changed my degree to Special Education.

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

Mr. B: Dr. Batten, my AP High School English teacher, and a couple of college professors, Dr. Emery and Dr. Wingard

Mr. V: What are some of your interests outside of the school day?

Mr. B: I try to spend time in the woods. I enjoy canoeing, music/singing, farming. I do some ren-

ovation work on the side. I enjoy being involved in pow-wows.

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

Mr. B: The kids are really nice. Kind students and staff. There is an attitude that we are all a team, and that we are in this together.

Mr. V: What is a goal for you?

Mr. B: I am working on a Masters of Education in Teaching and Learning, and would also like to increase student fluency in the Ojibwe language.

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

Mr. M: My first minus 40 degree was a shock!

I would like to thank Mr. Bajan for letting us get to know him a little better!

Your Principal,  
John Vukmanich

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GREENWOOD

# Greenwood board, residents spar over public comments

by JODI SUMMIT  
Tower-Soudan Editor

**GREENWOOD TWP-** Once again, public comment proved to be a divisive portion of the Greenwood Town Board meeting on Tuesday.

For the second month in a row, Chairman Mike Ralston moved the public input to the end of the agenda. Public input over the past few months has been a mix of complaints and compliments on township issues.

Former Chairman John Bassing once again called out the board, this time for failing to pass a motion at the September meeting to approve the claims. He noted the township had been cited on this same issue by the state two years ago.

"This is an important thing," Bassing said. The board then passed a motion retroactively approving the claims from the previous meeting.

Recreation committee member Noreen Butalla told the board the group

is planning a clean-up day at the pavilion area, to get it ready for winter. The group is also hosting a pizza party and silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, Oct. 20 at the Vermilion Club from 4 - 7 p.m.

Jeff Maus said moving public comment to the end of the meeting meant that residents did not get the chance to make meaningful input into the month's agenda items. He did note that he understood it was the board's meeting to conduct.

Ralston noted that the input was still being considered.

Maus then read a satirical note about potential township supervisor campaign ads highlighting what he saw as bad faith by the current board members, but was quickly cut off by Ralston.

"That's enough," Ralston said. "This has nothing to do with board business."

Steve Rodgers said he agreed with moving public input to the end of

the meeting, since he felt it had "bogged down" the meeting before the actual township business got underway.

It was noted, as it has been in the past, that the monthly town board meeting is for the board to conduct business, and that they are under no obligation to take public input.

Ralston also said he personally was offended by John and Joann Bassing's recent letter to the editor suggesting he was resistant to training. "I'll go to training that I think is worthwhile for me to benefit this township," he said. Bassing replied that he did need training to make sure the township approves claims at the meeting.

"We all make mistakes on this board," Ralston said. "If you put all that energy into positive things, this township would be much better served."

Ralston's comments drew very loud applause from the audience.

## Recycling canisters

Supervisor Carmen DeLuca told the board he had forwarded a littering complaint to the St. Louis County Sheriff's department after someone left several large cardboard boxes outside of the canisters. The boxes had identifying information, and the sheriff will be following up on the littering complaint.

DeLuca said the township should look at installing a new sign at the canisters, that clearly states the rules concerning the site. DeLuca will get a quote and preliminary sign design from Mesabi Sign for the next meeting.

"It's too bad a few people are going to ruin it for everybody," said Supervisor Paul Skubic.

DeLuca said he hoped that once the word got

out that littering violations will be forwarded to the sheriff, things will improve.

Treasurer Pam Rodgers noted that this recent issue was with a local property owner, not a tourist.

## Maus claims

Fire department member Jeff Maus sent an email to the township "to report multiple disrespectful workplace incidents." The incidents included failure to consider an employee grievance in good faith, derogatory comments, and untrue statements.

Clerk Sue Drobac read the email out loud. Copies had been emailed to all the supervisors but it was not included in the public packet.

The incidents all concerned the town board's reaction to Maus's earlier grievance about the township's refusal to pay for training time he had documented. Maus also singled out Ralston's comments during the open meeting on the grievance where Ralston said that Maus's request was due to "greed or saltiness."

"Statements of this nature are derogatory and untrue," wrote Maus, "and I believe seek to intimidate, retaliate and harass. There is no reason those words should have been used in the hearing."

Maus also noted that he had been told his attendance at the meeting was required, and he was told "it would go very badly" for him if he did not attend. He said this contradicted the township's assertions, when denying his compensation request for time spent on the grievance, that he was not required to be on the "premises at any time during which the grievance was processed."

Maus asked the board to investigate his complaints in accordance with

the township's personnel policy, adopted by the board in July 2017, under the disrespectful workplace section. The township policy defines disrespectful behavior to include harassment and intimidation.

Ralston noted that the complaint had been forwarded to the township attorney, and no further discussion was held.

## Fire department

The town board accepted a \$15,000 donation from the Bois Forte Band for the fire department. The band makes an annual donation to the department for fire protection on the Vermilion Reservation, including Fortune Bay. Chief Dave Fazio said the department is planning a training at the resort casino in the near future.

Fazio told the board the department had also received a grant to purchase a mechanical CPR device, at a cost of \$10,000. The so-called "Lucas" device assists emergency responders in providing longer-term CPR. The Tower Ambulance Service already has a unit. Greenwood was chosen for this special grant for townships which do not have their own ambulance service. Fazio said the Lucas device will be an important addition to the township's emergency response equipment and could be especially important when responding out on the lake, allowing responders to perform safe CPR while transporting a patient on the fire boat back to a waiting ambulance.

Fazio reported that new fire fighter Roth Indihar has completed all his required training, including a live burn exercise, and that another member is starting EMR classes.

Jeff Maus told the

board that he is pursuing, at his own cost, Fire Instructor II training, and once certified this will allow him to oversee live burn and other advanced training for the department using equipment like the live burn trailer that can be loaned out from the state fire marshal.

The board reviewed the changes being made to the department's Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) and Paid-on-Call policy (POC) and will forward them to the township attorney for review. The changes clarify what training the township will pay for and clarifies it will only reimburse for hours spent on in-classroom teaching. The changes also set up procedures for removing inactive fire fighters or EMRs from the department roster, and the process for returning township equipment once a member is terminated.

## Other business

In other business the board:

➤ Will advertise for quotes for winter snowplowing.

➤ Heard that the township attorney will be forwarding information on the process for assessing property owners for paving on a township-owned road. Ralston noted the process appears to be complicated and expensive. He also said they will be sending out a letter to Birch Point Extension residents about brushing, which the township hopes to complete in the spring.

➤ Clerk Drobac reported that the township has spent about \$9,100 on maintenance related expenses such as plowing, lawn mowing, and cleaning the last 12 months.

➤ Heard that there are more people interested in being election judges.

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COOK- The Second Annual Ladies Luncheon, with guest speaker Joni Jesme, author of "OMG! I'm Having a White Chair Day," will be on Saturday, Oct. 13 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Lake Vermilion Fire Brigade Hall, 8025 Oak Narrows Rd. in Cook. \$24 suggested minimum donation for lunch. Please RSVP by Monday, Oct. 8 by email to lakevermilionfirebrigade@gmail.com or call Laurie Potter at 218-780-5486.

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ISD 696

# Ely schools report 568 students for 2018-2019 enrollment

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY— Official K-12 school enrollment here as of Oct. 2 is down over last year, in part reflecting the impact of a relatively small incoming class of kindergartners. The official number of 568 students is down 28 students from last year's starting October enrollment of 596.

ISD 696 school board members received the numbers at their regular meeting Monday night.

A Kindergarten class of a mere 29 students this year attributed to the drop in numbers, according to K-5 Principal Anne Oelke. Student numbers by grades often rise and fall in smaller school districts, sometimes dramatically, but the overall enrollment trend in Ely has been largely stable for the past decade. The district, for example, reported 563 students in October of 2008. Last year saw the highest enrollment in Ely since 2006, when the district reported 609 students during the October count, which forms the basis for school funding for much of the year.

For the 2018-2019

school year, the Ely enrollment numbers by class, (open enrollment in parentheses) according to Oelke and Anderson include: Kindergarten, 29 (4); first grade, 49 (8); second grade, 54 (8); third grade, 42 (7); fourth grade, 48 (6); fifth grade, 44 (9); sixth grade, 53 (10); seventh grade, 40 (8); eighth grade, 50 (8); ninth grade, 38 (5); tenth grade, 36 (9); eleventh grade, 52 (10); and twelfth grade, 33 (5).

Enrollment numbers can fluctuate throughout the school year. In 2017-2018 the district had an official enrollment of 596 students, but lost as many as 12 students through attrition to end up with 584 students by the end of the school year.

Superintendent Kevin Abrahamson reported to school board members that the district has 21 home-schooled students for the 2018-2019 school year as of Oct. 3.

Board member Heidi Mann asked if home-schooled students were able to participate in the district's extra-curricular activities. Abrahamson said that participation in activities and classes was allowed and some former

home-schooled students have taken specific classes at the school.

Abrahamson said the number of home-schooled students has been fairly stable, if not trending downward.

"Last year we had 19 students," said board chair Ray Marsnik. "And just a couple of years ago we had as many as 40 or so home-school students."

Abrahamson said he was not aware of any survey taken to determine why parents choose to home school their children.

"Some of my families do it for faith-based reasons," Oelke said.

Principal Anderson reported the four-year graduation rate for Ely High School is 87.8 percent, well above the state average of 82 percent. "Our seven-year average is at 97.6 percent," she said, "as opposed to 86.9 percent as the state average. That's really great that we are almost 10-percent above the state average."

## Event passes

School board members continued their conversation from the

study session last month on the proposal to reinstate the policy of providing free passes for school staff to attend school events.

Abrahamson, with agreement from Athletic Director Tom Coombe, recommended that the board delay making a decision on the proposal until later in the school year. "Even though it is rather early in the school year, people have already bought (annual) passes, and we would be facing who would receive refunds and who wouldn't," he said.

The school board also discussed providing free event passes for students. "We should revisit this in January or February with the plan to implement next year," he said.

"We could look at doing this starting in 2019-2020," Coombe added. He advised the board that next fall, both volleyball and football events will begin the week before the start of the school year. "We should address this well in advance next year."

## Facilities project

Board members authorized a resolution

establishing Architectural Resources, Inc. as the design firm to oversee the building connection and facilities renovation projects under discussion.

The Oct. 22 study session will start at 5 p.m. to allow board members the opportunity to discuss the project with faculty and staff. A representative from ARI will be available at the meeting to answer questions.

Abrahamson highlighted the letters received from the state Department of Education concerning the \$495,000 School Safety Grant that ISD 696 was awarded for the building connection project.

"It should be noted that while we were selected, we have not obtained all of the criteria for receiving the money," Abrahamson said. "We are in the pre-design or design phase right now and we have to put the other pieces together."

The grant will fund about 37 percent of the cost of connecting the buildings. "Part of the purpose of our next study session will be to determine how we intend to

fund the rest of it," he said.

"If there are schools that can't accept the funding and money goes back into the pot, there is a chance we could be awarded additional dollars," he added.

He suggested that school board members have their facility plan in place by at least March of next year. Abrahamson indicated in the grant application that construction could start next spring with completion in the fall of 2020. "I anticipate two building seasons to complete this project," he said.

In other business, the board:

► Hired Lynne Halverson for the part-time para-professional position.

► Hired Richard Kovall for the part-time cafeteria aide position.

► Approved the renewal of positions for the 2018 fall musical, "Zombie Prom," James Lah, director, Sarah Mason, musical director, Molly Olson, choreographer, and Ruth Lah, costumer.

## ELY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

# Broadband a high priority for economic development

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY – The city of Ely is continuing its efforts to spur smarter use of technology for improved and successful economic development and ultimately an improved quality of life throughout the community.

Clerk-Treasurer Harold Langowski told the Ely Economic Development Authority Tuesday night that the goal of establishing a reliable broadband network in the Ely area remains at the top of the list for many in the community and more funding is available to help reach that goal.

Similar to a program funded and facilitated two years ago by the Blandin Foundation, Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board and St. Louis County, Ely and five other communities in northern Minnesota will again share \$50,000 in an effort to be more tech-savvy as better broadband is pursued and established throughout the Ely School District.

A Broadband Visioning Community Meeting will be held

on Tuesday, Oct. 30, from 4-7 p.m. at Amici's Events Center with the entire Ely community invited to join a coalition of local leaders to explore options and alternatives to improve broadband speed and availability. Representatives from the Blandin Foundation will again attend the meeting.

"Over the past two years we have enhanced Ely's web presence, assisted businesses to be more tech-savvy, distributed refurbished computers to families and pursued better broadband throughout the area," Langowski said. "If you have any project ideas or proposals, please bring them to this meeting," Langowski said. "If Blandin approves them, they fund them, and small (community) groups carry the projects out. The last few projects went very well. This is a great program."

Past projects of this initiative included the establishment of the "Elyite" website and the Ten Below co-working business development center. Project categories include, but are not limited to, broadband access, workforce inno-

vation, digital equity and marketing. "The Ely Broadband Coalition continues to work toward completing these goal and needs community input to continue these efforts," Langowski said.

"These projects, with leadership and support, can move forward to be considered for funding by our steering committee," he added. New members are always welcome on the steering committee.

For more information, contact Langowski at elyod@ely.mn.us, or call 218-226-5449.

The Ely City Council will attend the gathering as their monthly study session.

## More economic development

Ely's economic development advisor, John Fedo, updated the authority on his monthly activity and highlighted the Trails Task Force. "It is beginning to become more and more of a hub of activity, particularly within the Arrowhead Regional Development Commission," he said. "The \$1 million appropriation for the trailhead here in Ely is continuing

to develop."

The IRRRB is overseeing the awarding of \$3 million in trail grants over the next several weeks, according to Fedo. He anticipates additional funding to be awarded to continue the efforts to bring the Mesabi, Taconite and Prospectors Loop trails to the planned trailhead facility on the west end of town.

A trailhead center for all three trails along with adequate parking areas, near the current St. Louis County recycle center is planned for construction, beginning next spring, according to Mayor Chuck Novak.

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centerpiece for the cultural center, which will provide gallery and performance space, as well as offices and meeting rooms.

Cultural Center officials hope that construction will get underway yet this fall.

In other action, the council appeared ready to grant a request by proposed RV park developer Dave Rose to refund a total of \$3,163.75 out of \$7,500 he had placed in escrow two years ago, to finance the cost of an SEH review of an environmental assessment worksheet on his proposed RV park along the East Two River. Last month, Rose said he was withdrawing his propos-

al and had asked for an accounting of the money billed to his account. SEH engineer Matt Bolf reported that \$4,336.25 had been billed, which prompted an objection from Rose, who questioned why he was being charged at all when other developers had not been charged. But Bolf said no other private developer has proposed a project requiring an EAW in the 11 years since he started working for the city of Tower.

Councilor Lance Dougherty made a motion to refund the \$3,163 to Rose, and got a second, but he then withdrew the motion at Rose's request. Rose asked that

the money be held for now, in anticipation that he might resubmit the project after the election. He said he had heard that a new council might be friendlier to his proposal, but he later clarified that, indicating that no candidates had made any promises, other than that they would follow the city's ordinance.

Rose contends that under the city's ordinance and state rules he could construct as many as 24 RV sites, but Planning and Zoning Chair Steve Altenburg and City Clerk-Treasurer Linda Keith have told him that the planning commission is unlikely to approve more

than 15.

"Nobody has made any promises," said Rose in a telephone interview. "What I've been told is that they'll have to start doing stuff the way the rules are," he said.

In his engineer's report, Bolf reported that construction of the new TEDA manufacturing building appears to be behind schedule. He said he has a meeting with the builders planned to get an update on progress. "I had hoped to see walls up by now," he said.

In other action, the council voted 2-1, with Dougherty voting against, to raise the ambulance rates by \$100 per run for both basic life support and advanced life support as well to increase the loaded mile rate. The rate increases amount to 16 percent per loaded mile, 12 percent for BLS and seven percent for ALS.

Ambulance director Altenburg made the recommendation for the increase after claiming earlier in the meeting that the ambulance service was showing a \$67,000 fund balance after six months of the paid on-call service, although his report provided no

explanation or detail for his claim. "Why are we asking for a rate increase if the fund balance is going up by \$67,000?" asked Dougherty.

Altenburg said it was time for an increase, since the last hike had been implemented in 2016 and that failure to implement an increase for 2019 would require a bigger increase in the future.

And Altenburg said other expenses, such as the cost of equipping a third ambulance, were going to make the ambulance budget look "very poor" at the end of the year. He said the department is going to have to replace an ambulance and has only half of the funding that will be required. He said he's trying to get the Ambulance Commission to approve a change in the funding mechanism to increase the revenue for ambulance replacement, but he has been having difficulty convincing some area townships of the need for the change.

Altenburg also said the ambulance department has experienced higher-than-normal costs for truck repair and maintenance, which is contributing to budget problems.

Since its shift to paid on-call, the department has been accepting more non-emergency inter-hospital patient transfers, which has increased the department's revenue, but also added to vehicle wear and tear.

Altenburg points to a sizable increase in the number of runs this year as justification for the paid on-call service. The department has undertaken 62 more runs through September than last year although roughly two-thirds of that increase can be attributed to a jump in non-emergency transfers which the department is undertaking in order to help pay for the paid on-call service.

In other action, the council:

➤ Pulled a discussion of the harbor and river trail project bid until Bolf can meet with the bidders, Nordic Group, of Hermantown, to find ways to reduce the project cost to within the \$679,000 in funding.

➤ Approved two pay estimates totaling \$111,720 for the ongoing work on the TEDA building.

➤ Approved an airport project change order.

➤ Approved adding Randy Johnson to the casual labor pool.

➤ Approved a motion to request that Walker, Giroux and Hahne complete the 2019 audit for a cost of \$23,000. That would be a reduction from the \$23,900 that the auditor had proposed.

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years, she taught English at Vermilion Community College and did important work outside the classroom as well.

In the early 1980s, Orban organized the Northwoods Whole Foods Co-op in Ely and has long since supported the efforts of the Ely Area Food Shelf to provide healthy food to everyone in the community.

As an organizer of EMPOWER, she was active in supporting women's rights and LGBT

issues. "If there was a need in Ely, often Carol helped to fill it," the biography states.

Since 1985, the McKnight Foundation has recognized Minnesotans who have improved the quality of life for current and future generations with the Virginia McKnight Binger Awards in Human Service. In 2015, MCN partnered with McKnight to coordinate and present the first-ever Unsung Hero Awards, honoring individuals who were

doing life-changing work in communities across Minnesota with little or no recognition.

"We are extremely thrilled to be partnering with the McKnight Foundation to celebrate and recognize the incredible work of these award recipients," said Jon Pratt, executive director of the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits. "It was clear throughout the nomination process how much they were respected, not just by their nominators, but

by the communities they have personally touched. What an inspiration they are to so many others who do impactful yet often unrecognized work in Minnesota and beyond."

The Minnesota Council of Nonprofits works to inform, promote, connect and strengthen individual nonprofits and the nonprofit sector. Founded in 1987 to meet the increasing information needs of nonprofits and to convene nonprofits to address issues facing

the sector, MCN is the largest state association of nonprofits in the U.S. with over 2,100 member organizations.

This year's other winners included:

► Bemidji resident Joseph Day, a longtime activist in the Native American communities of northwestern Minnesota.

► Memoona Ghani, of Maple Grove. Ghani is a Pakistani immigrant who has devoted her time to dispelling myths around Islam and the Muslim

community.

► Wynfred Russell, of Brooklyn Park. A Liberian immigrant, Russell is a pioneer and visionary devoted to advocacy on behalf of disenfranchised communities.

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mies and keeping health-care accessible is the congressman's continued support for single-payer healthcare, a position he adopted during the 2016 election when he was a vocal supporter of presidential candidate, Sen. Bernie Sanders, of Vermont.

"We need to help history along," Ellison said, "and this is the only sensible way to do it."

On keeping wages fairer, the congressman said many companies are not complying with the state's prevailing wage law.

"I am personally appalled at how wages have stagnated while the wealthiest people get more," he said.

Ellison used steelworkers as an example of wage stagnation, criticizing steel corporations for not passing on windfalls from last year's federal corporate tax cut, to their employees. That predicament has prompted the possibility of strikes at not only mines on the Iron Range, but nationwide.

Ellison, in one of the evening's few comments on his Republican opponent, Doug Wardlow, said Wardlow's support of right-to-work legislation and eroding union representation had the potential to hurt the state's residents.

"Union decline and wage decline are linked," Ellison said. "He (Wardlow) wants to turn us into Wisconsin and attack public employees. He has been a leader in trying to repeal the Affordable Care Act. He wanted to tear the whole

thing down."

The congressman also attacked Wardlow over his attachment to the Alliance for Defending Freedom, which has been defined as a hate group by the Southern Poverty Law Center, and his push to curtail rights of LGBT individuals. Wardlow was involved in the fight against putting unisex bathrooms in the Anoka-Hennepin School District a few years ago following several LGBT student suicides. Wardlow has also been a proponent of allowing business owners to discriminate based on beliefs, something Ellison took issue with.

"In America you can't not serve someone based on how they look or what they believe," he said. "We can't go back to the bad old days."

Following his stump speech, Ellison took comments from the crowd; the first was about the lack of broadband internet access.

"You need to get what you are paying for," he said. "In every single meeting I have had in Northern Minnesota, this is a recurring problem."

Ellison was unaware of the ongoing Public Utilities Commission's inquiry into Frontier Communications but said he would study the issue.

Ellison said the government should have a larger hand in helping pay for rural broadband access. He compared the need for internet access to rural electrification efforts nearly a century ago.

The internet, Ellison said, is necessary for businesses and education alike, and is one of the

equalizers in ensuring economic equality.

**Sexual assault allegation**

Ellison faced a question over allegations made by a former girlfriend that he sexually assaulted her two years ago.

"I've made it clear this never happened," Ellison said.

Recently the DFL hired one of its own attorneys to conduct an investigation - one that showed the allegations were unfounded.

"They (the DFL) didn't do it for me, they did it to protect their own brand," Ellison said. "All of the documents were submitted and she (the investigator) determined there was no wrongdoing."

Even though Ellison will end his tenure as a congressman at the end of the year, he has requested a House Ethics Committee review of the case, something which has not moved forward.

As of writing, two law enforcement agencies in Minneapolis and Dakota County, have refused to investigate the claim as well.

The question of the alleged sexual assault led to a follow up question on the congressman's stance on women's issues in general and particularly his support for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

"I believe that the ERA is one of the most important things we could ever pass," he said. As Attorney General, the role would be for us to use the

pulpit to gain support."

The ERA is an unratified Constitutional Amendment originally passed in 1972 that guarantees equal rights and fair wages for all sexes. The amendment has not yet been ratified by enough states to become law.

Ellison also expressed support for repealing "pink taxes" which charge tax on women's health products.

"When you pay a woman less, but charge her more, you are doing an injustice and you also lower family incomes overall," he said.

He also said sex trafficking, especially that among Native American women, needed to be addressed more fully by state law enforcement officials.

**Other issues**

While Ellison did not speak about his views on mining, he did say the state had a right to defend itself against state and federal environmental

infractions. He also said the long-term impacts of projects should be taken seriously in their environmental assessments.

"We cannot allow precious commodities to be wasted on short term gains," he said. Ellison used the example of years-long battles between 3M and the Twin Cities suburbs of Cottage Grove and Oakdale after they dumped dangerous chemicals into the watershed without proper documentation and reporting.

The result has been a large cancer cluster, especially among young people, in central and southern Washington County.

On immigration, Ellison said the debate affected Minnesota.

"Minnesota has quite a lot to do with immigration," he said. "Minnesota would have seen a decline in our population if it wasn't for immigration," and

said that the state would likely have lost at least one congressional seat if it weren't for the influx of immigrants.

He said industries, especially agriculture and food processing, have been able to keep their doors open in cities like Willmar and Worthington because of immigrants.

He also cited the experience of one of his own staffer's family members who benefited from a bone marrow transplant from a family member in Iran, something that currently would not be allowed under President Trump's immigration ban on some Muslim-majority countries.

Wednesday's campaign stop was sponsored by the Northern Progressives. The group is holding town hall-style meetings with candidates who accept their invitation.

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to sleep indoors for most of the week.

Sunny conditions last Thursday were welcomed at the outdoor classroom.

Gerald David, of GFD Woodworking, a German-trained timber framer, taught the students log material and

axe handling techniques, proper sharpening and storage of the tools, and shaping, hewing, and dovetail joinery.

“They start with rough cut logs, typically red pine, and start with debarking using a drawknife,” David said. “We then square

them and remove all the material that isn’t part of the squared log. There is lots of chopping and shaving and detail work that goes into working with the raw logs to shape them into timber.”

They hoped to make enough logs to build a small log-cabin. “The structure will be used to teach chinking and daubing methods to future AmeriCorps members,” he said. AmeriCorps members preserve historic buildings all around the state during their service terms using the methods taught at the Halfway Station.

“I really enjoy working with my hands and learning to use these traditional hand tools is a real education, and a great workout,” said Dylan



AmeriCorp students, above, gather for a group photo before breaking for lunch last Thursday at the Halfway Ranger Station historic site outside of Ely. Sam Taggart, below, takes a swing at a log as he works to flatten one side.



Log-hewing instructor Gerald David, top, sharpens one of several axes used in his teaching. Red pine logs, above are straight and make perfect material for log structures. photos by K. Vandervort

Walker. “It was pretty cold when we started this morning but the sunshine and the hard work warmed us up pretty quick.”

The project is partly funded by the Historic Preservation Education Foundation and with help from the state Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund through the Minnesota Historical Society.

Northern Bedrock’s mission is to develop enduring workforce and life skills in young people through service learning that supports historic preservation for the common good, according to Operations Director Rhea Harvey.

Northern Bedrock Historic Preservation Corps was established in 2011 to meet two converging needs: an aging stock of historic structures and landscapes in need of maintenance and repair, and a growing need to create a pathway for young adults into the preservation



trades workforce, she said. “Northern Bedrock utilizes a corps model and partners with trades professionals to provide young adults with hands-on experience and training in the historic preservation trades,” she said. “Our AmeriCorps program works with young adults, 18-25 years old, from across the region. Corps members work at project sites across Minnesota and receive training in a variety of preservation areas over a six-month field season.”

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## VOLLEYBALL

### Grizz take second at Mesabi East

by Marcus White  
Cook-Orr Editor

NASHWAUK — A series of road victories have put the 20-3 Grizzlies in a good position heading into the final week of the Section 7A regular volleyball season. The girls took second place at the weekend's Mesabi East Tournament in Aurora and swept the Spartans here on Monday evening.

North Woods opened the tournament in Aurora

defeating Floodwood 25-22 and 25-19 before defeating Chisholm 25-21 and 25-10. The team would then go on to defeat Ely for the third time this season 25-18 and 28-26.

The team did not keep stats during their weekend tourney in Aurora but swept each of their opponents before Duluth Marshall found their number in the championship match, winning 16-25, 25-23 and 15-7.

"I think we were

starting to get tired," assistant coach Dee Ann Sandberg said of their final game. "We started out strong and then we let them back in too much and they won."

The loss would only be a temporary setback for the Grizzlies as they came back for the kill Monday evening in Nashauk, handily defeating the Spartans in a three-set sweep, 25-12, 25-21, 25-15.

As the post-season

approaches, however, Sandberg isn't letting the team's regular season success go to their heads and is focusing on what they still need to do in order to improve.

"We need to become more aggressive," she said. "We need to take control of the game and play our game, not theirs. We seem to get ahead in our games and then let off and let the other teams

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Coley Olson up for a hit against Chisholm's Megan Danielson. photo by C. Stone

## FOOTBALL

# OUCH!

### Vikings top Ely in a rout

by JAY GREENEY  
Sports writer

ELY — The Timberwolves slipped to 2-4 on the season on Friday as undefeated Cook County spoiled their Seniors' Night festivities with a 56-6 rout.

The Vikings scored early and often, starting with a two-play opening drive that put them up 8-0 after the conversion.

"We ran into a very good football team Friday," said Ely Head Coach Cory Lassi. "They had the rare

combination of speed and size and we weren't able to do much on either side of the ball because of it."

Ely showed some defensive spark early, as they held off the Vikings in their second possession. The Vikings had driven to the Ely seven-yard-line, with first and goal, but the Wolves, helped by two Vikings penalties, forced the ball over on downs.

Ely couldn't take advantage of their brief momentum, however, and

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Above: Halfback Nick Mattila breaks through the Vikings' defensive line assisted by Alex Motes and Josh Larson. Left: Defensive tackle Tjae Banks tries to down the Vikings' Josh Prom as he rushes down the field. photos by K. Vandervort



## Sports week

### Football

Friday Oct. 12  
North Woods at Floodwood, 7 p.m.

Ely hosts Silver Bay, 7 p.m.

Wednesday Oct. 17  
North Woods hosts Ely, 7 p.m.

### Volleyball

Thursday Oct. 11  
Ely hosts Nashauk - Keewatin, 7 p.m.

NE Range at Silver Bay, 6:30 p.m.

Monday Oct. 15  
North Woods hosts Chisholm, 7 p.m.

NE Range at Cherry, 7 p.m.

Tuesday Oct. 16  
North Woods at South Ridge, 7 p.m.

NE Range hosts Floodwood, 7 p.m.

Ely hosts Silver Bay, 7 p.m.

### Cross-Country

Tuesday Oct. 16  
North Woods, Ely and NE Range at Proctor, 4 p.m.

## Mistakes and injuries plague Grizzlies

### Four starters out going into final games of the season

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook-Orr Editor

CULVER - The end is in sight for a tough season at North Woods. With only two games remaining, less than a week apart, the team is recovering from a loss on the road at South Ridge, 38-18.

"We had untimely mistakes on blocking schemes and had two costly turnovers," said Head Coach John Jirik. "We had two players out in the first half due to injuries. Both injuries appear to be minor but may keep the players out a game or two."

The coach declined to comment on which players would be out with injuries.

Even with the loss, Jirik said, the team still played really well given the cold and rainy conditions, and with backup players filling the gaps in the line.

Offensively, the team improved over last week, racking up 282 yards against the Panthers and scoring three touchdowns.

Chase Kleppe passed for 108 yards completing 19 of 22 attempts along with five runs for six yards. Kleppe also led the defensive line with 16 tackles.

TJ Chiabotti rushed for 105 yards on 13 carries, while Nathan Crain gained 57 yards on 12 carries and posted 10 tackles. Brody Driscoll added eight tackles for the Grizzlies.

The Grizzlies stay on the road for another week, meeting Floodwood on Friday.

They'll play their homecoming game and regular season finale next Wednesday against Ely.

Kickoff for both games is 7 p.m.

## VOLLEYBALL



Kenzie Peterson (left) and Winter Sainio go for the block against the Mt. Iron - Buhl Rangers. photo by J. Greeney

## Wolves down MI-B at home

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

ELY — The Timberwolves improved to 17-6 on the season on Monday and head into the final week of the regular season looking like a contender in the Section 7A playoffs. A sole loss to 20-3 North Woods was the week's only blemish.

Hosting 6-14 Mt. Iron-Buhl on Monday, the Wolves got the job done, winning in straight sets, 25-15, 25-22, and 25-22.

"This was not the prettiest night of volleyball," said Ely Head Coach Andrea Thomas. "Our energy level wasn't there and we were really flat. We had a number of serving

errors in set two and just had a hard time keeping the momentum."

Junior Brielle Kallberg posted a strong performance, notching 12 kills, nine digs, and three blocks, while classmate Erika Mattson added nine

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TUESDAY GROUP

# WaterLegacy counsel updates group's efforts to save area watersheds

by KEITH VANDERVORT  
Ely Editor

ELY— WaterLegacy attorney Paula Maccabee provided an update on the PolyMet mining project to a packed house at the Tuesday Group gathering at the Grand Ely Lodge this week. Maccabee has followed the project for years and has sought to ensure that the company and the agencies abide by state and federal laws designed to protect the environment.

PolyMet is in the midst of a decade-long review and permitting process over the state's first proposed copper-nickel sulfide mine and it continues to face potential legal challenges from Maccabee and others on multiple fronts.

"Our request for a supplemental environmental impact statement is now in the Court of Appeals (see separate story page 3) and in the next month or two we will be filing briefs," she said.

The 6,600-acre federal land exchange needed



Paula Maccabee

for the mine is another subject of litigation. While that land transfer officially closed in June, the parties have agreed that the deal could still be undone if Water Legacy and other environmental groups prevail in the case. "One of the reasons that WaterLegacy sued and asked the courts for an injunction is that once a party asks for an injunction, the court precedent is that if we ever do get our day in court and the judge decides that PolyMet got a low-ball inappropriate appraisal, the court could still unwind the land exchange," she said.

Meanwhile, Maccabee is watching to see if federal legislation designed to enact the exchange into law moves forward before a new Congress takes over in 2019.

Maccabee is also challenging draft environmental permits, including the permit to mine, that the Minnesota Department of Resources and Pollution Control Agency have issued. "WaterLegacy has contested all of them, and we also asked for an independent evidentiary hearing," Maccabee said. The DNR has yet to decide whether it will allow a contested case hearing on the permits.

According to Maccabee, the MPCA has also put out draft permits for water pollution and a draft certification indicating "there is nothing to worry about here, we are just going to allow it to happen." WaterLegacy has opposed those permits and certification, and again asked for a contested case hearing in front of an administrative law judge.

At the same time,

Maccabee is waiting to hear more from the Army Corps of Engineers, which oversees impacts to wetlands. "The Army Corps of Engineers' permits to destroy wetlands will probably be the last one discussed," Maccabee said. "Just to remind people, the Army Corps of Engineers has not decided whether the environmental impact statement is adequate or not."

While some in the region see the PolyMet project as inevitable, Maccabee said it may still be stopped over environmental concerns. "There is hope. There is a court system. Every time I have had an opportunity to get in front of an independent (judge) there has been a chance to protect the environment. Fact and law may not matter in our current administrative agencies, but they still matter to administrative hearing judges, at least for now."

Maccabee also challenged the perception that the PolyMet mine would bring a major boost to the Iron Range economy.

"What PolyMet initially said in its draft permit to mine in 2009 is that there is the potential of 360 permanent jobs and none of them would be union jobs," she said.

"At that time they broke down how many jobs would actually come to the local area and it was less than half (of 360)," she explained. "We don't have those numbers, currently, in terms of who will be getting the jobs, whether they will be for people in the area or will be so specialized that they will come from elsewhere."

At the same time, Maccabee argued that the project could well burden the region with a range of costs during downturns in the volatile copper market. She said Minnesota does not require reclamation if the mining companies shut down their operations because of falling copper and nickel prices. "What we see (happening) across northern Minnesota is when the prices go down the mine companies just shutter the plants," Maccabee said. "And the

communities will not only have unemployed people, they will have the burden of social services based on having a population that was inflated in order to have the mining."

While acknowledging that there would be economic benefits to mining, she added: "What I'm saying is, it is a lot less, and a cycle of boom and bust is a lot more risky for a community than having small businesses that rely on something that is sustainable over time."

Maccabee has served as a public interest lawyer, working to protect human rights, environmental health, social justice, and clean air and water since graduating from Yale Law School in 1981. For the past nine years, she has served as Advocacy Director and Legal Counsel for WaterLegacy, a non-profit formed to protect Minnesota's clean waters and communities. She is a regular visitor to the Ely Tuesday Group.

CROSS COUNTRY

## Ely x-country takes seventh in Duluth

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

DULUTH— Ely's Luke Olson once again led the Ely boys cross-country team to a strong seventh place finish at the Swain Invitational in Duluth this past Saturday. Olson finished in the top-three against a field of 225 Class

A runners, with a time of 16:44.17. He was one of only five runners in his class to run the course in under 17 minutes.

Emmett Faltsek posted a strong performance as well, finishing 30th in the big field with a time of 17:50.7, while Gabe Pointer was right behind with a time of

17:53.1, good for 33rd place. Those strong finishes put Ely in the seventh spot, with a team score of 229, among a field of 32 teams from across Minnesota.

The Ely girls found a bit tougher going, finishing 20th in a 28-team field. Eighth-grader Zoe Devine posted the team's best

time, finishing in 21:03.3, followed by classmate Phoebe Helms, who finished in 22:39.3. Devine finished 18th against a field of 198 runners, while Helms finished in the 66th spot. The teams were set to compete Tuesday, Oct. 9, in International Falls, but results were not available.

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kills, six digs and two ace serves. Jenna Merhar added nine kills and two blocks, while setters Lida Dodge and McCartney Kaercher added 18 and 12 assists respectively. Kaercher added three ace serves as well.

In weekend action at the Mesabi East tournament, Ely finished in third place, losing only to this year's volleyball powerhouse, North Woods. Ely dumped Floodwood 25-22 and 25-10 in the early going. Merhar tallied eight kills while Kallberg posted five kills and as many digs. Mattson notched three kills and three ace serves.

Ely lost in the next round to North Woods, falling in two hard-fought games 26-28 and 18-25. Mattson had a big match, with eight digs and four kills. Merhar and Kallberg posted six kills apiece.

Ely won in the

consolation bracket, however, after getting past Chisholm in three sets, 25-21, 21-25, and 15-12. Kallberg posted 16 kills, four digs, and four blocks, while Merhar notched ten kills, including some key smashes in the third set to put Ely over the top. Dodge tallied 13 set assists while Kaercher posted 12.

The Wolves had an easier time putting down Wrenshall, winning in two sets, 25-21 and 25-17. Kallberg notched 12 kills, while Mattson tallied seven along with five digs. Merhar posted four kills and five digs, while Kaercher tallied 13 assists.

Playing last Thursday in Bigfork, the Wolves slashed the Huskies in straight sets, 25-10, 25-19, and 25-20. Merhar tallied ten kills, while Kallberg posted nine. Dodge had 14 set assists, while Kaercher posted 12.

SWIMMING

## Ely-Northeast Range takes several medals in Virginia

VIRGINIA - The combined Ely-Northeast Range girls swim team competed here Tuesday evening bringing in multiple top three awards. Brooke Pasmick claimed first in the 50-meter free-

style, while teammate Kayla Mellesmoen took third. Mellesmoen also placed second in the 100-meter freestyle.

Kelly Thompson took second place in the 200-meter freestyle, while

Morgan McClelland finished second in the 500-meter free.

Meanwhile, Pasmick, Cedar Ohlhauser, Abby Koivisto and Elizabeth Omerza took third place in the 200-meter medley

relay, while Lily Tedrick took third place in both the 200-meter individual medley and the 100-meter fly.

The team also took second and third place for the 400-meter relay.

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catch up, like we did in the second game [of the Duluth Marshall match]."

Sandberg noted the team missed only three of their serves Monday evening but the team was still making errors that prolonged the game.

Coley Olson led the team Monday night with 12 kills. Regan Ratai was not far behind with 11 kills as

well as five digs and a block. Morgan Burnet racked up 26 set assists and four aces on the evening, while Karlyn Pierce and Taylor Medrich rounded out the team with seven and five kills apiece.

North Woods wraps up the regular season next week, hosting Chisholm on Monday and visiting South Ridge on Tuesday. Both games begin at 7 p.m.

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Cook County was back for eight more points on their next possession. It was more of the same through the remainder of the first half. Cook County's defense also put points on the board, as

they recovered a blocked Ely punt in the end zone for another touchdown in the second quarter. They would add yet another on an interception and run back with less than two minutes to play in the half

to take a commanding 42-0 lead heading into the break.

The second half was quick and uneventful as the coaches agreed to running time. The Vikings added another six on the opening play of the fourth quarter to take a 48-0 lead.

The Wolves finally got on the board moments later as Ely junior runningback Dalton Schreffler returned the ensuing kickoff 73 yards for six.

Cook County would add one more touchdown and successful two-point conversion late in the

game to round out the scoring.

The Wolves have been playing shorthanded due to some injuries and are looking to get back on track this week for their Homecoming contest against 1-5 Silver Bay. Kickoff is set for 7 p.m.

"We are hoping to get a few starters back this week from injury," said Lassi. "We have been banged up the last couple of weeks, and hopefully we can return to full strength."

Obituaries and Death Notices



**Wilma M. Wagoner**

Wilma Maxine Wagoner, 91, of Tower, passed away on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2018, at Carefree Living in Ely. A Celebration of Life will be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, Oct. 15 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower with Pastor Liz Cheney officiating. A gathering of family and friends will be for one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are with Landmark Funeral Home of Virginia.

Wilma was born on Sept. 12, 1927, in Grand Rapids, the daughter of Willis and Margeta (Gonion) Bemis. She grew up on a farm near Cohasset with her father and eleven siblings. Her mom passed away when she was only a few years old, leaving her with much responsibility in helping to take care of a large farm and family. Wilma married the love of her life and best friend, Howard Wagoner of Deer River, in 1948. Wilma and Howard raised their kids in Tower, where Wilma stayed home to raise the family and manage the household while Howard was the Minnesota DNR District Forester. She and Howard were full partners in life, spending their free time camping, gardening, fishing, hunting, trapping, harvesting wild rice, and participating in rifle competitions. After retirement they traveled extensively throughout the U.S. and most of Canada, usually camping and often traveling via their Honda Gold Wing motorcycle. Their most memorable adventure was a six-week motorcycle trip to Alaska.

Wilma was an exceptional baker, cook, and seamstress. She was well known for her bread, cinnamon rolls, pies and meat pasties. She made most of her children's clothes as they grew up including prom and wedding dresses. Wilma could fix just about anything that needed fixing and her favorite expression was "what a person could do is..." and then she fixed it.

Later in life Wilma worked at the Y Store and most recently (well into her 80s) as a waitress and pastry maker at the Tower Café. She was a beloved and nurturing grandmother and great-grandmother and also a dedicated member of the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tower. She will be missed for her quiet strength, her work ethic, her generosity, her faith, her skills and kindness as a wife, mom and grandma - and her delicious baked goods!

Wilma is survived by her daughter, Linda Wagoner (Dave Akerson) of Tower and grandchildren Chris Mattson of Walker and Sherry (Larry) Floria of Remer; daughter, Barb (Kurt) Soderberg of Ely and grandchild Erin (Greg) Downing of Minneapolis; daughter, Karen (Wayne) Dahl of Embarrass and grandchildren Lance (Patty) Dahl

of Rochester and Angela Dahl of Moorhead; son, Terry (Jill) Wagoner of Tower and grandchildren HollyAnn (Steve Jowers) of Biwabik, Jared (Michelle) Wagoner of Embarrass and Liz Wagoner (Patrick McDonald) of St. Paul; twelve great-grandchildren; three siblings, Shirley Schultz of Deer River, Edna Karjalahti of Spokane, Wash., and Bill Bemis of Cohasset.

She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Howard Wagoner in 1998; and eight siblings.



**Cedric C. Schuster**

Cedric Chase Schuster, 23, of Gheen, passed away on Sunday, Oct. 7, 2018. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, Oct. 12 at the First Baptist Church in Cook. Visitation will be held one hour prior to the service at the church. Arrangements are with Mlaker Funeral Home of Cook.

Cedric was born to Dennis and Annette (Geyer) Schuster on Dec. 13, 1994, in Hibbing. He attended school in Orr and then attended North Woods School, graduating in 2014. Cedric started working in construction and then drove truck for Tom Long. His most recent employment was with St. Louis County as an equipment operator.

Cedric loved the outdoors. He loved being with his friends and family. Most importantly, he loved spending time with his daughter. Cedric was always going on adventures when he wasn't at work or working on his vehicles. He also liked to just stay home to watch movies and play video games. He had a lot of

friends and could always make them laugh. Cedric will be deeply missed by his family and friends.

He is survived by his father, Dennis Schuster; mother, Annette Geyer; daughter, Peyton Schuster; mother of his child, Andrea Simonson; sisters, Sydney Schuster, Sheyenne Schuster and Sierra Schuster; niece, Evelyn Shermer; uncles, Stanley Schuster Jr. and Bruce Schuster; great-uncles, Gene Goodsky and Harold Goodsky; and stepmother, Marsha Tomazin.

Cedric was preceded in death by his grandfather, Stanley Schuster Sr.



**Lorene B. Johnson**

Lorene Beverly "Bev" Johnson, 81, of Tower, went home to be with the Lord on Saturday, Oct. 6, 2018. A Celebration of Life was held on Tuesday, Oct. 9 at the First Baptist Church in Cook. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.

Bev was born to Laurie and Vienna (Milbridge) Tuominen on April 19, 1937, in Soudan. She attended Embarrass School, graduating in 1955. In 1956 she was crowned "Miss Embarrass". In 1958 she was united in marriage to Donald Johnson. They were blessed with two sons, Keith and Ricky.

Bev's life was centered around her love for Jesus and family. She was a devoted wife and mother who was always joyful and loved having friends in her home. She truly cherished her family and friends. Bev was also a devoted member of the First Baptist Church in Cook.

Bev loved going for long walks, enjoying the

outdoors and all the sights of nature. Her family lovingly remembers her great laugh and her generous spirit. She was always there to lend a helping hand. Bev can be best described as someone who "brought sunshine wherever she went."

Bev is survived by her sons, Keith (Trish) Johnson and Ricky (Cheryl) Johnson; grandchildren and great-grandchildren, Bianca Colley and her daughter Natalia Colley; Royce (Jessica) Johnson and their children Fischer and Hunter; Allanna (Joshua) Critchlow and their children Callan and Ruby; Austin Johnson; Larissa (Tyler) Campbell and their children Eliam and Edelyn; Justin Johnson; Azalea (Hannibal) Wolong; Ariel (Mike) Wolf and their son Niel; Channyn (Sam) Hess and their daughter Cayllie; sister, Joyce Wiitala; and brothers, Carl Tuominen, Laurie Jr. Tuominen and Michael Tuominen.

Bev was preceded in death by her parents; beloved husband, Donald "Pee Wee" Johnson; and brother, Jim Tuominen.

**Marion L. Korpi**

Marion Louise Wahlstrom Korpi, 85, formerly of Soudan, peacefully entered her heavenly home on Friday, Sept. 28, 2018, with her family by her side at Arbor Lane Memory Care in Burnsville. A Celebration of Life service will be held at 11 a.m., on Saturday, Oct. 13 at Ebenezer Ridges Chapel in Burnsville with visitation at 10 a.m. Burial will be at Lakeview

Cemetery in Tower at a later date.

Survivors include her children, Juliann and husband Peter Berg, Jennifer and husband Alan Fredrickson; and grandchildren, Lauren and Samuel Berg.

**Florence K. Brunner**

Florence Kathleen Rauch Brunner, 86, of Angora, passed away on Friday, Oct. 5, 2018, at St. Luke's Hospital in Duluth, surrounded by her loving family. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, Oct. 11 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Cook. Arrangements were with Mlaker Funeral Home in Cook.

She is survived by her husband, Linus Brunner; children, Gwen (Timothy) Towne, Alan (Diane) Brunner and Jay (Ellie) Brunner; grandchildren, Lee (Crystal) Towne, Kaylee (Ben) Westin, James Brunner, Ashley Sarazine and Niko (Ashley Alto) Sarazine; six great-grandchildren; brothers, Tom Rauch and Bob Rauch; brother-in-

law, Kenny Brunner; sister-in-law, Gwili Brunner; and numerous nieces and nephews.

**Casey D. Martin**

Casey Dean Martin, 24, of Virginia, passed away unexpectedly on Monday, Oct. 1, 2018, at his residence. Funeral services were held on Friday, Oct. 5 at Pike Apostolic Lutheran Church in Pike Township with Pastor Donald Salo and Jon Salo co-officiating. Burial was at Vermilion Lake Township Cemetery. Arrangements were with Range Funeral Home in Virginia.

He is survived by his mother, Lisa Neari; stepfather, Paul Neari; father, Willy Martin; sons, Liam and Robert and their mother, Kylee Gill; siblings, Ashley Riihiluoma, Seth (Valerie) Riihiluoma, Tracy Martin, Josey (Derek) Erickson, Jesse (Mykell) Martin, Wyatt Martin, Jake Neari and Brooke Neari; grandparents, Joann Martin, Kay Salo and Lydia Nygaard; numerous nieces, aunts, uncles and cousins.

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## BWCAW PLANNING

### New permit system worries Ely resort owners, outfitters

Resort owners fear that end to the lottery could leave them without permits for guests

by MARSHALL HELMBERGER  
Managing Editor

ELY—Several changes to the way the federal government issues permits for travel in the Boundary Waters are raising concerns among some outfitters and resort owners here. Those changes include an end to the lottery system that used to govern the awarding of high demand permits, such as for day motor-use, as well as a new requirement that complicates the designation of an alternative trip leader.

Currently, permits for wilder-

ness travel in the BWCAW and on other federal lands are issued through the National Recreation Reservation System, which is a private contractor. According to Forest Service spokesperson Kris Reichenbach, the changes are intended to address privacy, security, financial, and program requirements of the new recreation.gov website, which launched on Oct. 1.

“The new platform has stronger security controls, better protection of Personally Identifiable Information (PII), and increased fraud protection,” said Reichenbach in a press

release. In addition, recreation.gov will no longer store credit card information.

The cost of making a permit reservation will also be changing, although in this case it will be cut from the current \$10 fee to six dollars for every permit subject to quota.

That’s all mostly good news. It’s some of the other details that have rankled outfitters and resort owners who use the reservation system to access permits for their customers.

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New rules for permit reservations will be in effect this year in the Boundary Waters.

photo by M. Helmberger

## Fishing reports

### Kab-Nam area

Fall foliage colors have peaked and most trees are losing their leaves quickly which has improved grouse hunting now that visibility is better. Deer are more active as they prepare for the rut which usually peaks in early November. Bow hunters are seeing increased activity with this cooler weather. We have yet to see any sort of push of ducks from the north which has us in that typical early season lull. There are some good reports from our friends to the north that birds are on the way, but we need that water to freeze to push them across the border.

With the unusual cold weather we have been experiencing, water temps have dropped significantly and fish have pushed deeper in return. Walleye fishing has been great off reefs and points in 30’-32’ of water over hard bottom structure. Trolling cranks with lead core or bottom bouncers have been the most productive. A jig and minnow are another good combination to try if you can find active fish and sit on them. With the weather keeping the fair-weather anglers off the lake, you will have your favorite spot to yourself.

Small mouth bass fishing is fair at best with most anglers having to work to find them. Usually this time of year you can’t keep them off your line but with water temps dropping quickly they have moved off the reefs and onto the edges and even deeper. There was a week or so of fantastic bass fishing but unfortunately that seems to have come and gone. Work the deeper edges off the reefs and points in 20’ of water and deeper. Jigs tipped with a minnow or plastics is the way to go.

Northern pike and crappie reports are basically non-existent, but some nice pike are being caught while trolling for walleye.

Voyagers National Park staff will be conducting hazard marker and regulatory buoy removal within the park during the month of October. Weather and other variables play a critical role in determining specific dates for this work. Be careful when navigating the area as these markers are being removed.

Courtesy Coopers Gateway Store, Lake Kabetogama



## BORDER ROUTE CHALLENGE

# So many miles, so little time

International Falls to Grand Portage, or bust

THE BOUNDARY WATERS—Kendra Leibel remembers watching the reflection of the Big Dipper in the water ahead of her as she and canoeing partner Bob Bulhaver paddled hard across one of dozens of border lakes last month. Other nights, it was the play of moonlight and shadow that captivated her. On a third night, it was a dramatic lightning show that lit up their way.

“I couldn’t believe how beautiful it was,” said Leibel, a 50-year-old Twin Cities mother of three, reflecting on her experience as one of the participants in the 4th Annual Minnesota Border Route Challenge.

On most trips in the Boundary Waters, night is a time to sit around a campfire or crawl into a sleeping bag. But for the 20 competitive individuals from across the country who took on this grueling personal challenge, the paddling goes nearly around the clock as the participants compete to set the fastest time across a 260-mile long journey from International Falls to Lake Superior at the end of the Grand Portage. They also vie to reach the shuttle, which departs Grand Portage eight days after they launch. Miss it, and you’re in charge of figuring out how to get home.

Not surprisingly, the race has a bit of history. It was 1968 when Clint Waddell and Verlen Kruger became canoeing legends by completing the border route in just 80 hours and 40 minutes. The pair had already made a name for themselves by winning other canoe marathon competitions when they set out to beat a record established

back in the era of the Voyageurs. The documented trip was led by Hudson Bay Company Governor Sir George Simpson, who had traveled with a companion in a birch bark “North” canoe from “The Falls” to the fort at Grand Portage in six-and-a-half days.

As far as anyone has recorded, that record stood until Waddell and Kruger smashed it, completing the journey in less than three-and-a-half days. Waddell wrote a brief article of their trip, which the Minnesota Canoe Association published 50 years ago this month in their newsletter, The Hut. The article was titled “Just for Fun” and was part trip report and part dare for other paddlers to take up the challenge. Waddell recommended leaving sleeping bag and tent at home and forgoing sleep. How many groups have accepted this challenge since then is unclear. What is known is this is a classic canoe paddle route starting on



Top: Members of Team BeaV pose for a quick photo along the Granite River, near Gunflint Lake.

all photos submitted

Above: Matt Peterson and Peter Wagner were the first finishers this year, reaching Grand Portage in 98 hours.



Left: Kendra Leibel, the lone woman on the challenge, on the Pigeon River.

Above: Clint Waddell

Rainy Lake and following the U.S.-Canada border through the Voyageurs National Park, the vast Boundary Waters wilderness, and Grand Portage National Monument.

Not that the participants have much chance to enjoy it.

Bob Bulhaver, who goes by BeaV to his canoeing friends, acknowledges that the trek doesn’t really constitute “fun.”

“It’s more of an accomplishment than fun,” he said.

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It's fun to talk about after it's over."

Bulhaver organized the challenge after he retraced the route back in 2011 and decided it had the makings of an epic adventure. It became an annual event in 2015 and Bulhaver has competed every year, last year setting a solo canoe record, completing the route in 91 hours.

This time, he was intent on bringing a team along for the trek. He asked Leibel, who had helped with race logistics in previous years, if she'd like to join the team, which she eagerly accepted. He rounded up four other male friends to fill out his three-canoe flotilla.

While the team traveled day and night, they did take daily stops in the wee hours to set up camp, sometimes eat a hot meal, and catch two or three hours of sleep before breaking camp and hitting the water once again.

Leibel, the lone woman on the team, said she was determined to carry her own weight and quickly became one of "the guys."

"I did not expect anybody to carry a heavier load because of me," she said.

Despite a grueling regimen, Leibel said she would take the challenge again, in a second. "It was a blast," she said, noting that nighttime paddling was her favorite experience from the trip. "We paddled 50 percent of the time in the dark," she said.

Of course, navigating in the border country can be difficult even in daylight. So how did the participants do it in the dark? Bulhaver acknowledges it's a challenge, particularly under the conditions the team experienced this year, when persistent cloud cover obscured the moon and stars most nights. "There was a lot of complete blackness while paddling," he said. While Bulhaver does carry a GPS

he tries to avoid using the device in order to stay true to the historic nature of the challenge. "Verlen and Clint didn't have one," he notes.

Instead, Bulhaver uses two compasses, one attached to the canoe and another to his jacket. Using a red flashlight to preserve his night vision, he continuously monitors his bearing as they paddle through the darkness. It's not an exact science to be sure, and wind can easily push the canoes off track. "That's part of the challenge," said Bulhaver.

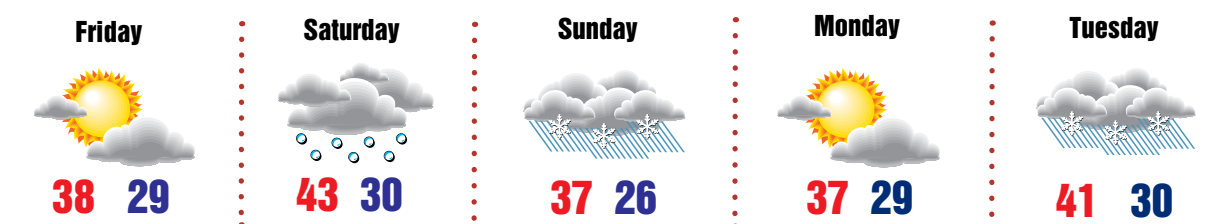
In the end, the six-person team finished the challenge in 122 hours, two hours ahead of the goal they had set for themselves. That's despite tough conditions, including frequent rain and unseasonably cold temperatures.

No one broke Waddell's and Kruger's astonishing record—in fact, no one has really come close since 1968. This year's top finishers, Matt Peterson and Peter Wagner, made it in 98 hours in a tandem canoe. Over the next four days, fourteen more finishers would make it to the end, as well, completing a journey that includes at least 20 miles of portaging, nearly half of that on the final Grand Portage.

And on the 50th anniversary of the 1968 record, Clint Waddell and his wife Bev, who live in Isle, showed up to greet the finishers and spent time swapping stories from their experiences on the water. His canoe partner and canoeing legend, Verlen Kruger, died in 2004 after canoeing more than 100,000 miles, the most ever recorded by an individual.

For Leibel, it was the perfect ending to a remarkable journey. "That was really an experience that kind of brought everything full circle," she said.

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Willy Vosburgh, who operates Vosburgh's Custom Cabin Rentals on Moose Lake, is most concerned about his ability to access motor-use permits for his guests given the elimination of the lottery system. In the past, resort owners and outfitters who cater to motor users, primarily fishermen, have had a month to fill out and submit applications for the lottery, which was manageable even for a mom and pop operation. Vosburgh acknowledged that the lottery was always a gamble, but it usually guaranteed him enough permits to meet the needs of his clients. Come next January, when the reservations for the 2019 season go live, Vosburgh expects a mad dash to snap up the available quota and worries that his small resort will be at a big disadvantage. "It's going to become like a land grab," he said. "And it will put us at a disadvantage to those with better Internet."

Vosburgh said the Internet service provided by Frontier Communications out at Moose Lake is both slow and intermittent. If it goes out the morning that the permitting goes live, he worries he could lose out on an entire season of permits.

He said he hasn't been pleased with the suggestion by some Forest Service officials that he come to town the morning the reservations go live, and round up a few helpers with computers to ensure that he can get enough permits to operate. "Unfortunately, the Internet in Ely is pretty slow, too," he said.

According to Vosburgh, Forest Service officials have indicated that the shift away from the lottery was meant to save money, since the private company that operates the reservation system charges the Forest Service for every lottery application received. The Forest Service started passing those costs on to wilderness users last year, but it's unclear if those fees fully cover the Forest Service's cost.

But what little money the Forest Service might save from the change could well be overshadowed, according to Vosburgh, by the lost business for resorts like his. "Their financial gain may well come at our expense," he said. "We're definitely

expecting the worst."

Adding to the frustration, said Vosburgh, is another change requiring resorts and outfitters using the system to purchase a new type of credit card reader for every computer they use for reservations, at a cost of \$371 plus shipping, in order to process credit card transactions through the system.

**Other impacts less certain**

The phase-out of the lottery is less significant for outfitters who cater exclusively to paddlers in the Boundary Waters, since so many more permits are available. "For us, it's not a big deal," said Ely outfitter Jason Zabokrtsky. "We may only have a couple customers in any year who don't get their first choice in the lottery," he said.

But Zabokrtsky said he's still scratching his head over another change, that now requires trip leader alternates to set up accounts on the federal reservation system and confirm their willingness to serve as alternate trip leader within 72 hours. The impact of the change isn't that clear, according to Zabokrtsky, who said it's pretty rare that the primary trip leader has to cancel out. Even so, he said he'd still like to know why such a change was necessary. "It seems like they were trying to fix some problem, but we just don't know what it is," he said.

Like a lot of outfitters, Zabokrtsky said he'd like to see the Forest Service do a better job of communicating with its "cooperators," which includes businesses that operate under federal permits to provide commercial services, like outfitting, guiding, or towing, in the wilderness.

Zabokrtsky said he always encourages customers to include as many alternate trip leaders as possible, which used to only require listing a name. That won't be as easy under the change, since any alternate trip leader will have to have an email account and be willing to establish their own account on the federal reservations system.

"It's a little burdensome," said Zabokrtsky.

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National Forest acknowledge they share some of the frustration expressed by Boundary Waters cooperators. "We agree it's a bummer," said Kawishiwi District Ranger Gus Smith, noting that the Forest Service has explored some options for helping local cooperators finance some of the upfront costs, like the new credit card readers.

Yet Smith said the need for security is pretty clear given the prevalence of computer hacking these days. "Since I've been in Ely, my records at OPM [Office of Personnel Management] have been hacked twice," he said.

At the same time, he notes that the Boundary Waters is fairly unique in the country for the very large number of cooperators that operate within the federal reservation system and who actually issue permits. As a part of that system, Smith said, it's essential that the cooperators' computer systems are secure as well, which the new card readers make possible.

As for the phaseout of the lottery, Smith said lotteries are now being reserved exclusively for permits that are extremely limited. "The permits here, even the motor permits, really aren't that rare," said Smith, noting that nearly 40 percent of them ultimately go unused by people who reserve them.

There was a time when the permit system for the Boundary Waters was run by the Forest Service and was, by far, the biggest reservation system within the federal agency. "We used to be the big fish in a small pool," said Smith. But since the entire federal reservations system went national, the Boundary Waters is just a small part of a massive system that now includes reservations at national parks that see millions of visitors annually. "That means we have rules that have to apply to everyone," said Smith. "Our own staff isn't happy about it either. We still issue about 3,000 permits ourselves every year and we have to use the same system."

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PUBLIC HEALTH

# Health officials looking at rare outbreak affecting children

by MARCUS WHITE  
Cook-Orr Editor

REGIONAL - Six children across the state, including at least one from northeastern Minnesota, have fallen ill from a rare infection, known as Acute Flaccid Myelitis, or AFM.

Six cases of a disease does not typically cause alarm for health officials, but AFM is a neurological condition that causes polio-like paralysis in its victims. The disease predominantly affects children and is generally caused by a progression of one or more common viruses.

All of the cases this year have been in children under 10 years of age, and have been reported in the Twin Cities, central Minnesota and north-eastern Minnesota.

AFM cannot be passed person to person.

"The condition of AFM itself is not contagious, it is just the result or complication from something else," MDH spokesman Doug Schultz said. "In many of the cases, it is preceded by a viral infection. Usually, these viruses can be spread person-to-person, just like a cold or flu virus. By the time AFM develops, the people who had viral infections are no

longer infectious."

Schultz added it is possible to develop the illness without prior exposure to a virus, though it is even less common.

The exact locations of the cases are being withheld, and Schultz said other than timing, the cases do not appear to be linked.

In response to the outbreak, MDH has put out an advisory to all healthcare providers in the state to be on the lookout for the symptoms and encourage parents to seek medical help if their child experiences numbness or weakness in their limbs, difficulty moving eyes or droopiness to their face.

Since the condition is most commonly transmitted virally, MDH recommends good hygiene practices such as always washing hands and keeping one's mouth covered while coughing or sneezing.

A statement provided by MDH said it's unclear what causes the illness to mutate. The virus was originally linked to a strain of enterovirus, but the Center for Disease Control (CDC) is still looking at the connection.

Enteroviruses are common, and infect tens of thousands of people, especially children, each year. The common cold is from this strain of viruses.

The CDC said links also exist between AFM and West Nile Virus along with Adenovirus, the source of the common ailment bronchitis.

The CDC also notes that while there has been an uptick in nationally reported cases since the illness was identified four years ago, it remains quite rare, only affecting about one in one million. Minnesota has averaged about one case per year until now.

All of the cases this year have been reported within the last three weeks.

ORR

# Orr Council gets proposal for high-speed wireless internet

by MELISSA ROACH  
Staff Writer

ORR- The city council here tabled taking action on Tuesday after discussion regarding an offer for antennas from John-Paul Metsa.

Metsa, the son of former ISD 2142 school principal John Metsa, submitted a letter to the council that describes placing the antennas atop the city's water tower, allowing for high speed internet to be re-broadcast to the surrounding area.

Clerk Cheri

Carter said she looked for more information from the League of Minnesota Cities, and described the requirements the city would need to go through before moving forward. "It's nineteen pages. It's pretty comprehensive," she said. Metsa was unable to attend the meeting, and without more information, the council was unable to move forward. "I recommend we just table it for now. We just don't have enough information about this," said Mayor Joel Astleford.

The council has been talking about updating city utility vehicles, and is moving closer to a purchase. Airport manager Rocky Hoffman obtained five bids for a one-ton plow pickup for the airport, ranging from \$32,800 to \$38,850. The city will submit a grant to MnDOT Aeronautics, requiring a 25-percent match, to help pay for the plow truck.

After discussion of the bids, the council focused on one from Hibbing Ford and asked Hoffman to get an updated quote

from the dealership for an extended cab and applying a fleet discount. The airport committee will review the updates and report back at November meeting. At that time the council should know more on availability of grant funds from MnDOT.

The council also approved a resolution authorizing the ambulance department to make grant application to W. C. Heiam Foundation to receive funds for emergency response equipment. The department needs to purchase four adult

and four infant CPR mannequins. The equipment is needed, as effective January 2019 the American Heart Association will require use of the new mannequin devices which will use instrumented directive feedback.

In other action, the council:

- Approved a fifty-cent per-hour wage increase for liquor store manager Chet Niemann. Relatedly, the city heard a recommendation from Neimann to open the Orr Muni at an adjusted 10:30 a.m.,

effective Oct. 10. The council did not need to take action on the recommendation, but supported the action.

- Approved the purchase of new tires for two city owned pick-up trucks at a cost of \$198.03 per tire, with a \$70 rebate with purchase of four tires.

- Approved a review of city data practices policy, and approved the appoint-

ment of Laura Manai as designee of the policy.

- Authorized city personnel to attend training.

- Approved a resolution authorizing the ambulance department to apply for and receive funds from Financial Emergency Response Equipment Grant Program.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### KUGLER TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING

The Kugler Town Board will hold their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, at 6:00 p.m. at the Kugler Town Hall.

Julie Suihkonen, Town Clerk

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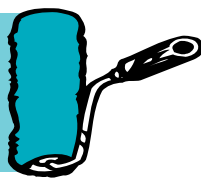
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